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MR. WILLARD SAYS NICE THINGS ABOUT OXFORD AND OUR PEOPLE

The Old Sage of Moffett, Va., Recently Spent a Day Here.

The people of Oxford recently entertained an "angel unaware" in the person of Mr. M. F. Willard, whose home is at Moffett, Virginia, seven miles north of Virginia. He is a newspaper correspondent of note and has brought with his facile pen much sunshine and joy to the good people of the beautiful Virginia hamlet in which he lives and has his being. On his return home from Oxford, the old poet wrote an interesting news-letter to the South Boston Gazette, from which we extract the following paragraph in reference to Oxford and our people:

The Extract.

Moffett, Va., Aug. 25.—I took a little trip over to Oxford, N. C., last week in the splendid riding Ford touring car of my good young friend Mr. Ben Tucker. We went through Virginia, thence on out by Amis' Mill, Adoniram, Cornwall and Wheelstone. At the Wolfpit branch, about two miles east of Virginia we struck the fine new public highway being opened by Granville county from the point mentioned to old Grassy Creek meeting house. The road is admirably laid off and passes through a fine section of northern Granville. I speak of this section as being a fine country, and it is, but it so happens that I have the poorest crops this season I've ever seen there in my acquaintance of 40 years. But ordinarily it is a thrifty section and the people are just as fine as people can be! Having some legal matters requiring attention at Oxford, Mr. Andrew Yancey, a most generous-hearted fellow of the Amis Chapel section accompanied me and rendered most appreciable help, for which I feel very grateful. They are building a good school house near Amis Chapel, and at Cornwall, a few miles farther on, they already have a fine public school building with a Masonic Hall above it. In Oxford I formed the acquaintance of Mr. J. B. Powell, Registrar of Deeds, and a noble-hearted, fine spirited man he is, too—loved by everybody for his native goodheartedness, together with his high official integrity. I also met Mr. Hunt, their excellent sheriff, and Mr. Hunt, again, the finely-polished, light-headed, intelligent clerk of the court; and you never saw a finer man! It reminded me so forcibly of our great-hearted chieftain, now incased in the narrow limits of the silent tomb; but in the words of Holy Writ, "tho' dead he yet speaketh in the minds and hearts of those he helped when here in our service. Mr. Webb, superintendent of the schools, was very bright and agreeable. I know he's a fine officer. That, too, reminded me forcibly of another efficient officer we still have by that name, who, by the way, hails from the old Tarheel State. I refer, of course, to the Hon. Thos. A. Webb, our worthy county treasurer. I enjoyed very highly an introduction to the Hon. Mr. Brummitt, their representative in the Legislature. He's a bright, rising lawyer at the Granville bar, and quite a talented young man. And then I met and did some business with Gen. B. S. Royster and found him to be a man of fine culture and a gentleman of high legal attainments and most congenial and obliging both in manner and disposition. It was indeed a high pleasure to have dealings with so polished a gentleman. I could not forego the pleasure of dropping in for a word with the affable Editor and his accomplished wife of the Public Ledger, a neat well gotten up semi-weekly of that town. The editor, Mr. Coble, and his wife and son are people of large elements of human excellence and I became attached to them. I take and read the Public Ledger. Oxford is one of the prettiest towns I was ever in, well laid off, beautiful clean streets paved with asphalt and with the large number of fine, handsome, tasty residences with exquisitely fine yards of flowers, greenward, shrubbery, shade trees, etc. The Confederate monument near the courthouse is a most notable and impressive object. Many of the wide streets have rings and long terraces of flowers, pretty grass, etc., in them. The State Masonic Orphan Asylum is located there and is a place of wonderful beauty and excellence. The Oxford Academy is a fine place, or president, and a most generous, noble man he is too! I greatly value my North Carolina friends and enjoy dealing with people so high and chivalrous as I find them to be.

DR. HARTE PREACHES SERMON OF GREAT CONSOLATION

Based on the Everlasting Promises of the Almighty.

After reading the thirty-third chapter of Jeremiah last Sunday morning, Dr. J. D. Harte, pastor of the Oxford Baptist church, entered upon a discussion of the present day troubles of the world. He took for his text the 3rd verse of the 33rd Chapter of Jeremiah, as here quoted: "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not."

Dr. Harte spoke of the everlasting promises of God, as revealed in the Sacred Book; His willingness to hear the prayers of individuals and nations and His desire to bring the whole world under His divine guidance.

