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COMMISSIONERS MEETING

HAVE ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT MEETINGS OF RECENT MONTHS.

In Addition to Usual Routine Work, Several New Bridges Ordered to be Built—Instructions to Road Forces—Bids to be Advertised for.

On Monday and Tuesday of this week, the Commissioners held their two day session, disposing of much important business, in addition to the usual attention to bills, rebates, and other small matters. Considerable work was disposed of and a number of bridges ordered built at the necessary points.

The following rebates were allowed: L. T. Taylor, Dutchville, 45; M. Taylor, Dutchville, \$1.25; L. M. Smith, Grandfield, \$1.00; J. D. Horner, Dutchville, \$1.25; W. L. Freeman, Fishing Creek, \$1.18; Theodore Faulkner, Fishing Creek, \$2.00; Richard Thorpe, Oak Hill was allowed one-half dollar tax \$3.00. A number of other small rebates were allowed, and several orders issued concerning the paper list.

Salem.

Mrs. Martha Cheving, was allowed rebate on \$1000.00

A. R. Hicks, Walnut Grove, was granted \$61.00 for right of way soil.

Commissioner Ralph Currin was appointed a committee to see that a bridge is put across Ledge Rock Creek.

It was ordered that all bridges to be built for the County shall be advertised through the columns of the Ledger for bids, the Commissioners reserving the right to reject any and all bids. The County will furnish all specifications.

The County Surveyor was instructed to lay out a road from Stovall to Grassy Creek, this to be done as early as possible.

A petition was presented requesting the closing of the road leading from L. A. Wilkins to the Hillsboro road, known as the Wilkins road, and the opening of a road from L. A. Wilkins towards Creedmoor, the new roads to be of about the same distance as the one closed. The petition was granted.

It was ordered that a steel bridge be built across the river near Providence. The contract be awarded to the Roanoke Bridge Company, subject to the approval of Mr. W. L. Spoon.

The contract force was ordered to be moved to Culbreth, after all the bids are made to the Providence bridge, to work the road from Culbreth to Mrs. Rebecca Hubbard's.

Chairman Lassiter, with the assistance of the County Surveyor, was ordered to settle with the parties whose land was crossed by the public road known as the Providence road.

On motion of Mr. Ralph Currin, it was ordered that the contract for the steel bridge and approaches made with the Roanoke Bridge Company be executed by the Chairman and attested by the clerk upon the approval of Mr. W. L. Spoon and the County attorney.

Julian Tippet was allowed \$50. for right of way and damages caused in leading road through his premises.

R. D. Sears was allowed \$8.25 damages on account of public road.

A new bridge was ordered to be built across the Creek at Amis Mill, the same to be constructed according to the County Surveyor's specifications.

The Clerk was ordered to adjust the taxes of Mr. S. V. Morton.

Q. B. Gillis was allowed rebate on \$200, on account of error in listing tax.

Chairman Lassiter was ordered to settle with Treasurer Lyon.

With the exception of the convict force team, all teams of the different road forces were ordered to the County Home on the 24th of December.

A monthly report of all work done was ordered to be made by the surveyor.

The Chairman and the surveyor were ordered to consider the bids for construction of the Amis Mill Bridge.

The following supervisors were appointed:

Fishing Creek.—Z. W. Allen, R. M. Light, E. C. Harris.

Brassfield.—W. P. Whitfield, G. L. Allen, W. H. Garner.

Dutchville.—J. Y. Whitaker, J. N. Tolley, M. L. Coley.

Tally Ho.—W. S. Gooch, Ed Clement, R. H. Gooch.

Walnut Grove.—B. F. Dean, W. B.

CONSUMED BY FIRE.

Residence of Mr. W. D. Kimball, Burned to the Ground Thursday Night of Last Week—Cause Unknown.

About 7:30 o'clock, last Thursday night the residence of Mr. W. D. Kimball, a prominent farmer and ex-Confederate soldier, was lost by fire which originated from an unknown cause. At the hour indicated, a Mr. Thaxton who was stripping tobacco, noticed the flames and immediately warned Mr. Kimball with his daughter Miss Maude Kimball, Mr. Gibbons Renn, B. Neal, and others were in there at the time. Then they proceeded to make immediate investigation which revealed the fact that the back hall was falling in. In less than two hours the house was totally consumed.

