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Commissioners and Bonds.

The commissioners had a called meeting last Monday in reference to the bond issue, all of the members being present.

On motion of Mr. W. P. Wilkerson the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "That the public roads of Granville county need working and improving and that the one hundred thousand dollars of bonds authorized by the General Assembly of North Carolina, session 1909, are for a necessary expense in working and improving said roads; that the said bonds so authorized be advertised for sale at a rate of interest of four, four and one-half five per cent, the interest to be payable semi annually; that the chairman of the board of commissioners and the county attorney be appointed a committee to prepare such advertisements; and that all bidders for said bonds be required to deposit with their bids a certified check for at least one thousand dollars as an evidence of good faith; and that, upon acceptance of a bid for said bonds, the same be issued in accordance with the provisions of said act of the general assembly."

On motion of Mr. Ralph Currin, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "That Dr. James H. Pratt, president of the economic surveying board of North Carolina, and Mr. William L. Spoon, United States expert, be requested to come to this county, inspect the roads, and make recommendations as to how to permanently improve and work the roads of the county."

Wednesday morning Dr. Pratt and Mr. Spoon arrived and the commissioners, Judge Graham, Gen. Royter, Registrar Powell, and other citizens had an informal meeting, which was followed by a short trip in southwestern Granville. Dr. Pratt left the party at Providence in order to meet an important engagement. Thursday Mr. Spoon was driven up in Walnut Grove and in Oak Hill Township to make an initiatory survey. Mr. Spoon will probably be detailed here for several days. The results of the cursory inspection will not be learned in time for this issue.

On Monday at the called meeting these general routine matters were disposed of.

Miss Fannie Gregory was allowed a rebate of \$400.

It was ordered that if Messrs Roy B. Wright, Titus Currin, and Jacob Tanner give the right of way for a public road, the road force be ordered to work until further orders the Providence road as far as the right of way extends, and no further.

The Nelson Telephone Company was granted permission to erect telephone line and operate same in Oak Hill and Sassafras Fork townships, provided the poles erected do not interfere with the public road or working of said road.

Observer Contest.

The News and Observer contest is getting very warm. Wednesday's paper shows the standing of the Granville contestants as follows:

OXFORD—	
Miss Mary B. Williams.....	55,985
W. L. Hagland.....	19,825
Hart Overton.....	1,050
Miss Mamie Parham.....	45,650
F. W. Hancock.....	2,880
Miss Ethel Adams.....	51,845
F. F. Lyon.....	6,585
Miss Josephine Brown.....	51,870
Miss Nettie Gregory.....	8,220
Miss Julia Winston.....	1,080
Miss Olive Daniel.....	8,495
Mrs. J. D. Brooks.....	58,765
Miss Annie Louise Long.....	1,255
L. A. Royster.....	34,864

OAK HILL—	
Miss Sue B. Daniel.....	39,720

STOVALL—	
Miss Anne A. Gregory.....	37,596

A Wise Idea.

See my elaborate line of spring and summer samples, (1500 different patterns) before purchasing your suit for the coming season.

M. C. TAYLOR,
Merchant Tailor.

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

I am prepared to put on slate roofing and do repair especially. A. B. Spencer, Sr. Jan. 22, 1909.

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

Four cars goods just received at Baird & Chamblee's. Mar. 5, 1909.

Oxford needs citizens who will talk Oxford.

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

Pleasant Entertainment.

Reported for the Ledger:

Friday witnessed a scene of merriment such as the younger knights and fair ladies have never enjoyed before. Miss Helen Paris, having attained her fifteenth year, celebrated the event with a birthday party.

At the door the guest were met by Master Hugh Skinner and little Miss Annie Landis. Many were the games that were played during the short evening. In the potato race R. T. Smith and Miss Nattie Croxton won prizes of violets tied in green ribbon. In the photo guessing contest which consisted in every one guessing whose picture was on the wall, each person having brought his first photograph, Miss Estelle White won first prize, a box of candy in the design of a harp decorated with shamrock. Marsh Ray and John Stedman won the other prizes, which were bunches of Irish flags. In cutting the birthday cake Frank Hancock and Miss Sallie Webb were successful. Cards which were painted by the hostess were given to the guests to put their autograph on them. The entire house was beautifully decorated, the color scheme being lavender and green.

