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WORK ON COUNTY ROADS.

ABOUT 20 MEN AND 50 MULES IN FOUR FORCES AT WORK ON GRANVILLE ROADS.

Contract Force Completed Road From Mountain Creek Bridge to Johnathan Creek Bridge—Repair Force going From Clay to Blackwell's bridge—Two Other Forces at Work

A former caught engineer James A. Thorne in the post-office the other day and stopped that busy man long enough to find out what is doing on the County roads.

The first force at work in various sections of the county with about 80 men and 50 mules. The contract force working on the Northern Granville has a head of mules and 40 or 50 men; the other force has six mules and 3 men; the other 4 mules and 15 men.

The contract force has completed the road from Mountain Creek Bridge to Johnathan Creek Church, a distance of nearly six miles. The engineer on Saturday surveyed and laid out a road from Johnathan Creek Church to the Virginia line, which is a mile and a half long, and this will be completed in a few days. The road also clearing and grubbing a mile from Oak Hill to Virginia line when the work from Johnathan Creek Church is completed, the road will be moved and put to grade by the end of the year.

The repair force that has been operating at Wilton has finished its work there and has been transferred to Blackwell's bridge road, and is working from Clay station to the bridge. The line will be revised at Mrs. Clay's and a new road will be built on each side of Blackwell's bridge. The force will continue on towards Brasfield and continue in there this winter and next spring or until the line is completed to the Wake County line.

The Knop of Reeds force is working from Knop of Reeds towards Indian Grove Hill which has been repaired with a very fine grade to the summit. The road from C. J. Roberts house to the Durham County line a distance of a mile and a half, has been completed, and soiling has also been done on the road leading to Wilkins through a section of the Blackgrounds.

The contract force has been on regular work in different sections, and is at present doing a few days' work on the road from Providence to the Kinball road, in order to give those people access to the railroad station.

Advantage is being taken of the fine fall weather and work has been pushed, and will be continued as fast as possible until spring when the effects will be redoubled and faster progress will be made. The present appropriation will make a hundred miles of new road, the improvement being of a permanent nature. The King drag is to be used in keeping the new roads up to standard, and mud sloughs broken down teams will be a thing of the past.

The engineer has located a new road from Stovall to Mountain Creek Bridge, the length being five miles, but it has not been decided as yet whether to begin work on it now or wait until Spring breaks.

CONTEST AT HORNERS.

Thompson of Company B Wins Out, Though Others Ran Him a Very Close Race.

Wednesday night at the Horner Barrens in the presence of a fair audience, a spirited oratorical contest was held between Companies A and B. Cadet Thompson, of Company B, won the contest, the points therefore, going to his Company. The judges, Messrs. D. G. Brummitt, J. R. Conley, and P. Q. Bryan, had quite a time in making the award. The contestants were: For Company A, Cadets Morehead, Emmett, Duns, and Grady, of Fayetteville; for Company B, Cadets Marsh, Floyd, of Oxford, and Thompson, of Horner.

Bullock & Crenshaw Moved.

We desire to inform our customers we have moved our business from Hillsboro Street to the store formerly occupied by Perkins and Green, which is on Main Street next to Baird and Chambliss. We will take measure in waiting on them at this new stand and invite their continued patronage.

Bullock & Crenshaw.

A VERY GRACIOUS ACT.

Confederate Veterans Show Their Devotion to Judge Graham By Presenting him a Handsome Cane.

The Confederate veterans of Granville County have been for some time contemplating giving to Judge A. W. Graham some slight token of their appreciation of his devotion to their interest and his untiring efforts in their behalf. They finally decided upon a gold headed cane and appointed a committee with B. I. Creedlove Esq., chairman, who procured one of wood, of most beautiful design and finish. During the recess of Court on Tuesday they assembled in the office of Mr. J. B. Powell, Register of Deeds, and sent for Judge Graham, who had been kept in ignorance of their designs. Upon his entering the room Mr. John P. Cannady stepped forward and in a few well chosen words referred to the fact that most of his comrades had already passed over the river and that the few who remained, wished, before they joined those on the other side, to leave some token of their appreciation of the love and devotion Judge Graham has shown to the Confederate veterans and the zeal he has exhibited in their behalf, whether in the legislature, at the Reunions, or in their homes. He also referred to the fact that for many years, against his protest, Judge Graham has been retained as commander of the camp in this County. He then presented the cane with the hope that it would be accepted in the spirit in which it was given.

