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CONFERENCE AT WORK.

FACTS AND FIGURES OF INTEREST

After the Announcement of Appointments Monday Conference Will Adjourn

The ministers and lay delegates of the North Carolina Conference began to pour into Oxford Tuesday and when Conference convened Wednesday morning practically every one was present to answer to the roll call. Bishop McCoy came directly to Oxford from Charlotte, where he had been presiding over the Western North Carolina Conference, which came to a close Monday afternoon. The Bishop is the guest of Dr. E. T. White. Among the distinguished delegates is Ex-Governor Jarvis, the guest of Col. Ballou, and Hon. Julian S. Carr, the guest of Judge Graham.

The opening sermon of the conference was preached Tuesday night by Rev. J. D. Bundy, of Grace church, Wilmington.

Following the opening devotional exercises Wednesday morning the sacrament of the Lord's supper was celebrated the roll was called and a secretary elected. Rev. R. H. Willis has served most acceptably for several years, since the death of Rev. W. H. Cunningham, was re-elected. The conference then proceeded to organize, the committees appointed and the further work of the conference take up.

On motion of R. H. Willis, J. L. Cunningham was elected assistant secretary; G. T. Simmons, recording secretary; W. W. Peele, statistical secretary, and L. D. Hayman, L. M. Grant, Walter Patten, C. J. Harrell, J. W. Bradley, Rufus Bradley and T. G. Vickers were elected assistant statistical secretaries. On motion of Rev. A. P. Tyler, pastor of the Methodist church at Oxford and host of the conference, the hours for meeting and adjournment of the daily sessions were fixed at 9:30 a. m. and 1 p. m.

The body is composed of a genial, happy crowd of men, but there is a deeply serious side to the gathering also, the eternal question which is the last thing to be settled, where they shall labor during the next year, hangs like a dramatic climax over all the session, distinguishing this annual gathering from that of any other denomination. The preachers come to gather fresh inspiration for a new year of toil in the Master's vineyard, to make a report of the work they have done during the past twelve months and to receive from the bishop, the highest head of the Methodist church, fresh marching orders for another year. It is because that the ministers have faith that the appointments are divinely guided that they are ready and willing to go to whatever field the church sees fit to send them.

The session will continue through Monday morning, when the reading of appointments sending the preachers to their new fields of labor will bring the session to a close.

During last year there was added to the membership of the church in this conference a total of 8,934; of this number 4,149 were added on profession of faith and 3,785 on certificate. The removals in the membership during the year, by death and otherwise, amounted to 3,785, leaving a net increase in membership of 3,026. There are in the conference 193 pastoral charges hence the net increase of members on each charge was about sixteen. During the year 1,073 infants and 2,293 adults were baptized.

The average contribution per member in the North Carolina Conference to the various financial claims of the church was a little more than seven dollars last year. The amounts contributed to conference claimants was \$8,500; to foreign missions, \$18,530.50; to home and conference missions, \$10,240; to church extension, \$9,641.; to the American Bible Society, \$1,244.49; to church ex-

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SHORT LOCAL PICK-UPS

GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY

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

As winter is coming on gasolene is off one cent on the gallon.

There is a good opening in Oxford for a reliable first-class machinist.

Please to note that Mrs. John Paris, who has been sick several days, is much better.

It is more tobacco and better tobacco this week, and higher prices on the Oxford market.

We are glad to see that our advertisers are enjoying good trade as the town is full of shoppers daily.

Good morning, brother, hope you are enjoying the Conference and pleased with your visit to Oxford.

Your attention is called to the sale of land advertised in another column by B. S. Royster, Commissioner.

H. M. Bragg, of Stem, was on the break Monday at Banner warehouse and pocketed \$26, 36, 62.50, 40, 27—check \$400.

We are glad to learn that Miss Annie Hamme's health is greatly improved since an operation in a Wilmington hospital.

As there is plenty of money is it not the very time for the town to sell the \$10,000 bond issue if they have not already been placed?

The Town authorities are now grading Belle street which will increase our crop of mud unless they macadamize the graded streets.

Mr. Izenhart, the new engineer on the Seaboard between Oxford and Henderson, has rented a house and will move his family to Oxford.

R. T. Crews has bought the Capt. Elmore cottage near Seaboard depot, as he will make Richmond his home after the first of the year.

Listen business men! If you desire to reach ten thousand readers in Granville and adjoining counties plant your advertisement in Twice-a-week Public Ledger.

Never to tire, never to grow old, to be patient, sympathetic, tender, to look for the budding flowers and the opening heart, to hope always, to love always—this is duty.

