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A FEW THINGS SEEN AND HEARD IN PRIVATE.

In the history of the world more than once a man has been the maker of a city, and in some instances, the ruin of it.

With millions and billions of money floating around in the air as free as pollen, a full grown Oxford gentleman—one that we love with all our heart—remarked to us last week that next year, beginning January 1, mind you, will be the dullest year in the history of Oxford. He advances the theory that all the tobacco in this section will be marketed by the middle of December and that it is imperative that a prolonged dull season must follow. Instead of the dull season which usually visits this section about May 1, he said, would begin January 1, and continue nine months.

We very much regret that our friend—the one of little faith—should spread broadcast his pessimistic views. In order to stamp out the discontent caused by such utterances it is necessary to stop long enough in the present day rush to state that the far-sighted business men of the United States predict that 1918 will be the best business year in the history of this country—war or no war.

Old fogies are still all around us and claim that old ways are plenty good enough; but "old ways" are a thing of the past and everybody now should sing in high "G". Somebody, and probably soon, will discover a New World in North Carolina, and it will be in Oxford that the light will shine. The greatest difficulty in raising the granite walls on this lovely spot was not to get the granite, or even the money to do the building. The discouragements of unbelievers, of scoffers and of pullbacks were satisfied "to leave well enough alone," as they termed it, were the main drawbacks affecting public opinion.

"Who among us advised the farmers not to plant tobacco this year?" is a question that is being asked and answered in private and public these days.

It is generally acknowledged that the high price paid for tobacco this season was the salvation of us all. The crop was raised under many disadvantages, and in the discouragement the farmers turned their attention to "hog and hominy," and again God blessed the farmer. And what a blessing it is to us all!

A few months ago when they began to talk about making the Granville County Fair a success this fall, one or two fanatics expressed a conviction that it was dangerous for the ordinary farmer to look upon anything outside of the vegetable kingdom—that pumpkins, cabbage heads and tobacco were the winning features, but the wiser ones suggested an aeroplane and other amusements and saved the day. Every feature at the Fair next week is absolutely clean and inviting, but in passing we would remark that more than one thousand Granville county people attended the Golden Belt Fair at Henderson last week and the most popular place on the grounds was the mid-way.

BANK YOUR MONEY.

And Check Out As You Need It.

Many thousands of dollars are being paid Granville county farmers for their tobacco, and those who have raised their home supplies are able to bank this cash. Deposit your money in the bank, and deposit it in your home bank. In this way you will while helping to keep the times good, be receiving interest on your money and keeping it safe at the same time. Never before in the history of the world were the banks safer and better managed, and never before was your government so strong and able to keep them safe.

SEVERAL OFFICERS SHOT.

Negro Barricaded Himself in Leanto at Danville.

A negro named Walter Clark, who had shot a woman named Fannie Betts Jennings, because she would not give him \$5, last week barricaded himself in a leanto and before he was burned out and riddled with bullets had killed one police officer, mortally wounded another and more or less seriously wounded several other persons.

A Feast For the Eye.

The thousands who will attend the Granville County Fair next week should visit the big stores of Landis & Easton and see the excellent stock of new dry goods, Millinery, Shoes, Blankets, Ladies' Coat Suits, Coats and Dresses, and Children's new fall suits. See the announcement on the fourth page of this paper.

GRANVILLE COUNTY CHAPTER AMERICAN RED CROSS.

The auditorium at the court house was well filled last Friday night, the occasion being the annual meeting of the Granville County Chapter American Red Cross. Mr. A. H. Powell, chairman of the local chapter, introduced Mr. W. A. Ellis, of Atlanta, who spoke at some length, explaining the work of the Red Cross and how relief is being administered in France.

The treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of \$553, of which about \$50 is owed to National Headquarters.

Mr. Powell stated that care is required in handling funds, so that not only local people may be satisfied, but so that national headquarters may show the whole country just how the Granville County Chapter has spent its money.

Officers Elected.

Officers for the chapter were re-elected as follows:

A. H. POWELL, Chairman.
MRS. R. C. M. CALVERT, V.-Chm.
A. W. GRAHAM, JR., Secretary.
MRS. N. H. CANNADY, Assist.-Sec.
J. P. HARRIS, Treasurer.
MRS. da la CROIX, Asst. Treasurer.
Executive Committee—Mrs. R. C. M. Calvert, Mrs. C. R. E. Brown, Mrs. R. L. Brown, Mrs. J. C. Roberts, Mrs. Louis de la Croix, John Webb, G. B. Phillips, B. K. Lassiter.