The insurance of \$2,300 will just about cover the value of the furniture most of which was not more than two years old, and the house itself, valued at \$5,000, is a total loss. It was built about sixteen years ago. The piano was saved, but probably all the other furniture was burned.

The night of the fire, the Kimballs were taken care of at Mr. Thaxton's, and since then the upper floor of the Kimball Store, which consists of several nicely furnished rooms, has been used, and will serve as a home until a new house replaces the one lost, which will be at the earliest time possible.

Tobacco Market Closes

The Oxford Tobacco Market will close for the holidays on Thursday, December 23rd, and re-open for the New Year on Tuesday, January 4th, patrons of our market that the sales 1910. I am happy to announce to have been very satisfactory for the past 30 days, the general average of the market ranging from 13 1/2 to 15 cents a pound. Our market has passed the 4,000,000 mark and bids fair to pass the 5,000,000 mark by the holidays. It goes without saying that the Oxford market is the place to sell your tobacco.

F. F. Lyon, Sec.

BIG DEAL CLOSED.

Granville Lumber Company Makes Purchase of Fifteen Million Feet of Johnston County Timber.

Messrs. Henry and Cupp have on Monday of this week closed a deal for the Granville Lumber Company, of Oxford, with the Lucas Lumber Company, of Norfolk, Va., for a tract of pine conservatively estimated to cut 15 million feet. This tract of pine timber is in Johnston County and is one of the finest tracts of timber in the state. The Granville Lumber Company is increasing its holdings rapidly and will in the near future have on the market some especially fine timber tracts.

Honor Roll.

The following were on the honor-roll of Banks School, Brassfield township, for the school month ending November 29th. These have met the requirements of good behavior, and good work.

Geoffrey Bennet, Beula Breedlove, Edna Breedlove, Lella Breedlove, Eleanor Blackley, Gladys Blackley, Brook Bobbit, Willard Currin, Elizabeth Floyd, Lee J. Jenkins, Larem Kirkland, Joe Morris, Ruth Strother, Mattie Tillotson, Willie Tillotson, Inez Whitfield, Ida Hayes, Joseph Shadrich.

"Gretna Green" Affair.

At the Exchange Hotel on the 7th of December, the Rev. L. S. Massey joined together two happy Virginians Mr. J. W. Crow and Miss Lessie Puryear. The couple was attended by Messrs. J. R. Walker, and W. A. Gill to see that nothing interfered with the proceedings.

If you do not order "Sealship" the next time you want oysters you are denying yourself the best oysters the market affords. Remember, you get the solid meat—no ice-water "liquor." TAYLOR BROS.

Change of Date.

The date for holding the Farmers Institute at Stem has been changed and the announcement as to when it will be held, will be made later.

Oak Hill.—Charlie Stovall, J. N. Watkins, R. I. Mulchi.

Sassafras Fork.—I. T. Green, S. J. Currin, W. B. Royster.

Salem.—B. I. Breedlove, E. A. Hunt, N. G. Crews.

Oxford.—C. H. Cheatham, W. T. Cur

STAY ON THE FARM.

Mr. E. C. Harris Speaks Well When He Advises Boys to Stick to the Farm.

Mr. Editor: I have been thinking for some time of writing through your columns to the boys of our county, urging them when choosing an occupation to remember farming heads the list of all occupations, everything considered. First, the most important thing to be considered is health; next, with the average boy, is money; with me, it is happiness, contentment, usefulness, independence, an occupation whereby we can best serve God and our fellow man. For, after all, this should be the chief concern of every body, and the only thing that brings true happiness. All of the above has always been true. Yes, farming has ever been the most honorable business in the world, but badly abused. I am glad, however, that I have lived to see the day that the farmer is coming to the front and is being recognized as the bone and sinew of our country. A farm life has the advantage of any other life, the very air we breathe is purer. We are our own masters. We can go and come at our own will, nobody to please but ourselves, and, with the farm tools and machinery that we now have, it is as easy a life as any.

