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BANKS ELECT OFFICERS

AS SOLID AS THE ROCK OF GIBRALTA

Our Banks Are Growing More Popular and Stronger Daily

The following is an interesting chapter of the three substantial banking institutions of Oxford: THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

The New Year opened under flattering auspices for the First National Bank of Oxford, and will share in the general prosperity which business men all over the country think has set in under the new conditions. The 13th annual meeting of the stockholders of this strong institution was held on Tuesday, January 13th, and elected the following Directors:

Z. W. Lyon, J. H. Gooch, C. G. Royster, W. G. Pace, R. W. Lassiter, R. S. Usry, J. S. Cobb and W. H. Hunt. As the officers have been so faithful in the discharge of their duties, they were all unanimously re-elected, as follows:

President, R. W. Lassiter; Vice President, Z. W. Lyon; Cashier, W. H. Hunt; Teller, T. E. Harris.

The stockholders were all very much gratified at the report of the officers of the bank.

The year 1913 we are pleased to learn proved the best year this bank has had since it was organized in 1901, and declared a dividend of 8 per cent and passed a good sum over to the surplus after paying 4 per cent interest on time deposits. The capital and surplus of the bank now amount to about \$150,000, and deposits over \$700,000.

NAT'L BANK OF GRANVILLE.

The 26th annual meeting of the stockholders of the old reliable National Bank of Granville, and one of our most progressive business institutions, was held on Tuesday, January 13th, in the banking room with a large majority of the stock represented.

All the old officers and directors were re-elected and a statement of the affairs of the bank proved highly gratifying to the stockholders.

After submission of the annual report the old Board of Directors was unanimously re-elected as follows:

Dr. E. T. White, Col. H. G. Cooper, J. G. Hall, F. W. Hancock, W. Z. Mitchell, Gen. B. S. Royster and Col. W. B. Ballou.

After meeting of the stockholders the directors met and unanimously re-elected the following officers:

President, Dr. E. T. White; Vice-President, H. G. Cooper; Cashier, W. T. Yancey; Assistant Cashier, C. S. Easton; Teller, E. B. Howard.

A dividend of 8 per cent was declared, and increased the surplus fund to \$60,000, making capital and surplus equal.

THE UNION BANK.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Union Bank was held in the office of the Bank Tuesday, January 13th, and was largely attended.

The stockholders re-elected the old Board of Directors as follows: Dr. J. H. Davis, Will H. Fleming, W. A. Parham, E. H. Crenshaw, Dr. J. A. Morris, J. T. Cozart and L. F. Perkinson.

The stockholders passed resolutions of thanks to the officers for the efficient manner in which the business of the bank has been conducted during the eleven months it has been in business, recommended that the net profits of \$1,446 for the year be carried as undivided profits instead of declaring a dividend and instructed the Directors to investigate the new Federal Banking Law and enter the system if deemed advisable. The capital stock is \$30,000.00 and deposits \$79,749.60.

The Directors re-elected E. H. Crenshaw, President; J. F. Meadows and Thos F. Cheatham, Vice-Presidents; J. S. Bradsher, Cashier.

The Union Bank is a young vigorous institution and is daily grow-

SHORT LOCAL PICK-UPS

GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY

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

If you failed to attend the Poultry Show at the Armory you missed a fowl treat.

We call special attention to the advertisement of the Gas Company on another page.

We learn that W. A. Parham has not bought the Robt. Wood home, but has an option on it at \$6,000.

We learn that Dr. J. A. Morris, of Wilton, has sold his telephone line which covers the Southern portion of the county.

Tuesday night proved the coldest one we have had thus far this winter as the thermometer was down to 14 Wednesday morning.

Kenneth Hicks, of Route 1, felt very proud a few days ago when he killed a wild turkey gobbler weighing when dressed 19 pounds.

Felix, the 5 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Green, who has been right sick with pneumonia, we are glad to learn is improving.

