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SOLDIERS' AID SOCIETY

ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING HELD AT THE COURT HOUSE TUESDAY NIGHT

Mr. W. Z. Mitchell Chosen President of the Society—The People in General Will Be Asked to Contribute to the Fund.

In response to a call of Acting Mayor W. Z. Mitchell, a number of patriotic citizens assembled in the Court House last Tuesday night for the purpose of lending aid to the families of soldiers.

"The Soldiers' Aid Society" was selected as the proper name of the new organization.

Officers

Mr. W. Z. Mitchell, President.
Dr. N. C. Daniel, Vice-President.
Mr. B. W. Parham, Sec-Treas.

Board of Control

Messrs. Gen. B. S. Royster, John Webb, Rev. S. K. Phillips, D. G. Brummitt, Col. W. B. Ballou.

Finance Committee

Messrs. A. H. Powell, B. K. Lassiter, J. S. King, J. Robert Wood, John R. Hall.

Subscriptions

It was the sense of the meeting that in the event of a prolonged absence of the soldiers at the front the families of some of them would need financial aid, and with this end in view those present and taking part in the meeting subscribed to the fund, it being stipulated and understood that the money is to be handed to the finance committee on the first day of each month so long as there is apparent need of such funds. Any one desiring to aid in this noble cause is requested and urged to see some one of the members of the finance committee and pledge much or little, to be paid on the first of each month so long as the circumstances demand the outlay. There is no danger of the fund being too large. If more is subscribed than is needed it will be returned to the contributors in proportion to the amount paid in hand.

The ladies of Oxford, too, are interested in the welfare of the families of the soldiers, and they can be depended upon if the demands are urgent.

REJECTED SOLDIERS

Physical Test of the Oxford Company Next Week

If we must take the other military companies as a basis, we may expect to see at least twenty-five of the Granville Grays fail to stand the medical requirements. Thirty-three out of eighty-seven of the Kinston Company have returned home "unfit for service."

The Public Ledger is gratified to learn that the large majority of those who have been sent back home in various parts of the State, were disqualified because of physical disadvantages and defects, due to no fault of their own. Only a few of the "turn-downs" were rejected for causes which they could, by more correct living, have prevented. This is encouraging. There is no reflection upon the fellow who offered his services but who was found "unfit" for the arduous duties of the soldier because he could not "add a cubit to his stature" or overcome a defective vision or other weakness, which came to him not because of any serious abuse of the powers and faculties that God had endowed him with.

All honor to the boys whose spirit was all right, even if their physical condition was stamped "unfit."

Several of the captains of the Second Regiment have been ordered back to their home stations to recruit men in sufficient numbers to fill the complement of men in the regiment. This action has been made necessary by the large number of men found "unfit" for service and sent home.

SALE OF ENTIRE STOCK GOODS

I have moved my stock of goods to the store in building of the Johnson Warehouse, and from Monday the 10th of July to Thursday the 20th of July I will sell my entire stock of undamaged goods at cost, and all goods that were damaged by the recent fire below cost.

Now is your time to find bargains in hats, flowers, ribbons, silks, feathers, velvets and notions.

MRS. T. LANIER.

THE MEXICAN NOTE

County Commissioners Hold Monthly Session

ROADS, REBATES AND OTHER MATTERS OF MINOR IMPORTANCE

The honorable Board of County Commissioners met on Monday, July 3d with the following members present:

Messrs. B. I. Breedlove, chairman, R. S. Hart, J. L. Peed, H. C. Floyd. Tom Thorp, colored, was exempt from polltax for year 1916 and permanently exempt from same on account of loss of his arm.

Mrs. C. G. Jones was granted rebate of \$8.28 on bank stock, it being error on the part of the Corporation Commission in certifying her stock to this county.

Mrs. M. H. Robinson was granted rebate of \$5.25, error in bank stock. The annual appropriation of \$100 was ordered paid to the Granville Grays.

The road leading from in front of Zion Chapel to Salem church in Salem township, a distance of 305 yards, was declared a public road, there being no cost to said road.

The Board granted permission for Miss Dolly Kinton to enter the Home for the Aged and Infirm with the proviso that in the event she owns any real estate the revenue from the same shall go to the county so long as she remains in the Home.

Ordered that the supervisors instruct the overseers to open a road in Brassfield township, a distance of about 300 yards, known as the Tom Bullock road, the same being a relocation of the Oxford road intersecting the Creedmoor road near J. S. Thomasson's place. This carries no cost attached to the county.

Mrs. Mary Allen, Mrs. Alice Pearce and Drewery Marrow were ordered stricken from outside pauper list.

The motion to rescind the order of May moving the road force from Brassfield to Winton Fork, working the road to Oak Hill, carried. The minutes show that Commissioner Hart voted against the motion.

The annual donation of \$15.00 was made to the Colored Fire Company. The minutes of the Board shows that Commissioner Hart voted against the motion.

Upon motion of Commissioner Hart the location of the road at Lewis station was left to the chairman of the Board with instructions to accept bids of Blair & Thorp.