Dr. Harte enumerated the many things that should be the object of incessant prayer. He spoke of the carnage of war, the poverty and suffering in Russia; he spoke of Germany being conquered but not repentant for the sins and suffering the empire inflicted upon the world; he spoke of the French nation being victorious, but left standing on the brink of ruin; he referred to England as the dominating nation, but now confronted with serious problems that must be solved by divine light.

Dr. Harte said that he was not speaking in the interest of the league of nations, but that he favored the plan because it was the outcome of prayer; that in the divine scheme God is abundantly able and will bring peace to the suffering and sinful world, but to hasten the day the people of the earth must call upon God, and He will show them mighty things which they knowest not.

Dr. Harte alluded to the seventy-five million dollar campaign, inaugurated by the Baptist denomination, as being the means of hastening peace and stabilizing God's Kingdom on earth.

There is great consolation in the text chosen by Dr. Harte, and the assurance, as uttered by him, that if the people will call upon God, He will answer them and show them great and mighty things which they knowest not. Ponder well the text.

THE RESULT OF A SMALL STRAW VOTE IN GRANVILLE

General B. S. Royster Stands Accused of High For Governor.

In a recent gathering in Granville county a straw vote was taken as to how the three candidates for Governor stand. Twelve men were consulted and three were for Page, two were for Gardner and one was for Morrison. The other seven said that they had not made up their minds who they would support, and the five who expressed their views were subject to change, and qualified their assertion with the hopes that a better man than either will announce himself; and then it was that every one of the twelve men said that they would support Gen. B. S. Royster if he would run.

In the same general trend of political affairs the question as to who will be our next congressman, several men's names were mentioned. The twelve were practically agreed that Oxford has the best congressional material in the district.

The above is the pure and unadulterated feelings of a dozen of Granville county farmers who were in a group when the subject was mentioned. They gave expression to their earnest convictions, and their opinions should be highly respected. It is a great pity that later in the game the politicians will come along and try to make them believe that the "moon is made out of green cheese."

YOUNG PEOPLE OFF TO SCHOOL

Students are off to high school and college this week and never before in the history of Oxford have so many sought higher education. All of the schools in the country are well filled, in fact some are crowded to the limit, and a large number left last week for Wake Forest, a dozen or more go to the A. and E., a number to Trinity, St. Mary's, Meredith, G. F. C., State Normal, and quite a number will go to Oak Ridge and other schools in the State, and quite a number will enter Randolph-Macon and other schools in Virginia.

We are glad to see this ambition for higher education for it means that Granville county will contribute men and women as leaders in the future affairs of the county, the State and nation. We dare say that more students attend colleges and more students attend Granville than from any other county of equal population in the State. We have always had large representation in colleges and as a consequence the county maintains a reputation for good citizenship, fine churches, schools, roads, productive farms and factories, able men in pulpit and professional life, intellectual women in civil and domestic affairs, valuable farms, etc.

Pocketbook Found.

While on his way from school last Monday, Master Cam Easton found a handbag on the street, in which was a purse containing some money. Call at the Public Ledger and get particulars.

WILL MATTHEWS SHOT BALL LODGES IN SHOULDER OF YOUNG MAN

The Trouble Occurred on Highway Near Oxford Saturday Night.

About eleven o'clock Saturday night a young man by the name of Cottrell, of Stovall, was shot in the shoulder by Mr. Will Matthews, whose home is near Townsville. The trouble occurred on the State Highway about two miles north of Oxford. Cottrell, at the time of the shooting, was on his way to Stovall. He returned to Oxford and the ball was removed from his shoulder by Dr. Watkins.

The case was heard by Justice J. J. Medford Monday. Mr. A. W. Graham, Jr., appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. A. A. Hicks represented the defendant. The trial was held in the Court House.

It appeared from the evidence of several witnesses that Cottrell and two other young men, riding in a buggy, met a Ford car on the road two miles north of Oxford, in which were seated Will Matthews and two or three other young men. The buggy pulled out of the road to let the automobile pass, which, it is said, was going at the rate of twenty-five miles per hour. Immediately after the automobile passed, several witnesses said, the ball taking effect in the shoulder of Mr. Cottrell. Witnesses who were in the car with Matthews testified that something like a switch struck them in the face when they passed the buggy. The men in the buggy testified that there was no switch, stick or whip in the buggy. Matthews and Cottrell were total strangers.

