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Board of Supervisors.

APRIL TERM.

The petition of Minor Russell refund of poll tax was granted, it being shown that he was under 21 years of age.

The petition of W. M. Hunter, et al. for new road was granted if found practical. W. M. Walker and A. H. Bush were appointed committee to inspect and pass on same.

Following accounts rejected: G. B. McCuen, for building bridge, \$32.50; S. W. Heard, \$19.50 for lumber.

The resignation of J. B. Howze as overseer of road was accepted.

Petition of H. Rosenbaum for release of taxes on mules belonging to Ned Barrett and Isham Rencher in the Cooksville beat, was granted.

The petitions of Lee Davis for release from poll tax and Nimrod Clark for poll tax were granted.

Contract for repairing two bridges on the W. A. Taylor link of road was let to J. L. Bell at \$10.

Following were received and filed: Hammett Thornell, road commission returned; W. N. Haynes report as superintendent of county home.

Petitions of J. D. Eaves and W. J. Hubbard for refund of taxes were granted.

The contract for county home supplies for month of April was let to A. Klaus & Co.

A. H. Bush and W. R. Windle, committee to inspect dining room built at county home, reported that same had been done according to plans and specifications and recommended that same be paid for. An allowance of \$3.50 for additional work was also recommended.

Bush and walker reported that bridge built on Martin place by Geo. Taylor had been properly constructed.

Petition of G. W. Taylor, et al., for new road was granted provided same was found practicable.

Taxes, on petitions, were refunded to H. J. Chancellor and Cato Irby.

The account of E. T. George for road work in district 2, amounting to \$64, was rejected.

Petition of B. G. Patty for refund of Jim Porter's tax was granted.

The clerk was ordered to return to the Bank of Brooks ville the bond filed by them as County Depository, it appearing that Noxubee county has not designated said bank to receive any county funds as county depository.

The report of Ervin Mauldin, convict overseer, was received. It showed that he had 20 convicts under his charge. Two had been discharged, John Moore and Berry Clanton being bonded out.

The road hands on P. H. Hunter's place was assigned to road link No. 2, John Graham, overseer.

The petition of R. J. Cade for extension of loan was granted.

Petition of N. G. Haddon for refund of poll tax, it being shown that he had paid this tax in Scott county for the year 1914, was granted.

L. F. Cole, Jr., was awarded contract to build stables for county home.

Advertisement was ordered made to build bridge across Honey creek.

Also for bridge on McLeod new road south of Mrs. Fannie McLeod's residence.

Petition of Dr. E. L. Holliday for refund of poll tax of Newt Scott was granted.

W. R. Swindle made emergency contract with R. L. Rhymes to build bridge across Haskins creek, for sum of \$50, Rhymes to furnish all material.

U. S. Mullins made similar contract with E. O. Kirby to build bridge on Macon and Memphis road across Bogue Chitto creek.

In the matter of working roads in district 4, it was ordered that all contracts for purchase of teams, materials, lumber, supplies and all other property be made after advertisement and competitive bids had been received.

The following road overseers were appointed: Dell Cockrell vice L. O. Walcott; Jim Wootten vice Mr. Freeman; J. E. McIlwain vice M. R. Love.

Petition of W. J. Combs for refund of personal taxes was granted. Taxes was refunded to C. L. Allen.

Members of board and officers were allowed per diem and mileage.

Chancery Court.

The spring term of the Noxubee chancery court convened Monday last and adjourned Wednesday. Over two hundred decrees and orders were entered. This was Chancellor A. Y. Woodward's first court in Macon, and the dispatch and efficiency with which he transacted the business of the court greatly pleased the bar and local public and litigants. A young man and with little experience on the bench, Chancellor Woodward demonstrates the qualities and ability of a most excellent judge.

The Peanut Crop.

From the Progressive Farmer, May 10th, 1914.

By the time this article appears the planting of peanuts for market will be practically over with except in the Spanish pea sections. The Spanish variety will mature even when planted in July and the larger varieties frequently make good yields planted the middle of June.