The friends of Deputy Sheriff R. F. Murray will be sorry to learn that he continues quite sick, and we hope he will soon be himself again.

Philathea Class of the Presbyterian Church held a very interesting meeting at the home of the Misses Webb on College street Wednesday afternoon.

J. T. Alderman, one of Henderson's fine citizens, has the honor of being elected Grand Master of the great Masonic Fraternity of North Carolina.

On Saturday night, January 17, there will be a box party given by the pupils of the Tar River School. The funds will be used for the library. You are invited to attend.

The Granville Real Estate and Trust Co. is offering an unusual opportunity to purchase a real good home at a bargain. See advertisement in another part of this paper.

Our friend J. H. Evans, of Route 4, was in town Wednesday and informed us that he had just killed 4 pigs 12 months old which weighed as follows: 200, 210, 212 and 355 pounds.

If you are in need of a good, well broke horse or mule call on Nelson & Watkins, who have just received a car load at their sales stables in Oxford. Read advertisement on another page.

W. E. Overton, of Route 6, rolled in town Friday morning and sold a load of tobacco at Johnson warehouse for: \$20.50, 26, 40, 25, 15, 27.50, 21, 26.50, 37.50, 24.50, 18.50 and 13.50.

There was a good break of tobacco on the Oxford market Friday and we are pleased to learn that prices are stiffer and now is a good time for farmers to sell the balance of their crop.

Lee Clement, one of the choice young bachelors of Tar River Academy section, was in town Wednesday and reported that two members of his club had become willing subjects to sly Cupid's darts.

We are greatly pleased to see that tobacco is selling well on the Oxford market as will be seen by the following sale made Friday at the Johnson warehouse by H. M. Daniel: \$23.50, 26, 35, 30, 23, 25, 27.50, 45, 30, 22, 11.25.

Our good friend, W. S. Daniel, the energetic and wide-awake manager of the County Home, is a success in raising meat as the following will prove: He killed 8 hogs that weighed 3,562 pounds three of the largest ones weighing 488, 456 and 425.

ing popularity under the excellent direction of the Board of Directors and management of Mr. J. S. Bradsher, the Cashier.

OUR COMMERCIAL CLUB

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED FOR ENSUING YEAR

The Organization in a Healthy Condition and Prepared for Systematic Work

At the annual meeting of the Granville Commercial Club the following officers were elected: J. W. Horner, President, succeeding W. Z. Mitchell; B. K. Lassiter, 1st Vice President, succeeding J. W. Horner; R. H. Lewis, Jr., 2nd Vice President, succeeding B. K. Lassiter; C. B. Adams, Secretary-Treasurer, succeeding J. W. Hester. As new members on board of Governors: C. D. Ray, J. F. Veasey, F. M. Phinix, and I. W. Mangum, succeeding B. K. Hays, I. H. Davis, W. G. Pace, and J. Robt. Wood, whose time of service expired by limitation.

The Commercial Club is composed of our most successful and progressive business men and we congratulate the club on their choice of officers for the coming year. Here is hoping that they may be instrumental in landing several enterprises during the year.

Paper of the People

We are going to continue to make the Twice-a-week Public Ledger the paper of the people, who are showing their appreciation of our efforts as we have received since the first of January 71 new subscribers and lost two. Yes, the "Old Reliable" Public Ledger is still in the boat with two old gray goats!"

A Useful Shop

R. W. Brown & Co., the Bicycle men, are forging to the front. Their shop is just such an institution as Oxford has long needed. They sell bicycles, repair bicycles and will mend your guns, pistols, and fit your locks with keys. They guarantee their work and will fill your orders promptly. See adv. elsewhere in this paper.

Everybody's Attractive Store

Everybody's Store is a great center of attraction for all who wish to buy any article from 5 cents up to 25 cents, all of which are real bargains. The affable manager, Mr. Street, has moved into the large Britt store on Main street next door to the Union Bank where he has a large and beautiful arranged stock. See advertisement on the last page.

