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REVISION OF SANITARY LAWS

NEW LAWS WILL BECOME OPERATIVE MAY 1, 1917.

The New Health Laws Will Require a Considerable Change in the Affairs of a Number of People in Oxford.

The Town Commissioners have under consideration a complete revision of the sanitary laws of the town of Oxford. The new laws will become operative on May 1, 1917. Since these laws will require a considerable change in the affairs of a number of people now doing business in Oxford it may be well to give notice of what the new laws will require.

Among other things it will be required that all grocery stores, butcher shops, soft drink stands, bakeries and the dining rooms and kitchens of hotels, restaurants, boarding houses and eating stands shall be completely screened from flies. All the places above named shall be kept clean and they shall be subject to frequent inspection and the finding upon inspection shall be published in the county paper.

All milk sold in the town of Oxford shall be handled in a sanitary manner and the dairies from which milk comes must be kept clean and subject to frequent inspection.

Every stable in the town of Oxford shall be thoroughly cleaned at least once every week and the manure taken without the limits of the town. If, however, it is desired to spread the manure upon land in town the same may be done by cleaning the stable twice a week.

All barber shops shall be made sanitary and shall be subject to inspection. **BENJ. K. HAYS,** Health Officer.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

Congregation Highly Pleased with New Organ

Bishop Cheshire made his annual Visitation of this Church on Sunday last, preaching, and Administering the Apostolic Rite of Laying on of Hands at the Morning Service. One member of the class was confirmed in private before the Service, on account of illness.

The new organ was used for the first time during this service. The members of the congregation are very much pleased with the instrument, and its excellent points were duly appreciated under the skillful and sympathetic playing of Miss Mary Webb, who kindly served as organist, as the substitute for Mrs. Capehart, only recently recovered from illness.

Next Sunday, Mr. Nielson, who built the organ into the church, as the agent for the Austin company will play the organ at both services. All are cordially invited to be present.

THE COUNTY MULES

Commissioners Buy Seven Fine Specimens at Fayetteville

Commissioners Thomas G. Taylor and Mr. C. W. Bryan, who were designated by the County Commissioners to purchase mules for the county, returned from Fayetteville Thursday. They bought seven large, strong mules—the like of which is seldom seen in the county.

The mules arrived in Oxford over the Seaboard Thursday evening and were immediately unloaded and taken to Horner Bros. Company's stables and cared for over night and on Friday they were taken to the country. These mules were complimented by everybody who saw them.

Seventh Grade Examination

The seventh grade examination will be conducted Monday and Tuesday, March 12th and 13th. The papers must be corrected by the teachers and forwarded to the county superintendent's office by March 16th. The examination committee will spend Saturday, March 17th looking over these papers, so be sure yours are here.

Moriah News Items

(Correspondent Public Ledger.)

Mr. O. W. Thomas, mail carrier, says the roads are in the worst condition he ever saw them.

Mr. Jack Bowling has been on the sick list, but his condition is somewhat improved at this writing. They are now in their new home.

On account of bad weather the farmers in this section are only partly through burning plant ground.

Mr. Neal Williford says he will be glad when the roads get better. He states that he has frazzled his pants going through the woods and briars to call upon the pretty girls in the neighborhood.

Wesley Wilkerson Dead

Mr. Wesley Wilkerson, a highly esteemed citizen of the county, died on Wednesday last in the 68th year of his age. He was a brother of Mrs. D. D. Howard. His remains were laid to rest at Mt. Zion church.

HON. D. G. BRUMMITT HERE

After Stormy Session of the Legislature

One of the first things the Public Ledger did Thursday morning was to look up Representative Brummitt and shake his hand and congratulate him on his magnificent record in the house. He is looking somewhat careworn and jaded after the stormy session. On his desk were a large pile of unopened letters, and we did not have the heart to intrude upon Mr. Brummitt's time.

"I am mighty glad to be back home," said Mr. Brummitt. "I have enjoyed the two months service down at Raleigh. I've come in contact with a number of mighty fine men. It wasn't so pleasant in the last days of the session to have to be thinking of separating from them. But after all, the greatest pleasure in leaving home is in getting back to it.

"I'm too busy to talk much. And besides it is too early to make an assessment of the work of a General Assembly that has just adjourned. Some things were done of which I did not approve. Some things were left undone that I wanted to see accomplished. But I believe that on the whole the work of this legislature will meet the approval of the progressive, forward-looking men and women of the State.

