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WHAT PROFESSION IN OXFORD COMBINES THE MOST ELEMENTS OF NEIGHBORLINESS?

The Drug-Store Man Has a More Intimate Acquaintance With the People Than Even the Preacher and the Doctor.

The Public Ledger asked a keen observer of human society what profession in Oxford, to his thinking, combined the most elements of neighborliness. We supposed he would say the ministers, with a second choice on that of the physician. But not at all! He said the person who had the most points of contact with the men, women, young persons and little children in Oxford was the "drug-store" man.

When there is an illness in the houses of rich and poor he knows it, and from a hot-water bottle to a saline solution he is a factor with the nurse and doctor in every variation of treatment of the case.

When there is a love affair or an emergency in the little houses of the poor all about him, he knows it, for his telephones are used for the discussion of the most private and vital affairs. If a woman wants "aid to beauty" for some end that she will not acknowledge, even to her nearest and dearest, he knows it, whether it be scent or rouge or lip rouge, or hair restorer or wrinkle eraser or hair dye.

If the callow youth of the neighborhood are beginning to admire and he knows it from the records of his soda fountain if from nothing else. If a child has an extra penny for the whiff of a dollar, he knows it by the depletion of his candy jars. If there is a letter to be sent by some one to whom the getting or the sending of letters is a rare event, he knows it, for he supplies both stationery, stamps and often the blotting pen. If his neighbors are remembering their friends at Easter or Valentine's Day or Xmas, or on birthdays, he knows it, for his stock of such emblematic missives is handled at the entire clientele.

If servants break a valuable piece of glass or china and wish to put off the evil day of the detector of the mishap, he knows it, for his advice is asked as to durable cements without a quail or subterfuge. If a housewife is careful or careless, he knows it, for from camphor balls to moth powder his stock is breathlessly demanded. If there is any skeleton hid behind respectable front doors, he is apt to know it, for no matter how strictly he keeps within the law as to drugs or liquor traffic or desperate ones to bribe him into a compliance give him all the clues he needs to the drunkards, the drug addicts and the intemperate of all sorts among his clientele.

If there is a fire, or a suicide, or a birth, or a death, or an accident, the druggist knows it almost as soon as the family does. It is to his safekeeping that the keys of the house are temporarily left, and to his kindly sympathy the plans for the funeral are confided. He is often the librarian, the water purveyor and the gift-shop agent of the district, as well as the bulletin board, the postoffice and the stationer.

He is sometimes surly, sometimes sternly and sometimes unscrupulous, but he is generally placidly kind, exquisitely neat and sternly law-abiding. He is the master of a science where one-twentieth of a grain counts for life or death, and in his position of father confessor for his neighborhood has a power of imparting common sense and sympathy that a clergyman or teacher or even doctor may well envy.

It is not a profession where those who follow it honorably are apt to get rich, and the hours of responsible work begin early and last till late in the evening, with Sunday vigilance included. The men who enter it therefore, must do it from a real ardor for its exacting and skillful practice and for some quality of temper and mind that makes the constant call on their patience and helpfulness and kindly experience a congenial and gracious task.

ARMISTICE DAY PLANS ARE NOW COMPLETE

Business and Pleasure Of the Nation To Stand At Rest Two Minutes On Nov. 11—President Harding and Cabinet Will Lead Funeral Cortege Up Pennsylvania Avenue.

Plans for the solemn ceremonies of Armistice Day when the nation will pay highest honors to its unknown dead of the great war reaches a climax when President Harding and his cabinet decided to trudge about up Pennsylvania avenue at the head of the funeral cortege. By Presidential permission the business and pleasure of the nation will stand at rest two minutes on that day in tribute to the dead as the body from a lonely, nameless grave in some great struggle of the war is carried to its last resting place in the peaceful Virginia hills that look down across the Potomac on the nation's capitol.

Fire In Henderson.

Destroyed of unknown origin, completely destroyed the Vance Feed mills in Henderson and all contents Saturday night. Estimated loss, \$75,000, partly covered by insurance.

