

THE COMMONWEALTH.

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The inauguration of President Wilson cost \$73,000.

We want to hear more talk about good roads in Halifax county this year.

Postmaster General Burleson has made the statement that in the future first and second class postmasters will be required to stay in the office and do their share of the work and not shift their duties upon their subordinates. This strikes us as the right thing to do.

The Snow Hill Standard-Laconic speaks a truth when it says:

"When a person speaks evil of another behind his back the best thing is to bring the detractor around to the front. Such action persevered in or widely followed would soon do away with more than three-fourths of the idle gossip and scandalous talk that acts like poison in a community, especially a small community."

How to Keep Good Roads.

We should have men, living along our roads, whose duty it should be to drag the roads as often as they need it, to fill up and smooth over depressions before they wear into holes and ruts, and to look after and keep up the roads generally. Divide the roads into sections of stated lengths and let out the upkeep of each section by contract. Have a road inspector for each county, whose duty shall be to give his whole time to the inspection of the roads of the county and to report any nonperformance of duty that may occur. Require that the inspector be thoroughly qualified to fill his position. Require both contractors and inspectors to give bond for the faithful performance of their duty.

"What is everybody's business is nobody's business" is an old and true saying. Make the upkeep of our roads "somebody's" business and we will have good roads at less than what bad roads now cost us. We won't have them until we do.—Frank L. Butts, in The Progressive Farmer.

The Kitchen Sink.

Have a sink unless you are absolutely poverty-stricken. The kitchen cannot be cozy if the door is always open to throw out water. Have a large, white enamel sink with a cut-off-and-on "S" trap. Do not get a galvanized iron one, for it is ugly and dirty and a disfigurement to the kitchen. If you must save things for the hogs, have a large funnel and pipe leading down through the floor to a bucket underneath. Use the old churn for making sour kraut in, if it is one of the chudedy-chug, back-breaking, foot-aching kind. I know a woman who takes a comfortable chair, puts a book in her lap and does nearly all her reading while she turns the handle of her barrel churn.—Mrs. W. N. Hutt, in The Progressive Farmer.

Brinkleyville Brieis.

Brinkleyville, April 15.—Rev. J. E. Pritchard, after a two weeks sojourn to his old home, returned again to the delight of his many friends.

The Sunday school rally at Bethesda on Sunday was largely attended. Messrs. Harris and Daniel, of Henderson, E. A. Carter, of Aurelian Springs, Geo. Bennett and Bellamy, of Heatsville, made fine addresses which were greatly enjoyed, a bountiful dinner, such as the good people of Bethesda always spread, had been provided for all who came. A pleasing feature after the meeting was the music which was rendered by Mr. Frank Whitaker, of Enfield, C. A. Williams, of Ringwood, with his violin, and Miss Nina Vinson, the skilled organist.

We are glad to report the improved condition of Mr. J. H. Vinson, who has been confined to his bed with a slight attack of malaria fever.

Our farmers are busily engaged in planting since the refreshing and anxiously looked for rain.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Hardy*

The New Road Law.

Mr. Editor:—Several questions are being propounded in this end of the county relative to the new road law two of which are these: Do we need a change in the present system? and, Do we need a civil engineer?

In answer to those, I will say, so far as this end of Halifax county is concerned, we do not. Supt. Dickens with his road force has built 27 miles of as good roads in Scotland Neck, Palmyra and Roseneath township within the last five months, as can be built out of the natural soil in said townships. We have 27 miles of as good roads as can be built out of dirt. Twenty-four miles of these roads are 26 feet wide and the balance about 20 feet. We invite comparison with any dirt roads in the State.

Supt. Dickens informs me that these 27 miles of roads have cost us a little less than five thousand dollars, an average of a little less than two hundred dollars per mile? Who can beat it?

The people in this end of the county don't believe our roads require the services of an engineer. We believe the money necessary to pay a competent engineer could be used by our present system to a better advantage in this end of the county. If any more costs are to be added to working the roads I would suggest that we pay our superintendent, overseers, and guards more. I may be wrong, but I don't like the idea of taking the right of expending the county's money out of the hands of the commissioners, who have been elected by the people for that purpose. Where is the money coming from to do the work as contemplated by the new law.

Certainly not from the three hundred thousand dollars bond issue as proposed. I don't believe the vote of the county are ready to vote an additional burden of 20 or 30 cents tax on themselves. I know the people of this end of the county will not vote for any bond issue, because they see and know that with the present tax and system of road working, they are getting the best possible results.

Yours truly,
A. PAUL KITCHIN.

Dawson Items.

