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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

The County Solons Meet and Transact Much Important Business.

The honorable Board of County Commissioners met on March 31, with the following members present: Messrs J. P. Steadman, Chairman; H. C. Floyd, Z. W. Allen, J. N. Tilley, B. I. Breedlove. The minutes of last meeting was read and approved.

Mr. J. N. Tilley was instructed to have the bridge rebuilt at Veazey's ford, providing there be no cost for damage for road bed or soil for road approaching.

It was ordered that the Stem, Shoe Fly and Culbreth road be built according to the wishes of the people in that section. The people requesting said road to pay for the survey.

It was ordered that a road be built, beginning at or about the intersection of the road from Youngsville leading to Granville county line near Good Hope Church, then across the lands of J. V. Winston, S. M. Moss, J. F. Sandford, who agree to have the road constructed, the county paying for the lands of W. Z. Mitchell and Z. E. Lyon, the road to be known as the Moss and Winston road, said road not to cost the county but over \$50 dollars.

Charles Johnson was ordered put on outside pauper list at \$1 per month. Ordered that J. R. Wood be paid \$4 for burial of Charles Philpot, an outside pauper.

Ordered that Fortune Chandler be placed on outside pauper list at \$1 per month. Rody Harris was ordered paid \$3, she having a family in destitute condition.

The bill providing for the removal of the home for the aged and infirm was opposed by the Board of Commissioners and ordered to be sent to the Legislature with the following exceptions: Z. W. Allen and H. C. Floyd voting against the bill. Will Stem was exempted from road duty for 1913 on account of physical disability.

Henry Garrett was granted rebate of \$2 for poll tax. R. M. Pittard was ordered paid \$6.40 for soil taken from his lot at Bullock for public road.

Chairman Steadman and Attorney Hicks settled with A. E. Bobbitt, County Treasurer.

Ordered that the Sheriff summons a jury of three disinterested free holders to assess damage to lands crossed by the new road from the Hillsboro road to the Durham county line.

The following jurors were drawn for the May term of Granville County Superior Court:

FIRST WEEK.
R. G. Stem, W. H. Whitaker, B. F. Hicks, Dock Daniel, G. H. Clayton, D. C. Chappell, L. D. Backwell, W. B. Sizemore, J. C. Currin, J. A. Hartzell, J. W. Franklin, J. L. Clark, H. N. Huff, C. C. Tippitt, Jas. Mangum, F. L. Thomasson, C. S. Frazier, W. H. Washington, O. W. Jones, H. M. Gillis, W. C. Brooks, J. H. Newton, W. H. Smith, H. C. Thomasson, F. W. Patillo, J. W. Hunt, J. L. Bobbitt, C. G. Sanford, R. A. Daniel, Samuel Webb, J. R. Perkinson, C. S. Chandler, J. G. Morton, R. T. Averett, W. G. Dickson, Thos Blalock.

SECOND WEEK.
E. L. Parham, W. M. Clement, Norman Breedlove, G. W. Curria, C. C. Curria, J. M. Tillotson, C. E. Lyon, J. H. Puckett, J. A. Royster, R. G. Rogers, E. L. Frazier, R. I. Mulich, A. D. Pitts, Martin Vaughan, F. A. Freeman, R. J. Jeffreys, S. L. Moss, J. A. Catlett.

Mr. Walter Hobgood Hurt.

Mr. Walter Hobgood, a brother of Sheriff Hobgood, while trimming a tree at his home on Route 1 a few days ago, came near losing his life. He climbed the tree, and while perched on a limb with an axe in his hand, he struck a rotten bough, which was not sufficiently solid to arrest the blow of the axe, and as a result the arm was momentarily relaxed and in the circular swing the point of the blade struck Mr. Hobgood on the neck just below the right ear. The blood began to flow freely, and realizing the danger he called for help and a doctor was instantly summoned. Mr. Hobgood experienced no pain, but when the doctor reached him life was almost extinct from the loss of blood. He is regaining his strength, we are glad to say.

