

## COL. A. D. WATTS IS NAMED BY THE GOVERNOR AS NEW TAX OFFICER

Chief Man Is Given Appointment as Commissioner. — Appointment is Subject to Confirmation by the State Senate When It Meets. — Begins Work May 1.

Col. A. D. Watts of Iredell county, Governor Morrison's choice for revenue commissioner of North Carolina, over Corporation Commissioner Allen J. Maxwell. The signing of the commission to the colonel was the single executive act last Saturday.

It has been evident for several days that Watts was the governor's choice between the two men. But those fortunate enough to know it were circumscribed in passing the news along. There was no purpose on the governor's part to name his man so soon but the struggle between the two men became so fierce in the last few days that it was better to have it over with than let the fight run over into highway work, which began yesterday.

Watts will take office on the first day of May, next, under an executive interim appointment which is subject to the confirmation of the state senate at its next sitting. In him will be vested all the powers that have heretofore been in the state tax commission, plus the additional and far-reaching authority granted in the act creating the state board of equalization.

Upon his shoulders will devolve the task of collecting the revenue necessary to run the state for two years and of recommending to the present general assembly, or the present one if it should be called in session, the means for raising additional revenue. He is the supreme taxation authority in the state, excepting only of course Internal Revenue Collector Josiah William Bailey who is federal tax gatherer.

**Salary \$5,500.** His salary will be the sum of \$5,500 per year, plus all traveling expenses incurred while on official business. His staff will consist of one deputy and clerks but the authority is contained in the act creating his office to enlarge this force to a size sufficiently ample to efficiently administer the income tax, inheritance, franchise and all forms of revenue the state is to collect for the administration of schools, charitable institutions and the entire state government.

Commissioner Maxwell, by the choice of the governor, will remain a member of the corporation commission and do the work which Governor Morrison regards him most qualified to do.

## EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATOR

Colonel Watts has been an efficient administrator of tax laws, the old fourth district office at Statesville, over which he reigned until it was consolidated with Collector Bailey's district, ranking high in the showing of the several collection districts in the country. After this consolidation he became supervisor of revenue with a "roving commission" for a while and when he relinquished this place he entered private business with headquarters in Charlotte.

## LOCAL BASEBALL MAGNATES WILL GATHER HERE TODAY

Representatives from Seven Proposed Clubs Will Meet Here.

A meeting has been called to meet in the Mayor's office this afternoon at 2 o'clock of representatives of seven towns and cities in this section of North Carolina and Virginia for the purpose of organizing the amateur baseball league which has been agitated heretofore for several weeks.

Notices were sent out by Mr. S. H. Pritchard, president of the local club, who is untiring in his efforts to form a high class league.

Just what sort of an organization will be the outgrowth of this gathering remains to be seen. As seven towns are mentioned, it is certain that one of them will have to be ruled out, or else another will have to be secured. It is regarded as not unlikely that one of these will be ruled out, although the action of the meeting in this respect cannot be forecast.

Places that are expected to have representatives present include Oxford, Henderson, Franklinton, Yonkersville, West Durham, Roxboro, South Boston and Chase City.

Another question to come before the meeting is the matter of working a schedule for playing, and to determine upon the number of games to be played during the season, and how often, whether two games, or three, or a larger number, each week.

The local teams are anxious to provide ample seats for the crowd who will attend the games throughout the season. It is thought that the athletic grounds at the high school building on Williamsboro street will be ready in a couple of weeks.

## THE FIRST STRAW HAT OF THE SEASON

**Mr. Joe Baird Is the Gentleman.**

Mr. Joe Baird was the first to wear a straw hat this season in Oxford, and in attracted considerable attention.

But why should this be? Have we not been having straw-hat weather? The mercury has been up to 75 and 80. There are many days in the summer when it is no warmer than this. Indeed, 75 is summer heat. They wear straw hats at Palm Beach in the winter when it is no warmer, and what is good enough for Palm Beach is certainly none too good for Oxford.

