

THE CHOICE OF THE CONVENTION

MR. W. Z. MITCHELL IS THE NOMINEE FOR MAYOR.

The Present Administration of Municipal Affairs Endorsed—A United and Progressive Community.

Pursuant to a call of the Oxford Democratic Executive Committee, a strong element of the business men and professional men, in goodly numbers gathered at the Court House Tuesday evening last and nominated a mayor and board of commissioners to be voted for on May 7th.

It was the most harmonious meeting ever held in Oxford, and it speaks well for the unity of interest enkindled during the present administration.

After stating the object of the meeting, Major Will Landis, permanent chairman, requested Capt. Thad G. Stem to preside over the deliberations of the evening, and the popular citizen and mayor-elect and soldier took the chair amid an outburst of applause.

Choice of Convention.

Col. Henry G. Cooper, in well chosen words, nominated Mr. W. Z. Mitchell for mayor. In a neat one minute speech Mr. D. G. Brummitt seconded the nomination for mayor, Mr. Mitchell was elected by acclamation.

In response to a call for a speech, Mr. Mitchell arose from his seat and thanked the convention for the honor conferred upon him, and stated that he would discharge the duties of the office to the best of his ability.

Board of Commissioners.

The following names were placed in nomination for commissioners and were chosen by acclamation:

W. T. Yancey, W. A. McFarland, C. D. Ray, W. H. Hunt, A. H. Powell, W. A. Parham, W. H. Fleming.

Executive Committee.

As is customary, the chair named the Oxford Democratic Committee to serve for the ensuing two years, as follows: Major Will Landis, chairman; Dr. B. K. Hays and Mr. C. A. Carroll.

The Absorbing Question.

Just on the eve of adjournment, Mr. B. K. Lassiter arose and stated that while there were so many representative men present he desired to say a word in reference to the scarcity of food. Mr. Lassiter drew a picture of a distressed people and begged that everybody do all in their power to avert a shortage of food stuff. "Talk to the farmers and aid and encourage them all you can," said Mr. Lassiter with much emotion. Messrs. C. W. Bryan, P. H. Montgomery and possibly others followed Mr. Lassiter in timely remarks on the shortage of foodstuffs.

Comment.

As stated above, it was not only the most harmonious convention ever held in Oxford, but the choice of the convention is practically the choice of the people. The only change in the commissioners who have served faithfully for the past two years, is that of Capt. W. H. Fleming, who is known to be a safe progressive man. After two years of faithful service, the endorsement of the old board speaks a united and progressive community.

TO INSPECT COMPANY E

Federal and State Officers Here Saturday.

An inspection of Company E, Third North Carolina Infantry, will take place in the Armory Saturday Colonel Riche of the United States Army, will come here to inspect the small arms, and to conduct drill exercises with the members of the company. Colonel Stringfield, a State officer, is on a visit to companies of the Third Regiment and will inspect all properties and equipments of the company.

LARGE POTATO PATCHES.

President Hobgood, of Oxford College, Plants Five Bushels. Realizing that there is a scarcity of food, President Hobgood, one of the most successful potato growers in the county, planted five bushels of choice seed tubers this spring—a considerable increase over the previous year. Mr. W. R. Kimball, of Route 6, goes President Hobgood one better and plants six bushels this spring. A German working on Mr. Kimball's place states that six bushels of seed potatoes will net 350 bushels.

COUNTY FEDERATION OF CLUBS

Will Hold Meeting at Providence School House April 28.

The County Federation of Clubs will hold its second meeting on April 28, at 10:30 o'clock at the Providence School building. The meeting will be presided over by Mrs. William Kimball, President of the Federation.

Mrs. Lingle, President of the State Federation will make an address. Mr. Rubinow, of the Department of Agriculture, will speak on Food Production. Miss Grace Schaeffer, assistant in the Extension Department, will give a demonstration and lecture in Preparing School Lunches. The program will include other interesting features, and will be published in full in the next issue of the Public Ledger.

The plan of the Federation is to hold meetings semi-annually—the in April a business meeting.