Hand Badly Mashed.

Mr. C. C. Mangum, who resides near Salem church, had the misfortune one day recently to get his hand badly lacerated under the most peculiar circumstances. He was planting a post, which was being forced down by a heavy sledge. Mr. Mangum was kneeling down, guiding the post, and when it had been sunk to a sufficient depth he called a haul, and reaching up he placed his hand on top of the post just in time to receive the last blow of the descending hammer. One finger was mashed off and the hand was badly lacerated. Mr. Mangum is one of the best farmers in the Salem church community, a Christian gentleman, and much sympathy is felt for him.

FARM FOR RENT—With new cottage 1/4 of a mile from Oxford and a good location for a truck farm. Good land. [Feb 8-21]

SHORT LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

About People and Things That Are of Interest to Our Readers.

"Something we must do," how is it with you?

A new boy has arrived at the home of Mr. J. E. Jackson on Broad street.

Every day the devil marks out a new short cut to save you time in reaching his place of business.

A "peanut politician" is a man who thinks he knows it all and opens his mouth at the wrong time.

You can stick your gaffs in us if you will, but we will fight for the upbuilding of town and county still.

All lovers of good drinks are asked to read the advertisement of Meadows & Newton in another part of the paper.

It is claimed that after a married man begins to run around at night it is only a matter of time until he exceeds the speed limit.

All the roads leading out of Oxford are full of holes and should receive the attention of the overseers for the benefit of the traveling public.

Those who seem to know something about it say the macadam put down on Gilliam street will gradually come up as it was not rolled enough.

Mr. H. E. C. Bryant, called "Red Buck", and brother of Senator Victor Bryant of Durham, becomes Washington correspondent of News & Observer.

Rev. Thomas Trott, of Durham, conducted the services in the Episcopal Church Wednesday night and preached an interesting and comforting sermon.

When you get "our goat" do us the kindness to leave us the hide as a reminder that its body once trod the earth, but become too old to be of any service.

Mr. J. W. Hester, a talented young lawyer of Hester, has hung his shingle out in Oxford and may he climb to fame in his profession, is the wish of the Public Ledger.

Messrs. Will Fleming and A. A. Chapman have bought from Mrs. Carrie Wilder her large farm near Oxford, and will cut it up in small farms. See advertisement elsewhere in this paper.

Mr. Jesse Overton, the 7th and the youngest industrious son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Overton, of Route 6, was in town Thursday and rode home in one of Long-Winston Co's attractive buggies.

Clean up! Don't forget that next week, beginning Monday, March 10th, will be observed as Clean Up Week in Oxford. Let everybody get busy and help sustain Oxford's health reputation.

There will be a Special Communication of Oxford Lodge, No. 396, A. F. & A. M., on Monday night, March 10th, for work in the Second Degree. All members who can be requested to be present. T. S. Waller, Sec'y.

We are indeed a great people. We abuse our public officials because they spend money and we abuse them because they don't. They can't be guilty of both, and much depends on what is done and how it's done.

The ground hog had good reason for flicking. It is the first time in about 20 years since a Democratic President has been inaugurated, and his ground hog-ship, like some humans, forgot his job and celebrated, and we are glad.

Owing to the prevalence of measles and other sickness the schools have been small for the past month, but the attendance is increasing rapidly. Some schools have closed and both teachers and scholars did good work during the term.

Our young and promising friend, B. K. Lassiter, has moved his law office up over the First National Bank, and we are much gratified to learn he is building up a practice, as the "old man" loves to see young men do well.

The venerable and aged O. R. Smith, a Mexican war veteran, passed away at his home in Henderson on March 3 at a ripe old age. He was known as a bright mind and strong character and an entertaining conversationalist. May he rest in peace.

Now is the finest old time, And this is the finest old world; The fiddles, and set them to rhyme; The flags, be sure they are unfurled! Now is the greatest old age, And this is the greatest old land; The dance, in its dreaming engage; Change partners, give us your hand!

