CONTRACT TO BE-LET SOON FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

The Building Will Be Ready For the Fall Session.

The campaign in Oxford school district for a modern high school building and all that it signifies, is all over but the shouting and the annual tax for a few years to come. There will be shouting and rejoicing when the corner stone is laid at an early date, but there will be no regrets on the part of the tax payers when they see the majestic building on the crest of the hill on Williamsboro street 400 yards east of the court house.

The Vote.

Out of the total registration of 636, the unofficial returns in the bond election Tuesday shows that 498 votes were cast; 30 voted against honds, and the 138 who registered and did not vote were automatically counted against the measure, leaving a total of 330 in favor of bonds out of a total registration of 636.

It was a foregone conclusion at the noon hour that the bond election had idly, and many of those who registerthe polls after they learned that a years ago. It was a distinctly forin favor of bonds. Thus it will be not go to the polls were in favor of terment. But it is a work that must

Contract To Be Let.

The Public Ledger learns that the school board will let the contract for the building as soon as the specifitation have been duly advertised They have \$31.000 in hand, and it is no doubt the intention of the board to begin operations as soon as the contract has been let. It is the opinion of well informed business men that there will be no delay in negotiating the bonds.

#### CORPORATION COMMISSION

FIXES UNIFORM GAS RATE

Equipment For Testing Meters, De-For Frequent Complaints.

governing the manufacture and dis- We have no doubt there are many tribution of gas in North Carolina were issued by the State Corporation Commission yesterday. Every company engaged in the manufacture and sale of gas for any purpose within the State is included in the scope of the regulations, and the enforcement will rest in the hands of the commission.

Much of the information back of the order comes from the frequent months. The rules are effective as ducted to show the scope and pur

of January 1, 1921.

commission. The quality of gas and the methods of testing are to follow KU KLUX KLAN AT "Standard Methods of Gas Testing." issued in bulletin form by the National Bureau of Standards.

During each period of 12 months after these rules take effect, until all meters now in service shall have been tested, each utility shall rem ye in service, those longest in service or ing rmoved first. Meters so removed may not be returned to service until they have been tested and made to comply with the standards outlined in the order.

The company may, at its own discretion, require consumers to deposit money to the amount of not more than the estimated bill for three months to guarantee prompt payment of bills. The depositor will be paid interest at 6 per cent on such money

## LOOKING BACKWARD

Items Of News Ten and Twenty Years Ago-

The Charlotte Observer prints a and twenty years ago. Ten years gao yesterday the Observer said:

"Col. and Mrs. T. L. Kirkpatrick will entertain tonight in honor of Judge H. Crawford Biggs of Raleigh, who is presiding at the civil term of court now in session in this county."

Speaking of Mrs. Kerr Taylor, of Oxford and her mother, the Observer twenty years ago yesterday said:

"Mrs. Frank Shamburger and daughter, Miss Myrtle Shamburger, of Rockingham, and Miss Kate Campbell, of Petersburg, Va., are visiting Mrs. John T. Vann."

#### FOOD PRICES DECLINE EIGHT PER CENT IN MONTH

Washington, Jan. 20 .- An average of decrease of 8 per cent in 'retail prices of 22 food articles in December as compared with November was MRS. W. H. OSBORN noted today in statistics compiled by the labor department. Compared to December, 1919, the decrease was 10 per cent.

The products and decreases were: 13 per cent; bacon and lard, 11 per Osborn that Mrs. Osborn succeed cent, round steak, flour and bananas, him as president. 10 per cent. Raisins increased 36 and macaroni, 9 per cent.

lard Service Station.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT WELFARE WORK?

Much Of the Work Is Necessarily Private and If Published Would Defeat Its Object.

