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MR. PITTS QUILTS

TENDERS HIS RESIGNATION AND WILL LEAVE OXFORD

His Resignation Places Upon the Board of Trustees of the Oxford Graded School an Added Responsibility.

The Public Ledger learned a couple of weeks ago that Prof. Pitts, superintendent of the Oxford Graded School had resigned and that the Board had accepted his resignation. We called upon members of the board and Prof. Pitts at the time and all parties thought it best to say nothing about the resignation until the closing of the present term of school. For the sake of discipline, the Public Ledger, too, thought it the part of wisdom to let the matter rest, and to our surprise it leaked out and was published in the Raleigh News and Observer before we were permitted to say anything about the resignation. The Public Ledger pledged secrecy and played fair, and we are disposed to let it go at that.

The resignation of Superintendent Pitts places upon the Board of Trustees an added responsibility. During the two years in which Prof. Pitts had charge of the school very marked progress has been made. An increase in enrollment, bringing congestion in the class rooms and calling for signal administrative ability, and other problems incident to the introduction of new and progressive ideas have been handled most successfully by Prof. Pitts. The teaching force has been greatly strengthened by reason of his superior knowledge. Prof. Pitts has not only proven a progressive school leader and demonstrated that he appreciated the necessity of qualified teachers, but he is a splendid disciplinarian and has handled the situation with a fine Italian hand.

The Board of Trustees has no easy task in the selection of a successor to Prof. Pitts, and the Public Ledger hopes that ample time will be taken and the field thoroughly gone over that the right man may be selected—a man who is of the modern school and who will take up the work where Prof. Pitts leaves it off and carry it on. The Public Ledger believes that the matter of salary should be a secondary consideration and we hope that the Board of Trustees will look first for the man to "fill the bill" and then arrange the remuneration.

The educational requirements of the present day demand qualified teaching forces and qualified teachers and superintendents cannot be employed unless adequate pay is provided. Small salary usually gets small service and in spite of the fact that the teachers as a class throughout the country are underpaid, the Public Ledger believes that the salary should be commensurate with the standard of teaching expected and required, and it hopes that the Trustees may be fortunate in selecting a superintendent who can in turn select and maintain a high standard teaching force, and such a man should be invested with the power to buy a chicken now and then, if necessary.

The Public Ledger regrets that Superintendent Pitts is to give up his school work here, but wishes for him abundance of success wherever he goes.

"THE LITTLE GYPSY"

Will Be Seen at the Orpheum Monday, May 8th

Few plays have ever found their way so thoroughly into the hearts of the American public as has "The Little Gypsy" as pictured for William Fox, with an elaborate attention to detail and careful direction which places it in a class by itself in the silent drama. With all the enhanced opportunities for scenic display and dramatic action afforded by the photo dramatic version it is safe to say that "The Little Gypsy" is one of the greatest and most universally appealing of any of the screen plays so far presented by William Fox and this is high praise indeed.

Mr. Millis Dangerously Ill

Mr. W. T. Millis, a machinist, residing on Broad street, was stricken with paralysis early Thursday evening. He is totally unconscious this Friday morning and the attending physicians hold out no hope of his recovery.

Chairman Hicks Explains Primary Law

A MOST COMPREHENSIVE AND CONDENSED STATEMENT OF THE LAWS GOVERNING ELECTIONS

Many questions are now being asked about the Primary Election soon to take place in this State and County. I beg to say that the books are now in the hands of the Registrars in each township for the purpose of allowing people not heretofore registered in their precincts to register for the Primary. Those who voted in the 1914 Election need not register again unless they have removed from the precinct where they then voted, their names will be transcribed by the Registrars from the registration books used in the 1914 election. And the same rules will apply as to voting then as did in said 1914 election.

I earnestly hope that all Democrats in Granville County, and all who desire to affiliate with the Democratic party in this election, will register, if not already registered, and will attend the Primary election on June 3d, and cast their ballot for the candidate of their choice.

Some Republicans are trying to make the Primary very unpopular because they know that it will prevent them from voting in the Primary for Democratic candidates and then voting the Republican ticket in the General election, as some have heretofore done. This Primary law does not prevent or prohibit any man from voting as he may desire in the General Election; there is nothing in it which requires one to vote the same ticket in the General Election that he voted in the Primary. Don't be deceived or misled about this matter. Read the law for yourself, Public Acts 1916, page 154, or get some friend to read or explain it to you.

I have been talking with the Democrats for years and I know that the people of Granville County wanted the Primary, and I also believe that it is the best way in America for a free people to select their candidates. For it is death to gag and boss rule and gives every man an opportunity to express his wishes as to the proper candidate.

Respectfully,
A. A. HICKS,

Ch'm of Democratic Executive Com.

STRONG COMMUNITY EXHIBITS

The Granville County Fair to Be Larger and Better This Fall

After visiting nearly every part of Granville county, Mr. P. W. Knott, secretary of the Granville County Fair, states that the outlook for the Fair next October is indeed encouraging.

