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THE COMMISSIONERS MEET

JURORS DRAWN FOR NOVEMBER TERM OF COURT

R. A. Jones, Foreman of the Road Force, Submits Report for the Month of September.

The honorable Board of County Commissioners met on Monday last, October 4th with the following members present: Messrs. B. I. Breedlove, chairman; R. S. Hart, J. L. Peed, H. C. Floyd.

John Taylor, colored, was admitted to the Home of the Aged and Infirm. The following jurors were drawn for the November term of Granville County Superior Court:

First Week

M. E. Estes, S. L. Critcher, A. J. Harris, W. A. Adcock, E. E. Chapel, William Meadows, J. L. Davean, W. J. Walker, James Aiken, O. T. Tingen, S. M. Carrington, A. W. Slaughter, S. V. Morton, J. P. Purgen, E. L. Smith, R. E. Cash, John McCain, W. M. Moss, W. R. Currin, Thomas Grissom, G. L. Woodleaf, Thomas Tingen, W. R. Williams, Alex Faucett, V. T. Cheatham, P. C. Blackley, E. D. Conner, I. B. Morgan, H. H. Hicks, E. L. Mize, E. T. Allen, C. F. Crews, J. Y. Crews.

Second Week

G. H. Hart, Geo. Stroud, L. F. Currin, S. G. Currin, I. T. Milton, S. M. Lawrence, W. E. Stem, N. L. Clement, J. Crudup Currin, L. G. Blackwell, J. T. Smith, R. H. Johnson, T. B. Wheelous, A. E. Wagstaff, J. L. Suit, Ed Jones, Sid Davis, B. L. Hart. The clerk was ordered to list all parties having failed to list their taxes and deserving to do so at single rate, excepting such cases as are now being investigated, or shall be investigated in the future.

G. W. Elliott, Brassfield township, was exempt from road duty for one year from date.

The question of relocating the road across Jim Seate's land was discussed and further action was postponed until first Monday in November.

The clerk was ordered to pay Mrs. R. L. Eakes \$10 for the support of Mr. Robert Kirkland.

The motion to donate \$200 to the road through Howard Nursery to intersect the road through the Granville-Virginia State line, near A. Yancey, was carried, R. S. Hart voting against the motion. It is stipulated that S. C. Howard is to construct the road, the grade not to exceed five per cent; the said Howard to complete the road in workmanship like manner, 18 to 20 feet in width. Payment to be made on completion of work. Commissioner Hart desires for the citizens to know that he is not opposed to the above road, but he does not feel that the county has funds to spend on said road.

J. A. Hutchens was appointed constable for Oxford township for the remainder of this term or until the next county election. Bond was presented and accepted in the sum of \$100.

The attorney was ordered to give notice to J. B. Mason and Mrs. Columbia Bullock to appear before the Board of County Commissioners on Monday, November 1st.

Commissioner Hart was designated to have a bridge built across Bear Skin Creek.

Road Work

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners:

I beg to submit my report as foreman of road force for Sept., 1915.

On the 6th of Sept. I moved camp near Hester, and upon order of the Board I removed the camp on the 7th of Sept. near the Vance County line below Mr. E. C. Harris. I have worked on this new road 16 days since arriving on same. Have worked my force of 10 mules and all the labor that I could use to advantage. Dr. Bullock is treating one mule and one got hurt in a bridge. The one in camp has been in stable for about 2 weeks. Dr. Bullock reported 2 weeks ago that he thought the mule he is treating would be ready for work in about 2 weeks. When I get that mule from Dr. Bullock I can work the one I have that has been lame. I have constructed about one half mile of the Harris road. I wish to say that the work has been very rocky and rough work. Think I can complete the road from Vance line to E. C. Harris house in about three weeks. Have worked from 8 to 12 hands all the time on this road. R. A. JONES.

The Store of Quality

The Perkinson-Green Company desires to see their many friends during Fair week. They ask their friends to come, whether they buy or not. They mean exactly what they say, but we will venture to say that all who visit their two big stores will not only be made to feel at home, but they will take something home with them if they examine the goods and the prices. Read the ad of this well known firm elsewhere in this paper.

GOOCH-MAYES NUPTIAL

Prominent Young People in Stem Wed—Spending Honeymoon in the North.

[W. R. MANGUM.]

Their many friends have been looking forward to the wedding of the popular young couple, Miss Katie Lee Gooch and Mr. Melvin S. Mayes, which was announced some weeks ago. The marriage which was solemnized in the home of the bride, Tuesday morning was beautiful, but unique in its simplicity and was the happy culmination of a romance dating almost from childhood.