We are altogether too prone to adapt our customs to fixed dates regardless of the temperature. There is a custom of donning straw hats on May 1 in this community and of calling them in on September 15.

In some places they ring a cow bell and shout "shoot the hat" when a prominent man like Mr. Baird wears a straw hat either before or after the prescribed date, but we are glad to say they are more conservative in Oxford.

—Your battery should have water about every two weeks. Stop at Willard Service Station.

## FOURTEEN MILLION PINTS OF LIQUOR PRESCRIBED BY DOCTORS LAST YEAR

No One in Granville County Was Sick Enough To Get a Smell.

The Washington authorities report that nearly fourteen million prescriptions, most of them calling for one pint of liquor, have been issued by physicians in the United States in the little more than one year that the Volstead law has been in effect.

The 13,800,000 prescriptions were checked up by the Prohibition Office last week, following the fight in New York by Dr. Donald McCaskey against revocation of his license for an alleged prescription of more than one pint in ten days to a patient.

The prescriptions were issued by 45,000 physicians, who are licensed to prescribe liquor for patients.

If any one in Granville county was sick enough to share in this large number of presentations, we have not heard of it.

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE CONGRESSIONAL VICTORY MEDAL

A Number Of Ex-Service Men In Granville Should Call For Them.

Col. C. M. Bunker, victory medal officer, United States army, requests the Public Ledger to state that while recruiting for the army has ceased to function owing to a recent act by congress, a sufficient force has been retained on duty with officers in the new Guilford County House at Greensboro, to continue the distribution of the Congressional Victory Medal.

All men who were members of the military establishment during the World War, whether their service was at home or abroad, are entitled to one of the medals and the records show that some seventy thousand North Carolinians are entitled to receive one of these medals and only twelve thousand have made application to date. The War Department desires every veteran to have one and all those entitled to it and who have not yet applied are urged to write to the Victory Medal Officer, Guilford County Court House, Greensboro, N. C.

There are approximately 200 veterans of the World War in Granville county who have not applied for the Congressional medal. A card to Col. Bunker at Greensboro, telling where you was stationed, etc., will enable him to look up your name at the War Department in Washington and send you the medal.

Col. Bunker states that he will also gladly look up information on matters pertaining to the military service, such as allotments, War Risk Insurance, etc.

## STILL FOUND RUNNING BEHIND ORGAN IN CHURCH

A special from Pittsburg says: Screened behind the organ of the Proutian Sunday School, at Addeley, Patton township, county detectives found a modern 20-gallon still in full operation. John Trubak, the sexton, was diligently drawing off several gallons of "raisin-jack" when the officers stumbled upon the hiding place. Searching for harness which had been stolen from a farmer in the neighborhood, the detectives entered the Sunday School rooms and detected the liquor fumes, which penetrated the building. Trubak spoke and, seeking the voice, they came upon the still, which was the largest confiscated in the district since the prohibition law became effective.

Several barrels of raisin mash were found on the premises, with two large kegs of liquor. The mash was searched and two more barrels of the contraband were unearthed. Turbak was brought to this city, where he was fined \$100 and the costs. Parishioners of the church and the priest stated today that they knew nothing of his operation.

## THE FIRST NORTH CAROLINA REGIMENT OF NATIONAL GUARD

**Col. Don Scott Has Worked Hard To Get the New Regiment Organized.**

News comes from Col. Don Scott, the commander of the new First Regiment of the National Guard that the formation of the infantry regiment is complete. The regiment is composed of companies from:

- A ..... Burlington
- B ..... Winston-Salem
- C ..... Plymouth
- D ..... Durham
- E ..... Concord
- F ..... Henderson
- G ..... Warrenton
- H ..... Waynesville
- I ..... Charlotte
- K ..... Mt. Gilead
- M ..... Parkton
- N ..... Wilson
- O ..... Gastonia
- P ..... Raleigh
- Q ..... Reidsville
- R ..... Canton
- S ..... Wilmington

Calvary troops A of Lincolnton, B of Asheville, C of Hickory and D of Andrews.

