

### County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners had their usual Monday and Tuesday meetings the first of the month, all the members, Chairman Lassiter and Messrs. Williford, Curran, Wilkinson, and Cannady being present.

The usual number of rebates, small petitions, and general routine matters came up and received attention.

The most important matters were:

A special meeting was called for next Tuesday when the commissioners, Mr. B. F. Hester, chairman, of the good roads meeting and the committee appointed by him, are to meet together with Judge Graham, and frame a road bill for Granville county to be presented at the legislature. The committee, consisting of two members from each township are: Fishing Creek, W. W. Brummitt and B. L. Pitts; Brassfield, G. L. Allen and Dr. Morris; Dutchville, J. N. Tilly and Z. E. Lyon; Tally Ho, E. N. Clement and M. Blalock; Walnut Grove, B. F. Curran and J. C. Howard; Oak Hill, R. A. Lloyd and G. B. Royster; Sassafras Fork, W. L. Taylor and D. A. Burwell; Salem, N. G. Crews and B. I. Broadlove; Oxford, D. C. Hunt and S. H. Cannady.

A new public road was ordered to be made from Tar River to the road running from Mrs. Betty J. Bryan to Corinth church.

The following were put on the outside pauper list at \$1 each: Mrs. Mary Eliza Wheeler, payable to G. T. Sykes; Eliza H. Neville, payable to Oscar Hughes; Peggy Thorpe, colored to J. H. Lyon; Martha Oakley, Dutchville, to Fleming Bros.

Permission was granted G. B. Royster, Wilburn Bros., and others to operate a telephone line along the public road in Blue Wing to G. B. Roysters and extend it to Oak Hill when desired, provided it interferes in no way with public travel or the working of the road.

D. C. Hunt and J. B. Powell were appointed to get up the delinquent tax list for 1908.

John Milton was appointed a committee to open road at Sandal's cross road.

B. S. Royster and J. B. Powell were ordered to adjust the tax of I. C. Lyon, in Person and Granville.

Chairman Lassiter was instructed to secure the services of A. A. Chapman in locating new road at Providence.

T. L. Cannady was instructed to investigate the road below Lyon's Mill and report at next meeting.

### Girls Give Dance.

For a number of days the young men of the town have been kept on the qui vive. It was announced that the young ladies were going to give a dance, and there was much speculation as to the pairing off of the young men, and as to which ones would be lucky enough to get a bid. The dance, which was rather more of a ball than a German come off Friday night, and a great time was reported from all quarters. The Granville Gray's Army was used for the affair, the interior being decorated in blue and white.

These were the couples: Miss Kate Horner with Kerr Taylor; Miss Julia Winston with Marion Taylor; Miss C. Starnes with Lee Taylor; Miss Lizzie Pearson with R. R. Herring; Miss Lily White with Gibson Howell; Miss May White with Bert Taylor; Miss M. Rucker with Mott Pinnix; Miss Bessie Hines with Tom Howell; Miss Annie Crews with J. C. Cooper; Miss Sophie Taylor with Major McGhee; Miss Irene Hines with Baldy Williams; Miss Lucy Smith with Graham Williams.

Stags: Eugene Crews, Len Marrow, R. H. Lewis, W. T. Coghlenhour, Alex Hunt, Cortez Wright, Marshall Pinnix, T. Banks, of Chapel Hill.

The chaperones were: Col. and Mrs. J. C. Horner, Dr. and Mrs. T. L. Booth, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Britt, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Robards, Mr. and Mrs. William Landis, Mr. and Mrs. Hillman Cannady, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Phelps, Mrs. Kate White, Mrs. Annie Landis.

When the small hours of the morning came the young men had an elegant lunch spread for their partners and the chaperones.

When you buy seeds, get the best—you will find them at Stedman's.

Flower seeds at Stedman's in papers and some varieties, such as Sweet Peas, Nasturtiums, etc., by weight.

### NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the General Assembly of North Carolina to amend the charter of the town of Stovall.

D. A. BURWELL, Mayor.

If you want vegetable or flower seeds of the best quality and true to name, get them of J. P. Stedman.