Delicious refreshments were served in which the color scheme was carried out.

Another Entertaining Letter.

The gracious Citizen sends in another interesting communication, but since the following order came with it, we are afraid to venture a comment: Don't give me away any more than you have already so basely done. I wanted to clothe my utterances with all the weight and dignity that the masculine pseudonym gives."

The communication runs:
REMARKS, with this apology:
"Tell many a shaft at random sent, Finds mark the archer little meant."

Mr. W. A. Adams has recently returned from an extensive trip west and gives such entertaining accounts of this glorious region, its wealth and opportunities, that if he talks much in public there is danger of Oxford being entirely deserted. I do not mean that Mr. Adams should be exactly muzzled, but exciting narratives like that of the Japanese who came to this country since Mr. Adams left Japan, and last year sold his crop of oranges for \$20,000, the story of Mr. Adams' cousin who went to Arkansas twenty years ago, and beginning life at the bottom of the ladder as a farm laborer, today lives like a prince with his own mills, blacksmith, and even physician on his vast estates, are calculated to fire the blood of our youths with the immigration fever and even to quicken the pulse of Oslertites (isn't that the name of men past sixty?).

Some things that are considered useless are really very useful if we but stop to reflect. Take for instance, the appendix. The doctors declare they have never found any use for this member when as a matter of fact, it is of inestimable value. It has solved more problems in diagnosing disease, furnished cause for more deaths (except perhaps that of the heart) than all other portions of the body together. It has upheld the wisdom and integrity of doctors, built and maintained hospitals, in fact, furnished the most lucrative practice in the history of the surgical world. It is true the owner can live without it, but only at great cost, and then his loss is another's gain.

The object of greatest scorn to the ladies of Oxford at present is the man who was overheard to remark, as his wife drove by in a carriage filled with gaily dressed ladies followed by other vehicles, "There goes one of them darned hen parties." I wish to clear the single men of the town from the stigma such an expression would cast upon them. It could only have been made by one of the disillusioned. [When? We never would have had the nerve to have said that—Editors.]

"In these modern days justice is so often tempered with money instead of mercy that conviction in the Cooper trial comes as a surprise. If they are like Patrick Henry they would prefer the death sentence; as it is if they ever gain their liberty it will be at the cost of the next dearest thing to life—their money. It does seem a pity that men equipped with the education and intellect to further the evolution of the world should suffer capital punishment.

Milinery Opening.

Mrs. T. Lanier will have her Milinery Opening Tuesday March 30th, and cordially invites the ladies of the town and county to attend, a larger and handsomer display of pattern hats than ever before shown. Call and see the elaborate display of all the new styles colors, etc.

Judge A. W. Graham.

The News and Observer in its Sunday's write up of the legislature gives a sketch of the lives of all the legislators and other individuals connected with the last session. The sketch of Judge A. W. Graham, representative from Granville, who was made Speaker of the House, was very complimentary and deservedly so for the judge was one of the ablest of the legislators. He took a high stand in the opinion of the people of North Carolina and it is good to see that he is given suitable recognition.