It has been demonstrated in this county this year that we can treble our yield of corn with a small cost and less labor than our fathers did. And what is true of corn, is also true of wheat, potatoes, cabbage, and all other farm products. My prediction is that in the next two years, the farmers of this county will double their yield of corn and wheat, which means more meat, and better stock. Yes, boys, stay on the farm. It is the most happy and honorable life in the world. And it will soon be the most profitable. The very best men of our county will tell you this is true, and the farmer of today is no longer sneered at by any one but a green "eymlin head."

Were I to start out to find an honest, true, type of a young man, if I failed to find him among our farm boys I would look no further. In your meeting soon to be held to formulate plans for the corn test for next year, I expect to be there and if I can afford you any assistance I assure you I will take great pleasure in doing so, and you will always find me ready to lend a helping hand to any boy that manifests a deep interest in farming.

E. C. Harris.

December, 6th, 1909.

This is Worth Remembering.

Whenever you have a cough or a cold, just remember that Foley's Honey and Tar will cure it. Remember the name, Foley's Honey and Tar, and refuse substitutes. Sold by All Druggists.

Mr. Ernest Allen has accepted a position with TAYLOR BROS. as Salesman in their New and up to date Grocery, and would be glad to have his friends call in to see him.

Mr. J. C. Haskins Hurt.

The friends of Mr. J. C. Haskins are glad to see that his little mishap of last week is not serving him as badly as it might have done. In attempting to cross a creek while on a hunting trip with Messrs. W. J. Long, and W. H. Pace, the log broke throwing Mr. Haskins in such a manner that his arm was broken and a severe joint fell to his lot. The wounded member is getting along nicely and "Cousin Jack" is having all he can do explaining how it happened.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. Willis G. Briggs, postmaster of Raleigh, was in Oxford visiting relatives the first of the week.

Mrs. H. C. Pinnix has been quite sick with a cold for the past week.

Mr. E. T. Rollins, co-proprietor of the Durham Herald, Mrs. Rollins, and their little daughter, arrived in Oxford last week to visit the parents of Mrs. Rollins, Mrs. L. J. Steed. Mr. Rollins returned home Sunday afternoon, but his family remained over for a longer stay.

Dr. E. T. White attended the Southern Commercial Congress which met in Washington this week.

Miss Helen White went to Durham Tuesday to attend the wedding of Miss Mary Johnson.

Mrs. Kennon, of Norfolk, with her little daughter arrived Thursday of last week for a few days visit to her father, Dr. N. M. Ferebee, re-

CORN IN GRANVILLE.

Last Census Shows 30,385 Acres—Mr. Webb Does a Bit of Figuring and Thinking.

According to the last census, Granville County grows 30,385 acres in corn. Assuming that it is the same now, it is interesting to note what a small increase per acre would mean for the County. An increase of one pint would more than pay the county's half of the Demonstration work begun this year under the supervision of Mr. Otto Daniel: an increase of three pints would pay the salary of the Road Engineer or the Superintendent of Schools; one gallon increase would pay for the Confederate Monument; five quarts would pay the interest on the \$100,000 Road Bond issue; a peck would build and equip a first class Agricultural High School sufficient to train over 100 boys and girls for a larger and richer service in developing the rural districts of our county and half of this amount annually would make ample provision for its maintenance; one-half bushel would pay the salaries of the white teachers of the county schools; one bushel would amount to more than total school fund or in one year would put a well-equipped school building in every district in the county; a little over three bushels would pay the Road Bond issue in one year, or pay the interest on a \$2,000,000 issue that would build and maintain every road in the county in almost perfect condition. The boys in the corn club have fully demonstrated on the first trial that these increases are feasible and with proper effort and intelligence, a much larger increase can be made.

J. F. W.

Words of Thanks.

In behalf of the teachers, patrons and pupils of Tally Ho School, I wish to again thank the Granville Council of the J. O. U. A. M. for the benevolent gift of a handsome Bible for our school. I feel that the few words of thanks said at the presentation were wholly inadequate for such a gift.

Our hearts swell with pride at the thought that we are the first in the County to raise the flag and receive the Bible.

In spite of the fact that our teachers have ever sought to install love and reverence for the Bible in the hearts of our pupils by the daily reading of its sacred pages, yet we feel sure that the knowledge that this Bible is theirs will create a greater love and more noble aspirations, and we feel that it is a greater responsibility on our part, and shall ever endeavor to guard the trust. Words fail when we attempt to express our thanks. But this noble order, through the invisible cord that binds our heart together in love for all mankind, will feel the appreciation we faintly utter.

