

Mrs. B.K. Hays, Oxford

COMMISSIONERS MEET.

TIME LIMIT SANITARY ORDINANCE EXTENDED.

Many Citizens Present to See Outcome of Friction Incurred in Carrying Out of Law.

Last Thursday night there was a called meeting of the town dads for the purpose of straightening out the sanitary situation, with Mayor Brummitt and commissioners Ury, Harris, Bryan, Parker, Yancey, and Taylor, present.

Wheel Factory Wants Hydrant.

Mr. H. M. Shaw appeared before the board and asked in behalf of the wheel factory that the town assume the expense of maintaining one or two hydrants at the factory.

Want Light and Water Changes.

Dr. N. M. Ferebee petitioned for a change in the location of an arc light on High street. The only one in his section of town is located in front of Postmaster Brown, 580 feet away, and it was requested that it be placed at the corner of the road leading to Judge Graham or somewhere about the crest of the knoll in front of the Devin place.

Mr. J. C. Davis told the commissioners that there were about 12 houses on Hillsboro street in his neighborhood that had to carry water from a supply some distance away and asked that the proper connections be made enabling him to put in water and sewerage.

Screening in Market.

Judge A. W. Graham, in behalf of Sam Slaughter and Ed Ridley, butchers in the market house, stated that it would be a hardship, upon the part of the colored men to defray the cost of screening their stalls and vicinity from flies by putting in screens in accordance with the sanitary regulation, and submitted that they should not be put to the expense of work put upon public property.

When Things Get Warm.

It was at this juncture that the situation became tense. The real interesting period of the meeting had arrived everybody present knew that there was friction among the officials. One citizen was very indignant over what he felt to be the outrageous conduct of the health officer in having him indicted, and the health officer was equally certain that the citizen had been treated only in a lawful and proper manner.

NEW ORDINANCE CASES.

Squire Sam Ellis Has Several Cases and Squire Hunt One.

There were several cases to be tried last week under the new sanitary ordinance. Friday, Charlie Taylor, a colored carpenter was tried before Squire D. N. Hunt, the warrant was withdrawn. The same day, Ed Ridley and Sam Slaughter, butchers in the market, were haled before Squire Sam Ellis on the charge of improper screening of their stalls and surroundings.

ten days' absence from the city, with the result that matters were in rather a bad condition. The mayor believed that Mr. Floyd, the citizen in question, had not been fairly treated and had prepared an amendment to the regulation providing for taking the power of inspection out of the health officer's hands and leaving the duty to the chief of police.

Those immediately concerned at various times presented their side of the case and the situation was handled in a plain straightforward, straight from the shoulder manner, though the discussion was never in danger of having anything insulting injected. There was no doubt left but that feelings were at a pretty high pitch and that each was anxious for the public to know where he stood in the matter. This plainness of speech and perfect lack of dodging seems to have had the happy result of clearing up the situation, of bringing out the almost universal approbation of the sanitary measures, and of showing that affairs were not nearly so bad as they had appeared. While interest was never allowed to lag during the proceedings the settling of the matter by providing for a extension of ten days longer removed all tension, and the meeting broke up with general satisfaction apparent everywhere. It was like the calm after the storm.

Mr. Floyd Speaks.

Mr. Floyd himself ushered in the temper. He felt that he had been ill-used and when the time arrived to present complaints, he arose stepped to the table around which the board was gathered, and in a voice trembling with emotion set forth his grievance. He was 40 years old, he stated, and had never been treated that way before in his life. He had not been treated like a man, but had been jerked up like a criminal and fined without having been guilty of wrong. Four warrants had been out against him and he had been fined \$9.50. Was it right? Was it just? Would he have to pay it? Though he was extremely busy at the time, he had picked up two carpenters, got the lumber, wire, and so forth, and fixed everything all right. He wanted to do everything right, and thought he had done so, but greatly to his surprise he found that the warrants had been issued. He was angry, but decided to pass off the matter as a joke, and went to see if he was more in the wrong than anybody else. Going over to the houses he found that some of the out-houses of his tenements had been condemned and that neighbors who were in as bad condition from the standpoint of the regulation was concerned had not been condemned at all. The speaker said that it made him mad again to be thus treated and asserted that he had taken the health officer to task and had "talked rough" to him.

Reply of Health Officer.

