

LETS PAVING CONTRACT

R. G. LASSITER & CO., LOWEST OF EIGHT BIDDERS.

To Cost \$1.82 and \$1.65 Per Square Yard for Sheet Asphalt and Topeka Respectively—Commissioners Authorized a Bond Issue of \$125,000.00 For Work.

At a special meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners on last Friday night it was unanimously decided to pave the streets of the Town by the members of the Board, all being present except Newell.

Out of a number of eight bidders R. G. Lassiter & Co., of Oxford, being the lowest was awarded the contract at \$1.82 per square yard for the Sheet Asphalt and \$1.65 per square yard for Topeka. It is planned to use the sheet asphalt on the streets in the business centre of town where the traffic is heavy and the Topeka, which is a second grade of the sheet asphalt and a little lighter material on the residential streets.

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Memorial Services. The ladies of Louisburg are anxious for all who will to join them in the observance of Memorial day services on May 10th, and that all who can bring wreaths of flowers to be placed upon the graves.

Miss Lillian Fields Gives Recital in Expression.

The high standard of college recitals already set this session at Louisburg College was fully maintained Thursday evening in the college chapel when Miss Lillian E. Fields presented the last of her pupils for this session, Miss Ruth Amanda Gatling, in her graduating recital in expression.

Miss Gatling's ease and grace of manner, as well as her fine selection and forceful rendition of her program easily won her way to the hearts of her audience. "Merchant of Venice" (Act I, Scene II), "The Witch's Daughter," "The Lion and the Mouse,"

and a comedy monologue, "Cupid and a Cadillac," were the attractive readings she gave.

Miss Gatling was ably assisted in her recital by Miss Cynthia Rai DeFord, who gave a violin solo, "Salut d'Amour," Miss Eugenia Robert DeFord, who sang, "Sunset," and by Miss Lucy T. Fuller, who also rendered a vocal solo "The Spring is Calling."

The marshals of the evening were Misses Mattie Townsend, Maggie Taylor and Myrtle Fuller.

College Gossip.

A special meeting of the resident Alumnae has been called for Saturday afternoon, May 5th, at 5 o'clock, at the College, at which time plans for the approaching Alumnae Banquet will be discussed. It is expected that in response to the Nation's call to cut down expenses the Association will probably devise some means to reduce the cost of the banquet this year.

Misses Allen and Brinson of the faculty, as guests of Mrs. J. M. Allen, attended the Federation of Women's Clubs in Durham on Wednesday, remaining over to the concert at night, in which many of the State's most gifted musicians took part. Miss Brinson sang a solo on that occasion.

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Invitations reading: Mr. and Mrs. Ivey Allen at home Friday evening, May Fourth, from 8:30 to 11.

In honor of the Class of 1917 have been issued. The class, including specials, numbers eighteen. The following is the class roll: Elizabeth Alston, Mary Bradley, Sallie Braswell, Lucile Clarke, Mabel Davis, Florence Egerton, Mamie Ellerbe, Myrtle Fuller, Ruth Gatling, Olivia Hobgood, Mary House, Elizabeth Howell, Lydia Inascoe, May Perry, Helen Smithwick, Maggie Taylor, Beatrice Turner, Mollie White.

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A beautiful pageant, "True to the Colors," or "Paying the Cost," will be given on the campus at 5 o'clock on Monday afternoon, May 14th, under the auspices of the Y. W. C. A. The episodes are taken from Biblical or historical sources or are typical of modern life. Beginning with The Trial of Paul before Agrippa and including a Scene at the Court of Nero, The Landing of the Pilgrims, The Soldiers' Farewell, etc. they are all inspiring. A small fee of ten cents will be charged. The public is invited.

MR. VAN B. MOORE KILLED BY OWN CAR.

Well Known Business Man of the City Meets Death in Automobile Accident.

Mr. Van B. Moore, one of the best known business men of Raleigh, was fatally injured when run over by his own automobile about nine o'clock last night on the Louisburg road near Wake Forest.

Mr. Moore had gotten out of his car to try to be of assistance to some one whose machine had stalled. He neglected to put on his brakes and his car starting moving soon after he left it. It seems that neither he nor any one else saw the danger in time to warn him, and he was run down by the car, which gained in speed rapidly. He died in about an hour after the accident.