Corporal Hart Memorialized

The following paper was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, God, Who works His will in Heaven and among the armies of men, has seen fit to take out of this life Corporal Ernest F. Hart, while in the discharge of his duty as an American Soldier in France; and

Whereas, Corporal Hart was an Oxford boy and a son of our worthy townsman D. W. Hart;

Be it resolved that this, the Granville County Chapter of the American Red Cross, express to the family of Corporal Hart, their deep sympathy in these days of sorrow, commending them to the grace and comfort of God, pointing with genuine pride to this soldier's good record, to the fact that he is the first North Carolina trooper to sacrifice his life in France, and to his place on the immortal Honor Roll of Granville sons who through the years have been tried and found faithful to duty.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to his family, be inscribed on the minutes of the Chapter, and be printed in the County and State papers.

S. K. PHILLIPS,
A. H. POWELL,
MRS. C. EMMETT BROWN,
Committee.

AMERICAN PEOPLE'S INCOME 40 BILLIONS.

The yearly income of the American people is estimated by the Comptroller of the Currency to be about forty billion dollars, or 16 per cent of the estimated value of all property. If every one in the United States should subscribe to Liberty bonds to the extent of 10 per cent of his total resources the second Liberty Loan would be subscribed nearly ten times over.

MRS. ELAM LAID TO REST.

Funeral and Burial at Enon Last Friday Afternoon.

Sorrowing relatives and friends in large numbers gathered at Enon Church Friday afternoon last to attend the funeral and burial of Mrs. Flora Elam a noble daughter of Granville county, who departed this life last Thursday, aged sixty-one years.

The funeral and burial services were conducted by Dr. R. H. Marsh, assisted by Dr. J. D. Harte and Rev. G. T. Tunstall.

The pallbearers were: T. S. Averett, B. S. Hester, Walter Phipps, Rufus Daniel, C. Hester, Robert Pruitt.

Active: Taylor Hobgood, Robert Foster, Gen. B. S. Royster, Len Knott, Richard Gooch, Thurman Knott.

The Talk of the Town

The big sale at Cohn & Son's is still in full force. Dry goods, men's clothing, shoes, ladies' suits and cloaks and many other articles affords one an opportunity to save a dollar. Read Cohn & Son's adv. on the fourth page of this paper and profit thereby.

Big Checks Given Away

It is interesting to turn to the last page of this paper and note the great sums of money paid out at the Minor Warehouse for small loads of tobacco. The figures tell a wonderful story. The Minor has the second sale Wednesday and the first sale Thursday.

TO COMBAT PROPAGANDA TO HINDER RED CROSS

General Manager Telegraphs All Branches to Run Down Unpatriotic Movements.

Declaring that efforts to disparage the work of the American Red Cross are being made in various sections of the country as part of an anti-patriotic propaganda, General Manager Harvey D. Wilson has telegraphed all Red Cross division managers to begin a nation-wide campaign to trace the movement to its source and combat it.

PRESIDENT WILSON ISSUES LIBERTY BOND PROCLAMATION

Urges the People to Assemble in Their Respective Communities October 24th.

President Wilson in behalf of the Liberty Loan Saturday issued a proclamation setting aside October 24 as Liberty Day and urging the people of the nation to assemble on that day in their respective communities and "pledge to one another and to the Government that represents them the fullest measure of financial support."

SKYROCKET PRICES

All Grades of Tobacco Take a Big Jump.

Some of the big men came to Oxford last week and cast their eyes upon the luxurious golden leaves and up went the prices on all grades and the skyrocket is still in the air. The market opened Monday morning good and strong with prices on all grades still soaring. The indications that the general average for all sold on the Oxford market this week will be in the neighborhood of \$35.00 the hundred pounds.

RED CROSS TOBACCO

The Names of Those Who Did Their Bit.