It is Easy to Save

When you speak of the "Old Reliable" everybody in this community knows that you mean the National Bank of Granville. The Bank and the town and county have been so closely identified one with the other so long that the people in an off hand way refer to it as the "Old Reliable," for it is a custom with them to resort to the bank in time of prosperity and adversity, and the bank has never failed to extend to them the consideration they deserve. It is a nice thing to have a bank account. See the adv. of the "Old Reliable" elsewhere in this paper.

Popular Price Show

The Maude Norwood Stock Company comes to the Orpheum Theatre next Monday for three nights enjoyment. The press notices speak well of this stock company. The plays are interspersed with vaudeville acts of a pleasing nature. There is a entire change of program each evening—Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. This is perhaps the best popular price company that has been in Oxford for some time. Mr. Justin Rankoff, who is closely identified with the Orpheum and looks after all the shows, says that the Maude Norwood Stock Company is one of the best on the road. See adv. of Orpheum Theatre on last page of this paper.

PAY YOUR TAXES NOW!

After the 15th day of February the tax books will go out for collection. Pay now and save cost. (Feb. 15.) S. C. HOBGOOD, Sheriff.

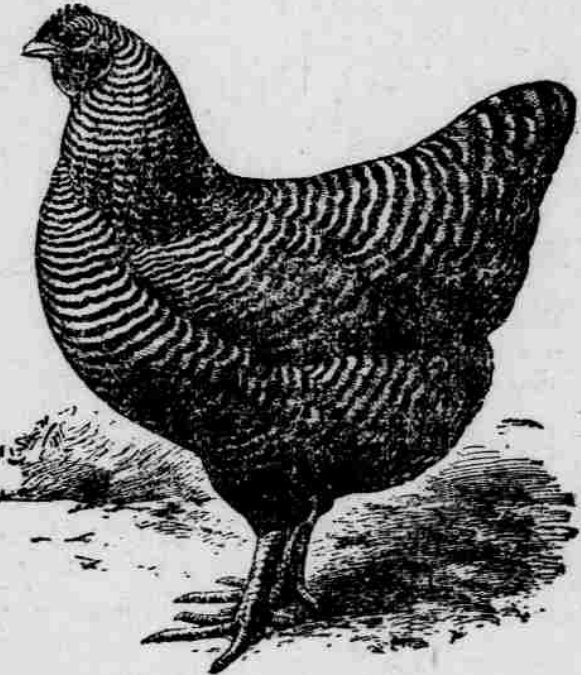
FIVE HUNDRED BIRDS.

THE POULTRY SHOW A GREAT SUCCESS

The Attendance was Small But the Birds Very Fine

The Granville County Poultry Show which was held in the Armory of the Granville Grays Wednesday and Thursday was a blaze of glory for old Granville. As an educational feature it will go down in history, as it was the first time so much prominence has been given to the utility side.

Mr. Kerr, of Haw River, an honored member of the American Poultry Association and a licensed judge of poultry, says that the 500 birds on exhibition at the Granville Poultry Show, were equal to and far surpassed a similar number of



birds he had ever judged in other shows. This is from the very best authority and it speaks volumes for old Granville.

The chickens, the coops and everything looked nice and peaceful to the casual onlooker, but underneath there was a tinge of disappointment, as the people did not turn out in as large numbers as was expected. The birds were there but the attendance was small, and this is attributed no doubt to the cold weather. Possibly if the show had been held in December the attendance would have been larger.

The efforts of Mr. Jim Steagall, Manager, and the Board of Directors of the show to produce the birds and make a show worth while, deserve credit for the large and elegant display of fine birds, and it will be the means of renewed interest in the poultry industry of the county.

ENTRIES.

