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NEW BRIDGE COMPLETED.

Total Cost \$16,677.73—Representing A Saving to the County of \$6,000 - 43

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.

a study circle, finishing the study on mormonism.

The devotional exercises were led by Mrs. M. C. Pleasants, after which refreshments were served by Miss Hicks and Mrs. Hodges.

Among the members present were: Mesdames M. C. Pleasants, J. A. Hodges, Misses Kate High, Ollie Floyd, Sue Alston, Kathleen Egerton, Eleanor Thomas, Clara Young, Louise Thomas, visitors present Mrs. L. P. Hicks.

Corresponding Sec'y.



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.

FRIENDLY RECEIVERSHIP.

Hill Live Stock Co. Closes for Benefit of Creditors—Messrs. W. H. Allen and D. F. McKinne Made Temporary Receivers.

We learn that Judge W. M. Bond, upon the petition of Messrs. K. F. and J. P. Hill, officers and stockholders of the Hill Live Stock Company, placed the affairs of that corporation in the hands of Receivers on Wednesday morning.

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 depression 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.

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

Mr. T. L. Ayescue Dead.

Mr. T. L. Ayescue, one of Hayesville townships most successful and beloved citizens, died at his home on December 4th, 1916, in his sixty-eighth year.

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 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.

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.

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

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

WINTER QUARTERS WORK IS HELD UP.

Order Provokes Pointed Inquiry from Seventh Division Headquarters.

Camp Stewart, El Paso, Tex. Dec. 1.—Word came down today that the issuing of lumber for winter quarters had been stopped by orders from higher up.

Following trial by court martial the following enlisted men were discharged today for the good of the service: Private Walter Shelkett and Private W. A. Mayberry Co. L, Private Jack Green, Co. E, all of the First Regiment.

Farm Loan Association to be Organized.

Every farmer who is interested is requested to be present at a meeting to be held in the court house in Louisburg Wednesday, Dec. 20, 1916.

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 farm, etc.

The amounts loaned will be not less than \$100 nor more than \$10,000 for a period of not less than five nor more 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 Patis section, were happily united in marriage Monday afternoon at three o'clock at the residence of Rev. Walter M. Gilmore, the Baptist pastor of this place, who performed the ceremony in the presence of a few friends.

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 advertisement of the First National Bank on another page in this issue.

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 that has so much to do with the future success of the individual.

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 First 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.

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.

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.

List of Letters.

The following is a list of letters remaining in the Post Office at Louisburg, N. C., not called for Dec. 15th, 1916:

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 with the meetings.

GERMANY AND HER ALLIES PROPOSE PEACE.

Says Allies Await Answer of Enemies. With Serenity 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 negotiations.

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

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

The following announcement was given out today by the semi-official Overseas News Agency:

"The Chancellor this morning received one after another the representatives 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 Chancellor.

After reading the note, the Chancellor said:

"Gentlemen, in August, 1914, our enemies challenged the superiority of power in the world war. Today we raise the question of peace, which is a question of humanity. We await the answer of our enemies with that serenity of mind which is guaranteed 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 the world's heavy burden of all these terrors which hereafter will follow, in the least and smallest comes 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 continue.

"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 life 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 governments 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.

He studied at the University of Pennsylvania and Harvard University and is achieving a splendid success in his studies. He will be in Raleigh, the guest of her cousin, Miss Amy Winston, and numbers a host of friends in this city.

—Read the new advertisement of O. C. Hudson Co. in this issue. He is offering oranges at 10 cents a dozen and a big display of Christmas toys.

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