

CORN CONTEST MEETING.

MEETING WAS HELD IN COURT HOUSE ON LAST MONDAY FOR ORGANIZATION.

Officers for Ensuing Year Were Elected—Number of Interested Spectators Present—Rules Governing Contest Made—Committee on Premiums Appointed to Get to Work.

The meeting held in the Court House last Saturday for the purpose of organizing the boys' corn club was well attended. The officers elected last fall were reelected for the coming year, and it was decided to appoint one man from each township to act with the boys, these together forming the executive committee of the club. This committee consists of the following members: Robt. W. Harris, President, of the club, Rob Crews, Secretary, Fielding Knott and T. G. Taylor, Fishing Creek; Thos. Allen and Eugene Moss, Brasfield; John Roberts and W. L. Veazey, Dutchville; Dr. P. R. Hardee and Garland Mayes, Tally Ho; B. F. Dean and Royal Daniel, Walnut Grove; Frank Thomas and J. S. Watkins, Oak Hill; Phocian Phrazier and E. G. Butler, Sassafras Fork; Ralph Aiken and L. G. Breedlove, Salem; Leonard Cheatham and J. T. Cozart, Oxford.

The first question discussed was whether those cultivating bottom land should be allowed to come in on equal terms with those who have only upland to cultivate. This brought out a warm discussion, some claiming that no distinction should be made, while others declared that in as much as a large majority of the boys would be compelled to use upland, it would give the few who had the river bottoms so much the advantage that they would easily walk off with all of the prizes and would have a tendency to keep others out of contest. It was finally decided to allow the boys cultivating low lands to contest for the third and fourth prizes only, with the understanding that these should not be very much inferior to the first and second. Mr. Otho Daniel was appointed to decide in case there should be dispute as to which class a piece of land belonged to. The age limits were fixed at ten and nineteen. Another question that seemed difficult at first to settle was about the amount of commercial fertilizer that might be used on an acre. After much argument it was decided but by no means unanimously, that not over ten dollars worth could be used and that all applications made should be counted against the corn although applied to clover or other growing crops to be turned under for the corn crop.

It was decided to offer at least one prize to the boy who should raise the cheapest corn, none to be counted in this who failed to make as much as fifty bushels to the acre. All other conditions are to be left to the executive committee to arrange either deciding upon them themselves or submitting them to another mass meeting to be held later in the spring. The following were appointed as committee to solicit premiums for the County contest: Robt. W. Harris, Rob. Crews, Otho Daniel and J. F. Webb.

The members of the executive committee from each township are to organize township clubs and raise money for prizes to be given in their respective townships. Very few business men and farmers will be found who will not give something for this purpose, especially if they understand that it is to be used in their immediate neighborhood.

These township committees are urged to pull their coats off and get to serious work. Call a meeting somewhere near the center of the township and get all the men and boys interested. There is no doubt that over a hundred dollars will be raised in some of these townships for the boys.

There are going to be some fine county and state prizes too. Don't put off preparations too late.

OXFORD IS GROWING.

Post Office Receipts Show Increase of \$648.96 over Figures of 1908—Good Indication.

A glance at the local post-office statistics is a good indication of the progress that a town is making.

The returns from the Oxford post-office show that Oxford is upon the progressive band wagon, a fact over which post-master Billy Brown is greatly pleased. On the 6th of January the total receipts were shown to be \$10,030.73, which is an increase of \$648.96 over the preceding year. These figures, of course, do not include the money order business.

THE COMMISSIONERS MEET.

Bids Called For to Build Roads from Stovall—Jury List—Usual Routine of Business.

The County Commissioners held their usual meeting on the first Monday. The chief item of business transacted was the order to call for bids for two roads from Stovall, advertisement for which appears in this week's Ledger.

Pat Fleming, of Dutchville was put on outside pauper list, payable to W. A. Hester.

M. Nelson was allowed rebate of half tax.

P. S. Watkins was allowed rebate of half tax.

Mrs. Mary Watkins was allowed rebate of half tax.

Dr. G. S. Watkins was allowed rebate of half tax.

Mrs. H. E. Bullock was allowed a rebate of \$1.00 in School tax.

The Clerk was ordered to investigate the Oxford Ice Company's tax.