To our way of thinking, Secretary Knott is working along the right lines. Any one attending the Fair last fall could not help being impressed with the community exhibits of Enon, Hester, and Caltolina. Mr. Knott, by virtue of his popularity, is in close touch with all parts of the county and eight communities have already expressed a desire to have exhibits at the Fair this fall.

The 25th, 26th and 27th of October are the dates of the Fair. They are selected with a view of not conflicting with the fairs of adjoining counties.

While Secretary Knott is seeing to it that the resources of the county will be on display, he is also debating the question as to what will constitute the best amusements. He is rather inclined to believe that an aeroplane would be a good drawing card. It is possible that the grounds will be lighted and the gates thrown open at night this fall.

COLLEGE OF BISHOPS

The Assignment of Bishop John C. Kilgo Covers Broad Territory

The Southern Methodist college of bishops has completed the conference assignments of the bishops for the ensuing year. Bishop Kilgo's assignments are: West Virginia conference, Charleston, September 13; western North Carolina, Gastonia, November 8; Virginia, Richmond, November 15; North Carolina, Durham, November 29.

Piano Recital

Some of the students of Misses Wortham and Hamme will give a piano recital at the Orpheum Theatre on the evening of Wednesday, May 10th.

THE NOTE

THE REPLY IS SUBJECT TO MINOR ALTERATIONS WHICH MAY RESULT FROM INTERCHANGE OF VIEWS

Ambassador Gerard Twice Dined With Emperor William—It Remains With President Wilson Alone to Tell if the United States Demands Are Met.

BERLIN—The draft of the German reply to the American note has been finished. The reply is subject to minor alterations which may result from interchanges of views between Berlin and general headquarters.

The attitude of Germany will be stated in clear and precise terms.

The note will leave no room for doubt concerning the exact position assumed by Germany which will communicate the definite nature of instructions that will be given to submarine commanders and other data on which Washington itself can judge the situation.

The Associated Press is permitted to make these statements, although the censorship on dispatches tending to reveal the tenor of the German reply is still effective.

The date of delivery of the answer has not been fixed.

It has been learned that Dr. Karl Helerich, the imperial treasurer, is at headquarters participating in the conferences on the American note and the framing of an answer.

The Frankfurter Zeitung says Ambassador Gerard twice dined with Emperor William and that he also was able to see the German troops at an important point on the front.

WASHINGTON—The announcement from Berlin that new and definite instructions are to be given to German submarine commanders is the first positive indication as to how

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OUR STEM NEWS LETTER

(Correspondence Public Ledger)

Injured at Saw Mill

While at work at Veazey's saw mill on route one last Thursday Mr. A. L. Thaxton had the misfortune to have his right hand caught in the saw as he was pulling out a piece of timber. The ends of two fingers were cut off and another badly lacerated, he was brought at once to Stem to Dr. Hardee's office where the wounds were dressed. It will be sometime before he will be able to resume his work.

Attracted to the Bull City

A large number of people in this section do their trading in Durham that ought to trade in Oxford. The advertisements in the Durham papers are attracting them to the Bull City.

Sunday School Institute

A Sunday School Institute will be held with the Baptist church at Creedmoor next Sunday. Some of the best Sunday School speakers in the state will be present and discuss different phases of the work.

Fishing Party

A fishing party composed of Messrs Lewis Walker, Early Winters, and Fred Parrish and Misses Pearl and Malah Roberts and Minnie Goss, all of route one, camped at the brick house on Flat River Monday night and Tuesday and had a most pleasant outing.

Union Meeting

A Union Meeting was held with the Dutchville Primitive Baptist church last Saturday and Sunday. The meeting on Sunday was well attended and sermons were delivered by Elders C. F. Denny, J. A. Herndon and Elder

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POLITICAL ADVERTISING

The Public Ledger is a member of the Democratic Household, and as such we will not accept any Republican Campaign Advertising at any price. All other political advertising we make a uniform rate of five cents the line run of the paper and 10 cents the inch for display; in the meantime we hold the right to reject all unsavory and objectionable articles.

Board of County Commissioners Meet

NEW ROADS, OLD ROADS, EXEMPTIONS, AND OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

The honorable Board of County Commissioners met on Monday, May 1, with the following members present: B. I. Breedlove, chairman; R. S. Hart, J. L. Peed, H. C. Floyd.

Ordered that R. A. Laws, of Walnut Grove, be allowed \$10 to spend on his section of the road, he being the overseer and having only one hand allotted to him on said road.

G. W. Royster, Tally Ho, was granted rebate on \$600 solvent credits.

Richard Hopkins was exempt from road duty for one year from date.

Dr. T. B. Hill was granted permission to purchase timber for boxes on road from Virgilina to Person county line. No cost for construction of boxes.

Wm. Harris, colored, was exempt from road duty for one year.

Kerney Matthews was exempt from road duty for one year.

J. M. Phipps was granted permission to cut a ditch along the Berea road near Mr. B. F. Hester's in order to improve said road.

Malesin Overby was placed on the outside pauper list.

Becky Watkins was placed on the outside pauper list.

The following road was granted and declared a public road: Leading from the Issac Cash place into the Creedmoor road at J. R. O'Briant's place, there being no cost attached to county for right of way or construction. Commissioners Breedlove and Peed were designated to locate the road.

