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## THE GOOD ROADS MEETING

A TEMPORARY ORGANIZATION FORMED WITH DR. BENJ. K. HAYS, CHAIRMAN

Capt. D. H. Winslow, Engineer of the National Highway, Discusses Federal Aid.

The most enthusiastic meeting of the year was held in the Commercial Club rooms Thursday night. The meeting grew out of a well-grounded feeling throughout the county that some kind of an organization should be formed to ensure better roads in Granville County.

For more than one hour Capt. Winslow, engineer of the National Highway, quoted facts and figures pointing to the benefits derived from good roads. He also explained how the county can match dollars with the National Government and obtain sufficient Federal aid to build and maintain the roads of the county.

The meeting was most enthusiastic and led off into many channels of thought. There was a strong sentiment developed in favor of employing a road commissioner to look after the road work of the county. It was argued that the Commissioners, by virtue of their office, cannot handle the roads of the county to the best advantage. While these and similar issues were discussed, they were not subjected to a vote. However, a deep conviction pervaded the meeting that the county is not keeping abreast of the times as regards our roads. The sentiment crystallized in the shape of a temporary organization known as the "Granville County Good Roads Association," of which Dr. B. K. Hays was elected chairman, and Mr. B. W. Parham its secretary. Serving on the temporary committee are: Dr. E. T. White, C. W. Bryan, A. A. Hicks, W. H. Fleming, John Webb.

The temporary organization will work with a view of holding a County Good Roads Meeting in the near future.

A delegation from the Henderson Board of Trade was present, primarily to hear Capt. Winslow discuss the Federal Aid proposition, and were heartily received.

## SECY KNOTT ENCOURAGED

Increasing Interest Manifested in the Fair

Secretary Knott, of the Granville County Fair, has placed several hundred copies of the premium list in the hands of the people of the county. If there is any one who has not received a copy, address him at the Granville County Commercial Club and he will see that you get it.

Mr. Knott has laid all other interests aside and gone to work to get things in shape for the largest Fair ever held in the county. He comes in from Enon every morning and wades through his big mail awaiting him at the Commercial rooms. Much of his mail pertains to the amusement feature.

Secretary Knott will go out to the Fair grounds next week and see what is needed in the way of improvements for the comfort and convenience of the customers. He wants to convert the main agricultural building into an attractive exhibition hall, but this can be done by decorations.

"I am sure," said Mr. Knott, "that the exhibits this year will be better and more attractive than ever before."

## AN ACTIVE CAMPAIGN

The Oxford Woman's Club Begins Fall Work

The Oxford Woman's Club held its first meeting of the Club year at the Commercial Club Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock. Mrs. John Webb, President of the Club presided over the meeting with her always ease and grace.

It was a meeting full of interest and enthusiasm and enjoyed by every member present.

Plans and specifications were adopted for the beautifying of the several parkways in the town and the Club voted to pay half of the costs for shrubberies, trees and etc. A new feature of the Club this year is "The Year Book" which the members are looking forward to receiving with much interest.

It was announced that the Raleigh Health Exhibit will be given at the County Fair, which will be held in October.

## Real Estate Values— Now's the Time to Buy

REAL ESTATE IS CHEAPER IN THIS SECTION THAN IT WILL EVER BE AGAIN

One hears much about real estate values these days. It would seem that there are men in this land of plenty who see nothing but a decrease in land values following the close of the European war.

One old fellow who owns some property in Oxford makes it a rule to drop in at the Public Ledger office once or twice a month to remind the editor that real estate values are not what they used to be. He tells us that he would like to close out his property and move away, but no one has been able to learn what he would take for his property.