Justice Medford bound Matthews over to court under a \$1000 which was immediately forfeited.

The ball which struck Cottrell in the shoulder passed through a rain coat and merely broke the skin and lodged in the flesh. Dr. Watkins removed it with his knife.

THE ACTIVITIES OF TARR

Granville County Has in the Person of Mrs. Tom Best a Most Eminent Woman.

Mrs. A. L. Capehart, the newly elected president of the farm women's convention at Raleigh, Rosalind Radford, of the county, and Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon, state demonstration agent and the president of all home economics workers, Mrs. Capehart, president, and Miss Laura Wingfield, secretary, constitute the new-official body of the farm women's association and a better working pair could not have been chosen. Mrs. Capehart who has since 1913 been the home demonstration agent for Granville county, demonstrated her ability at the convention to not only bake perfectly browned and deliciously tasting rolls in a homemade fireless cooker but to preside with ease and confidence over a large gathering of women. She was the first North Carolina agent to be appointed, has always lived in Granville county and for the past six years has had charge of the home demonstration work there. She is well liked by the farm women with whom she mingles freely, never gets out of humor nor loses patience in teaching them. In giving a demonstration of "Cooking Rolls in a Fireless Cooker" at the recent convention, she was direct and thoroughly businesslike in her methods. The choice of a leader was a happy one and farm women over the state may expect a program next year of unusual interest.

MR. I. W. MANGUM BUYS HANDSOME COUNTRY HOME

Will Soon Move to the Suburbs of Oxford.

The handsome Thomas Hicks estate on the State Highway a quarter of a mile north of the Oxford Orange, located along side of the Oxford-Henderson branch line of the Southern Railway, was last week transferred to Mr. I. W. Mangum. The consideration is not made public, but it is known that the price paid for the estate was between thirty and forty thousand dollars.

It is one of the handsomest estates in the county. The mansion, which contains more than a dozen large rooms, including a library, etc., sits well back in a grove of Sylvan maples. The estate contains 126 acres and it is situated a quarter of a mile beyond the corporate limits.

Mr. Mangum is proprietor of the Mangum warehouse and his new home, which he will move into in a few weeks, is quite as convenient to his business as his present College street home.

STUDENTS ARRIVING AT OXFORD COLLEGE

Registration of students at Oxford College is now going on. President Hobgood states that the outlook for a big year is assured. Every dormitory will be filled and twenty pupils and a teacher will be placed in the Chamblee Annex at the corner of Gilliam and High streets.

OXFORD TOBACCO MARKET WILL OPEN TUESDAY, SEPT 16

Prospects Good For High Prices On Good Grades, Fair Prices on Common Grades—All Buyers Expected To Be Here.

With every warehouse ready for the reception of tobacco and the proprietors expecting big sales Oxford is preparing for a big opening sale on next Tuesday. We understand all buyers have promised to be present. Judging from the beginning of the other markets the prices on all good grades of tobacco will be higher than they have been in years. The lower grades are bringing only fair but show a strong stand in their position.

Everybody is invited to come to Oxford on Tuesday and join the warehousemen, farmers and citizens in making it a big day for the Oxford market. If you can't get a load ready come anyway. Oxford welcomes you both as a tobacco market and a town.

PRESIDENT WILSON HAS ON HIS FIGHTING CLOTHES

What He is Saying In His Ten Thousand Miles Swing Around the Circle Is a Plenty.

"When this treaty is accepted, and I say 'when it is accepted' because it will be accepted," is what the President is telling the large crowds that are greeting him on his ten thousand miles speaking tour.

Mr. Wilson, however, seemed to be anxious to remove any misunderstanding about the nature of the treaty, and it is evident that he intends to devote considerable time to this effort while on his tour. It is true, as he said, that many of the criticisms of it have been made by people who apparently had not read it. If they had read the document they could not be so mistaken about its provisions.

But the President's confidence in its ratification is reassuring. He knows as much about the situation as any one and the rest of us can be content in the same confidence which he shows.

The President spent Sunday in Des Moines, Iowa, and he is now well on his journey to the Pacific slope.

Meanwhile, the radical reservation group in the Senate is losing ground, the Democrats and the Republican group favoring mild changes nothing.