Your battery should have water about every two weeks. Stop at Oxford Battery Co.

TOTAL SALES ON THE OXFORD TOBACCO MARKET STATE LIBRARY.

Compared With the First Week In October One Year Ago.

The figures below, taken from the books of Capt. J. C. Howard, secretary-treasurer of the Oxford Tobacco Board of Trade, shows that there was very little difference in the price of tobacco sold on the Oxford market last week and that of the first week in October one year ago.

First Week Of Oct. 1921.

The sales last week were as follows:

Pounds sold	256,817
Value	\$55,017.87
Av. per 100 pounds	\$21.42

First Week Of Oct. 1920.

Pounds sold	452,764
Value	\$104,591.95
Av. per 100 pounds	\$23.10

KILLING OF TALLY HO DOG CAUSES TROUBLE

Mr. Farnk Singleton Appeals To Higher Court.

A few mornings ago Mrs. Frank Singleton, of Tally Ho, saw a dog licking freshly broken shells in a hen's nest in her yard. She drove the dog away. Later in the day a dog returned to the Singleton home, and while in the act of chasing the chickens about the yard, Mr. Singleton killed him with a shot gun. The dog belonged to Mr. W. C. Critcher, who issued a warrant for the arrest of Mr. Singleton.

The case was heard by Justice J. J. Medford Monday. Mr. T. Lanier appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. B. W. Parham represented the defendant. A nice little legal battle ensued. Mr. Singleton admitted he killed the dog, but he was unable to prove that the same dog sucked the eggs. On the other hand, Mr. Critcher proved by a competent witness that his dog was 15 miles away on the morning the eggs had been broken by a dog.

Justice Medford taxed Mr. Singleton \$10 and cost and \$50 for killing the dog. Mr. Parham noted an appeal.

PAY-UP WEEK NEEDED HERE

But There Is Very Little To Pay With.

The report that the merchants of Oxford are planning for a pay-up week in town and county has not been discussed by the merchants at all, certainly not as a collective body.

All America needs a pay-up week, and all the world as well for that matter. All classes of people have allowed too much credit to pile up against them, and the practice has been allowed to go so far that it has really become a serious matter.

Our merchants have too much faith in the people of Granville county, knowing that they will come forward and settle as soon as they can.

Down in the eastern part of the State where the crops were good and the prices for tobacco and cotton are much higher than here, the farmers are in a position to come forward and settle.

Of course, there are some people who can pay and don't pay who should be made to pay. So long as our people do the very best they can under the trying circumstances they need not fear of being unduly pressed by our merchants. The man who is indebted to a merchant should trade with his creditor when he has cash in hand, and not sneak off somewhere else and spend his money.

Many of the farmers have already liquidated their obligations of a year's standing, some paying off in full and some in part with their first sales of tobacco. Another hopeful sign is that nearly all of them are depositing their money in local banks.

HOPE FOR THE REST OF US

Great Men Who Had Only Ordinary Schooling.

Edison was thrown out of school because he was "too stupid to learn." The teachers called George Westinghouse a dunce. Faraday, who became the father of scientific chemistry, received practically no schooling and never entered a university until invited to teach university professors. Frank W. Woolworth probably would have failed to pass a grammar school graduation test. James D. Duke, "the tobacco king," is woefully uneducated. George F. Baker, the dean of American bankers, is said to have been a night-watchman when a young man. James J. Hill, who became so cultivated, so full of knowledge, that he constantly astounded every one who met him, had the most ordinary schooling. Not one in twenty of our foremost men of affairs had risen to anything like eminence at 35 or even 40. Almost all of them went through grueling experiences before they reached the summits of success. In fact, it was during a crisis that many of them found opportunity to prove the stuff of which they were made.

There is hope for the rest of us, isn't there?—Forbes Magazine.

