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SUPERVISOR PARHAM BUSY WITH NEW ASSESSMENT

Real Estate Being Valued Under New Law—Work Begun In Salem Township.

County Supervisor W. A. Parham and his assistants, Messrs. Walter Stradley and John F. Loyd, have begun the work of valuing land in Granville county under the new valuation law enacted by the last Legislature, which requires that all real estate be placed on the tax books at its full market value.

The First Work.

The work was begun in Salem township. Mr. Parham and his assistants call at the home of every land owner, explain the law, look at his property and have him fill out a questionnaire, answering many questions concerning the property, which includes the owner's opinion as to its value. When this work in a township is concluded, all the information gathered by the supervisor and his assistants, together with the questionnaires, is made a matter of record. After examining this record of the county board of review, composed of County Supervisor Parham, Dr. Sykes, of Brassfield, and Mr. John S. Watkins, of Cornwall, fix the value of the property. The owner is then notified of the decision of the board and a date is fixed when he can be heard if he has objection to offer. Nothing is permanent and final as to the valuation until the 1st of next May. That is to say, the local board can re-open a case at any time prior thereto and change the figures, if it is found that errors have been made. This does not mean of course that any objector may continue through the months to harass the board. He will be given his day in court and the case closed. But if new evidence appears before the final conclusion the value may be changed.

The Real Power.

The district supervisor will also pass on the facts gathered, and the State tax commission has the final say. It should be understood clearly that the purpose of the law is to give every citizen a square deal by assessing his real estate at its market value—no more and no less. The local officials have no discretion except to carry out the law in spirit and letter. The State tax commission has the power, and declares it will exercise it, if it be found that assessments in any county do not come up to full value, to order a re-assessment at the expense of the delinquent county.

Salem township was selected for the initiatory work under the new law because it is regarded as a representative rural township. Oxford will be selected as a representative of city values and when the work in the rural township and urban district are completed the results will be cast up as approximately representative of the county.

Mr. Parham Encouraged.

Supervisor Parham who has devoted much time to explaining the law to individuals the past two months, is much encouraged by the attitude of the people once they understand the purpose of the law. Of course the law provides that the tax rate must be fixed in accordance with the new valuation, which means that when the value of property holdings is computed under the new law the rate will be reduced so that not exceeding 10 per cent more revenue will be produced under the new assessment than under the old.

Some Will Pay More.

Some people will have to pay more taxes of course, because so much of the real estate, and especially the more valuable property, has been assessed at only a fraction of its real value. Those who have been paying on near full value will pay less. The purpose is to make every citizen pay taxes according to what he has, which is the only fair way. There are many erroneous reports about the new law and its operations, and for selfish reasons these false reports have been spread to dissatisfy the people. Too many folks take rumors and talk from people who purpose to deceive, as facts, rather than read the truth and form their own conclusions on a basis of common sense. But it is encouraging to learn that as the people understand they are showing a willingness not only to comply with the law themselves but to help expose the dodgers, which is the best evidence of good citizenship.

OLD PARCEL POST

RATE TO GERMANY

Washington, July 21.—The pre-war rate of 12c per pound on parcel post packages to Germany was re-established today by the postoffice department. The limit of weight of such package is 11 pounds.

ROAD IMPASSABLE BETWEEN OXFORD AND STOVALL

Tourists Mud-Bound In Oxford and Clarksville.

The recent heavy rains played havoc with the roads of the county, especially at places on the State Highway between Oxford and Stovall, where the road force cut down hills and put in heavy fills.

It was the desire of the County Commissioners to complete the work on this stretch of road during the hot summer months. It was a big undertaking, requiring the removal of many thousand yards of dirt, the placing of culverts and the building of embankments, some of them ten and twelve feet high. This work was only partly completed when the rains set in last week.

If the weather had continued good a few weeks longer, enabling the road to settle, it would have been the best stretch of road in the county.

Tourists Mud-Bound.

On account of the present deplorable condition there are many tourists mud-bound in Oxford and Clarksville, one of them being Dr. Ball, a noted preacher of Richmond, and his family, who came in from the south and were detained here two or three days, the guest of Dr. J. D. Harte, pastor of the Oxford Baptist church.