Dr. T. L. Booth, the health officer did not interrupt Mr. Floyd in the course of his charges against the former, but at their conclusion, arose and in a very quiet measured tone set forward his side of the case. He prefaced his remarks with the statement that there were more than seven hundred closets for the health officers attention and that it was impossible for him to attend to them all at the time. When he went to inspect the property of Mr. Floyd, he found that five families were using the same closet that was improperly screened. The flies were swarming over it and it was in no sense fly proof. The law prescribes that all such shall be water tight and fly proof. He had taken pains to show Mr. Floyd how it was to be fixed, had gone into the matter minutely. Mr. Floyd had sufficient warning and the inspection was made it was not only not fly proof, but a hen was found in the house. He had the warrant taken out for Mr. Floyd to serve as an example. He had had a lot of trouble and it had to be shown that the law could not be overridden.

It was his intention to enforce the law in the easiest and best way possible. As to the charge that he had not reported a neighboring closet, the doctor reported that the resident whose property was in question had had a very ill baby for weeks; that the baby died while the law was being put in force, and that the parents left town immediately after the death of their child. But just as soon as the gentleman struck town he notified him and once the condition was corrected.

POSTAL BANK OPENS.

Uncle Sam Had His Banking Institution Launched on The Thirteenth.

Uncle Sam opened up his postal savings bank on the 13th, and so far Postmaster Brown has several depositors in his new line of business. These banks are being instituted all over the country and in some places they seem to have been received very gratefully, but in the newspaper world they are not viewed with great favor, since they do not seem to offer much inducement. The great appealing advertisement that these banks offer to the public is their absolute safety with Uncle Sam back of them. In this manner, they will get into circulation generally that great amount of hoarded money which has been kept in hoards in the ground, old stockings, chinks, and chimney corners, whose owners have been afraid to trust perfectly good banking institutions. But as a financial investment, it hardly looks like good business for town folks to pay a \$2.20 tax rate and draw 2 percent interest, and that when the money has to be deposited for a year before interest will be allowed. The feature that allows Uncle Sam to sell his bonds for these deposits at two and a half per cent is not bad for that worthy financier. At the same time, the wily old gentleman has the use of the general deposits that stick for a year at two per cent, and those that do not stick out the requisite time are at his disposal for nothing.

The banks that secure the deposits will not get rich either in their financial transactions with the old man. The act of Congress prescribes that the funds received at postal savings depositories in each city or town shall be deposited in banks located therein in proportion to the capital and surplus of each bank willing to secure such deposits under the terms of the act. Any solvent bank, whether organized under national or state laws, including savings banks and trust companies doing a banking business, may lawfully qualify as a depository for postal savings funds. Only U. S. bonds are accepted at par as security for deposits. As all issues cost above par the banks must pay out more for the bonds than they can receive on deposits.

WITH "YOUNGER SET."

Mrs. James S. Rogers Entertains Them in Honor of Nieces.

Tuesday evening was a happy occasion with the "Younger Set" when Mrs. James S. Rogers delightfully entertained in honor of her attractive nieces, Misses Annie Belle and Mary Henry Thomas of Richmond, Va., and Elizabeth Peters, of Keysville, Va. Five tables for the game of cubical hearts, were arranged on the porch which was beautifully decorated with ferns and illuminated with Japanese lanterns. The highest score was made by Master William Bryan, thus winning the prize, a box of bon-bons which he presented to the guests of honor. During the evening delicious fruit punch was served in the hall by Miss Bessie Howell.

On the side porch the "Younger Set" enjoyed games of numerous kinds. Delicious refreshments of cream and cake added to the pleasure of the evening. The little folks who enjoyed this lovely party were: Misses Annie Belle Thomas, of Richmond, Va., Elizabeth Peters of Keysville, Va., Alleine Hicks, Hixie White, Edna Griffith, Erma Grant, Bessie Howell, Edith Howell, Josephine Medford, Annie Landis, Little Misses Mary Henry Thomas, Charlotte Easton, Sue Bryan, Lillian Cheatham, Emmie C. Medford, Masters Tom Pace, William Pace, William Bryan, William Hill Powell, John Graham Webb, John Hall, Edward Ballou, Horace Joyner, Cameron Hunt, James Powell, Hugh Easton Charles Easton, Cam Easton, William Hunt.

Clement-Yancey.

We are in receipt of the following invitation:

Mrs. Amos Gooch Clement requests the honor of your presence at the marriage of her daughter Hattie.

Mr. William Thornton Yancey on the morning of Wednesday the second of August at half after ten o'clock at home Durham North Carolina.

