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COUNTY FEDERATION OF CLUBS

MEETING TO BE HELD SATURDAY AT PROVIDENCE.

The Meeting is of vast importance and every member of the organization should be present.

Has your club made its report for the meeting of the County Federation at Providence, April 28th? By all means make an effort to arouse the officers and have your club report what has been accomplished during the past year. Be sure that each club is represented by its president and two additional delegates and as many members as can be present. Every one who comes is expected to bring enough lunch for himself so that the entertainment of the day will not be a tax on any one. The hospitality committee of the Providence Club will see that the lunch is served.

Program of Meeting.

Song—"America."
Invocation—Rev. J. D. Hearte.
Greetings—Mrs. Means, Providence Club.
Conservation of our Foodstuffs—Mr. S. C. Rubinow, A. E. College.
Summer Reading—Mrs. A. H. Powell, Woman's Club, Oxford.
School Demonstration—Miss Grace Schaeffer, Raleigh.
Dinner.
Solo—Miss Berte Hutchins.
Community Recreation—Mrs. T. W. Lingle, President of State Federation of Woman's Clubs.
Business meeting. Reports from Clubs. Election of Officers.

VANCE TO TAP HIGHWAY.

Efforts will be made to shorten route by diverting travelers from Bullock.

(Henderson Dispatch)

Vance county has been awarded \$3,000 of Federal road money for good roads work in this county, announcement of which was made Thursday. The appointment was made by the State Highway Commission, after its own recommendations to the Federal Government, and approval of the proposed road by government officials, including several other counties in the State besides Vance.

The board of county commissioners appropriated a like amount from the county fund as required by the rules governing the distribution of the money, which provide that the county or township must match dollar for dollar for all funds made available by the United States government.

The apportionment by the State Highway Commission becomes available for use here after July 1, next, it is understood, as this comes under the Federal government's funds available for the fiscal year beginning at that time.

The proposal is to construct a road from a point about one mile north of Williamsboro west to the town of Bullocks, in Granville county, where the National Highway is tapped. It is regarded as certain that the improvement of this road will divert to this city many travelers going between the North and South by automobile. The road now traverses a great part of Granville county, going through Oxford, and on to Durham, thence to Raleigh, and on to the coast. The proposed route through Vance county and by Henderson would materially shorten the distance, and will, it is believed, prove popular with tourists, many whom come here now.

Are we to sit still and let the adjoining counties sap our life-blood? Is it the fault of the Granville Commercial Club or the Board of County Commissioners that Granville does not keep abreast of the times? Editor Public Ledger.

SHAKESPEAR CONTEST.

At the Graded School Auditorium Thursday Night.

The declamation contest under the auspices of the Shakespear Club of Oxford will be held on Thursday night of this week. This contest has meant a lot to the members who have taken part in the past and the prospects for this year are fine.

The public is cordially invited to be present at eight o'clock to hear this contest.

GEN. ROYSTER WANTS RECRUITS

State Adjutant Calls on Communities to Help Swell Ranks.

An appeal from Adjutant-General B. S. Royster to the organizations of the cities and towns in North Carolina where there are units of the National Guard to aid in securing recruits for these units has been received by the press of the State.

An extract from General Royster's appeal follows:

It is further stated for your information that it is up to the States to furnish their quota of the National Guard in addition to the new army which Congress is likely to make provision for. The men who enlist now will have an opportunity to serve with their home people and under their own officers. This should be an incentive to the young men to enlist in the National Guard.

It is earnestly suggested that this matter be given immediate consideration as it is believed it will be to the best interests of your community and to the entire State.

By direction of the Governor.

Yours very truly,

B. S. ROYSTER,

Adjutant-General.

SOME VERY SOUND ADVICE

Provide Against the Great Food Shortage.

In two previous issues of the Public Ledger there appeared a half-page announcement of the National Bank of Granville, urging the farmers to produce an abundance of food and feed crops. Coming as it does from high authority we reproduce the text as follows:

"On account of millions of tons of food stuff being shipped abroad it is the duty of every farmer, to himself, his family and his country to put forth every effort to provide against the great shortage which is bound to result unless we meet the danger by planting our fields for home supplies.

"We urge every farmer to produce an abundance of staple food and feed crops, corn, potatoes and peas.

"The National Bank of Granville stands prepared to render financial assistance to all reliable farmers."

PATRIOTIC DEMONSTRATION

Henderson Board of Trade Extends Hearty Invitation.

The Board of Trade of Henderson, through its secretary, Mr. J. S. Wharton, extends a cordial invitation to the Granville Commercial Club to attend a patriotic and preparedness parade and celebration to be held in Henderson on Wednesday, April 25th at 3 p. m.

Every citizen of Granville county is also invited to attend and be the guest of the Board of Trade. There will be addresses by a number of prominent men.

TO THE RESCUE.

Patriotic Gentlemen Offer their Services.

Acting for a number of patriotic gentlemen and himself interested in the conservation of areas in the hour of National peril, Mr. John Webb authorizes the Public Ledger to state that he desires to confer with all those in Oxford who have vacant lots and desire to utilize the same for food crops.