Says the News & Observer:
Augustus Washington Graham, son of the Hon. William A. Graham, who was Governor of the State of North Carolina, United States Senator, Secretary of the Navy, was born in Hillsboro, Orange county, and after preparation in the home schools and by Dr. Alexander Wilson at Melville, N. C., he was educated at the University of North Carolina, as was his father before him and has always been a devoted friend of his alma mater, and is now, and has been for many years, a trustee of that institution. He was married Nov. 21, 1876 to Miss Lucy A. Horner, eldest daughter of the late Prof. Jas. H. Horner, of Oxford. In religion he is a Baptist, in politics a Democrat, and in all things a patriotic North Carolinian. He inherited a taste and talent for public service and all his life has been a leader in public measures and has stood for the development and progress of his state. The first public position he held was secretary of the board of arbitration between the States of North Carolina, Maryland and Virginia. He served as commissioner in both the towns of Hillsboro and Oxford. He was State Senator in 1895, in which he was one of the most useful members and signed the famous protest against the giving away of the Western North Carolina railroad. He was judge of the Superior court in 1895-1896, resigning to return to the practice of the law. On the bench, he was one of the best Superior court judges the State has ever had. Diligent and able, he caused the law to be held in high esteem wherever he held court. He represented Granville county in the Legislatures of 1901, 1903, 1905, 1909, and in the election of 1908, when most of the other counties of the fifth district showed a loss in the Democratic majority, Granville gave Judge Graham a majority of 1,187 and stood true for the whole Democratic ticket. Upon the organization of the Legislature, he was elected Speaker of the House, and his long legislative experience was of great value to him and his constituents. He was elected Speaker upon an important anniversary of the time when his father had been elected to the same office. He presided with dignity and took an active and influential part in much of the most important legislation of the session. He led in the fight against increasing the causes for divorce, in favor of reforming jury trials in criminal cases, in such changes in the revenue and machinery acts as would increase the revenue of the State, in the regulation of public service corporation, pensions and public roads. Deeply interested in the progress of the State, Judge Graham took a deep interest in legislation of every character, looking to these ends. He secured the passage of the act, by which Granville county will issue \$100,000 of bonds for public road improvement and construction. He was very much interested in the fish and oyster legislation, which has caused so much difference of opinion in the State. And with other leaders, helped to secure the naming of a commission to study the fish and oyster legislation and needs, and report to the next General Assembly. By special action of the House and Senate he was made a member of this committee, which was in many respects the most important committee of the session. He was foremost in the advocacy of all measures for the help of the Confederate soldiers, favoring the Wyatt monument and the monument to the women of the Confederacy. The last bill passed the House under his leadership by a unanimous rising vote, but died in the Senate, because the Senators felt that the appropriations already made would exhaust the revenue of the State, and it was best to postpone such monument until another legislature.

CITIZEN.
The ladies of the town and county are most cordially invited to our milinery opening Tuesday, March 30th. We will have a splendid showing of the best and most stylish up-to-date line and promise that you will not be disappointed. Be sure and come. Landis & Easton's.

MILLINERY OPENING AT LANDIS & EASTON'S

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More Corn Contest Prizes.

Superintendent Webb dropped in the office too late to get the following additional prizes listed with the others which will be found on page 3. The total of the prizes offered for distribution entirely in Granville has already gone up to \$187.50; and there is such great interest being manifested that, in addition to the prizes for general distribution throughout the county, it would be a good idea for each township to raise say twenty or twenty-five dollars to be given as prizes in the district. We are satisfied that before the end of the season the list of prizes will run way up into the hundreds of dollars. The boys themselves can help by calling upon their kinfolds and friends to become interested in the campaign.

Mr. Webb has a letter about the prizes in another column. These are the additional contributions that came in too late to be included in the older list.

Z. W. Lyon—Cash.....	\$ 5.00
J. F. Meadows—Cash.....	5.00
Bank of Granville—Cash.....	5.00
Hall's Drug Store—Cash.....	5.00
Hamilton Drug Co.—Safety razor and outfit, value.....	2.50
J. D. Brooks—Hat, value.....	1.00

In the Toils.

Monday morning with its change of weather also brought in a little work for the Preserver of the Peace. His Honor, Mayor Devin, found three cases awaiting him for trial.

James Harris, Frank McGhee and Tom McGhee, all colored, were in the docks on the charge of fighting. Harris and Frank McGhee became involved in a quarrel and fistfight last Saturday evening, but they were separated by Chief Willford. Later, Harris ran afoul of Tom McGhee, a brother of the warlike Frank, and a battle royal was engaged in. The police got the belligerents and they were brought before the mayor stated. After hearing the evidence, Mayor Devin fined Harris about \$15, Frank McGhee \$7.85, and Tom about \$2.50.

The third case to be disposed was that of young Ratteree, an employee of one of the buggy factories, who was charged with being drunk and disorderly. His Sunday's amusement cost him \$7.65.

Corn Contest.

A good many inquiries have been made about how it is to be decided who wins in the corn contest. The plan in general is as follows: The county will be divided into districts for convenience. We may take the school districts, and one or more judges appointed for each district to measure the land, see the corn gathered and measured and report to the county superintendent. He will then make a report of all who contest for a State prize to Mr. T. B. Parker. Of course the land will be measured on the day the corn is gathered. Each contestant is expected to notify the judges of his district the day he wishes his corn measured and to have help enough on hand to have the work done in a short time. The details of the plan will be announced later. The average yield of corn per acre in North Carolina in 1907 was 16.5 bushels. The yield for the same year in Maine was 37 bushels. There ought not to be such a difference. It is time for our farmers to give this question serious thought.

