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VETERANS' BUREAU TAKES HOSPITALS

All Hospitalization Work Now Under Direction of Veterans' Bureau

WASHINGTON—The final step in consolidation of all government veteran relief agencies under one head was taken in the executive order signed by President Harding April 29th which transfers from the United States Public Health Service to the United States Veterans' Bureau all hospitals caring for disabled World War veterans. The transfer was effected under the authority contained in Section 9 of the Sweet bill, enacted by this Congress.

The order affects 57 hospitals now in operation one purveying depot and nine hospitals under construction. The institutions are scattered among 22 states and include such well known hospitals as Fox Hills, New York, and the Edward Hines, Jr., Hospital at Maywood Illinois, as well as several converted camps. All facilities, property and equipment in these hospitals are transferred to the Veterans' Bureau. The commissioned personnel of the United States Public Health Service on duty in these hospitals will be detailed by the Surgeon General of the Public Health Service, who are paid out of Veterans' Bureau funds, will be transferred and given appointment in the Veterans' Bureau.

The number of beds in the hospitals thus taken over is 17,000. Approximately 13,000 patients are now under treatment therein.

Coincident with this transfer of hospitals has been the passage by Congress of the Langley bill and its approval by the President, carrying an appropriation of \$17,000,000 for the construction of additional hospital facilities. This is the third hospital appropriation made by the Congress since the war; \$9,050,000 was appropriated on March 3, 1919, and \$18,600,000 on March 4, 1921, which with the present appropriation and three deficiency acts makes total of \$46,145,000 for hospitals. The latest appropriation was made in order to enable the Veterans Bureau to care for all patients in institutions owned supervised and managed by the government.

The chief dissatisfaction among the veterans has been the contract institutions which the bureau, through inadequate resources of its own, was obliged to utilize. With the passing of the contract institution it will be possible to standardize the care of all the 30,774 patients now under the bureau's jurisdiction. That the former crowded conditions of veteran hospitals has been effectively relieved since the organization of the Veterans' Bureau is evidenced by the records of the bureau that there is now a surplus of 7,000 beds in bureau hospitals. The additional space is required however, for a more adequate care of the 2,893 tuberculosis and 4,236 neuro-psychiatric patients now being treated in outside institutions.

The consolidation of the Public Health Service hospitals under the Veterans' Bureau completes the unification of veteran relief agencies which has been the constant aim of the present administration, and which was made possible by the Sweet law, enacted by the Republican Congress. The Harding administration entered office to find the work of veteran relief in chaos of conflicting jurisdiction. The unfortunate veteran, under the old system, was obliged to pass thru the red tape of the United States Public Health Service for his hospitalization, the Federal Board for Vocational Education for his rehabilitation, and the War Risk Insurance Bureau for his compensation. As a result, the whole service was clogged with delays.

Under the present system, with all agencies centralized in the United States Veterans' Bureau, red tape has been eliminated, delays reduced to a minimum, and every effort has been made to make relief easy and available to every needy veteran. Finally, the consolidation of the hospital service of the bureau will make it possible to bring a marked efficiency to that most difficult branch of the veteran relief administration.

Mr. W. T. Davis of Newport was a business visitor here Tuesday.

APRIL WEATHER REPORT.

April did not live up to its reputation for showers this year. According to the report of Weather Observer Chas. Hatsell there were only 3.20 inches of rainfall for the month. There were 19 clear days, 4 partly cloudy and 7 cloudy ones. The warmest weather was about the middle of the month when the temperature reached 76 degrees. The maximum and minimum temperature was as follows.

Date	Max.	Min.
1.	72	40
2.	69	45
3.	64	48
4.	70	57
5.	67	55
6.	65	55
7.	65	66
8.	70	60
9.	75	64
10.	73	65
11.	75	65
12.	75	63
13.	73	60
14.	74	65
15.	76	67
16.	76	61
17.	74	62
18.	76	66
19.	76	64
20.	70	50
21.	69	49
22.	65	55
23.	63	48
24.	63	44
25.	65	43
26.	70	60
27.	75	63
28.	67	48
29.	52	46
30.	67	45

CANDIDATES GETTING BUSY.

Mr. E. G. Hobbs of Clinton was here Tuesday in the interest of his father's candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Congress. Mr. Samuel H. Hobbs who is the candidate, is basing his claims mainly upon his interest in matters that are of special concern to farmers. The News understands that he expects to make a speech in Beaufort at an early date. On Tuesday he spoke to a good crowd in Balboro. Another candidate Mr. Matt Allen of Goldsboro spoke here yesterday but not on political subjects, his address having been under the auspices of the Daughters of the Confederacy. The Honorable Chas. L. Abernethy made a speech in Atlantic at a school commencement last week and it is understood that his friends are active in his behalf.

