

# OXFORD PUBLIC LEDGER

PUBLISHED SEMI-WEEKLY—TOWN AND COUNTY OFFER BRILLIANT OPPORTUNITIES.

VOL. XXXVIII

PUBLISHED EVERY TUESDAY AND FRIDAY.

OXFORD, N. C., TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1923

12 PAGES TODAY

NO. 85

## SUBSTANTIAL GAINS IN THE FLAT RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Mr. F. W. Hancock, Sr., Re-elected Moderator—Next Session Will Be Held At Grassy Creek Church.

The annual session of the Flat River Baptist Association, held at Sharon Church in Southwestern Granville last Wednesday and Thursday was largely attended.

Mr. F. W. Hancock, moderator, guided the deliberations of the body with unerring judgment, and much was accomplished at the two days' session without undue haste.

Taking the association as a whole there was a substantial gain in Church and Sunday school membership during the fiscal year.

The annual sermon by Rev. L. L. Hudson, the address by Dr. E. C. Brewer, president of Meredith college, on Education; and the address of Dr. Maddy on "World Conditions," were of absorbing interest.

The good people of the community served a bounteous dinner on each of the two days.

The officers elected were: F. W. Hancock, moderator, J. N. Watkins, treasurer, and W. A. Mangum, of Stem, clerk. The next meeting of the association will be held with Grassy Creek church, which was dedicated 150 years ago and it is one of the oldest if not the oldest church in the association.

## CHILDREN'S WEEK

Judge Devin and Prof. Guy B. Phillips Speak.

Several years ago a number of denominations adopted a plan to celebrate from Oct. 14th to 21st as "Children's Week." The movement, which has proven to be of great benefit, received a big boost last Sunday morning when Judge Devin and Prof. G. B. Phillips spoke. Both speakers laid particular emphasis upon the parents setting a good example. By way of illustration, Judge Devin stated that while in one of the eastern counties of the State some time ago a gentleman showed him through his barn-yard, in which there were many chickens and ducks. Pointing to a number of ducks the owner told Judge Devin that they were the offspring of wild ducks; that they were born and reared in the barn-yard and are satisfied with their environment; that they have no desire to fly away and join their ancestors on the sea and eat wild food. Good example in the home is of first importance, declared Judge Devin.

Prof. Guy B. Phillips, who was for a number of years head of the Oxford public schools, and is now head of the Greensboro schools, spoke as one having authority. He too, spoke of the importance of setting a good example for the young both at home and in the every-day walks of life. The teacher, he said, set good examples, but they cannot do it all. The home, he said, is the place to inculcate noble and lasting impressions in the mind of the young.

Mrs. R. C. Remsen also made a valuable talk on the influence of environment.

## THE NEW PRESBYTERY

To Meet In Henderson Oct. 30 To Complete Organization.

The new Presbytery created by the Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina at its annual convention in Burlington and Graham two weeks, to embrace the counties of the Northern Piedmont section of the State, will hold its first meeting in Henderson on Tuesday, October 30, for the purpose of completing the organization.

Dr. White was appointed by the State Synod to convene the first meeting of the presbytery, which embraces ten counties and 35 churches. It is stated that the opening sermon will be preached by Rev. F. F. Comerford, of Oxford.

During the session officers will be elected, a home missions committee appointed, an examining board chosen, whose task it will be to examine all men who apply for places in the ministry; a name for the presbytery will be elected; a superintendent for home missions will be appointed, and financial budgets will be agreed upon and apportioned for the year.

## THOMAS M. PITTMAN WILL BE NEW JUDGE

The Henderson Man Will Succeed Judge Kerr On Bench In Second District.

Thomas M. Pittman a prominent Henderson attorney will succeed Judge John H. Kerr on the Superior Court bench in the second district when the latter resigns this week to go to Congress. Governor Morrison has stated that he will appoint Mr. Pittman as soon as Judge Kerr's resignation was received.

GOOD HORSE FOR SALE CHEAP. SEE A. N. CRITCHER. 1tc

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

## STARTS COUNTY MARKETING CAMPAIGN

Dates and Places Of Meetings This Week.

Marketing Agent J. Y. Crews and J. H. Blackwell, County Agent, are cooperating in putting on a county-wide educational campaign along productive lines and will be at the following places this week: Corinth—Wednesday night. Wilton—Thursday night. Tabbs Creek—Friday night.