ROYAL CIRCUS

Call all the others what you will, when all is said and told and retold, there is but one great circus which is in every particular and detail the greatest and grandest of the world's entire circuses, and that is Rhoda Royal's Circus and Old Buffalo Wild West show, which are coming to Oxford on Saturday, September 13. There will be bare back riding such as you never saw before, hurdle races, aerial acts, grand gymnastics, tumbling, vaulting, leaping, pole balancing, trick and fancy riding acts, and many special features not usually included in a circus programme. Among the special features are the Royal Herd of Performing Elephants, The Flea Circus, Madame Le Blanc, the strongest woman in the world, the lady that rode 5,000 miles on a camel through the deserts; Prof. White's troupe of Trained Horses, Dogs, Ponies, Donkeys and there will be funny clowns galore, and sixty regular circus performers, two bands of music to keep your mind in a pleasant mood, and be sure to see the Free Exhibitions on the show grounds at 1 and 7 p. m. Performances start at 2 and 8 p. m., rain or shine under water proof tents.

BIG TOBACCO SALES AND HIGH PRICES AT LUMBERTON

Watkins and Fleming Have Done a Large Business.

The Public Ledger learns that the tobacco market at Lumberton was crowded all last week and that the biggest break of the season took place last Wednesday, good tobacco selling as high as 75 and 80 cents.

We learn that Watkins & Fleming, proprietors of the Johnson warehouse in Oxford, who operate a warehouse in Lumberton, have done large business. They took the lead from the very start and have held it throughout the season.

There are about a dozen Oxford men on the Lumberton market. All of them will reach home this week and be ready for the opening here next week, September 16th.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION

Will Meet At Tally Ho Next Thursday and Friday.

Much interest is manifested in the approaching meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Flat River Association, which will convene with Tally Ho church next Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock and closing Friday afternoon. The indications are that all the churches and societies will send representatives.

Miss Etta Washington, Route 6, Oxford, is chairman of hospitality, and those going on train will be met at Stem, provided they notify her in time.

Services Thursday night at 8 o'clock, to which the men are cordially invited.

OXFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS OPENED MONDAY MORNING

Present Session Launched With Impressive Ceremony.

All of the public schools of the Oxford system opened last Monday morning at nine o'clock. The ceremony was opened with the reading of the Scriptures by Dr. Harte and a prayer by Rev. Geo. T. Tunstall, invoking a divine blessing upon the superintendent, the teachers and children. Rev. Stuart Olesby, pastor of the Oxford Presbyterian church, made appropriate remarks, as did also Mrs. J. D. Brooks and Mrs. E. G. Cooper on the part of the Oxford Woman's Club.

In a short speech, Major T. G. Stem congratulated Oxford on the splendid school system and the good work on the part of the superintendent and teachers. He urged the parents and the general public to cooperate and make the present session even better than those that have gone before. He said that he believed that we are standing on the verge of an educational era, and congratulated the children upon the excellent chances of obtaining an education and urged them to be diligent in all things.

Eighteen teachers have been secured and all were present at the opening. Barring possible suspension on account of epidemics or other hindrances, school authorities say they see no reason why the year should not be a banner season for all the schools, not only in attendance but in the work done by the pupils.

The compulsory attendance law enacted by the General Assembly of 1917 and amended in 1919 will contribute largely to the big enrollment this year. The recent change in this statute provides that instead of attending for four months in the year, all children between the ages of 8 and 14 must attend regularly for the full term of the school in the district in which they live. It is declared that this ruling is to be strictly enforced this year, machinery having been provided for this purpose in the creation of juvenile courts and the appointment of truant officers in every county in the State whose duty it shall be to compel children to remain in school.

No class room work was attempted Monday. Pupils were given lists of the books they would require, and practically all classes were dismissed by noon and released for the day. Lessons were assigned Tuesday, and regular class work is expected to commence in earnest by Wednesday.

The opening Monday was Whites, 544, 230.

COMMUNITY GATHERING AT THE HOME OF MR. H. E. CREWS

Twelve Old Families Represented—Barbecue and Brunswick Stew Served.

The community gathering Saturday at the elegant home of Mr. Herbert E. Crews, midway between Watkins station and Rehobath church, Vance county, was a most enjoyable occasion.

Mr. Crews' home, in the midst of a neatly trimmed oak grove of a dozen acres, sits well back from the winding sand-clay road that leads from Henderson and intersects with the Watkins-Fairport road in front of his house. The mansion crowns a hill overlooking Tabb Creek to the west, bringing to view the magnificent landscape that hugs the Granville-Vance line for many miles.