This regiment is an organization of about 50 officers and 1,000 men. Already more men than are required have been secured.

And when the paraphernalia and equipment have come, the regiment will have more than a quarter-million in belongings. The 15-day encampment will probably take place at Camp Glenn in July, and it will be preceded by a four-day instruction for selected officers and enlisted men of the various units.

## PREPARE PLANS FOR NEW PENALTIES TO BE PUT ON GERMANY

Paris, April 4.—Allied ambassadors have been instructed to prepare plans for further penalties to be inflicted on Germany.

The decision was reached following Germany's failure to complete disarmament by April 1, as demanded.

## PAY OR WORK THE ROADS

**Must Work the Roads or Forfeit \$4.**

The sheriff of Granville county is empowered by law to collect \$4.00 from each and every person subject to road duty who fails to work the public roads during the month of April. Call and pay \$4.00 or work the roads. 4-5-3t.

## "THEN SHALL BE BREAKING THE FULLNESS OF OUR DAY"

"When every farmer in the South shall eat bread from his own fields and meat from his own pastures, and disturbed by no creditor and enslaved by no debt, shall sit amid his teeny gardens, and orchards, and vineyards, and dairies, and barnyards, pitching his crops to his own wisdom and growing them in independence, making cotton his clean surplus, and selling it in his own time, and in his chosen market, and eat at a master's bidding—getting his pay in cash and not in a receipted mortgage that discharges his debt, but does not restore his freedom—then shall be breaking the fullness of our day."—Henry W. Grady, 1888.

## THE ROAD COMMISSION

**Will Hold Their First Official Meeting Next Monday.**

The newly created road commission for Granville county will hold its first official meeting next Monday, April 10. They have already met several times to discuss ways and means with a view of inaugurating the work as soon as possible, but nothing of an official nature has been done.

The commission has already selected a superintendent of roads. His name is Mr. Whittaker and he comes from Franklin county and reached here yesterday ready to receive instructions from the commission and get his office in shape.

The road commission met informally on April 1 and took the oath of office. Mr. J. Ennis Davis decided to stay on the Board of County Commissioners and Mr. John G. Morton was appointed in his place by the Clerk of the Court.

It is the purpose of the Board to create as little friction as possible in making the change of control. From this it would appear that the county is heretofore appointed. All the members of the Commission are giving a great deal of time and thought to road problems and they will prepare to announce policies at the first regular meeting next Monday.

The Commission has procured offices in the Hunt Building just across from the Court House, and here the Superintendent and other officials will have their headquarters.

## GOOD EFFECTS WILL FOLLOW ROAD CONSTRUCTION

**The Expenditure Of One Billion Dollars In America Will Have An Appreciable Effect On Local Conditions.**

According to estimates made by the Associated General Contractors of America, the huge sum of \$1,130,000,000 is available for road construction in this country. Since that calculation was made, this sum has been appreciably added to by various bond issues that have been voted from time to time and these will be followed by others throughout the year. From this it would appear that 1921 will be by far the greatest road building year in the history of the country.

There has been a steadily growing demand for better roads and this is reflected in the enormous road program that has been outlined for this and the coming year. The country is awakening to the necessity of building better roads and to the realization that adequate transportation is vital to the life of the nation. The carrying out of the highway program will in itself be of sufficient magnitude to have a very appreciable effect on the general business situation.

## WANTS OXFORD AS CLEAN AS A PIN

**Mrs. T. G. Stem Says It Ought Not To Be Camouflaged On The Surface.**

Mrs. T. G. Stem, Chairman of the Civic Department of the Oxford Woman's Club, who is getting her committees in shape for Clean-Up-Week here next week, beginning Monday and continuing until Friday, wants the people of Oxford to clean up in reality, and not to make a sham of it. She urges that not only the surface or showy places in town be rid of filth and dirt, but that the unseen corners and back lots, and the barrels under the house, and such objectionable things as these, be removed along with other things.