Roads Good Via Dexter.

Leaving the State Highway at Oxford and going via Dexter to Stovall the bad places between Oxford and Stovall are averted. This is the shortest route possible between Oxford and Clarksville until the bad places in the State road between Oxford and Stovall is top-soiled and becomes firm.

Culverts and Bridges.

The Public Ledger learns that many bridges and culverts in the county were damaged by the heavy rains, mostly in the northern and western part of the county.

THE LUMBERTON TOBACCO MARKET IS ACTIVE.

As Much Expected For This Year's Crop As Was Received Last Year.

Lumberton, July 20.—Much tobacco has been sold on the Lumberton market since the opening sale Tuesday. A half-million pounds has been offered by the farmers and the prices on the better grades are even better than they were last season. Second curings have sold as high as 49 cents the pound. Trashy tobacco is much lower than it was last year, however, and the tobacco men seem only to want good, ripe tobaccos.

This was not the case last year, when the primings and black grades sold almost as high as the bright ripe tobacco.

With the increase in the acreage, it is expected that Robeson's 1919 crop will sell for as much money as the 1918 crop, which means that more than \$5,000,000 will be paid out to Robeson tobacco growers during the next few weeks.

The Public Ledger will not vouch for the correctness of above report which was sent broadcast from Lumberton. Oxford tobaccoists, who returned from Lumberton last week, are somewhat discouraged at the way the South Carolina markets started off this year, and states that "we must make up our mind right now that the prices will not be higher, if as high, as they were last year."

COMMITTEE OF FIFTY TO CHOOSE CHAPERONS

(Raleigh News and Observer.)

A committee of 50 well-known women of the city has been made with Mrs. Robert Bridges as chairman, and Mrs. J. S. Manning as vice chairman for the purpose of selecting chaperons from this group for dances that are given under approved auspices at the city auditorium, State college, County club, Woman's club and Raney Library building.

STATE QUOTAS FOR BAPTIST CAMPAIGN

As Fixed By Committee North Carolina's Is \$5,500,000

Nashville, Tenn., July 20.—Quotas for the different states for the \$75,000,000 campaign of the Southern Baptist Church were fixed by the executive committee for the campaign in conference here. North Carolina's apportionment is \$5,500,000.

INVEST AT HOME.

An invitation is extended to you on the third page of this paper to become a stockholder of the Carolina Power & Light Co. The proposition is one that should interest you. See Mr. C. Thayer, local manager of company.

OXFORD RED CROSS HAS MADE INSPIRING RECORD

A Number of Workers In This Chapter Deserve the Praise of the Entire Division and the Service Pin.

Atlanta, July 18.—An inspiring report has just been received at the Red Cross Headquarters of the Southern Division concerning the work of the Granville Chapter at Oxford, N. C., visited recently by a division supervisor, who spent two days conferring with officers of the chapter regarding its work and that of the seventeen auxiliaries.

A. H. Powell, chairman, was characterized in the report as being one of the ablest in the division. The treasurer John Hall, reports more than \$6,000 on hand. The home service department is administered jointly by Miss Edna White and Miss Belle Cooper, both deeply and seriously interested in the work, while Miss Villa Treffrey, of the nursing department, has accomplished so much that the whole community is proud of her.

The supervisor stated that a number of workers in this chapter deserve the praise of the entire division and the service pin.

FRIENDS JOKE MR. FRANK W. HANCOCK, JR.

They Inquire If He Is Going To Buy The Old Temple of Justice.

Friends are disposed to joke Mr. Frank W. Hancock, Jr., who is one of the finest young men in the State and as bright and keen as a razor. Frank knows real estate when he sees it, and many are the deals that he has pulled off here recently, and every time he turns around his bank roll grows.

Knowing all of these things and seeing him standing in front of the Court-House and looking up at the flagstaff, a friend approached and said:

"Hello, Frank, are you going to bid on the old temple of justice?"