The Granville County Chapter of the American Red Cross acknowledges the receipt of \$23.73 from the sale of donated tobacco and cash on the Oxford market last Friday. The names of those who did their bit follow:

Squire Allen, John Thorpe, Alvis Mitchell, Ed. Allen, Rufus Garrett, W. M. Wilkerson, York Allen, Henry Kittrell, Ben Wilkerson, Ben Wilkerson, Bob Black, Robt. Satterwhite, Will Thomas, H. L. Taylor, J. R. Daniel, aJames Harris, R. F. Overby, J. L. Parham, T. L. Bobbitt, Jimmie Thorpe, H. C. Cottrell, Geo. Hays, W. M. Owens, W. T. Hunt, Will Stem, Howard Wortham, W. H. Harris, Ben Thorpe, Pheneas Harris, P. C. Brooks, Will Lawrence, R. C. Bullock, Wash Bullock, Sammy Green, W. J. O'Brien, J. M. Phipps, S. P. Puckett, Cleveland Bragg.

PATRIOTIC AND WORTHY CAUSE

Granville County Soldiers' and Sailors Fund.

Send all donations to Major Will Landis, at Landis & Easton's, Oxford, and the same will be acknowledged by the Public Ledger.

Contributions.
Will Landis \$5.00
Public Ledger 1.00
R. C. T. 1.00
Frank B. Hays 1.00
Miss Lucile O'Brien50
Len H. Knott 1.00
Dr. N. C. Daniel 1.00
W. A. King 1.00
Mrs. A. A. Chapman 1.00
Frank H. Gregory 1.00

BE PREPARED

Valuable Real Estate For Sale at Auction.

The Kimball property, high grade city lots, on New College street, will be sold next Saturday at public auction by the Atlantic Coast Realty Company. This property is situated about five hundred yards from the business section of Oxford; close to city schools; city water and electric lights. Good property in the best town in the State on easy terms. Go out and enjoy the day. The Atlantic Coast Realty Company's famous brass band will furnish the music and free presents will be given away. Sale at three o'clock in the afternoon. See announcement on page two of this paper.

Names and Figures.

Names and figures always make an interesting chapter. Thousands of dollars are paid out at the Johnson Warehouse every sales day, and for the first time in many years the farmer made to feel that he is "worthy of his hire." There is no doubt in the world that they appreciate the big checks that are passed to them by Messrs Watkins and Fleming at the Johnson Warehouse. See a list of the names and amounts on the fifth page of this paper.

GRANVILLE COUNTY UNIT OF THE N. C. RESERVE MILITIA

The Work of Selecting the Men Will Be Completed This Week.

The formation of the Granville County unit of the North Carolina Reserve Militia, better known as the Home Guard, was set in motion last Friday night at a meeting of the local Advisory Council of the National Council of Defense.

After stating the object of the meeting, Mr. B. W. Parham, chairman of the Granville County Council of the National Council of Defense, called General Royster to the chair. There were perhaps a hundred men present, and all seemed willing to serve their country, but some were too old and some too young to enlist. About twenty-five or thirty acceptable men signed the following paper:

"I do hereby acknowledge to have volunteered this 12th day of October, 1917, as a soldier in the Reserve Militia of the State of North Carolina for the period of the present war, under the conditions prescribed by law, unless sooner discharged by proper authority. And I do solemnly swear that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the United States of America and to the State of North Carolina, and that I will serve them honestly and faithfully against all their enemies whomsoever, and that I will obey the orders of the Governor of the State of North Carolina, and of the officers appointed over me according to law and the rules and articles of war."

Meeting Next Friday Night.

Owing to the fact that the quota was not secured at the meeting last Friday night, there will be a meeting in the court house next Friday night at eight o'clock to complete the quota of fifty volunteers. Owing to the fact that the company will choose its own officers, Mr. Parham stated that he preferred to secure the quota, so that every man in the company could vote for his choice.

The Name of the Company

The Granville unit will be known as the Sixteenth Company of the North Carolina Reserve Militia. The home station is designated at Oxford. Services will not be compulsory. Men between the ages of 31 and 45 will be selected. No uniforms will be required unless the individual companies decide to wear them and then they will be provided by the individual members of the company. The enlistment is for the term of the war. Attendance on muster at least once a month is compulsory. Service at the call of the Governor anywhere within the State is required. Rifles, ammunition and belt will be furnished by the National Government. The election of the company officers will be by ballot.

Be on Hand

The meeting set for next Friday night at the court house will be very interesting. Remember the date and be on hand.

DICKERSON NEWS ITEMS

(Correspondence Public Ledger)

Double Wedding

On October 7, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Belcher was the scene of a very pretty marriage when their daughter Bessie became the happy bride of Mr. Ambrose Brooks, of this section, and Miss Mollie Dickerson, the bride of their son, Mr. Tommie Belcher. Rev. Eugene Urv officiating. The grooms are prosperous farmers and the brides are very talented young ladies, and their many friends are pleased to know that they will continue to make their home in this community.