Very few people in Granville county are familiar with welfare work. Should we publish all of the cases that have been settled in private you this week, and the prices for good would be utterly dumfounded. A tobacco are higher now than at any over the Southern railway system kind word from Mr. J. E. Jackson, time during the season. superintendent of public welfare, has Farmers who were almost crushed the Southeastern Express company, done more to start children on the out of existance by low prices before in competition with the American realize. These erring children are vance that now prevails. They in announced. found in all stratas of society.

county, the Statesville Landmark better, until the end of the season,

State Commissioner of Public Wel- heavy lossfare and other bills have been offered to abolish the office of superintendent of public welfare in certain have handled nearly ten million counties, the idea being that if the pounds of farmer's tobacco. It is effort to abolish the State commis- also estimated that there is three sioner and the whole scheme of public weltare work fails, then counties farmers of the county. been carried. The news spread rap- that wish exemption may obtain it. The scheme of State welfare work, ing the week has had a salutary ef ed and intended to vote for bonas, with a superintendent in each county, did not see the necessity of going to was enacted by the Legislature two buying more freely now than at any majority had expressed themselves ward step and the work is capable er advance would bring a universal of great development for human bet- smile of confidence and contentment. it is easy to see that lack of knowledge of its scope and purpose and lack of conception of its worth would breed opposition to it. It is conceivable also that in many of the counties lack of conception of the work has resulted in the selection of a superintendent utterly unfit for the service and the expenditure does not bring results. In many of our counties every job is placed from the political viewpoint, fitness being a mmor consideration if it is considered at all. A superintendent of public welfare who lacks insight of the purpose great opportunities for service to hutermining Heat Value Of Gas, Uni- manity and the public generally, form Pressure Must Be Maintained whose heart isn't in the work and By Companies; Removes Causes who hasn't the courage and the vision to perform the service, is not on-Uniform regulations and standards ly a misfit but is worse than useless.

counties in the State where the money spent for this work is pure waste-But it is unwise to discontinue a work so much needed for that reason. The thing to do is to keep trying until some one is found fit for the work. If they can't be found in the country send elsewhere for them. Neither politics nor residence should hearings of petitions for increased count. And it would help very much

gas rates heard during the near for if a campaign of education is conpose of this welfare work and what Records of tests are to be kept on welfare workers who know and unfile, and available for the inspection derstand, such as we have in Iredell of any consumer or at the call of the are doing for the good of humanity."

**DURHAM ISSUES WARNING** Eating Place Operated By Greeks Asked To Improve Its Social Con-(Durham Special) Ku Klux Klan was lifted in its first proximately 20 per cent of the meters warning here last Monday when no-

tice was sent to a local cafe, operated by Greeks for colored, advising them to "take heed to this warning and beware."

The letter of warning sent the cafe, located on Mangum street opposite the office of the Durham Sun, a copy of which was supplied the press through the mail follows:

"There are forces good and evil in Durha: -you are a force for evil. "Be advised that Anglo-Saxons founded this country, wrote the Declaration of Independence and Constitution of the United States, and then invited people of all nations to come in and enjoy life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, howeve. these founders expected that all peonumber of items that were news ten ple would become Americans and respect our constitution, laws and cus-

> "It is not our custom to mix up with the negroes on social equality. You are fraternizing with the negroes and following a low element of whites to meet nigger women in your place and they are known to go out in automobiles together. The best

resent this and it must stop. "We are a friend to the good ne- MR. CRAWFORD COOPER AT groes as well as whites, but the bootleggers and the lawless element of both had better watch their step.

"You and your friends, therefore,

"Yours for law, order and decency in Durham and the nation. "KU KLUX."

ELECTED PRESIDENT OF KEELY INSTITUTE

At a meeting of the directors of Keeley Institute held in Durham this Oranges, 27 per cent; pork chops, 25 week, Mrs. W. H. Osborn was elected per cent; sugar, 18 per cent; ham, president. It was the wish of Col

The business will continue under per cent; rolled oats, 18 per cent, the direct management of Mr. N. O. and storage eggs, cream of wheat, Smoak and with Dr. E. L. Stamey in charge of the Medical Department. Mr. C. D. Cunningham, who has been -Your battery should have water Secretary and Treasurer, and a Dirabout every two weeks. Stop at Wil- ector for twenty years will still give the local team here next Wednesday sponsible for the keener dmand, and cost and trouble. the business his personal attention.