## READS LIKE A NOVEL

**A Business Man Listening To a Male Chorus Composed Of Convicts Finds His Son Among the Singers.**

In one-half a column of a newspaper are to be found these three stories:

In Dover, O., a man eighty-two years old gets divorce from his wife, aged sixty-eight.

In Columbus, O., a business man, listening to a male chorus composed of convicts, finds his son among the singers.

In a murder trial in Milford, Pa., the name of the slain was the first to be drawn out of the jury wheel.

What three-volume novel or three-reel film play could contain more human interest and more dramatic coincidence.

## "LOVE'S YOUNG DREAM"

**Mr. Lindsay Taylor Returns From St. Luke's Hospital.**

The many friends of Mr. Lindsey Taylor, the splendid son of Mr. and Mrs. Arch Taylor, are glad to see him back home from St. Luke's Hospital, Richmond, after receiving medical treatment for several weeks. He arrived a few days ago, accompanied by Miss Smith, one of the pretty professional nurses at St. Luke's. While here Miss Smith was the guest of Lindsey's parents.

In this particular case, we have no doubt that good nursing had a lot to do with Lindsey's recovery.

**The Great Invincible Concert.** Will be at Mary Potter School April 7th. All lovers of music are invited to be present. We have arranged for a large number of our white friends. Admission 50 cts.; Children 25cts.; Reserved seats 75cts. G. C. SHAW.

## SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF MEN ENROLL TO FORM MILITARY COMPANY HERE

**Capt. John B. Mayes Will Head the Organization.**

At the mass meeting in the Court House last Friday night a sufficient number of young men enrolled to ensure a high-class military organization, which will perpetuate the name of the famous Granville Grays.

Major Jenkins, of Henderson, outlined the plan of the new organization and the men unanimously recommended Capt. John B. Mayes, a hero of the World War to head the organization, and the appointment of Capt. Mayes will be confirmed at an early date by the Adjutant General of the State National Guard.

The company will maintain a club room, where the members and invited guests will have frequent intercourse.

## AUTO REGISTRATION INCREASED MORE THAN A MILLION DURING LAST YEAR

**New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania Head Country in Number Of Cars In Operation.**

According to the Government report automobile and truck registration in the United States has gained 1,291,096 over last year. Total number of trucks and cars now in operation is 8,837,572. This means that there is a motor vehicle for every 12.21 persons in the country, and that the gain over last year is 17.16 per cent. Registration fees collected by the states amounted to more than \$75,000,000. Here are the car registrations for some of the big states:

California	568,892
Illinois	568,759
Indiana	532,707
Iowa	437,300
Massachusetts	394,631
Michigan	412,717
New York	651,796
Ohio	616,800
Pennsylvania	570,154
Wisconsin	293,298
North Carolina	140,860

## WHAT HAPPENED IN NEW YORK ON APRIL 1.

(New York World)

—Every landlord in the country announced that rents would be reduced immediately.

—Jack Dempsey turned down an offer of \$1,000,000.08 to box a one-armed man.

—Flo Ziegfield said that chorus girls should wear long skirts and shirt waists with high collars.

—Cables from Paris stated that Sarah Barnhardt would retire from the stage at once.

—The Amalgamated Association of bootleggers declared it would observe the prohibition laws.

—The American public took the stand that it would not read another word of the Stillman divorce scandal.

—All members of the New York legislature offered to resign in favor of the socialists.

—Not a job seeker tried to see President Harding.

—The former miser offered to pay the German reparations out of his own pocket. APRIL FOOL.

## WILSON LEADS WORLD AS LEAF TOBACCO MART

**The Winston-Salem Market Is the Second Largest.**

By selling over 62,000,000 pounds of leaf tobacco this season Wilson, N. C., claims the distinction of being the greatest leaf tobacco market in the world.

