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THE NEW BOARD

SEVERAL OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

A Great Deal of Business Will Be Ready For the New Board of County Commissioners When They Are Sworn in and Take Their Seats Next Week.

Next Monday, December 4, Granville county officers will take the oath of office of the two-year term, beginning with that date. All persons in the county whose offices are elective will be required to take the oath. The only exception to the rule this year is Mr. D. C. Hunt, Clerk of the Court, who took the four year oath two years ago.

The county officers will take their oaths before the Board of County Commissioners. The oaths of all justices of the peace are administered by the Clerk of the Superior Court. These oaths are written, signed and filed and the necessary bonds are also filed.

The oaths are rather lengthy, one of the most significant phrases being a promise to "well and truly preform the duties of office." Thirty or forty men in Granville will assume the duties of office in the manner prescribed. The offices include the following Register of Deeds, Treasurer, Sheriff, five County Commissioners, and Township Constables.

The election of several county officers is scheduled by the County Commissioners next week. Of course, it is quite possible that all the present incumbents will be re-elected. These officers will be elected for term of two years. Each new board elects the County Attorney and the Superintendent of the Home for the Aged and Infirm. The Justices of the peace are elected by the Legislature upon the recommendation of the Representative.

A great deal of business will be ready for the new board when they take the oath of office next week. It is possible that they may hold a two day's sesison. Only one member of the present board will be a member of the new board, this one being Commissioner Hart, of Oak Hill, who was returned with a handsome majority. The Commissioner who take their seats Monday are: T. G. Taylor, J. Luther Daniel, E. C. Harris, Wyatt E. Cannady, R. S. Hart. The first business after taking the oath of office will be the election of a chairman. In the case of a deadlock, the Clerk of the Superior Court is empowered to name the chairman.

THE SWEET POTATO CROP

A Good Time to Sweep the Mortgage Away

Sweet potatoes are selling in Asheville at $1.00 a bushel, packed in barrels, and properly graded. This nets 75c a bushel in Oxford. They will go much higher, for when Topeka, Kan., Birmingham, Ala., New York City and Bristol, Tenn., inquires for car lots (which unfortunately we are not able to furnish) the crop is short, and prices must advance considerably. The same can be said of everything in the food line. The farmer is coming into his own. With the demand there is going to be for food in 1917, if we are wise, there ought not to be a single tenant, or farm with a mortgage hanging over it, in the length and breadth of Granville county.

A VALUABLE ARTICLE

By Dr. B. K. Hays, Regarding Public Health.

We have received from Dr. B. K. Hays, County Health officer, a valuable article which will soon appear in the Public Ledger.

The fact that the reading public is prone to overlook health items of vital importance, we desire to make this announcement so that our readers will be on the look out for Dr. Hays' article when it does appear later in the month. Keep this in mind, read the article over two or three times and file it away for future reference.

STRONG MARKET

The Oxford Warehouses Are Ready for Business Next Monday

Remember that the Oxford tobacco market will be in full swing on and after Monday next. The warehousemen estimate that about 70 per cent of the crop has been sold. Tobacco men state that the market will open strong next Monday.

Southern Commercial Congress

The meeting of the Southern Commercial congress in Norfolk on December 11 will be one of the most important conferences of its kind held in this section, and Oxford business men will probably take the opportunity of attending some of its sessions, since it is so near this place. The program for the meeting promises to be of more than usual interest.

TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE

SOME LARGE AND SMALL TRANSACTIONS

The following are among the properties that have been transferred in Granville during the past few weeks:

Tract of land on south side of Grassy Creek, C. H. and W. H. Russell to M. M. Nelson, the consideration being $10,500.

Certain lands on the south side of Grassy Creek from M. M. Nelson to S. M. Watkins.

Certain timber lands from R. L. Talley to Stem Lumber Company.

S. M. Watkins to John G. Morton certain lands and timber in Sassafras and certain lands in Grassy Creek.

J. F. Sanderford to B. T. Harris, three lots, each fronting 50 feet on Mill street.

B. F. Hopkin to P. J. Cook a certain tract of land in Oxford township.

O. A. Daniel to J. R. Briant certain tract or parcel of land in Tally Ho.

I. W. Mangum to Elijah Daniel a certain tract or parcel of land.

Geo. S. West to Molley E. West certain tract in Oak Hill.

Lot in Stovall from Emily Hart to Dr. Wm. Taylor.