Mr. Moore was vice-president of the Raleigh Cotton Mills and formerly was president and treasurer of the Melrose Knitting Mills. He lives at 227 North Wilmington street. He is survived by his wife and several children.—News-Observer.

Mr. Moore was originally from this County, and was a brother to Mr. Ben. M. Moore, formerly of near Youngsville.

An Increasing Demand for Soybeans for Food.

With the present great demand for soybeans for canning purposes, there is danger of some farmers selling their soybeans too closely, says Mr. Williams, Chief of the Division of Agronomy. It matters not what price is offered, the farmer can hardly afford to dispose of beans that might be used for planting purposes this year. This is one year in which a special effort should be made to plant as large an acreage of soybeans, cowpeas and other food products as may be properly cared for.

In this connection it may be of interest to know that in Baltimore, alone, there are at least four canners who are packing all the soybeans they can secure. In a recent letter received by Mr. Williams one of the packers states, "We have been packing a great quantity of soybeans and have been very successful in marketing the same; in fact, the orders are coming in faster than we can pack the cans."

A large acreage should be planted this year to supply the tremendous demand that will develop next year for soybeans for human consumption and for supplying the oil mills of the State. Of course, if a surplus is available it would be a good plan, at the present price, to dispose of them; but in disposing of the beans, it would probably be a better plan, so far as practicable, to let the neighbors have them for seed.

Dr. B. F. Sledd Lectures at Louisburg College.

One of the most delightful occasions of the present session of Louisburg College was the lecture Friday night given under the auspices of the Neithan and Sea Gift Literary Societies by Dr. Benjamin Franklin Sledd, of Wake Forest College. This was Dr. Sledd's second visit to the college in recent months, having greatly charmed his audiences on both occasions. His address Friday night was on "The Literature of the Old and the New South," giving as a notable illustration of the former Henry Timrod, and of the latter Sydney Lanier.

Commencement at New Hope.

At the closing exercises of the New Hope school, twelve miles south of this place, Friday, Rev. Walter M. Gilmore of Louisburg delivered an address in the morning on "Some Lessons from the Great World War." Among the lessons emphasized was the secret of Germany's power is her culture and, as a natural result, her efficiency. Germany can be subdued only by a nation who is more efficient.

In the afternoon Supt. E. L. Best delivered an illuminating address on "The Men Who Win"—those with well trained bodies, minds and souls.

Delightful Dance.

The young men of Louisburg gave a most delightful dance on Wednesday night complimentary to the young ladies of the town at the Armory of Co. D. About twenty-five couples participated and music was furnished by the Panacea Orchestra. The occasion was much enjoyed by all present.

A RETURN TO THE SIMPLE LIFE.

Movement Adopted for High Cost of Living Proves Road to Good Health.

"To return to the simple life is a proposition that will be welcomed by everybody that is interested in good health," says the State Board of Health. Continuing it sermonizes thus: "Too long have we been living on the 'fat of the land' and feasting out of the 'flesh pots' with indigestion, constipation and other stomach troubles as the consequence, and if it takes war or the high prices of food to break us away from these things and restore us to the things that are right and good for us, then these are not unmitigated evils."

The movement to return to nature and simple life is the solution offered to the high cost of living problem but health experts and enthusiasts have found it to be the only way of right living or healthful living known to day. They have adopted it as a safe road to health. They say that return to nature means good digestion, sound sleep, a clear head, a placid mind, contentment and joy to be alive.

But first they say it means getting close to nature—living out of doors as much as possible by working, playing and resting in the open air and above all by sleeping in the open air. "Outdoor sleeping is the best life preserver known." It means also going to the garden and orchard for your bill of fare—tomatoes, lettuce, celery, spinach, turnips, beans, corn, peas, melons, berries, apples, peaches, plums, and all other fruits and green stuffs untouched by fire.

The real value of adopting the simple life according to the health experts, lies in the pleasure we find in living it. To do it grudgingly or without knowing and appreciating its benefits, we botch it and fall, but to love health more than appetite and seek it, is to have health, comfort, efficiency and a long life. "Start the simple life—begin it today," is the motto of this health movement.

Our Patriotic Scouts.

The Boy Scouts of Louisburg are a patriotic band, alert to do each his bit for the country. On Tuesday night they held a large and enthusiastic meeting at the Methodist church at which the urgent need of the country for increased food production was carefully considered. The Scout Slogan which has set a very army of boys throughout the land at work. "Every scout to feed a soldier," created great enthusiasm among the young patriots.

