

THE BURNING QUESTION ROADS THAT LEAD IN THE WRONG DIRECTION

Any Differences That Might Exist Should Be Leveled by the Process of a Mighty Tidalwave. The Granville County Commercial Club at its monthly meeting last Tuesday night had under discussion a question of vital importance to every person in the county.

The real live burning question—the one that stings everybody in Granville county—is our inability to compete with the good roads that are being built in Vance and Durham counties, simply as they do our commercial life and prestige.

When the people of Vance made the statement that the taxpayers of Granville would contribute more than two hundred thousand dollars towards the good roads they were not very far wrong. Like the Germans, in time of peace they prepared for war, and they now have good roads and are prepared to shell the woods on the western front.

The question that was discussed by the Commercial Club Tuesday night came up in a counter move, and there were some very good generals present to consult the map. We are not thoroughly posted as to the direction of some of the roads of the county, but if we mistake not the one that was discussed by the Club leads from the home of Rehobath church, passing the homes of Messrs. E. C. Harris, B. Y. Hunt, J. W. Renn, R. C. Cothorn and a number of other substantial farmers.

The great trouble in Granville is that we cannot get together on a proposition of this kind, and great is the pity. If the Public Ledger was asked to state a single reason why the people of Granville do not accept a proposition we would scarcely know where to turn for an answer. We simply know that the good roads leading from other counties up to our county line are calculated to impede our progress and to weaken the usefulness of our institutions.

A BOUNTIFUL HARVEST All Nature is Working Night and Day for Us. The man who wished that money grew on trees must have been blind. For it does grow on trees, and on bushes, too, and in the fields.

SEWER EXTENSION

It is Estimated That the Project Will Cost \$15,000 at Least.

Elsewhere in the Public Ledger appears an opinion enjoining property owners to make proper sewer connections before the first day of May next. No surface closets after that date shall be allowed on any premises in the town of Oxford where sewer connections within two hundred feet, and water connection within three hundred feet, of the house can be made.

A comprehensive report would no doubt show that the houses in Oxford without proper sewer closets are for the greater part rented homes. They are owned by men who are able to pay the price to connect and furnish fixtures. These property owners might even get a better rental contract at any rate than they could furnish their tenants something better than houses of dangers.

Of course the man with the sewer connections pays more tax because his property is in a section of higher valuation, but the extension ordinance was passed merely to foster property values for the purpose of taxation, but to safe-guard all the people. It is one of the best pieces of legislation imaginable. It is estimated that the extension of the sewers will cost between \$15,000 and \$20,000, but it will be worth the price.

It may strike a poor man a little heavy just at the present time, but he should take courage from the fact that the sewer connection will ensure both health and property valuation.

DOWN BY THE SEA

Capt. Fuller and Lieut. Stegall Gave Our Soldier Boys a 30 Mile Sail Camp Glenn, July 7th, 1915. Editor of the Public Ledger: We are enjoying our outing very much, and the weather and the water is very fine.

Capt. Wright is fulfilling his contract to the letter. He came in last night with forty pounds of fine fish. Capt. Fuller and Lieut. Stegall gave the company a thirty-mile sail yesterday, as a result of a prize won by the latter's squad at the Army Post Spring. As a token of appreciation the company presented the officers with a box of cigars.

MAINTAINANCE OF HIGHWAY

THE CHEAPEST AND BEST ROAD OF THE COUNTY

It is Estimated That the National Highway From Now on Will Not Cost More Than \$2,000 Per Year. There seems to be some misunderstanding in the county as to the cost of maintaining the National Highway. If we understand the proposition correct, the county has spent about \$7,200 on the Highway south of Oxford and about \$2,700 north of Oxford, making a total of \$9,900.

Going back to April, 16, 1914, we find on file in the Register of Deeds office a letter from Capt. W. L. Spoon, Highway Engineer, who made an examination of the road and reported that it would require \$10,000 to put the road through Granville in such a condition as to be maintained by the government at a cost of \$60.00 per mile per year.

