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#### COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

#### **Old Board Retires and New Board Enters Upon** Its Labors.

The Board of County Commissioners met on December 2d, the following members being present: R W. Lassiter, Chairman; Ralph Currin, B. I Breedlove, J. N. Tilley, H. C. Floyd,

Minutes of November 4th and 23d read and approved and adjourned sine die

The members elected to serve the county were present and J G Shotwell. Clerk of the Court, administered the oath of office to the new board and to J. B Powell, Register of Deeds.

Upon ballot J. P. Steadman was elected chairman of the board, and A A. Hicks was elected county attor-

ney. T. B. Hill reported the road leading from Virgilina to Person county line in bad condition, and asked the board to have the same repaired.

widen the road to 30 feet beyond Grassy Creek Church.

Ordered that R. A Adcock be appointed a committee to clear out the old road from Andrew Yancey's to E B. Hart's gate, which was later recinded.

seer of Oxford Township. Board adjourned to meet Dec. 3d.

The following resolution was passpublished in the county for two issues | she will soon be well. of said paper, provided the cost of said publication does not exceed one-half a cent per word, as prescribed by law.

S. C. Hobgood, Sheriff, presented his bond in the sum of \$1,000 as required for the collection of unsettled taxes, this issue is one of the strongest ever which was accepted

a new road and location of a new bridge be made by R. P. Coble on the road known as the "Harris road," and

Ordered that the Clerk of the Broad our advertisers. draw an order for the payment of the convict cage and court cost.

Carolina Lyon was ordered put on the outside pauper list \$1 per month. Adjourned to meet Wednesday 4th Ordered that a wood-shed be erected between the Court House and Armory Hall; also have a door with steps from rear of Court House entering wood

yard, and also repair steps at jail. Ordered that the remainder of the columns of the Public Ledger. County Home tract be advertised and to advertise for a new site for County

The constables who failed to give

The county attorney and chairman of the board were appointed a committee to make settlement with the outgoing treasurer, and the sheriff was allowed until the first Monday in Jan-

of the Sheriff. Messrs H. C. Floyd and Z W. Allen were appointed County Home Com-

Messrs. J. P. Stedman, H C Floyd and B. I. Breedlove were appointed Court House and Jail Committee. After allowing a lot of accounts the

the Board adjourned.

of the retiring Chairman be spread upon the minutes:

a County Commissioner, I think it by the first of March. proper on retiring from this office that I recommend to the incoming Board it of the utmost importance that a return. county auditor be employed. The position of auditor I consider of much can be saved in this manner.

and it is necessary to have more than four overseers to the township. The townships are too large and too many roads for so small a number of over-

The county now holds a bond of \$8,000 due by the State for a portion fit to the people, and that our Board acted wisely in the matter, as time way possible, as its importance cannot other county in North Carolina. be overrrated

and during the past four years we prove our county. met with decided opposition in some operation and conscientious work quarters, I am satisfied that we have

## Local Wavelets.

### Events of Interest Gathered Here and There.

Get ready for Christmas.

Dear George, old Santa Claus is comng down the pike.

Buy presents early and make glad he hearts of others.

Patronize home industry. Convert the heathens at home first.

Red Cross Seals will not carry any kind of mail, but any kind of mail will been received at the Library. carry them.

Good hog-killing weather and the in- cold northwest wind, giving us typical dependent farmers are now living nine Christmas weather for the shoppers. days to the week.

The person who always scatters sunshine along his or her way need have M. W Clement was ordered to little fear of the day of judgment.

> No danger in using tobacco, Two Irishmen recently died, aged 119 and 120. The former smoked, the latter did not.

If you have not done so try the elegant slice beef sold by Taylor Bros. as W. J. Currin was elected road over- it is as good as you ever "slapped your

The many friends of Miss Mamie ed: That the Clerk of the Board publish Royster will be gratified to learn that the annual report in some newspaper she continues to improve and we hope

> Work is progressing nicely in rebuilding the Banner warehouse burned a few weeks ago, and Sam Wheeler is making a good job of it.

