a study circle, finishing the study on

The devotional exercises were lod

by Mrs. M. C. Pleasants, after which

refreshments were served by Miss

Among the members present were:

Mesdames M. C. Pleasants, J. A.

Hodges, Misses Kate High, Ollie Floyd

Sue Alston, Kathleen Egerton, Elea-

Thomas, visitors present Mrs. L. P.

MR. GEORGE F. SYME

Civil Engineer

Mr. Syme, who had charge of the

construction of the new bridge over

Tar River, is a native of Raleigh and

a graduate of the A. & M. College, of

Raleigh, of the class of 1898. Since

his graduation he has had a wide ex-

perience in construction work from

many angles and served with the is-

thmian Canal Survey, of Nicauragu.,

located the Carolina, Clinchfield and

vey and Construction companies; buil-

ding the Coal and Coke Railway, of

West Virginia, Cananea Rio Yaqui and

Pacific Railway, of Sonora, Mexico,

Norfolk & Southern Railway between

Raleigh and Washington and later be

tween Raleigh and Charlotte, Florida

East Coast Railway, the Scaboard Air

Line and others. During this time he

did a great deal of bridge and tunne

work. In his work in Louisburg Le

showed great talent and a master

knowledge of his duties. During his

made many friends who regret that

the time has come for them to depart.

here where he will have charge of

Conference Appointments.

The following are the appointments

for the Raleigh District made by the

Methodist Conference in Durham the

Benson circuit, J. T. Stanford.

Clayton, T. A. Sykes. Four Oaks circuit, T. E. Davis.

Granville circuit, B. H. Black.

Johnston circuit, J. G. Johnson

Kenly circuit, C. J. Jerome.

Louisburg, N. H. D. Wilson.

Oxford, R. H. Willis.

Selma, C. K. Proctor.

Tar River, J. A. Lee.

Smithfield, S. A. Cotton.

ial, J. W. Potter.

R. L. Davis.

L. S. Massey

age-S. A. Barnes.

cate—T. N. Ivey.

H. D. Wilson.

South Rocky Mount

Street, B. B. Slaughter,

Millbrook circuit, L. E. Sawyer.

Oxford circuit, B. C. Thompson.

Edenton Street, M. Bradshaw; Ep-

worth, R. F. Taylor; Jenkins Memor-

Youngsville circuit, B. C. Alired.

Zebulon circuit. G. W. Starling.

Superintendent Anti-Saloon League

Editor Raleigh Christian Advocate

Superintendent Methodist Orphan-

Editor Nashville Christian Advo-

Conference Missionary Secretary

Bocky Mount, first church, R. C.

North Rocky, Mount, O. P. Fitzger

Spring Hope circuit, W. T. Phipps

Rev. A. D. Wilcox goes to St.

Nashville circuit, L. B. Jones

Raleigh, Central, S. E. Mercer;

Franklinton circuit, J. H. Buffaloe

Cary circuit, B. P. Robinson.

Presiding Elder, J. E. Underwood

past week:

Corresponding Sec'y

Hicks and Mrs. Hodges.

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NEW BRIDGE COMPLETED.