Dawson, April, 11.—We are glad to learn that Mr. John D. Lawrence is improving so fast after having such a severe attack of eczema in his feet.

The farmers are pretty well up with their work in this neighborhood.

Mr. L. W. Barnhill is making some very good meal at his new grist mill every Friday.

Mr. Lemuel Barnhill and Miss Gattie Barnhill were united in marriage last Sunday morning at 10 o'clock at the bride's home, Rev. Mr. Snow officiating. Mr. Barnhill will locate at the C. A. Camp place and farm.

Mr. W. E. Lawrence and brother made a business trip to Richmond last Tuesday.

We are sorry to learn of Mrs. Geo. Daniel's serious sickness and hope she will soon recover.

We hope the road supervisors will instruct Mr. Dickens, the road man, to build us a good wide road, twenty eight feet wide, from Scotland Neck to Mr. Balfour Dunn's so the farmers can pass the flying automobiles without getting down in the ditch with their load of produce.

We learn that there is right much talk about the railroad from Hamilton to Littleton by Dawsons and Enfield.

Ringwood Items.

Ringwood, April 15.—Mrs. L. G. Roberson has returned home after spending two weeks with friends near Essex.

Miss Zelma Cousins has returned home after being away several months teaching school.

Miss Grace Browning is visiting relatives near Essex.

Rev. Mr. New held services at the Episcopal church Sunday p. m. We like to hear Mr. New and his sermons are always excellent.

Mrs. Eva Browning returned home yesterday after several weeks visit to relatives at Rosemary.

Messrs. J. E. Whitehurst and W. E. Harris attended the Sunday school rally at Bethesda Sunday.

Reduction in Cost.

To paint the woodwork of a room one coat with L. & M. Semi-Mixed Real Paint—Use 1 quart of paint made by mixing 1 part of Turpentine with 2 parts of the L. & M. Semi-mixed Real Paint. This quart of pure Paint will cost .36. The painter's labor costs about .75. Total cost, \$1.11. Compare this with the cost of ready mixed paints. But for outside painting add 3 quarts of Linseed Oil to a gallon of the L. & M. Semi-Mixed Real Paint. This will make 1 1/2 gallons of the best pure Paint costing about \$1.60 per gallon.

Make Us Prove It

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If you only knew as much as we and those who have used them know about Rexall Orderlies, you would be as enthusiastic about recommending them as we are. They taste just like candy. They act so easily and so pleasantly that the taking of them is a pleasure.

Even children like Rexall Orderlies. If you give a child a medicine which appeals to a child, it will appeal to grown-ups.

Rexall Orderlies

help chase gloom; dispel blues and make you feel happy by their splendid tonic, cleansing and strengthening effect upon the bowels.—They act to free the system—and keep it free—from the distress and ill feeling that naturally results from irregular and inactive bowels.

Rexall Orderlies do this quietly, without griping or causing nausea, purging or excessive looseness. They act to overcome and remove the cause

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We do not ask you to take our word for this. We want you to make us prove it, and at no cost to you.

Buy a box of Rexall Orderlies at our store. Use them once, or use up the whole box. Then, if you are not thoroughly satisfied, just come back empty handed and tell us. Without obligating you or questioning you we will return the money you paid us for them.

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Hookworm Eradication.

Sixty-five counties have now had the hookworm dispensary work, and six additional counties have provided for it, making a total of seventy-one counties. Five counties have provided for a second round of dispensary work. Campaigns are now opening in Beaufort (second round), Mecklenburg, Perquimans and Forsyth counties.

Dr. H. L. Sloan, a native of Sampson county, an A. B. graduate of the University of North Carolina and a medical graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, has entered the services of the State Board of Health as assistant director of the hookworm campaign to succeed Dr. C. F. Strosnider, resigned.

Oak City Items.

Oak City, April 15.—Dr. Edgar Long has been in Baltimore for the last week.

Claude Roebuck went to Scotland Neck last Sunday on his car.

Mrs. Spencer E. Hines and Miss Lila Philpot entertained a few friends at cards last Friday night. Refreshments of cake and wine were served.

Mrs. Bob Council is spending a few days in Scotland Neck.

Miss Jeffie House spent Monday in Hassell.

Herman Rawls spent Sunday in Robersonville.

Miss Mary Worsley spent Monday in Scotland Neck.

Mrs. W. A. Casper, Mrs. George Daniels, Mrs. Harmon and Whalen Casper spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Johnson, near Hassell.

John Etheridge spent Tuesday in Williamston.

Miss Louise Saulsbury, of Hassell, spent Monday with Misses Jeffie and Pearl House.