The statement of Stovall Bank in How is these for heavy weights? made by this institution. This bank Ordered that a survey be made for is always prepared to take care of its

that said road be worked at present, but especially around Christmas time, in the adv. elsewhere in this paper. and the bridge erected as soon as for this is the time people spend their money, so buy your holiday goods from

> the old home among the scenes of his last month 1,110,330 pounds. childhood, and who can find it possible to satisfy that hunger. Oxford's stores have taken on a de-

cided Christmas appearance. We ask you to first extend your trade to those that Mr. Willie Mitchell will be able to Interment in the William Stem burywho ask for your patronage through the sell tobacco on his old floor Monday, ing ground at Stem Tuesday after-

Let us first get rid of the mud in the corporation before we think about taking in more of the sticky stuff as in their bonds were given until the first many instances the people have to next Sunday. The pastor is preach- same on letters during the winter, in-

Dr. Stedman, new Chairman Board of County Commissioners, had rather bad weather to take automobile rides uary to make his monthly statement. over the county inspecting roads and This on account of sickness in family bridges, and found it rather expensive

> We know our readers will wish the Public Ledger a Merry Christmas, and they can make it so by sending us what you owe on subscription. Don't hold it back another day as the silver wheels make the heart glad.

It was ordered that the following continues to be heard on the our ware- raises his own supplies and some to tive: Messrs. F. P. Sherman, A. B. written remarks and recommendations house floors and Oxford tobacco market is drawing the weed in large quanties and prices are still stiff. It is now After four years of active service as said that the 1912 crop will be all sold

some changes and improvements that are constantly reminded of the fact by in my opinion should be passed by visitors who come here, but always in humility, and the expectation of His son, W. S. Gooch and R. W. Mangum. you You should request our Repressay we are behind on streets. A persecond coming in majesty. The Advent At a meeting the previous night the sentative in the Legislature to pass son who goes off and stays a little an act by which all county officers can while sees many remarkable changes be placed on a salary basis and I deem in the looks of this town when they

Col. John Cuningham advises farmore importance than that of county mers to do all the plowing they can treasurer, and I feel sure that much before bad weather sets in. This will number has become a victim to the Miss Mary Eliza Moss, which occurred facilitate early planting in the spring, charms of lovely woman and will soon The present road law should be so He says sow good tobacco seed The quietly be married. Let the members Moss, near Hester last Thursday mornamended that every person liable to Agricultural Department at Raleigh Alley their fears as their faithful road duty shall be required to work will clean tobacco seed free, which will brother has become a leap year victim

> North Carolina has had an automo- and useful present. bile license law for three years, drafted by Secretary of State Grimes, which has proved a good revenue producer. financial worry, greatly lessens the In 1909 there were less than 1,000 au- pleasure af living, but as a customer tomobiles in the State, while now there of the National Bank of Granville and are over 6,000. The revenue to the Oxford Savings Bank you would enjoy quite close to \$15,000 annually.

will prove. I sincerely trust that you more good roads, steel bridges, and will encourage the maintenance and other lasting improvements for the operation of this test farm in every amount of money expended than any

I trust the new Board will continue Knowing that I was elected with the to work and profit by our experience expectation of those who voted for me and improve the situation, as I am izen, passed into the great beyond on land suitable for a Home for the Aged that the Board should make perma- sure they will be able to do and I Tuesday last at the home of his son, and Infirm, not over four miles from D14-tf. nent improvements in the shape of wish to say that I stand ready at any Mr. Rufus Boyd, on Hillsboro street. Oxford, N. C Must have sufficient road building, steel bridges, culvets, and all times to assist you in any way He was aquiet good man and much es- wood to run the place. All com-

R. W. LASSITER. May he rest in peace.

#### Help out a noble cause by buying Red Cross seals

Mayor Brummitt is out again after hog Monday. two days sickness.

Another new cottage has been completed near the Cotton Mills.

Don't forget to attend the Bazaar at the Armory this Tuesday night.

Mr. Fred Phipps, of Route 1, has accepted a position with Currin & Satterwhite in Oxford

Only 11 more days to Christmas. Get busy and do your shopping with home merchants.

We are requested to announce that a lot of new Christmas books have We have a new moon and with it a

Remember, Mr. Farmer, that the Oxford tobacco market will close down the holidays and will resume on the

morning of January 2d. The Art class of the Oxford College will place their work for the fall term on exhibition in the College studio on next Tuesday afternoon from 4 to 6.

Our old friend J. J. Allgood, of Route , is all to the good on meat, as he has just killed two pigs that weighed 350 pounds each, and two at 200 lbs.

each, making in all 1,100 pounds. Mr. W. T. Currin, of Tar River, so far as heard from is the champion hog raiser of the county, as he killed one a few days ago that tipped the beam at 510 pounds and another at 497 lbs.

a suit of clothes, absolutely free, on A man is wise to advertise any time, Christman'night. Read the stipulations

Thirty-three tobacco markets in the State reported sales aggregating 26. 038,129 pounds during November, 1912. Blessed is the man who has a real as compared with 25,938,852 pounds heart hunger to spend Christmas at during November, 1911, Oxford sold