Judge Graham was visibly affected as he stood there surrounded by a mass of Granville's bravest and truest sons. He said in fact:

Mr. Cannady and friends, I don't know how to express the emotions that well up in my heart at this manifestation of your confidence and esteem. If I have done anything to stimulate the interest of the rising generation the Confederate Soldier, if I have contributed even a little bit, to the appreciation of the many heroic deeds of Granville's sons if I have done anything to smooth the pathway of those whose feet are now all turned to the sunset and to make the crossing of the river less hard to them, then I feel that my efforts have not been in vain, and my reward has been ample. This is truly a beautiful cane, and I shall preserve and cherish it to my dying day with affectionate appreciation of the sentiments that inspired the gift. But so long as I have the confidence and esteem of the Confederate soldier of Granville, I feel that I will need no artificial support. You have on many, many occasions given proof of your loyal friendship, and my heart has been deeply touched. The little I have done for you is but a slight expression of my love and appreciation of you. I would that I could honor each one of you in the manner you deserve.

Being too young to share with you the privations and dangers of actual warfare, but knowing much of what you did and dared, I have taken an active part in trying to honor the Confederate soldier, on every occasion, and induce our people to preserve your history as an incentive to good for those who will come after us. Again, I thank you, Mr. Cannady and, through you, every veteran of Granville County for this beautiful gift, and assure you that if there is any way I can ever serve them, in day time or at night, in happiness or distress, I will esteem it an honor to do so.

GETS ANOTHER STILL.

Sheriff Sam Wheeler Hikes Out to Bowlin's Mountain and Gets Still—Makes Fourteenth Raid.

Sheriff Sam Wheeler with several deputies trekked down in Bowlin's Mountain to the Westward Tuesday night and broke up a still. The moon shiners had finished their job at that place, and wagon tracks were found showing that they were getting ready to go to a new place. This makes the fourteenth raid that the Sheriff has made within eleven months and he claims on the strength of it the championship of the State as a successful raider.

Preaching at Shady Grove.

Rev. W. H. Puckett will preach at Shady Grove on next Sunday morning and at Salem Sunday evening.

Capital Highway Association.

Mr. R. W. Lassiter, as a director of the Capital Highway Association has received a notice from Secretary Frank Weldon of a meeting at Pinehurst today.

CORN CONTEST SUCCESS. GRANVILLE LUMBER CO.

BIG CROWD OF FARMERS IN TOWN DECEMBER FIRST TO WITNESS OUTCOME OF THE CONTEST.

Teachers From A. & M. and Prominent Citizens of Town and County Speak—List of Winners of Prizes—Prof. Schaub to Entertain Fourteen Contestants.

Wednesday the first day of December, was a red letter day in Granville County. At twelve o'clock the Boys' Corn Contest was held in the Court House, the exciting event commencing from that hour until four o'clock in the afternoon, with a slight intermission which was made for the purpose of giving the judges time to make the decisions. So long was the interesting meeting in being held, that there was not time enough left for the perfecting of arrangements for next year, nor for the fair and Experiment Farm Committee to meet, nor any other business. In view of the failure to get to these matters, it was decided to call a great mass meeting for the first of January when these important enterprises will be put on foot.

The remark was frequently made by divers people that the number of farmers—representative and influential farmers—and boys present was greater than had been expected. The great stimulus that is given to agriculture in general and to boys in particular can easily be seen in a statement made by Judge Graham, that even the boys who raised the least number of bushels of corn badly beat the average farmer in Granville County or in North Carolina. When the competing boys were asked if they would enter the race again next year, their eyes would open wide in astonishment, for it was considered an absurd question. Of course they will be in the Contest, and be joined by three or four times as many recruits. The affair was a tremendous success.

Judge A. W. Graham, temporary presiding officer, called Mr. G. L. Allen, of Brasfield to the chair, and F. M. Pinnix was made secretary. The Judges of the best papers written by the competing boys, Messrs. A. H. Powell, Prof. P. P. Hoggood, Dr. J. A. Morris, retired to inspect the articles.

Mr. Hudson Talks.