### Enthusiastic Meeting.

Monday afternoon many of Granville's most prominent citizens met in the Court House at 12 m. to discuss the question of good roads and come to some decision in regard to taking needed action. Judge A. W. Graham, Speaker of the House, by special permit came over to be present at the meeting. There were invited to address the assembly two very prominent men interested in good roads and the building up of public highways. They were Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, of the State University, and Mr. W. J. Hurlbutt, Agent of the Land and Industrial Department of the Southern Railway. After the convincing arguments of those three gentlemen, and when some very spirited free discussion was indulged in it was decided for the chairman, Squire B. F. Hester, to appoint two prominent men from each township to go with him before the county commissioners to frame a bill to be presented to the legislature. There was but one nay voted that one being Mr. Ben Thorpe. A few however had expressed themselves previously as opposed to the bond issue but in favor of direct tax.

Immediately upon the opening of the meeting Squire Hester was placed in the chair and Messrs. Virginius Cheatham and F. M. Pinnix were made secretaries.

Judge Graham asked for a talk from Mr. Robert Lassiter, Chairman of the Commissioners, who made a few remarks and insisted upon Judge Graham making the speech.

The judge, enthused by his subject, made the best talk he has delivered in years and opened the way for a most enthusiastic meeting, so much so that it evoked rather a sharp repartee between several prominent citizens.

The judge was followed by Dr. Pratt, whose statistics made interesting by strong argument made a deep impression upon his hearers.

Mr. Hurlbutt, the representative of the Southern, who came all the way from Washington to attend the meeting added great force to the already unanswerable reasonings of the two former speakers.

When speeches, limited to 3 minutes each, were called for from the assembly there were many responses and much argument with the good roads element in the lead at every point.

Among those who became prominent in the discussion were: Judge Graham, Dr. Pratt, Mr. Hurlbutt, Mr. Lassiter, R. A. A. Hicks, Mr. G. L. Allen, of Brassfield, Mr. Ben Thorpe, Mr. Cozort, Mr. Billy Brown, Mr. D. N. Hunt, Mr. S. C. Lyon, Mr. D. T. Winston, Mr. S. C. Lyon, Mr. D. T. Winston, Mr. W. P. Wilkinson, and a few others, most of them being strongly in favor of the new road.

Two of the things that made the people sit up and take notice were communications from the post office department which called for better roads for the rural routes in Granville county, or some of the rural routes will be taken off. It is being considered now whether or not to take off Route 7 and another one.

Upon motion of Judge Graham the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"That the sincere thanks of the citizens of Granville county be extended to Dr. Joseph Hyde State Geologist, of our State and Mr. W. J. Hurlbutt, assistant Industrial Agent of the Southern Railway Co., for their attendance in this meeting and their instructive addresses upon the subject of improved system of public roads.

### Mrs. Whitfield Dead.

Last Monday week, about 6:30 in the evening, Mrs. J. W. Whitfield died at her home, near Wilton after having been sick but twelve days, her death being due to paralysis. She leaves behind her husband, who is a very prominent citizen in the Southern part of the county, and four little children: Irene, David, Joe and Harold, all of whom are under 8 years of age.

Mrs. Whitfield was the daughter of Mr. Robert Fleming, of Creedmoor, and was about 37 years of age at her death. She had been married about ten years.

The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Coltraine, of the Franklin circuit, and the burial took place in the old Mitchell burying ground.

### Will Be Greatly Missed.

Oxford has been extremely unfortunate in losing Mr. and Mrs. J. Locke Erwin, who went to Concord last week, when they will in future make their home. Mr. Erwin had such an attractive business proposition made to him that he had to leave us. He and Mrs. Erwin have made many friends who are distressed at their departure and wish for them the best things that a happy and prosperous life can give.

### Judge Graham's Talk.

After listening to Judge Graham's argument it was found practically unanswerable. He discussed first the conditions in adjoining counties and showed how Vance was fixing up their roads that have been drawing away trade that had been Granville's for years.

There is a tax of 20 cents per hundred already in force which brings in each year about \$14,000. Hitherto the dispensary has been giving \$5,000 of its receipts to the road appropriation but this \$5,000 is now gone forever. Work to the extent of \$20,000 a year has been done, but now in order to keep up this same amount each year an additional tax of 10 per cent (making the total tax 30 per cent) will have to be made. Therefore, something HAS TO BE DONE whether bonds are voted or not, or the road work must be decreased.

The tax valuation of property in the county making allowance for panic depreciation is \$6,500,000, but this year under better conditions it will easily be \$7,000,000. If \$100,000 is borrowed, say at 5 per cent, though it could probably be done for a smaller interest, the interest would be but \$5,000 per year, and to help the property pay this there are 3173 polls on the county, 1882 of which are whites. This showed the advantage of the bond issue. An issue can be made for 30 years or for so long as is deemed best, and the yearly expense for roads will be less by nearly fifteen thousand than is now the case.