Total Cost \$16,677.73—Representing A Saving to the County of \$6,090

Mr. George F. Syme, the Civil Engineer of the State Highway Commission who had the construction of the concrete bridge over Tar River at Louisburg in charge, completed the structure the past week and left on Wednesday for his home in Raleigh. Before leaving Mr. Syme gave to us some figures that will no doubt be of interest to our people and at the same time will prove the wisdom of our Board of County Commissioners in placing the work under the State Highway Commission. They will also show that the State Highway Commission is doing a good work for the many counties of the State in saying to the people a good amount of money on all work it undertakes. It should be understood by our readers that this commission was established by the State Legislature for this purpose and its connection with the work here is not a matter of charity or profit, but a fulfillment of the duties placed upon it by the Legislature. In drawing the plans for the new bridge the civil engineer could only make plans for the work above the ground and of course in all etimates by both the State highway commission and private concerns was on the basis of the plans with an extra charge at piece rates for all under ground work and such changes as might be made in the plans ar the construction progressed. will also be remembered that the lowest hid the Commissioners received from private concerns was \$19,525.60, and the estimate of the State Highway Commission was \$14,500.00. the figures given us and also, from those published a few weeks ago, with the exception of completing the driveway, the total cost of the new bridge amounted to \$17,961.07. From this Ohio Railroad, served with the Susmount is to be deducted the amount received from the sale of from and timber from the bridge of \$1,283.34 which leaves a total cost of \$16,677.73 which represents the total cost of the new bridge. It might be mentioned here also that there is still a lot of old iron that can be seld at a profit that will further reduce the cost. In michtion to this expense the temporary bridge had to be constructed which was entirely separate from all esitmates by either party and cost about \$1,000.00, which really put the bridge expense at about \$17,677.73. The temporary bridge however will be removed and a lot of timber from it can be sold which will reduce the cost of that. It will also be interesting to bridge construction in the Western note that the extra work, that is the part of the State, replacing some of underground work and such change; the bridges washed away in the recent in the plans as were made, smounted to \$3,242,16. If you add this to the lowest bid you will have a total of \$22,768.16 what the bridge would have cost under the contract, but on the other hand if you subtract it from the actual cost you will have 13,435.57 or more than a \$1,000 less than the es-

paying for the old bridge. The bridge itself presents a very pleasing appearance and has been thoroughly examined by experts who say it is one of the best in the State and that its life is practically indefinite. It is truly an ornament to be proud of and there is no doubt but that in years to come the wisdom of the investment will be realized. covering to the driveway is really the only part that the general public has any particular doubts about. This is a widely known preparation and has stood severe tests in many places. Just what it will do here we can learn later. There is one feature about it that is especially commendable and that is the case and cheapness with which it can be repaired when it does give way. The State Highway Commission and the Board of County Commissioners are to be congratulated upon the new bridge across Tar river.

timate of the State Highway Commis-

sion, which show the conservativeness

of the Commission in its estimate and

the wisdom of the Commissioners in

handling it is they did. These figur-

es show that out of the \$20,000.00

bond issue, not counting the premiums

received on the bonds which was

something like \$400.00, there remains

a credit to the County of \$3,322.21, or

about two and quarter thousands after

Young Woman's Missionary Society. On Tuesday night, December 12th, the Young Woman's Missionary Society met at the home of Miss-Margaret Hicks, the former president, in Paul's church, Goldsboro.

LOUISBURG, N. C., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1916.

Hill Live Stock Co. Closes for Benefit of Creditors-Messrs. W. H. Allen And D. F. McKinne Made Tempora

FRIENDLY RECEIVERSHIP.

ry Receivers.

We learn that Judge W. M. Bond upon the petition of Messrs. K. P. and J. P. Hill, officers and stockholders of the Hill Live Stock Company, nor Thomas, Clara Young, Louise placed the affairs of that corporation in the hands of Receivers on Wednesday morning. This action, by the officers of the company, was taken after a consultation with and upon the advice of a number of the largest creditors of the concern, it being thought that such a course was best for the protection of the interests of all of the creditors. The assets of the concern are considerably greater than the liabilities and it is sincerely hoped that the affairs of the company may be so adjusted as to save all of the creditors from loss. The Messrs. Hill, being

sureties on most of the obligations of the corporation we understand have placed all of their property at the disposal of the receivers, and should there ultimately be any loss, it will fall most heavily on these gentlemen, The Hill Live Stock Company has

for many years been one of the most prominent mercantile concerns in our County and while this concern has suffered from the general business deression of the last few years, it was hoped that by the indomitable energy of the men behind this business that it would be able, with improved conditions, to realize on its assets and meet all of its obligations without serious difficulty, but owing to its extensive business operations and the nature of its assets it seems tat it has been impossible to realize sufficient ready cash to meet its current demands and the receivership was decided upon by the interested parties as the safest cours to prevent a sacrifice of the valuable

properties of the corporation.