"One thing of which I am especially proud is the fact that the pensions of the Confederate soldiers have been increased. This increase will be about 25 or 30 per cent for this year and the provisions of the law will automatically cause a moderate increase from year to year. I may be pardoned for saying that I am proud of having had a part with Senator Cranmor of Brunswick and Representative Frank Ray of Macon in the accomplishment of this result.

"Maybe I'll talk to you further at a later time about the work of the Assembly, but I'm too glad to be home to think about much else just now."

LEGISLATURE ADJOURNS

General Assembly of 1917 Passed Into History Wednesday (News and Observer.)

Pronounced by those who have been in constant attendance upon General Assemblies for more than a quarter of a century as one of the most progressive bodies of law makers ever gathered together in North Carolina, the Legislature of 1917 yesterday passed into history as President O. Max Gardner and Speaker Walter Murphy, at the same second, pounded the gavel for the last time and declared their respective bodies adjourned.

MISS WORTHINGTON DIES

Remains Brought to Oxford For Interment

Miss Ella Worthington, who has been in feeble health for some months, died at 9:30 o'clock last night at the home of Col. and Mrs. Alex J. Feild on North Blount street Raleigh. She was an aunt of Mrs. Feild and had made her home there for a number of years. She was born March 18, 1838, in Brunswick county, Virginia.

The funeral services, conducted by Rev. S. K. Phillips, were held from the Presbyterian church Thursday afternoon, and the interment was in Elmwood cemetery.

The deceased was related to Mrs. R. B. Hines and the Taylor family so well known in Oxford.

SUFFICIENTLY NAMED

Ex-Senator A. A. Hicks Tells a Good Story

That every place on the face of the earth is not a poetic garden spot, we will excuse Senator A. A. Hicks for relating the following incident:

Some time since an Eastern man was on his way to the Pacific coast, when his train chanced to be flagged at a wretched looking place that had not yet found favor with the geographers.

The traveler sized up the immediate scenery with something akin to a shudder, and then seeing a native close by he leaned from the car window, and beckoned to him.

"Want me for anything, stranger?" asked the native, listlessly coming forward.

"Yes," answered the traveler.

"What is the name of this dried-up, dismal, cast-down, unscrubbed, heaven-forsaken hole?"

"That's near enough, stranger," was the dejected rejoinder of the native. "Let her go at that."

Major Shotwell Improves

Major Shotwell, the valuable assistant of Judge Cam Hunt, clerk of the court, is somewhat better at this writing. He was stricken down two weeks ago and was unconscious for some time. Major Shotwell has many staunch friends and they are hoping that his recovery will be speedy.

OXFORD-HENDERSON RAILROAD

ORGANIZATION MEETING WILL BE HELD WITHIN THE NEXT TEN DAYS

The Legislature Grants Charter For Railroad From Wilson via Henderson, Oxford, Roxboro to a Point On the West Side of Person County.

The Public Ledger learns from Mr. A. A. Chapman and other gentlemen interested in the building of the Oxford-Henderson Railway that a meeting for the purpose of organizing the forces will be held in either Oxford or Henderson within the next ten days or two weeks.

The Public Ledger is informed that not until this meeting has been held and a line of procedure agreed upon, no authentic information will be given out. It is understood, however, that the funds for building the entire road is available. If any stock is offered for sale it will be merely for the purpose of fostering local pride.

The Public Ledger is not informed as to who is building the road. Possibly it will be built by one of the big railway companies, or by private funds. In any event it is thrice welcomed to enter the city of Oxford. If built by either the Southern or Seaboard companies, it is reasonable to suppose that the trains will be operated between Oxford and Henderson over the line of either road entering here. This is all surmise, and, as stated above, no authentic information will be given out until the working organization has been formed.

What interests the Public Ledger most is the fact that work will begin on the road at an early date and pushed to completion.

GOOD ADVICE TO FARMERS

Horner Bros. Company Issue Important Circular Letters

We commend Horner Bros. Co. for their timely letter to the farmers advising them of the shortage of foodstuff. The following is an extract from the circular:

"We wish to impress upon you the necessity of making what foodstuff you will need for next year. Last year there was a shortage of over one billion bushels of corn, wheat, oats, barley and potatoes, that is a shortage in these five crops of ten bushels for each man, woman and child in the United States. No wonder foodstuffs are high. One thing is certain, if more foodstuffs are not made this year, we will have almost famine conditions next year.

"It will be almost a crime for any farmer not to provide during the coming spring and summer for all the foodstuffs which his family will need for the next year.