Emma Thorp was granted permission to enter the Home for the Aged and Infirm.

Ordered that Chairman Breedlove sign the instrument of writing presented by the Seaboard Railway Company, granting right-of-way for public road over their railroad tracks near Tar River station.

Upon the report of the jury to assess the damages to the lands of Jim Scott, the Board is of the opinion that the assessment is too high and the same is hereby rescinded and in lieu of \$100, upon motion of Commissioner Floyd, which was duly seconded, the said assessment is made \$50 and the Register of Deeds is directed to give notice of said revision to said Scott or his attorney and the same is continued until the next hearing of the Board.

There was ordered held in Oak Hill township a special school tax election the boundaries of said district on file in the Register of Deeds office.

The motion to move the convict road force to Kinton Fork and work the road from there to Oak Hill after the completion of the road from H. C. Floyd's to Creedmoor and the Davis road, was carried.

Moved by Commissioner Hart and duly seconded, the chairman of the Board and the county attorney were appointed a committee to borrow \$10,000 for road purposes, to be paid back from the road fund of the county out of the 1916 taxes. The Board having paid the entire road indebtedness of \$26,500 since last January, they deemed it necessary to borrow \$10,000 at this time to keep the convict and repair force busy until next November.

G. C. Jones was appointed foreman of repair force at salary of \$40 per month, to begin work as soon as he can get force together.

The Different Kind of Sheep

Here is a good one and it happened right here in Oxford and is vouchered for by a teacher.

Addressing a little boy, the teacher requested him to name the different kind of sheep.

"I only know of four kind," answered the little fellow.

"Well, name them please."

"There's the black sheep, that's one. Then there's the white sheep, that's two. Then there's the little lamb, that's three. Then there's the hydraulic ram, which makes four."

Woman's Club Meets

The Woman's Club had a most interesting meeting Wednesday afternoon, presided over by the new president, Mrs. John Webb, who is a most tactful presiding officer. The several departments into which the club has been divided was the main source of discussion.

SLIGHT DAMAGE

THERE IS NO USE TO BE DISCOURAGED AT THIS JUNCTURE

Many Farmers Seem to Be Greatly Worried About the Scarcity of Tobacco Plants This Season.

Reports continue to be very discouraging about the shortage of tobacco plants, which have been cut short by the tobacco fly or other contributory causes. In some places, we are informed the beds have been completely denuded; in others a very scarce crop is in sight, and many farmers have already planted land, intended for tobacco, to corn.

There is no need to be discouraged at this juncture. Plenty of ways offer to make good money this season. Some of them call for capital, others do not. There is still, and increasing ly so, a good demand for poultry products.

Any farmer whose plant bed has failed him can procure a couple of dozen Brahmins, Cochins or Langhans now, together with an incubator and raise broilers at the rate of 100 every three weeks, and market them from five to six weeks thereafter and get around 30 cents a pound for them in New York. In this manner a steady income of around \$30 per month can be had all summer—indeed all through the year in this section—from a small flock.

Or, if egg production is preferred, procure a flock of Leghorns, Minorcas, Spanish, Blue Andalusians, and start forthwith. By organizing a good strong poultry club or some kind of an association, and taking advantage of the assistance it affords, shipping strictly (guaranteed) fresh eggs, of uniform size and color, to the New York market, and get a round 30c per dozen for them.

There is no need to be discouraged at the failure of tobacco seedlings. There are plenty other ways of making good for the man who wants to do so.

PICTURE OF CLASS

Every Member Urged to Be Present Mother's Day.

Weather permitting, the Baraca Class of the Oxford Baptist church will be photographed on Sunday morning, May 14th. Every member is urged to be present. The picture will be printed in the Baraca-Philanthra Herald and later in the Public Ledger.

May 14th is "Mother's Day" throughout the country, and General Royster suggested that each member of his class wear a white flower on the lapel of his coat on that day. More than one hundred strong met in line, all wearing white flowers, will make a fine picture.

By the way, we notice that there are a lot of men hanging around the streets every Sunday who do not attend any church or Sunday school. Boys, that won't do. Go to some church and sit down and hear the music and the prayers and the sermon. We invite you to come around and listen to General Royster expound the International Lesson. Throw off the old prejudices and get in close touch one with the other. It is a noble thing to be in line with your God and your fellowman.

THE GRANVILLE GRAYS

The Company Will Attend Declaration of Independence at Charlotte, May 20th

Everything is in readiness for the Celebration of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence at Charlotte on May 20th. The Queen City has put its best foot foremost and will entertain the forty thousand visitors in a most befitting manner. The Granville Grays, Capt. E. E. Fuller, commanding, will be in line 50 men strong. It is to be a fine trip and the officers of the Granville Grays would appreciate a membership of twenty more good men.

General B. S. Royster will be in command of the First Brigade, North Carolina National Guard, at Charlotte. The Granville Grays will be quartered on Tryon street.

Keep Your Brow Cool

Read the announcement of R. W. Brown & Co., elsewhere in this paper and give them an order for a "flyer." They are in a position to do repairs, too.