OXFORD, N. C. FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 1921

ONE MILLION POUNDS OF TOBACCO THIS WEEK

Were Last Week and the Farmers

Are More Cheerful. The five Oxford warehouses have been packed to the doors every day

"straight and narrow path" than you Christmas rejoice in the slight ad- Railway Express company has been quire with quivering voices if the Speaking of welfare work in Iredell prices will remain as they are, or and the general impression is that "Bills have been introduced in the the remainder of the crop will partly

> It is estimated that by the end of this week the Oxford market will

> The slight advance in prices durfect on business. The farmers are time during the depression. Anoth-

# "BLUE LAWS" TO

Just How Far the Commissioners Will Go Is Not Known.

It is whispered more or less around town that the city fathers are going to do wonderful things at their regu- Farmers Are Pleased With Better lar meeting next Tuesday night in the mayor's office.

There is not a fanatic on the Board; therefore it is reasonable to county, who has been on an extended suppose that they will not stop Sun- visit to her sister, Mrs. L. F. Cotton day trains and the sale of news- of Oxford Route 6, entered Brantpapers. None of them seems to wood hospital. Oxford, last weel have been "divinely called" to over- where she will complete a course of of the work, who lacks vision of the step the bounds of reason, but they training for a professional nurse are going to enforce the laws as to She has already had experience in a selling certain goods on Saturday and Norfolk hospital. it is possible that they may create. one or two ordinances.

> men, it is said, has drawn up a resolution which he will present to the weighed 378. The combined weight board. He will ask the board to close up everything during the church hour on Sunday morning and open up for business as soon as the congregation leaves the church.

> on Sunday, but they are determined famine stricken Chinese amounting to call a hault on some things.

THE REV. BERTRAM E. BROWN

The Public Is Invited To Attend the Services At St. Stephen's Church week. Next Week.

next Monday night. Mr. Brown throat the past week. comes to us with a reputation of pe- \_\_Mrs. W. H. Russell and daughte. culiar ability as a preacher of Mis- Miss Hazel, of New York, who has sions. All our townspeople, and been on a visit to Mrs. Russell's others, are cordially invited to at- mother, Mrs. James H. Webb, of Tal tend these services, especially the ly Ho left for their home Saturday. will be worth while.

7:30 o'clock; children service each at Tally Ho. afternoon from Tuesday until Satweek at 7:30 o'clock.

tion used at the children's service. We hope the crisis in business depres-Teachers and children, and others sion has passed. not attending our church, also cordially invited to be present, as this near Moriah, has just undergone a sesystem of instruction is found to be interesting and instructive-

F. H. T. HORSFIELD.

## A QUIET HOME WEDDING

and Mrs. W. H. Hunt, and Mr. Jer- ford were the guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. Alexander and Harriett (Young) MISS VIOLET BUCHANAN ome B. Flora, of Elizabeth City, F. Cotton of Oxford, Route 6, Satur- Cooper, and his father was a proswere married at the home of the day night. bride's parents last Wednesday morning at eleven o'clock.

Rev. Stewart R. Oglesby, pastor of the Oxford Presbyterian Church. It was a quiet home wedding, only Saturday night. white and black people in Durham a number of family connections be-

## HOME ON SPRING STREET

have moved into their pretty new N. C., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Lotake heed to this warning and be- home on Spring street. The re- gan W. Hall. sidence is situated between the hom-Herring and is one of the very pretty 20,000 tobacco hills last year and the organization of the American To- Violet and got clear. The engine es of Dr. E. T. White and Mr. R. R. homes of Oxford. The contractors has sold \$2100.00 worth of tobacco bacco Company became identified was backing. It struck Violet knockwere Hailey and Ray.

CALL NEW CONGRESS APRIL 4

President-Elect Harding Has Made Up His Mind to Call Congress into Proposed Tobacco Cut In Kentucky Special Session April 4th. Average.

Washington, Jan. 20.-Presidentelect Harding has practically decided to call a special session of the new Congress on April 4.