Messrs. W. H. Allen and D. F. Me Kinne were named by the Court as temporary receivers and the appointment of these gentlemen to take charg ef the affairs of the concern is a guarantee that the most possible will he realized out the assets and that interests of all parties will be carefully

Mr. T. L. Ayescue Dead.

Mr. T. L. Ayescue, one of Hayesville townships most successful and stay in Louisburg he and his good wife beloved citizens, died at his home on December 4th, 1916, in his sixty-eighth year. Mr. Ayescue was a man of Mr. Syme goes to Charlotte from fine qualities and possessed the character that endoared him to all his

ors and acquaintances. He was a member of Liberty Christian church and was faithful to its teach-He leaves eight children, Mrs Tom Lassiter, N. H. Ayescue, of Kittrell, Walter Ayescue, Melvin Ayescue of Louisburg, Jim Ayescue and Sallie Ayescue, of Henderson, Eddie Ayes-cue, of Petersburg, Va., Mrs. John Lassiter, of Henderson, four brothers Sid Ayescue, Richard Ayescue, Frunk Ayescue, Mat Ayescue, and one sister, Mrs. Joe Lassiter, of Henderson, besides a host of friends and relatives

The funeral was held from his home and the interment was made at the cemetery of Liberty church in the presence of a large number who had gathered to pay their last sad tribute The pall bearers were W. O. Mitchell, H. F. Mitchell, H. E. Newton, J. O. Newton, B. F. Edwards, W. G. Watkins.

The bereaved family and relatives have the deepest sympathy of the entire community.

Service at Methodist Church.

We are requested to state that Rev N. H. D. Wilson, the new pastor for the Louisburg Methodist Church will hold services here on Sunday morning and night. The public is invited to attend.

Rev. A. D. Wilcox will leave the latter part of the week for Goldsboro where he will occupy the pulpit of his new charge on Sunday.

Baptist Church.

Divine worship Sunday 11 A. M. conducted by the pastor. Every member of the church is urged to be present. Business of vital importance to come before the church.

There will be no services at night. Congregation will worship with the Methodist church in recognition of their new pastor.

church as usual.

Sunday School at 9:45 A. M., and all the regular appointments of the

WINTER QUARTERS WORK IS HELD UP.

rder Provokes Pointed Inquiry from Seventh Division Headquarters. Camp Stewart, El Paso, Tex. Dec -Word came down today that the uing of lumber for winter quarters and been stopped by orders from highup. Coming in the middle of a old snap with the mercury hovering round ten above and everybody sufing, the order is said to have proked from the seventh division headarters a telegram containing point inquiry as to the War Department's licy concerning the national guard. his telegram is said to have been warded today, demanding somehing definite on which business and rofessional men in the guard may y plans for the coming year. Mon d officers have found this uncertainthe hardest thing to bear and an aswer is eagerly awaited. The prealling opinion is that the movement of the eighteenth Pennsylvania Frie of the entire seventh division ust as seen as rolling stock can be

ald hardly get away before the midle of January. Following trial by court martial the allowing enlisted men were dischared today for the good of the service: rivate Walter Shelkett and Privata V. A. Mayberry Co. L, Private Jack en, Co. E, all of the First Reginent. Dock Bell, alleged deserter rom Co. A, Third Regiment, has been aptured at Sweetwater, Texas, and

ovided. The North Carolina troops

all be the last to leave here and

um Loan Association to be Organized.

Il be returned here.

Every farmer who is interested is ted to be present at a meeting held in the court house inrg Wednesday, Dec. 20, 1916. for the purpo ganizing a National Farm Loan Asso-

The Federal Farm Loan Board has completed its hearings in the different states and will in a few days. locate

the Federal Land Banks Immediately after the location of these banks they will be opened for business, which will be not later than Feb. 1st, 1917.