## SOUTH HILL MAN MEETS HIS MATCH

Tourists Pay No Attention To His Oily Tongue.

One day last week a touring housecar with a trailer well filled with camp equipment and luggage came into Oxford and stopped long enough to spend a few dollars. In the party were two good looking men and two handsome women.

The truck was labeled "From Troy, New York to St. Petersburg, Fla." The ladies told the Public Ledger that they came down by way of Philadelphia, Wilmington, Baltimore, Washington, Fredericksburg, Richmond, South Hill and on to Oxford.

"We had a little scene at South Hill," said one of the ladies, "and my husband came near knocking the block off a fellows shoulders."

"I'll tell you all about it," chimed in the other lady who claimed that she some times writes for the papers. "We had just finished lunch when a man came forward and announced that the road by way of Clarksville, Oxford and Durham was almost impassable and that he was not sure that we could get across the river at Clarksville; that the straight road from capitol to capitol is in fine shape and the bridges guaranteed. While he was telling us about the deplorable condition of the National Highway through Oxford, a nice looking gentleman and lady enroute from Durham to Richmond heard what he said. The Durham man stepped forward with a polite bow and stated that he had just arrived from Durham; that the road is in splendid condition; that the bridge is entirely safe, and this man there has told you something that is not true."

"The South Hill man grew red in the face," said the lady, and "asked the Durham man if he meant to call him a liar."

"Now right there is where my husband got into the racket," said the other lady. "Kelly, my husband, is Irish through and through, and he asked the Durham man the privilege of telling the South Hill man that he is an awful black liar, or something to that effect."

The following invitations have been issued: Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Franklin Taylor request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Lillian Winston to

Mr. Thomas Jarvis Etheridge, Jr. on Saturday, November the tenth nineteen hundred and twenty-three at high noon Baptist Church Oxford, North Carolina

At home after November eighteenth 202 West Morgan street, Raleigh, North Carolina.

NOV. 2ND IS ARBOR DAY

The Day Is Becoming a Popular Annual Event.

It seems that Arbor Day, November 2, will be observed this year in many North Carolina schools.

It is proposed that an oak tree be planted on that day at the various schools as a memorial to the late Warren G. Harding, president of the United States.

The idea is a good one.

GRANVILLE SUPERIOR COURT IN SESSION

For the Trial Of Civil Cases Only.

The October term of Granville County Court convened yesterday morning, Judge Devin presiding. There are 65 cases on the docket, and a number of them will consume much time.

MRS. J. D. HARTE SICK

On account of the illness of Mrs. J. D. Harte, the beloved wife of the pastor of the Oxford Baptist Church, there was no service at the morning and evening hours in this church last Sunday. Mrs. Harte has been sick for some time, but her condition is greatly improved this morning.

Removal Notice.

Dr. G. S. Watkins has removed his office to the room over Lyon's Drug Store.

MORCO AND COMPANY

These World Famous Magicians Coming Next Thursday Night.

Remember to go to the High School Auditorium Thursday night at eight o'clock. Even if you have just been to something else give yourself that evening of pleasure, for a good magician comes very rarely. Reserved seats on sale at the Lyon Drug Co.

## PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR

Next Week Is Clean-Up Week.

The week beginning Monday, October 29th, is hereby designated and set apart as Clean-Up Week in the Town of Oxford. In this matter the officials of the town will cooperate with the Civic Department of the Woman's Club, and we ask for the hearty cooperation of all citizens.

Trash will be moved according to the following schedule: Monday October 29th—Business District.

Tuesday October 30th—North Oxford, West of College Street, including the West side of College Street.

Wednesday October 31st—North Oxford, East of College Street, including the East side of College Street.

Thursday November 1st—South Oxford, East of Main and Hancock Streets, including the West sides of said streets.

Friday November 2nd—South Oxford, West of Main and Hancock Streets, including the West sides of said streets.

Saturday November 3rd—Business District.

Please have your trash collected at some convenient place on your lot not later than early in the morning of the day allotted to your district. This 23rd day of October, 1923.

T. G. STEM, Mayor.

## DR. T. E. FAUCETTE DEAD

A Native Of Granville and Was One Of Best Known and Most Beloved Physicians In County Of Alamance

—A Brother Of Mr. Herbert Faucette of Granville.

