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TOWN BOARD

COMMISSIONER R. S. USRY RESIGNS FROM BOARD

New Officers Elected—Two New Ordinances Adopted—The Speed Law Will Be Rigidly Enforced.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of Commissioners held in the Mayor's office Tuesday night, two new ordinances were adopted and officers elected for the ensuing year.

Commissioner R. S. Usry having tendered his resignation and retired from the Board, the Commissioners elevated Commissioner W. A. Parham to the important office of Chairman of the Street Committee. The other members of the Street Committee are Commissioners Powell and Mitchell.

Mr. Sam M. Wheeler was reelected chief of police and building inspector. I. H. Hobgood was re-elected Police, Street Commissioner and Sanitary Officer.

Mr. R. B. Hines was re-elected Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Treasurer.

Major Montgomery was re-elected Water and Electrical Inspector.

Dr. B. K. Hays was re-elected Health Officer.

Mr. J. Robt. Wood, was re-elected Chief of the Fire Department, and Mr. P. A. Wood was re-elected Driver of the Fire Truck.

An ordinance making it misdemeanor for awnings to swing less than six feet and six inches above the pavement was adopted and will be effective on and after June first, next.

An ordinance was adopted requiring all pool rooms to be equipped with large windows fronting the street, the view not to be obscured by screen or other obstructions.

Mayor Stem has read the riot act to the police and states that the speed law must be enforced at all hazards. This applies to speed and cut-outs.

A SPLENDID FARM

The Home of Mr. Henry A. Hicks, At Dickerson.

The finest field of tobacco we have seen this season is that of Mr. Henry H. Hicks, whose splendid farm lies on either side of the public road a quarter of a mile west of Dickerson station. There must be several thousand green, vigorous plants in the field.

Mr. Hicks has one of the finest places in the county, situated on a hill overlooking the tracks of the Durham-Henderson line, and when the broad plateau bursts into full view the stranger invariably asks: "Who lives there?"

With all the beauty and grandeur of Mr. Hicks' place, there lies at the foot of the hill, a quarter of a mile south of his residence, a most dangerous trap. Here the railroad tracks are submerged and one must needs approach it with extreme care and peep up and down the tracks before attempting to cross. The county Commissioners would do well to put an overhead pass at that point.

STREET PAVING EXTENDED

Hillsboro Street From Broad to Lanier's Store Will Be Paved

A majority of the property holders on Hillsboro street from Broad to Lanier street, a distance of one block, have signed up for the same type of pavement that is being put down in the other parts of Oxford.

It is understood that there is one majority of property holders on Callahan street against paving said street from College street to Southern station. This is an important thoroughfare and it is thought that a majority of the property holders will sign up at an early date. If the street leading to the Southern station comes in, of course the Seaboard Road will see that Littlejohn street, between Main and Gilliam, is paved.

STYLISH BUGGIES

Made By the Taylor-Cannady Buggy Company.

The Public Ledger is indeed glad to learn that many fine buggies are being bought by the solid element of this section. Hundreds of the Taylor-Cannady buggies have been sold this season in Granville county and the end is not yet. Horner Bros. Company have a large stock for your inspection. See their announcement on the fifth page of this paper.

GRADED SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

PROF. NOBLE WILL DELIVER ANNUAL ADDRESS AT OXFORD GRADED SCHOOL

The graduating exercises will be held at the Oxford Graded school Thursday evening, May 25th, followed by the annual address, delivered by Prof. Noble, of Chapel Hill, on the evening of May 26th.

The graduating class this year is large. There is a hot contest for the three scholarship medals given by three of the leading colleges of the State.

Mrs. John Booth will give her musical recital in the auditorium of the Graded School on Monday night, May 15.

JUST A LITTLE FUN

At the Expense of Daughtridge and Bickett.

It is pretty well understood that Daughtridge is a friend of the farmers, and it can be said with equal vehemence that Bickett is also a friend of the farmers. The Public Ledger regards the two candidates for Governor in the same light that we hold General B. S. Royster. In early life he worked on a farm, and today he owns a farm, and so does Bickett and Daughtridge own farms. General Royster's friendship for the farmer does in no wise depend upon his ability to own a farm or having worked on a farm. His love for man kind comes from the heart and not from the soil. The State does not owe Daughtridge or Bickett one penny for their knowledge of farming. There are hundreds of colored farmers in Granville that know more about farming than both of them put together.