## BASKET BALL

Durham Machine Gun Company's vailing in the burley markets of Ken-Team Coming To Oxford.

The Durham Machine Gun Com-pany's Basket Ball team will play reage next season are held here as re-past due. Call and settle and save night at 7:30 o'clock.

OXFORD MARKET WILL HANDLE NEW MILLION DOLLAR EXPRESS COMPANY WILL COVER SOUTHERN & MOBILE

The Prices Are Better Than They Compete In This Territory With A merican Company—Headquarters In Atlanta, With John B. Hockaday At Head.

The organization and operation and the Mobile & Ohio railroad of

Touches Oxford.

the territory most affected by the on Finance. announced operation of the new company, extending as it does, from Legislature to abolish the office of indemnify the farmers against their Washington to Atlanta, including most of the Southern's territory and feeding lines.

Southern Railway Statement.

"Express business over the lines of the Southern railway system and million pounds in the hands of the the Mobile and Ohio railroad will be handled by the Southeastern Express

company, beginning March 1, 1921 "The Southeastern is a new coinpany, recently organized under the laws of Alabama, for the purpose of conducting an express business in the capital of \$1,000,000, owned by southern business men, will have HAVE A HEARING HERE spent their lives in the express servwill be managed by men who have ice of the south."

#### NEWS LETTER FROM THE CAPITOL OF TALLY HO

Prices For Tobacco On the Oxford

-Miss Mamie Spencer, of Hyde

s the champion hog raiser of thir One of our enterprising business community, having killed one Monday which weighed 570 pounds. Mr. J. P. Mangum also killed one that of three killed this season tipped the

scales at 1230 pounds. -Rev. L. M. Hobbs preached a sermon at Tally Ho Sunday which awakened the people to a sense of duty The board has no intention, so far to their fellowman. At the close a as we can learn, of stoping the clocks voluntary collection was taken for the

to \$26.55. -Mr. Roy E. Crymes, one of the splendid young men of our town, has WILL CONDUCT SERVICES HERE recently been appointed regular carrier on Rural Route 4, from Oxfor)

-Mr. R. L. Minor has resumed his kind. The Rev. Bertram E. Brown, rec-duties as clerk with The Stem Mer tor of Tarboro, N. C., will begin a cantile Co., after being confined to Mission in St. Stephen's Church on his home with a painful rising in his

night services. We feel that they -Miss Mary McIver, principal of Enon High School, spent the week Holy Eucharist: each morning at end with her cousin, Miss Mary Webb

-We note that quite a number o urday, inclusive, at 3:30 o'clock; farmers are well pleased with price mission service each night of the received on the Oxford market the past few days and better feeling exists The Sulspician system of instruc- in reference to the financial situation.

-Mr. Zachariah Clayton, who lives ulcerated stomach and his chances of recovery are very doubtful.

-Mrs. Susan Day, mother of Mr. Sam Day of Route 2, and auctioneer Lem Day of Oxford, has undergone a Miss Janie Hunt the Bride Of Mr. dangerous operation in a Roxboro North Carolina, March 15, 1849, and Likewise she figured in a number of

D. Holeman, who has been quite sick his education in Horner's Military The ceremony was performed by for several days, is improving. -Rev. L. M. Hobbs was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bowling in Stem

> -Miss Pauline Stem, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Stem of Route 2. is taking a teachers course in the Greenville Training School.

Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Cooper Coast Line Railway in Washington,

-Mr. E. B. Cozart, one of the excellent farmers of Route 1, planted and has another lead ret to sell.

NEW HIGH PRICES PAID AT DANVILLE

Believed Responsible For \$32.18 Danville, Va., Jan. 20.—Prices for

bright loose leaf tobacco went to new high records for the season here yesterday, more than 900,000 pounds having been sold at an average of 32.18 a hundred. Conditions prethe sharp upward tendency in prices | 1-21-tf

BILL OFFERED TO RADICALLY REVISE REVALUATION ACT

Sole Function Of Tax Commission Would Be To Furnish Forms; Actual Appraisement Would Be Made By Township Boards, Subject To House Friday night of last Review By County Board.