J. H. Bowling to W. R. Mangum parcel of land in Tally Ho.

L. H. Carrington to J. L. Carrington on Spring street a part of the Cherry Hill property, for and in consideration of $1,200.

S. M. Watkins to L. M. Carrington certain lands east side of Big Grassy Creek.

L. W. Ragland to Mary L. Ragland certain tract of land on Roxboro road.

SCARCITY OF LABOR

Taylor-Cannady Buggy Company Working Overtime

Last year when cotton was selling at rock-bottom prices the buggy manufacturing plants were hard hit, but as soon as the staple reached a normal condition this fall the buggy manufacturers began to put on steam. Mr. Hillman Cannady, president of the Taylor-Cannady Buggy Company recently returned from an extended trip through the cotton states and now his plant is running night and day. We understand that his plant has all that it can do and it is possible that a number of expert workmen in that line could find employment in the big plant.

RETURNS FROM CANADA

The Canadian Climate Agrees With Mr. Tillottson's Family

Mr. J. M. Tillottson and family returned from Leamington, Canada last Wednesday. We saw this family when they left for Canada several months ago and we saw them on their return this week and the improvement from a health standpoint is marked. The faces of the children fairly glow with health and vigor. The family returned via Detroit, Niagara Falls, Baltimore and Washington and report a most delightful trip.

Mr. Tillottson and family will reside in Oxford until next Spring at which time they will return to Canada.

INJUNCTION OUT

Another Turn in the Weaver-Britt Case

A temporary injunction and restraining order against the State board of canvassers, the Governor and Secretary of State is the latest phase of the Weaver-Britt election case in the Tenth district.

The order of Judge Carter is returnable before Judge Bond at Raleigh on Friday, December 1, at noon, at which time Mr. Settle will make an effort to have the injunction made permanent. With the restraining order of Judge Carter is the complaint, a most voluminous affair, to the suit filed before the clerk of Wake superior court on Tuesday by Mr. W. B. Duncan, acting as the agent for Mr. Britt.

"THE BIRTH OF A NATION"

Large Crowds See the Wonderful Picture in Henderson

"The Birth of a Nation" company has arrived in Oxford and will present the most wonderful of all pictures at the Orpheum Theatre this Friday night, Saturday matinee and Saturday night. Speaking of the great picture, the Henderson Daily Dispatch says:

"The attendance at both afternoon and evening attractions was unusually large, the matinee audience being the largest of the three shows given here. There were some who saw the film Monday evening who went again; and found genuine delight in seeing the performance over. It has been estimated that between 1,000 and 1,500 persons saw the wonderful photo production during its stay here. It was regarded as the best movie bill that has ever exhibited in this city, and is believed to have had the largest patronage by far of any that have ever come."

OUR GREATEST ASSET

THE BOYS AND GIRLS OF OUR COMMUNITY

A New Place in Oxford With a First-Class Reading Room; Well Equipped Athletic Room; Swimming Pool, Rooms for Boys and Girls Club Meetings.

G. B. PHILLIPS

(Superintendent Oxford Schools)

We are all inclined to take stock of our goods from time to time to see exactly where we stand. In taking stock of our town there is one very important factor that we often overlook. And of this factor too much cannot be said in this paper. I have reference to the boys and girls in our midst who are growing up to be men and women who will be our leaders within a very few days. We are to be held responsible for their preparation for the great task of leading this community in the future.

At the present time I am concerned about what we should do for our boys who are on the street a large part of the time. There has been a great deal of talk here and elsewhere in recnt times as to the equipment we should give our boys for their leisure hours. In the larger towns there are places where the boy can meet with his boy comrade under the guidance of real leaders. I refer to the town Y. M. C. A. Here the boy has his Reading room where he can spend an extra hour improving his mind. The best books and magazines are to be had at these places at the lowest cost and instead of loafing around the drug store or in front of a barber shop your boy can be enjoying the best that is being said and done.

If this same boy has an extra hour and does not care to read but does want a little exercise there is provision made for that side of his life. There is an Athletic room where he can develop those weak muscles that thus far have never been touched. Instead of drawing the smoke from a cigarette as he stands upon a street corner this place gives him a chance to really grow and develop. And no boy is so lifeless that he does not love to see his muscles increase from day to day. The normal boy is anxious to expend that extra amount of energy, which so many are satisfied to call

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CAPT. THOS. D. CLEMENT DEAD

FORMER CLERK OF THE COURT AND REGISTER OF DEEDS

Capt. T. D. Clement, one of Granville county's oldest and most beloved citizens, passed to his reward at an early hour last Thursday morning, at his home near Enon, in his eighty-third year. He was ready and waiting for the Master's call and retained his faculties until the last.