IN HONOR MISS MASON.

Miss Maggie Critcher Entertained Nearly Seventy-Five Guests.

Miss Maggie Critcher entertained a large number of her friends Friday night July 7th in honor of Miss Annie Mason, of Chace City, Va. Miss Critcher received her guests at the door with warmest cordiality and presented them to Miss Mason and afterwards a lot of amusing games were played; about ten thirty the guests were invited in the dining room, which was beautifully decorated in wild fowers and cake and cream was served. The grove was lighted with Japanese lanterns which was very pretty indeed. The guests numbered between fifty and seventy-five, all reported a very nice time.

GOOD ROADS TRAIN.

Southern R. R. Has Arranged To Instruct Public in Good Road Method.

The Ledger has received notice that the Southern Railway, in connection with the office of Public Roads, United States Department of Agriculture, will run over its system a train carrying road building experts who will give free stereopticon lectures and practical instructions in building good roads. This train is scheduled to stop only at county seats, and is expected to arrive in Oxford on Friday, August 4th, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

In addition to the lectures and instruction there will be exhibited on this train working models, run by electricity, of improved road machinery. The free lecture and demonstrations will be conducted by L. E. Boykin and H. S. Fairbanks, road experts from the U. S. Department of Agriculture. W. J. Hurlbut, agent, land and industrial department, Southern Railway, and representative of the American Highway Association and of the State will accompany the train. The object of this train is to give practical instruction in the building and maintenance of improved roads, with the view of inducing their construction and saving millions of dollars annually to the farmers on the movement of their crops to the railway.

The good road advocates feel that there is nothing more important to us than the building of good highways and every person should be interested in it. They argue that good roads mean cheaper hauling, less wear and tear on team, harness, wagons and driver, higher land values, more profitable crops, better schools and churches, better conditions generally for every phase of a rural life.

A good road brings prosperity and happiness, and is one of the best investments. The South is awakening to their importance and means to have better highways throughout its great agricultural sections. Its farmers, merchants and manufacturers are alive to the necessity, and seeking ways and means for the improvement of the roads.

WAS GREAT SUCCESS.

Recital for Benefits of Methodist Church Fund Was Given Friday Evening.

The recital which was given last Friday evening at the Opera House under the charge of Miss Eva Minor and assisted by Mr. Hubert Poteat, of Wake Forest, for the benefit of the Methodist organ fund was an entire success. The audience was greatly pleased with the performance and a good sum was realized. The programme was as follows: Indian Songs and Games... Bentley, Indian Tribe "Ojibways"... Fruhlingslied... Coenen, Miss Eva Minor. The Spring Has Come-Maude White. Mr. Hubert Poteat. Topsy-Turvy March. Annie Landis, Emmie Cooper Medford, Elizabeth Hicks, Elizabeth Hunt, Mary Landis, Eunice Parham, Laura Stedman, Nina Cooper. Ye Merry Birds... Guy d'Hardelot Mignon... Miss Eva Minor. Kamenoi-Ostrow... Rubenstein. Miss Mary Webb. Love's Coronation... Aylward. Mr. Hubert Poteat.

Greek Play-Song.

Nymphs. A Dream of Arcady-Reginald De Koven. Miss Gertrude Landis. Prologue from Pagliacci-Leonca vallo. Mr. Hubert Poteat. Valse in E Minor... Chopin. Miss Mary Webb. My Mother Bids Me Bind My Hair-Hayden. Miss Eva Minor. Woodland Scene and See-Saw Song. Miss Josephine Brown, Mr. John Buchanan and chorus.

SOCIETY AMONG SMALL FOLKS

Little Miss Bryan the Hostess at Very Enjoyable Party.

Friday afternoon between the hours of five and seven o'clock, Miss Sue Bryan the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Bryan entertained a number of her small friends in honor of little Miss Mary Henry Thomas of Richmond, Va., who is the guest of her Aunt, Mrs. J. S. Rogers. On the porch which was attractive ly arranged with ferns and other plants, refreshing fruit punch was served by Misses Annie Bell Thomas and Fannie Taylor, in most attractive childish manners. The guests were: Misses Mary Henry Thomas, of Richmond, Alice Hall, Mary Powell Courtney Peace, Ida Kerr Taylor, Margaret Davis, Annie Lou Williams, Katherine Hunt, Elizabeth Hicks, Betsy Ballou, Josephine Ballou, Daisy Cooper, Mary C. Owen, Mary Henry Duke of Richmond, Va., Frances Landis, Annie Landis, Eloise Horner, Carolyn Booth, Elizabeth Hobgood, Annie Long. Masters Fritz Hall, John Cannady, Williams, John Perry Hall, Sam Hall, James Hunt, Hugh Easton, Chas. Easton, Cameron Easton, Will Hicks, Jerome Horner, Billy Devin, Luther Stark, Thomas L. Booth, Thomas Royster, Jack Cannady.