In the meantime, Mr. C. R. Hudson was requested to make a talk to the assembly. That gentleman made a most interesting speech in which he gave out the chief aims of the Department of Agriculture. He made the statement that there is the astounding number of 150,000 farms in the country studying agriculture in varied kinds of soils and under various different climatic conditions. The main thing, he said, that the Department wants to impress upon the farmer is soil building which has been so sadly neglected. The next is the growing of corn. Hundreds of thousands of bushels of corn are bought at 75 cents by people who can easily raise it for 25 cents. While it may seem doubtful, the records show that corn has been raised for two seasons as low as 7 cents per bushel. Under the Demonstration work, 35 farmers in Cumberland County, whose soil is not as good as Granville's, averaged 61 bushels, and one of them raised 106 bushels. However, Mr. Hudson said that the object is not to teach people to raise freak yields but to raise big healthy yields cheaply.

The chief consideration is a deep soil filled full of vegetable matter. This accomplishes two things: it furnishes a place for the water to settle, allowing plenty of moisture in a drouth, and gives room to take care of excessive rainfalls. Two adjoining fields, one plowed deeply and the other shallowly handled, showed the great difference in favor of the former in both dry and wet seasons.

The kind of corn planted, too makes a vast difference, in some cases it making one crop three times as profitable as another handled under similar conditions otherwise.

Mr. Hudson concluded his remarks by congratulating the boys and giving some friendly criticism in the judging of corn.

Prof. Schaub Speaks.

Prof. I. O. Schaub, of the A. & M. faculty made a talk to the boys, and asked that there be three times as many contestants next year. He referred to his promise to take care of a number of boys whom he invited to be with him during their visit in Raleigh, but had the date postponed until in early January on account of the failure to complete a building at

HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLAR CORPORATION HAS PRINCIPAL NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE IN OXFORD.

The Big Concern Was Incorporated Under Laws of Delaware and Has Filled Papers In Order To Dominate in State—Will Invest Heavily in County.

The Granville Lumber Company is the name of a new enterprise for Oxford, being the principal North Carolina Office for a corporation, with a capital stock of one hundred thousand dollars, that has just been formed under the laws of Delaware. The object will be to deal in timber and real estate. The incorporators are Messrs. W. S. Taylor, of Wilmington, Delaware, N. N. Culp, of Oxford, N. C. J. W. McCulloch, of Friendsville, Md. J. E. Holloway, of Philadelphia, Pa. J. W. Clark, of Glen Campbell, Pa.

Our townsmen, Mr. N. N. Culp, is president of the new corporation, Mr. J. F. Holloway being the secretary and treasurer.

The concern has already acquired several large tracts of timber land in northern part of the County, and when it becomes domesticated under the laws of North Carolina, will begin active operations. The necessary papers have been drawn and are being sent to Raleigh for official action.

The indications are that the Company will spend considerable sums of money in Granville and greatly add to its material prosperity.

The A. & M. in time. He told the boys that Superintendent of Public Instruction Joyner had taken the Corn Contest idea and adopted as a part of the school work. He then told of the plans for next year's State Contest, which would be on an enlarged scale, the champion grand premium being a free trip to the city of Washington.

Prof. Williams on Corn.

Prof. C. B. Williams, of the A. & M. in the afternoon made a very interesting talk on corn. He laid special stress upon the importance of an uniformity in classification. A number of standard and especially meritorious kinds of corn was given, in methods of cultivation, and much valuable instruction was proffered in the short time at his disposal.

Mr. Hudson, during the course of the afternoon, said that no farmer should plant his corn until he had studied the matter fully for 24 hours. Prof. Schaub said that one day will be given entirely to the instruction in selecting seed corn, but the date for this is to be announced later.

Mr. Hudson introduced Mr. Orbe Daniel, as his assistant in the Demonstration work in Granville, and Mr. Daniel briefly outlined the great campaign he is to lead next year.

Dr. Morris in reporting for the Committee to select the best account written by the competing boys stated that the Committee considered three points in making the award, to wit: distinctness, consequence, and fullness.

Judge A. W. Graham, in the presentation of the prizes said that the average yield in North Carolina for 40 years was only 14 1/2 bushels to the acre, and the average for Granville last year was a little under 18 bushels. The boys therefore had reason to congratulate themselves for the one who raised the least number of bushels on his acre beat the average Granville or North Carolina farmer badly.