J. F. WEBB.

Another Change of Hands.

Late Wednesday afternoon Messrs. Stedman, Cooper and Usry sold to Mr. Thornton Yancey the old Kingsbury house and the lot just to the rear of the one earlier in the week bought by Mr. Chapman. The dimensions of the lot are 118 by 103.

Milinery Opening

Long, Blalock & Haskins take pleasure in announcing their opening of spring and summer pattern hats Tuesday, March 30, 1909. At this time we will have on display a large assortment of Smart Tailored and Pattern Hats and models from our own workroom that will be a revelation to the trade in style and price.

A most cordial invitation is extended to the ladies in Oxford and Granville county to visit our store that day.

LONG, BLALOCK & HASINS.

For Sale—Bargain quick buyer—One good set harness; one good reversible two or four passenger trap, light enough for one horse, strong enough for two horses. T. W. Winston.

Get Baird & Chamblee's prices on wire fencing before you buy and save money, Mar. 5, 1909.

Oxford needs a new Graded School Building.

Reunion Horner Students.

The old students of Horner School held another meeting in the Court House last Monday night and the proposed re-union is an assured success. It has been set for Wednesday of commencement week, and six committees have been appointed to attend to every detail that can contribute to make the occasion one to be proud of. The scheme has incorrectly been believed by some to have been taken up in exploitation of the town or the school itself. Such is not the case, for the idea was first suggested by an old Horner boy and the whole expense of the undertaking will be defrayed by the old Horner boys of Oxford and Granville county.

The special committee appointed last Tuesday night brought forward its recommendations which were adopted without change, and the committee was ordered to be continued indefinitely. It recommended that the old students take care of the visitors and have them entertained at the expense of the Alumni Association, which already has a large membership and is being rapidly added to as the old students can be seen. About thirty or more new names were enrolled in the Association at the meeting.

The committees appointed were:

On Homes; Messrs.—
John Webb (chair.) W. Z. Mitchell
H. G. Cooper F. H. Gregory
Reception: Messrs.—
W. A. Devin (chair) B. K. Lassiter
H. T. Osborne F. F. Lyon
M. C. Taylor Marvin Minor
T. C. Howell J. C. Cooper

Finance: Messrs.—
Wm. Landis (chair) J. G. Hall
S. W. Parker W. H. Hunt
W. T. Yancey

Correspondence: Messrs.—
A. H. Powell (chair) T. C. Howell
W. H. Britt T. Lanier
J. B. Powell F. M. Pinnix

Banquet: Messrs.—
R. W. Lassiter (chair) B. K. Hays
J. M. Currin C. H. Landis
J. Robt. Wood C. W. Bryan

Enrollment and Entertainment: Messrs.—
C. L. Wright A. S. Hall
W. M. Pinnix J. W. Horner
and numerous others to be appointed by the present members of the committee.

A roster has been placed in the offices of the Granville Real Estate and Trust Company and every Horner Boy in Granville county is expected to drop in and enroll his name and lend his hand in making a great event of the reunion.

Boys Pass Good Inspection.

Captain Adolph Hugot, of the 17th U. S. Infantry, inspected the Granville Gray on Wednesday, and expressed himself as finding everything in good condition. The improvement was very marked since last year.

There were 48 officers and men present, the two absent members of the company, being Corporal Butler, of Stovall, and Sergeant Sam Wheeler.

In the forenoon the company was thoroughly drilled down in front of the Taylor residence and then carried up Main St. The guns, accoutrements, etc., were neat and bright and the boys presented a very martial front.

The Armory was inspected in the afternoon. Captain Wood has had the wood work put in and the new locker and wainscoting makes a fine appearance. The quartermaster's supplies shows careful and intelligent attention. Everything is lovely with the boys now.

More Contributions.

The following contributions have been made to the monument fund since last issue:

Mr. S. W. Minor, Durham.....	\$5.00
Mr. L. R. Turner.....	1.00
Mr. Jas. W. Horner.....	5.00
Mr. James Horner.....	5.00
Total.....	\$16.00

Warned Not to Harbor or Hire.