A few days ago Mr. Bickett got off a good one in Charlotte at the expense of Mr. Daughtridge. There were about ten thousand people out to hear Mr. Bickett speak, the majority of them being farmers. The speaker told them that Mr. Daughtridge owned about ten thousand acres of land, and that he himself owned about two hundred and fifty acres. "Now," said Mr. Bickett, "I hope that every farmer who owns ten thousand acres will vote for Mr. Daughtridge, and all those who own two hundred and fifty acres will vote for Bickett." (Cheers.)

Some years ago, over in Virginia, a candidate for governor posed as a special friend of the farmers. Both of the candidates were born on the farm, but later in life were successful lawyers. One essayed to claim that he was a friend of the farmer, but the other candidate was making the race on a broader platform. All went well up to within a few days of the election, at which time there was a joint debate. There were about ten thousand people present and the farmer candidate had everything going his way. Presently, however, the dejected candidate took the platform and defied the farmer candidate to answer one question—just one simple question that all true farmers could answer off-handed.

"Well, let it come," demanded the farmer candidate.

"All right," said his opponent, "will you please tell the good farmers of this county which end of a cow gets up first?"

That question sent the farmer candidate back home a meek, but wiser man.

GOES AFTER VIOLATORS

Sheriff Hobgood Routes Gang of Blockaders

In response to information received late Tuesday evening last, Sheriff Hobgood, Special Officer Hutchins, Chief Wheeler and Officer I. H. Hobgood went out beyond Bowling Mountain in search of a still.

The distillers caught wind of the punitive expedition and left for parts unknown, leaving a lot of sour mash, tubs and other equipment, but they took the still with them. The surroundings indicated that the still had been in operation several days.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Candidate for Governor at Court House Saturday.

Hon T. W. Bickett, Democratic candidate for governor, will speak in the Court House at 1:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Mr. Bickett is a distinguished speaker and the ladies are invited to come out and hear him.

BORDER TROUBLE

EVERY AMERICAN SOLDIER SENT TO ACTIVE SERVICE ON THE MEXICAN BORDER

Other National Guardsmen May Be Called Out—Mexicans All Along Frontier Reported to Have Planned Concerted Uprising—Forty-Five Thousand Troops Now Under Mobilization.

WASHINGTON—Virtually the last American troops in the United States were being mobilized Wednesday for border service. With the national guard of three states, they were under orders to hasten to reinforce General Funston's army. The total of between 9,000 and 10,000 included eleven companies of Coast artillery ordered out by Secretary Baker.

The Coast artillery companies ordered out are: 127th, Galveston; 164th, New Orleans; 20th and 77th, Pensacola, Fla.; 74th, Savannah, Ga.; 31st, Fort Caswell, N. C.; 41st and 69th, Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.; 112th, Delaware River (forts Dupont, Delaware and Mott); 103rd, Fort Howard, Md.

Unofficial reports were received that Mexicans along the entire border had planned for Wednesday a concerted uprising. From Mazatlan on the west coast of Mexico, came word that the consul there had been warned by anonymous letters that the consulate would be blown up. All Americans were urged to leave Mexico within 48 hours. These reports increased anxiety over the situation among officials.

The secretary also said five batteries of the fifth field artillery had been ordered from Fort Sill, Okla. Three additional batteries of the third field artillery were held in readiness at Tobyhanna, Pa., under orders.

Unofficial estimates placed the number of troops now on Mexican duty or under mobilization at about 45,000.

Fort Caswell Troops

WILMINGTON—Equipped fully for field service, the Thirty-First Coast Artillery, which has been stationed at Fort Caswell, at the mouth of the Cape Fear river, left Wilmington Thursday morning on a special train for Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Captain Francis N. Cooke, son of Judge C. M. Cooke, of North Carolina is in command of the company.