Our old friend J. P. Bradsher is not behind on getting high prices for tobacco at the Banner warehouse. He sold Monday one load for \$15, 26, 40, 182 lbs 67.50, 30, 27.50, 17.

J. L. Williford, of the Berea section, was on tobacco market Monday and captured the following excellent prices at the Owen warehouse: \$18.25, 26, 75, 60, 46, 31, 29.50, 22.50.

M. L. Oakley, of Providence, rolled in town a few days ago with 2 mules pulling 2,793 pounds of tobacco which he sold for \$850, the lowest grade brought \$22 and the highest grade \$80.

Oxford has had big breaks of tobacco all the week, but the break Thursday was a hummer, as close on to 230,000 pounds rolled in, and the cry of the auctioneers did not cease until nearly sundown.

While it is believed that present prices will continue throughout this tobacco year no one blames farmers for selling just as fast as they can get it to market, and we love to see them reap high averages.

We regret to see the Town authorities cut down shade trees on the streets they are grading as it takes them so long to grow. Yet some people say that one tree disfigured the front of our Government building.

Bishop Joseph B. Cheshire, of the Diocese of North Carolina, will visit St. Stephen's Church next Sunday for the administration of the Holy Rite of Confirmation or Laying on of hands. Service to which all are welcome, 7:45 o'clock, p. m.

WILLIAM B. ROYSTER.

DIED THURSDAY MORNING LAST

Funeral and Burial at Bullock This Friday Afternoon

We are called upon to chronicle the death of another one of our good citizens, William B. Royster, which occurred in Oxford Thursday morning about ten o'clock after an illness of nearly three years. He suffered a stroke of paralysis at his home near Bullock and later his family moved to Oxford as he was unable to cultivate his farm as he could not walk. Some days ago he had another stroke and continued to grow worse until he quietly fell on sleep. "Uncle Billy Royster," as his friends called him, was 68 years of age and a brave Confederate soldier, a quiet good citizen, and a member of Bullock Baptist church. He possessed a kind and generous heart, and was a good neighbor and friend, ever ready to perform a good deed. He leaves behind to mourn his demise a dear wife and eleven children, four sons and seven daughters, along with other relatives.

The remains were taken to Bullock Friday morning where the funeral and burial took place at 2 o'clock conducted by Dr. R. H. Marsh in the presence of a large concourse of his old neighbors and friends. May he rest in peace.

County Commissioners.

The following is the business transacted by the Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, the second day of the session:

It was ordered that the county in future pay for no teams hired by overseers to work public roads, except in case of washout or other accidents to public roads, and that all accounts of said overseers shall be approved by the supervisors.

H. T. Jackson was allowed \$10 per for road bed in Sassafras Fork township.

The following were appointed road supervisors for the year 1914 in the different townships:

Fishing Creek—E. C. Harris, C. R. Gordon, J. T. Averett.

Brassfield—W. H. Garner, G. L. Allen, C. N. Floyd.

Dutchville—J. L. Peed, Ralph Currin, S. A. Fleming.

Tally Ho—W. S. Gooch, E. N. Clement, L. L. Crews.

Walnut Grove—B. F. Dean, J. M. Phipps.

Oak Hill—J. S. Watkins, J. N. Watkins, R. S. Hart.

Sassafras Fork—S. J. Currin, S. C. Howard, Walter L. Taylor.

Salem—E. H. Hunt, L. G. Breedlove, N. G. Crews.

Oxford—C. H. Cheatham, H. H. Eatman, E. F. Currin.

The Clerk was ordered to pay Thos. Blair for work on Shoo Fly road.

The following road was granted and declared a public road with no cost to the county: Running from H. N. Coley's through the lands of E. J. Parrish, W. H. Hedgpath and others, and the road to stay in the old path.

After allowing a large number of accounts the Board adjourned.

Must Act Quick

It is seldom that the people of Granville county has an opportunity to purchase seasonable goods at New York prices, but such an opportunity is now awaiting you at the Long Company. You can find in their two big stores just the correct things in every line. Everybody knows the reputation of the Long Company and when they announce a reduction it means money in your pocket sure enough. See their adv on last page of this paper.

Santa Claus

The show windows at Hall's Drug Store is an index of the many Christmas presents within. They have a very fine display of just such things as a little people will want for Christmas, and the big fellow with a sweetheart can find nice presents there. See adv. on last page of this paper.

THE FARMER'S CONTEST

WILL CLOSE ON DECEMBER 18TH

A Nissen Wagon, Double and Single Set of Harness and Cultivator on Exhibition.