COOPERAGE PLANT SOLD.

The plant of the Beaufort Cooperage Company which embraces land, buildings and machinery, was sold at the courthouse door Monday to satisfy claims of creditors. There were several bids for the property and it was finally knocked off to N. F. Eure for \$100. This sale is subject to confirmation by the Court and in case a 5 percent raise is made in ten days another sale will be ordered.

Epworth League Set for May 14th.

In commemoration of the 32nd anniversary of the organization of Epworth Leagues in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, May 14 will be observed throughout the country as Young Peoples Day, with a view of organizing Epworth League chapters in every church where such an organization does not exist. It is expected that all of the 5,500 chapters will observe the day and that an offering will be made for League Extension. On Young Peoples Day last year the League chapters reported \$5,000 raised for League extension.

The formation of Epworth Leagues was authorized by the general conference of 1890 which met in St. Louis, and as stated by the authorization, the new organization was for the "promotion of piety and loyalty to the Church among the Young People."

The general subject for Young Peoples Day on its anniversary observance, May 14, as announced by Ralph E. Nollner, of the general Epworth League board at Nashville, Tenn., is "How we can help the Church and how the Church can build up a League."

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

The following realty transactions have been recorded:

Jas. J. Mason and wife to Vernon Mason 1 1/2 acres in Hunting Quarter township, consideration \$10.

Ivy B Willis and others to Jas. M. Kirman 35 acres in Smyrna township consideration \$4000.

H. C. Jones and wife to J. S. V. Caffrey lot 47 old town, Beaufort, consideration \$400.

R. Felton and wife to Summie Smith piece of land in Beaufort township consideration \$5.

Wm. J. Peartree and wife to Isaac T. Noe part lot 162 old town, Beaufort consideration \$800.

W. H. Wheaton and wife to Geo. T. Wheaton 1-4 acre in Morehead township, consideration \$50.

Thos. R. and Jos. Pigott to Jas. C. Rodwick 5 acres in Straits township.

J. W. and J. C. Gaskill to Jas. G. Rodwick 3 acres in Straits township.

J. F. Morris and others to Dan Morris 2 acres in Hunting Quarter township, consideration \$550.

Wm. L. Smith and wife to Isaac D. Smith 3 acres in Smyrna township, consideration \$10.

Henry C. Roberson and wife to J. B. Killingsworth 2 acres in Smyrna township, consideration \$2000.

J. M. Dickinson and others to Clarence Simpson part lot 48 in New town, Beaufort.

Jas. B. Smith and wife to Joanna Taylor 10 acres in Beaufort township, consideration \$10.

E. H. Gorham and wife to Nettie Lee Parker lots 5 and 11, Morehead City, consideration \$500.

Cape Lookout Development Co. to Jas. E. Gaskill tract of land in White Oak township, consideration \$10.

John A. Day and wife to T. L. Goodwin 2 acres in Cedar Island township, consideration \$100.

Albert E. Day to T. L. Goodwin 2 acres in Cedar Island township, consideration \$10.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Register of Deeds Troy Morris has granted permits to wed to the following named couples:

Ulmont Rose and Blanche Gaskill, Sea Level. Alonza D. Brinson, of Oriental, and Daisy Nobles of Lukins; Alvah Leon Nance, New Bern and Effie Alice Willis of Beaufort.

SOME RETAIL PRICES SHOW CONSIDERABLE DECLINE.

Raleigh, N. C., May 4, 1922—The chief of our agricultural industry, Secretary Wallace, is greatly interested in the trend of farming activities, plantings, productions, and prices. Those statistics are essential to him in order that he may size up the situation and plan accordingly. He has requested of the State crop statisticians, a quarterly price report on the things that farmers have to buy. This is in addition to the monthly price reports that farmers get for their crops they produce.

The results of the special price report for May 1st, offers very interesting comparisons with a year ago. Those articles showing the greatest decline were rope (35 per cent); calico (27 per cent); and overalls (24 per cent). Those things having the least decline were gasoline engines (none), most of the hardware and fruit jars (5 per cent). The average decline of retail prices of 52 articles for all parts of North Carolina was twelve (12) per cent. The prices of farm products fell with sudden and long drop two years ago while the manufactured articles have declined slowly. That is the difference between regulated and intelligent industrial management and the farmer plan where each producer unwisely thinks he can compete with others in the marketing of crops. The buyer is wise to both trends and the farmer's weakness or lack of crop reports could help our crop producers more than any other class, if they would but study them carefully and determine the trends of supply and demand.

Co-operative Statistician.

MOTHERS' DAY.

Sunday is Mothers' Day and all who attend the services will be presented with a rose.