In other words to continue road work at present rate it will require a 30 cent tax, which with the school tax of from 30 to 50 cents, with the poll tax and other taxes will run up the rate to \$2 on the hundred or 2 per cent which is very heavy.

To put the bond issue at \$100,000, and keep the interest going would require but 7 1/2 cents on the \$100 valuation (exclusive of poll tax), the total valuation for tax being placed at 7 million of dollars. To borrow twice the amount used as an illustration, or \$200,000 would require to keep the up the interest only 15 cents on the \$100, or just half of what will be required if the roads are to be worked by direct taxation upon the present scale.

### Dr. and Mrs. S. D. Booth in Durham.

Dr. and Mrs. S. D. Booth went over to Durham Friday afternoon and returned home Saturday afternoon. The doctor, though still weak from recent illness, is able to get around quite lively now and is recuperating nicely. The Durham Sun of last Saturday says:

"Dr. and Mr. Samuel Booth, of Oxford, spent last night in the city as the guest of the family of E. T. Rollins. Dr. Booth returned home this morning and his wife later in the day. They came over here with Mrs. Simpson, of Winston-Salem, who spent the night with the family of Mr. Rollins and left this morning for home."

### A Crafty Fellow.

Mr. Hurlbutt related how a crafty farmer he knew of made a neighbor very sick. In their county an issue of bonds for good roads was made. The route was engineered through the crafty farmer's place.

"How much damage are you going to ask," the engineer wanted to know.

"There ain't no damages at all," said the farmer. "You just bust right through wherever you want. That new fence don't make no difference. It can be moved if it is in the way."

The crafty farmer's neighbor was a different sort of fellow, however. He asked for right of way about what his whole farm was worth. Result, the road work was bothered. When the crafty fellow was told the circumstances, he simply said, "just wait."

He went over to his neighbor and said "what will you take for the farm." Finally it was bought for \$5,000 which was then considered a very high price.

The crafty one, immediately after buying the property, hunted up the good road superintendent and said "I have bought that farm. Now bust through where you darn please. They did so and the farmer sold it a short while afterwards for \$10,000, twice what he paid for it.

### Something New

Drop in and see my elaborate line of Spring and Summer samples now on display. 1500 different patterns to select from. Suits from \$15 to \$65. Every garment I put out is guaranteed in every respect.

M. C. Taylor, Merchant Tailor, White Building, 2t.

### Railroad Interested.

Mr. W. J. Hurlbutt, of Washington, D. C., Agent of the Land and Industrial Department of the Southern Railway, came all the way from his home to meet with the good roads people. He regretted the invitation came to him too late for him to prepare a set speech and gather statistics. He did, however, succeed in demonstrating his interest in the work and his knowledge of the problem of good roads agitation.

Mr. Hurlbutt made a splendid impression and later in an interview he expressed himself as greatly impressed with the fine type of citizenship that came out to be in attendance. He said that he was surprised to see such a good turnout, and spoke very kindly of our people and our county.

The Southern railway, he said in his speech at the meeting, was a pioneer in good roads agitation, and was deeply interested in every county through which the Company's lines pass. Nine years ago, a special train of 17 cars, equipped with road working crews improved machinery, and employed experts in good road building was kept continuously travelling through the South for seven months, the expense of the undertaking being one hundred dollars a day. This, the speaker said, ought to be sufficient guarantee of the roads interest. The results from this campaign move than paid for itself and brought about amazing returns. His business has carried him over all sorts and conditions of roads and his experience has been that the prosperity of a country is more vitally connected with its highways even than with railroads or steamboats. Lcdr Macauley, he pointed out, said that good roads was the greatest invention in the history of the world, with the exception of the alphabet and printing.

Time, now-a-days, and not distance is the compelling factor. The speaker has met merchants in Mississippi who had to go after their own goods in wagons over the old "blazed trail" and it took from six weeks to two months or more to get home. Today, a telegram or a telephonemessage saves all that overtime, to say nothing of the wear and tear of machinery, of teams.

There are 650 miles of public roads in Granville, and Mr. Hurlbutt showed that a bond issue of \$360,000 would build at least \$300 miles of fine roads.

The U. S. government has investigated the condition of 1900 counties to show the average cost of hauling crops with the average number of miles each load has to be carried.