YOUNG MAN DIES.

Mr. I. B. Wilson Succumbs to Fever Wednesday Morning and Buried Thursday.

Mr. I. B. Wilson, a young man of about 26, died at Mr. R. I. Daniel's last Wednesday morning about seven o'clock of typhoid fever, contracted while at work on railroad construction in Virginia. While he had been sick with stomach trouble for a long time, his serious illness dates but a short time back, having been taken down about the 6th of June.

The deceased was a young man of good reputation and had accumulated some property as the result of economical methods of living. He enlisted in the Granville Grays on the 24th of July, 1898, and has a splendid record in the company, at the time of his death holding a corporality. He has made a record as a marksman, being the first to qualify in 1898, and has maintained his reputation as one of the best ever since.

He was the son of Mr. John W. Wilson, of Dickerson, and his late wife, Miranda Bradford Wilson. His maternal grandparents were Jackson Bradford and Miranda Cannady Bradford, the elder. Besides his father, the young man leaves but one other member of his immediate family, Mr. W. E. Wilson, more generally known as "Buck." There were two other brothers who preceded him.

The funeral services were held from Corinth Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock with military ceremonies, an escort from the Grays having left Oxford for that purpose at noon.

MRS. BONITZ GUEST OF HONOR.

At Bridge Party Given by Mrs. L. W. Stark Wednesday Morning.

Mrs. Dudley Bonitz, of Chicago Ill., was the honor guest at a lovely Bridge party given by Mrs. L. W. Stark Wednesday morning at her home on College street.

There were three tables of players who enjoyed an interesting game at the termination of which Mrs. Stark served an elegant salad course. A lovely cut glass dish was presented to Mrs. Bonitz the honoree.

The guests were:— Mesdames Dudley Bonitz, of Chicago, Ill., E. H. Crenshaw, J. B. Powell, Wm. Landis, Edward Cannady, of Dorthan, Ala., P. H. Montgomery, W. D. Bryan, T. L. Booth, W. G. Pace, J. W. Cannady, A. A. Chapman, Miss Francis, and Miss Bert Hutchings of Charlotte, N. C.

GRANVILLE GRAYS RETURN.

Have a Great Time at Camp Glenn and Feel That it Was Profitable Trip.

The Granville Grays returned Tuesday morning from Camp Glenn, Morehead City, where they were encamped during last week and Captain Stem reports that, from the standpoint of the work done, instruction received, and real military training acquired, it was far the best encampment of any his company has had at camp Glenn. Besides the regular drills, parades, reviews and target practice, there was one day of maneuvers. The regiment was divided into two forces, one pitching camp a mile from Camp Glenn, and the other about a mile further on. The final result was an attack by one of the forces upon the other and a red hot sham battle ensued between the two.

No part of the work was encampment was enjoyed more than this sham battle. Men pressed eagerly through swamps, thickets, and briars, wet to the waist in many instances, a heavy rain having fallen the night before, in order to reach the firing line and take part in the battle. As the fight grew warmer it was with great difficulty that the officers in command kept the men from actually charging the lines of the enemy or advancing to such close proximity that danger could result from powder burns and discharged wadding. The maneuvers were a great success and were thoroughly enjoyed by the men of the twelve companies that took part in the fight.

Captain Stem carried with him one commissioned officer Lieutenant Elvin Parham being unable to attend, and 42 enlisted men. In the targetpractice Company E compared most favorably with the other companies and bore its share of marksmanship honors, the following having qualified: Capt. T. G. Stem, Sergt. L. C. Gooch, Sergt. H. B. Averett, Sergt. Leo Byrum, Corp. M. C. Parham, and privates J. F. Norwood, W. H. Bowling, and J. H. Limer.

MRS. PARHAM VAUGHAN DEAD.