The parlor was tastily and beautifully decorated, simlax and ferns being used in profusion, the soft chandelier lights adding beauty to the scene.

Promptly at the appointed hour, ten o'clock, the bride and groom entered the parlor together, to the familiar strains of Mendelsshon wedding march artistically rendered by Miss Christine Rosemond, of Fuquay Springs, who presided at the piano.

The bride, never looking lovelier, was attired in a going-away gown of navy blue with hat, shoes and gloves to match carrying an arm of brides roses. The bridal couple took their stand before an improvised altar made of palms and ferns, the ceremony being performed by Rev. J. L. Martin, pastor of the bride and Rev. M. D. Hix, pastor of the groom.

Immediately following the martial vows, the bridal party left by automobile for Henderson, where they took the train for Washington, Philadelphia and other northern cities. Upon their return they will make their home in Stem. The esteem in which they are held was attested by the numerous and beautiful presents received, consisting in part of silverware, cut glass, furniture, and useful articles.

The bride is a charming young lady, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Gooch, prominent people of our town; pretty, of sweet disposition and rare accomplishments, with a noble and genial personality which has won for her a host of friends. She was educated at Oxford College and later at Bryan's Conservatory, having made the study of music a specialty, which she has engaged in teaching for several years.

The groom is the son of ex-Register of Deeds, J. B. Mayes, of Granville and is a young man of sterling worth and character. He is a graduate of the A. & M. College, Raleigh, and is at present with the Stem Mercantile Company as salesman and bookkeeper.

The heartiest good will and best wishes of our entire community go with the happy couple on their martial journey.

A GOOD PLAN

The Young People Urged to Save Their Pennies.

The period of activity in this section affords the young people an opportunity to deposit their savings—those little sums that might otherwise be wasted. All young people should be taught to save.

We were talking with Col. Henry G. Cooper the banker, recently, and he stated that he could name many instances where small savings had led to independence.

"The saving plan is an especially good one for boys and girls," said Col. Cooper. "It not only means the accumulation of a substantial sum of money that later can be used to excellent advantages but the development of the saving habit in itself will prove most valuable in later life."

The Public Ledger would remind the young people of Granville that if they have a little money that they are tempted to spend foolishly, try the saving deposit plan—a dollar is sufficient for the opening of an account in any one of the banks of the county that make a feature of this excellent department.

WOMAN'S LITERARY CLUB

Entertained at the Home of Mrs. S. H. Cannady.

The Woman's Literary Club held a most enjoyable meeting last Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. S. H. Cannady, who is always a charming and gracious hostess.

The study of Goldsmith's works was continued, with the reading of the delightful comedy, "She Stoops to Conquer," the play cast and called by Mrs. J. W. Horner.

Mrs. H. M. Shaw read a very interesting and instructive paper, on the literary drama, substituting for Mrs. C. D. Ray, who was absent. After an animated discussion of the afternoon's program, a delicious iced course was served by Miss Mary Webb.

The Club then adjourned to meet with Mrs. T. N. Burwell, Tuesday afternoon, October the nineteenth, at 3:30 o'clock.

TOBACCO

IT REACHES \$65 ON OXFORD MARKET

A Cheerful Note Sounded—Hard and Drawn Features Giving Way to Smiles—Some Money Finding Its Way to the Legitimate Channels of Trade.

We all can well afford to look up and take heart. The better grades of tobacco are bringing more money than was expected earlier in the season.

The prices for the past week, has been such as to stimulate business. The merchants are selling a quantity of goods and some of the tobacco money is finding its way to the banks.

To say that the farmers are satisfied with the prices would be to misrepresent facts. It is human nature to want a little more, and their feelings are well grounded; however, we have heard several farmers in the last few days say that they received more for their tobacco than they expected.

There is no concerted action in Oxford to set a fictitious value on a few piles of tobacco in order to boost the market, as has been the case elsewhere, but in the general run of the sales we have noted several sale tags marked 50, 55 and 60 per hundred. We noticed one pile of 110 pounds marked \$65 per hundred. That is the highest figure we have seen quoted on any of the markets this year.

There is a cheerful note in the land and the hard drawn features which has characterized everybody for the past year is giving away to smiles.

It begins to look as if the tobacco growers, the merchants and the bankers will get a good night's rest in the near future, but this, of course, depends entirely upon the circulating mediums.

An old colored man, more scared than hurt, came into the Public Ledger office Wednesday to pay his subscription. He had just emerged from the sales with a roll of money as big as your fist, and as he carefully unwrapped a dollar bill he remarked that "if the good Lord pulls me fruw dis time I don't know what I's gwine ter do nex' year."