In those 1900 counties the average load of cotton was hauled 11.8 miles, the average number of pounds 1702, and the average cost was put at 16 cents per hundred. The average load of tobacco was carried 9.4 miles, 1500 pounds being the average load, and the cost was estimated to be 10 cents per 100 pounds.

Taking the tobacco statistics, each load of tobacco cost a dollar and a half to market on the average. Good roads would permit the load to be doubled or 3000 pounds could be carried in a great deal less time, thereby saving at least a dollar and a half per load, over and above gain of time, and saving in wear and tear of teams, etc.

In Bradley and Hampton counties in Alabama, were found some interesting facts. In the former county several years ago an election for \$90,000 worth of bonds was held. It was defeated, as also was a second trial. The third time the issue was carried by a very small majority and then an injunction was asked from the court by the minority though it was not given. Before \$50,000 of the funds were used, petitions were brought in to double the bond issue. It was increased to \$186,000, and the bonds were sold for \$210,000, the interest being 5 per cent for 30 years. The year before the issue hardly half a dozen farms were sold, and the figures in farm land ran from \$5 to \$10 per acre. Six months later farms were sold along the roads at from \$15 to \$25 per acre. There were made 153 miles of good roads. Hampton county voted \$100,000 worth, which was sold for \$106,000, at 4 per cent, and the land in the county was increased from 25 per cent to 40 per cent, based on sale values, not estimates.

Green county, Tennessee, was greatly impressed by the working of the good roads crew from the Southern, who built a mile of road. Four years ago the county issued \$150,000; last fall another \$100,000 was issued; and it is now thinking of issuing \$150,000 more.

### Good Sound Sense.

When we take up this matter, we must have a regular engineer who knows his business and pay him a salary.—Judge Graham.

After an experience of travelling over and watching good roads, a bond issue has found the cheapest means of having good roads.—Dr. Pratt.

It is time and not distance that counts, and good roads are the greatest time saves.—Mr. Hurlbutt.

We have just got to have good roads and we might as well make up our mind.—Mr. Hunt.

How to build roads? Why depend upon engineering skill. What are the three most important factors in road building? 1st drainage—2nd drainage and 3rd more drainage.—Mr. Hurlbutt.

A farmer does not loads his teams for the good roads he passes over but for the bad roads.—Dr. Pratt.

I live in Oak Hill. I have been on the board of commissioners 2 years and I have had a great deal of good roads work there. But I want to say I represent not Oak Hill only but the whole county and you will always find me doing all I can for good roads.—Mr. Wilkinson.

### Colored Orphan Asylum.

The directors of the Colored Orphan Asylum have rendered their report which covers the time from January 1st 1908 to December 1st 1908. The report shows the Orphanage to be in very good condition and that many additions have been made within the year. Forty-one more children are being cared for than were in the institution the first of the year.

These are the statistics in regard to the children:

|                      | Boys | Girls | Total |
|----------------------|------|-------|-------|
| No. Jan. 1, 1908     | 40   | 65    | 105   |
| Admitted during year | 16   | 27    | 43    |
| No. in charge        | 56   | 92    | 148   |
| Self supporting      | 2    | 2     | 4     |
| Removing Oct. 31     | 54   | 90    | 144   |

During the year a blacksmith shop and wood-working shop 30 by 20 was erected, and shoeing, mending, repairing is being done by the children under supervision.

Since May 1st, a shoe and harness shop 16 by 20 was built, and about July 29th a 40 by 40 granery was begun and is now completed. The farming was reported in satisfactory condition.

Numbers of other changes were effected during the year, and small sums expended in carrying them out.

The yield from the various crops were reported 100 barrels of corn, 200 pecks, 400 sweet potatoes, 100 Irish potatoes, 200 peanuts, 100 onions, 58 wheat, 65 stacks of forage, 300 gallons syrup, and a big crop of turnips for winter use.

On account of the lack of fire wood, the directors are asked to buy for \$500 a certain tract of 26 acres, which has plenty of wood on it.