At the business session, reports from various clubs of the county will be read. The president, or secretary of each club is requested to make the report or if that is not possible, to send the report to Miss Mary Shotwell, Secretary of the Federation, not later than April 24.

The officers of each Club are urged to make an effort to have their Clubs well represented, every member being invited to attend.

LILLIA W. CAPEHART,
Home Demonstrator Agent.

FINE SAMPLE OF ROAD WORK.

Mr. Frank Curry, of Tally Ho, Commended For Good Work.

Like the most of the roads in the county, Hillsboro road was badly cut up during the winter. It was a hard proposition, but ten men got together and decided to pay into the hands of Mr. Frank Curry their little allowance for road work, which we suppose amounted to about twenty dollars. Mr. Curry accepted the proposition and told the men to go about their business and leave road to him.

Bright and early the next morning Mr. Curry began to work that part of the road lying north of Kimball's bridge, and when the shades of evening began to gather on the following evening he had completed about one thousand yards. He accomplished in two full days as much work as is usually accomplished by twenty-five men in three days under the old system.

The road now stands as a monument to the skill of Mr. Curry as a first class road builder. It would pay the road men from all over the county to visit this stretch of road and learn from Mr. Curry how to build roads.

HICKS-HUNT MARRIAGE

Two Brothers Wed Two Sisters at Enon.

Mr. Arlie Hicks and bride and Mr. Thomas Hicks and bride, of Granville county, were in Oxford Wednesday, and left on the train for a bridal trip to the Northern cities.

The grooms are brothers and the brides are sisters. The marriage took place Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock at Enon.

Only one ceremony was used, Dr. R. H. Marsh officiating.

The church was beautifully decorated with spring flowers, a color scheme of pink and white being carried out. The grooms attended each other as best man, and the brides entered together.

The ushers were Messrs. Cary Curran, Algier Cannady, Harvy Curran, Joseph Hunt, Walter Phipps and Thurston Averett. The ribbon girls were Misses Almo Averette, Alie Averette, Mary Cole and Daisy Hobgood. The brides wore blue traveling suits with white hats and white shoes.

Immediately after the ceremony they came on to Oxford and left on the train for a trip to the Northern cities, after which they will be at home in Granville county.

YOUNG MARRIED MEN.

Must Go to the Front Same as Single Men.

Washington, April 20.—The War Department announced the following policy yesterday:

"The War Department announces that all men married since the outbreak of war will be treated upon the same basis as unmarried men in so far as their military obligations are concerned. It is desired that the utmost publicity be given by the press to this announcement."

PATRIOTIC DEMONSTRATION

TO BE HELD IN COURT HOUSE, TUESDAY NIGHT, APRIL 24.

For the Purpose of Putting on Record Our Undying Love for Our Flag.

Realizing the tremendous possibilities involved in the existing international crisis, the outcome of which no one can tell, and the important steps recently taken by our Government which have resulted in involving this, the last great nation of the world, in the tremendous struggle for that same freedom for all the people of the earth which our glorious country has enjoyed since our fathers died to win it for us, their posterity; and with a deep sense of the momentous importance of the step taken by our Government in defence of the glorious traditions of our flag, and sincere desire to extend to our Government every moral and material assistance to the end that victory may crown its efforts in behalf of downtrodden humanity;

Now I, W. Z. Mitchell, exercising the authority vested in me as Mayor of the town of Oxford, do hereby call the citizens of our town together on next TUESDAY NIGHT, APRIL, 24th in the Court House for the purpose of putting on record our undying love for our flag, and our assurance of hearty loyalty to our Government in the crisis forced upon it by an autocratic and despotic empire, drunk with dreams of world conquest.

Given under my hand and seal, this the 19th day of April, 1917.

W. Z. MITCHELL, Mayor.

THE GRANVILLE CORNET BAND

LOCAL MUSICAL ORGANIZATION NOW BEING FORMED.

Instruments in Hand and the Instructor is on the Ground and the Young Men are Practicing.