A SLIGHT ERROR.

President Hobgood Plants More Potatoes Than We Were Advised.

Editor Public Ledger:

In your last issue you said that I have planted five (5) bushels of Irish potatoes, and next to the largest in the county. I have planted nearly thirty-five (35). It is important to keep history straight.

I believe it to be the high duty of every man who has land to try to make the largest yield of food stuffs possible that there may not be suffering in our land or in other lands; for the world is dependent upon the American farmers as never before.

F. P. HOBGOOD.

Mr. J. E. McMurtrey, of the University of Kentucky, who is looking after some special work at the experiment station will be located there permanently.

TO HONOR OLD GLORY

AT THE COURT HOUSE THIS TUESDAY EVENING AT EIGHT O'CLOCK.

Short Talks, Inspiring Songs—Young Ladies Dressed in the Military Uniforms of the Allied Nations—Miss Helen Royster as a United States Soldier—Miss Margaret Wilson, the Daughter of President Wilson, Will Sing "The Star Spangled Banner."

Everything is in readiness to honor "Old Glory" in a mass meeting at the Court House this Tuesday evening at eight o'clock.

It will be the most inspiring patriotic meeting ever held in old Granville.

The old temple of justice has been thoroughly cleansed and fumigated and the ladies will be there in large numbers.

General B. S. Royster will preside over the meeting. Short and inspiring talks will follow.

At the request of the local Red Cross Chapter, Mr. A. H. Powell will explain the workings of that valuable branch of Uncle Sam's service.

The National airs of the allied nations will be played on the gramophone. As "The Star Spangled Banner" is being rendered, as sung by Miss Margaret Wilson, Miss Helen Royster will enter, dressed as a United States soldier, and join in the chorus.

The other young ladies taking part, dressed as the soldiers of the allied nations are:

British Soldier—Miss Esther Mitchell.

Italian Soldier—Miss Ethel Hancock.

French Soldier—Miss Martha Parker Brinkley.

Belgium Soldier—Miss Levera Harris.

Russian Soldier—Miss Robinson.

Be on hand and don't wait for the Court House bell to ring the second time.

FINALS AT OXFORD COLLEGE.

Dr. Bailus Cade Will Deliver the Baccalaureate Sermon.

We learn from President Hobgood, who is making up the program of the closing exercises of Oxford College, that the baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by Dr. Bailus Cade at the Oxford Baptist Church at eleven o'clock, Sunday morning, May 20. On the same evening, Dr. Cade will deliver the annual sermon to the Y. M. C. A. in the College chapel.

Mr. Archibald Johnson, editor of Charity and Children, will deliver the literary address in the College chapel Tuesday, May 22d.

ONE MORE PLEA

TO THE YOUNG MEN OF OXFORD.

WHY WAIT LONGER TO ENLIST. ENLIST TODAY. WE HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU. NOW IS THE TIME. WITHOUT A DOUBT A CONSCRIPTION LAW WILL BE PASSED IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO WAIT FOR THIS. THE GRANVILLE GRAYS

THE ORPHEUM THEATRE.

Grace Cunard and Francis Ford in "The Purple Mask."

The patrons of the Orpheum Theatre learn with pleasure that Grace Cunard and Francis Ford will appear in a two-act drama entitled "The Purple Mask." The series will be shown each Saturday night for several weeks, and is interspersed with another five-act drama.

One of the strongest features of the movies at this particular period of the world's history is the pictorial scenes presented by the Pathe News service. We read in the daily papers the outstanding events of the world, and a few days later we see it vitalized in picture form at the Orpheum.

COMPULSORY MILITARY SERVICE

The Question Launched in Both Houses of Congress Monday.

President Wilson's fight to organize a war time army in accordance with the advice of the War Department and the army general staff is now the all-absorbing topic of both houses of Congress.

The bill authorizes the President to proceed at once with the registration of all male citizens between the ages of twenty-one and forty, as provided in the plan of the War Department for a draft.

"1. It spreads the burden of military preparation equally throughout the United States.

"2. It is certain in its operation, so that after the registration is made, every man in the country will know whether he is to be called and when he is to be called upon, allowing those who not to be called, or whose call is postponed, to continue their normal pursuits undisturbed by uncertainty as to their duty and unagitated by neighborhood pressure or misunderstanding.

"3. It starts at the beginning of the accumulation of these new forces, and has none of the characters of a penalty which attaches to the draft when it is used after volunteering has been tried and failed."

COURT ADJOURNS.

Superior Court was in session all of last week adjourning late Saturday afternoon. A number of cases were continued and some were settled without trial. Four cases only were tried to a jury, these taking up all of the week.

The case of J. T. Scott vs. County Commissioners involved the amount of damages sustained by Scott by reason of laying out a road across his land. The jury assessed the damages at \$55.00. Mr. Brummitt represented Scott while Hicks & Stem appeared for the Commissioners.