As the boys lined up to select their prizes, those making the biggest yields being given the first choice in the matter of the prizes, following in regular order, there was great excitement, the spectators crowding around the line as closely as possible. It was a most impressive scene to see the boys, nearly 30 of them, standing around the evidence of the splendid work they had done, to see the older men snuggling as closely up to them in order not to miss a point.

Prof. Hoggood made a good talk on farming and brought for the inspection of the crowd a tremendous

Mr. J. P. Stedman also had on exhibit an enormous turnip that on the 26th of last month weighed eight pounds and half an ounce.

At four o'clock, it was found that there was not time enough left in which to attend to the County Fair and the other meetings, nor to organize the contest for another year. So it was decided by vote to hold the meetings on the first day of January.

THE PRIZES AWARDED.

The Boys Who Bore Away the Prizes and the Records They Made—Mr. Stedman's Turnips.

In the Corn Contest these were the awards:

The Committee composed of Dr. Morris, Prof. Hoggood, and Mr. Powell, awarded to Fred Daniel the cash prize of ten dollars, given for the best article explaining the method of raising the acre of corn.

Prof. Schaub, Prof. Williams, and Mr. Hudson, judges of the best ten ears, which were bought after the contest by Judge Graham, awarded the prize of five dollars to Rufus Moss.

The judges appointed to verify and classify the reported yields were: Messrs. B. F. Hester, T. G. Taylor, and T. G. Sten. These were the winners of the prizes, the donors, and the number of bushels arranged in their respective order.

1. John Roberts, \$75.00 buggy, by Taylor—Cannady Buggy Co., and \$15.00 harness, by Horner Bros. Co., 83 1-4 bushels.
2. Henry Blackwell, \$100.00 suit, by Horner School, by Oxford Public Ledger, 76 1-4.
3. Roy Daniel, \$25.00 in trade, by Tar Valley Mfg. Company—73 bushels.
4. Paul Daniel, \$15.00 suit clothes, by Long, Blacklock & Haskins—73 1-2.
5. Rufus Moss, \$15.00 overcoat, by Landis & Easton, 72 1-2.
6. Richard Harris, \$6.00 half dozen dining chairs, by Upchurch Bros., 62 3-4.
7. Shirley Averett, \$8.00 shot gun, by Baird & Chambliss, 62 1-2.
8. R. C. O'Brien, \$7.00 in trade by J. F. Edwards—60.
9. Stanley Averett, \$7.00 thoroughbred Berkshire pig, by Tally Ho Stock Farm—57 1-2.
10. Thomas Allen, \$5.00 buggy robe, by Bullock & Crenshaw, 57.
11. Oscar Ragland, \$5.00 rocking chair, by J. R. Wood, 55 1-2.
12. Ivey Moore, \$5. shoes, by E. H. Crenshaw Co., 55 1-2.
13. Thaxton Averett, \$2.50 safety razor and outfit, by R. L. Hamilton Drug Co., 55.
14. Baxter Moss, free trip to Raleigh—55.
15. John Melton, \$1.00 hat by J. D. Brooks, 50.
16. Paul Hicks, \$1.00 subscription by Progressive Farmer, 50.

The five dollars each in cash given by Mr. Z. W. Lyon, Mr. J. F. Meadows, the Bank of Granville, the Drug Store, the Granville Real Estate and Trust Company, and Bullock & Mitchell, with the smaller amounts contributed by other parties will be used to defray the expense of the following boys to Raleigh sometime after Christmas, Prof. I. O. Schaub, entertaining them while there. The names of the boys and numbers of bushels of corn are:

17. Oliver Aiken—49 3-8 bushels.
18. Parks Norman—46 bushels.
19. Fornie Duke—44 4-5.
20. Fielding Knott—44 1-2 bushels.
21. Fred Daniel—42 3-4 bushels.
22. Ernest Evans—4 bushels.
23. Joe Ragland—41 1-4 bushels.
24. Stephen Veazy—37 1-2 bushels.
25. Garland Mays—32 1-2 bushels.
26. Lonnie Duke—26 bushels.
27. Ralph Aiken—25 bushels.
28. Phocian Frazier—20 5-7 bushels.
29. Richard Arrington—20 bushels.