Disregarding the assertions of those who "talk merely to hear themselves talk," the Public Ledger will admit that real estate is cheaper in Oxford than it will ever be again. Good residential property where modest or expensive homes can be built that can not be equalled in any section for the money we have ever visited can be acquired on reasonable terms. And as to location, a man can secure any kind of a location he wishes, and, very cheap at that. The man who buys a home now can almost pay for that home for the amount of rent he must pay if he rents. If he lacks the money all he has to do is to negotiate a loan, which he can easily do if he is the right kind of a man.

That there will be an advance in real estate seems certain. An advance is always good for the man who buys. Should he wish to sell later he will have something he can dispose of for more than it cost him and have the advantage of living on his own place.

Most any man can add two or three hundred dollars to his house and lot by expending a little labor at odd times. It requires but a small effort to do this. Then when he sells he will be well rewarded in the increased price he will realize for his property. No man who now rents can make a mistake by going in for a home of his own. And the opportunity is better now than at any time past or present.

We would advise our friends throughout the county that now is the time to buy real estate, but it is not a very good time to sell. There is to be a boom in real estate everywhere in a year or more.

## A GOOD EXAMPLE

Col. Ballou and the Railway Employees

We would commend Col. Ballou to the railroad men as an example of thrift and industry. The big Imperial plant, of which he is manager, employs several hundred people and runs night and day. That's a pretty big job, but as soon as he gets his breakfast he goes over to the Warehouses and examines every pile of tobacco on the market. Why, boys, you would have to run a train one thousand miles every day and saw a cord of wood before breakfast to catch up with him. And the beauty of it is that Col. Ballou always wears a smile that won't come off.

## REVIVAL CLOSES

Great Spiritual Awakening in the Community

The series of meetings held at the Oxford Methodist church came to a close Thursday morning. It is doubtful if there was ever a greater spiritual awakening in the community than was manifested in the series of meetings covering a period of two weeks. More than one hundred gave themselves to Christ and will join the Oxford churches.

It would seem that the earnest work and prayers of Dr. Willis, pastor of the Methodist church, have been abundantly answered. Many hundred sinners were brought low by the pleading of Dr. Willis and Dr. Stanford, who so ably assisted him in the revival. The people of all denominations attended the revival and learned to love the two faithful servants-of the Master.

## High Averages

We call the attention of the tobacco growers to the announcement of Mr. I. W. Mangum, proprietor of the Minor Warehouse, elsewhere in this paper. Figures and names tell a wholesome story.

## THE TOBACCO MARKET

TOP-NOTCH PRICES PREVAIL ON ALL GRADES

Nearly Two Hundred Thousand Pounds Sold Tuesday—The Crop Will Begin to Move Soon.

With low grades selling higher than they were ever known to sell before, the Oxford market began another year on Tuesday, September 5th with a record breaking sale, the official figures showing that there was 196,780 pounds handled by the five Oxford warehouses. Hundreds of farmers from Granville and surrounding counties were present in such numbers as to impede the progress of the sales to some extent. Taken as a whole, we never saw tobacco growers quite so well satisfied as they were on this occasion. A number of them told us they got even more than they expected after hearing of the high prices expected.

There is every indication that all grades of tobacco will pass all records during this season. The sales for the opening day averaged around 20. Everybody wore a smile and recognized something good was in store for those who sell on the Oxford market.

The light weights of low grade lugs is overcome by the high prices paid for them. With the better grades it will not be noticeable.

The opinion seems to be general that the crop will begin to move in large quantities just as soon as the growers can get it ready for market.

Unless all signs fail this is going to be one of the best—if not the best year—in the history of the best market in the State—the Oxford market.

Owing to the fact that Oxford is the one big market in this section—the market which sets the standard, in other words—the grower who sells his tobacco on the other market cannot rest assured that he received its full market value. He may have received a very satisfactory price at the other place, but there is always that feeling, based upon facts that in all probability he would have received a better price had he sold on the Oxford market.

It stands to reason then that farmers who sell on smaller markets would find it to their advantage to sell on the Oxford market the year round. Many of them have already learned that it pays to do this—and many others will learn after they have tried the plan.

