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MINUTES OF MEETING

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL SUBMIT PROPOSITION TO THE PEOPLE

On the First Monday in January, at Ten O'clock, the Question of Continuing County Demonstration Work Will Be Discussed.

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

Chairman Breedlove called the meeting to order, and after reading the minutes and approving the same, the Board adjourned sine die.

New Board

The following gentlemen elected at the November election, 1916, to serve as County Commissioners, appeared and took the oath of office: Messrs. R. S. Hart, E. C. Harris, J. L. Daniel, T. G. Taylor, W. E. Cannady.

Upon motion T. G. Taylor and seconded by R. S. Hart, the election of Commissioner E. C. Harris, as chairman of the Board for the ensuing term was made unanimous.

Hon. A. A. Hicks was unanimously elected County Attorney for the ensuing term.

Officers Qualify

Mr. J. B. Powell, Register of Deeds, presented his official bond, which was accepted and the oath of office administered.

Mr. H. J. Robards, treasurer-elect, presented his official bond, which was accepted and approved and the oath of office administered.

Mr. J. A. Hutchins, constable-elect for Oxford township, presented his official bond, which was approved and accepted and was accordingly sworn in.

Alex Walters, colored, was placed on outside pauper list.

Ordered that the Clerk look up certain cotton listed by Dr. J. A., and John Morris for the past four years and draw such rebate as is just, it appearing that both parties listed said cotton or parts of said cotton.

New Road

The following is hereby ordered a public road: Beginning at Morgan's school house, crossing the lands of J. B. Hobgood and Mrs. Larcena Wood intersecting the road from Goshen Chapel to Trinity church above the Alfred Sherman's place; the above road to be located by Commissioner Hart. This road is granted with the promise that there be no cost attached to the county except the actual construction of the bridge crossing Tar River on said proposed road.

Ordered that the annual report of the Register of Deeds be turned over to the Public Ledger for publication on completion of the same.

Important Committees

The following committee was appointed to look after the Court House and Jail: Commissioners Hart and Cannady.

The following committee was appointed to look after the Home for the Aged and Infirm and the County Convict Camp: Commissioners Taylor and Daniel.

Alonzo Mitchell was appointed standard keeper for the two years from date.

The salary of the County Attorney was placed at \$15.00 per month. Commissioner Hart voting against an increase of \$2.50 per month and his vote is registered according to his desire.

The salary of the Clerk was ordered the same as past two years. Commissioner Hart registering his vote against the same.

The salary of the Chairman was placed at \$25.00 per month and allowed \$2.50 per day for team while out on duty.

The Chairman was empowered to accept the bond of the Coroner upon presentation of same.

Harvey Bridges was given the janitors place at a salary of \$25.00 per month.

The Clerk was instructed to place notice in paper calling for all parties to appear before the Board at ten o'clock on the first Monday in January who are in favor and opposed to the appropriation for farm demonstration work.

LIVING AT HOME

Not Disturbed By the High Cost of Living

Living as did our forefathers of a century ago, there are numbers of people in Granville county who are not affected by the soaring cost of living. They raise what they need and disregard the world's grab for gold and more gold. A prominent citizen of Oxford recently took supper with one of these happy families in the western part of the county and the menu consisted of heaping dishes of cold turkey, cold chicken, pork, ham, beef, chicken and turkey salad, potato salad, home made bread, jellies, preserves, cakes, pies, great man's size cups of coffee and what-not.

SERIES OF MEETINGS

Dr. William Black Will Preach Here in January

Rev. S. K. Phillips, pastor of the Presbyterian church, announces that beginning with Sunday night at 7:30 he will preach the first of twelve sermons prepared especially with reference to helping young men. The subjects of these sermons will be as follows:

1. Preparation.
2. Choosing a Life Task.
3. Life Principles.
4. A Stranger; Trials, Dangers, Chances.
5. Amusements.
6. Luck or Pluck: Which?
7. Unburned Fuel or Waste.
8. Can I Stand Alone?
9. Self-respect.
10. How Much Sense in Right Doing?
11. Influence.
12. Religion.

Mr. Phillips hopes that these subjects will appeal to our young men and that in large numbers they will plan to begin next Sunday night and hear the entire series. Everybody is invited and that means the father, who is staying young with his boy and also the young woman and the mother who are interested in the problems of a young man.