I hereby notify all persons not to harbor or hire one Joe Lindsey, colored, who has left my employment without leave. R. T. Moss 2t. pd.

For Sale at Bottom Prices.

300 Tons Oshers Special Compound for Tobacco.

200 Tons Listers Animal Bone Fertilizer.

100 Tons Acid Phosphate & Kainit.

1 Set Up-to-date Machinery for manufacturing Plug tobacco.

1 Set New Machinery for manufacturing Tobacco Flues.

1 New 5 Drawer National Cash Register.

7 New Old Hickory Kentucky Wagons.

1 Pr. Good Mules. 10 Chattanooga Plows.

Several head beeves and milch cows.

Address W. L. McGhee, Franklin, N. C.

Capt. James A. Graham.

Last Saturday there died at Charlotte Captain James A. Graham, a brother of our distinguished townsman, Judge A. W. Graham and a cousin of Mr. John Webb. He was an old Confederate, having served in Co. G. of the 27th regiment, which was a part of Cook's brigade. The remains were carried to Hillsboro, the home of the deceased and there interred on Sunday.

Judge Graham started on the way to Hillsboro to attend the funeral, but his health and the inclement weather forced him to abandon the trip. He has not yet recovered from the effects of his sickness.

The Charlotte Observer says of the late Captain Graham:

"For twenty-five years Captain Graham had held a position in the Pension Department of the United States government. Last spring, on account of his health, he gave up the work for the time and came to Charlotte in hope of improvement. His trouble was a cancerous affection of the throat, which would not respond to medical treatment.

Coming of one of the State's most distinguished families, Captain Graham was himself a man of no mediocre ability and his life was one of usefulness. Having at all times a keen interest in public affairs, he was accurately posted and well informed on all questions of the day. He was the fourth son of the late Governor W. A. Graham, who was also United States Senator. In the spring of '61 when the war clouds gathered on the horizon, he enlisted in his native town and was captain of the Orange Guards, 27th North Carolina Infantry. Four years he served, being wounded at Bethel Station and not laying down his arms until the surrender at Appomattox, where he was at the time.

After leaving the University of North Carolina, Captain Graham engaged in the practice of law at Graham, near Hillsboro. On July 7th, 1869, he married Miss Elizabeth Webb, daughter of the late James Webb, of Hillsboro. More than a score of years ago he was appointed to a position in the Pension Department under Cleveland's first administration.

Captain Graham is survived by his wife, two sons, Dr. James A. Graham, of Roswell, N. M., and John W. Graham, of Elkins, W. Va.; and one daughter, Mrs. I. H. Peck, of Derby, Conn. There are also four brothers, Maj. William A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture, at Raleigh; Maj. John W. Graham, of Hillsboro; Dr. George W. Graham, of this city; Judge A. W. Graham, of Oxford, and one sister, Mrs. Walter Clark, of Raleigh.

New Advertisements.

Cohn & Son, the new firm that purchased the stock of Todes, Caplon & Co., have an ad this week, in which there are many bargains.

The National Bank of Granville has a change this week that you should read.

The Savings Bank also gives some very interesting chat. Look it up.

A slight omission was made in getting up the first National Bank's ad last week. See if you know what it was.

Starnes & Usry have an attractive ad that travels in two sections. Find them both.

L. Thomas, the grocer-philosopher, interlards his edibles with several wise saws which are good. He was a pen driver once upon a time.

Another Real Estate Deal.

Another real estate deal was consummated last Thursday when Messrs. Baird & Chamblee sold to Messrs. James W. Horner, Thomas G. Horner and Charlie W. Bryan the three store buildings on Hillsboro street now occupied by Messrs. C. H. Landis, and Bullock & Crenshaw, and the warehouse immediately to the rear. The new owners expect either now or during the summer to make extensive repairs and enlargements at an expense of several thousand dollars. The buildings will be run back to make them from 84 to 90 feet in length.

Democratic Convention.

The Democratic Convention is hereby called to meet in the Court House on Friday, the 26th day of March, 1909, at 8 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of nominating a Mayor and Board of Commissioners for the ensuing term and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the same. This March 10, 1909.

WM. LANDIS, Chm'n
DR. B. K. HAYS,
C. A. CARROLL

You will get the best garden and field seeds at Hall's Drug Store.