We know what he is going to do. The prices on the Oxford market before the season is over will be such as to insure a big crop again next year. The tobacco business is not a thing of the past by a long shot. The more you cuss it the bigger it will get.

PRESIDENT WILSON TO WED

THE SLY OLD FOX IS LONELY. SO IS THE WIDOW

The Widow Galt, Rich and Pretty, Has Hold of His Heart Strings—The Date of Wedding Not Yet Fixed.

Woodrow Wilson, the President of the United States announced Wednesday night his engagement to Mrs. Norman Galt, of Washington. The date of the wedding has not been fixed, but it probably will take place in December at the home of the bride-elect.

The brief announcement from the White House made by Secretary Tamm came as a surprise to officials in Washington.

It was Miss Margaret Wilson and her cousin, Miss Helen Woodrow Bones, who drew Mrs. Galt into the White House circle.

OXFORD DAY

Thursday, the Second Day of the Fair Designated.

The Oxford Merchants Association moved by a patriotic spirit, met Thursday afternoon and designated Thursday, the second day of the Fair as "Oxford Day," on which date the merchants and manufacturers will close their doors from 12 to 2 o'clock. This does not include the warehouses, for they will be open all the week.

All farmers, business men and manufacturers of the county are urged to put on floats with the merchants and manufacturers of Oxford.

GRANVILLE COLORED FAIR

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, October 19, 20 and 21st.

B. R. Smith, secretary of the Granville County Colored Fair, says that the outlook for exhibits and attendance is very bright. Several inquiries, he says, are coming in as to the general display of field crops, the first prize carrying a premium of \$25.00.

Secretary Smith desires to thank through the Public Ledger the merchants and business men of Oxford for the interest they have manifested in the success of the Fair.

THE TAX COMMISSION

Mr. J. B. Powell, Register of Deeds, Saves Granville a Pretty Penny.

In a recent issue of the Henderson Gold Leaf the statement is made that it was thought the increase in their real estate of Vance county would be remitted upon the ground that the very efficient Register of Deeds in Vance and one other County in North Carolina had already computed the tax books and that it would be a deal of trouble and expense to go over it again.

We hardly think there is a more efficient Register of Deeds in North Carolina than our Mr. J. B. Powell and the only reason that our taxes were not computed and ready for delivery to the sheriff on October 1st, was that he had positive instructions from the Corporation and Tax Commission not to compute the taxes until further notice from the Tax Commission. No doubt the same notice was sent to Vance county and every other county in the State, but Mr. Powell did not desire to put the county to the expense of making two sets of calculations when he was ordered by the Commission, in whom the Legislature based the authority to make such order, not to make the calculation until the Commission had passed upon whether or not they would increase the valuation.

We are informed that the Commissioners of Granville protested against the increase, but were informed by the Commission that it was necessary for the increase on Granville to remain in order to have proper equalization over the entire State.

GRANVILLE COUNTY FAIR

Don't Forget the Dates—Next Week, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

The Marshals of the Granville County Fair are requested to meet in the rooms of the Granville Commercial Club on the morning of the 13th at 9 o'clock.

The Marshals can procure their rosettes at the millinery establishment of Mrs. T. Lanier.

The Parade

The great parade of the Granville County Fair will form on Main street on the morning of the 13th at 10:30 o'clock. The order of the parade will be about as follows:

The chief marshal and former chief marshals, president Caldwell, of the Granville Agricultural Association in automobiles.

The assistant Marshalls mounted on horse back; Floats, Decorated Automobiles, Advertising Wagons, Bands, Boy Scouts, Boys Corn Club, etc. The order of Floats, etc., will be arranged at the time of the parade.

The parade will proceed down Main street to Front Street to High street to Raleigh street to High street follow High street to Main to Hillsboro to College, up College to the Orphan Asylum across to Broad, follow Broad to Hillsboro and straight to the Fair Grounds.

Mayor Stem will deliver an address of welcome at 11 o'clock at the Fair Grounds.

SUNDAY SCHOOL EXERCISES

At the Oxford Baptist Church Sunday Morning Next.

The entire program Sunday morning will be in the hands of the Sunday school. A splendid program has been arranged. Misses Sarah Parham and Sallie Webb have prepared a splendid feast of good things from the children. There will be songs, recitations, dialogues and other interesting exercises given in that unique way that children do things. Mr. B. W. Parham and Mr. D. G. Brummitt will make addresses. Part of this program will be at the Sunday School hour and part at the church hour—11 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend. A special offering will be taken for State Missions.