Mr. Phillips also announces that Rev. A. P. Hassell, one of his schoolmates who has been in Japan seven years, will speak in his church on Sunday morning, December 17th at 11:00 o'clock.

Plans are also being laid to have Rev. William Black, one of the foremost Presbyterian evangelists of the South, conduct a meeting here sometime after Christmas. Mr. Black was here a number of years ago and many Oxford people will remember with great pleasure, his powerful preaching. Having practiced law for a number of years prior to his Theological training, his viewpoint is unique and his logic is strong.

TOURING SOUTH WILL INCREASE

CHIEF ROAD MAN OF AUTOMOBILE CLUB COMMENTS ON NORTH CAROLINA ROAD

O. M. Wells, chief road man of the Automobile Club of America, writing in the New York Times, says more Northern motorists will tour the South than ever before, and bases his prediction on observations he made on a recent tour through this section. The following is an extract from his letter:

The club car has just returned from a Southern exploration trip, the route being by way of Trenton, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Richmond, Petersburg, Oxford, Durham, Pinehurst, Columbia, Savannah to Jacksonville then along the East Coast to Miami and all of the West Coast of Florida.

This trip is made yearly, and we find this year about 50 per cent improvement on the roads over last year. Hundreds of cars are now on their way from different parts of the North, and in talking to the hotel men they say that thousands of inquiries are being made for reservations for the coming season. Motor travel to Florida has increased 60 per cent in the last year, and this winter is expected to break all records.

The people of the South are very enthusiastic on the building of good roads, and hundreds of miles are now in course of construction, and by the fall of 1917 most all trunk lines will be 75 per cent hard surfaces.

A resume of road conditions from Washington south, follows:

From Washington to Fredricksburg the bad stretch crossing the big swamp just beyond Dumfries, which has been a menace to the motorist and a draw back to touring South, is now under construction and should be finished the latter part of January. There are eight miles across this swamp, and most of the work is filling-in, and when finished will be practically a cause-way, which will

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THOSE ANGRY NEGROES

Their Wounds Heal Up and They Stand Trial

Early in November lats a crowd of negroes on the farm of Mr. George Hart two miles east of Oxford got into a row and tried to exterminate each other. When they emerged from the battle there was a big gash in Tom Hester's throat and one of his fingers were missing and there was an indentation in his skull. Tom's wife was also badly beaten up and her back broken. Graham Wilkerson and other negroes were in the row. Graham was sent to jail and the trial was deferred on account of the serious condition of Tom and his wife. They recovered sufficiently to stand trial this week, and Justice Buchanan bound the bunch over to court.

MESSAGE TO CONGRESS

PRESIDENT URGES WHIPHAND FOR UNITED STATES IN LABOR DISPUTES

Would Make Strikes and Lockouts Unlawful Until Investigated by the Government.

Completion of Administration's program, providing:

1. Enrollment of Interstate Commerce Commission and widening of that body's powers.
2. Establishment of eight-hour day for all railroad employees engaged in operating trains.
3. Appointment of commission to study results of eight-hour law's adoption.
4. Congress approval of consideration by Interstate Commerce Commission of increased freight rates to meet additional expenses resulting from eight-hour day.
5. Passage of law making strikes or lockouts unlawful until full public investigation has been completed, such investigation to be instituted after existing means of Federal mediation have failed.
6. Granting of power to President to take control of nation's railroads for military purposes and of authority to draft into United States service train crews and officials necessary to operation.

(The second and third of these measures already have been enacted into law.)

Passage by Senate of measures already approved by House:

1. Extending greater freedom of combination to those engaged in promoting United States foreign trade than is thought legal under existing laws against monopoly.
2. Proposing stricter regulation of moneys spent in elections, elections, commonly known as Corrupt Practices Act.
3. Amending present organic law of Porto Rico, extending greater measure of self-government to natives.

PARADE AND BAND CONCERT

Price and Bonellis Greater New York Minstrel's Coming

The managers of the Orpheum Theatre announce the Greater New York Minstrel's for the evening of Thursday, December 14th. Conceded by press and public to be the most pretentious of all minstrel shows en-tour this season, this meritorious company numbers thirty artists, and includes the best talent available in Europe and America, traveling in their own special Pullman car.