A Children's Service will be held in St. Stephen's Church on Tuesday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock. The address will be made by Rev. I. W. Hughes, of Henderson, and Associate Commissioner of Sunday School work in the Diocese of North Carolina. All are cordially invited to be present at this meeting.

A new tin roof now adorns the Odd Fellows building.

The improvements to Long Co. stores are about completed.

Dr. B. K. Hays is making needed improvements to his residence.

Mrs. C. D. Ray, who has been sick, is out again to the joy of her family and friends.

Ye chicken raisers are asked to read the advertisement of R. Bowden, the white Plymouth Rock raiser, on another page.

Be sure and read the important change in the advertisement of the National Bank of Granville on the 4th page and extend the "Old Reliable" your business.

The State may pass laws providing for six months school term and compulsory attendance, but the problem of education, lies with the superintendent, teachers, county and the district.

Messrs. John A. Williams, L. V. Henderson, E. D. Fowler and A. C. Mellicampe are being made Masons by the Oxford Lodge, and we hope that the "Goat", which they fear, will not disfigure any of these excellent gentlemen in their search for mysteries unknown.

Mr. J. Y. Crews, of Tar River, and the bright and attractive Miss Annie Crews were happily married at the home of the bride's father, Mr. Herbert Crews, near Watkins, on Wednesday morning, and left over the Seaboard Road for a Northern trip followed by the best wishes of a host of friends.

"Let us put by pretention, 'Tis that makes living cost— And with it so much enjoyment, Such honest pleasure is lost This trying to do as the Smiths do, And to live as the Browns live—fie! Let's stick to our own condition And be ourselves, though we die!

Dr. L. V. Henderson mourns the death of a dear sister, which occurred last Friday at the home of her brother, Dr. T. B. Henderson, of Boykins, Va., where she was visiting when taken sick. She was Mrs. A. G. Rowell, of Lynchburg, Va., and greatly beloved by all who knew her. We extend much sympathy to Dr. Henderson and the other members of the family in the loss they have sustained.

Death of Old Citizen.
On Friday, the 28th of March, the Death Angel visited the home of Mr. A. W. Montague and called him to go up higher and become an inmate of a home of many mansions and be forever at rest Mr. Montague was stricken with paralysis and passed away amid the tears of a loving family. He lived in the Shady Grove neighborhood highly esteemed by all who knew him; he was a good citizen, a gallant old soldier and answered the last roll call at the age of 71 years. He leaves a wife and 8 children, 3 daughters and 5 sons, to mourn his demise.

The funeral services were conducted at the home by Rev. E. G. Usry and largely attended, and the interment was in the family graveyard.

May the Blessed Redeemer comfort and sustain his loved ones in their sad bereavement.

How is This One?

Editors Public Ledger:—There are so many tickets already in the field for Mayor and Board of Commissioners that one more cannot hurt. How would following persons suit? In some respects I think it stronger than any suggested so far:

For Mayor—Hillman Cannady, the man that believes in doing things, as everybody knows where he stands.

For Commissioners—N. N. Cupp, W. H. Britt, C. H. Breedlove, E. G. Crews, C. D. Elmore, T. Lanier and John A. Williams.

I think we badly need experienced and aggressive man for Mayor—one who will take the office from motives of real public welfare and not as a means of advertisement and political advancement only. If for any specific reason the Mayor should be a lawyer interchange T. Lanier and Hillman Cannady. BONE FIDE TAXPAYER.

Mr. J. R. Hall's Leg Broken.

The citizens of this entire community were startled Tuesday evening to learn that our much esteemed townsman, Mr. John R. Hall, was hurt by jumping from a buggy down near Tar River station. Mr. Hall had gone to the county on business, and was at the time of the accident riding with Mr. Herndon Moore, a mail carrier, who was not on duty at the time, and going down a long hill the horse picked up speed, which they were unable to check. Mr. Hall, believing it to be the part of wisdom to jump, sprang out over the wheels, sustaining a broken leg. As soon as Mr. Moore was able to check the speed of the horse he went back and assisted Mr. Hall to the home of Mr. Albert Crews. Dr. S. H. Cannady was called and he hastened to the side of Mr. Hall and remained with him over night, and returning to Oxford with his patient at noon the following day. The Hall home on Spring street is the scene of many anxious inquiries, but Dr. Cannady assures the many friends of the popular family that his patient is resting nicely.