## Didn't Know It Was Loaded

BUD CHAVIS SHOOTS WILL BULLOCK

Colored Youth Held in the County Jail Charged With the Awful Crime of Murder.

A sharp loud crack of a shot gun Wednesday near Goshen church, Oak Hill township, and Will Bullock fell to the ground and expired.

According to the evidence it would appear that Bullock asked Bud Chavis for a cigarette. Chavis grabbed the gun, it is said, and leveled it at Bullock and remarked to his companion: "Do you want to see him die?"

"Let her go," said his companion in a jocular mood. At that, Chavis pulled the trigger and a load of shot penetrated the neck of Bullock.

It is stated that the three colored men were on the best of terms and it would seem so from the fact that Chavis, who fired the shot, was much grieved and gave himself up to the Sheriff.

Dr. Thomas, coroner, empaneled a jury, whose findings were to the effect that Bullock met his death at the hands of Bud Chavis. Chavis is held in the county jail.

## MEAT PACKING PLANT

Where Will The Product Come From?

It is generally understood that in the event a meat packing plant is established in Oxford the meat will come from the surrounding country. It is a case wherein the packing house is opened for the purpose of creating a demand. With a packing plant in our midst meat assumes a steady market price. There is no such thing as glutting the market where there is a meat packing plant.

## County Board Hold Meeting

TAX BOOKS FOR 1916 PLACED IN THE HANDS OF THE SHERIFF

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

Chairman Breedlove was instructed to sign the application of Hazel, the daughter of J. R. Overby for admittance to the Caswell Training School.

Drewery Marrow was ordered placed on the outside pauper list.

The motion to work the old road from the old place of Joe Tallor's mail box, a distance of 200 yards, more or less, carried, and the present road is hereby declared discontinued.

Chairman Breedlove was ordered to sign the certificate admitting Lucile Norwood to the Caswell Training School, transportation to be paid by parents.

Mrs. Mary Allen was admitted to the outside pauper list.

Mrs. Alice Pearce was ordered replaced on outside pauper list.

The motion to donate \$40 to the Washington and Wheeler hills carried Commissioner Hart voting against the proposition.

The motion to rescind the reduction in valuation of the lands of S. A. Fleming to \$6150, of April 3d, 1916, and sustain the listmaker's valuation of 1915, carried.

Chairman Breedlove was appointed a committee to have the road from the Orphanage gate to the first Southern Railroad crossing put in first-class condition.

Mr. J. B. Powell, Register of Deeds, turned the complete tax books over to the Board of Commissioners.

W. H. Walters made report of the settlement with the Sheriff, which was accepted, and the clerk ordered to turn the 1916 tax books over to the Sheriff with proper order for the Sheriff to collect the taxes therein.

There was a request from Miss Moriah Landis asking that the valuation of her property on Main street, Oxford, be reduced. After carefully considering the request the Board decided that the list takers had placed a reasonable value upon said estate.

## IN HONOR OF BRIDES ELECT

Elaborate Function at the Exchange Hotel

The afternoon club, composed of fourteen popular young ladies of Oxford, entertained at the Exchange Hotel Thursday in honor of Misses Elizabeth Hancock and Imogene Cannady, brides elect. Bridge was played from 12 to 2 o'clock, followed by luncheon from 2 to 2:30 o'clock.

The table was decorated with streamers of pink and green crepe paper and pink roses. The centerpiece was a handsome Battenburg lace piece with a large basket of pink roses tied with a bow of pink and green maline.

## Menu

Oyster cocktail. Mock turtle soup. Meat course, consisting of broiled chicken, creamed potatoes, creamed asparagus on toast, pickle. Hot rolls. Iced tea. Salad course: pineapple, pimento salad, olives and saltines. Metropolitan cream, colors pink and green, and lady fingers. Coffee.