We are going to close the Farmer's Contest at 5 o'clock, Thursday afternoon, December 18th. It is not definitely known at this time who will win the prizes, nor will it be known until the hour of closing the contest. The announcement of the fact that we are to close the contest on the 18th instant will cause renewed efforts on the part of all the contestants and the real war of the campaign will be waged from now on to the hour of closing.

The capital prize, a Nissen two horse wagon and a double set of harness, is now on exhibition at Horner Bros Co. The second prize, a cultivator, and the third prize, a single set of harness, are on exhibition at Long-Winston Co.

We will thank the contestants and their friends to bring in the names and have the votes registered as soon as possible so as to enable us to be up to the minute with our record.

As there must be an hour for closing there must also be a minute for closing and all votes reaching us one minute after 5 o'clock on the afternoon of December 18th cannot be counted in this contest.

Are Pleased With Oxford.

The ministers are pleased with the hospitality showered upon them on every hand in Oxford, and they are a jovial lot of men.

While a group of them were gathered at the Long Company's corner Tuesday discussing Oxford in a general way, one of the number spied the weather-vane on the Court House spire and remarked that if the figures up there pointed to the four corners of the Globe he was completely turned around. He pointed west and said he thought he lived in that direction. A good brother tapped him on the shoulder and said: "You just wait until the Bishop gets through with you and possibly you will."

One of the number remarked that he and some others in his part of the State were apprehensive that Oxford could not entertain the Conference. This brought on a general discussion and all agreed that Oxford is a fine town with many elegant homes and the people most hospitable.

The town is larger and more progressive than many of the ministers had expected to find, and on returning home they will commend Oxford in every part of Eastern North Carolina.

Culbreth Cullings

Mr and Mrs. Clement spent the week end with A. A. Lyon, at Lyon.

Mr. Goforth, of Durham, spent Thanksgiving in our neighborhood.

Miss Gertrude Jones, of Oxford College, spent the holidays with her parents.

Mrs. W. J. Jones and little son spent the week end with Terry Frazier at Oxford.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dean, of Providence, spent the week end with Lewis Hunt.

We had the pleasure of having R. G. Sneed and Ned Lewis, of Townsville, with us the past two weeks.

We have had the finest weather for the past month imaginable and the farmers are about ready for winter.

Mrs. M. Blalock is at home after spending several days with her daughters, Mrs. J. C. Howard and Mrs. Titus Currin, of Oxford.

Mr. Thurman Meadows and Miss Bell Hunt, one of Culbreth's fair maids, surprised the old folks on the twenty-third and were quietly married.

FOR RENT—A six room cottage on Broad street. Apply to A. A. Hicks.

FLAVORING extracts and spices, the kind that last. J. G. Hall. 3t.

MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE.

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW

Personal Items About Oxford Folks and Their Friends in General.

John Stem, of Tally Ho, in town Friday.

J. D. Currin, of Route 4, was in Oxford Thursday.

C. L. Cole, of Route 4, was in town Wednesday.

J. H. Knott, of Stovall, was in town Wednesday.

J. M. Stroud, of Route 6, was in town Wednesday.

J. P. Mangum, of Route 6, was in town Wednesday.

J. P. Patterson, of Route 5, was in town Wednesday.

D. G. Crews, of Tar River, was a town visitor Friday.

J. F. Hobgood, of Route 6, was on the breaks Friday.

Chas. Speed, of Wilton, was on the big break Friday.

W. T. Blackwell, of Route 3, was in Oxford Wednesday.

Dr. Meadows, of Culbreth, was in Richmond Wednesday.

Ed. Dalby, of Heater, was on tobacco market Wednesday.

Dr. E. Hicks, of Route 1, was an Oxford visitor Wednesday.

Wm. Nutt, of Stem, was on tobacco market Wednesday.

H. N. Coley, of Stem section, was on tobacco market Friday.

Ira Day, of Route 1, was on the tobacco breaks Wednesday.

George Parham, of Route 5, was on tobacco market Thursday.

Ben Thorp, of Route 4, was in town Friday as jolly as ever.

Mr. B. T. Ball and wife, of Fairport, were in town Wednesday.

H. W. Davis, of Bullock, was on our tobacco market Wednesday.

Dr. Melville Dorsey, of Henderson, was on our streets Wednesday.

George Stem and Milton Bragg, of Stem, were in town Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Stem, of Stem, were Oxford visitors Thursday.

Watt Elam, of Buffalo Junction, was in Oxford Thursday selling tobacco.