The season in Winston-Salem totaled 60,554,408, or considerably over a million less than at Wilson. The tobacco in Winston brought \$13,129,775.55, an average of \$21.68 per hundred pounds.

## IF YOU WANT TROUBLE PREPARE FOR IT

The total government appropriation in 1920 for education, science, and the awaking of deeper interest in agriculture and industry was \$59,000,000. The estimate for these purposes for 1921 is increased by less than \$20,000,000. The Army and Navy, however, demand an increase over 1920 of \$647,000,000. If you want trouble, prepare for it.

## FRUIT NOT SERIOUSLY DAMAGED IN GRANVILLE

Several farmers in various parts of Granville informs the Public Ledger that their fruit crop was not damaged by the frost last week. They state that it was cold enough to kill the fruit, but constantly glowing wind prevented the formation of frost.

## CHARLOTTE'S NEW MILLION DOLLAR HOTEL

Charlotte's new million dollar hotel has been leased at an annual rental of seven and one-half per cent net of the investment has been executed by the president and approved by the directors of the Citizens Hotel Company on the proposed 250 room hotel for Charlotte with William Floor, A. M. Scales, C. G. Wright of Greensboro, and Emmet E. Robinson, of Jacksonville, Fla., as lessees.

## COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION REORGANIZED

**Mr. F. M. Pinix Elected Chairman.**

The County Board of Education met Monday, April 4th, and reorganized for the next two years. Mr. F. M. Pinix was elected chairman and J. P. Webb superintendent. The other members of the board are T. G. Curran and C. H. Cheatham.

## BASEBALL GAME SATURDAY

The Oxford team will play the Durham team here next Saturday. The game will be called at 3:30 o'clock at Horner Park. The Durham team is the strongest club in the Piedmont League, and a spirited contest may be expected.

## WHAT IT MEANS TO SPEND TWO MILLION DOLLARS DAILY ON ROADS

**Big Business Is This, For Most Of Us Cannot Reckon In Terms Of Millions.**

Six hundred million dollars for highway work in the United States during 1921—two million dollars a day—that is the estimated expenditure for highway construction and maintenance during the coming year. There is available now a billion and a quarter dollars and conservative estimates place the expenditure during 1921 at about one-half the amount available. Big business this, for most of us cannot readily reckon in terms of millions.

The North Carolina Highway Bulletin has analyzed these stupendous figures down to where we understand them, and though we realize there are 3,008 counties in the United States, it seems hard to grasp such a big sum of money could be expended in road work.

Assuming that the United States has a population in round figures of one hundred million people—then the per capita expenditure is six dollars—six dollars for every man, woman and child in this big country of ours during 1921. Or figure it in days of the year and estimate 300 working days—then we find an expenditure of \$2,000,000 daily—or two cents per day for every man, woman and child of the country, and the amount dwindles into insignificance. Two cents per day—the cost of a postage stamp—one-third the cost of a street car ride. Surely in this big country of wealth and extravagance two cents per day is less than the "meager bagatelle" we speak of so disdainfully.

If we assume the cost of a mile of permanent highway to be \$40,000 for the average brick or concrete roadway 18 feet wide, which includes grading, draining, labor, and material, as it was in 1920, we will build upwards of 15,000 miles. With decreasing prices of cement and labor, though, the cost may be more nearly \$30,000 per mile and we will build 20,000 miles—or should the price go back to a pre-war basis of \$20,000 per mile, we will build 40,000 miles of highway.

As a matter of fact, though, cement and brick are not the only surfacing that we will use—there is macadam and crushed stone in the north and sand and oyster shell in the south, and the mileage to be built will probably exceed 40,000 miles, or ten times the distance from New York to Frisco. Quite a stretch of roadway for any car from the aristocratic Marmion to the lowly and ever-present Ford!