Capt. Clement was a devout Presbyterian and held his membership in the Oxford church, of which he had long been an elder.

Some twenty-five or thirty years ago Capt. Clement was elected clerk of the Superior Court of Granville county and rendered faithful service. He also served the county with marked ability in the capacity of Register of Deeds. He resided in Oxford for several years and while not not engaged in an official capacity, engaged in the merchantile business. He was one of the most pleasant and congenial men, and to know him was to love him.

Capt. Clement is survived by a devoted wife and the following children: Walter T. Clement, Enfield; W. W. Clement, of Greensboro, Benjamin Clement, of Newport News; Jessie, Joe and Lee Clement, of Granville; Mrs. T. J. Maupin, of Salisbury; Mrs. Elvin Parham, of Oxford. All of the children attended the funeral.

The funeral was conducted from the home at ten o'clock Thursday morning by Rev. S. K. Phillips, assisted by Dr. Marsh and Rev. Mr. Kennison. The interment was at the old Clement home place near Culbreth. The sons of the deceased were the pallbearers.

THE DEATH RECORD

Mr. James Renn

Mr. James Renn, a highly respected citizen of Granville county, died at his home near Providence Tuesday evening last.

Miss Lucy Dixon

Miss Lucy Dixon, a devout Christian lady, seventy-six years of age, died at her home near Providence Tuesday morning last.

Mr. John Mangum

Mrs. John Mangum, a highly esteemed lady, died at her home near Dickerson station Wednesday last. She was a daughter of Mr. Hart Overton.

OXFORD'S NEW BAPTIST MINISTER

REV. J. D. HARTE WILL ENTER UPON HIS MINISTRY HERE JANUARY FIRST

(Hickory Record)

The Record voices the sentiments of the entire community when it asserts that Hickory will miss greatly Rev. J. D. Harte and his good family. The pastor of the First Baptist church has labored in this section for eight years and, as the statement of the board of deacons shows, has achieved remarkable success. Those who know Mr. Harte do not have to be told that his labors were fruitful.

It is in his relations with people outside his own church that we know him best. Mr. Harte possesses a cheerful, helpful disposition, an uncommonly level head, abundance of tact, and is a most delightful companion. We let those who have worked with him in his church speak their sentiments, but we cannot refrain from noting the loss that the whole community will feel in his decision to leave us. He is a forceful minister, but the majority of the people know him not so much as a pulpit orator, but as a man who walks uprightly in their midst.

To him and Mrs. Harte, who have meant so much to the life of this community, the Record extends its very best wishes for a continuance in Oxford of the happy relations between pastor and people that have characterized their sojourn here. Hickory regrets to lose them.

CHRISTMAS RUSH

Post Office Urges Early Mailing for Christmas Parcels

Washington, Nov. 30—Expecting heavier Christmas mails than ever before because of the general prosperity prevalent throughout the country, Postmaster-General Burleson announced that he had begun through postmasters a nation-wide "mail early campaign."

Postmasters have been authorized to employ all posisble means to deliver the holiday mail, and have been instructed to advertise instructions that parcels be mailed early, addressed plainly, and wrapped securely, Parcels may be marked "not to be opened until Christmas."

Early mailing is necessary, Mr. Burleson says, because the day before Christmas falls on Sunday, and all parcels should reach their desetination so as to be delivered on Saturday, thereby giving all employees as much time as possible to enjoy the holidays.

HOME ECONOMICS

Department of Woman's Club Hold Important Meeting

On Wednesday afternoon, November 29th Mrs. D. G. Brummitt was hostess to the Home Economicss Department of the Woman's Club. Thirty-five ladies enjoyed her hospitality on this occasion and the meeting proved most interesting and helpful.

Mrs. Brummitt presided with ease and dignity. The question of Christmas gifts was discussed. Mrs. de la Croix read a very interesting paper on the subject and many dainty, useful articles were displayed and directions given for making same.

The chairman of the Department introduced Miss Boggs, Domestic Science teacher of Oxford College, who gave a very pleasing demonstration in the making of Christmas confections. The ladies were taught how to make delicious kisses, dip chocolates, nuts and mints and were instructed in the art of fondant making, etc.