Possom Hunters.

O'possum hunting is very popular around here. Mr. J. M. Thomason and his brother went hunting several nights ago and caught 14. They say there are plenty more left.

Personal Items.

Miss Nellie Hicks is visiting relatives in Darlington, S. C.

The farmers of this community are very busy: some are stripping tobacco, and others are making their own molasses.

Mrs. Sam Bullock and husband, of Knap of Reeds, were the guests of her mother Mrs. J. M. Thomason Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. J. F. Dean has returned from a visit to his brother in Washington, D. C.

The many friends of Miss Leila Moss will be pleased to know that she has recovered from her illness. A good number of the people around here expect to attend the State Fair at Raleigh this week.

Valuable Property For Sale

Gen. B. S. Royster, commissioner, announces elsewhere in this paper the sale of valuable residential property on the west side of College street, in the town of Oxford, at the court house door on November 17.

MR. LANIER BEFORE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

Physical Connection of the Two Railroads Urged by the Citizens.

The Public Ledger is informed by Mr. T. Lanier that the matter of a physical connection by the two railroads entering Oxford will be heard before the State Corporation Commission in Raleigh on the 25th day of October, 1917, at 10 a. m.

In our judgement this is a matter of most vital interest for the future welfare and prosperity of our town, and therefore it behooves the business people of our community to give to Mr. Lanier all aid and encouragement they can in this laudable undertaking.

We would suggest that it would be well for a large delegation of our business men to be present on this occasion so that the Commission might know that the business interests of our town are solely behind this proposition.

When we consider the size and the commercial importance of Oxford and the business it gives to the railroads, it is apparent to all who have knowledge of our railroad facilities that Oxford has never received fair treatment at the hands of either of the railroads entering the town and the very fact that they have refused to voluntarily make this connection which would cost them very little and be of such tremendous advantage to the town shows their past course and if Oxford is to get anything it will have to be demanded as a matter of right.

We sincerely trust that the Corporation Commission will see fit to grant this modest request as we believe that it will not only result in the upbuilding of Oxford but as time goes on will prove of very great advantage to both of the railroads.

THE HOME GUARD

Be On Hand Friday Night at the Court House.

As announced elsewhere in the Public Ledger today, the formation of the Granville County Home Guard, in accordance with the proclamation of Governor Bickett, is already underway. Service in the Home Guard is a patriotic one. The fifty men to constitute Granville's quota under the present plan of the State Administration will be selected by the Advisory Council. They are not to be conscripted nor are they to be exactly volunteers. However, no man is to be compelled to serve unless he wants to.

Granville county should have no trouble in getting its quota of fifty men. There is little occasion for the use of a home guard of the militia, but when the occasion does come the necessity is imperative, and to fail to provide for such emergencies is but the part of foolishness.

The men who are called to constitute the North Carolina Reserve Militia are in the highest sense the defenders of the home. Honored indeed, will be those men who are chosen. The Public Ledger hopes and believes that no slacker will be found in Granville.

ROB ROY QUARTET

Next Thursday Night In the Auditorium At the Graded School.

Reserved seat tickets can now be secured at the office at the Graded School for the Rob Roy Quartet, which comes to the auditorium next Thursday night. This is the second number of the Lyceum courses and it promises to be an excellent entertainment.

Come to the County Fair

The Perkinson-Green Company—the Store of Quality—extends a cordial invitation to all good people to come to the Granville County Fair next week and make their stores headquarters. Polite and obliging clerks will take great pleasure in showing a handsome line of coat suits, long coats, millinery, shoes, and at inviting prices.

The State Fair.

A large number of Granville county people will attend the State Fair at Raleigh this week. Miss Jeanette Rankin, congresswoman from Montana, will speak at the State Fair Thursday on the occasion of the formal dedication of the new Woman's Building.

Great Economy Sale.

Uncle Sam has declared war on Germany, and I. Wolf has declared war on high prices. Look at the prices of some of the many things enumerated on the fifth page of this paper. The sale starts next Friday at the I. Wolf store, on Hillsboro street next door to the Electric Light office.

Sheriff S. C. Hobgood was in Raleigh yesterday attending the called meeting of High Sheriffs of N. C. to organize a North Carolina Sheriff's Association.