"Plant more vegetables and more corn this year than you have ever done and in this way protect your family from suffering or the highest priced foodstuff next year which you have ever bought."

Horner Bros. Company also speak of the importance of using the best grade of Guano this year. "The best is the cheapest," says the old reliable firm, "and you will make a big mistake if you buy an inferior guano on account of a few cents difference in the price per bag."

JURORS DRAWN

April Term, Granville County Superior Court

First week:
W. N. Hicks, D. G. Gordon, L. N. Hays, J. L. Hamme, M. A. King, Chas. Loftus, G. T. Harris, Jr., T. C. Goss, L. A. Brunett, J. N. Stainback, G. T. Mangum, H. C. Clark, J. B. Chandler, W. H. Daniel, W. H. Hart, W. B. Conley, E. C. Harris, E. L. Aiken, M. S. Newton, W. K. Wood, H. H. Gardett, J. E. Atkinson, Samuel Cohn, W. S. Mayes, W. J. O'Brian, G. F. Burnett, J. A. Wilkerson, L. D. Blackwell, W. A. Boyd, R. M. Curran, W. H. Newton, J. P. Curran, J. T. Grissom, B. G. Chappell.

Second week—
W. F. Crews, L. L. Crews, J. R. Roycroft, James Mangum, L. D. Blalock, J. H. Newton, J. A. Hart-sell, J. G. Hayes, T. P. Briggs, O. B. Breedlove, C. D. Ray, L. H. Dement, J. F. Hobgood, N. C. Bradsher, J. A. Mitchell, Louis Thorp, G. G. Perry.

SPECIAL TAX NOTICE

If you wish to pay your State and County Taxes for 1916 at the office and without cost, you will please do so at once. The books must go out and collections forced within the next few days. If your property gets advertised don't blame me. I'm forced to collect now. Statements furnished upon request. **S. C. HOBGOOD, Sheriff.**

THE BOYDTON TAX

It is But Another Instance of a Community Narrowness

The action of the township of Boydton, in one of the counties in Virginia, in putting a tax of five dollars on every non-resident automobile, which uses the good roads of that township, is but another instance of a community narrowness which will hurt rather than help. Needless to say the people who have been using the national highway, which passes through that township, will find some other route through a community which does not indulge itself in the passage of such spiteful laws.

The law will very probably not remain on the statute books long, but it will mean that during the time it is there, and for some time afterwards, there will be a shortage of visitors to that part of Virginia. It will result in isolation of the section by all travelers, and isolation has never yet tended to progress. In the first place, there is a serious doubt of the right of any township levying such a tax, but should it hold good, the people of the township will not profit greatly by it.

The theory on which the tax is based is that non-resident visitors and travelers who use the roads, should help pay for the up-keep of those roads. If the same feeling prevailed everywhere it would cost a fortune to take an automobile trip of a thousand miles. Already the highway people have mapped out another route for the tourists to use, but from the local standpoint, the unfortunate thing about this substitute route is that Oxford and Durham are left off the new route of the tourists on the National Highway.

MEETIN GOF COUNTY BOARD

Petition to Enlarge Oxford School District

The Board of County Commissioners met on Monday, March 5, the following members being present: Messrs. E. C. Harris, chairman R. S. Hart, T. G. Taylor, J. L. Daniel, W. E. Cannady.

J. K. Clement was exempt from 1916 poll tax and exempted permanently from poll tax.

On account of physical disability, the Board exempted W. E. Overton from road work for 1917.

W. E. Stem and Henry N. Green, of Tally Ho, were exempted from road duty for 1917.

There was a petition presented to the Board asking for special school tax election in Fishing Creek township to be held on the 14th of April next at Corinth.

A petition was filed with the board signed by a majority of the members of the trustees of the Oxford Graded school district and endorsed by the County Board of Education, asking that an election be held in the district for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not the said district should be enlarged. The Board ordered the election held on April 14th at Person's Store, and Frank C. Pearson was named registrar and G. Baker and T. L. Cannady were appointed judges.

RAW RECRUIT LEADERS

Calls for Over 5,000 Men From Regular Army to Command Any New Regiments Raised.

Washington, March 8.—The War Department has directed that between 5,000 and 6,000 enlisted men of the army be designated by regimental commanders for commission as company officers in whatever army may be raised. Orders have been sent to each regiment to select sixty men who will be eligible for commission up to and including captains.