A Parade will be in order at twelve noon, with a band concert at 7:30 p. m. on the above date. Music for the show is furnished by their own select orchestra.

The Largest and Handsomest

Lyon Winston Company have erected one of those Cole's down draft blast heaters in their store. It is the largest and handsomest stove in Oxford. It weighs one-fourth of a ton. See announcement on fourth page of this paper.

Lost or Strayed

The pretty little Maltese kitten belonging to Mrs. Scott Hunt is lost or strayed. She desires to recover the kitten and will pay a liberal reward.

Word Conveyed Wrong Meaning.

Referring in our last issue to the sad death of Mr. Joe Hunt in China we used a word that conveyed the wrong meaning, thus: "As might be expected the poor old father was very much grieved at the loss of his son. Like the most of us he discredited the statement of the British-American Company that his death came suddenly as a result of small-pox."

What we meant to convey was that we believed that the British-American Tobacco Company would later write full details, explaining that while the death of the young man was sudden there was ample time to bring him from some remote district to Shanghai, where the hospitals and accommodations are as great as those of any city on the globe. It is refreshing to us to feel that our young friend's head rested upon a downy pillow when the end came.

SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

As Santa Claus is a regular reader of the Public Ledger we will gladly print any letters that our little friends may desire him to see. Write only on one side of the paper, and, as Santa Claus is very busy, make the letters short.

COUNTY DEMONSTRATION WORK

The Farmers Must Decide Whether the Work Will Be Continued Or Not

By reference to the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, published elsewhere in this paper, it will be seen that the new board invites the public to meet with them on the first Monday in January and give their views as to whether or not the demonstration work in Granville county should be discontinued.

In view of the fact there has been much said for and against demonstration work, we commend the Board for placing the issue squarely before the people. We take it for granted that the farmers know what they want, but the question is, do all of them know what is best for them.

We are persuaded that the demonstration work of the State has been of great benefit, and we believe that the work in Granville has been of the very best. No one can doubt the knowledge and skill of Dr. Morris, the county demonstrator. He has given to the work the best that is in him, and few men could talk and work as he has talked and labored for the upbuilding of the county.

We take it that the Board in extending the invitation to the general public to meet with them to discuss the issue, will be guided largely by what is developed at the meeting. They want to be in a position to say "Now, hereafter and forever hold your peace."

The best men of the county should be on hand to discuss the merits of this question.

That the real "road to plenty" in the South lies through fields that modern agricultural methods are to make more fertile, including crop diversification, better tillage, seed selection, better roads, schools, marketing facilities and the provision for those comforts in the rural districts that will make "the life worth living" there more attractive.

OUR SOLDIER BOYS ON THE BORDER

INTERESTING LETTER FROM CAPTAIN ELBERT E. FULLER

Camp Stewart, Texas, November 23, 1916.

Editor Public Ledger:

Thinking some of the people in dear old Oxford would like to know what the Granville Grays are doing these days, I decided to write you a few lines tonight. I am enclosing a roster of the company. Company E, now has fifty-two men; having been reduced from sixty by eight men being transferred, two to headquarters company, three to the supply company and three to the machine gun company. While it is true that some companies have more men than Company E, we will never admit that there is a better company in the Seventh Division. For honest faithful workers, this company cannot be beat. And you must not get it into your head that they cannot drill. I certainly would be glad to take some of the Oxford people on the drill ground with me some day and let them see the company drill. I believe they would agree with me when I make the statement that Company E can drill.

The Weather

Texas is sure some state. When we came here the people told us that it never rained. Well, at that time it was not hard for us to believe that to be a fact, as we arrived during a veritable dust storm. It does not rain very often; but once since we came it rained for two days, and the mud got almost a foot deep. There is nothing, I believe that sticks closer than Texas mud, unless it is a Mexican peddler, when he takes an idea that he can sell one some alleged Indian blankets.

The El Paso people also told us that the weather never gets cold here. Well, the temperature has not gotten down to zero; but it has been cold enough for the water in my bucket to freeze two inches in one night. A man may be in his shirt sleeves when the sun disappears behind old Mount Franklin; but he has to get his sweater immediately as the temperature drops a good many degrees.