Mrs. M. V. Lanier Sick

Mrs. M. V. Lanier was taken violently sick a few days ago and grave fears were entertained of her recovery. A change for the better set in Thursday night and she is on the road to a complete recovery. Relatives of Mrs. Lanier were notified of her serious condition and in response to the telegrams Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Lanier and Miss Ruth Lanier, of Washington City, hastened to Oxford and happy to relate that they found the aged lady much improved.

Moves to Creedmoor

Prof. J. A. Pitts, for two years superintendent of the Oxford High School has been elected principal of the Creedmoor High School and is this week moving his family to the hustling little city. Prof. Pitts is no stranger in Creedmoor, having taught school there some years ago and his friends throughout that section are many.

A MOCK MARRIAGE

Miss Louise Amis, Smart and Pretty, is as Free as a Bird in a Bush.

A young man who attended the house party at Mr. Stephen Jones in the Culbroth section last week brought to the Public Ledger office a neatly written notice stating that the formal announcement of the marriage of Miss Louise Amis to Mr. Lewis Jones was a happy event. The Public Ledger accepted the report as being true, not dreaming that it was a practical joke. The fact is, Miss Amis, smart and pretty, is as free as a bird in the bush and the chances of Mr. Jones winning her hand is indeed very slim.

AMERICAN TROOPS WILL NOT BE WITHDRAWN FROM MEXICO

Formal Notice Will Be Sent Carranza at Once Accepting Further Negotiations Toward Settlement.

WASHINGTON.—Formal acceptance of General Carranza's proposal that differences between the United States and the de facto government of Mexico be settled by direct negotiations will be dispatched soon to Mexico City. This was decided by President Wilson Thursday at a conference with Secretary Lansing.

Officials take the position that only the preliminary step has been taken by General Carranza toward the friendly adjustment he now appears to desire.

Demonstration of his ability to carry out the promises expressed and implied in his note is still lacking.

WASHINGTON, July 5.—The Mexican note was signed by General Aguilar, foreign minister of Mexico, and was addressed to Elisaco Arrendo, Mexican ambassador designate here, who transmitted it to the State Department. It follows:

"Referring to the notes of June 20 and 25, last, I have the honor to say to your Excellency that the immediate release of the Carrizal prisoners was a further proof of the sincerity of the desires of this government to reach a pacific and satisfactory arrangement of present difficulties. This government is anxious to solve the present conflict, and it would be unjust if its attitude were misinterpreted.

"It was also the Mexican government that earnestly suggested a plan for cantonnments along the boundary line during the conferences of Ciudad Juarez, and El Paso. This government is disposed now, as it has always been, to seek an immediate solution of the two points which constitute the true causes of the conflict between the two countries, to wit: The American government believes reasonably that the insecurity of its frontier is a source of difficulty, and the Mexican government on its part believes that the stay of American troops on Mexican territory, aside from being a trespass on the sovereignty of Mexico, is the immediate cause of the conflicts. Therefore, the withdrawal of American troops, on one hand, and the protection of the frontier, on the other, are the two essential problems, the solution of which must be the directing object of the efforts of both governments.

"The Mexican government is willing to consider, in a quick and practical way and prompted by a spirit of concord, the remedies which should be applied to the present situation.

"Several Latin-American countries have offered their friendly mediation to the Mexican government, and the latter has accepted it in principle. Therefore, the Mexican government only awaits information that the government of the United States would be disposed to accept this mediation for the purpose mentioned above or whether it is still of the belief that the same results may be attained by means of direct negotiations between both governments.

"In the meantime this government proposes to employ all efforts that may be at its disposal to avoid the recurrence of new incidents which may complicate and aggravate the situation. At the same time it hopes that the American government on its part may make use of all efforts to prevent also new acts of its military and civil authorities on the frontier that might cause new complications. "I avail myself of this opportunity to reiterate to your Excellency the assurance of my most distinguished consideration.

(Signed) "C. AGULAR."

Granville Circuit

Rev. D. R. Williams, pastor of the Granville circuit, is conducting a revival meeting at Rehoboth church this week. Services are held every afternoon. Rev. J. D. Williams, of Winston-Salem, former pastor of the Henderson Methodist Protestant church, is assisting him in the meeting.

The Public Ledger Special Edition

TO BE ISSUED SOME TIME DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST

The Public Ledger force is working overtime to produce a creditable special edition during the month of August.

We wish that the business men would realize that the special highly illustrated edition is issued for the express purpose of boosting Oxford. It is the duty of every citizen to lend their support to this cause. Any man that stands for anything at all in the community should help boost the community.

Mr. Paul Daniel who is compiling the department entitled "Who Is Who In Oxford" is meeting with success. We have made arrangements with Mr. Brinkly, the photographer, to take the pictures free of cost of all those who give Mr. Daniel the information that he requires. The public Ledger pays for the photograph, and after the cut has been made and printed in the special edition of five thousand copies it becomes the property of the one it represents.

We wish to thank all those who are encouraging our efforts to issue a handsome special edition. We wish to get every citizen interested so as to be able to show to the community to the best advantage.