Northside Nuggets.

Fleming Bros. of Benehan, have purchased a Maxwell car.

Miss Isabelle Coley is recovering from an attack of pneumonia.

Mr. Ralph Currin, of Route 1, was a Creedmoor visitor Saturday.

Mrs. S. F. Coley, of Wendell, is visiting relatives in this neighborhood.

Mrs. Maggie Stallings, of Creedmoor, visited relatives on Route 2 Sunday.

Mr. Pete Dixon of the road force, spent Sunday with his family near Wilton.

Master Roy Loyd, of Wendell, is on a visit to his grandfather, J. D. Cash, of Route 1.

Mrs. Graham Daniel, and children of Lyon, spent Saturday night with Mrs. Mildred Wheeler.

Dr. and Mrs. R. G. Rogers, of Creedmoor, took supper with Dr. Holloway's family Wednesday night.

Miss Alice Veazey, one of our teachers is spending the week with her parents near Stem. Miss Veazey is recovering from measles.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Tilley, of Fuquay Springs, are receiving congratulations upon the arrival of a little girl at their home. Mr. and Mrs. Tilley are from Granville.

A Small Blaze.

An alarm of fire was turned in this (Friday) morning at 11 o'clock and the firemen hastened to the office building of Carolina Power and Light Company only to find that some inflammable trash in rear of the building was burning. The firemen desire us to call attention to the town ordinance enjoining horses and vehicles not to impede their progress to the fire, as was done on this occasion, under penalty of arrest and fine.

Spring Opening.

The Long Company announce elsewhere in this paper the arrival of the latest and best creations obtainable in the markets of the world. The stock is very extensive and covers everything to adorn and beautify women and children from head to foot. Their millinery this spring is shown to advantage by a lady artist fresh from the fashion centers of the north. The men's furnishings department exhibits careful and painstaking efforts to please big and little men.

Earley Spring Showing.

Of all that is newest and best from the great fashion centers of New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore and the best from each is found at Landis & Easton. This stock embraces colored wash fabrics, plain and novelty silks, coats suits and ready to wear. Miss Bailey has returned to Oxford and again has charge of the millinery department of Landis & Easton, where she has been for several seasons to the pleasure of the ladies. Miss Ethel Clement, one of our fine ladies, is again her assistant. See the adv. of this popular store elsewhere in this paper.

Death of William Cutts.

Last Saturday evening, at Stovall, the death angel visited the home of Mr. William Cutts and took therefrom the devoted husband and father. He had only been sick eight days, pneumonia being the cause of death. Mr. Cutts was twice married, the first time to Miss Margurite Shotwell, who died several years ago. To the first marriage two boys and two girls were born, all whom are living. The second time he married a Miss Lola Hicks, and to them eight children were born, of which six and a mother survive. One brother lives in the West, and the other one at Chase City, and two sisters survive. When a young man he professed religion and joined Island Creek Baptist church, and for a number of years was a faithful member of that church, later moving to Stovall and uniting with the Baptist church at that place, and at the time of death was a deacon of the church and superintendent of the Sunday school. As an officer in the church none could excel him in promptness and having their heart in the work; he was want to teach by precept and example. His whole joy and pleasure was in doing good to his fellowman; no one could converse with him without feeling a touch of his greatness and goodness; he was charitable and loved to do the will of God, and to the sick he was a friend, and it was his great delight to minister to their wants. If everyone for whom he did some loving kindness bring a blossom to his grave he would sleep to-day beneath a wilderness of flowers.