A MOMENT OF PRAYER

The Methodist bell will be tolled at 2 P. M., today in memory of Bishop W. R. Lambuth, who will be buried in Shanghai, China, today at this hour, and every Methodist is asked to stop a moment in prayer.

OLD SCHEDULE ON THE SEABOARD RAILWAY TO BE RESTORED

Leave Here About 7:30 O'clock A. M. and Arrive In Raleigh About Ten O'clock.

Mr. Andrew Jamieson, president of the Oxford Chamber of Commerce, has been in consultation with the authorities of the Seaboard Railway for some time with a view of securing better passenger service to and from Oxford.

Mr. John T. West, division passenger agent, asked Mr. Jamieson to name a schedule that would be satisfactory to the people of Oxford, and it is understood that Mr. Jamieson stated that the old schedule prior to the World War was the best and most satisfactory. Mr. West made a memorandum of Mr. Jamieson's request, and stated that "you will hear from me in a few days." A few days later Mr. Jamieson received the following message from Division Passenger Agent West:

"I expect to be in Norfolk soon in reference to schedules that we are going to put in effect and I am going to bring this matter to the attention of our people and feel confident that something can be worked out where by the service on the Oxford Branch will be improved. As a matter of fact I think that after we have had this schedule meeting that every thing will be satisfactory and that your people will get the service you want."

THE GROWING OF TOBACCO STARTED 300 YEARS AGO

The growing of tobacco, says the Department of Commerce, followed closely the settlement of Jamestown in 1607. As the use of tobacco in Europe increased, the production in the American colonies also increased; in fact tobacco was the most important crop in Colonial Virginia and Maryland from a trade standpoint, and the industry has always been an important factor in the economic affairs of the United States. The influence of the tobacco industry on the affairs of the European nations led some years ago to the establishment of tobacco regies or boards of control in practically all of them. In some of these countries the incentive to raise tobacco had been so great that a necessary food crops were neglected and it was found expedient either to limit and apportion the area to be planted in tobacco or to prohibit its cultivation altogether.

The production, handling, export, and manufacture of tobacco products affect directly or indirectly a very large proportion of our people. The unrest and dissatisfaction due to supposed control and manipulation of the tobacco market crystallized into a demand for reliable statements as to stocks of leaf tobacco in the hands of manufacturers and dealers on specified dates which would afford a fair measure of the actual supply.

LIKE SPRING TIME IN THE PUBLIC LEDGER OFFICE

During the past few days many clusters of second growth apple, cherry and other blossoms have reached the Public Ledger office and now adorn our desk.

In the lot was a bunch of half-grown cherries which were left at the office door early last Saturday morning. The unsigned note attached said: "Tally Ho leads the county."

These blossoms speak well for our climate and the possibility of two crops by intense cultivation under scientific methods.

Everything grows to perfection in Granville county—fruit, vegetables, hogs, sheep and cattle. Our county is the garden spot of the world if our people were mind to make it as such.

AUTOMOBILES ARE USED BY THE COTTON BOLL WEEVIL

Salisbury, Oct. 10.—Automobiles help spread the boll weevil pest, according to George Fink, a Rowan county farmer. Mr. Fink had occasion some days ago to pass through an infested area and after he had cleared the infested district he found a number of the pests on his machine. Several days ago a lone boll weevil was found at China Grove, the only one so far reported in Rowan county, and Mr. Fink thinks he has a plausible theory as to how it got there—some passing automobile brought it that far from an infested district further south.

WEEK'S TOBACCO AVERAGE AT ROCKY MOUNT \$27.96

Rocky Mount, Oct. 10.—According to official figures announced by Supervisor of Sales J. H. Cuthrell, 835,656 pounds of tobacco were sold on the local market last week for \$233,667.17 or an average of \$27.96 per hundred pounds.

Bomb Killed Whale.

A 45-foot whale was recently washed ashore at Cape May, N. J. It was thought to have been wounded by a naval bombing plane on a practice fight. Later it was attacked by sharks and killed. This is the first whale known to have visited Cape May in the past 20 years. The whale was towed out to sea and dynamited there.