A. B. C. Navies

WASHINGTON—The naval forces of Argentina, Brazil and Chile will be placed at the disposal of the United States!

This is the answer to critics who have condemned the diplomacy of President Wilson in Mexico!

Germany knows it—and there is one big reason Germany will strive to avert a Pan-American crisis.

"Watchful waiting" and the forbearance of the United States after the Villa attack on Columbus, N. M., have brought about this diplomatic triumph. Latin-America distrust of Uncle Sam's intentions in Mexico has been turned to confidence in American leadership in the international crisis brought about by Germany's U-boat campaign.

FARMING IMPLEMENTS

Immense Stock at Lyon-Winston Company.

This is the season when the farmers lay in a supply of farming implements. Lyon-Winston Company handle the best brands, backed by a guarantee. They also handle the famous Oxford Chase buggies, wagons, harness, groceries, feed and seed. But the most important thing they have to offer at this particular time is the Tiger brand tobacco Transplanter, this is a wonder in the implement world, it waters and plants at the same time and in a superior way than the old hand set way. It will pay the farmers to turn to page two of this paper and note the excellent line of reliable goods handled by Lyon-Winston Company.

Raleigh Teacher Comes to Oxford

Mr. Phillips, principal of one of Raleigh Graded Schools, visited Oxford last week by invitation of the Board of Directors to overlook the situation, has been elected Superintendent of Oxford Graded Schools.

"MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM"

TERCENTENARY CELEBRATION OF SHAKESPEARE AT HORNER PARK

The Literary Clubs of Oxford, the Graded School and Mrs. Hick's school, will present "Midsummer Night's Dream" at Horner Grove this Friday night at 8:30 o'clock, weather permitting.

Directors

Director of play, Mrs. H. G. Cooper. Manager, Mrs. A. H. Powell. Director of Chorus, Mrs. J. B. Booth.

Pianist, Miss Hankins. Fairies trained by Mrs. A. A. Hicks. Costumes and stage directors, Mrs. S. H. Cannady, Mrs. B. K. Lassiter, Mrs. Calvert, Miss Julia Minor, Mrs. D. G. Brummitt.

Patronesses: The Shakespeare Club, The North-end Shakespeare Club, The Woman's Literary Club, The Woman's Civic Club, The Athenaeum, The Oxford High School, and Mrs. Hicks' School.

Persons in the Play

Harry Renn, F. M. Pinnix, Jim Taylor, Ben Parham, Edison Hicks, Maria Paris, Gladys Rawlins, Annie Crews, Robert Parham, William Webb, Edward Rawlins, Henry Shaw, Joseph Bryan, Jim Ballou, Luther Buchanan, Nina Cooper, Ethel Hancock, Mary Powell, Carolyn Booth, Margaret Davis, Josephine Ballou, Julia Brent Hicks, Rebecca Bullock, Daisy Cooper.

Attendants on Theseus and Hippolyta: Estelle White, Sally Webb, Margaret Capehart, Lucy Landis, Hixie White, Lillian Taylor, Mary Shaw, Ruth Shaw, Martha Parker Brinkley, Dorothy Royster.

Torch bearers: Geoffrey Horsfield, Junius Cooper, Will Hicks, Henry Hunt.

Chorus: Fifty voices from the Oxford Graded School.

THE COUNTY COMMISSION

Prominent Citizen Will Probably Shy His Hat in the Ring.

The Public Ledger is informed that a large number of the citizens of both town and county have appealed to Mr. W. A. Parham to allow his name to go before the people for County Commissioner. It is argued that the town of Oxford should have a resident member of the Board, and in casting about for a man they cite the special qualifications of Mr. Parham for the place.

The Public Ledger called upon Mr. Parham yesterday and learned from his own lips that a large number of farmers and business men has requested him to throw his hat in the ring. He stated that he is seriously considering the matter and would decide one way or the other in a day or two.

The Public Ledger does not hesitate to say that Mr. Parham is one of the best men on the Town Board. In the event he was elected to serve on the County Board he would resign from the Town Board.