VANCE COUNTY ROADS

O. F. Hockett Elected by County Commissioners as Maintenance Man (Henderson Daily Dispatch)

O. F. Hockett, now in the employ of the United States government in maintenance work on the National Highway, and at the present time stationed at Boydton, Va., was Monday elected by the board of county commissioners as maintenance man for the highways of Vance county. His salary will be \$1,500, and from this sum he must defray all of his expenses, including the provision of an automobile or a horse and buggy. Mr. Hockett is to begin his duties here Friday, March 16. He was employed for one year.

DEATH OF YOUNG MAN

Mr. E. L. Kearney Passes to His Reward

Mr. E. L. Kearney, who conducted a livery stable on Wall street, died on Wednesday last after an illness of several weeks. He was about thirty years of age and was regarded as an honest and upright man. His remains were shipped to Franklinton Thursday for interment.

"A MAN AND HIS UNIVERSE"

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER WILL ADDRESS OXFORD ATHENAEUM

Graded School Auditorium Friday Evening, March 16th—Reception to Follow Lecture.

The members of the Oxford Athenaeum will soon issue invitations as follows: "The Oxford Athenaeum invites you to attend a lecture to be delivered by Mr. W. D. Moss, of Chapel Hill. Subject: "A Man and His Universe." Graded School Auditorium, Friday evening at 8 o'clock, March 16th. Reception to follow lecture."

The Athenaeum is composed of the following gentlemen: Messrs. B. K. Hayes, Pres., S. K. Phillips, Vice-Pres., F. M. Pinnix, Secy.-Treas., and Messrs. Taylor, Graham, Lewis, Hester, Parham, Webb, Horsfield, Hart, Willis, G. B. Phillips, Brummitt, Morris and Frank Hays. They meet twice a month under a regular organization; hear papers prepared by their members, and then enter into a discussion of the evening's program.

Last season, the German Empire was the subject studied, both from the standpoint of history and its present bearing upon the Great World War, and Dr. Sledd of Wake Forest was the visiting lecturer. This year papers of the following character will be read and discussed: "The Philosophy of War," "The Present Jury System," "The Adamson Eight-hour Law," "The Industrial Status of the U. S. after the War," "The Industrial Development of the South," "The Effect of Immigration on Life," "The Philosophy of Tagore," "The Press" and "Public Opinion," "The Spiritual Results of the War," "The Wilson Administration," "Democracy and Efficiency." Some good, hard work has been spent upon these papers and the members of the Athenaeum feel justly that their time has been well invested. Such clubs organized as this one is, ought to exist in all our towns, and the young men in our rural communities could not spend their time better during part of the summer and fall, than by forming similar organizations for the study of their rural-life problems. Work of this very kind is sadly needed, not only to open our eyes but to prevent rut-disease and mental stagnation; and the Public Ledger hopes this article will become the father of such organizations. A mental treat is in store for those fortunate enough to hear Mr. Moss.

GOES TO ROANOKE RAPIDS

Rev. Lewis N. Taylor Will Take Up New Work About the First of April

The Public Ledger learns with mingled regret that Rev. Lewis N. Taylor, of Stovall, who has been rector of the Episcopal churches at that place, also Townsville and Middleburg for the past few years, has given in his resignation to his congregations, and has accepted the pastorate to All Saints Church at Roanoke Rapids.

He expects to take charge of his new work about the first of April. Rev. and Mrs. Taylor have been making their home at Stovall for the past year. They will move to Roanoke Rapids probably this month.

Reverend Taylor is the son of Commissioner Tom G. Taylor. The call for his services in the Master's vineyard will ever be higher and higher.

GRANVILLE GRAYS COMING

Troop Departure From the Border Ordered Hastened

Orders were received by the Southern Headquarters at San Antonio Wednesday, says the Associated Press, to spend up the return movement of State troops from the border so that all organizations will be home for muster out by April 1. Approximately thirty thousand National Guardsmen remain on the border.

Officers are at work on the new schedules, says the special, but many dates cannot be set definitely until after advice regarding muster-out points have been received from commanders of other points.

The Public Ledger notes that many towns and cities in the State are arranging to entertain the soldiers on their return from the border. Let the citizens of Oxford get busy and do likewise.

Telegrams from several of the boys on the border were received by friends in Oxford this week advising that they will leave on the 25th inst and reach home April 1st.

—By referring to page five of this paper the farmers will find something to hold their attention.

—Sunday newspapers all about the war, **PITTMAN & HERRING,** Hall's Drug Store. Feb24th.