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COMMISSIONERS MEET

Services of County Agent M. Kinsey—Other Proceedings

County Commissioners met Monday and Tuesday with Ward, Chairman, J. W. and J. D. Willett present. Commissioners discontinued services of County Agent Kinsey. The State Department of Agriculture asked commissioners to increase amount the County was paying towards Mr. Kinsey's salary \$600 to \$1200. The Commissioners considered that the figure of the County would not be doing this, so they ordered Mr. Kinsey that his services would have to be discontinued.

As ordered by the Board, R. Dowdy be allowed \$2 month for the support of son Dowdy.

Following bills were approved and ordered paid:

L. C. Clark, cooking County Home,	\$ 7 50
L. C. Clark, Superintendent County Home,	41 66
Dezern, capturing	10 00
Dezern, 1 day's service inventory Co. Home,	2 00
Telephone Co., telephone service,	13 65
Bros., material and for Gum Springs road,	36 96
Still, capturing one complete,	20 00
Taylor, jailer,	51 00
Morris, capturing still complete,	20 00
Johnson, capturing still complete,	20 00
Crutchfield, capturing one still complete,	20 00
Scott, capturing 3 stills,	30 00
Kelly, work on bridge	15 00
Gilmore, 3 days poller,	9 00
H. Rives, 4 1-2 days work on roads,	5 50
Seagroves, one day pollholder,	3 00
A. Brooks, Coroner, expenses inquest of Dennis Stewart,	29 00
H. Brooks, Coroner, sewing body Mrs. W. A. Cooper,	2 50
Wicks & Eubanks, supplies for court house,	7 67
City Grit, printing and advertising,	36 50
of N. C., registration and poll books,	7 63
Chatham Hdw Co., supplies County Home,	5 85
Ph Riggsbee, capturing still,	20 00
M. Womble, coffin for pauper,	10 00
Williams & McKeithan Lumber Co., lumber,	4 89
Chatham Hdw Co., stove and accessories,	22 25
Alexander & Tyson, supplies for road force,	11 00
C. Moore, freight,	10 30
P. Murchison, supplies road force,	39 61
H. Hancock, capturing still,	15 00
S. Myrle Farrell, services	25 00
C. Poe, salary and postage,	157 50
B. Norwood, salary,	33 33
Chatham Record, printing and advertising,	74 35
L. Johnson, one day as poll holder,	3 00
S. L. Griffin, salary and expenses,	138 83
D. Siler, Solicitor,	24 00
Over Cooper, burial expenses Robt. Cooper,	10 00
Don Burke, burial expenses	

A Runt Pig's Weight

Mrs. J. N. Holt recently killed a 4-months-old shoat that weighed 113 pounds. This may not appear out of the ordinary at first consideration, but the history of the pig shows that it is worthy of recognition. It was a runt, and when only three weeks old it was taken from its mother and raised by Mrs. Holt. Some of her neighbors ridiculed the idea of her trying to do anything with the little pig, which at that time showed no promise of any growth whatever, but Mrs. Holt persisted in her undertaking and successfully raised it to be a sizable porker.

A Marriage at Acme

A pretty wedding took place at Acme, N. C., Christmas morning, the interested parties being Charles E. White, of Lockhaven, Pa., and Miss Nell Rooks Marks, of Acme. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Marks, formerly of Chatham County. The music for the occasion was rendered by Miss Elva Harrington, another former Chathamite.

Moncure School News

The Moncure School opened for the spring term under very favorable circumstances on Monday, Jan. 3rd, after a two weeks' close for the holidays. The school opened promptly at 8:45 a. m. All the pupils were on the grounds in time to enter the line of march, therefore no tardies for the opening day. The number of tardies has been unusually small for the number of pupils enrolled and considering the distance that many have to come. But a special effort will be made to make the number of tardies even less during the spring term. The working spirit among the pupils seems to be excellent, and the teachers are expecting splendid results from the year's work. The ladies of the community are invited to meet at the school building Thursday afternoon, Jan. 13, at 3:30 p. m., for the purpose of organizing a Betterment Association or a Civic League. Everyone who is interested in the welfare of the school and the community is urged to be here promptly at 3:30 p. m.

M. L. U.

There were 5,280 bales of cotton ginned in Chatham County from the crop of 1920 prior to December 13, 1920, as compared with 6,466 bales ginned to Dec. 13, 1919.

Ruth Gordon, a pretty actress but bow-legged, recently had both legs broken below the knee to have them straightened. She will stay in a Chicago hospital for the next three months.