Always ready for any emergency and with a smile that won't come off, Frank answered in like manner: "That question rests entirely with the County Commissioners. If they want to sell and build elsewhere I think I can accommodate them both going and coming."

KINSTON WILL HAVE NO FLIES IN TOWN

Oxford Needs the Same Drastic Ordinance

The Kinston Free Press says: "A drastic new ordinance aimed at the eradication of house flies here requires every owner of a stable to register with the city clerk and clean up weekly. It gives police and health authorities the right to inspect public and private stables when necessary and imposes a minimum fine of \$25 for the violation of either of the eight sections. Municipal authorities estimate that more than 1,000 horses and cows are kept within the corporate limits."

THE TOBACCO CROP BADLY DAMAGED IN GRANVILLE.

Hot Sunshine Would Prove Fatal to the Weed.

The farmers of this section are looking blue and are complaining of the heavy rains of the past few days, predicting that unless the weather holds up the better part of the gum will be washed out of the tobacco and that if the clouds should suddenly roll away the plants in the lowlands will be "stewed." If the weather clears up and it remains cloudy for a few days little damage will result from the heavy downpours.

County Demonstrator Dove, who made a trip to the country Saturday for the purpose of looking into the condition of the crop, states that the farmer will sustain a hard loss by virtue of the spilage.

ENORMOUS QUANTITIES OF FOOD IN STORAGE

Meats, Butter and Eggs Held by Big Packers.

According to press reports the following quantities of food are at present stored in Chicago:

Beef, 85,971,000 pounds.
Pork, 70,517,000 pounds.
Butter, 7,893,000 pounds.
Eggs, 1,280,000 cases, or 360,000,000 dozen eggs.

The figures in the report will be used by District Attorney Cline, in the federal government's inquiry into the high cost of food products.

REAL ESTATE VALUES ON THE INCREASE IN OXFORD

When a Prospective Buyer Looks At A Piece Of Property It Jumps Skyward.

The price paid for real estate in Oxford recently may appear in some instances to have been exorbitant, but such is really not the case.

Three or four years ago, when the mud in our streets was from six to eight inches deep, it was possible to purchase a store or a home for three or four thousand dollars, but since we paved our streets the expected has happened, and vacant property in the business section of Oxford is now cheap at \$1,000 the front foot.

Since our streets were laid three or four years ago, hundreds of men of means who live elsewhere have seen our town in all of its glory and radiant beauty, and many of them have expressed a desire to settle here.

It would indeed be interesting to read some of the letters Mr. A. H. Powell, president of the Granville Real Estate and Trust Company, has received in reference to Oxford and Granville county real estate. Some of the largest concerns in the whole country are nibbling at real estate here, either one of which, should they settle here, could send real estate values up to \$2,000 the front foot.

COPY OF TREATY IS RECEIVED IN OXFORD

Document Printed By Government and Contains Total of 194 Pages.

A copy of the treaty of peace with Germany, the first known to have reached Oxford, was received here Sunday morning from Senator Simmons. It is a voluminous affair, and contains all the details of the agreement, including the covenant of the League of Nations.

The paper starts off with a list of signatory powers, giving the names of all the delegates representing all the Allied and associated powers and the two who signed for Germany. Then follows the covenant of the League of Nations, with the full twenty-six articles and the original members, together with thirteen others invited to become members. Germany's name appears nowhere as a signatory of the league covenant, or in the list of those powers invited to join.

Following the league covenant, the treaty sets forth at the beginning of Part II the boundaries of Germany treating Luxemburg, Belgium, the Saar basin, Alsace-Lorraine and other adjacent lands. There are several annexes explaining and elucidating the provisions of the pact.

Even a casual examination of the volume is in itself proof enough of the task the peace plenipotentiaries faced at Paris, and gives some excuse for the length of their deliberations and their stay at the French capital.

EX-SHERIFF BELL TO RETURN AND SETTLE ACCOUNTS

He Is Undergoing Treatment At Sanitarium In This State.

Former Sheriff Bell, of Vance, whose accounts were recently found to be short \$45,000, and whose whereabouts have been the subject of much speculation since he left Henderson several weeks ago, is under treatment at a sanitarium in North Carolina, and will return to Henderson and make a complete settlement of his obligations to Vance county.