There are over 2,000,000 miles of surveyed highways in the United States, aside from city streets. Even with the sanguine estimate of 40,000 miles, we will surface but one-fiftieth of all the roads. True, some of the roads will probably never be surfaced, for the traffic does not warrant it, but who is there that contends that a mile of so-called permanent pavement will "stay put for fifty years. What may we expect further in the way of speed from pleasure cars and weight from trucks.

Highway construction is the country's biggest business and her biggest problem!

## THE WEATHER FORECAST

**Warm Weather Predicted.**

The Weather Bureau predicts for this section: Temperature near or above normal and generally fair weather except for light Wednesday.

**March Weather.** March established a record for warm weather in this section with a mean average temperature of 60 degrees.

Fifty-eight degrees is the highest that the thermometer climbed in the month of March when that figure was touched in 1907, 1908 and 1910.

No content with hanging up a new record for the month, March, 1921, decided to go from one extreme to the other, clipping off 85 degrees on the twentieth and then dropping to 28 on the thirtieth.

## RECORD AT TEST FARM.

Amount of rainfall for March 4.09 inches; maximum temperature, 85 March 29; killing frost March 29. There were 21 clear days; 6 partly cloudy and 4 cloudy.

## FORMER SECRETARY OF NAVY DANIELS SERVED LONGEST

**Held the Navy Portfolio Four Days Longer Than Gideon Welles.**

Longer by four days than the term of any other American who has held the office of Secretary of the United States Navy was the tenure of office of Josephus Daniels, according to a recent issue of the Army and Navy Register. Gideon Welles, who held the navy portfolio in the Lincoln and Johnson cabinets, lacked four days of completing the full eight years, while Mr. Daniels completed eight years almost to the hour.

## ENLARGED EDITION OF THE ORPHAN'S FRIEND

The last issue of the Orphan's Friend comes to us enlarged to 24 pages and otherwise improved and beautified. Since installing a handsome perfecting press they can print their edition of twenty-two thousand in one day, which formerly consumed four days.

Much of the present edition is devoted to the business interests of Oxford and a sketch of the town's activities. From time to time other cities and towns of the State will be a feature of the paper.

## STATESVILLE PRODUCE MARKET

**Compare the Prices With the Oxford Market.**

Eggs per dozen	20
Hens' per pound	20
Roosters per pound	10
Butter per pound	15
Country ham per pound	25
Shoulders per pound	15

## AL G. FIELDS DIES AT HOME IN COLUMBUS, O.

Alfred Griffin, "Al G." Field, premier of American minstrelsy, died at his home in Columbus O., Sunday, his death resulting from Bright's disease. He was born in Leesburg, Va., 72 years ago.

## THE COMMUNITY MOURNS THE DEATH OF MR. JOE D. LASSITER

**Accidentally Shot Himself In His Apartments At Wilson.**

The death of Mr. Joe Davis Lassiter, vice-president of the R. G. Lassiter Construction Company, brings sadness to the hearts of the people of this community. He was the soul of honor and integrity, and to know



JOE DAVIS LASSITER

him was to love him. He spent Easter here with his father, Mr. Robert W. Lassiter, and his two surviving brothers, Messrs. R. G. and B. K. Lassiter, and departed for points in Eastern North Carolina in his usual cheerful spirits.

The first information of his death to reach Oxford was conveyed in a telegram to his father from Wilson, N. C., late last Friday night. No one was a witness to the tragedy. Mr. Lassiter traveled much in the eastern part of the State, looking after contracts. He had secured apartments in the home of Mr. C. E. Blount in Wilson, where the accident occurred at 11 o'clock Friday evening. From the position of the body and the wound, physicians and police, who were called to make an investigation, expressed the belief that Mr. Lassiter accidentally shot himself while packing his grip to go to Raleigh. He evidently in removing the clothes from the drawer accidentally discharged the pistol.

## Military Record.

Mr. Lassiter was a sergeant in the Medical Department, Port of Embark