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County Com'r. Proceedings

The Board of Bertie County Commissioners met in Windsor, N. C., on Monday, April 6th, at 10 o'clock a. m., D. R. Britton, Chairman presiding; all the members being present.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved, after which the following business was transacted.

On motion D. C. Lassiter was relieved of road duty on account of ill health and unable to work.

On motion it was ordered that W. C. Robertson be relieved of road duty on account of ill health and unable to work.

On motion it was ordered that Chas. Perry be relieved of road duty on account of ill health and unable to work.

The following named persons were appointed to take the tax list in the several townships in the county, and to receive the amounts opposite their names for the work, viz:

Windsor township, R. W. Askew	\$100.00
Merry Hill township, A. D. Smithwick	50.00
White's township, J. H. Lawrence	50.00
Coleraine township, W. R. Rayner	85.00
Mitchell township, J. Lawrence Harrington	80.00
Roxobel township, J. C. Cherry	60.00
Woodville township, J. T. Veale	65.00
Snakebite township, J. R. Cherry	50.00
Indian Woods township, Chas. Bond	45.00

For the purpose of promoting and encouraging the canning industry of Bertie county, the Board of Commissioners today appropriated the sum of \$40.00 to the Bertie County Tomato Club. The amount will be used in advancing the work of the club.

Mr. A. J. Simmons, chairman of the Board of Directors of the county farm submitted a report showing the condition of the farm and also the condition of the prisoners and the aged and infirmed, same was approved and ordered filed.

The following accounts were audited and ordered paid, viz:

Geo. D. Barnard & Co., stationery and supplies	\$ 8.05
J. H. White, feeding jurors at last court	6.50
J. L. Harrington, 1-2 J. P. cost Lem White case	2.98
C. L. Henry, freight on road machine	11.61
J. H. Allen, amount of cost in Ben Perry case	24.50
K. Sallenger, services in keeping ferry	36.50
Sol Adams, conveying prisoners to jail	2.00
Jessie Hoggard, lumber for Harrell bridge	29.98
J. F. Phelps, merchandise for county farm	456.40
Jenkins & Sons for medical services	18.71
E. S. Dail, lumber furnished court house	.65
W. P. King, stationery for Register Deeds office	11.00
Blanchard & Co., bread pans for jail	.30
R. W. Askew, coal furnished for court house	12.00
Stokes & Tadlock merchandise for court house	.90
W. J. Butler, feeding prisoners	53.00
Austin Western Co., one road machine	135.00
W. G. Mizell, mayors fee	1.98
Wm. Sanderlin, janitor salary	10.00
J. W. Cooper, summoning jurors	16.80
W. R. Capehart, feed and care of stray cattle	7.15
Burroughs Adding Machine Co., one machine	318.50

Merry Hill Township. Ernest White, lumber and hand hire

White's Township. P. F. Cobb, services and hand hire

Roxobel Township. The Carolina Metal Product Co., metal culverts

J. R. Harrell, hand hire for road work

Indian Woods. C. W. Spruill, for lumber, etc.

D. C. Outlaw, services on

Snakebite Township. S. P. Hale, for hand hire and expenses 38 39
S. P. Hale, paid for ditching etc. 6 00

Mitchell Township. Jessie Hoggard, feed for team, hand hire, etc., 148,88

Windsor Township. Salisbury Metal Culvert Co., for culverts 55.04

W. T. Heckstall, hand hire and road expenses 258.14

Coleraine Township. C. H. Cobb, hand hire, etc., 85.25
D. R. Britton & Co., merchandise for Coleraine township 24.67

Suffolk Feed and Fuel Co., for feed 104.03

J. B. Mitchell, services in Coleraine 18.00
D. R. Evans, lumber and repairs to bridge 5.62

Total \$2,204.85

There being no other business the board adjourned.

D. R. BRITTON, Chairman.
W. S. PRITCHARD, Clerk to Board.

KENNEY FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS

Mr. Editor: I see letters from every part of Bertie county advocating S. W. Kenney for Register of Deeds. I have not seen any one from our community. This is not because he has no warm supporters here for he has a great many. The Democratic party has honored our township in the past but no more than we deserve. We had Capt. Outlaw and Mr. T. C. Bond for Sheriff and they were as good as the best. We had Capt. Outlaw a member of the legislature and he was a good one, and we have had Mr. C. W. Spruill for Commissioner. Everybody knows he was a fine Commissioner. Now Mr. Kenney always speaks in the highest terms of these good men. He never let a chance go by to say nice things about them and they deserve them. That is the way Mr. Kenney has of doing things. He has a good kind word for everybody who is trying to do right. I do not believe there is another paper in the State that gives a struggling boy or girl as much encouragement as the Ledger. It makes no difference whether he is rich or poor the Ledger treats all alike. I wish I could write down the fine things I have heard people say about Mr. Kenney. Four years ago many a man said if they ever got another chance they would vote for him for any office he asked for; now is the time to show our appreciation of his work for the Democratic party and for old Bertie county.