Dr. Thomas E. Faucette, a native of Granville County, who located in Burlington, Alamance County 30 years ago died in a hospital at Winston-Salem last Thursday. The Burlington correspondent says:

Dr. Faucette has probably ministered to more sick people than any other physician in Alamance county. He was 55 years old. About 30 years ago he came to Burlington and located for the practice of medicine. He has since then spent every energy in his business, making thousands of friends, caring not whether he would be paid for his services or not.

About six months ago his health began to fail and he cut his practice down to office, and only three weeks ago gave up altogether.

He was born in Granville county, near Oxford. Soon after he came to Burlington he was married to Miss Imogen Turrentine, daughter of Captain and Mrs. W. H. Turrentine. He has been a life-long member of the Presbyterian church and for many years an elder in the church here. His father was a Presbyterian minister.

## A DOWN RIGHT SHAME AND A DISGRACE

Bridge Closed To The Traveling Public and No Sign Posted.

Should you want to take the short cut to Franklinton and Raleigh and go by way of Capehart's Farm, in the lower edge of Granville county, you would find the bridge across Tar river two or three miles beyond the Granville county line, closed to the public. There is no sign to tell you that the bridge is closed, and when you reach there the only thing to do is to turn around and drive back a distance of three miles and take the Kittrell road. You will have traveled a distance of six miles for nothing.

The above is bad enough, but should you try to come over the same road from Franklinton you would travel a distance of six miles to find the bridge closed, and the only thing to do is to turn around and drive a distance of six miles and take the Franklinton-Wilton road.

This thing has been going on for more than three weeks, and some thoughtless official, either in Vance or Franklin, is responsible for the trouble.

A lady from the eastern part of the state tried to come to Oxford last Saturday evening. She reached this bridge about dark and found it closed. She tried to take a short cut through the country to Wilton and got lost in the woods. It was quite late when she arrived in Oxford and her car was somewhat damaged, all on account of the thoughtlessness of some official to post a sign.

MORCO AND COMPANY

These World Famous Magicians Coming Next Thursday Night.

Remember to go to the High School Auditorium Thursday night at eight o'clock. Even if you have just been to something else give yourself that evening of pleasure, for a good magician comes very rarely. Reserved seats on sale at the Lyon Drug Co.

## WHY WAS THE GRANVILLE COUNTY FAIR A FAILURE?

The Naughty Midway Had Something To Do With It.

In a county like Granville, where the majority of the people are clean-minded, a fair must be clean to succeed. After a trial of several years, during which time there was much murmuring about the naughty midway, interest in the Granville County Fair began to dwindle, and the year and day on which some of the men of town and county danced with painted faced ladies in the "wild and woolly west" tent, its doom was forever sealed. After that day there was a cry for a purely agricultural fair, but others could not see it in that light, and the fair died a natural death.

And now it has been proven beyond doubt that gambling devices and painted girls are not necessary to maintain a fair.

It took a woman to clean up the State Fair, and there was a record breaking attendance this year. "All of the gambling devices and the unclean things must be eliminated," said Mrs. Vanderbilt, and the thing was done. This good and intelligent lady seems to have effected something of a revolution in this respect, for which she is to be commended and the State Fair congratulated.

NEGRO SHOOT TO KILL

JOE ROBERTS MURDERS HIS UNCLE CAM SLAUGHTER

Unrequited Love Mixed With Liquor Was the Cause Of The Trouble—The Murdered Is At Large.

Joe Roberts wanted to marry his first cousin, but his uncle, Cam Slaughter, father of the girl, objected on account of close relationship by blood. After several refusals and fights the young negro became furious last Sunday and went forth with shot gun in hand. He met his uncle and the girl on the Kinton Fork road, two miles northwest of Oxford. They were seated in a Ford car, and when the first shot was fired the girl leaped from the car and begged Roberts not to kill her father. The first shot went wild and as Roberts leveled his gun for the second time Slaughter got out of the car, and the second shot went wild. The third and last shot took effect in Slaughter's face, neck breast and arms.

The sheriff and coroner hastened to the scene of the murder, but the murderer left for parts unknown and has not at this writing been heard from.

Coroner W. D. Bryan held an investigation Monday and the verdict of the jury was: "Cam Slaughter came to his death by the discharge of a gun in the hands of one Joe Roberts."