When we consider the ease with which the peanut crop may be produced and its value as a pork-producing crop, we wonder why it is not grown more generally for fattening hogs. Peanuts are conceded to be one of the very best hog feeds known, both because of the quality of the meat produced, when some corn or cottonseed meal is fed with them, and because of the cheapness of the pork produced on peanut pasture. The peanut gives to the meat a juicy sweet flavor produced by no other feed. Furthermore, when planted for hogs alone, and the roots and vines rooted into the soil there are few crops which equal the peanut as a soil-improver. The vines are equal to the best stable manure as a fertilizer. There is plenty of time left to plant a patch of peanuts to turn the hogs on in October. Every farmer in the cotton belt should plant a few acres of this crop for the pigs.

In a great many sections the farmers plant the Spanish or Virginia bunch variety, give them one cultivation to destroy the grass and give the young peanut plants a start. Then they sow cowpeas in the middles, and let all grow up together. Just before frost the mowing machine is run over the field and as fine a quality of hay harvested as is furnished by any crop. The hogs are then turned on the field to gather the peanuts. The roots and stubble left and rooted into the soil adds materially to its fertility. By this method, both a crop of pork and a crop of hay may be harvested and the soil fertility maintained.

CULTIVATION.

With the introduction of improved machinery the cultivation of peanuts has been revolutionized. Only 10 or 15 years ago it was the custom to "bar" them off, or scrape them, with a cotton scraper, chop them from one end of the row to the other, and then "side them up" with a cotton plow or sweep, going four times to the row with the plow and once with the hoe. Now one trip with a good double cultivator does the job, and the use of the hoe is practically eliminated. Because of the fact that a man can get over the field more rapidly with these cultivators he can get there more frequently and keep the surface soil stirred, thus checking the grass and weeds. It is the man who keeps ahead of the grass and weeds by this frequent cultivation that succeeds. In order to use these cultivators to the best advantage it is essential to plant the crop about level, so each subsequent cultivation may push a little fresh soil around the plants.

Years ago it was thought necessary to pile the dirt up around the plants, or "hill them up," at the last working. In fact it was once considered essential to the production of the nuts to cover the blossoms with soil as soon as they appeared upon the vines. This opinion was not entirely unreasonable, as the nuts are produced at the ends of the flower stems, but in the surface is kept mellow and loose by frequent stirring nature provides that these pegs turn down and penetrate this surface soil, there to enlarge at the end and form the nut. If this surface soil is not kept pulverized and these "pegs" or "spikes," as they are sometimes called, strike a hard, baked impervious surface, they become discouraged, parch up and die, thus reducing the yield. It is the farmer's part to furnish these little pegs a soft receptive home in which they can perform the functions of their existence. In order to do this we need not pile the dirt up around the plants, but by this frequent cultivation with sweeps which push or shove the soil up under the branches they can furnish just the required conditions.

This soil mulch not only affords an inviting field for the fruiting pegs, but also conserves the moisture for the plant at this the most critical period in its growth. When the plant is fruiting it requires more plant food and moisture than at any other stage of its existence. It matters not how much fertilizer has been used, unless there is sufficient water in the soil to keep this plant food dissolved it is of no use to the plant, and a crop of inferior "poppy" peanuts will be harvested. In order to obviate this during dry weather cultivation should be kept up late in the middle of the rows.

It is very important in the cultivation of the peanut crop not to disturb these pegs, or spikes, after they have once attached themselves to the soil. Once these pegs are broken loose by sweep or hoe they seldom reestablish themselves and bear fruit. If there is grass in among the plants it is better to leave it than to disturb the plant at this stage by getting it out.

If a good stand of peanuts is secured and the early cultivation is as it should be, they soon shade the row and check the grass and weeds, thus leaving the later cultivations to be devoted to the more urgent needs of the plant.

T. E. BROWNE.

Noxubee Rod and Gun Club.

The annual meeting of the Noxubee Rod and Gun club will be held at the court house Monday, May 3rd, 10 o'clock. All members are earnestly requested to be present.

By order of President E. E. Dantzer, S. M. THOMAS, Sec.

CLAY PEAS—200 bushels of Clay Peas for sale at \$1.75 at Moshuville or \$1.85 delivered in Macon. C. P. RUSSELL & CO., Moshuville, Miss.

POSTED—No trespassing, hunting or fishing on my lands east and west of M. O. R. R., known as the Holberg pasture. This means everybody. MRS. SUE A. HOLBERG.