"CAROLINA LODGE"

Mr. B. M. Caldwell Expected to Arrive This Week

Some days ago we saw it stated that the stock and farm implements of Mr. B. M. Caldwell at Carolina Lodge were for sale, and for fear that this splendid citizen would relinquish his interests here the Public Ledger dropped him a line. In reply Mr. Caldwell writes:

"The disposition of the stock and implements referred to by no means implies that I will entirely close out my interests in Granville county, for, indeed, so long as I live I expect to maintain a lively interest in the good people of Granville county, whose cordial and friendly treatment of me, coming among them as a stranger, I most highly appreciate."

The people of the entire county will be glad to learn that Mr. Caldwell's health is very much improved and that he is expected to arrive at Carolina Lodge this week.

RECRUITS WANTED

Lieutenant Stegall Returns to Oxford to Secure Men

Lieutenant J. I. Stegall has returned to Oxford to get recruits to the Granville Grays. He will be found on duty at the Armory. Strong young men will be enlisted and sent to the concentration camp at Camp Glenn. It is imperative that Lieutenant Stegall enlist as many as ten men to put the old Granville Grays in line. New recruits will be forwarded to Morehead immediately and Lieutenant Stegall will return to Camp as soon as he secures a sufficient number of men.

THE SECOND PRIMARY

Small Vote Cast in the County Saturday, July 1st.

The result of the second primary held in Granville county, Saturday, July 1, for the selection of one County Commissioner, resulted as follows:

	Taylor	Crews
Dement	21	12
Bell Town	12	8
Wilton	1	40
Grissom	0	1
Creedmoor	3	10
Wilkins	0	0
Stem	4	46
Geneva	2	11
Howard	0	0
Oak Hill	0	16
Buchanan	11	0
Stovall	29	3
Bullock	4	6
Salem	3	9
Berea	24	0
North Oxford	48	26
South Oxford	90	10
	258	210

A SERIOUS ACCIDENT

MR. EARNEST TAYLOR SHOT IN THE ABDOMEN

The Accident Happened Thursday in His Office at the Southern Buggy Company While Cleaning a Pistol.

The community was shocked Thursday afternoon to learn of the sad accident that befell Mr. Earnest Taylor, eldest son of Mr. B. F. Taylor, which occurred in the office of the young man at the works of the Southern Buggy Company in rear of the Acme Hardware Company's store.

Mr. Taylor was cleaning an old pistol and it would seem that he was aware that it was loaded, but in an unguarded moment he pressed the hammer against the rim of his desk, the muzzle of the pistol pointed toward him. While in this attitude the hammer of pistol slipped off of the rim of the desk, which caused the pistol to fire, the ball penetrating Mr. Taylor's abdomen immediately beneath the rib on the right hand side.

Doctors Cannady and Watkins hastened to the wounded man's side and after a critical examination they fear that his liver and intestines were penetrated by the ball, which is a No. 22 rifle bullet.

Mr. Taylor's condition became serious over night and he was hastened to Watt's Hospital, Durham, Thursday morning, where he hovers between life and death.

LATER—Mr. Taylor died at about 10 o'clock this Friday morning.

DR. DANIELS KNOWS THEM

Oxford Physician Lived a Couple of Years in Mexico

Having lived for two years in Mexico, assisting in the building of a railroad, Dr. N. C. Daniels, of Oxford, is perhaps the best posted man in the county on the various stratas of Mexican life.

"The American Indian," says Dr. Daniel, "is a gentleman in point of honor and integrity compared to the half-breeds so numerous in Mexico." The great majority of the Mexicans, says Dr. Daniels, have been torn by revolutions and fractions so long that they know little or nothing but bandetry and depredation. Nothing short of an occupation of Mexico City and a long and practical protectorate of the entire country can ever bring to Mexico a self-governing people, says Dr. Daniels.

We quite agree with Dr. Daniel that it was poor policy to send troops into Mexico to apprehend Villa and his bandits. A more drastic measure should have been inaugurated from the very start, possibly at the time the troops were landed at Vera Cruz. Dr. Daniel is of the opinion that if the American troops are withdrawn from Mexico at this time the great majority of the de facto government will believe that the United States was overcome by superior force and numbers.

Rook Party

The Literature and Library Extension Department of the Woman's Club gave a Rook Party the Fourth of July, on the porch of Mrs. A. H. Powell, for benefit of the Library. The porch was very attractive with small flags and red, white, and blue decorations and vases of lovely flowers. Twenty tables were arranged for the game of Rook, at each place there was a score card with a flag on it, and each guest was given a small flag as a souvenir. Tea and sandwiches were served. After an interesting game, several vocal solos by Miss Hutchins were enjoyed. H.W.

"The Wonderful Wager"

Raymond Hitchcock in "The Wonderful Wager," a three-act Lubin feature written around the "Ford Flivver" automobile is the attraction booked for this Friday night at the Orpheum theatre. The picture is in three acts and more than two hundred scenes, a number of which are taken in and about the Leon Washburn circus which the Lubin Company had under exclusive contract at their Betzwood, Pa., plant.