(News and Observer)

ing to the principle of "assessment of woman and child in the town. That property at its true value in money." such a team will be had is guaranis provided in a bill introduced in the teed on its face by the fact that we Senate Wednesday by Senator L. R. have whom we have behind it. An The Piedmont division embrace Varser, chairman of the committee effort will be made to form in the

> tration of the revision entirely local ly, as possible of local talent. This The Board of Commissioners of each insures to Oxford a good team and county is authorized to appoint a one that will be able to hold its own county board of appraisers of from against teams made up largely of three to five members, or may itself hired men, as was so emphatically assume the functions of such a manifested last summer. board. The actual assessments sha., Mr. Charlie Garman was elected be made to township boards of ap- business manager for this year and praisers of three members each, ap Mr. S. H. Prichard secretary-treaspointed by the county board.

JOHN D. COOPER SR., DIES

Death Comes Like a Flash As He Table—Was President of Farmers & Merchants Bank, Carolina Bagging Company and Otherwise Promirently Connected.

and wealthy citizen of Henderson port of all. By backing and support died suddenly at his home on Char- we do not refer to financial support les street in that city Tuesday night at only, though this is necessary, but o'clock. Death came just as he a team must know that all of the -Mr. John H. Daniel, of Tally Ho, was rising from his supper table, and folks are behind it. Now, let us without any premonition or any ail- start early and make our plans to ment whatever. He had finished his have a good team, good baseball, evening meal, had taken a cigar from good clean sport and let's resolve his pocket, had his knife in hand to that we will back the Oxford Team cut off the tip, and a match handy to the last ditch. Watch the Oxford to light up for his usual after supper Public Ledger and you will see from smoke, and collapsed as he moved time to time what progress is being to leave the table. Dr. H. H. Bass, made both in the organization of his physician; expressed the opinion this League and the Oxford Team. that death had come before he reached the floor in his hall. Only mem- MR. BAILEY OWEN IS GRAND bers of the family were present at

Mr. Cooper was 72 years old, and Gen B. S. Reystor Reelected Director was one of the oldiest as well as most prominent of Henderson's citizens. He had been in his usual good and will enter upon his duties next health in recent years, having scarcely had a pain or an ailment of any Lodge of North Carolina. He was

Diligent In Business. fied with many of the larger and cers elected and installed were: more important banks and industrial Jr., and Wade Cooper, of Texas.

A Coincidence. It is somesthing of a coincidence that John D. Cooper died less than a month after the passing of his brorious operation in Watt's hospital for ther, David Y. Cooper, and from the News and Observer says: "Little same cause, angina pectoris, or a Miss Sarah Hinson's reciting and weakening of the heart. He was singing took the assembled Masons

Biography. Jerome B. Flora.

Miss Janie, the daughter of Mr. —Mr. and Mrs. L. Thomas of Ox
strenuous career. His parents were perous planter in Granville county School at Oxford, and spent one year of his young manhood in Texas on bacco business and was one of the ham Sun says:

with them until 1912. Relatives In Oxford. Col. Henry G. Cooper, Miss Bell hospital had the child survived. Cooper, Mrs. C. G. Elliott and other There were no other marks on the relatives in Oxford attended the fun-child except a few bruises on the eral and burial in Henderson Thurs- arms, her head was uninjured." day. The funeral was held from the Violet's mother died seven years Methodist Episcopal Church, and the ago, since which time she has been interment followed in Elwood Cem- living with her aunt in Durham. She

PAY YOUR TAXES NOW

One per cent will be added to your tucky, Indiana and Ohio and the de- taxes on February 1, if not settled E. D. HUNT, Sheriff.