Decoration Day.

Decoration Day was very fittingly observed in Macon last Friday with addresses at the opera house, salutes and flowers at the soldiers' monument in the court house square and at the soldiers' graves in the cemetery. A great many wounded soldiers at the battle of Shiloh, 90 miles north of here, were sent to Macon during the Civil War and in our cemetery about 600 Confederates and a few Federal soldiers are buried.

Col. Emmett Cavett was master of ceremonies, and ably seconded the efforts of Mesdames Holberg, Brame, Connor and Crigler, the committee of the Walter Barker chapter, U. D. C., who had the ceremonies in charge.

The main address was made by Capt. W. T. Ratliff of Hinds county, captain of the famous Ratliff battery in the Civil war. The opera house was filled to overflowing, on the main floor and the galleries. Short addresses were made by Mrs. Lillie Scales Slaughter, president of the Mississippi Division of the Daughters of the Confederacy; Col. W. A. Montgomery of Hinds county, and Maj. E. B. Boyd of Macon.

The Lee Guards of the A. & M. college, in full force, gave the military air to the occasion and the orchestra from the college which accompanied them and a local choir furnished the music, martial and reverential, which was one of the most notable features of the day.

A wealth of flowers was placed on the graves of the soldiers and at the base of the monument. Over 50 decorated automobiles and many other decorated vehicles were in the parade. Rev. J. E. Jones of the Presbyterian church, a Confederate veteran, opened the ceremonies with an invocation, and Rev. R. O. Brown of the Methodist church, closed them with a benediction. Maj. Boyd was marshal of the parade, and Capt. Sam Clark, assistant marshal. Among the distinguished participants were Capt. Ratliff, Col. Cavett, Gen. Montgomery and Col. Ed Hibbler, of Cooksville.

A Large Calf.

A thoroughbred polled Angus cow on Mr. W. A. Taylor's plantation six miles east of Macon, gave birth Wednesday to a fine bull calf, which weighed seventy-one pounds. Its remarkable size attracted the attention of its owner and it was carefully weighed. It is beautiful, well formed and healthy. It is thoroughbred Angus and subject to registration. When it is remembered that a calf weighing forty pounds at birth is extra large, it appears that this calf is phenomenal. Noxubee county still holds the record for raising the largest ox in the world. The ox weighed 5700 pounds and died in England where it was being exhibited. We believe we are going to surpass that ox with this calf.

Card of Thanks.

The Walter Barker Chapter, U. D. C., wish to thank every one who assisted in any manner in making Memorial Day the success it was. We wish, especially to thank those who helped to entertain the Lee Guards; those who assisted in the music, and to Mrs. Dr. Murphy, we are particularly grateful for assistance in the music, and in many other ways. To Prof. McMillin and to Brooke Ferris, we are due thanks, as well as the young men who acted as ushers. To Hon. E. D. Cavett, who was master of ceremonies; to Maj. Boyd, marshal of the day, and to those who kindly loaned the use of their autos and carriages to meet the trains. We were particularly gratified to have in the parade so many of the old soldiers of the county.

Entire Family Drowned.

The bodies of two men and a woman were discovered floating in the Bigbee river near Memphis this week. Two mules, hitched to a wagon, were also found. It seems that the negroes had been on a visit to friends on this side of the river, and on returning the entire party, with the mules, were drowned. The accident was not known about until the bodies were found for the reason that their friends on one side of the river supposed they had reached home and their homefolks thought they were still visiting their friends. One of the negroes and wife were named Eggleston.

No Escape.

A group of men were discussing the long-range guns the Germans were using. An old negro who had been listening spoke up. "Boss, how far did you say dem guns could shoot?" "Twenty-five miles," answered the man. The darky scratched his head. "Hub," he remarked, "dat shore ain't no place for a niggah. He'd stant running in de mahnnin' an' dey'd kill 'im at night."—Collier.

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STRAYED—From my farm at Ex-Prairie, one black Aberdeen Angus heifer about two years old unmarked, curly headed and a little dishfaced. Any information will be rewarded. Has been gone since Christmas. J. F. CARR.

HAY—Johnson grass and Alfalfa hay for sale by Dinamore & Sons, Dinamore, Miss.

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