Martha Cozart was put on outside pauper list at \$1.00 payable to D. H. Lynch.

Sam Mangum was put on outside pauper list at \$1.00 per month payable to Fleming Bros.

The Clerk was ordered to investigate Andrew Luy's tax.

A committee was appointed to build a bridge across Lodge Rock Creek, between Lyons and Hesters.

Willie Lewis, colored, of Sassafras Fork was allowed a rebate of poll tax.

Mr. W. M. Bullock was allowed a rebate on personal property tax.

Mrs. Charity Peed, outside pauper was allowed an increase to \$2.00 payable to M. V. Veazey.

The Commissioners made a donation of \$25.00 to be spent in paying the expenses of having religious service at the County Home.

S. D. Holeman was appointed superintendent of the Convict force.

R. S. Ury was allowed a rebate of \$1.69 on tax.

The following jurors were drawn for the February term of Court which begins on the 17th of that month: C. A. Hicks, W. G. Dean, T. J. Brummitt, Lewis Lloyd, T. A. Wilson, W. H. Horton, W. F. Dement, P. A. Averett, D. P. Wagstaff, W. S. Clarke, B. B. Umstead, R. W. Curran, E. P. Mangum, J. T. Smith, J. B. Thomason, J. B. Hobgood, W. F. Puckett, J. B. Pruitt, B. F. Hester, W. W. Hart, O. Z. Harris, Reuben Jones, B. F. Hicks, E. B. Tunstall, Lewis Hutson, S. S. Wilson, J. H. Breedlove, H. Deasey, J. S. King, J. A. Murray, B. T. Jones, W. Mott Pluniz.

PRESENTATION OF BUST.

Marble Bust of Gov. William A. Graham to be Unveiled on January Twelfth.

The marble bust of Hon. William A. Graham, father of our townsman, Judge A. W. Graham, will be unveiled in the capitol in Raleigh on the evening of January 12th by the State Historical Association. Gov. Graham was connected with public affairs in North Carolina longer perhaps than almost any other of our statesmen. He was Member of the House of Commons, State Senator, Governor, United States Senator, Secretary of the Navy, Confederate States Senator, Member of the Convention of 1861, Peabody Trustee, Arbitrator of the Boundary line between Virginia and Maryland, besides declining other high offices.

Capt. Thomas W. Mason will deliver the address and Mr. Frank Nash will read the sketch of the life of Gov. Graham.

Tobacco Market Opens.

The Oxford Tobacco market opened up on Thursday, Jan. 4th for the new year. It is with pleasure that I can announce to the patrons of our market that the prices are fully as good as they were before the holidays.

Now is a good time to sell as the Buyers are anxious for the weed. Wishing all a prosperous New Year. I am

Yours truly,

F. F. Lyon, Secretary.

Contract Work to be Let.

The Board of Commissioners of Granville County, N. C. will receive bids upon about eleven miles of county road from Stovall to Mtn. Creek Bridge about 5 miles. From Stovall to Grassy Creek Church about 6 miles. Same to be let to the lowest bidder on January 17—1910, Comms. reserving right to reject any or all bids.

All bids to be accompanied by certified check or bond for \$1000.

J. A. Osborn, Co. Engineer.

J. B. Powell, Clerk of Board.

BEST FOR HIS CHANCES.

Sheriff Sam Wheeler Gets Talk ed About and his Claim as Champion Still Buster Challenged.

The Greensboro Telegram says: "Although the Sheriff of Granville county is to be commended for destroying fourteen blockade distillers in eleven months, he is by no means the champion. Sheriff Haynes of Surry county has put twenty-one out of commission in less than a year, and the championship should probably go to him. All Officers whether they destroy few or many, are to be commended for their work."

Right Mr. Telegram. But remember, our portly Sheriff has not the show in Granville that his brother Sheriff of Surry has. If we had as many stills, as some of the mountainous counties, Sheriff Sam would flush a still every couple of hours. We claim that he's the champion for the chances he has.

TO RAISE FUNDS.

Daughters of the Confederacy to Give Oyster Supper Wednesday Night for Benefit of Confederate Monument Fund.