Club Meeting.

The Woman's Club will meet Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock.

BATTALION OF FIFTY-FIRST FIELD ARTILLERY CAMP AT THE FAIR GROUNDS

Thirty-Ton Guns Will Follow In the Next Few Days—It Takes a Week Or Ten Days For the Regiment To Pass a Given Point.

The engineer battalion of the Fifty-First Field Artillery, marching overland from the recent Camp Jackson at Columbia, S. C., to Camp Eustice, Va., reached Oxford late Saturday evening and established temporary camp at the Fair Grounds, one mile west of Oxford.

This detachment, composed of 150 handsome officers and men, are traveling in trucks. It is their duty to examine bridges and make them safe for the passage of the 30-ton guns that will follow in a day or two.

Quite a number of Oxford people visited the fair grounds Sunday and made the acquaintance of several of the fine soldier boys, one of whom passed through here on a truck during the World War. "I shall never forget how kind the people of Oxford were to us; we camped on the school grounds over night and enjoyed ourselves immensely," he said.

An officer informed the Public Ledger that the heavy guns are traveling very slow—not over 15 miles a day. "There are 1400 men behind us," he said, "and it takes a week or ten days to pass a given point."

Capt. Gillett is in command of the unit. Sergeant Kesson, a fine New York State boy, made many friends in Oxford by his courteous manner in answering questions.

MR. D. Y. HUNT AT HOME TO FRIENDS

Large Number Enjoy Barbecue and Brunswick Stew.

As is his custom ever now and then, Mr. D. Y. Hunt, one of the splendid men in Dickerson section, entertained 125 of his friends last Friday evening, at a barbecue and Brunswick stew, cooked to the Queen's taste, was served. Besides those present from the immediate neighborhood Oxford and Henderson was well represented.

For fear that some one might split his side, Mr. Hunt always has two or three doctors present in case of emergency.

It was a most joyful occasion and the limit of each guest was his capacity. Our old friend A. P. Hobgood, as usual, had his appetite with him. He was in the lead from the very start and called for the third order before some of the guest finished the first serving. After Mr. Hobgood had been in action for more than an hour, Mr. J. E. Parham, himself very fond of barbecue and Brunswick stew, declared that he would rather possess Mr. Hobgood's appetite than the wealth of John D. Rockefeller.

GIVE MORE ATTENTION TO HANDLING AND GRADING

We are hoping that farmers will not rush their tobacco to the markets at the beginning of the season. The crop is short in pounds and there is time enough to market the crop without glutting the market. A great deal of the crop will improve some by holding it a while. We see the same thing this year that we noticed so often last season—that is so much tobacco being placed on the warehouse floors in bad condition. Farmers should pay more attention to grading and handling this tobacco. Another thing is that a farmer should never mix his tobacco—mixed or nested tobacco never pays.—Southern Tobacco Journal.

OUR SCHOOLS IN GOOD HANDS

Plenty Of Equipment and Ample Space For Work.

Every parent and guardian who has a child attending the College Street School would enjoy a visit to that building. Efficient teachers, plenty of equipment, ample space for all, under good management make an atmosphere of ideal surroundings and it is predicted that an excellent year's work will be accomplished in each grade. The High School is also fast getting under perfect management, and the children of Oxford and surrounding sections are fortunate in having the prospects of such a good year's work. Let everybody work with those in authority for the success of our greatest institution!

THE OXFORD TOBACCO MARKET YESTERDAY LED THE STATE IN HIGH AVERAGES

Forty Thousand Pounds Averaged \$30 Per Hundred.

We knew the Oxford tobacco market would come to the front sooner or later. The basket that the market got on the opening date, when the average was only 14 cents, is a thing of the past. Every pound sold on the market yesterday averaged \$30 per hundred. Some of the warehouses had an average of \$34 per hundred for all sold.

RUMORS OF AN EARLY WEDDING

The Romantic Couple Will Be Married On the Stage At Orpheum Theatre.