"THE SOUL OF BROADWAY"

Fine Scenic Picture at the Orpheum, Monday, May 15

Nothing that quite equals the novelty and lavish expensiveness of many of the scenes in "The Soul of Broadway." William Fox's latest success starring Valeska Suratt, has been displayed through the medium of the motion-picture camera since the making of the first crude "flickers." In the first place there is daring and novelty in the very spirit displayed in the making of these scenes. Ultra-modernism marks them and the furniture and draperies all correspond in their general key of futuristic art.

AN ICELESS REFRIGERATOR

Can Be Seen at the Store of Landis & Easton

Miss Minnie L. Jammison, assistant demonstrator in Home Demonstration Work, is the guest of Major and Mrs. Will Landis while in Oxford. This very clever lady has constructed an iceless refrigerator and presented it to Major Landis, who has it on display at the store of Landis & Easton, and they will take pleasure in showing it to any one who desires to see it. It is very simple and will preserve fresh meat in the hottest of weather.

FEDERAL AID

EIGHTY-FIVE MILLION DOLLARS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC ROADS

Granville County Will Share in the Appropriation if the County Commissioners Get Busy and Go After It.

The Federal Aid Bill passed both houses of Congress this week. The bill carries an appropriation for eighty-five million dollars for the improvement and maintenance of National and State controlled highways. North Carolina will share in the appropriation to the amount of about \$125,000 the first year; \$175,000 the second year and on up to a half million dollars the fifth year.

Capt. Winslow, engineer in charge of this division of the National Highway, was in Oxford Wednesday and talked enthusiastically of the Federal Aid Bill. He regards it as one of the best pieces of legislation of the present century. It means a complete network of high class roads all over the United States within the next ten years.

That part of the National Highway traversing Granville county will share in the appropriation if the demands of the government are satisfied, and Capt. Winslow sees no reason why this should not be done. In fact there is only one obstacle in the way, as we see it—namely: The government will not consent to maintain a highway that crosses a railroad track twice within a distance of 1,000 yards. We are informed that such a condition actually exists in Granville, at Lewis Station.

The Federal Aid Bill is intended to provide funds for the building and maintenance of public roads and for the encouragement of road building. About \$10,000 of the funds will come to Granville if the County Commissioners are wise and go after it soon enough. The right thing to do is to get busy at once.

A STRONG RESOLUTION

Colored Evangelist Caught Hugging the Choir Soprano

The Public Ledger recently quoted the little boy who told his teacher a hydraulic ram was a sheep. The incident brought forth a good story. According to Mr. Joe Baird, a colored evangelist was caught hugging the choir soprano behind the church door, and was brought up for trial, charged with immoral conduct.

"Now bruddern," said Parson Johnsing, in extenuation of his conduct, "I s'pose you've all seen dis great picture and you know dat de Good Shepherd am always pictured wid a lamb in his arms."

"Yes, parson, dat am so," admitted old Deacon Brown, who had been one of the foremost of his accusers.

"Den what's wrong wid de shepherd of his flock taking a lamb in his arms?" demanded the preacher.

This was too much for the deacon, so he proposed that the people have a call meeting that afternoon.

There the point was fully discussed and the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, Dat for de future peace ob mind ob dis yere congregation dat whenever Parson Johnsing feels called upon to take a lamb ob his flock in his arms, dat he be sure and pick out a ram lamb."

MEMORIAL DAY

Fittingly Observed by the Daughters of the Confederacy

Memorial day was observed here by the "Granville Grays" chapter of United Daughters of Confederacy. The Confederate monument was adorned with flowers Wednesday morning. At six o'clock in the afternoon a meeting was held at the home of the vice-president of the chapter, Mrs. W. B. Ballou from which members of the chapter proceeded to the cemetery and placed flowers on the graves of Confederate soldiers. Crosses of honor were presented to two veterans.

The Old and the New

Mr. R. L. Brame has taken a step in the right direction. His new pressing machine puts him on a par with the best city shops. See the illustration on the fifth page of the Public Ledger today and give him a trial.

Mr. and Mrs. John Webb are visiting their daughter, Miss Fannie, in New York city. They will stop off in Philadelphia for a day or two.