Yes, sir, sixteen young men of the community, the most of them musicians of no mean order, have formed a musical organization, and named it "The Granville Cornet Band."

Mr. C. Hicks of the "City Barber shop," is one of the moving spirits in the enterprise. He is a first-class cornet player and is a very pleasant young man.

Prof. Coltran, who has held a position for some time in the printing department of the Oxford Orphanage, will instruct the boys. He is a first-class trombone player. Of the sixteen men who form the organization, ten are musicians. The other six are apt scholars. The organization have the instruments in hand and the other seven instruments needed to complete the band have been ordered.

All of the young men hold responsible positions in Oxford. They own their own instruments and will finance the proposition. All they ask at the hands of the community is public patronage. The band is expected to make its first appearance about the first of June.

REGISTER NOW.

Books for Municipal Election Are Now Open.

Mr. R. Hines, registrar, this week opened the registration books at the mayor's office, and all those who expect to vote in the municipal election to take place Monday, May 7, must qualify on or before Wednesday, May 2, the date on which the registration books will be closed.

All persons whose names are already on the Municipal registration books do not have to register again to vote in the coming election, provided they now live in the same ward in which they lived at the last election. Every voter who has during the past four months moved from the ward in which he lived two years ago is required to register at the place of his present residence. Persons who have moved to their present homes during the past four months must vote in the ward from which they removed, as the law requires four months' residence in a ward before a citizen can vote there.

A voter whose name is on the registration books of the county or State is not entitled to vote unless his name is also on the Municipal books.

The many friends of Mr. Will Long will be pleased to learn that he is recovering from a severe illness of several days.

STEM NEWS LETTER.

(Correspondence Public Ledger) Fraternal Ceremony.

On Sunday afternoon, April 29th at 2:30, The Woodmen of the World will unveil a monument at the grave of the late John Ragan in the Joanna O'Briant burying ground near Culbreth.

Kitchen Robbed and Burned.

Mr. Thomas Hunt, near Tar River had the misfortune to have his kitchen burned one night last week. When he awoke near one o'clock the building was in a mass of flames and it was too late to save anything. All his kitchen furniture, together with fifty pounds of lard and other provisions were lost, and it was only by the greatest effort that his residence near by was saved. Mr. Hunt is of the opinion that the kitchen was robbed and then set on fire to cover up the crime.

Personel Mentions.

Prof. J. F. Webb and family of Oxford, were the guests of Mr. H. P. Webb, of Tally Ho., Sunday afternoon.

Regular services at Tally Ho Saturday and Sunday, and preaching at Gooche's Hall, Stem, Saturday afternoon by Elder C. F. Deering.

Mr. M. B. McKinney purchased a new car last week.

"ROMEO AND JULIET."

Famous Stars in Shakespear's Play at the Orpheum.

Following are some of the interesting facts about "Romeo and Juliet," which will be shown at the Orpheum Monday, April 23, matinee and night:

The stars are Francis X. Bushman, as "Romeo," and Beverly Bayne as "Juliet."

The cost of the production was \$250,000.

The cost of the costumes alone amounted to \$35,000.

John W. Noble was general director; associated with him were Edward Elsner, assistant director; Rudolph De Cordova, Shakespearian advisor; Edward Powers, casting and costume director; Leander De Cordova, financial and assistant director.

A scenario made from William Shakespear's great drama, "Romeo and Juliet," was submitted by John Arthur and accepted, Rudolph De Cordova modified and augmented this, and John W. Noble made the final changes.

All the leading characters of the play really spoke Shakespear's lines while going through the appropriate action. Whenever a player forgot a speech the camera was stopped, and he was obliged to start over again.

Several of the greatest theatrical families of America and England are represented in the cast, which includes a Booth, a Southern, a Mantell, a Kemble and a Hall Caine.

Six hundred players were employed in the production of "Romeo and Juliet."

Eighteen buildings, reproducing the old market place of mediaeval Verona, were built for the production. A gerat storm destroyed these just as the pictures were about to be taken and they had to be entirely rebuilt at a total of more than \$25,000.

Matinee at three p. m., and one show at 8 p. m., admission 25c.

