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GOOD ROADS FOR GRANVILLE

THE NEW ACT FOSTERS HEALTHY SENTIMENT IN COUNTY

This Act Provides for the Creation by the State of a Semi-Annual Road Fund of \$400,000.

There is now a real healthy sentiment in old Granville for good roads, superinduced no doubt by the 1917 legislature, which created nearly a half-million dollar fund to encourage road building in the State. Many farmers of the county are enquiring on what terms the money can be had for road purposes, which reads:

"If a majority of the registered voters vote in favor of borrowing money under this act, the county commissioners are authorized and directed to execute to the State of North Carolina a bond for the amount so voted, payable 41 years from date and bearing 5 per cent interest, per annum. At the end of said 41 years the county is discharged from further payment on said bond. In order to provide the road fund herein, the State treasurer is authorized and directed to issue state bonds which shall bear not exceeding 4 per cent interest, and the proceeds therefrom shall be loaned as herein directed. From the income of 5 per cent received semi-annually, the state treasurer shall pay the 4 per cent interest on such bonds and apply the surplus 1 per cent to the road fund to be raised for the following six months, and the bond issue for the following term shall be reduced by the amount of such surplus."

The fact that all the surrounding counties have built good roads leading from Granville to their trading centers, should be sufficient to inspire every citizen of the county to put forth every effort to cope with them. By a recent bond issue, Person county was lifted entirely out of the mud. Every county that touches Granville has magnificent roads. During the recent prolonged bad spell of weather the roads of Granville were in a deplorable condition, and many farmers living near the ends of the good roads leading up to the county line took a back track rather than plow through the mud to Oxford.

THE NEW LAW

Length of Validity of Marriage License Now Only 60 Days.

The man that gets a marriage license on and after the first day of June, and—as has been known to happen—suffer the mortification of having his intended stall, postponed or otherwise delay the "happy day" for more than sixty days after the date of the license, must make further reinvestment with the Register of Deeds, if he finally wins, because the last legislature changed the length of validity of a marriage license from one year to sixty days.

Wherebefore ministers have been required to return the license to the Register of Deeds after the ceremony is performed, they may now send the paper back within sixty days after the event.

NO MORE MAILS TO GERMANY

Postmaster-General Announces Suspension of Service During War

Postmaster-General Burleson suspended mail service to Germany during the war, and also instructed all postoffices to refuse as well any mail destined to Austria Hungary, Luxembourg, Bulgaria and Turkey, as it cannot be dispatched through German. Postmaster-General Burleson also has suspended postal moneyorders between the United States and the German empire.

RED CROSS CHAPTER

Patriotic Oxford Ladies to Make Bandages and Garments

There will be a meeting of the Woman's Club at the Library at 3 o'clock on Thursday, April 12th, to discuss plans for Red Cross work, which means making bandages, garments, etc. for use by the Red Cross Hospitals in our own country. Although the movement is started by the Woman's Club all the women and girls of Oxford are urged to help in this good work. All who are interested are asked to be there promptly. MRS. R. C. M. CALVERT, Sub-Chairman, Health Dept.

MAJOR SHOTWELL DEAD

Valuable Court Assistant Passes Away.

Major. J. A. Shetwell died at 11 o'clock Monday night. His remains will be laid to rest in Elmwood Cemetery at four o'clock this Tuesday afternoon.

AN INTERESTING YOUNG MAN

Mr. Frank Fleming Knowns Belgium and Northern France Like a Book.

Frank, the splendid son of Sheriff S. A. Fleming, of Granville, was in Oxford Saturday. He is perhaps the only man in Granville that has heard the road of battle in Europe, and we are quite sure that he is the only man among us who was ever struck by a fragment of a German shell. Going abroad a number of years ago for one of the big tobacco companies, he was in Belgium when the war broke out and while waiting for his passport to America he was arrested on suspicion of being a spy and detained overnight in a hotel. He came home at the time when the idle rich were fleeing from the war zone and on his trip across the ocean he share a state room with a couple of millionaires.