Mr. Cutts was interested in all public questions, and if the measure was for the betterment of his county no one could advocate its merits more than he. There was nothing common in him, and one could always rely upon any statement he might make. He was open, brave, and courageous and loved freedom. As a husband and father he was true, loving and kind, and took a peculiar pleasure in making his home a place of peace and happiness. He was a hard working man and providid well for his family. The deceased was about fifty years of age. FRIEND.

MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE

Personal Items About Oxford Folks and Their Friends In General.

Mr. C. A. Gregory is at home from Kentucky.

Mr. Fred Currin, of Enon, was in Oxford Thursday.

Mr. F. L. Currin, of Route 6, was in town Thursday.

Mr. Joe Green, of Franklinton, was our streets Thursday.

Mr. Charles Bowling, of Tar River, was in town Thursday.

Mr. J. H. Sherman, of Person county, was in town Thursday.

Miss Washington, of Stem, was on our streets Friday morning.

Mr. C. M. Lawrence, of Creedmoor section, was in town Thursday.

Major Will Landis attended the inauguration of President Wilson.

Dr. Richard Gregory, the surveyor of Stovall, was in town Thursday.

Mr. Eugene Crews returned to Oxford a few days ago from the South.

Mrs. W. H. Cheek, of Henderson, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. S. Hall, on Spring street.

Miss Margurite Cannady has closed her school at Bank's Chapel and returned to Oxford.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lyon, a popular young couple, were among the Oxford visitors Friday.

Miss Meta Rowland, of Tyler, Texas, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. J. M. Currin, on High street.

Mr. Bernard Cozart, of Tally Ho township, was in Oxford Friday returning from the Inauguration.

Mrs. George Carr, of Durham, and mother, Mrs. Carey Hunt, of Enfield, are visiting Mrs. Sam Parker on Front street.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Long and little daughter, of Richmond, are spending the week in Oxford to the pleasure of their numerous friends.

Messrs. C. J. Roberts, J. B. Fowler and F. B. Veazey, three excellent citizens of Knap of Reeds, were on our streets Thursday afternoon.

Rural Route News.

It was my great pleasure to meet with the Virginia carriers in Clarksville Feb 22d. I met the R. F. D. men from Boydton, Chase City, Virginia, Union Level and other points. We had two business sessions during the day. The boys over there are fine fellows and up to date carriers. Mr. Chas. W. Walker was president and Mr. Wm. Epes the secretary-treasurer. Both of these gentlemen are carriers from Chase City, and both were re-elected at this meeting. Mr. Sam Davis, the great hardware man and his place of business seems to be the center of attraction at Clarksville. He paid special attention to the carriers and showed them over his immense store. The carriers over there were specially nice to me; they elected me honorary member of the association, and entertained me at the best hotel. They will meet at same place on next labor day, and have sent invitations to more of the North Carolina boys to come.

The R. F. D. carriers from Granville, Vance, Warren and Halifax counties will meet at Norlina, May 30th. Boys, turn out without excuse and let us take every carrier into the association.

D. N. HUNT, Chaplain, Rural Letter Carriers Association, of North Carolina, Oxford, N. C.

MILLINERY OPENING.

The Long Company extends an invitation to the ladies throughout this section to be present at their millinery opening Friday, March 14th, when the most recent designs will be exhibited. A lady from the fashion centers of the north is in charge of the millinery department.

SALE OF SIX HUNDRED ACRES OF VALUABLE TOBACCO LAND APRIL 12TH.

We are now cutting up the Wilder farm, located two miles from Oxford on the Raleigh road. We are cutting it into tracts containing from 50 to 150 acres and will sell them at auction at the Court House in Oxford April 12th. Terms 1/3 cash; balance in 1, 2 and 3 years. For further information see the undersigned.

W. H. FLEMING, A. A. CHAPMAN, Feb 8-11.]

SPRING OPENING.

Mrs. T. Lanier has returned from the northern markets and will have her spring opening on Friday, March 14th, when there will be exhibited all of the news and most fashionable styles in millinery. Miss Gilmer, of Baltimore, who is an experienced and artistic trimmer, and also Mrs. Murray (nee Miss Harrison) will be with Mrs. Lanier this season.