Also we wish to thank Mr. Erummitt, the honorable representative of the order, for the kind words of encouragement which he gave us in his address of presentation. And we would not forget our beloved Superintendent who is ever ready and anxious to give his aid in any movement for the betterment of that grand institution, the Public School.

Although he is a man of a few words his presence gives an inspiration.

Again in behalf of us all, I wish to say, "We thank you."

H. M. Bragg.

Call for Bids.

Contract for bridge at Amis mill to be let at the Register of Deeds office on December 18th, 1909. Plans and specifications on file with Register of Deeds for an 82 foot bridge 12 feet wide. To be built of first grade white oak. Bids to be opened no December 18th, 1909.

Brd. Co. Commrs by J. B. Powell, Clerk.

Inter Society Debate.

The members of Calhoun Literary Society of Stem High School will hold an inter society debate on Wednesday night the 22, beginning at 8:00 o'clock.

Query. Resolved.—That United States should build and maintain a great Navy. The aff. is represented by Jack Currin, of Berea N. C., and Callis T. Eakes of Stovall N. C. while the neg. will be defended by Wiley S. Cozart Jr., of Stem, and Lee Daniels of Providence N. C. Let all come out to this debate, as it is the closing exercise of the '09 term. We expect this debate to

A GOOD MAN GONE.

The Sad Death of Mr. Elijah Etheridge—Prominent and Respected Farmer who Died on 25th Ult.

On Nov. 25th Elijah Etheridge and a friend were reviewing the site of the new school building near Vassar Peace's, that had burned down a day or two before, and the chimney that was left standing fell upon Mr. Etheridge inflicting mortal injuries, from which he never regained consciousness, and on Saturday morning he breathed his last, aged 49 years.

Death in all forms and at all times brings sorrow but how overwhelming is this sorrow when our friends and loved ones are snatched from us without warning.

The sympathy of the entire community goes out to his widow and four small children whom he loved and cared for so tenderly, for his devotion and interest in his family was beautiful, and they miss his loving watchcare so sadly.

In the passing of Mr. Etheridge, Brassfield Baptist Church and Sunday School has lost a faithful and devoted member, the community a good neighbor. Unless providentially kept away his seat in the Church services and the Sunday school was always filled. His devotion to his Church and its claims was grand. It is hard to realize that he is gone but we know he is, and his earthly task is finished and the Master has promoted him to a more glorious task above.

We are grieved when we think that we can no more greet him in the pleasant relations of life, yet we grieve not as those who have no hope knowing that he lived a consistent upright life, and we believe he is now wearing "A Crown of Righteousness the Christian's reward. May we honor his virtues and feel grateful for his influence and example, and may we at last clasp hands on the other shore in the land that is fairer than day."

He was true in every relation of life, and the esteem in which he was held was shown by the unusually large crowd that attended his funeral. Burial services were conducted by Rev. J. L. Martin of Creedmoor in an impressive manner, and his remains were laid to rest by the Mason and Junior Order by the side of the dear baby that preceded him to the better land a few months ago.

L. W. W.

OAK HILL ITEMS.

Hammer Reports Condition of Crops in His Section—Wants More Corn and Meat Raised.

Well, Mr. Editor, I give few items below as we haven't any news worth attention to write this time. The writer was in Oxford the first day of this month and had the pleasure of meeting with the Editor of the Public Ledger for the first time and was glad to meet with him and pass off a few words.

We are getting along in years but never remember seeing such a long spell of dry weather in the fall before. The earth seems to be dry 2 to 2 1/2 feet. The wheat crops need rain bad, the turnip tops are drying up; the wells of water are sinking down very low.

All the farmers have finished sheeling corn some little time ago, and from all reports about one half of them made corn enough to reach the next crop, while lots of them made very small crops, and the new corn is going at from \$4 to \$4.50 per barrel, and will be \$5. or \$5.50 before March.