## DATE FOR POWER COMPANY HEARING

Petition Followed Threat Of Duke To Withdraw From Carolina Development.

Raleigh correspondent says it is announced that a hearing will be opened November 12 to consider the petition of the Southern Power company for an increase in the hydroelectric power rates.

The petition for an increase, filed ten days ago, followed a statement by James B. Duke, president of the company, that unless the rates were increased he would discontinue his development of North Carolina water power. He stated that he had put approximately sixty millions of dollars into his water power projects in North Carolina and was not receiving more than 4 to 4 1-2 per cent on his investment and declared that this was not a reasonable return.

A committee of citizens from Hickory, N. C., last week appeared before the corporation commission declaring they spoke for operators of approximately 40,000 cotton spindles in and about Hickory and for various other industries using the Southern Power Company's power, asked that the increase in rates be allowed by the commission in order that the power company might "pay a fair and adequate return upon the capital invested."

## A REFRESHING RIDE

Dr. Archer A. Wilson spent the week end with his father in Virginia. In returning he left home at six o'clock Monday morning in a closed car, and he said the air that hour of the morning was rather bracing.

Best Magazine Clubbing Rates of Year Given This Week.

Want you let me renew your magazines for you this week? The best clubbing rates of the year are offered on your favorites until Nov. 1st. Let me show them to you. Thanking you for past orders.

JEANNETTE BIGGS.

## COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

FOR ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS OF ALL DENOMINATIONS

To Be Held In the Oxford Methodist Church Next Saturday and Sunday.

Those in charge of the arrangements for the Granville County Sunday School Convention, which will be held at the Methodist Church, Oxford, on Saturday and Sunday, October 27 and 28 are confident that Sunday School workers from all sections of the county will be in attendance at the various sessions of the meeting.

Programs for the convention have been sent throughout the county, and each Sunday School invited to send a large delegation of teachers, officers and other interested members to the convention.

While the convention is planned primarily for Sunday School teachers and officers, all who are interested in Sunday School work are invited to attend, and a special invitation is given to the members of men's and women's organized Bible classes.

County Officers.

John R. Hall . . . County President  
W. A. McFarland . . . Vice-President  
R. H. Lewis . . . Secretary-Treasurer

Opening Session.

The first session will be held Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The second session will be held Saturday night at 7 o'clock. The third session will be held Sunday morning at 10.30 o'clock. The fourth session will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Its Aim.

The North Carolina Sunday School Association is a co-operative effort of Sunday School workers of the evangelical denominations to extend and improve Sunday School work in North Carolina.

## COTTON OCCUPIES CENTER OF STAGE

Granville County Farmers Have Put On Their Thinking Caps.

The farmers of Granville county are inquiring if their land will produce cotton, and scientific men are telling them that much of the land in this county will produce high grade cotton. It does seem at this writing that high price cotton and low price tobacco will be the means of leading the farmers of Granville county from producing a luxury to the growing of a necessity.

Cotton is all the talk of the county, and when such level headed men as Dr. E. T. White gets into the game there is something doing. This good old doctor, who is the son of an eminent doctor, used to prescribe for his patients, but he is now prescribing to the growth and development of the cotton stalk.

Dr. White was probably the first one to plant the famous Italian rye in Granville, and it thrived. He has long preached the gospel of growing cotton in Granville, and now that he will devote his attention to scientific investigation the outcome will be watched with interest.

Talking to a crowd of men on the street last Saturday Dr. White stated that he had in mind an idea that if cotton seed were immersed in fertilizer and a solution a few hours before planting that much time would be gained and it would be less expensive to produce a crop. He does not recommend this method to the farmers, but he will make tests by the use of a hot house and announce the results if it comes up to his expectations.

In years past it was customary in some parts of the State to soak cotton seed in ashes before planting. Dr. White's suggestion is a step in advance of the old system.

## TOBACCO PRICES ARE ADVANCING

Yesterday's Sales Averaged \$24.10 At One Or More Warehouses.

Things looked more cheerful around the warehouses yesterday. Fleming had the last sale, and the 52,108 pounds on the floor brought \$12,526.87, an average of \$24.10.

Some of those who sold were: W. H. Hunt, 1288 pounds, average, \$37. Lee Mangum, 808 pounds, average \$36. Curran & Co. 860 pounds, average \$31.13. W. S. Daniel, 2634 pounds, average \$31.72. F. H. Curran, 858 pounds, average \$39.12. Minor and Allen, 786 pounds, average \$31. S. F. Crews, 494 pounds, average \$42.