Being rather handsome, and having travelled all over Belgium, Northern France, Germany and Russia, Frank had sweethearts all the way from Paris to Petrograd and his heart ache to get back to his old stamping grounds, war or no war. His second trip to Europe was in connection with the Belgium Relief commission. Like the fellow who wanted to look into the crater of a smoking volcano, Frank desired to see a big battle and took himself to Northern France, where he was wounded in the shoulder by a fragment from a bursting German shell. He came home, all done up in bunting, and as soon as his wound healed he went out west, married a handsome young lady and joined the Missouri National Guard.

One would naturally suppose that Mr. Fleming would not have any desire to return to Europe, but such is not the case. "It makes me sad indeed," said Mr. Fleming, "to behold the havoc that has been wrought in the garden spot of the world. Northern France and Belgium was like a finished picture until the Germans invaded those beautiful sectors and shot them to pieces."

Mr. Fleming has made application to be transferred from the Missouri National Guard to the North Carolina National Guard. He is quite willing to return to Europe and get into the trenches in Northern France and aid in driving out the Germans. He speaks four languages and would be a valuable man for the allies.

EAGER FOR WAR NEWS

The Big Daily Papers are in Demand Here.

The declaration of a state of war between the United States and Germany has been the foremost topic of conversation for the past week. Not only do the people eagerly await the arrival of the morning papers, but the people from the county come to town to get the latest war news.

When the daily papers fail to reach Oxford on the early morning train hundreds of people are greatly disappointed.

MRS. DUDLEY HOWARD DEAD

Her Sudden Demise Shocks Entire Community.

Mrs. Dudley Howard passed quietly to her reward Sunday night at her home near Sunset. The hour of her death is not known. As usual, she retired Sunday night in apparently good health, but when she was called early Monday morning by members of the family there was no response. On entering her room and turning the cover they found her lifeless form, which indicated that she passed away quietly and without a struggle.

Mrs. Howard was about fifty-five years of age. Many friends testify that she was one of the best women they ever knew. She was an active member of Hester church, at which place her remains will be laid to rest at two o'clock this Tuesday afternoon. She was the daughter of the late James Currin. She is survived by a devoted husband. We do not know the names of the children, if any. Six brothers survive, namely: James, Thomas, Frank, Wash, Boat and Samuel Currin.

TO UNLOCK THE MONEY VAULTS

LOAN OF \$2,000,000,000 WILL BE SPEEDILY ARRANGED.

Congress Will be Asked to Arrange Immediate Bond Issue of \$5,000,000,000.

WASHINGTON, April 8.

Administration leaders have decided to unlock at once the vast financial resources of the United States to the allies.

To the hard pressed entente governments a high loan, of dimensions yet undetermined, but not less than \$2,000,000,000, will be forthcoming from this country as speedily as Congress can pass the necessary legislation.

The loan will be America's immediate contribution to the allied cause, with the promise of future contributions of money and foodstuffs to come as needed. An immediate bond issue, possibly totaling \$5,000,000,000 will be introduced in Congress speedily.

Within thirty days, possibly before the end of the present month, a substantial portion of the great loan is expected to be available for the entente governments.

The forthcoming bond issue, it was authoritatively said, will be placed before the public as quickly as possible, in denominations down to \$100, possibly down to \$25, will bear "a reasonable rate of interest," and the entire army of American investors—banks, corporations and individuals—will be afforded an opportunity to subscribe.

War Revenue

President Wilson's policy, outlined in his address to Congress, of paying America's war bill, so far as possible, while the war is being waged, leaving a minimum debt to posterity, is reflected in a virtual decision by leaders in the House and Senate to raise 50 per cent on the first year expenditures by taxation.

Under this program Congress will be called upon to raise war revenue to the extent of \$1,750,000,000 through new and increased measures of taxation during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1918. This is exclusive of the \$5,000,000,000 bond issue, authorization for which will be sought of Congress this week. The total demand upon the financial resources of the country during the first year of the war under this program would be \$6,750,000,000.