In addition there are prizes offered by the Citizens Bank of Creedmoor, and one or two citizens of Creedmoor that will go to the competing boys in Dutchville and Brasfield. The amount and winners will be announced as soon as they are reported to the secretary.

Mr. B. F. Dean reported that the people of Walnut Grove have \$6.50 to be divided among three best corn raisers from that township. The first prize is one-half, the second three-fifths of the remaining half, and the third prize is the remaining two-fifths of the half of \$6.50.

Mr. Stedman's Prizes.

Mr. J. P. Stedman, who a few days ago, gave prizes for the biggest turnips raised from seed sold by him, brought the biggest one to the show and the prize winners were announced to be:

- First—E. R. Crews, 8 pounds 1-2 oz. prize of \$2.00.
- Second—L. L. Crews, 5 pounds 6 1-2 oz. prize of \$1.50.
- Third—R. T. Critcher and A. M. Overton, 5 pounds and 4 oz., a tie, prize of 50 cents divided between them.

Publish Boys Articles.

The Ledger will in the next few issues publish several, if not all, of the articles written by the boys competing.

The judges reported all as having

THE COMMERCIAL CLUB.

GRANVILLE COMMERCIAL CLUB FORMALLY ACCEPTS BUILDING AND HOLDS FIRST MEETING SINCE ORGANIZATION LAST APRIL.

Quarters Consist of Five General Rooms, a Lavatory, and a Cloak Room—Furnished in Mission and Flemish Oak—Has Steam Heat and Electricity.

Last Saturday night, the members of the Granville Commercial Club assembled in the new rooms just completed in the Caspian building and formally accepted them. There was a large and enthusiastic attendance and the first meeting of the club since its organization was extremely encouraging and promises a great work for the town's prosperity in the future. The full membership consists of between forty-five and fifty residents, several non-residents, and three honorary members.

The Club has for its object the commercial advancement of the town and county and to provide a place where its members may gather, there being the usual social features that is found with other clubs. The president, Dr. E. T. White will shortly announce the personnel of the ten committees that will go to work to take up such matters as to transportation, municipal improvements, seeking new industries, advertise the town in every possible way, spur the business men to more concentrated and vigorous public work, entertain important personages who may come to the city, and, in short, to keep busy advancing our community. When these are appointed, there will be an immediate inauguration of a commercial campaign.

The quarters of the Club are unusually convenient and well appointed. Fronting College Street are 3 rooms furnished with Mahogany effect, these being the reading room, the secretary's room, the one in the center having been set apart for cigars, dominoes, checkers, or any non-gambling games that the members may care to play. Running the length of these rooms is a wide hall, across which from the three rooms described, is a general assembly room on the Southern side, this adjoining a large and comfortable pool and billiard room. Immediately to the North of this is the lavatory and cloak room. These all consume the entire second floor of the building, and are heated by a steam heating plant especially installed for the Club.

The furnishings are very substantial and handsome, the furniture being chiefly of mission and Golden and Flemish oak, the back rooms being of this coloring. Most of the rugs, curtains, and smaller furnishings have not yet arrived, but are shortly expected.

Long distance telephone will be installed, and the best daily papers, periodicals, magazines, and trade journals have been ordered for the reading room, abundance of electric lighting has been furnished, and water placed in the building. Everything looking to the convenience and comfort of the members is provided for, and the whole suite has been especially arranged for the conduct of important business matters that pass through the Club.

The Commercial Club is one of the most important institutions in any town near the size of Granville. Its resident membership has been limited to sixty.

Recovers Stolen Team.

Mr. A. Willford on the 10th of last month rented a horse and buggy to one Wilmoth, who not showing up within a reasonable time, caused Mr. Willford's suspicions to rise as to his intentions. After communicating about the country pretty generally he finally found that Wilmoth had gone to Danville. A trip to Danville revealed the fact that the rascal Wilmoth had sold the outfit for \$65.00 and gone to parts unknown. The team was recovered but Wilmoth has not been captured as yet.

What Mr. Hester Says.

Mr. B. F. Hester told Dr. N. Rosenstein, the eye specialist of Durham, that in treating the eyes of his son, Hiram Hester, he had done them a vast amount of good.

Itch cured in 30 minutes by Woolford's Sanitary Lotion. Never fails. Sold by J. G. Hall, Druggist.

Been good, but the excellence of five of them was especially commented upon.