This is "Go-to-Sunday-School-Day" and we hope to have at least 400 in the Sunday school. Get up early and be on hand.

A QUIET WEDDING

Miss Willie Lee Thomas is the Bride of Mr. Roy Daniels.

Miss Willie Lee Thomas, one of Oxford's fine young women, and Mr. Roy Daniels, of Oxford, Route 1, were quietly married at the home of the bride's uncle, Mr. Z. W. Lyon, on College street, last Tuesday evening in the presence of the immediate relatives and friends of the contracting parties, Dr. A. P. Tyer, the brides' pastor, officiating.

The bride-elect is an accomplished young woman, the niece of Mr. Z. W. Lyon, and she has taught school for several sessions and is universally popular throughout Granville county.

The happy groom is a young man of sterling character and is numbered among the prosperous farmers of the county.

The many friends in Oxford and Granville wish the young couple much happiness along life's journey.

ABUNDANTLY CONFIRMED

THE BONES OF THE MURDERER IN EVIDENCE

The Late Dr. Thomas Wilkerson Had the Bones Bleached for a Skeleton—Now in the Possession of Dr. G. S. Watkins.

The Public Ledger started out a week ago to ascertain, if possible, something about the murder of Mrs. Parthenia Harris in Northern Granville fifty years ago. Nineteen letters have been received to date confirming the awful tragedy. All agree that Mrs. Harris was stoned to death by a colored woman, as stated in a previous issue of the Public Ledger.

Mrs. Harris was a Miss Stovall before marriage and she was a devout Christian woman.

The Skeleton

The tragedy was a distinct shock to the people in Northern Granville and Mecklenburg counties. Dr. Thomas Wilkerson secured the bones of the murderer, but he never had them mounted on wire. The bones lay about his office for years and when his effects were sold some years ago Dr. G. S. Watkins, of Oxford, bought among other things some of the bones, which are now in his possession. The editor of the Public Ledger has seen three of the ribs of the murderer in the office of Dr. Watkins and the news of fifty years ago is abundantly confirmed.

Many Thanks!

The Public Ledger desires to thank all those who took the trouble to look up the facts in the case and report their findings. If all the letters received to date were published they would fill four pages of the Public Ledger.

TENT MEETING CONTINUES

This Sunday Night Will Witness the Close.

It is estimated that at least fifty thousand people have attended the big tent meeting at Tabb's Creek church during the meeting.

It was the intention to take down the tent last Wednesday and close the meeting, but rain prevented and Mr. Raymond Browning decided to continue on through Sunday.

Mr. Frank P. Allen, gospel singer, and Rev. D. H. Comam will begin the revival at Nashville, N. C., next Sunday. Mr. Browning and Mr. C. D. Kidder will join them early next week.

In Honor of Bridal Party

Mrs. Will Landis and Miss Lucy Landis entertained the Hunt-Landis bridal party at an elegantly appointed luncheon, Saturday at 1:30. Covers were laid for twenty-four guests, six courses being served. The hour cards were hand painted battleships tied with many colors. The pretty home presented a festive scene with its decoration of flowers and potted plants with a profusion of cut flowers. The center piece was of brides roses and ferns. After the luncheon progressive bridge was played.

Mrs. A. A. Hicks also handsomely entertained the bridal party on Friday evening last.

M. E. Missionary Society

The Missionary Society of the M. E. Church met in the Lyon Memorial building, Sept. 20th and re-organized the Mission Study Class for the winter. "Home Missions in Action" was the book selected for the study. With Mrs. J. P. Hunt as leader of the class, the book will be made very interesting. Twelve members of the society joined this circle. It would be well for every member of the Missionary Society to join the class as the study of this book brings to mind what is really being done by the Home Missions who are in active service now. Mrs. J. S. B., C. S.

"Drive In!"

That is exactly what a great many tobacco growers are doing—driving in at the Johason Warehouse. Mr. Sam Watkins, the genial proprietor and his valuable assistants, will see that the farmers get the best that is going. See the ad of the Johnson elsewhere in this paper.

For Your Convenience—When you are at the County Fair, leave your parcels and wraps at the booth provided by the National Bank of Granville. There will be no charge for this service as this bank is always anxious to accommodate their friends in every possible way.

The Minor Warehouse

High averages at the Minor Warehouse continues. All the warehouses in Oxford will be open every day during the Fair. Sell your tobacco at the Minor and then go to the Fair. See half page ad of this warehouse elsewhere in this paper.