Before any money can be loaned it will be necessary to form National Farm Loan Associations, the applications for loans being put through these associations.

The Farm Loan Associations are composed of not less than ten farmers who will borrow not less than \$20,000.00.

Only farmers can borrow from these associations, the loans being made for any of the following purposes: to buy land, improve stock, farm machinery, to put up better buildings, pay off existing indebtedness, draining the

The amounts loaned will be not less than \$100 nor more than \$10,000 for a period of not less than five nor mora than forty years, at not more than 6 per cent.

Every farmer who is interested is urgently requested to be present. Mr. W. H. Ruffin has kindly promised to be present at this meeting and explain the Federal Farm Loan Act and to assist in organizing a National Farm Loan Association in Louisburg.

Moore-Strickland.

Miss Susie F. Strickland and Mr. Thomas A. Moore, of the Seven Paths section, were happily united in marriage Monday afternoon at three o'clock at the residence of Rev. Waltor M. Gilmore, the Baptist pastor of this place, who performed the coremony in the presence of a few friends The many friends of this popular young couple will join with us in wishing them bon voyage over the matrimonial sea.

Pays Christmas Checks.

That the Christmas Saving Clubs conducted by the banks in Louisburg is a splendid idea and produces good results can be seen from the adverdisement of the First National Bank on another page in this issue. This progressive instituution adopted this plan in the early spring and although late in starting has met with wonderful success for the first year. The amount of savings in this department totaled \$4,502.30 and represents the savings of two hundred and ten people. It not only creates an amount of ready cash for Christmas purchases but encourages the habit of saving with the meetings.

that has so much to do with the future success of the individual. The true value of the plan cannot be appreciated until you realize that practically all this amount is derived from the small change the depositors have handy and would otherwise spend at such a time and for such articles as would render it practically valueless.

It is a splendid feature and the Pirst National is to be commended for its decision to run it another year, the announcement of which will be found on another page



MR. CHAS. M. VAUGHAN Superintendent Road Forces

Mr. C. M. Vaughan, Louisburg township's popular and efficient Superintendent of Road work, is entitled to much of the honor and credit of the excellency of the work done on the new bridge across Tar river and especially so in the saving of expense in the labor end. He was in charge of the labor, which was mostly convicts, and was always on the job looking after the interest of the peope and rem

dered valuable assistance to Mr. Syme the engineer in charge; in recognition of which the County Commissioners authorized the placing of a marble tablet in one of the columns, bearing the inscription "C. M. Vaughan, Fore-man, Sept. 1916." Mr. Vaughan is Franklin County man, and one wno has won his popularity by merit. He has been Superintendent of Roads for about six years and has proven an efficient and painstaking official, and the work he has done on the roads speak well for his servces. In the work on the bridge he was especially well fitted and rendered a service that all who were in close touch with the work appreciate and are proud of.

Bound Over to Court For Forging Checks.

Willie Hicks, colored, was bound over to Franklin Superior Court in two cases for forging checks and one case for carrying concealed weapons, under a \$200 bond each in the first two cases and a \$100 bond in the latter case. It developed that he forged the name of C. P. Harris to a check payable to Ruffin Jackson, claiming himself to be Ruffin Jackson the second one was payable to Icel Harris whom he cla with the name of J. O. Wilson forged. The two transactions took place about two weeks apart. He caught Monday and was tried before Squire A. W. Alston. The banks learned of the status of the checks before either was cashed. After Officer Hudson had arrested Hicks a pistol was found concealed on his person and a warrant drawn for that Failing to give bond, he was placed in fall to await the next term of Franklin Superior Court, which convenes in January.

List of Letters.