The Henderson Daily Dispatch says that a letter was received Saturday morning by A. C. & J. P. Zollicoffer, county attorneys, from C. B. Bell, brother of the ex-sheriff, who is clerk of the superior court of Currituck county, stating that the former sheriff will return and settle in full. The letter was written in Greensboro and dated July 18.

AIR MAIL POSTAGE.

Reduced to Two Cents On the Ounce.

Postmaster General Burleson has reduced the postage on airplane mail to 2 cents an ounce, the regular rate for first-class mail matter, and placed the air mail service on the same footing with all other means of mail transportation.

OXFORD SCHOOL BONDS HAVE BEEN NEGOTIATED

Wachovia Bank & Trust Company Is the Purchaser.

Bids for the \$50,000 Oxford school bonds were opened and examined last Friday evening. There were eighteen bids in all. The Wachovia Bank & Trust Company, of Winston-Salem, was the successful bidder. All of the bids were close, the Wachovia Bank & Trust Company's bid being \$52,306.

GRANVILLE COUNTY COURT.

Hon. W. Stacy, of Wilmington, Judge Presiding.

Granville County Court convened Monday for a one week's term. The docket is light and it dwindles fast under the business methods of Judge Stacy.

This is Judge Stacy's first visit to the bench in Granville. He is the youngest judge in the State and he is a very able and handsome jurist. His charge to the grand jury, covering all of the State laws, elicited much favorable comment. He charged the jury with the importance of a higher conception of citizenship and spoke of the laxity in many places caused by the war.

Judge Stacy is good to behold. He is popular with the bar and will make many friends during his short stay among us.

Judge Stacy and Solicitor S. M. Gattis are a strong working team. There is nothing on the docket to elicit more than ordinary interest, and the majority of those who visit the court room merely want to take a peep at Judge Stacy and count him as one of their friends.

The Grand Jury.

Messrs. Sam Webb, foreman; J. W. Pool, S. T. Harris, Sr., C. H. Parham, Kemp Culbreth, Sr., W. L. Curran, A. B. Critcher, C. L. Hudson, W. A. Gooch, J. T. Oakley, J. T. Turner, C. T. Blackwell, J. R. Colpen, J. J. Eggleston, W. S. Wheary, J. R. Averett.

GRANVILLE COUNTY SOLDIER CITED FOR BRAVERY

Sergt. Paul B. Jenkins Was Killed Only a Few Moments Before Armistice Was Signed.

Sergt. Paul B. Jenkins, a native of Granville county, enlisted in Philadelphia and was assigned to Headquarters company, 315th Infantry, A. E. F. He was killed at Gibrey, France, November 11, 1918, only a few minutes before the last shot of the world war was fired. He was endeavoring to establish telegraph connection when he was killed. In the name of the President of the United States, Gen. John J. Pershing, commanding general A. E. F. cites him for distinguished bravery and forward medal to nearest of kin.

MAJOR LANDIS RETURNS FROM NORTHERN MARKETS

Shipment of New Goods Will Go Forward.

Major Will Landis, buyer for Landis & Easton, has returned from the northern markets. His trip at this time was to secure a line of ladies' dresses and coat suits and to see that the early contracts made with the wholesalers would be fulfilled promptly.

Major Landis found that the contracts which he made some time ago will be a great saving to his customers in the face of a rising market on practically all lines. Shipment of early fall goods will go forward on schedule time.

SAID TO BE PREJUDICE AGAINST THE ARMY UNIFORM

Boston, July 20.—Major Clarence R. Edwards, of the Northeastern Department, and former commander of the 26th (Yankee) division, has asked the War Department that soldiers stationed at the coast defenses be allowed to wear civilian clothes while on pass or furlough.

Investigation has disclosed, he says that pre-war prejudice against the army uniform is apparent.

CHURCHES MAY HAVE WINE FOR SACRAMENTAL PURPOSES, SAYS GAYLORD

Every Religious Organization Afforded Opportunity Under Regulations of Internal Revenue Bureau.