POSTED LAND

The land owners of the Meadows have instructed me to give notice to the general public that a list will appear in the columns of the different papers with the signatures of the land owners of that section of county forbidding all persons hunting with gun or dog by day or night. Watch this paper for notice.

L. B. McFARLAND, J. P.

## ALL OFFICIALS ARE TO CO-OPERATE IN EFFORT TO MAKE COUNTRY DRY

Press and Citizens Called On To Do Part.

Washington, Oct. 20.—Requested by President Coolidge to assume their share of responsibility for enforcement of the prohibition laws, governors or representatives of governors of 37 states and territories, meeting with the President today at the White House, adopted a program of co-operation.

The adoption of the program includes the co-ordination of all federal, state, county and municipal enforcement forces. The press is also asked to support prohibition law enforcement.

## MR. J. T. MORTON DEAD

Remains Laid To Rest Yesterday Afternoon At Tranquility Burying Ground.

Mr. James Thomas Morton, aged 69 died of heart failure at his home near Oxford, on Sunday night. Mr. Morton's death came as quite a shock to all, as apparently he was in excellent health.

Deceased was one of the most prominent and prosperous farmers in Granville county and was a son of the late Joe and Annie Daniel Morton. He is survived by his widow, who was Miss Fannie C. Daniel. His first wife was Miss Sue Gregory to whom was born one son, John Gregory Morton of Stovall. There were five sons to the last union namely: George B., Joe B., Richard, Francis and Thomas. He has the following brothers and sisters: Nat. D. Morton, Townsville; J. W. Morton, Satterwhite, S. V. Morton, Oak Hill; Messdames W. S. Burwell, Satterwhite, and Mrs. B. N. Booker, Oxford.

The funeral was conducted at Tranquility Burying ground on Monday afternoon, where members of his family are all buried. Rev. A. M. Earle, pastor of the Oak Hill Presbyterian Church conducted the service, assisted by Rev. F. F. Comerford of Oxford. Mr. Morton was an active member of the Presbyterian Church and a progressive farmer.

The attendance was large and the following were the pallbearers: Active—W. T. Yancey, Dick Howard, D. S. Howard, Will Howard, Dr. E. T. White, C. G. Powell, Will Hobgood, P. G. Pruitt. Honorary—Will Thorp, Gen. B. S. Royster, W. E. Cannady, Herbert Faucette, D. G. Brummitt, Will Landis Young ladies were the flower bearers.

## "SOCIETY CIRCUS" WAS A SUCCESS

Clever Clowns and Pretty Girls.

"Society Circus," which was under the auspices of Circle No. 10, of the Oxford Woman's Club, was well attended at the two performances given in the High School auditorium last Friday night and Saturday afternoon.

This Circus had all the earmarks of a big circus. The ring was in the center of the large auditorium, around which was a sprinkling of sawdust. A brass band now and then struck up a lively tune in the hallways. Mr. Ben K. Lassiter, with whip in hand and wearing a black moustache, and dressed like a French dancing master, made a typical ring master. Ben fits in well anywhere, and some one remarked that he would look well in the Congress of the United States.

There was so much paint and powder on the face of the actors you could scarcely tell who they were. The clowns were Hugh Peed, Tom Rose, Edwin Horner and Kilgo Hunt, and they made things lively. William Webb, dressed as a woman, was the vamp clown, and he sustained his part very well. Mile Marguerite, the tight rope walker, who in real life is Miss Mary Powell, was one of the most interesting numbers on the program. The rope on which she skipped and danced was upon the floor. The dancing girls, jockies, catchy songs, etc., were greatly enjoyed by old and young.

Boys and girls, as vendors of ice cream cones, peanuts and candy, passed through the audience. The whole thing was highly pleasing.

## A SON OF GRANVILLE

Mr. E. C. Howard Is Making Good In Florida.

Mr. E. C. Howard, of West Palm Beach, Fla., is spending a few days with his father, Mrs. S. R. Howard, on Route 4, following the sad death and burial of his mother last week.

Mr. Howard has developed into a fine business man and is affiliated with one of the largest construction companies on the East Coast of Florida. He lost an arm a few years ago, but a little thing like that does not interfere with his activity.