There is a well grounded rumor afloat to the effect that a popular young man about town will go to an adjoining county at an early date for his promised bride. If the couple can have their way about it, they will be married on the stage at the Orpheum Theatre, it is said.

WORK ON HIGHWAY NORTH OF OXFORD WILL BEGIN ON NOVEMBER 8

Money For the First Five Mile Project Now Available.

The State Highway Commission announces that work on the National Highway, north of Oxford, will begin on November 8th and pushed to completion as early as possible. The first project begins at the northern limits of Oxford and extends five miles north to a point near Gela. The money is available for the work.

It is stated that a large force of hands, probably 100 or more, will be placed on the job. The grading force, it is said, will be divided into squads so as to expedite the work. The State Highway Commission will layout and maintain a detour. It is intimated, but not confirmed, that the detour will be via the old Williamsboro road to Huntsboro, Dexter and thence to Stovall, which is only two miles in excess of the distance between Oxford and Stovall via the National Highway.

If the weather is favorable to work during the winter, said a road man, the project will be completed by early spring. A blue print, it is said, will soon be made of the second project of five miles, which will extend to a point beyond Stovall, and as soon as the work on the first project is completed the second will be left to contractors.

The Chase City Correspondent of the Richmond Times-Dispatch states that actual work, such as grading and laying hard surface, will begin on the project immediately south of Clarksville in December. Commissioner Page, of the high commission, states that he hopes to complete two projects between Oxford and Durham and two projects between Oxford and the Virginia line by December, 1922. It is now apparent that the entire highway between Durham and Richmond will be hard surfaced by the end of 1923.

THERE WERE THREE HUMBUGS IN OXFORD LAST SATURDAY

Trying To Make the Farmers Believe They Can Get Something For Nothing.

There were three humbugs on our streets and in the back lots last Friday trying to induce the farmers to take stock in some kind of a "wild-cat" scheme.

A person who places his money in a business that he knows nothing about or buys stock from a person he does not know needs a guardian, for 99 times out of 100 it is the last he will ever see of his money. It is ridiculous for people to get the notion into their heads that a stranger goes about the country to make others rich. It is his game for getting money and he knows how to play it.

GEO. W. WATTS ESTATE

Appraised At More Than Twelve Million Dollars.

(Wall Street Journal)

Requests to seven religious and educational organizations in the south were provided for by the late George W. Watts, of Durham, N. C., whose estate was appraised today at \$12,705,545.

Besides relatives and friends, the principal beneficiaries are the Watts hospital, Durham, \$200,000; First Presbyterian church, \$150,000; Durham Y. M. C. A., \$10,000; Foreign Mission Board of the Presbyterian church, Asheville, N. C., and Presbyterians Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga., \$25,000 each; Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., \$50,000; Less-McRae seminary at Plum Tree, N. C., and at Banner's Elk N. C., \$500 each.

MANY ENJOY BAND CONCERT

Several Prominent Men Of Raleigh Were Present.

The concert at the Oxford Orphanage last Friday night by the State College band of 33 pieces was enjoyed by a gathering of 2500 people from town and county and a number of members of William G. Hill Masonic Lodge of Raleigh.

The band and the Raleigh delegation arrived in automobiles shortly after sunset and were shown to the dining hall, where a delicious barbecue dinner was served.

The orator's stand in the grove, where the concert was held, was made brilliant with electric lights. After a most hearty welcome by Mr. B. W. Parham and the response of Col. Fred Olds, of Raleigh, the band rendered a program of most choice selections.

JUDGE W. A. DEVIN GOES TO ONSLOW COUNTY

After spending the week-end at home, Judge Devin left for Jacksonville, Onslow county, where he will hold a two week's term of court.

It is a pleasure to many friends to have Judge Devin among us even for a short space of time, especially on Sunday when he always has a pleasant word for the large Baraca Class at the Baptist Church.

SMOKER TOMORROW NIGHT

Granville County Alumni Of the University Of North Carolina.