Many plans were suggested and it was decided to plant a scout garden on the Harris farm, near Louisburg, which the troop will cultivate in common. The net proceeds from this scout garden will be used for troop purposes.

It was suggested that some of the householders of the town were unable to make gardens because of the scarcity of labor. It was decided that if any one wished to have their gardens worked by the scouts, they would undertake it under the leadership of their patrol leaders. The following plan was adopted. If any one desires workers for their gardens, they will phone Rev. N. H. D. Wilson, who will notify the patrol leader and he will see that willing workers are furnished. A leader will be assigned to each task, and when it is completed he will collect a reasonable fee for the work done. This money will be divided weekly among the scouts.

The plan does not demand that the scouts work for nothing or give what they make to any public cause. It is a movement to help cure the dangerous food shortage. If these plans can be carried out it will be one of the best things which has come to Louisburg. It will mean industrious boys, abundant food supplies here at home, and our part done to help feed the nations and win the war.

If you want your gardens worked then, phone to Mr. Wilson and he will pass the word to the scouts and they will do the rest. The object of the scout movement is to help the community, help the country and help the boy. The scouts are ready to lend a hand.

Mr. J. T. Gattis Dead.

Mr. J. T. Gattis, father of Mr. C. M. Gattis, of this city, died at the home of his son on Nash street early Friday morning from an attack of heart disease. When he retired the night before about 10 o'clock he was in apparently as good health as usual,

but when he failed to arise at his usual time on Friday morning some of the family went to see about him finding him dead in his bed. Apparently death came without a struggle. Mr. Gattis had not been in good health for several months. He was in his 74th year and leaves one son, Mr. C. M. Gattis, of Louisburg, and two daughters, Mrs. A. S. Floyd, of Norfolk, Va., and Mrs. H. G. Ruth, of Warrenton. His remains were taken from here to Raleigh on Saturday, where they were interred in Oaklawn cemetery. The services were conducted by Revs. W. M. Gimore and Dr. Weston Bruner, pastor of the Baptist Tabernacle church, of Raleigh, of which Mr. Gattis was a faithful member.

Quite a large number of friends of the family accompanied the remains to Raleigh. The pall bearers were Messrs. O. Y. Yarboro, G. W. Murphy, W. B. Cooke, C. B. Clarke, Eugene Edens, P. B. Griffin.

Mr. Gattis was a man of a fine disposition which won for him many warm personal friends. He served his country with much credit during the Civil war and was loved for his genuine neighborliness and gentle consideration of his fellow man.

The bereaved family has the deepest sympathy of the entire community.

Harden Warns His People of the Outlook.

Copenhagen, April 30.—Mikhail Harden, Germany's firebrand, writing in his Weekly Die Zuekunft, warns the German people against under rating the effect which America's entrance into the war may have. He deals at length with the "shame pretense and mistakes," of the German government, particularly of the foreign office in its policy towards the United States.

Herr Harden makes the flat charge that Germany's peace proposals last December were not sincere, but were made merely to find, in their rejection, an excuse for unrestricted U-boat warfare. Harden indulges in glowing praise for President Wilson and bitterly criticises Foreign Secretary Zimmermann. He exempts ex-ambassador von Bernstorff from the attacks on Germany's diplomacy and continues:

"What is now needed is not long whimpers for peace, not the insane peace missions of Scheidman, Erzberger and other amateur diplomats, but a bold attempt to recognize again the plain truths of the situation and restore worthy freedom."

Nash Street Defeats Main.

On Friday May 1st, Nash Street defeated Main in a slow and almost uninteresting game of base ball, by the score of 21 to 14. The game was featured throughout by heavy hitting on both sides. Williams, with two home runs in six times at bat featured for Main. Smith for Nash got six hits out of seven times at bat, three of these being triples. In an effort to stop the strong hitting of Nash street, Allen, former pitcher for Main was sent in to relieve Williams. He allowed only 1 hit, this a triple by Smith.

Score by innings: R H MAIN 1 0 0 5 4 0 1 3—14 7 NASH 3 0 0 5 4 0 8 1—21 16 Summary: Hits of Williams 15 to 8 innings; of Allen 1 in 1 inning. Struck out by Williams 9, by Allen 1, by Smith 6. Runs, King 4, Williamson 4, Williams 3, Turner 1, J. Allen 2, Nash 4, Smith 4, Harris 4, Wilson 2, Griffin 3, R. Alston 2, Murphy 1, H. Huck 1. Base on balls of William 2, of Smith 1.