Loan to the Allies

Of the \$5,000,000,000 to be raised by a bond issue, \$3,000,000,000, it was definitely stated, would be loaned to the entente allied. The entire issue, House and Senate leaders have agreed, will bear interest at the rate of 3 1/2 per cent. It is proposed to make the loan to the allies at this interest rate, which is lower by far than the rate they have been compelled to pay on their previous issues.

After the entente governments have been granted the loan, the plan is to hold the remaining \$2,000,000,000 of the \$5,000,000,000 to be applied on the cost of the military and naval establishments and other war expenses of the United States. Indications are that with the new war measures in effect, the full amount \$2,000,000,000 would not be entirely exhausted at the end of the first year.

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GUARD HERE SEEKS RECRUITS

Captain Fuller Gets Orders From Colonel Minor

Captain E. E. Fuller in command of the Granville Grays, Third North Carolina Regiment, Saturday received a telegram from Col. S. W. Minor, of Durham, commander of the Third Regiment notifying him that a state of war existed between the United States and Germany, and urging him to rush recruiting, as rapidly as possible.

An effort is being made to recruit all National Guard units up to full war strength, and the message from Colonel Minor is a preliminary, it is thought, for increased attempts to get into the service the full number of men required at the earliest possible moment.

Nothing in the telegram intimated the time for the calling out of the Third Regiment, or event that it would be called, although further active service is accepted as a certainty.

DEATH OF MRS. PARHAM

Falls to Sleep After Brief Illness

Mrs. W. A. Parham, a most estimable lady, died at her home on King street early Saturday morning after a brief illness lasting only two or three days. She gradually lapsed into coma Friday morning from which she never regained consciousness. She was forty-six years old.

Mrs. Parham was a devout member of the Oxford Baptist Church and was always striving to advance the Lord's Kingdom. She devoted her entire time to her family and the Lord's work, and she was a kind and thoughtful neighbor. She leaves a devoted husband and seven children to mourn her loss as follows: Fred, 21; Beatrice 19; Ruth, 17; Maurice, 15; Claud 11; Sam 9; and Thomas, 7 years of age.

Two sisters survive the deceased, Mrs. Newcomb, of Boynton and Mrs. W. A. Buttler, of Lawrenceville. Mrs. Buttler was unable to reach Oxford in time for the funeral.

The funeral services were held from the residence at three o'clock Sunday afternoon, and despite the downpour of rain the attendance was very large. Rev. J. D. Harte, pastor of the Oxford Baptist Church, assisted by Rev. R. H. Willis, pastor of the Oxford Methodist Church, conducted the last sad rites. The interment was in Elmwood Cemetery.

The pallbearers were: Active, Messrs. J. C. Howard, L. T. Pitch, ford, Oscar Breedlove, A. L. Capehart, C. H. Easton, C. W. Bryan, J. R. Hall, W. T. Yancey. The honorary pallbearers were the members of the Oxford Baptist Philathea class, of which the deceased was an active member.

The following out-of-town relatives of the family attended the funeral and burial: J. H. Parham, Mrs. J. T. Parham, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Finch, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cheatham, Miss Kate Cheatham, Henderson; Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Kittrell, Kittrell; Mrs. C. D. and Mr. Julian Wyche, Dabney; Mr. H. L. Wright and Miss Kate Parham, Watkins; Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Newcomb, Mr. E. L. Loone, Mr. and Mrs. Howard N. Beal and Mr. L. L. Anderson, of Boynton, Va., and the following from the county: Mr. H. E. Crews, J. A. Davis, W. A. Cheatham, Mrs. L. V. Bobbitt, Miss L. U. Bobbitt, Miss Cristal Bobbitt, Miss Hattie Harris, Mrs. W. E. Dorsey and possibly others.

The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the bereaved husband and children in the hour of their grief.

THE STARS AND STRIPES

Now Floating Proudly From Many Places in Oxford

The wave of patriotism that is sweeping over the country has found a ready response in Oxford the past few days as is shown by the display of the Stars and Stripes from business buildings, windows in offices and in the homes. However, the more patriotic have carried their enthusiasm for the flag to the greater extremes and many of the automobiles are now gaily flying small flags as they run about the streets.