Leslie Bass is visiting at Mr. Hassell's.

Miss Daisy Council spent Saturday in Hassell.

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The worst case, no matter how long standing, are cured by the wonderful, old reliable Dr. Porter's Antiseptic Healing Oil. It relieves Pain and Heals at the same time. 25c, 50c, \$1.00.

REPORT OF THE Bank of Enfield

ENFIELD, N. C.
At the close of business on the 4th day of April, 1913.

RESOURCES.
Loans and discounts.....\$238,459.79
Overdrafts..... 618.25
Furniture and fixtures..... 1,000.00
Banking house..... 5,000.00
Other real estate..... 1,000.00
Cash and due from banks 90,852.95
Total.....\$336,930.99

LIABILITIES.
Capital stock.....\$ 10,000.00
Surplus funds..... 40,000.00
Undivided profits..... 808.43
Unearned discounts..... 3,675.19
Dividends unpaid..... 18.00
Deposits..... 282,429.37
Total.....\$336,930.99

Being the largest bank in Halifax county, conservatively managed, and equipped with best facilities, we solicit both individual and savings accounts, promising the utmost liberality consistent with safe banking.

GEO. B. CURTIS,
President.
IVEY WATSON,
V.-Pres. and Cash'r.
J. W. WHITAKER,
Asst. Cashier.

Willie H. Allsbrook
Life Insurance.

Representing The Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., of New York.

Ordinary and Industrial Policies written.

Scotland Neck, N. C.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF The Bank of Hobgood,

at Hobgood, N. C., at the close of business April 4, 1913.

RESOURCES.
Loans and discounts.....\$22,559.67
Banking house..... 1,700.00
Furniture and fixtures..... 627.00
Due f'm banks & bank'rs 20,222.84
Cash items..... 54.75
Gold coin..... 272.50
Silver coin, etc..... 311.39
National bank notes, etc..... 1,573.00
Total.....\$47,321.22

LIABILITIES.
Capital stock paid in.....\$ 5,000.00
Surplus fund..... 1,200.00
Undivided profits, etc..... 246.01
Time certificates deposit..... 11,246.00
Deposits subject to check 29,526.17
Cash'r's checks outstan'g..... 73.04
Total.....\$47,321.22

State of North Carolina)
County of Halifax) ss.

I, E. P. HYMAN, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 12th day of April 1913.

W. N. HERRING,
Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:
S. D. BRADLEY,
K. LEGGETT,
W. G. HEDGEPEATH,
Directors.

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1,000 pounds of Seed Cotton ginned 507 pounds of Lint. Made 25 bales on 15 acres without Commercial Fertilizers last year. Have only a few bushels seed left.

D. E. TAYLOR,

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Ice Cream Freezers



We have just received the largest shipment of Ice Cream Freezers that has ever reached this town. We are handling

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again this season. It is one of the best constructed Freezers made and every one is guaranteed to give entire satisfaction.

Big line of Refrigerators and Oil Stoves of the best makes.

Hardy Hardware Company,

"The Hardware Hustlers."

Central Market!

I have recently bought out the Market Business of W. C. Pendleton, and will continue the business at the same stand, near the postoffice. Will handle

Fresh Meats
Of Every Description

We pay 9 cents per pound for good fat Beef Cattle, dressed.

Careful and prompt attention given every order, and your patronage will be appreciated.

The Central Market,

H. H. PARAMORE, Prop.,
Scotland Neck, North Carolina.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE SCOTLAND NECK BANK,

At Scotland Neck, N. C., at the close of business April 4, 1913.

RESOURCES.
Loans and discounts.....\$108,864.35
Overdrafts..... .48
Stocks, Bonds, etc..... 6,000.00
Demand loans..... 24,600.00
Due f'm banks and bankers 50,436.73
Gold coin..... 105.00
Silver coin..... 800.89
National bank notes, etc..... 3,768.00
Total.....\$194,575.45

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock.....\$ 25,000.00
Surplus fund..... 12,500.00
Undivided profits, etc..... 3,311.14
Deposits..... 150,805.36
Cashier's checks outstan'g 196.20
Accrued inst. due depositors 500.00
Reserve interest..... 1,900.00
Reserve for taxes..... 389.75
Total.....\$194,575.45

State of North Carolina)
County of Halifax) ss.

I, J. Harper Alexander, Jr., cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 10th day of April, 1913.

TYLER B. WHEELER,
Notary Public.
Correct—Attest: Frank P. Shields,
R. M. Johnson, N. B. Josey, G. Hoff-
man, Directors.

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Scotland Neck, N. C.