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Mr. Wilson, who was the chief cook, came in for much praise, and the pretty ladies who served the repast cannot be praised enough. In this connection we can not refrain from saying a word about Miss Ruth and Naomi Crews, the pretty and talented twin daughters of Mr. Herbert Crews, who are spending some time at home. They are not only pretty, but they are so thoughtful and considerate that everybody loves them.

The gathering was purely for the purpose of strengthening the ties of the good people of the Rehobath community. There were no political or other set speeches to interfere with the social feature of the occasion, and the time passed only too quick.

FIRST FALL MEETING OF THE OXFORD WOMAN'S CLUB

The First Public Meeting Is to Be Held in the Court House September 23rd.

The Oxford Woman's Club held its first fall meeting last Wednesday afternoon in the Oxford Library. The various departments were heard from, all having planned interesting programs for the year.

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The question for booking the Radcliffe Chataqua for 1920 was discussed, and turned over to a committee for further consideration.

A letter from our superintendent of schools, Mr. G. B. Phillips, was read and heartily endorsed and the club voted him and his teachers thanks for their untiring efforts in the interest of our town and community. A committee was appointed to write each one of the teachers a letter welcoming her into our midst, and plans were discussed for an afternoon tea to be given in their honor at an early date.

The annual Chrysanthemum show was discussed and the committee instructed to go on with the usual plans.

In conclusion, Miss Helen Salls very beautifully read the poem by Edger A. Guest, entitled "Be a Credit to Your Town."

The attendance at this meeting was fine and under the wise leadership of the president, Mrs. Brooks, the ladies all seemed eager to carry forward the work of the club.

LT. RUNSER WILL FLY OVER OXFORD

Business Manager W. L. Peace, of The Granville County Fair, Is Happy.

Mr. W. L. Peace, business manager of the Granville County Fair, is all smiles now as he has after much corresponding induced the celebrated aviator, Lieut. Runser to make several flights at the Fair Grounds, Tuesday, October 14th. He will also take up passengers in his machine, but Secretary Peace balks at going up any higher than the second floor of the Odd Fellows' building. Who else wants to fly?

AN "AT HOME."

The Woman's Club cordially invites all friends and patrons of the city schools to attend an informal "at home" in honor of the teachers. On Thursday night from 8 to 10:30 at the graded school building.

TOBACCO IS SELLING FOR ONE DOLLAR THE POUND

The Weed Is Bringing Good Prices On the Kingston Market.

(Kingston Free Press.)

Tobacco as raw material selling for \$1 a pound is a boast of board of trade officials here. Limited quantities of the product have brought that record price here during the past three days. One farmer had 500 pounds of the weed de luxe, less than a single wagon load. He expected to get no such sum as the \$500 which a buyer apparently cheerfully paid for it.

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TOBACCO SELLING WELL ON THE REHOBATH MARKET

(Rehobath Review.)

The first day's sales averaged around \$29 or more and was regarded as very good, considering that some of the buyers for the large tobacco companies were not on the market, and have orders to hold off until the 16th inst. After that date the farmers will begin to market the weed in heavy volume and the warehouses will have a busy time.

From the character of the first offerings it appears that a comparatively small amount of ground primings were saved from the crop. The first day's sales averaged about \$10 per hundred higher than the opening last season but this was due to the comparatively small proportion of sand lugs saved this year. In fact that different grades are selling at about last year's prices. Some of the bright lugs sold at \$65 per hundred.

The present crop, while of splendid color, will probably not weigh out more than 70 or 75 per cent of the 1918 crop and consequently will not net the tobacco growers as much money unless prices average some higher. It is thought by many that prices will stiffen up somewhat after the middle of the month when all the buyers are following the sales.

DEDICATORY SERVICES AT ENON CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY

Judge W. A. Devin Will Read Historical Paper of the Church.

Rev. George T. Tunstall, pastor of Enon church, announces that the new handsome church edifice will be dedicated next Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Dr. Marsh, for many years the pastor of Enon church, has written an interesting history of the church activities. On account of his physical condition, Judge Devin has been requested by Dr. Marsh to read the paper.

Dr. J. D. Harte, pastor of the Oxford Baptist church, will assist Rev. V. T. Tunstall with the dedicatory exercises. An interesting musical program has been arranged for the occasion.

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