Harry A. Day
Pastor First Baptist Church

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED HERE

Solemn and Imposing Ceremonies Conducted in Honor of Confederate Dead

Exercises in memory of the Confederate dead, under the auspices of the Daughters of the Confederacy, were observed here yesterday. A crowd that completely filled the county court room was present and gave its undivided attention to the speeches and music.

The exercises began with music by St. Paul's band after which the procession headed by Confederate veterans, followed by the local chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy and school children entered the building. Superintendent C. W. E. Pittman who made the announcements invited Dr. G. W. Lay to make the invocation. This was followed by the well known song "How Firm a Foundation" sung by the Daughters the school and quartette. Lieutenant E. W. Hill next introduced the orator of the day Honorable Matt H. Allen of Goldsboro. Mr. Hill paid a short but eloquent tribute to the men who wore the gray and said it was very fitting that the speaker of the occasion should be a man who himself fought for his country in the Great War of recent days.

Major Allen who is a speaker of ability, first paid a tribute to the American soldiers in the war with Germany. His speech which he read from manuscript was devoted mainly to a sketch of Jefferson Davis whom he pronounced a "Soldier, hero, statesman and American." He said that the Confederate statesman had been bitterly assailed at times but that he was a man of noble character and lofty ideals and that in the course of time his worth would be generally recognized. Major Allen's speech was listened to attentively and generously applauded.

At the conclusion of Major Allen's speech a quartette composed of Messrs M. Leslie Davis, Graydon Paul, U. E. Swann and H. A. Day sang "Remember Me O Mighty One." Mr. Davis then on behalf of Mr. W. S. Chadwick presented a handsome Confederate flag to the Graded School which was accepted with appropriate remarks by Superintendent Pittman. The next number was a beautiful solo by Mrs. Bayard Taylor "The Stars and Bars."

The entire audience joined in singing the Old North State and then in the march to Live Oak cemetery where accompanied by band music the Daughters laid wreaths of flowers upon the graves of the departed Confederates. The other cemeteries were visited and all of the graves of veterans 49 in number were decorated.

THE POTATO SITUATION.

According to quotations sent in by the Federal Agricultural department Irish potatoes are selling in New York at \$6 to \$7 a barrel. These potatoes come from Florida and it is said the crop there is about three fourths sold. Some reports that reach here state that the eastern shore of Virginia crop is a week or so late this year which condition is due to the rainy weather about planting time. The crop in this section will probably be considerably shorter than usual owing to the fact that the stand generally speaking is not good. The potatoes that did come up however are looking well. They have been on sale on the local market now for ten days and it will not be a great while before the regular digging will begin.

MR NANCE AND MISS WILLIS WED

Last Saturday evening at the home of the bride Miss Effie Alice Willis and Mr. Alvah L. Nance of New Bern were united in marriage. Reverend Harry A. Day performed the nuptial ceremony in the presence of a few friends and relatives. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Willis of Beaufort and is well known and popular here. Mr. Nance is employed on the dredge boat Crostan and at present the newly married couple will make their home in New Bern.

NEWS HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST

The job of extending the sewer lines in Beaufort is going ahead at a satisfactory rate. Two forces are at work, one on Cedar and the other on Turner street and considerable pipe has been laid. After the sewer lines are put in place other crews will put down water lines on such streets as have no water connections at present. If the town commissioners desire it a part of the sewer lines can be put to use before a great while without waiting for the entire system to be finished.

The yacht Betty R. which went ashore last Friday morning at 2:30 o'clock while trying to get into the harbor, will be hauled out for repairs probably tomorrow at Morehead City. An insurance adjuster who came here to look after the boat thinks that she was not damaged much, her rudder having been twisted and some railing around the deck broken off. The yacht cost about \$50,000 and belongs to E. C. Crossett of New York. The yacht was pulled off the shoal by the fishing boats Balastrand Elizabeth and got in the harbor Friday afternoon.

A nice catch of blue fish was brought to the market her Wednesday by Mart and Thomas Lewis of Harker's Island. There were 2250 pounds of fish which were caught off Diamond Shoals. The catch brought the fishermen the neat sum of \$337.

Several fishing smacks from Beaufort will fish along the Jersey coast this Summer and return here for the sea bass fishing next Fall. The latest boat of this type is the Margaret belonging to J. H. Dill who also owns the Johnnie. The Alice owned by W. V. B. Potter and commanded by Captain Tom Nelson has been in commission a few weeks. These boats as well as others were built in Beaufort and are good stout, seaworthy craft well suited for deep sea fishing.

Baseball teams representing St. Paul's school and Straits High school played a game at the local park yesterday. The News did not have a representative present but understands that a dispute took place in the eighth inning and that the Straits team left the field. According to reports the score stood 8 to 8 at that time. St. Paul's claims that the game was forfeited to them while we understand that Straits claim they won. The News knows nothing about the merits of the controversy.