The following is a list of letters remaining in the Post Office at Louisburg, N. C., not called for Dec. 15th,

Mrs. Tom Beasley, Miss Elizabeth Debnam, Mr. John Debnam, Mr. William Debnam, Mr. E. W. Glasgow, Mrs. H. D. Harris, Mr. A. W. Jones, H. E. Nennewell, Esq., Mr. J. W. Wells, Miss Eldornora Wilmes, Mr. C. D. Williams.

Persons calling for any of the above letters will please state that they saw them advertised.

R. H. DAVIS, P. M.

-We are requested to state that on account of the teachers group meeting, beginning on Monday of this week there will be no school column for this issue as Supt. Best is busy

GERMANY AND HER ALLIES PRO-POSE PEACE.

says Allies Await Answer of Enemies With Sereneness of Mind Guaranteed by Exterior and Interior Strength and by a Clear Conscience Declares Terms Such As To Guarantee the Establishment of Lasting Peace—Outlines Reasons For Germany Taking Step, Asserting That Grief and Sorrow Fill Almost Every House in Belligerent Countries.

Berlin, Dec. 12 .- (Via Sayville)-Germany and her allies today proposed to enter forthwith into peace ne-

The propositions which they will oring forward are, according to Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg, appropriate for the establishment of a lasting peace

The Austrian, Turkish and Bulgary ian governments are making similar proposals. These proposals have been transmitted also to the Vatican.

Receives Neutral Enyoys. The following announcement given out today by the semi-official Overseas News Agency:

"The Chancellor this morning received one after another the repre-sentatives of the United States of America, Spain and Switzerland, that is, of the states protecting German interests in hostile foreign countries. The Chancellor transmitted to them a note and asked them to bring it to the knowledge of the hostile governments. The note later was read in the Reichstag by the Charcellor.

Chancellor Reads Note. After reading the note, the Chancelor said:

"Gentlemen, in August, 1914, our nemics challenged the superiority of power in the world war. Today wo raise the question of proce, which is question of humanity. We await the answer of our enemies with that at deidy, built lo, as

teed to us by our exterior and interior strength and by our clear conscience. If our enemies decline to end the war if they wish to take upon themselves he world's heavy burden of all these terrors which hereafter will follow,

in the least and smallest homes every German heart will burn in sacred wrath against our enemies, who are unwilling to stop human slaughter in order that their plans of conquest and annihilation may contin-

"In a fateful hour we took a fateful decision. It has been saturated with the blood of hundreds of thousands of our sons and brothers who gave their lives for the safety of their home. Human -its and human understanding are unable to reach to the extreme and last questions in this struggle of nations, which has unveiled all the terrors of earthly life, but also the grandeur of human courage and human will in ways never seen before. God will be the judge. We can proceed upon our way.'

The Chancellor's speech was listened to by thronged galleries. The royal box was crowded. All the ambassadors and ministers of foreign govents were in the diplomatic box

Engagement Announced.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Spruill, of Rocky Mount, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Martha Byrd, to Dr. William Branch Porter, of Richmond, Va.

The announcement of Miss Spruill's engagement is one of much interest in society circles in this and other States. Miss Spruill is one of the best known and most generally popular society girls of North Carolina. She is the younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Spruill, of Rocky Mount, and the niece of Governor F. D. Winston, of Windsor, and of Judge R. W. Winston, of this city. She has often been in Raleigh, the guest of her cousin, Miss Amy Winston, and numbers a host of friends in this city. A graduate of St. Mary's School, she has a charming personality, a winsome manner and a strikingly attractive appearance.

The groom of the future is a prominent Richmond physician and a memper of one of the leading families of Virginia. He studied at the Unversity of Pennsylvania and Harvard University and is achieving a splendid Buccess! Wednesday's. News-Obsersuppress are to be congratulated. He

. 10. fr -sT morne emble. -Read the new advertisement of C. C. Hudson Co. in this issue. He is offering oranges at 10 cents a dozen and a big display of Christmas

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