NO. 6

**OXFORD WANTS HIGH-CLASS** BASE BALL THIS SUMMER

Efforts Being Exerted To Form Six-Team League Worthy Of Sup-

At the meeting held in the Conthose present unanimously decided to have a base ball team in Oxford Sweeping and drastic devision of this summer that will be a credit to the Revaluation Act, though adher the town and the pride of every man, peighboring towns a six team league, The Varser bill makes the administ every team to be composed, as near-

urer, and these two men were em-The bill provides that the township powered to begin at once a movement boards shall hold hearings and shall to form a league and to make all take into consideration the sale value other preparations necessary to give of property and its profit bearing Oxford a team worthy of our support. southeastern states. It will have a qualities and snall equalize the as-Oxford is to be congratulated on sessment value of all property in the having these two men behind its township. The findings of the town- | base ball team and we are assured headquarters in Atlanta, Ga., and ship board are made reviewable by that with our support they will the county board, but the sole fun- make a success of it, and give us ction of the State Tax Commission is good clean sport. Judge W. A. Devto furnish forms to the county in and Mr. John R. Hall, two men who, though not as young as they used to be, are still ardent base ball enthusiasts, are going to help the AT HOME IN HENDERSON team in practice, and their judgment and experience must prove of great value to us. Judge Devin will again Starts To Arise From His Supper be asked to act as official scorekeeper, the job he so satisfactorily

filled last year. All of us realize that to put a winning base ball team in the field re-Join Downey Cooper, prominent quires the hearty backing and sup-

MASTER MASONS OF STATE Of Oxford Orphanage.

Mr. J. Bailey Owen, of Henderson, is the new Grand Master of the Grand elected in the session of the Grand Lodge in the Masonic Temple at Mr. Cooper was actively identi- Raleigh this week. The other offi-

James H. Webb, of Hillsboro, Deenterprises of Henderson. He had puty Grand Master; Hubert M. Pobeen president of the Farmers & teat. Wake Forest, Senior Grand Merchants Bank since 1917, and was Warden; J. L. Everett, Rockingham, also president of the Carolina Bag-Junior Grand Warden; Benjamin R. ging Mill, and was one of the or- Lacy. Releigh, Grand Treasurer; W. ganizers of the company. He was w. Willson, Raleigh, Grand Secreamong the largest stockholders in tary; Beverly S. Royster, Oxford, Dithe Citizens Bank & Trust Company rector Masonic Orphanage; W. F. and the Henderson and Harriet Cot-Randolph, Asheville, J. J. Phoenix, ton Mills. He is survived by his Greensboro, J. F. Rhem, New Barn, wife, seven sons and one daughter, Directors of Masonic and Eastern besides two brothers, J. C. Cooper, Start Home; Henry A. Grady, Clinton, Representative of the Grand

Lodge in Masonic Service Association. The Oxford orphanage singing class was present on Wednesday. Speaking of the entertainment, the two years younger than D. Y. Cooper. by storm with her piece "Katy Did" and again as Dorothy in a musical He was born in Granville county, fair play entitled, "Midsummer Eve."

KILLED BY ENGINE

-We are glad to note that Mrs. R. | before the war. The son completed | Remains Brought To Oxford-Interment In Elmwood Cemetery.

Violet, the welve year-old daughthe plains and ranches as a cowboy. ter of Mr. Louis Buchanan, who re-He also worked as foreman in his un- sides on Callahan street near St. cle's tobacco factory, at Oxford, and Stephen's Church, was killed in Durthen went West again and for three ham Wednesday evening while crossyears was a gold prospector in North ing the Southern Railway tracks at Dakota. On returning to North Car | Cororan street, three blocks west of responsible position with the Atlantic olina, Mr. Cooper went into the to- the passenger station. The Dur-

prominent men in the tobacco indus- "A number of school children were try in the state until 1914. For with her at the time of the accidentmany years he represented the Al- They all started across the railroad len Ginter tobacco house, and upon track, but all saw the engine except with that corporation and remained ing her down, and ran over both less. One was endrely severed. The other would, have been amputated at the

is said to have been a bright and

pretty girl. The remains reached Oxford on the noon train yesterday and were conveyed to the home of the father. The funeral will be held from the residence at 3 o'clock this afternoon, conducted by Dr. J. D. Harte. The interment will follow at Elmwood cemetery.