Tomorrow, Wednesday, October 12, will be the 128th birthday of the University. In celebration of the annual event a smoker will be held in the rooms over the First National Bank at 8 o'clock tomorrow evening. Please attend.

JAS. W. HORNER, Pres.

TOBACCO BUYERS LOOK FOR HEAVIER SALES LATER IN THE WEEK

The sales on the Oxford market last week was slightly over 165,000 pounds at an average of 21.42 for all sold. Better grades are coming in and the buyers and warehousemen are expecting to handle 500,000 pounds this week at an average above that of last week.

Prices are some higher on the medium and better grades but very low on the common types. There is probably the biggest spread in prices between the low grades and medium grades ever before noted in the tobacco trade. The one and two-dollar tobacco goes begging even at those ridiculously low prices. It would seem to be the part of wisdom if the farmers would not bring these in demand and take chances on a better demand springing up for them later on.

SUNDAY BASEBALL IN NEW YORK CITY

Forty Thousand People Present—Price Of Admission Runs Up To \$16.

The Associated Press reports an attendance of more than 40,000 at the world series game of baseball at the Polo grounds in New York City last Sunday afternoon. We suppose it was all right, as Dr. Roach Stratton, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, New York City, who recently spoke at the union meetings in Oxford on the Dempsey-Carpenter fight, was reported to have occupied a seat in the grand stand and took mental notes. The public will no doubt hear from the Doctor later. A New York special says:

"The lowest price quoted for single reserved seats to this afternoon's conflict was \$12.50. Tickets at this figure were available at a little, inconspicuously situated agency near Forty-eighth street and Seventh avenue. The highest price asked for a grandstand seat for this afternoon was \$16 quoted in the agency of the Misses Waters. This pair of tickets, incidentally, were all that were available in this particular agency. At the agency hard by the Palace Theatre \$15 was asked for a single ticket to this afternoon's game, or \$30 for a pair of the reserved seat coupons.

KING OF AUTOMOBILE THIEVES TO BE TRIED IN RALEIGH

The Raleigh News and Observer says: "George J. Scott, until a few months ago a sergeant on the traffic squad of the police force of New York City, has been arrested by federal authorities in New York on the charge of being associated with C. J. Kelley, of Sanford, and eleven other defendants in the stealing and transporting of several hundred automobiles.

"Scott will be brought to Raleigh for trial along with Major Arthur W. Hoffman, of the New York National Guard, another man of prominence in New York City, when the next term of the court for the Eastern District of North Carolina convenes on November 23.

"The arrest of Scott competes the investigation of what is regarded as the most far-reaching criminal case that has ever been tried in North Carolina. The indictments charge an organized conspiracy and operations in five different States.

EMPLOYMENT BUREAU MADE FINE RECORD FOR MONOTH

Found Jobs For 1327 During Month Of September.

During the month of September the free employment bureau of North Carolina found jobs for 1,110 men and 217 women a total of 1,327, which is a record breaking month for the service. The increase over previous months is due in part to the fact that five weeks are included in the report, but even with the final week left out the showing is better than has been made by the agencies in the past.

MR. E. CALLEN DEAD

Passed Away At Providence This Morning.

Mr. E. C. Allen, one of the good men of the county, died at his home at Providence at 3 o'clock this morning, aged 70 years. He had been in feeble health for some time. His son, Mr. Claud Allen, is in the government service at New Orleans, and one daughter is in the government service at Washington. Interment will be in the family plot at Providence.

AN APPRECIATIVE PATIENT

She Was Treated At Brantwood Hospital.

The Public Ledger is in receipt of the following letter from a lady who occupied the room endowed by Mrs. W. H. Osborn at Brantwood Hospital:

"I will thank you to state in the Public Ledger that I will never forget the kindness shown me while I was a patient at Brantwood Hospital. They were so very kind to me and did all that loving hands could do. Many thanks to those who made it possible to relieve my sufferings."

—Former Sheriff Crawford Hobgood is critically ill.