J. E. Burke,	10 00
Chatham Oil and Fertilizer Co. supplies County Home,	9 96
J. J. Womble, 9 days pollholder,	27 00
W. L. London & Son, supplies court house,	6 18
W. L. London & Son, supplies County Home,	20 40
J. C. Lanus, supplies court house,	6 05
Tom Leach, extra help,	5 70
H. S. Storr Co., typewriter supplies,	2 50
H. S. Storr & Co., supplies court house,	9 52
Pound & Moore Co., ledger Edwards & Broughton Co. printing,	20 00
Mrs. W. E. Oldham, funeral expenses W. E. Oldham,	10 00
H. A. Bynum, road work,	10 62

Brick Haven Notes

Corinth, Dec. 25.—A splendid crowd was at the Christmas tree Tuesday night. The house was filled to its capacity and the little folks were all happy because of Santa's generosity. School is dismissed for the holidays until Monday, Jan. 3.

The pupils are much interested in the new health cards received this week. All plan to start the new year by trying to live up the hygiene rules on the cards. By doing so and sending the record to the National Tuberculosis Association a proper reward will be given each child.

We wish to thank the School Committee for the new sand table that has been added to our equipment.

Grace Harrington, one of our last year's pupils, visited school one day this week. She is now living in Graham.

The Program Committee of the Corinth-Brickhaven Community Club announces the following subject and partial program for their next meeting at Corinth, Jan. 7, 1921. Subject, "Old Maids and Old Bachelors." Debate, Resolved, "That Old Bachelors Should Be Taxed to Support Old Maids." Speakers, affirmative: Misses Rosa Mann, Rose Marks, Gayle Mims. Negative: Messrs. Wicker, Koontz Black and Avery Marks. Song, "Old Maids," by some of them. All members are expected to respond to their names at the call with a juoke quotation or original sentiment on the subject.

Victory Medals

It has come to the notice of the War Department that in the great part of the country the people are under the impression that only those soldiers who served overseas are entitled to receive Victory Medals. For this reason the Adjutant General of the Army has shipped 4,500 Victory Medals and 2,500 clasps for service in France to the recruiting officer at Greensboro, N. C., and instructed him to distribute them direct to the ex-soldiers. Medals will be awarded upon presentation of discharge certificates. Applications may be made at the recruiting station in person or by mail. The recruiting officer states that all parties entitled to Victory Medals, whether with or without clasps, should write to him at once, before the present supply is exhausted, and secure an application blank. For convenience the following may be used:

Army Recruiting Officer, Greensboro, N. C.:

Dear Sir: Please send me a Victory Medal application blank. I served in the U. S. Army during the World War as an _____ (state whether enlisted man or officer.) My full name is _____, street and number, postoffice box, rural route _____, city or town and State.

Motor Vehicles

Revised figures show that 142,288 motor vehicles were registered in this State during 1920, fees totalling \$1,785,000. No re-registration or transfer is recorded. Of the total registration, 127,415 were passenger cars, 13,455 were trucks and 1,418 were motorcycles. There are no figures about tractors and chauffeurs. The last set of figures announced gave the total registration as 140,000.

It is said that victims who have had influenza will be immune from it for several years.

Important Meeting

A meeting will be held at the courthouse at one o'clock Tuesday, January 18. Everyone is cordially invited to be present and hear all about the American Products Export and Import Corporation, which has been formed to help move some of the surplus cotton and other products out of this country by selling them to Europe. This country is already operating and is being backed by southern men in every kind of business, and has the endorsement of the Agricultural Dept., The American Cotton Association, the bankers and the other leading men of the State. Information can be obtained from D. L. Alston as to the plan of its operation.

Baldwin Roads

The Baldwin Township roads have just been completed. This township issued \$30,000 worth of bonds, and with this fund 14 miles of roads have been constructed and eleven bridges have been built. Part of these roads have been surfaced.

This road work in Baldwin was in charge of Lancaster & Sons, contractors. From all the reports that we hear, the work has been done very satisfactorily, and meets with the approval of the Baldwin Township road commission in every particular.

Bank Officers

The stockholders of the Bank of Pittsboro met here Tuesday afternoon and elected the following directors for this year: J. B. Atwater, Wade Barber, D. L. Bell, W. M. Eubanks, W. H. Ferguson, James L. Griffin, E. R. Hinton, R. J. Johnson, A. H. London, J. C. Lanus, B. M. Poe, C. D. Moore, B. Nooe, M. T. Williams and L. N. Womble.

The directors then proceeded to elect the following officers for 1921: President, A. H. London; Vice-President, B. Nooe; Cashier, James L. Griffin; and Assistant Cashier, W. L. Farrell.

An Old Time Party

Editor of The Record: At the home of W. A. Ellington, Dec. 30, Miss Lois Ellington gave to 22 little girls of Pittsboro an old time country party. They came on time, dressed in their prettiest, ready for a good time. At 3:15 they were invited into the dining room by Mrs. Nat Hill and Mrs. Jeter Griffin, who handled the children as though they were accustomed to it. Oranges and sugar were served as the first course; second course, peaches, cream and cake; third course, candy, nuts and apples.