The National Highway through Granville is nothing short of an inspiration at this time. If not already, it will be the cheapest and the best road in Granville county. Capt. Spoon's letter, dated April 14, 1915, follows: I herewith submit my estimate of the cost of bringing the Granville County road into suitable condition for maintenance by this office.

THE BLESSED ABODE The Restful Presences of the Woods and the Fields. The greatest blessing the busy business man can enjoy is to be able to get out into the open and "Himber up" a little. There is nothing that is quite so relaxing as to get out of the office and into the woods, where he spends the greater part of his day in an office over a desk as to be able to get out for an hour or two in the afternoon and enjoy the fresh air about a quarter of a mile east of Oxford College—out there where the birds cajole and sing.

THE STORRY TELLING LEAGUE Met at the Home of Mrs. A. H. Powell. The Story Telling League held a most interesting meeting last Thursday at the home of Mrs. A. H. Powell.

LEGAL NOTICES Elsewhere in the Public Ledger will be seen a certain mortgage executed by N. N. Cupp, T. Lanier, trustee.

RUSSIAN RESISTANCE HAS FINALLY BEEN BROKEN

Warsaw, the Largest City Outside of the Capitols, is Now in the Hands of the Germans—All Europe Now Trembles.

The Public Ledger has very little faith in the war news as it is dished out from day to day. Why should we? The English handle all the news we get, and it is plausible to suppose that they would let nothing escape that would hurt their cause. England is sorely in need of recruits, and this report that Warsaw, the largest city outside of the European capitols, has fallen into the hands of the Germans may or may not be true in the sense that the English claim.

THE WILDERNESS Here is a neglected area almost exactly twice the size of Belgium. Here is room for every manjack of the 450,000 Belgian farmers, on farms twice the average size of the little pocket handkerchief fields they have been used to cultivating.

THE BUNCOMBE FARM Is located in the mountains near Asheville and the feature of the farm on this farm will be the experimental work with Lucerne, Purple Cattle, General work with fruit, grasses and orchards will be carried on in addition to the tests on all these crops with different kinds of fertilizer.

THE TRANSYLVANIA FARM Is devoted largely to experimental work with apples. Some work is being carried on with peaches in addition to the general grass and grain experiments.

NEW RESIDENCES Dr. Watkins has completed the Dolby residence which he removed from the corner of Main and Front streets, which is now very attractive, and it will be occupied by Dr. Frazier the first of September.

BEST TOBACCO KNIVES MADE—Tobacco twine, thermometers and lanterns also fruit jars, etc., at Lyon-Winston Co. 8-7-15

POPULATION TOO SPARSE

HALF OF THE LAND OF GRANVILLE IS IDLE

There is Room in the County for 1,980 New Families, Allowing Seventy-five Acres to Each Family. The Public Ledger has often pondered over the herculean task that lies before the State Bureau of Publicity in its purpose to make known the resources, potentialities and opportunities in North Carolina. It must not only be a very comprehensive but a very practical scheme if we are to carry it out.

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THE EDGECOMBE FARM Is in the cotton and peanut region and numerous experiments with these two crops are being conducted there. A specialty in sheep work is also being carried on by the Animal Husbandry Division.

THE WASHINGTON FARM At Wacona is located on the new drainage area in Washington county and experiments in handling this muck land will be conducted. This is the largest experimental grape vineyard in the South.

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WHAT WILL TOBACCO BRING?

This is a Vital Question in the Minds of Everybody.

There are no reasons or statistics to indicate that the war has reduced the demand for the weed; but just the same everybody is disturbed, and naturally so. The consumption of tobacco has steadily increased from year to year, but no one can tell at this time how the weed will sell this fall.

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CONCENTRATED ENERGIES

SOME ARE AT WORK WHILE OTHERS ARE IDLE

If a Business Man Declines to Join the Commercial Club, Is It a Reflection on His Integrity or the Integrity of the Club. There are a lot of people around town who think that the Granville Commercial Club smacks of a "good time and spike tail coats." It is a kind of a tony affair, they will admit, but we observed the other evening that the Club is a working body, composed of men who do not care a fig whether you wear a cutaway coat or a Palm Beach suit.

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