Mr. Kenney earns his living by hard manual labor. His dinner tastes good to him when he goes home and his sleep is sweet. That is because he works every day. A man who can run a paper successfully as long as he has run the Ledger has industry and sense enough for any business or any office. There has never been a word in his paper misrepresenting anybody or anything.

Mr. Kenney has a great many strong supporters in this township. We remember what he has done for our party and our county and also for our own Indian Woods candidates and we will not forget him in the primary on the 16th of May. We cannot make any mistake if we

nominate S. W. Kenney for Register of Deeds.

C. E. HOBBS.
Quitsna.

Pruden for Treasurer

For twenty-five years I have been intimately associated with J. C. Pruden politically and socially. I have found him to be a Democrat in the strictest sense of the word, and ever ready to do the party's bidding.

He is one of Snakebite's leaders in getting the voters to the polls and in seeing that they vote for the best men and measures.

In the dark days of Bertie's political history, when the white man's soul was stirred almost to desperation in the fight for white supremacy, Joe Pruden was always found at his post battling for the right which gave us good government and protection for our family fire-side. Mr. Pruden is sober, honest, industrious and polite. If elected to the office he seeks, I believe he will make a good officer, and the county money will be safe in his hands.

He is growing old and suffering with hip joint disease which renders him unable to do manual labor, and for these reasons I shall support him in the coming election for County Treasurer.

G. Cooper.
Merry Hill, N. C.

C. W. Mitchell for the House

Mr. Editor: In last week's issue of your valuable paper there appeared an article over the name of J. J. Bazemore. In justice to Mr. Mitchell a part of it ought to be explained. Here it is: "A goodly number of voters of Woodville township have been informed there is a move on foot to bring out Hon. C. W. Mitchell in opposition to Dr. A. Capehart for Representative, and that this move was started in Roxobel by some gentlemen who have a personal, political and imaginary grievance against the Doctor or the bank of which he has the honor of being president."

The article then goes on to say nice things about Mr. Mitchell, and ends that paragraph as follows: "Under ordinary circumstances we would support him unhesitatingly for representative, senator, or the governorship for that matter, for we believe him to be a good man, and capable, but we sincerely hope he will not allow himself nor his good name to be used in such manner to gratify the prejudice of any person or faction."

The facts are: Mr. Mitchell has not authorized any one to bring out his name. He was actually brought out by Aulander friends, of whom I had the honor to be an endorser, and not on account of any Roxobel individual or their "grievance" whatever. I am glad Mr. Bazemore mentioned the matter so that he, as well as other friends of Mr. Mitchell may know the facts in the case.

Now Mr. Mitchell says he does not want to be a candidate for the House, and has not the time to devote to it, and even if he was a candidate he would not want any of his friends who are pledged to Dr. Capehart to break their pledge; also, that he does not expect to announce himself or work for the nomination, and that he has not authorized this letter.

Says that if the people, after knowing his position (as above) insist that the nomination be placed on him that he will not decline, for the reason that, when any man is called upon to serve the people, that such a man ought to respond as a matter of duty.

The above is clear that Mr. Mitchell is not responsible if the people shall call him; and is equally clear that if he is called, he will serve as a matter of duty. After all, is this not the quality the people are looking for? The

will of the people is and ought to be supreme.

This is all the announcement that will be made, as he declines to write any thing. The matter is up to the PEOPLE, and, the loudness of the call will be in proportion to the number of votes cast for him.

Remember, that if he is called he will not fail, but it is entirely a matter for his friends. The people know whom they want and don't mind calling when they need a man. It is a pleasure to know that the great men of the country always heed the call to duty.

Friends of C. W. Mitchell be up and doing and not wait for any further announcement, as this is all that will come. Don't vote for him because he wants the nomination, for he doesn't, but vote for him because the people need C. W. Mitchell.

Again, don't vote for him because you are against Dr. Capehart, but because you are for C. W. Mitchell. Both men are gentlemen and there should be no personal feeling whatever.

Incidentally, as Mr. Mitchell will not take a hand, I will appreciate it if you, who intend to vote for him will advise me, giving also your views as to the feeling in your vicinity. Time is too short to get out to see many, hence this request.

W. S. DUNNING
Aulander, N. C.

John C. Bell for Treasurer.