The Granville Grays Daughters of the Confederacy are anxious to get the Confederate monument enclosed and are trying to raise funds to do so. A number of people have been making of it a place to sit upon, and it is feared that it may be damaged in some way. Soil for the turfing has been put down, but the constant traffic over it has packed it badly, and it will be impossible to grow grass until the enclosure is made. To help raise the needed funds, oyster supper will be conducted by the ladies in the armory next Wednesday night.

Asphyxiated in New Jersey.

In the early part of December, William B. Hart, son of Osborn Hart, a hardworking colored man of Stovall, was found dead in bed in his room in East Orange New Jersey, where he was living at the time. The boy who was about 19 years of age, had been asphyxiated. He was said to have been a very capable, reliable servant.

AGED WOMAN MURDERED.

Bet Kerson, of Person County Found Murdered With Axe Wednesday of Christmas week.

An aged woman known as Bet Kerson, who lives near the Granville-Person line in the latter county was found dead Wednesday a week ago. She had met with foul play for her head was found to have been punched in with an axe.

An inquest was held by the Person authorities, but so far no arrest has been made. As yet no sufficient evidence has been gathered, and the motive for the crime has not been definitely ascertained. The murdered woman was about 68 years of age.

Team Injured by Fall.

While returning from carrying the casket of the body of Mrs. Hobgood, Tuesday night, about 7:30 o'clock, the hearse of Mr. J. Robt. Wood ran off the bridge near Mr. Linney Smith's and was somewhat damaged. The horse in falling was badly hurt and the next day was in such condition that he could not be worked. The injury resulted in a big knot forming on his shoulder. The mishap was caused by the narrowness of the bridge and the light shining directly in the eyes of the driver which added to his confusion.

Mrs. Cannady Entertains.

Mrs. Josiah Canady entertained the Euchre Club on Tuesday afternoon of Christmas week in honor of Mrs. Dudley Bonitz of Chicago. The home was tastefully decorated with holly and mistletoe. Punch was served in the reception hall by Mrs. A. A. Chapman. The guests were presented with score cards in Christmas design. A most enjoyable game of euchre was enjoyed by the many present in which Miss Benette Gregory won the star pin and Mrs. P. H. Montgomery the club pin. Elegant refreshments were served.

Note of Thanks.

Mr. Editor: Please allow me space in your valuable paper to say to my friends and neighbors that I greatly appreciate their kindness during the sickness of Melvin and Albert, and that I hope none of you will ever have such misfortune as I have had.

Very respectfully,
C. A. Tingen.

MRS. R. BROUGHTON DEAD.

Passed Away Sunday at Eleven O'clock, of Pneumonia—Funeral Conducted from the House Monday.

On January 2nd there passed from a home of love, tenderness and happiness a lovely spirit in the person of Mrs. Mattie Broughton, wife of Mr. Rial Broughton.

Gifted with a lively disposition, a pleasing personality, a quick sense of humor, she won all persons as friends who visited her home, for she seldom left its portals, so busy and home loving was she.

Generous and bountiful she freely gave anything she possessed to whoever might ask of her liberality. Seldom did any child or grown person leave her house without having received some evidence of her good will and kindness. She excelled in repartee and had she enjoyed the advantages of a liberal education her gifts of head and heart would have shone brightly in the highest circles of society. No unkind words escaped her lips, no evil thoughts found lodgment in her gentle breast.

Such a devoted wife, indulgent mother, kind friend, we seldom find in this world of self interest and grasping after worldly advancement. She was a splendid nurse in sickness, and the care of a partially paralyzed father for three or four months, who could not survive her many hours, so taxed her naturally frail body as to leave it too enfeebled to resist her fatal illness of only a week's duration. Every acquaintance loved her and as a neighbor of twenty years standing I gladly give this tribute to her many virtues and innumerable, unvarying acts of neighborly kindness.

The funeral services were conducted at her home by Rev. Massey, assisted by Rev. Shamburger, and her remains buried in our town cemetery.

May she rest in peace!

E. C. P.

FOR AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Committee Meets on Monday and Decides to Call for Mass Meeting Tuesday, February 8th.