Every home should have up its colors. Every place of business should have old glory on the window or from the roof. Old Glory should be floating this morning and tomorrow morning and all the mornings. If you can't afford an expensive flag buy one for a nickle, just so its a flag. There is something about old Glory, something that brings the thrill.

Under the stars and strips many of our young men will doubtlessly walk the path of glory—even if it leads but to the grave. So run out the colors—the stars and stripes; let them proudly wave; let all know that Patriotism is not dead; that Old Glory shall forever wave o're the land of the free and the home of the brave.

GRANVILLE COUNTY COURT

Began Session Early This Tuesday Morning.

Monday being a holiday Court did not convene until Tuesday morning. Judge Kerr of Warren, is presiding and he is able assisted by Col. Sam Gattis. The docket is quite lengthy.

Special Sale Going On

For real bargain attend the big special ten day sale now in full blast at Cohn & Son's. See their announcement on the last page of this issue.

TO FULL PEACE STRENGTH ONLY

NATIONAL GUARD MUST NOT RECRUIT BEYOND EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED

General Royster Spends Much Time in Raleigh—He will not Talk For Publication.

National Guard units still in the State service will not be recruited beyond peace strength, according to instructions received by Adjutant-General B. S. Royster from the Department of the East. Units of the Federal service were ordered to stop recruiting several days ago. This move it is stated by the department, is due to lack of equipment.

State commands will not stop recruiting, however, as practically all are still in need of men to bring them up to the maximum peace strength.

Will Not Talk

For the past month General Royster has spent much time in Raleigh. He will not talk for publication, and when asked by a newspaper man if he would go to some one of the big forts around New York City, he cut short by stating that "they know where to find me."

Naval Recruits

General Royster last week consigned more than two hundred naval recruits of the State to the concentration camp at Norfolk.

BAD MUD HOLES

Tourist Spend Night on Highway Near Stem

Mr. Moses C. Winston, of Selma, arrived in Oxford Saturday with a new Packard car and spent Sunday with his brother, Mr. Tom Winston. Late Sunday evening Mr. Winston and his party, composed of three young ladies and as many young men, started for Durham, and when they reached a point about one-half of a mile north of Stem they encountered a mud-hole in the National Highway, into which the car settled.

Mr. Hal Holdman, of the Aome Hardware Company, proved to be the stumbling block for Mr. Winston. Mr. Holdman was driving a fordcar, and when Mr. Winston arrived at the north end of the mud-hole he saw Mr. Holdman's car emerging from the south end, and of course Mr. Winston who was not aware of the depth of the hole, drove his car into it. Mr. Holdman is a courting man, and that will account for him not warning Mr. Winston in time to avert the danger.

Mr. Winston's party remained in the car all night, and early the following morning Mr. P. B. Evans pulled them out.

THE LION AND THE LAMB

William Jennings Bryan Tendered Services to the President

W. J. Bryan, three times candidate for President and former Secretary of State, sent this message to President Wilson:

"Believing it to be the duty of each citizen to bear his part of the burden of war and his share of the perils, I hereby tender my services to the Government. Please enroll me as a private whenever I am needed. Assign me to any work that I can do until called to the colors. I shall, through the Red Cross, contribute to the comfort of soldiers in the hospitals and through the Young Men's Christian Association, aid in guarding the morals of men in the camp."

Mr. Bryan, with the rank of Colonel, commanded a regiment of Nebraska volunteers during the Spanish-American War.

"THE FALL OF A NATION"

Spectacular War Drama at the Orpheum Theatre.

Tom Dixon's masterpiece, "The Fall of a Nation," surpasses all expectations. On its presentation at the Orpheum Monday night, the house was not large enough to accommodate the crowd. The picture will be shown again this Tuesday afternoon and night. There is in it two hours of genuine thrill. The battle that rages off Long Island Sound is well worth the price of admission. Here you see the trim German soldiers pushing back our imperfect army. The Woman's Brigade, which we have been accustomed to take slight notice, saves the day. It is a wonderful realistic picture.