I never saw grown girls act more lady like than these did. Not a hitch occurred. Some one is to blame for this. Their mothers and teachers have done their duty.

After the meal, out on the lawn they went and for one hour you never saw children enjoy themselves so much. I went out to see them play. Some one passing asked whose children were they. I told him they were mine. God gives us good things. God bless them. I love the old time parties, don't you. E.

Church Services

Rev. L. Smith, of Fayetteville, will hold services at the Presbyterian Church Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. All are cordially invited to attend.

In the last seven years Ernest Miller, of St. Louis, has been arrested 473 times. He got eight years on his last sentence.

HAS THE COST OF LIVING GONE DOWN?

The cost of living has not gone down. It costs even more to live today than it did one year ago. The new year opened with an accompaniment of rosy forecasts of relief for consumers. There is much basis for hope in the price recessions noted. But the bald fact is today that your dollar bill has no greater purchasing power than in the holidays twelve months ago. Cold figures, compiled with an accuracy that defies contradiction, offer irrefutable proof that the high cost of living remains high. And the wind-jamming of prophets and propagandists, now using the fanciful plea that lowered living costs warrant deep cuts in the wages for which the average man toils, gets no where and is made to look ridiculous. High food cost, or it can be truthfully said, higher food costs, stands out as the main thing that puts a crimp in the public purse.

Review of the year 1920 by government experts shows that within the twelve-month period prices on practically all things considered in the average family schedule rose to unprecedented heights. The high "peak" on many principal staples was reached last spring. There have been some price declines from the "peak" points toward the close of the year. But the price recessions thus far noted are generally upon isolated articles and reflect no wide-spread reductions. In fact, upon most things the consumer has to buy he is paying as much as he did a year ago, and on some commodities he is paying much higher prices. Such price tumbles as have occurred, as for example, on sugar, are conspicuous for their small numbers, but in buying sugar for 10 or 11 cents a pound you are paying just about what you paid for it a year ago—a war price. The scattered instances of price tumbles have been woefully restricted to a group of things that soared to dizzy heights within the year 1920. Generally, then, men and women are still paying "war prices" on practically all they buy, and consumers of every class are being harder hit at every end of the buying game than they were at any time in either the year 1918, when prices began ascending, or in 1919, when threats of still higher prices became real.—W. H. Atkins, Washington Correspondent.

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Henry Menke, a Kensington, W. Va., miner received \$690 for only one month's pay. And still he is not happy.

KILLS BRUTE FATHER

Alta Stewart Shoots Her Father After He Had Nearly Whipped Her to Death

Sunday afternoon, about four o'clock, Alta Stewart, the 18-year-old daughter of Dennis Stewart, colored, shot and killed him at their home about half a mile south of Merry Oaks. Coroner George H. Brooks was notified of the killing and summoning a jury he held an inquest over the dead man. The jury, after all the evidence was in, returned a verdict that the girl was justified in shooting her father.

From what can be gathered it is said that last Friday Stewart, who was about 40 or 45 years old, had some words with his daughter about a trivial matter, and becoming enraged he picked up a stick of wood and knocked her down. That night she ran off to a neighbor's as he had threatened to kill her. Some time Saturday afternoon he hitched his horse to the buggy and said he was going to the mill. He also loaded his pistol remarking that he was also going after his daughter to kill her, and was going to kill the whole family. There were six in the family, but two of his older boys had already left home on account of ill treatment.

While the father was away the daughter went back to her home. When Stewart returned he beat the girl again. In fact, he made her strip and wore out a hickory switch on her body. Not being satisfied with that the brute turned the butt end of the hickory and wore that out on her.

Sunday he beat her again. She asked her brother, who was older than the girl, to help her. About 4 o'clock the father again started to whip her, when the girl's brother came in the house at the front door and spoke to his father, then the infuriated man turned on his son, who ran out the door and around to the rear of the house.

Seeing the gun behind the door the half-crazed girl jerked it up and as the maddened man came in front of the window she fired the load of shot in his back, killing him instantly.

It is said the dead negro bore a very bad reputation and that he killed his wife about three years ago.

New Bank Cashier

Mr. W. E. Alley, cashier of the Farmers Bank here, has accepted a position in a bank at Durham and left last Saturday to take charge. He is succeeded by Mr. C. A. Pool, late cashier of a bank at Dover.

The citizens of Pittsboro hate to see Mr. Alley leave, as he is a man that any town should be proud of. He and his wife will be sorely missed by their absence. Mr. Pool is highly spoken of and will be received with open arms by the citizens here.

Small Fire

The watchman at the Chatham oil mill here Sunday morning about 4 o'clock discovered a blaze among some cotton seed hulls. The alarm was given and in a few minutes a few citizens got busy and the fire was soon extinguished. Very little damage was done. It is not known how the fire originated.

While loading crosstie, Thursday one of them slipped and mashed a finger on Archie Ray's right hand.