> The Banner Warehouse under the skilled and rapid work of ex-Sheriff Sam Wheeler has risen quickly from the ashes and we are gratifled to state O'Briant which occurred Monday last and ask his old friends to roll in and see him.

services at the Presbyterian church supply of stamps on hand and use the wade through the mud every time it ing a series of sermons from the 12th stead of placing stamps in the box. chapter of Luke, for the morning ser- They are good fellows and will revices, and is assisted by Mr. Pardo ciprocate the favor when they can. and the choir in making the night services evangelistic in character. The public is cordially invited to attend all the services of the church

has found the solution of the race pro- along nicely with the work and is very blem, as indicated by the fact that he favorably impressed with the country. recently sold on the Charlotte market 13 bales of cotton for which he received \$1,086 He likewise disposed of 400 was held in the high school building The merry music of the auctioneer an average of \$130 to the acre. He forbid foreign immigration." Affirma-

thought of the first Coming of Christ were delivered by Messrs. E. A. Jackand beautiful Christmas Day. All are President, L B. McFarland; Secretary,

There is considerable excitement among members of the Bachelors Club owing to the rumor that one of their the four days or pay \$5 in lieu thereof, insure better and more uniform plants and it is their duty to extend their condolence in the shape of a handsome

Worry of any sort, and especially of the County Farm, which transaction | are over 6,000. The revenue to the Oxford State from automobile licenses is now | that peace of mind which comes of | State from automobile licenses is now | that peace of mind which comes of | knowing that your money is absolutely safe here, and that you will be getting 4 per cent interest on it. And to make you still better satisfied read the fine statements on another page.

#### Death of Mr. Boyd.

Mr. James Boyd, one of our aged citcontemplated; and although we have with me on the Board for their co- E. G. Usry in the presence of a large day in January. number of relatives and neighbors.

#### Stem Stemmings.

Mr. L. M. Crymes killed a 420-pound

Mr. Jerome Eakes, of Oxford, spent Sunday with his parents.

Mr. W. S. Cozart, of Route 2, was an Oxford visitor Tuesday.

Mr J. W. Bowling, of Shoo Fly, spent the week end with friends in Durham.

Mr. and Mrs. VassarRoberts, of Route lare on a visit to relatives in Durham. Mr Hal Holman, of Oxford, visited

his brother, Mr. R. D. Holman, last town Wednesday, Messrs. J. H. Gooch and S. J. Hudg-

ins, of Shoo Fly, were in Oxford Mon-

The writer was pleased to meet Professor Gattys, of Creedmoor High School, on our streets Friday. A public musical recital will be

given at the high school building on after the sales on December 20th for Friday evening, December 20th. Mrs. W. D. Thomasson and daugh-

ter Miss Ruth, of Oxford Route 6, returned from Durham last week. Mr. C. J Turner, of Oxford, was the

guest of his daughter, Mrs. J. T. Over-The public invited to visit the exhibi- by, of Oxford Route 6, last week. Mrs. S. W. Bowman and Miss Jesse

Stem, of Route 3, visited their uncle, Mr. T. H Stem, of Creedmoor, Sunday. Mrs. Charles Wheeler, of Darlington,

S. C, is on an extended visited to her mother, Mrs. S E Montague, of Tar River section. Miss Clare Daniel, of Oxford College, and Miss Rebecca Southern, of

Durham, spent the week-end with Miss

May Stem, on Route 2. In order to advertise the Oxford A good many large hogs were killed Bargain House—the new store in front last week during the hot weather, and

of the post office-they will give away possibly some of it will spoil if great precaution is not observed. The incoming pastor of Granville

> J. B. Mayes Monday night. Mr. Carrol Dickerson, who has been at his home near Dickerson for the past two weeks on account of the illness of his brother, visited friends in

> Stem Sunday. We regret to note the death of the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. W. C.

The Rural carriers would appreciate There will be the usual Sabbath it if patrons on their routes would keep

The many friends of Mr. Logan H. Umstead, formerly of Route 1, who recently went to California to superintend a large tobacco farm for the Sam Powell, a Mecklenburg negro, American Tobacco Company, is getting

The first public debate of the season bushels of seed for \$1 50 a bushel or last Friday night on the subject, "Re-\$600. His sale aggregated \$1686 or solved that the United State should Suit and L. B. McFarland; negative, Rassie Stem, Roy W. Giles and E A. The service for the third Sunday in Franklin. The speeches showed care-Advent will be held in St Stephen's ful preparation and many favorable Church on Sunday night at 7:45 oclock. comments have been heard. The de-From time immemorial the month of cision of the judges was 2 to 1 in favor Oxford is improving rapidly and we December has been dedicated to the of the affirmative. Volunteer speeches season is preparatory to the solemn society elected the following officers: F P. Sherman; Marshall, A. L. Suit Chaplain, Carrol O'Briant; Critic, Prof. . B. Vernon.