Beautiful Sunrise

It rained hard here Tuesday and snowed on Wednesday; but the snow did not stick. The sun shining on the snow covered peaks of the Franklin mountains was a very beautiful sight. The sun rises here are very beautiful. We get the full benefit of

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SHOP EARLY

Many Handsome and Useful Presents at Long Company.

One can find at the Long Company this season something handsome and durable for every member of the family. Many of the most appropriate articles calculated to please are enumerated in the announcement on the last page of this paper. Shop early is the slogan.

GERMANS TALK PEACE

THE MOMENT IS NEAR WHEN A BUSINESS PEACE WILL BE POSSIBLE

Willing to Accept the Services of President Wilson Only as a Messenger and Not as an Arbitrator.

An article predicting the approach of peace negotiations has appeared in the Berlin Tageblatt and is quoted in an Amsterdam dispatch to the Exchange Telegram Company. The Tageblatt says:

"The moment is near when a business peace will be possible—a peace which the allies and the central powers can discuss in view of the securities they possess. Of course those who consider such a proposal must not be allowed to return home empty-handed. The status quo ante-bellum is impossible since the independence of Poland is proclaimed but it is remarkable that the number of Germans who wish to annex Belgium has shrunk recently to almost nothing while many pan-Germans are ready today to listen to the word 'pacifism' without protest."

The Tageblatt says that the fact that Germany wants a business peace is a sign not of weakness but of common sense. The Vossische Zeitung also prints an article discussing the possibility of peace. It says:

"Probably Ambassador Gerard is returning to Germany with some peace proposal."

If such is the case, the paper goes, America is an unsuitable mediator, and it warns Germany to accept the services of President Wilson only as a messenger and not as an arbitrator.

THE NEW AMERICAN GIRL.

Now in Oxford. The Guest of J. G. Hall's Drug Store.

The day of the old-fashioned German doll has gone, probably forever. She was always an unnatural, artificial product, with her porcelain face painted like a chorus girl, her popping blue eyes, her mass of unvarying golden hair, her highly colored "ruby" lips.

No more of these dolls was the cause of so many domestic tragedies. Drop her on the floor and the head would usually go flynik into a dozen parts, and legs and arms constantly bled sawdust so profusely as to suggest the carnage of a European battlefield. Little girls who could easily manufacture a baby out of the family ragbag had no difficulty in mothering of those queer products of the Germanic genius, and so millions of Americans have been brought up on them. But their day, we are told, is over.

America has supplanted Germany in the manufacture of toys. The American product is superior in material and workmanship. Possibly the pieces of the American toys are higher than those made in Germany but they are made for service. The most recent and amusing toy on the market is named "Tom Twist, the Circus Clown." We were shown through the big stock of toys at the J. G. Hall Drug store and saw many things that amused us. We are quite sure the children will be well pleased with the toys this year.

NEW POSTOFFICE IN GRANVILLE

Mr. Willie Lee Currin Appointed Postmaster

The Department in Washington has created a new postoffice in Granville county and named it "Hargrove," and Mr. Willie Lee Currin has been named as the postmaster. "Hargrove" is situated in the geographical center of the city of Providence. It is understood that the politicians and business men preferred the name "Providence," but the Department goes back a few years and re-establishes its original name and pre-stine glory.

Crews-Cheatham

On Tuesday evening at eight o'clock, Mr. Wilmot H. Crews and Mrs. Annie Cheatham were quietly married in the presence of her nearest neighbors. Mrs. Crews is a high type woman, possessing many lovely traits of character. The groom is an energetic, successful farmer and a gentleman of sterling worth. They will reside near Watkins. Rev. Chas. A. Jones officiated.

Recital at College

Miss Coleman and Mrs. Davidson will present their pupils in joint recital this Saturday evening, December 9th at 8:15 in the College chapel instead of Friday as stated in our last issue, the change being made owing to the debate at the grade school this Friday evening. The public is cordially invited.

Maria Brown Missionary Society

There will be a meeting of the Maria Brown Missionary Society, Monday afternoon, December 11th at 3:30 o'clock with Miss Helen White. This is the last meeting of year and a large attendance is desired. A.V.C.