SOPHMORE ENTERTAINS

(Contributed)
Monday afternoon the Sophomore class of the Beaufort High School entertained in honor of the "Seniors"

At six o'clock the two classes and the teachers assembled on the front campus. Here the trucks and cars were waiting to take them to the place selected for the camp supper. After a six mile ride the cars were stopped at an ideal camping spot, on the west side of the North River bridge. Then a big camp fire was built, around which the merry crowd gathered. The Sophomores sang songs to the Seniors, to which the Seniors replied. "Tis a Long Way to Graduation" sung to the tune of Tipperary. This was followed by a delicious supper, served by the Sophs. After supper, served by the Sophs. After lows were toasted, and all went for a walk on the bridge, in the moonlight.

At nine o'clock the return trip was started.

It was a delightful party and the Seniors and the teachers think that the Sophomores made charming hosts.

CLEANING UP CEMETERY.

Ocean View Cemetery has been thoroughly cleaned up and is now in presentable shape except for some of the private lots. President H. D. Norcum of the association desires the News to ask all owners of private lots who have not already done so to have their lots cleaned up in order that the cemetery as a whole may present a respectable appearance.

Capt. Geo. Smith left Monday for Charleston where he will spend several days.

DR. P. B. LOFTIN DIED YESTERDAY

Passing of Well Known and Popular Physician Brings Regret To Many

Beaufort lost one of its best citizens yesterday when Dr. Preston Brooks Loftin passed away after an illness of about three months. Dr. Loftin's death which was caused by cancer, occurred yesterday morning at 1:30 o'clock. For several weeks past he has been very ill and his death was expected at almost any time. He was 64 years of age.

Dr. Loftin was a native of Wayne county but had lived in Beaufort for a number of years and was known by a great many people not only in Beaufort but all over the county and was thoroughly respected and liked by them. He was a public spirited and progressive man in his ideas and was always interested in such matters as education, health and better living conditions. He was a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

The deceased is survived by Mrs. Loftin, a daughter Miss Emily Loftin and a brother who lives in Florida and sister who lives in Wallace this State.

A large crowd attended the funeral services which took place in Ann street Methodist church at 2 o'clock this afternoon and were conducted by the pastor of the church Reverend E. B. Craven. The services were short and simple but impressive. The choir rendered the following hymns "My Faith Looks Up to Thee", "Face To Face" and "Peace, Perfect Peace." The following named were the pall bearers: Active list, D. M. Jones, M. L. Wright, F. E. Seeley, John Ives, J. F. Duncan, W. V. B. Potter, W. R. White, J. H. Potter Jr. Honorary list were: Thos. Duncan, C. L. Duncan, C. P. Day, H. C. Jones, Dr. G. W. Lay, Reverend H. A. Day, John Forlaw, Dr. H. M. Hendrix, W. H. Taylor, Ernest Duncan, Lon Hill, Jas Noel. The interment took place in Ocean View cemetery. The solemn and impressive ritual of Masonic fraternity was conducted by the Franklin lodge of Beaufort of which Dr. Loftin was an enthusiastic member.

OAK RIDGE COMMENCEMENT.

The News acknowledges the receipt through Mr. Clarence W. Hall of an invitation to Oak Ridge Commencement exercises. The commencement will be the seventieth will take place May 14th—16th. Mr. Hall who is from Newport is one of the speakers, Mr. Gerald Pelletier of Stella is a debater and Mr. C. W. Thomas of Beaufort Chief Manager of the Commencement.

SENIORS ENTERTAINED BY FRESHMEN

(By a pupil)

Last Tuesday morning while the Senior's were engaged in a most difficult English lesson a knock at the door interrupted the class. A note was delivered to Mrs. Chadwick which read: Dear Mrs. Chadwick, We want you and the Junior and Senior classes to come to our party to night in honor of the Seniors. It will be at the rooms over 516 Front Street from 8 to 11 o'clock.

The Freshmen Class. This was indeed a pleasant surprise. So about 8 o'clock the guests began to arrive at the appointed place. They were received by Miss Margaret Ramsey and each Senior was presented with a white sweet pea, the class flower.

The rooms were decorated in red and white the colors of the Senior class. In one of the rooms tables were arranged for rook and other games. Dancing was an important feature of the evening.

About ten thirty delicious sherbert and cake were served by Miss Ann O'Brian and Lillian Springline.

All were having a very good time when it was discovered that it was quite late. So the guest said goodbye, declaring the Freshmen Class and their teacher Miss Griffin very charming hostesses.

Mr. L. N. Moore spent Sunday in Wilmington.