ARMY ENLISTMENTS.

Recruiting in North Carolina During April.

Raleigh, April 18.—Today's reports for the army recruiting office show thirty-two recruits now in Raleigh waiting to be sent to army posts. At other stations in the State forty-seven others are waiting transportation.

The number of men recruited in North Carolina for the army this month totals 283.

Of the thirty two recruits at the Raleigh station, five are negroes. Nineteen of the men have enlisted in the infantry, twelve in the coast artillery, and one in the aviation section of the signal corps.

These figures do not include recruits for the navy.

News of Fifty Years Ago.

(Richmond Times Dispatch)
Flour is selling in Richmond a little cheaper than last week: Virginia superfine, \$14 per barrel; extra \$15 to \$15.50; Family, \$17 to \$18. White corn, \$1.20 per bushel, mixed and yellow, \$1.12 to \$1.17 per bushel.

WAR AND LOCAL CONDITIONS

BUSINESS MEN HERE DO NOT EXPECT ANY DECLINE.

The Government Must Expend Millions of Dollars for Equipment—Labor, Already Scarce, Will Become Scarcer.

Now that it has been actually made known that war will ensue with Germany and that Oxford expects to see sons, brothers and husbands marching away to fight for Uncle Sam, thoughts turn to the hardships which might follow. However, the business men of the community do not doubt but that business conditions will remain normal and assert that citizen here will continue to enjoy the usual pleasures of ordinary life.

Business men here express the conviction that business will remain as at present, as far as they can see, aside from increased prices for a few articles that might be needed by the government for the conduct of war.

One of the leading merchant said: "At this time when the country is entering upon an unknown war condition, it should be the policy of every business man to hold his head and not become excited. The entering of this country into the war should not necessarily be a vital menace to the industrial prosperity of the country. The government must spend millions of dollars on equipment and munitions; labor already scarce, will become still scarcer when the call to the colors comes to the young men; factories of every kind will be rushed with work, both for the government and for private industry; really times should be better than ever known for the coming months."

Bankers and manufacturers are all agreed that business should go forward in Oxford with little out of the ordinary to be noted. Contrary to the usual state at war times, there is little shock in present declaration of war as the country has been expecting it for weeks and has been adjusting itself to the probability. The bankers say that the large Northern bankers do not expect any change in the financial condition of the country, and while government taxes must of necessity be increased they should not effect the average person.

It is estimated in retail circles that commodities such as woolsens, linens and cotton goods will necessarily increase in price, as the government must have vast quantities of such materials. The price of foodstuffs are also expected to advance, with material gain for the farmers. Wheat is already in record price, which means an increase in the price of flour.

Municipal authorities everywhere are pleading with the people to plant garden spots in every available place, that the communities may be as self-supporting as possible. In Oxford there are many more gardens than ever before, with more planting being arranged for every day.

A summary of the opinion of the business men is that Oxford will not be hurt by a particle by the present situation; rather it should be helped. Mr. Powell, dealer in real estate says the demand for desirable property has not been abated one bit; all the manufacturing plants are running full time with shortage of labor; merchants say that business is good; farmer's are facing the best year's prospects they have ever had and Oxford and Granville county should feel happy and thankful that conditions are such as to make possible such a favorable outlook for the balance of 1917.

Death of J. W. Jones.

Mr. J. W. Jones, 52 years of age, died at his home on King street Wednesday after a lingering illness. He was a member of the Oxford Baptist church. The funeral services, conducted by Rev. J. D. Harte, were held from the residence Thursday, and the interment was in Elmwood Cemetery. The deceased is survived by a devoted wife and seven children—four daughters and three sons.

SALE OF STOCKS.

The sale of Oxford Cotton Mill preferred stock and Raleigh Banking & Trust Company stock advertised for Saturday, April 21, 1917, postponed until Monday April 23, at 11 o'clock a. m. The sale will take place at said time at the Court House door in Oxford. This April 19, 1917.

B. S. ROYSTER,
Executor of L. E. D. Peace, dec'd.