LOST—A silver Belt pin with monogram "B H G" Reward if returned to this office. 1tpd

MR. CALVERT'S LETTER.

He Writer Interestingly of Town Affairs, As He Sees It.

EDITORS PUBLIC LEDGER:

I ask space to discuss one of the four claims made by Mr. Brummitt in his letter in defense of the present Board of Commissioners. "A new contract for lights has been made reducing the price paid for arc lights from \$75 to \$60 per year, and from \$25 to \$18 per year for incandescents, and these without working what might have been a practical confiscation of the plant already here."

Does Mr. Brummitt think that confiscation is the usual procedure in such a case and does he still fail to see that such an action would have brought everlasting disgrace on the town. Twenty-five thousand dollars of bonds, each bearing the name of Oxford, and scattered from Massachusetts to Texas, would have been wiped out and would have given the town an advertising that would never have been forgotten.

But small thanks to him and to the Board that this was not done, or that the town is not still paying the higher prices for lights. The Board voted unanimously, if I am not mistaken, to grant the Carolina Power and Light Company all they asked. 60 years franchise, same old prices; no restrictions on the use of streets, not even a forfeiture clause to make them give their franchise in a reasonable time or give it up. This admirable document was all signed and sealed and ready for delivery. I believe. Only one member of the Board was absent from this meeting, and he rightly made vigorous protest on his return, but without avail. The thanks of the town that they are not now saddled with this are due to the stockholders and friends of the Electric and Water Companies, who stirred up enough public protest to get it annulled and one containing reasonable terms and restrictions granted in its place.

The Board is now pursuing the same shortsighted policy with the Water Company, but the result is going to be different. When the Water Company goes broke the town is going to have to dig down into its breeches pocket and build its own plant, for no philanthropic corporation is going to come along and beg to be allowed to put its dollars within reach of the Greensboro decision.

I for one am in favor of an administration of men trained in business, and I quite agree with you that the people are entitled to see published quarterly statements of how their money is spent. Keeping the town's accounts in the Board's minute book doesn't sound very business like. To find out yearly amount spent on horse-feed does one have to go through minute book for the entire year and pick out each item? I don't think many will accept the invitation to go through the books with Mr. Hines. I know from the following two examples that other records are in just as bad shape:

1st. The town and the Water Company entered into a supplementary agreement providing for automatic flush tanks for the sewers to take the place of flushing with the fire hose as provided in the franchise. On taking charge of the company nearly two years ago I was unable to find any copy of this agreement. I asked the Board for a copy and they admit they have none. I have been after them for nearly a year to draw up a new agreement so that we may know what is required but have so far been unable to get any action in the matter.

2d. The town pays for 63 fire hydrants. I have found there are actually 64 installed. On July 1st I wrote the Board to this effect and asked them to verify the count that we might amend our bill accordingly. To this we have never had even the courtesy of a reply. It appears that there is no record of the number and locations of the hydrants installed.

The Board is of course not responsible that this state of affairs existed when they took office, but they certainly are responsible—as in a lesser degree every citizen of Oxford—for allowing them to continue, and if they had been men of business experience they would not have allowed them to continue. I have nothing against any individual member of the Board. Personally I like every one of them and have had only pleasant relations with them, but as a body I disagree with Mr. Brummitt's claim that they are men of sound business judgment and that they have done the best possible with the means available. Oxford can and should do better.

R. C. M. CALVERT, Mgr. Oxford Water Co.

ROBE LOST—I lost my buggy robe, with a dog and deer on it, near Ben Adcock's. Finder will be rewarded by returning it to this office.

JUST RECEIVED—Second shipment of Garden Seed, also Irish Cobler and Red Bliss Seed Potatoes from Aroostook county, Maine. See or Phone me for seed. [Feb. 8-11] F. F. LYON.

FOR SALE OR RENT—I wish to sell or rent my farm near Fellowship Church. M. F. Adcock, Route 5.

BIBLES and Testaments, just received at J. G. Hall's. Feb. 24-4t