The hog crop is a little short, and corn being short, will shorten the meat. We don't think that more than about half of the people in this section including white and colored all alike will make more than half enough meat to last the next 12 mos and something must be done the next go round. We must raise more corn and foodstuff, and raise more meat and get to raising our own guano and stop buying so much of it or stop farming.

Hammer.

January The First.

My books will close no January the First, and my report as Sheriff will be promptly paid, as the law prescribes. I hope that the few remaining unpaid taxes will be attended to at once, or I will be compelled to collect by distress.

S. M. Wheeler, Sheriff.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Easton, who have been so ill for some weeks, are getting along nicely, and their friends are delighted to

DEATH OF MRS. LASSITER

ONE OF OXFORD'S FINEST TYPES OF WOMANHOOD PASSED AWAY THURSDAY MORNING.

Her Death Occurred at Five O'clock

After a Critical Illness of Several Days Duration—Her Loss is Greatly Deplored by Whole Community.

A deep gloom has been thrown over Oxford by the death of Mrs. K. W. Lassiter, which occurred Thursday morning about five o'clock. Mrs. Lassiter's health has not been good for sometime, and several days ago her condition became critical. Since then there has been alternate hope and despair, though it has been felt that a losing fight was being made. Throughout her illness, the Lassiter home has been besieged by sympathetic friends and relatives.

Mrs. Leticia Kirtrel Lassiter, nee Foster, was born in Lexington, North Carolina, where she lived up to her fourth year, when she moved to Oxford where she has made her home since that time, her home being with the late lamented Mrs. R. B. Gilliam. On December 2nd, 1879 she was married to Mr. Robert W. Lassiter, a prominent business man of Oxford, and to them were born these children: Messrs. Robert Gilliam Lassiter, Ben K. Lassiter, William L. Lassiter, J. D. Lassiter, and Miss Katherine Lassiter. In addition to these grief stricken members of her family, two sisters also survive: Mrs. V. W. Shields, of Jacksonville, Fla., and Mrs. J. M. Wesson, of Mississippi.

Mrs. Lassiter was the idolized center of a devoted family where her slightest wish was a law, and her charming and gracious personality gave her a place in her wide circle of friends that cannot be filled. She was one of the gentlest and best women ever reared in a town noted for its fine type of womanhood.

Those of the family who have not already arrived will come in today to attend the funeral service which will be held this afternoon at St. Stephen's Church, at 3 o'clock, of which Mrs. Lassiter was a devout member.

The distress over her passing away is very keen, and all social functions have been suspended.

New Advertisements.

The Green Grease Company, of Greensboro, in a big half page ad tells of a most remarkable case of pneumonia and how it was cured.

Hammer and Company, of the Grand Va., have many things to offer to Christmas buyers, giving prices of the most popular new fiction.

C. D. Ray, the man who handles coal, wood, building material and all sorts of things to be offered and used in a house, has a change of ad.

Taylor Bros., the new grocers who have just moved in their new quarters in the brick building, have several things to say.

J. G. Hall, the druggist who is a close friend of old Santa Claus, has taken additional space this week to talk to the Christmas shoppers.

The Hamilton Drug Company has enlarged its ad in order to talk about the honorable Santa Claus, who is a familiar figure thereabouts.

Upchurch Bros., who are making their establishment a thing of beauty have a nice new attractive ad this week.

The Oxford Savings Bank, with its fresh letter of this week, occupies its accustomed place and invites a careful reading.

John W. Brown, the College Street Grocer has a new advertisement for his patrons this week.

L. H. F. P. Club Meet.

The L. H. F. P. Card Club on the evening of December 2nd, met at the home of Miss May White. Delightful refreshments were served and an Italian Band furnished music for the occasion. There were present: Mr. M. C. Taylor with Miss Julia Winston; Mr. E. T. Crews with Miss Irene Hines; Mr. Nelson Ferebee with Miss Sophy Taylor; Mr. M. K. Pinnix with Miss Annie Crews; Mr. J. C. Cooper with Miss Martha Ferebee; Mr. A. H. A. Williams with Miss May White.

The best pill is De Witt's Little Early Risers—the safe, easy, pleasant and sure little liver pills. De Witt's Carbolyzed Witch Hazel Salve is the original. Good for cuts, burns or bruises, and especially for piles. Sold by All Druggists.

Itch cured in 30 minutes by Wool