We regret to learn of the death of at the home of her brother, Mr James She was in the eightieth year of her age, and was never married. For the last several year she had made her home with her brother. Mr. James Moss, of Hester, Besides him she leaves too sisters, Mrs. Zack Perry, of Tar River, and Mrs. Charles Grissom, who lives near Pleasant Grove church. Miss Moss was a conistent member of Bank's Chapel church and died firm in the christian faith. The funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon by Rev M. D. Giles at the home of her brother, after which her remains tract. This property is in two lots were laid to rest in the old Mitchell burying ground near Hester. The sympathy of this community goes out to the bereaved ones.

WANTED-To purchase a track of

The Board of Commissioners. D14-tf) By J. B. POWELL, Clerk. visit to Oxford for this year.

# Personal Notes.

#### Coming and Going of friends and Strangers.

Mr. James Ellis, of Route 5, was in Oxford Thursday.

Mr. Lucius Currin, of Wilton, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. J. M Phipps. of Route 1, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. W. A. Moss, of Hester, was in Oxford Thursday.

Mr. C. H. Mize, of Hester section, was in town Thursday. Mr. W. W. Phelps, of Henderson, is

visiting friends in Oxford. Mr. W. L Taylor, of Stovall, was in

town Thursday afternoon. Mr. Willie Harris, of Stem section

was in town Wednesday. Mr. W. M. Pittard, of Bullock, was

town visitor Wednesday. Mr. W. J. Webb, of Tally Ho, was

on our streets Wednesday. Mr. Paul Q. Bryan was in Raleigh

on legal business Wednesday. Mr. Charles Wheeler, of Providence,

The attractive Miss Mattie Ferebee has returned from a visit to relatives in Eastern Carolina.

was on our streets Wednesday.

#### Northside Nuggets.

village, the guest of Mrs. S. J. Lyon.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Aiken spent Sunday with relatives at Creedmoor

Mr. John Chappel, of Durham, is at

Circuit, Rev. M. D. Hix, will reside in his father's, on Route 2, quite sick with Durham. He was the guest of Mr. typhoid fever. Miss Alma Thomasson was the guest of friends in the Olive Grove neigh-

borhood Sunday. Miss Electa Loyd and sisters have moved to the Henry Jones home place beyond Creedmoor.

The convict camp has moved to the Dutchville road and will work in that section through the winter.

Misses McGhee and Florence Aver-

rett, of Creedmoor, were the guests of Miss Maggie Wheeler, of Route 2 Saturday night. Married at the home of Mr. M. L

Coley Saturday night, December 7,

Emma Walker, of Lyon. Dr. R. G. Rogers and family were out driving in this little town a few days ago and had a break down. Dr. Holloway towed them back to Creed-

The Automatic Fire Alarm. Nothing of special importance engaged the attention of the Town Commissioners at their regular monthly meeting last Tuesday night except routine work. The question of installing an automatic fire alarm, which

mell at the risk of life and limb An opportunity to lay in bargains. Read automatic fire alarm, with its rhyth- their adv. in this paper. mical sounds, would have told these people approximately the location of the fire without leaving their seats. volves a loss fifty times greater than the cost of an automatic fire alarm.

#### FOR SALE.

The remainder of the County Home One contains 75 and other 678 acres. Will be glad to receive bids for this property, but reserve the right to re- examining eyes and fitting glasses. Dr. ject any and all bids. Bids must be Rosenstein does not need an introducsealed, and to be opened first Monday tion to the people of this city or counin January, 1913.

The Board of Commissioners, J. B. POWELL, Clerk.

etc., from the beginning I felt it our possible and wish you success in every- teemed by all who knew him. He had munications to be addressed to J. P. stein, the Eye Specialist of Durham, fail to see him next Tuesday, Decem-DON'T FAIL to see Dr. N. Rosenduty to do all I could along that line, thing that will tend to uplift and im- been in bad health many months and Stedman. Chairman Board County Tuesday. December 17, at Oxford for his death was not unexpected by his Commissioners. Reserve the right to your glasses he can and will fit your have expended \$140,000 to bring In conclusion I wish to sincerely family. The funeral took place Wed-reject any and all lands offered. All eyes with gias es that will give you a about the permanent inprovements thank my friends who have served nesday afternoon conducted by Rev. bids sealed. To be opened first Mon- merry Christmas, and his glasses are Almonds and Pecans. We have a big rendered. This is Dr. Rosenstein's last supply your Christmas wants