Miss Boggs is indeed an artist in her line, and this Department is very much indebted to her for a very instructive meeting.

Mrs. Brummitt, assited by Misses Helen White and Sadie Parham, served most delicious refreshments.

Surl News Notes

(Correspondence Public Ledger)

Mr. John Jones and Miss Lillie Sherman, of this section, was married Sunday last.

Mr. John Day sold a load of tobacco, for which he received $203.80.

The farmers in this section are killing some big hogs.

The conseusus of opinion of the people in this section is that the country is in a prosperous condition.

Three-fourths of the tobacco in this section has been sold.

ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT

The Capital of Dutchville Will Be Lighted by Electricity

It is stated that Messrs. Dove and McDuffie have purchased the slightly used electric light plant at Wake Forest and will move it through the country to Creedmoor, where they will erect it and light the hustling little city and furnish power for manufacturing purposes.

RURUL CREDITS

HOW FARMERS CAN BORROW MONEY UNDER THE NEW FEDERAL LAW

Board is Now Touring Country to Select Locations in Cities Considered to Be the Best Suited.

There are many conflicting reports as to the practical workings of the new Federal Farm Loan Act which was signed by President Wilson last July, and under which law a Farm Loan Board of five members has been appointed by the President and is now touring the country with the view to selecting the twelve cities in which these new Land Banks are to be located. It is not known at this time where the Bank nearest to Oxford will be located.

W. A. Hunt, Secretary of the North Carolina Bankers Association, furnishes the following information as to how farmers of North Carolina will have to proceed in order to borrow money upon their farms under the new Rural Credit Act.

First: A National Farm Loan Association must be organized, composed of ten or more farmers all of whom desire to borrow under the new law, an aggregate amount of not less than $20,000, giving as security first mortgage upon these ten or more farms.

Second: Until this association is formed by North Carolina farmers it is imposible for any single North Carolina farmer to borrow any money on his own farm under the Farm Loan Act. After the local association is formed all applications for Farm Loans (including those of the original organizers) must be made to the National Farm Loan Association. Each application is then referred to a Loan Committee consisting of three men who are elected by the Board of Directors of the National Association; but until $2,000,000 of farm loans have been made in this particular Lank Bank District, the management of the affairs of the local district bank is in the hands of five directors to be appointed by the President of the United States. These five men will have the appointment of the Loan Committee as well as of the men who are to appraise all farms upon which a loan is desired.

Restrictions As to Loans

Every loan must contain the following restrictive conditions—

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THANKSGIVING DAY IN OXFORD

Business Men Close Up and Go to Country

Thanksgiving Day in our midst was an occasion of rejoicing. The business houses were all closed and employers and employees journeyed to the woods and fields in quest of game. After a long and tedious seige of work it afforded needed rest, and some of those whose faces were pale come in from the fields with ruddy cheeks. It is a custom with the good people of the town and county to extend an invitation to their friends to come and take Thanksgiving dinner with them.

No one can really know the joys of Thanksgiving until he looks in upon a crowd of Orphan children at the annual feast. Thanksgiving Day to then is the greatest day in the year. They talk about it all the time and when the boxes and barrels begin to come in their hearts swell with pride. They feel that they have a host of invisible friends somewhere, and they are loyal to that friendship. Superintendent R. L. Brown, of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, is very close to the children on all occasions, but on Thanksgiving Day he throws his whole heart and soul into the work and nothing that would give the children pleasure is left undone. They had a beautiful spread of turkey, red apples, cakes, etc We wish every Mason and others in the State could see these children enjoy their Thanksgiving dinner.

BARBERS ADVANCE PRICES

The Three Oxford Shops Enter Into Agreement

The barbers of Oxford confronted by the high cost of materials effecting their trade, have entered into an agreement to advance the price of a shave from ten to fifteen cents. The agreement was signed by the Model Shop, The City Shop and Anderson & Mangum, and is in effect on and after December 1st.

In departing from the ancient custom of "a dime for a shave," the barbers claim that it is practically impossible to hold soul and body together at the old rate. "It was simply a question of raising the price of a shave or going out of business," said a barber.

Order of Sales

By reference to the fifth page of this paper it will be seen that the second sale will be held at the Minor Warehouse Monday next, followed by the first sale Tuesday.