There was a total of 500 birds on exhibition, as follows: J. C. Davis, 13; J. M. Tillottson, 5; A. A. Williams, 75; R. W. Brown, 5; R. F. Murray, 1; J. H. Oakes, 1; A. J. Cheek, 6; Mrs. T. C. Harris, 3; W. T. Evans, 11; William G. Pace, 10; Dallas Buchanan, 6; N. H. Cannady, 6; Mrs. Louis Thorp, 5; J. W. Crews, 3; R. Hopkins, 1; R. Bowden, 7; W. T. Murray, 6; John G. Hall, 6; Thomas L. Pace, 18; W. T. Brummitt, 1; Mrs. F. F. Fort, 3; C. D. Osborn, 4; J. H. Critcher, 13; Arthur Averett, 2; W. R. Trogden, 3; Mrs. J. T. Britt, 2; C. H. Easton, 3; W. G. Pace, 6; J. D. Barnes, 6; Mrs. I. H. Steagall, 5; W. L. Prevy, 2; Mrs. A. S. Peace, 2; W. F. Badgett, 12; Mrs. A. H. McGhee, 18; W. L. Currin, 10; W. E. Dorsey, 14; E. L. Smith, 5; J. E. Jackson, 5; Mrs. F. H. T. Horsfield, 1; R. K. Taylor, 4.

PRIZE WINNERS.

The winners of special prizes were:

Best cock in show, won by R. Bowden, White Rock.

Best hen in show, won by W. T. Evans, Oxford, White Orphington.

Best cockrel in show, won by E. L. Smith, Oxford, Barred Rock.

Best pullet in show, won by A. J. Cheek, Henderson, White Orphington.

Best pen in show, won by Mrs. Louis Throp, White Rock.

Ten dollars given by Britt & Coble for best display by any member of the Granville County Poultry Association won by A. A. Williams on Black Minorcas.

Ten dollars given by Granville Poultry Association for the winner

MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE.

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW

Personal Items About Oxford Folks and Their Friends in General.

L. Burnett, of Route 6, was in town Wednesday.

Carey Parham, of Route 5, was in town Thursday.

J. T. Allgood, of Route 7, was in town Thursday.

R. L. Oakley, of Stem, was in Oxford Wednesday.

J. R. Daniel, of Route 1, was a town visitor Thursday.

R. M. Currin Jr., of Route 1, was in town Thursday.

T. H. Davis, of Route 3, was on tobacco sales Thursday.

W. R. O'Brien, of Northside, was in Oxford Friday.

W. A. Parham was in Virgilina Wednesday on business.

Rufus Stroud, of Hester section, was in town Wednesday.

J. P. Floyd was in Franklinton Wednesday on business.

J. D. Halthcock, of Hester, was on our streets Wednesday.

Willie Burwell, of Route 4, was a town visitor Wednesday.

June Turner, near Oxford, was on tobacco sales Thursday.

E. B. Howard, of Route 4, was on tobacco market Thursday.

Dick O'Brien, of Route 1, was on tobacco breaks Thursday.

J. M. Dean, of Providence, was on tobacco market Thursday.

Vassar Critcher was a Clarksville visitor the first of the week.

Frank Lyon returned Thursday from a business trip to Raleigh.

Harry Daniel, of Route 6, was on the tobacco market Thursday.

T. V. Bobbitt, of Watkins, was on the tobacco breaks Thursday.

Nat Hobgood and son, of Route 7, were town visitors Thursday.

R. L. Burnett, of near Oxford, was on tobacco breaks Thursday.

J. T. Smith, of Route 6, was in Oxford Thursday selling tobacco.

Thos. Fraizer, of Surl, Person county, was a town visitor Friday.

James Malone, of Moriah, was among the Oxford visitors Thursday.

J. P. Sandford, of Stem Route 1, was on the tobacco breaks Thursday.

W. S. Cozart and A. S. Carrington, of Stem section, were in Oxford Friday.

Ed Cottrell, a live young farmer of Route 5, was on the tobacco market Thursday.

Miss Fannie Gregory left Thursday for Rutherford, N. J., to visit Mrs. G. W. Hobbs.

Watt Elam, of Buffalo, Va., was in Oxford Wednesday selling tobacco at the Johnson warehouse.