# SUPREME COURT DECISION.

#### **Long Standing Case of Oxford Seminary Finally Settled Favorable to School.**

The Supreme Court of North Carolina has handed down their decision in the case of the Corporation Commission against the Oxford Seminary Construction Company, or plainly against Oxford College. Last year the the Commission placed this school on Mr. R. H. O'Brien, of Route 5, was in the tax list, though for 60 years it or its predecessor had been exempt by successive General Assemblies. An appeal was taken and argued by Gen. B. S. Royster for the College before Judge Carter, who held with the Construction Company. The case was appealed to the Supreme Court, and a brief was prepared by Gen. Royster, who with Col. F. P. Hobgood, Jr., of Greensboro, argued the case some two months ago Because of the importance of the case the decision has been eagerly expected; and President Hobgood is rejoicing because the Corporation Commission and Judge Carter were over-ruled, and the College, which for 60 years has been doing a blessed work in the education of girls is free from taxation There are a dozen or more colleges in the State that share the same blessings of the decision. We had feared that an adverse decision would be handed down, thereby impeding education, but we rejoice that these schools, which do not receive aid from the State, can go on untrameled by taxation.

#### Took Them at Their Word.

That everybody has "Christmas in their bones" at this season of the year is well illustrated at the big stores of Cohn & Son. When the little people Miss Lily Beck, of Route 2, is in the saw the picture of the doll, as advertised on the fourth page of this paper, they said, 'come on mother," and seeing so many happy, satisfied customers Mr. Cohn telegraphed for more dolls, and the sale will be continued Monday and Tuesday, so as to give everybody a chance at the many bargains in store for them.

### A Chance for Boys and Girls.

The Oxford Savings Bank and Trust Company extends an invitation to boys and girls that means so much to them that they should thoroughly inyestigate the proposition. There is now on deposit in this bank 50 cents for every child who complies with the stipulation as set forth in the advertisement of this bank, found on the last page of this paper. A word to the wise is sufficient.

# Citizen's Bank of Creedmoor

The Citizen's Bank of Creedmoor is steadily growing, and its officers de-Mr. Lewis Inge, of Virginia, and Miss serve much praise for the courtesies they extend to their patrons. Whether the amount is large or small the depositor, whether farmer, merchant, corporation, man, woman or child, they will be nicely cared for by this very solid and reliable banking house. Read the statement of this bank elsewhere in this paper, and an invitation is extended to prospective depositors to call or write for valuable information

From Now Until Christmas. The store of Perkinson-Green Company is a busy place these days. From has engaged the attention of the Com- now until January they will sell coat missioners for some time, was defeated suits for one-half, and the same gen-It is to be regretted that the Com- erous reduction applies to millinery. missioners viewed the importance of men's and boys' suits and overcoats. an automatic fire alarm with so little It is a policy of this well-known firm concern. The stampede at the Opera to mark down everything in their store House, as told in the Public Public at this season of the year in order to Ledger of recent date, demonstrated avoid carrying the goods over. To very forcibly the need of just such an fully realize the force of this markalarm system as the Commissioners down sale go to their store and pick rejected. The people who were at the out any article that was marked \$25 Opera House on the evening in ques- heretofore, and ask the clerks the tion were startled when the fire alarm price of it now and he will tell you that sounded because they could not tell \$12.50 is the mark down price. When how close at hand or in what direction the Perkinson-Green Company anthe fire was located, and as a result bounce a reduction the shoppers are they rushed down the long steps pell always eager to avail themselves of the

#### OPERA HOUSE.

Manager Poytress has secured the The Commissioners did a wise thing Lemuel & Mark's Comedy Company when they ordered fire escapes placed for one week, beginning Monday, Deat the Opera House, but the automatic cember 16 This company has been fire alarm is of vast more importance. playing to packed houses in Hender-When it comes to the question of son for the past week. Good singing, fire, the very best and most accurate dancing and music every night. They methods should be employed. A half open with a minstrel first part Monminute in time lost at a fire often in- day night---six star performers take part in this opening play; full two hours program and the pieces are popular--children 15 c.; adults 25c.

TUESDAY, DEC. 17 AT OXFORD.

Dr. N. Rosenstein, of Durham, will be at Oxford Tuesday, December 17th, at the Exchange Hotel for the purpose of ty. He has been fitting their eyes for the past 10 years. If your neighbor has a good pair of glasses which fit their eyes you may rest assured they ber 17th, at the Exchange Hotel.

very remarkable in price for service lot of nuts, candies and fruits. We can

J. G. HALL.