The committee appointed some time ago to investigate the matter of the agricultural society for Granville County is determined that the movement must be carried to success. Monday at noon these gentlemen: Messrs. J. F. Webb, chairman, J. T. Cozart, G. L. Allen, A. H. Powell, E. B. Cozart, Pitts, B. F. Dean, and A. Baker assembled in the office of the Granville Real Estate and Trust Company and went into the matter. Various phases of the undertaking were taken up and discussed freely, and it was finally determined by the committee to call for a mass meeting of the citizens. The meeting will be held in Oxford on the second Tuesday of Court, which is the 8th day of February.

The intention is that this meeting will culminate in the organization of the agricultural society, the society arrange for and conduct an annual county fair and forward such interests as may conduce to the agricultural interests of the County.

Officers and an executive committee will be appointed at the February meeting, and it is the plan of the committee that these take up the question at once and lose no time in getting to work. The committee feels that the time is ripe for the movement, and that there is in it a great good for the county. Each member Monday, was very enthusiastic.

Will Do Charity Work.

Mr. J. Robt. Wood has determined to begin campaign of charity work. He says that he has been struck by the wretchedness of many of the poor and the idea of a systematic campaign for relief is now receiving his attention. When his plans shall have been decided upon and put into working order, he is going to ask each Church to assist in the distribution of the collections. Some time within a week or so, a barbecue will be given in the armory for the work.

NOTICE.

The public is hereby notified not to pay John B. Booth Jr. any money for electrical or plumbing work done by him during the last three months for the P. H. Montgomery & Co.

P. H. Montgomery & Co.

The Cyclone that went through my stock of Pictures and Frames Xmas, left a few good ones. Yours cheap if you want them.

Brinkley.

SOJOURN IN JAIL.

Two Colored Youths Indulge in kind of Christmas Festivities that Land Them in Jail.

The happenings in police circles were considerably quieter than usual, only two cases being tried before his honor, the mayor. On Christmas eve night one Walker Bell, colored, was pulled by the law upon charge of assault with deadly weapon, the trial coming off Christmas day. At hearing, Mr. Otis Brown, the assault-ed party, said that he was struck from behind by some one whom two colored witnesses swore to be Bell. Bell, who was said to be drunk at the time, said that Brown and some other boys were shooting at him with fire works and that Mr. Brown fired at him with a pistol. This being denied by Mr. Brown and two colored witnesses who said that the weapon Bell used was a billiard cue, the Mayor bound the defendant over to Court. He was unable to give bail, and now boards at Connie Walter's hostelry. The night he was jailed, he again brought himself in the lime-light by setting fire to the bedding in the lockup and was tried upon the charge of attempting to burn.

Another colored youth, Big Boy Harris, whose chief occupation is to pound the pavements, was tried upon the same day, the charge being an assault with deadly weapon upon Lonnie Eaton. The defendant said that the weapon with which he drew a bead upon Lonnie was but a toy affair but Lonnie and Connie Parker, a witness of the dramatic grandstand play, says that it was the real article. At any rate, it had that appearance to Lonnie as he looked down the business end of the barrel. The mayor disapproved of the proceeding and bound Harris over to Court. He could not give bail and consequently was sent over to enjoy the society of Bell, who made the misuse of a billiard cue.

FINE FINE PIGS.

Mr. G. L. Allen, of Brasfield, Raised Splendid Porkers that Averaged 435 Pounds.

Mr. G. L. Allen, of Brasfield, a boss raiser of porkers. Just before Christmas in those days of fine for folks and so tragic for hogs, he killed five of the latter from which he got 2165 pounds of meat. The smallest weighed 410 and the largest 456, the average being 435 lbs. The animals were just fifteen months old, and were of the same breed, being the progeny of the same pair. It is unnecessary to ask Mr. Allen if it is cheaper to buy foreign meat or raise it on the farm.

TO HOUSEKEEPERS OF OXFORD.

Twelve Good Reasons Why You Should Place Your Orders With TAYLOR BROTHERS.