The cost of the new buildings were:

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| Blacksmith shops        | \$400 |
| Shoe and harness        | 200   |
| Granery                 | 1,000 |
| School room for infants | 200   |

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| Total                   | \$1,800 |
| Repairing old buildings | 160.75  |
| Tools for shops         | 137.00  |

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| Sum total                            | 2,097.75 |
| The receipts and disbursements show: |          |

|                 | [Receipts]  |
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| Appropriation   | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Band Concerts   | 1,009.27    |
| Lodges          | 400.85      |
| Shops           | 138.26      |
| Other items     | 295.85      |
| From farms      | 1,000       |
| Donations, etc. | 949.44      |
| Total           | \$8,793.67  |

|                    | [Disbursements:] |
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| Salaries and wages | \$ 2,643.00      |
| Clothing           | 1,000            |
| Subsistence        | 2,500            |
| Wood and oil       | 700              |
| Current expense    | 725              |
| New buildings      | 2,097.75         |
| Sundries           | 35               |
| Total              | \$9,700.75       |

### Col. Sol W. Cooper.

It is Colonel Sol (not Solomon) W. Cooper now. The governor has shown his good taste to appoint as one of his aides-de-camp, our late townsman and fine fellow, Mr. Sol W. Cooper. In addition to being one of the staunch untrifled, Col. Cooper is fine material for an aide-de-camp. Top av th' avening I'ye, Colonel.

IF YOUR watch has gone on a strike and your clock has quit striking why bring them to W. D. Stinson and he will adjust the matter promptly and properly. Located at Paris Dry Goods store.

### Compliments New Clerk.

Clerk Shotwell is performing the duties of his office like a veteran. One would not suspect that he had just gone in office two months ago, his efficiency is so marked.

Judge Long paid Mr. Shotwell a very pleasing compliment upon that gentleman's conduct in office.

### Bad--Is It Not?

This is food for thought. It comes from the Lincolnton News: "Mr. Clay E. Rutledge has purchased a farm in Mecklenburg county five miles northwest of Charlotte and will move his family next month. We regret to lose such a progressive citizen farmer as Mr. Rutledge, but he says the good roads of Mecklenburg are taking him there. We wish him success but hope he will return to Lincolnton when we have good roads, too."

Let's have nothing like this in Granville.

### Correction of a Mistake.

"You got me down wrong last week," said Squire A. P. Overton as he ran up with a reporter Monday.

"How's that, Squire?"

"You said I said I stopped over on my way to town with a family that had 14 children in it. You misunderstood me. I said I ran across a family that had 14 children but it wasn't on the way to town."

"Well, where was it?"

"Never mind, but you can say I ran into the family on my rounds. I'll say this much, it was on the road to Tally Ho, but I ain't going to say any more. There were 14 children, seven boys and seven girls and the oldest ain't but 19. Now, you see if you can find anybody to beat it. Then I'll tell you more about it."

### The Woman's Literary Club.

The Woman's Literary Club began part of the year's plan of work January twelfth at the home of Mrs. Fleming.

"Scott the Poet" was presented by Mrs. Brown in a true and interesting paper, which showed careful research on her part. She brought out the dignity and earnestness of Scott's work that tells no more of the romance than of the history of Scott and the Scots.

Miss Curran's paper put one in sympathy with Lock Katrine, and the limpid beauty of the scotch lake scenery. The many pictures which she used for illustration gave vividness to the entire subject.

Both of these papers were very pleasingly read.

Scott's Lady of the Lake, from which the members of the club read, grows lovelier in its rare nature descriptions, with old acquaintance.

"The Chase" is the classic hunt of English literature, while XI, XII, and XIII of canto first, give one of its noblest and yet most charming pen landscapes.

"The western waves of ebbing day" Rolled o'er the glen their level way, Each purple peak, each flinty spire Was bathed in floods of living fire."

MRS. H. M. HICKS.

Four car loads of poultry, field and hog fencing in stock to be sold in the next thirty days at Samuel Davis, Clarksville, Va.

Rhode Island Red pullets and hens of the best strain. Apply to J. P. Stedman

### Dr. Pratt's Speech.

Dr. James Hyde Pratt, State geologist of the University of N. C., upon invitation of Gen. Royster and Judge Graham appeared before the good roads meeting Tuesday and made a telling, sensible talk that will do a great deal of good. Dr. Pratt, who is a very handsome and agreeable, as well as a thoroughly well posted man.

He said that he had travelled over thousands of miles of public roads which he compared to the veins in the human system, the railroads being the main arteries. It is not, "do we want good roads," but how can we get them," the speaker declared, when he had finished demonstrating how the cost of carrying any thing over public roads must be DEDUCTED from the market price wherever it is carried, to get the worth of the article in question.

There are 98 counties in the State with 50,000 miles of roads and OVER HALF of these counties within the past three years have had bills in the legislature relative to roads.

It is not the distance that counts, but the condition of the roads to be traversed in most cases. A man in loading his team does not load for good roads but loads what he thinks he can carry over BAD PLACES.

A very significant fact was brought out. A farmer, whose condition the

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