A Washington dispatch says that regulations issued by the bureau of internal revenue afford every religious organization in the United States opportunity to obtain wine for sacramental purposes.

"We have endeavored to cut out all 'red tape,'" Deputy Commissioner Gaylord said, "and have made the organizations to follow."

LIGGETT AND DICKMAN HAVE RETURNED HOME

With Nine Other American General Officers Aboard Transport Acquitania.

Washington, July 20.—Lieutenant General Hunter Liggett, former commander of the American army of occupation in Germany; Major General Joseph T. Dickman, and nine other general officers are aboard the transport Acquitania, landed at New York today.

ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING OF THE COUNTY'S CLUBS

The Songs, Recitations and Speeches Were All Enjoyed.

Last Friday was the day set apart for the annual meeting of the county's clubs and its annual basket picnic. Plans had been made for this meeting to be held at the Fair Grounds, but the day, as so many days have the habit of doing recently, opened with rain and the downpour continued intermittently all day long. But a few of the faithful came with baskets in true picnic style and the programme was carried out at the school auditorium and at the Court House.

There were songs, recitations and speeches. In the morning Mrs. Kate Brew Vaughan spoke on "Developing a Health Conscience." This was followed by an address by Mr. S. G. Rubinow on "Community Spirit" and one from Dr. N. C. Daniel on public health subjects as related to the work of the physicians. All of these addresses were thoroughly enjoyed by those present and made a deep impression.

In the afternoon the beautiful poem of Judge Bragaw was recited in splendid style by little Miss Carolyn Booth, and Henry Brooks, Ewing Upchurch and William Yancey told and illustrated in realistic manner how "The Farmer feeds them all." A recitation by Master William Kimball brought down the house. Mrs. R. E. Ransom told one of Herbert Quick's stories particularly applicable and appropriate to the occasion.

The feature of the meeting was the address by Lieut-Gov. O. Max Gardner. He was presented to the audience by Prof. G. B. Phillips and caught the ear of his audience at once and swung into a masterful speech. We will attempt no epitome of, or quotations from, the speech, but it is but just to say that no speech delivered here in a long time has so been thoroughly appreciated by an audience. In every utterance it appealed to the best in his hearers, lifted them to higher conceptions of civic duty, and pointed the way to that better county to promote which the club meeting was held. It is safe to say that by that speech Max Gardner added many friends to the already large list which he has in this county.

Another feature of the meeting was the reports from the various clubs of boy and girl scouts, community clubs, etc., scattered throughout the county. All who attended this meeting plan to be here next year.

BOY HAS CLOSE CALL

Jumped In Time To Save His Life.

There was an exciting race down Main street yesterday of a blood-curdling nature. A little boy, apparently about eight or ten years of age, seated on a bicycle, came sailing up the street on the east side, circled the end of the parkway at the Baptist church as graceful as any dancing master ever cut the pigeon wing, and darted down Main street as fast as his little legs could propel his machine.

A little boy driving a car, who was apparently under the age limit, saw the boy on the bicycle dart out in front of him and took it for a dare. Instantly speeding up his machine, the race was on. The auto fairly flew down the street, and gaining at every turn of the wheel. All went well until the bicycle boy reached the intersection of Main and High streets, where he turned to the left, encountering two machines, one on Main and one on Front, bearing down upon him. His little heart must have fluttered when he realized that he was in the jaws of death and jumped for safety.

THE COLORED HONOR ROLL OF GRANVILLE COUNTY

The Part They Took In the World War.

Elsewhere in this paper will be seen the prospectus of "Granville County's Honor Roll," or the part the colored people took in the world war. Dr. G. C. Shaw, president of Mary Potter School, and his valuable assistant, Rev. B. R. Smith, are compiling the records and data. It will be a handsome volume.

Tabb Creek Church.

Much interest is manifested in the protracted meeting, now in progress at Tabb Creek church, four miles east of Oxford on the Henderson road. Preaching every afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Rev. J. F. Mitchner, of Franklin county, is assisting the pastor, Rev. G. T. Tunstall.