On the 11th., of July, there died at the home of her husband near Townsville, Mrs. Parham Vaughan, who leaves besides him, six sorrowful children to mourn the loss of a mother. Prior to her marriage to Mr. Vaughan, she was Miss Lucy Ligon, and was born August 12th., 1875, being therefore in her 36th., year. The eldest child was eight years of age and the youngest eighteen months. The remains were laid to rest in the burying ground of her church at Rock Springs. Mrs. Vaughan was a good christian woman and will be sadly missed in her community.

ACTIVITY OF CLUB.

BI-MONTHLY MEETING OF COMMERCIAL CLUB.

Chairman of Committees Make Reports --New Committees Appointed--Endorsement of Sanitation Law.

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the members of the Granville Commercial Club was held last Thursday night in the conference room of the organization, and many matters of public interest were taken up and acted upon. The work the club is now doing and planning for the commercial interests of the town and county was discussed by many of those present, and many valuable suggestions were made that will be followed out.

Work of The Committees.

Pursuant to a call from the President, Dr. N. M. Ferebee, from a report from the committees at work, Mr. A. H. Powell, chairman of the New Industry Committee, gave detailed information as to what it was doing. At present it is endeavoring to locate several new manufacturing in Oxford and, with that end in view, is in correspondence with parties looking to the location of an overall factory, a planing mill, a cold storage plant, and a spoke and bending plant. Mr. Powell also referred to a plan the committee is at work upon to arrange for further inducements to those who are looking for sites and local support.

Mr. C. D. Ray, of the Public Utilities committee, reported that his committee has been in correspondence with the railroad and the Telephone Company about giving Oxford better facilities. He has succeeded in inducing the Southern Railway to put on a new mail service within a very short while, and has a promise from the Telephone Company for such improvement in its service as will make the local plant the best in the country. A new switch board is to be installed at once.

Railroad Committees.

Secretary Yancey read before the meeting a letter written to Col. H. G. Cooper by Mr. A. B. Kimball, of Greensboro, advising that a representative of the proposed Greensboro, Roxboro, and Norfolk Railroad will be here within a very short time to secure data concerning the amount of freight to be secured in Oxford and other information as may be of service in determining the plans of the promoters. A committee composed of Messrs. C. D. Ray, A. A. Chapman, and W. G. Pace was appointed to secure the data and wait upon the representative upon his arrival.

The attention of the club was directed to the current reports respecting the changing of the main line of the Seaboard Railroad and a committee comprised of Messrs. A. H. Powell, A. A. Chapman, and James W. Horner, was appointed to get on the job in the matter of seeing of the road cannot be brought direct to Oxford.

Sanitary Ordinance Endorsed.

The new sanitary ordinance was discussed very freely by the members of the club present and there was a unanimous approval of them. Upon the motion of Mr. A. H. Powell, the club passed a resolution to the effect that the institution heartily endorses the ordinance and pledges its support to the health officers and, upon the passage of an amendment to the motion presented by Mr. J. P. Stedman, the action of the town commissioners in providing means for the carrying out of the ordinance was also endorsed.

To Look for County Map.

The fact that the county had several years ago provided for a county map was made known to the meeting and a committee of three, Messrs J. P. Stedman, A. A. Chapman and W. G. Pace, was directed to find out what had become of the matter.

"PROGRESSIVE PROPOSAL."

Mrs. Sidney Ury the Hostess at Delightful Party Tuesday.

Mrs. Sidney Ury delightfully entertained Tuesday evening at her lovely home in "Ridley Park" in honor of her sister, Miss Lewelyn Garland, of Richmond, Va.

The guests were received most cordially at the door by the hostess and presented to Miss Garland.

An amusing feature of the evening was the "Progressive Proposal" contest, five minutes being allowed for proposal at the conclusion of which a vote was taken for the best proposal when Rev. Mr. Weatherspoon proved to be the most successful one, while the vote for the best answer given went to Miss Edith Fagan. Dainty refreshments consisting of cream and cake were served. Those who were guests on this delightful occasion were:— Misses Lewellyn Garland, of Richmond, Va., Hettie Lyon, Myrtle Kenn, Lillian Minor, Mittle Lee Taylor, Oza Taylor, Carrie Fuller, Ione Yancey, Gray Yancey, Loraine Joyner, Edith Fagan, Sula Broughton, Fannie Webb, Rosa Smith, of Wilton.

Messrs Rev. Weatherspoon, Willie Fuller, Oscar Breelove, Eugene Crews, Vassar Critcher, Marvin Minor, Lynwood Bryan, Tom Howell, Leonard Mitchell.