Horton vs. Lyon was an action wherein plaintiff was suing defendant, Mr. Z. E. Lyon, of Creedmoor, for damages growing out of relations between them as tenant and landlord. This case was tried at the last term and resulted in mistrial. This time the jury answered the issues in favor of Mr. Lyon. Mr. Lanier represented Horton while Gen. Royster represented the defendant.

Peace vs. Wood was a claim and delivery proceeding. Both parties were colored. Wood denied having executed the mortgage under which the property had been taken from him and claimed damages for its having been unlawfully taken from him. The jury found in favor of Peace. Graham & Son and Mr. Brummitt appeared for plaintiff. Mr. Lanier represented the defendant.

The most important case tried was that of Ragland vs. Lassiter. The case occupied more than three days of the court's time and required the examination of a large number of accounts and a great deal of figuring. C. A. Ragland and R. G. Lassiter were the principal stockholders in Lassiter & Ragland, Incorporated. The corporation has a contract for building certain roads and streets in West Virginia. Ragland was in charge of the work and according to the contentions of Mr. Lassiter and other stockholders did not properly attend to his duties. Mr. Ragland sued for what he contended to be the value of his stock in the corporation and the jury was called upon to assess this valuation. Their verdict gave Mr. Ragland \$500.00, but he appealed because of insufficient relief and the defendant also appealed. Mr. T. T. Hicks of Henderson and Hicks & Stem represented Ragland, while Mr. Ben K. Lassiter, Gen. Royster, Mr. Bennet Perry of Henderson and Mr. George Green of Weldon appeared for Lassiter.

Red Cross Society.

A local chapter of the American Red Cross was organized last week. The following committees were appointed: Ways and means and membership. There was a meeting Wednesday afternoon, officers elected, Mrs. John Webb, president; Mrs. R. C. M. Calvert, chairman; Mrs. J. C. Robards, vice-chairman; Mrs. Hilman Cannady, secretary; Mrs. de la Croix, treasurer.

Hon. W. A. Devin spent the week end in Oxford. He is holding court at Raleigh this week.

MAYOR MITCHELL DETERMINED

SUSPECTS AND VAGRANTS ARE UNDER THE BAN.

This is a Time When Everybody Has a Call to Work, Says Oxford's Chief Executive.

"You may quote me in the Public Ledger as stating that I will thank the people to report to me suspects that are or may hereafter be found in the corporate limits of Oxford," said Mayor Mitchell.

Continuing, Mayor Mitchell said: "By official proclamation the President of the United States defines for the benefit of all citizens and residents those acts which are set forth by the Constitution and Federal statutes, or have been held by the courts, as treasonable, giving to all a warning of the penalties provided.

"Resisting the Government, hampering or opposing the execution of its laws, or any other word or deed intended to give aid and comfort to the enemy, are among acts which have been held treasonable.

"The language of the President's proclamation is plain. No loyal man or woman who reads it will become a traitor unawares."

In our conversation with Mayor Mitchell he stated that one of the first things that should be done in the campaign for "preparedness" is to enforce strictly the vagrancy law. These idle men must be put to work, declared Mayor Mitchell.

"The farmers need every one of them and if they do not respond to their country's call to go to war they must be made to help produce something for those patriotic men who do go. This is a time when everybody has a call to work."

IMPORTANT NOTICE, FARMERS.

See Messrs. Moss, Chamblee, Hunt and Yancey.

Farmers of Granville will please forget their slogan "Plant less high priced seed" and remember Messrs. E. G. Moss, M. P. Chamblee, W. T. Yancey and W. H. Hunt, all of Oxford, will get you the best seed to be had for the lowest cost. This means every sort of seed. Get good seed corn. Get good peas, beans, Sudan grass, and every other reasonable seed planted that is suited to Granville's soil and climate. These gentlemen named above constitute a committee agreeing with the Granville Board of Agriculture to give their services to the farmers free of charge in the present crisis of scarcity of food and feed stuffs. The country of which your home forms a part needs that you meet the spirit in which this free offer is made to you with the same fine patriotic spirit. Shall the farmers alone be careless of this matter? Let's measure up with the other classes. All together! J. A. M.

STILL DOING BUSINESS.

Provisions will Surely be High, says Horner Bros. Co.

One of the most reliable barometers in this section of the country is the reliable firm of Horner Bros. Co. This firm has made a notable history in rural development and has won its success by its intimate dealings with the farmers. It methods are illustrated in these times of agricultural concern through a letter which it issued recently to all its customers, in which it advises that while it has plenty of meat, flour, meal and other foodstuffs to sell, yet it would have them buy cautiously and only in sufficient quantities to supply actual requirements. In this way, the firm argues, the demand will be less and the prices kept lower. It advises the farmers to buy only for normal needs, grow plenty of foodstuffs and not be wasteful. If they do this, the letter says, they "will be much better off financially next Fall." This patriotic and unselfish advice goes to prove that the principles which actuated the firm all these years is now backed up with their willingness to come to the rescue of the farming interests to the extent of their ability. On the back page of this paper is a most interesting statement of this firm.

Orphan Child Dead.

Miss Pattie Jackson, a child of the Oxford Orphanage, died last night. She was seventeen years of age and entered the Orphanage from Hertford.