R. H. Dean, of Person county, was in Oxford selling tobacco Wednesday.

S. T. Hunt and "Rat" Cannady, of Route 1, were town visitors on Wednesday.

J. W. and Jack Wood, two young farmers of Stem, were on tobacco breaks Thursday.

J. B. Hobgood and R. H. Newton, of Berea, were on tobacco market Wednesday.

J. M. Dean and two sons, John and Lee, of Moriah, were on tobacco market Monday.

W. B. Newton, George Sherman and J. B. Adcock, of Berea, were on tobacco breaks Friday.

Roy Grissom, a coming young farmer of Wilton section, was on tobacco market Wednesday.

J. H. Evans, C. W. Dixon, and W. W. Adcock, of Route 4, were on tobacco breaks Thursday.

Sam Moss, one of the fine tobacco growers of the southside, was on our live tobacco market Thursday.

L. Elliott, R. L. Elliott, J. P. Royster and D. T. Winston, of Adoniram, were on the big tobacco sale Thursday.

P. N. Tunstall and J. M. Clayton, of Fishing Creek township, were among the throng of farmers in Oxford Thursday.

LOST—A cross and chain some days ago on the street. On one side is I. H. S. and on the other is the initials B. T. G. The finder will be rewarded by leaving same with J. B. Powell. 1t

TO BUILD GOOD ROADS

A PRIZE OF FIFTY DOLLARS IS OFFERED

To the Public Schools of Granville That Shows the Best Section of Road

An unusually interesting contest in demonstration road building will be inaugurated in Granville county. A prize of \$50.00 is offered to the public school that shows the best section of road immediately in front of the school building. Second, third and fourth prizes will be given, the amounts to be announced later.

The length of road for each school will be in proportion to the school census of the district, and is to be four yards to each person of school age. This will put the smaller districts on an equal footing with the larger. Thus a district with fifty pupils would have to take a stretch two hundred yards, one of a hundred of school age four hundred yards. There will be certain requirements as to grade, width, crown etc., which will be announced later.

In this contest it is not expected that the school children will do all of the work. The people of the whole district will join in and help. There should be a regular organization in each school with two captains each heading a division of the school and community. As a further stimulus two prizes of \$10 and \$5 each will be given the captain of the winning school who show the best sections.

The Board of Education offers a set of school desks to the school district that makes the largest contribution to its school during the school year. This contribution may be in money, or labor, or any other form of contribution of value. In making up the estimate the following schedule will be observed. Contributions otherwise than money will be estimated at their money value in the district. For example if a cord of wood is given to the school the market value of wood in that section will be credited to the fund. A man's work will be counted at twenty cents an hour, a woman's at fifteen, boys from fourteen to twenty-one ten cents, and children from six to fourteen five cents. This is just a convenient way of getting a uniform scale of computing and may not represent the real value of work done. The work of a horse will also be computed at ten cents an hour.

Caught Flirting With the Law

The investigation of the traffic in whiskey, which has been conducted by Judge Carter in Asheville for the past several weeks, come to an abrupt close Tuesday, when the presiding officer announced that the defendants in the various cases agreed to pay the heaviest fines ever imposed in a North Carolina court for a similar offense.

Under the terms of the compromise a fine of \$4,000 is imposed on John H. Lange and Gay Green, the former paying \$2,666.67 and the latter being assessed with \$1,333.33, James L. Alexander pays a fine of \$2,000. J. Bayliss Rector pleads guilty and judgement is suspended for three years. D. Macon McKay forfeits his liquor license and agrees never to apply for another and a similar entry is made in the case of F. E. McMullen.

WILL rent unfurnished room with or without board, private family. Reference. O. C., Oxford, care of Public Ledger. 2t up

WE HAVE candy from 10c. to \$1.00 per pound. All made according to the pure food law. Buy your Christmas candy here. J. G. Hall. 3t

Sale of Valuable Mill Property

We will offer for sale to the highest bidder, at public auction, at the Court House door in Oxford, ON MONDAY, JANUARY 5th-1914, our Mill tract of land, containing about 8 acres, situated on Tar River about seven miles from Oxford. This mill was formerly known as "Gorch Mill" and is now known as the "Jones Mill." The mill building is practically new and is equipped with a first class roller mill for wheat and a first class burr mill for corn. It is located in a splendid section and can be run the year round. It has a good trade and is now making money. The water power is a good one. This is a rare property. We will be glad to show it to parties interested. This Dec. 4th, 1913. FURLEY AND LEWIS JONES.