Gen. B. S. Royster, Ex-Senator A. A. Hicks, Supt. R. L. Brown, Pete Bullock and M. F. Hill attended the Grand Lodge of Masons at Raleigh this week. Squire W. R. Gooch, of Stem, also attended.

High Averages.

Of course, every farmer desires to get the very best price he can for his tobacco and when he is considering that point it is incumbent upon him to take his tobacco to a warehouse that has a reputation for high averages. The Owen Warehouse is famous in this particular and Will H. Fleming guarantees to secure the highest possible price on the remainder of the crop that is taken to the Owen. See adv. on last page of this paper.

of the most prizes by any resident of Granville county who failed to exhibit at the last County Fair. Tied by W. E. Dorsey and W. R. Badgett.

HUMAN LIFE TOO CHEAP

A CHAPTER OF TRAGEDIES IN GRANVILLE

The List Covers a Period of Two and a Half Years

When we stop long enough to count up the homicides, murders and accidents of a given time we are amazed at the large number who have met death in Granville county during the past two and a half years under circumstances that required an investigation. Only one of the slayers figuring in the large list of tragedies was required to forfeit his life, the others receiving light sentences. In enumerating the tragedies one can but feel that human life is too cheap in Granville county. In a conversation with Judge Graham, whose memory is always full of local history, he called off the following list of tragedies that have taken place in Granville county during the last two and a half years:

Mrs. Rhodes killed Joe Kinton, acquitted; L. E. Davis killed B. B. Bragg, two years; Richard Bivins killed Vassar Fowler, five years; G. D. Dove killed J. R. Roycroft, five years; Nathan Montague killed J. L. Sanders, Mattie Sanders, and Baby Overton, electrocuted; J. M. Hobgood killed W. P. Wilkerson; D. Rogers killed Irwin Beck; S. A. Campbell killed by his son; A. J. Johnson was killed by unknown; Walter Barnes killed by Anderson; Dick Gordon killed by Harris, accident; S. L. Roberts killed Slaughter, self defense; Graham Alexander killed Jim Jones; Goodie Green killed Will Bowling, acquitted; Joe Dorsey killed, R. L. Daniel, six years; Jerome Crews killed F. Crews, accident; Cortez Harris killed Buck Kersey; Sam Taylor killed W. M. Sullivan; Johnnie Harris killed Moss at Pomroy's Saw Mill.

The New Postoffice

In comparing the new postoffice with other buildings we have seen, we made the statement in our last issue that Uncle Sam is giving us a very ordinary looking building for the amount of money appropriated to build it, to which Mr. C. E. Morrell, Superintendent of Construction, begs leave to differ. To make a long story short, we ask Mr. Morrell to look at our Graded School Building, which cost only \$22,000 and compare it with the new postoffice which will cost more than double that amount. We acknowledge that the work on the postoffice is all right, but it is generally conceded that our postoffice when completed will not compare favorably with the Henderson postoffice, and everybody knows that we are entitled to as good a postoffice as Henderson, and when it comes down to a fine point there is nothing too good for Oxford. The fault is not in the workmanship or material or anything that Mr. Morrell has had to do with.

Taking in consideration the elegant site and the substantial appropriation the building is not as imposing as the general public had wished and expected. The way to get an accurate estimate of the worth of a dollar in building is to visit some of the fine court houses and schools in the State, which were built on the spot and not dictated from Washington.

A bill was recently introduced into Congress to do away with much of the red tape incidental to the construction of government buildings, in which the author of the bill claims that more than a third of the cost can be saved to the government.

STRAYED OFF—Two colts, one a sorrel weighing about 400 lbs. and the other a bay weighing about 700. Strayed away from my place Tuesday night and last seen of them was at Bob Parham's place near Henderson Road. E. T. Jones, Route 3, Oxford, N. C. 17 pd

A GOOD HORSE for 25 cents—Buy a 25 cent package of Royster's Powder from J. G. Hall and make a good horse out of that plug. 6t