To Beautify Court Square.

We are requested to ask all ladies in Louisburg interested in beautifying Court Square to meet at the Court House on Saturday morning at 11 o'clock and bring with them all the extra flower plants they may have that would add to beautifying the square, such as canna bulbs, Scarlet Sage plants and other pretty varieties. The presence of everybody is especially desired as their help in the arrangements will be of especial advantage.

Members Alumni To Meet.

Resident members of the Alumnae Association are requested to meet at the College to discuss Commencement plans on Saturday afternoon at five o'clock. It is important that all members be present.

The man who never tried has no sympathy for the one who tried and failed.

INCREASE THE ACREAGE OF SWEET POTATOES IN THE SOUTH.

Cost Less to Plant—Produce More Food Per Acre Than Irish Potatoes.

Washington, D. C., May 1st, 1917.—Seed to plant an acre of Irish potatoes cost about \$40 this spring. Seed sweet potatoes will not cost more than \$4 per acre where vine cuttings taken from early-set plants are used. The yield of sweet potatoes per acre is usually greater than that of Irish potatoes and as a food they are as nutritious. Sweet potatoes may be grown throughout the Southern States and, of course, in certain other sections. Specialists in the U. S. Department of Agriculture are urging an increased acreage of this crop wherever it can be easily grown.

Sweet potatoes, it is pointed out, are the South's chief instrument for a quick and effective increase of the food supply. Seed is plentiful; last year's crop was the second largest ever produced. By means of vine cuttings it is possible to plant almost unlimited areas of this crop and at the same time conserve the present supply. That is, a farmer who wishes to plant 10 acres will need seed enough—say 8 to 10 bushels—to get slips for one acre. Vine cuttings from this acre would plant many more acres, plantings being possible until the first of August in the lower South. This system, now widely used in the South, enables the utilization of land from which early potatoes, cabbage, and other truck crops have been taken.

Sweet potatoes are not expensive to grow. The main limiting factor to the production of vast quantities by this plan is labor. Yields from fields set with vine cuttings are as large as from plants grown from slips. This method has the further advantage of preventing the transfer of diseases which are carried in the tubers. The South doesn't need to learn how to grow sweet potatoes, the specialists point out. Farmers know how to produce large yields of this crop. But the farmer must be impressed with the necessity of increasing his acreage of this crop, and then, when harvest comes, to prevent the enormous loss from improper handling and storing. The best way to keep sweet potatoes is to store them in well-ventilated storage houses, not "dugouts." Storage houses should be made ready as soon as possible. In Farmers' Bulletin 548, "Storing and Marketing Sweet Potatoes," instruction for building such houses and for converting old and unoccupied buildings are given.

List of Letters.

The following is a list of letters remaining in the Post Office at Louisburg, N. C., not called for May 4th, 1917:

Mr. J. R. Carroll, Rev. G. W. Cheek, Mrs. Ella Davis, Mrs. S. F. Harris, Mrs. Robert Haze, J. Ellis Jaynes (2), Miss Beatrice Perry, Mr. Handy Perry, Mr. Willie Woodley. Persons calling for any of the above letters will please state that they saw them advertised.

R. H. DAVIS, P. M.

Senate Votes for Using Interned Enemy Ships.

Washington, April 30.—The Senate tonight, by a unanimous vote, passed a resolution providing for the transfer of title and possession of enemy ships in American ports and their use in commerce under direction of the Shipping Board.

Old Soldiers at Justice.

The old soldiers of Franklin and adjoining counties are invited to justice to observe Memorial Day on May 10th, 1917, at 2 o'clock. There will be a lot of good speaking and a nice programme will be rendered. The public is invited to attend.

Confederate Hero Dead.

Kinston, April 30.—Capt. Joe Darden, a noted Confederate veteran and survivor of the immortal six hundred of the Confederacy, died at his home a few miles from here today.

To Deliver Memorial Address.

Hon. William H. Yarborough, Jr., has accepted an invitation from the ladies of Raleigh to deliver the Memorial Address in that city on Thursday, May 10th.

"I made the hit of my life. They printed articles about me as one great statesman who could be depended on not to flibuster."