While the good people of Bertie county are advocating different friends for different offices of the county, for various reasons, I wish to advocate the name of my friend Mr. John Bell of Whites township for the office of County Treasurer for the following reasons.

I believe that every section of a county should receive recognition at the hands of the people in the distribution of political honors.

Mr. Bell is the only candidate from that half of Bertie county southeast of Windsor. He is from a township that has had less official recognition in the past forty years than any other township in the county.

Windsor township has had the honors of senators, representatives, clerks, sheriffs and commissioners. Mitchells has had senator, representative and commissioners lavishly bestowed, Coleraine has had representatives and commissioners. Indian Woods has had representative, sheriff and commissioners. Roxobel, Woodville and Merry Hill has had commissioners and Snakebite has had the honor of Bertie's first Treasurer. But Whites township, while doing the Democratic work and bearing the Democratic banner as loyally as any township in the county has not received honors as the other townships have. Now Whites township has placed before the good people of the county one of its most worthy sons for the office of Treasurer; a young man of fine ability and qualifications, one who would do honor to Bertie county in any position that the people might place him, and are asking the good people of this county to give it some of the honors of political preferment by placing the sacred duties of office of County Treasurer in the hands of her noble son.

Now gentlemen, while we greatly appreciate the aspirations of all the gentlemen who have announced themselves for this office, and regret exceedingly that we cannot cast our ballots for each one, let us do the right thing and place the honors upon the shoulders of Whites township's noble candidate, where they justly belong.

Respectfully,
J. T. Russell.
Kelford, N. C. April 10, 1914

MR. C. A. COOKE FOR TREASURER

Mr. Editor: Some time ago I wrote a short piece to your paper advocating my old friend Mr. J. C. Pruden for the office of County Treasurer.

I am now as I was then anxious to see Mr. Pruden honored for his long party service. But new phases have come to my knowledge since that time that alters the case right considerably. As I said before Mr. Pruden is a good man and a man that I like, but I know that he cannot afford to neglect his farm to give the people a daily office for the small sum of \$600 a year, and I would not want him to do so. But I do think that the office

ought to be kept open for the convenience of the people of this great big county every day, and I see in Mr. C. A. Cooke's announcement that he will do that, so out of no disrespect whatever to Mr. Pruden's patriotic interest for the people of Bertie, to say nothing of my own, prompts me to support Mr. C. A. Cooke for that office.
S. S. Coward,
Cremona, N. C., April 17, 1914.

S. W. Kenney for Register of Deeds

Mr. Editor: I notice that a good many voters are expressing publicly their choice for the county offices. I for one, like to see people loyal to their friends. It is a pleasure for me to support Mr. Kenney for Register of Deeds. I feel that he is deserving and qualified to fill this office. Steve Kenney has worked and spent as much time serving the Democratic party as any man who is now in the race, so let us put forth our best efforts and nominate him and the Democrats will recognize a man who justly deserves something at our hands. I have been a reader of the Ledger for more than ten years and I find that you have conducted a fair paper in the best interest of the people and for the uplift and advancement of the Democratic party. You have worked hard and long for every interest of the county and the party. You have given the free use of your columns to promote every enterprise in our county. You have done likewise for the betterment of our schools, both public and private. In truth, my countrymen he has practically devoted his life to our every interest and now he asks that we give him our support. So let all of us give it to him. Turn about is fair play and for the twenty years' service he has given the party and the people he is only asking us two terms or four years as Register of Deeds. That is little enough. Let us all show our appreciation; for he certainly deserves it.
U. T. Baker.
Merry Hill, R. F. D. 1.

Subsoiling

(BY W. T. SWANSON.)

Is it helpful to subsoil our land? Let us go into the science of subsoiling and look up a few scientific principles that may not be understood by all farmers.

1st. Many experiments have proved that there is enough natural potash in the first five inches of hard pan clay to make twenty-five crops. If this clay be broken up to let the air and rain water go down, the potash will be liberated for the roots to feed upon. These roots decay and thus form humic acid with the potash to feed the plants in the top soil. This gives us deep acres instead of wide ones.

2nd. When the sub-soiling is done in the fall, the winter rains are held in this broken clay. Also during wet spells in summer the excess of water can get away from the plants to keep them from sobbing and souring.

3rd. During long dry spells in summer the water held in this under layer can rise to meet the necessities of plant growth. The leaves and the stalk are fed and kept green, while the plants in the shallow flowed field are parching.

4th. The soil of a field is no deeper than the plows reach. By the proper use of sub-soiling implements the farmer can pile two, or even three, across one, and thus get two or three one-yields upon each acre with but one acre cultivation.

This is a fine principle of agricultural economy and should be practical by all farmers in all places, more especially the eastern division of the southern States.