- 1.—We give you the freshest goods that can be had at the same price you are now paying for old goods.
- 2.—We guarantee everything sold, and want to make it satisfactory if it is not so.
- 3.—We give you a duplicate of every purchase you make, thereby enabling you to keep your account before you all the time.
- 4.—We have a bicycle for the small "rush packages" and a nice large Delivery Wagen for the heavy groceries.
- 5.—We carry at all times a full assortment of foreign and domestic fruits also a nice line of confectioneries.
- 6.—We are the only grocers in town carrying "SEALSHIPT" oysters in season.
- 7.—We take pleasure in getting for you articles we are out of.
- 8.—We keep the cleanest and neatest grocery in Oxford.
- 9.—We give you quicker and better service than any grocer in town.
- 10.—We are open every morning at six o'clock ready for the day's business.
- 11.—Being a new firm we can appreciate your business more than if we were an older firm.
- 12.—We are the PURE FOOD AND SANITARY GROCERS OF OXFORD.

Yours to serve at all times,
TAYLOR BROS.

Parsifal

will be played at the Grand Theater Henderson N. C., Tuesday January 18, 1910. A special train will be run over the Seaboard, leaving Oxford promptly at 5:15 p.m. Those desiring to go, should see Gibson Howell, or call at the Crenwill Drug-Store for tickets.

THE WORK ON HIGHWAYS

WORK STILL BEING CARRIED ON THE HIGHWAYS OF GRANVILLE—LOCATION OF FORCES.

One Force Back at Blackwell's Bridge, Another at Knap of Reeds, Third near Gooch's, and Contract Force Has Nearly Completed Oak Hill Road—Bids Called For.

So far as can be done, the work on the roads of Granville has been prosecuted with vigor. During the seasonable weather a good deal of good time has been made and preparations to resume work with a vim when spring opens have been begun.

One force has been moved back to Blackwell's Bridge road since Christmas, and will remain in that section for sometime to work and repair the roads. As soon as the engineer can locate the road, a contract will be let for about ten miles of work in southern part of the county. This will be started in the early spring.

A second force has been sent back to Knap of Reeds where it will spend a part of the winter working on Masonic Hill. In the spring this force will continue towards Stem.

The convict force has been moved to Mr. Dick Gooch's. It will build a new road leading from Mrs. Rebecca Hobgood's to Culbreth.

The convict force, which is working 37 miles, has just completed two miles of road in Oak Hill.

With the exception of some soiling yet to be done, the road from Mountain Creek Bridge to the Virginia line has been finished.

At Monday's meeting the commissioners authorized a call for bids for the construction of five miles of road from Stovall to Mount'n Creek Bridge and for about six miles from Stovall to Grassy Creek Church. The bids will be let on the 17th of January and work will commence within fifteen days thereafter. The advertisement appears in another place.

WILL CONTINUE TIME.

Reduced Rate for Ledger Subscription

So Popular That Editors Extend It Until February 15th.

The reduced rate offered by the Ledger editor, \$1.00 subscriptions to the Ledger, allowing at the same time payments of back subscriptions to be made upon the same basis, has been so readily received that the time has been extended to February 15, five days before the time all who have not paid in advance will have to be dropped from our list. Old subscribers have been paying splendidly and numbers of new ones have been enrolled.

The force has been working on the mailing list and it has been almost brought up to date. The change from one system to a better one has been laborious and exceedingly tedious; but its lack of completion is due to the fact that the Electric Company spent the holidays in cleaning up and repairing, cutting off the day current. We will complete the work on the list the latter part of the week and will in future have the credits on the paper regularly each week. We are delayed this week a day, and may be delayed again next week (though we hope not); but, after that, the paper will come out on time.

Pay up your subscription and pay a year in advance, while you can do so upon the dollar basis; if you are not already a subscriber, send us a dollar in one of the coupons and get the Ledger for twelve months.

Why Don't You?

Do you know that you can pay up back subscriptions upon the basis of a dollar a year PROVIDED you do so before the 15th of February.

Do you know that you can get a new subscription to the Ledger for One Dollar?

The Ledger is far better prepared to turn out a good paper than it ever has published in its history. New subscribers are coming in every day. If you are not a subscriber, why do not you send a dollar and subscribe for a year.

Remember that the paper will be put on a cash basis February 15th, 1910 and all who have not paid in advance by that time will have to be dropped.

The Social Functions.

The Ledger folks have tried to nose out the various social functions that took place during the holidays, and have gotten accounts of such as they have heard of. If any have been left out, the editors regret the omission.