## OXFORD COLLEGE OPEN

Many New Faces in the Throng—Excellent Instructors

Oxford College opened for the year's work Wednesday and President Hobgood is highly pleased. A large majority of the old girls returned and a very gratifying number of new faces are in the throng. The teaching force, now complete, is made up of instructors of the highest qualifications.

## Returns From the North

Major Will Landis has returned from the northern markets where he bought largely of the best goods for Landis & Easton. Mrs. Landis, who accompanied the Major north ten days ago, is spending a few days with relatives in Baltimore.

## Noted Chautauqua Speakers

Agricultural talks, educational speaking free during the morning of the 13th and 14 of September, by noted lecturers at the Clarksville Chautauqua.

CLARKSVILLE BOOSTER CLUB.

## OFFICERS CAPTURE CAR

ENROUTE FROM PETERSBURG TO RALEIGH WITH LOAD OF LIQUOR

Passed Through Oxford at 6 O'Clock Wednesday Morning and Was Captured an Hour Later at Wilton.

A big Dreadnaught car, driven by two negro men, highballed through Oxford last Wednesday morning. It came down the National Highway about 6 o'clock Wednesday morning and left a blue streak in its train as it passed out down Main street in the direction of Wilton, where a tire blowed out and left them stranded by the way side.

Everyone who saw the car in transit admit that it had the earmarks of a blockade runner.

When the car reached a point immediately in front of Dr. Morris' residence at Wilton, the two negro men got busy and telephoned for help. In the meantime Sheriff Hobgood received a wireless and with Chief Wheeler and Special Officer Hutchins the three men took up the trail. Just below town they ran up with an automobile which was on its way to Wilton to assist the stranded car.

When the Sheriff's car arrived at Wilton they found the stranded car, but the occupants had fled, taking the number of the car with them. The car contained forty gallons of liquor. The car and the liquor was brought to Oxford and is now in the possession of Sheriff Hobgood.

It is stated that a citizen of the Wilton community threatened to arrest the occupants of the car, but as he was unarmed the two negroes got the drop on him and backed away, making their escape in the woods.

## One of the Men Captured

The authorities at Franklinton on Wednesday arrested Charles Winters, who proved to be one of the men implicated. Sheriff Hobgood and other officials went over and brought Winters to Oxford.

The preliminary hearing before Justice Dee Hunt was held Thursday evening. General Royster appeared for the State, and Messrs. B. K. Laster, of Oxford, and Bob Jones, of Raleigh appeared for Winters. Winters was placed under a \$500 bond to appear at the November term of Court.

## A SQUARE DEAL

Before Ordering Goods Elsewhere Compare Prices

It is not our intention to boost Oxford at the expense of any one, but we do believe you will find it to your interest to "Buy in Oxford." There are many reasons why you should give your home merchant the preference and if you will consider for a moment you will agree with us, that is if you are not prejudiced from some cause.

When you want a favor, want a little time on that purchase, or when you are in trouble from loss by fire or some other cause who do you go to for assistance? When you want to build a church, or when you want help to improve your roads, who do you call on for assistance? Do you sit down and write a letter to the mail order house and ask them for thirty or sixty days on that little order you are sending in. Do you ask them to send you a donation to help build that church? Do you ask them to help you build that bad piece of road so that you can get to town, or to church, or so that your children can get to school? No, you come to Oxford and you are never sent away empty handed.

## HANDSOME SCHOOL BUILDING

Will Be Ready For Occupancy By October 15th

Mr. Leo E. Byrum, the contractor, is making headway on the large and handsome school building at Wilton. The lower floor which will be devoted to school purposes contains besides the assembly room a library, cloak room and music room. The upper floor which will be occupied by the Woodmen and the Junior Orders, is a large hall 75x55 feet and two ante rooms.

Mr. Byrum is rushing the building so as to have it ready for occupancy October 15th.

## Chautauqua at Clarksville

Come and bring your friends to the Chautauqua next week—Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

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