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THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WRESTLES WITH PROBLEMS.

They Favor Home Demonstration Work and Give County Demonstration Work Black Eye—The Chairman's Salary Was Placed At \$10 Per—Supt. Wheeler's Services Retained For Three Months—Joe Beard Succeeds Alonzo Mitchell As Standard Keeper—The Insolvent Tax List.

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met Monday, December 3d, the following members being present: Messrs. E. C. Harris, Chairman; T. G. Taylor, R. S. Hart, J. L. Daniel, W. E. Cannady.

Demonstration Work.
The appropriation for home demonstration for the year 1918, beginning January 1st, was increased \$250.00 per year, the salary of said demonstrator being paid by the county and the government. This was a unanimous vote. In the interest of this work a number of ladies bearing heavily signed petitions were present, those making talks were Mrs. H. G. Cooper, Mrs. W. E. Kimball, Mrs. A. H. Powell and Mrs. T. G. Currin. There were also a number of gentlemen representing a progressive spirit, present and heartily approved the increase of pay for the great work.

The Lyon Mill Road.
The parties interested in the Lyon Mill road were before the Board asking for a consideration of the petition presented at the October meeting relative to work on this road. After considering the same the Board decided that it was impossible to do any work on the road at this time, as it would take all the funds available to repair the road.

Grassy Creek Church Road.
Mr. W. E. Yancey was before the Board asking for a donation toward the construction of a road from Grassy Creek Church toward Buffalo Springs. The Board donated \$15 for the work.

Supt Wheeler Retained.
The clerk was ordered to settle with Supt. S. M. Wheeler for past two months' services. Chairman Harris called Commissioner Daniel to the chair while he put the following motion:

"That the next three months the county pay to S. M. Wheeler \$150.00 per month as foreman of bridges and roads. Mr. Wheeler accepted the job for that period.

The Chairman's Salary.
It was moved by Commissioner Cannady that the salary of the Chairman of the Board be fixed at \$10.00 per month. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Standard Keeper.
Mr. J. M. Baird was appointed Standard Keeper until December 1, 1918, to fill the unexpired term of Alonzo Mitchell, resigned. All weights and measures shall be kept at the court house, when the standard keeper is not discharging his duties. The oath of office was administered to Mr. Baird, who at once entered upon his duties.

Farm Demonstration Work.
The question of continuing the donation toward the farm demonstration agent was brought up with the following result, namely, viz: Commissioner Harris made the motion to discontinue the donation; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor. All of the Board, except Chairman Harris, voted for the motion.

Settle With County Treasurer.
Chairman Harris and the county attorney, Senator A. A. Hisks, made their report of settlement with treasurer H. J. Robards.

Insolvent Taxes.
The sheriff was instructed to turn the insolvent taxes up to 1917 to his deputies for collection and allow them 40 per cent for collection of same.

RED CROSS NOTES

The Red Cross wishes to remind the ladies of the town and county that the Work Rooms will be open on Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday mornings, Thursday afternoons and Friday mornings. The Granville County Chapter of Red Cross acknowledges \$20.20 donated by Enon Community. This generous contribution is but one of the many good things Enon is doing. Acknowledgment is made of a gift of \$10.00 from Mr. Frank B. Hays for Red Cross Work.

"UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL."

On the fifth page of this paper will be found the patriotic appeal of Lyon-Winston Company to all good people to aid in bringing the war to a speedy conclusion. Friday, December 14, is to be a great day of patriotic council in every school house in Granville.

HOW WILL YOU SPEND YOUR CHRISTMAS?

Out of the Many Suggestions No Universal Plan Has Been Adopted.

Christmas is only a little distance away, and it is time for every individual in the United States to begin formulating holiday plans. Within the year war has come to this country and even the festive spirit of the holidays must bow and adjust itself to the times. We have adopted no general plan for the observation of the day, although various departures have been suggested. Some of our people have advocated a Christmas which would give special attention to our soldiers. Still others have suggested that the day be observed strictly as a children's holiday. Others have pointed to the dangers of restricting Christmas purchases to the point of working undue hardships on business channels.

Out of the many suggestions no universal plan has been adopted, which indicates that we will meet the holidays much the same as we have in the past. Conforming to the past we will observe the day according to personal whims and fancies, adding, of course, that thought to our purchases which must guide the people of a nation in war. No one group or class is going to be entirely forgotten Christmas although the remembrances may be marked by more of the sentimental and less of the material side of Christmas giving.

ONE MORE WEEK TO HELP A GOOD CAUSE.

The Soldier's and Sailor's Christmas Fund.

Major Will Landis now has in hand about \$225.00 for the Soldier's and Sailor's Christmas Fund. The collections for this noble cause will close December 15th in order to get the presents in hand by Christmas. The fund should be at least \$300.00. Send in your contribution to Major Will Landis at once.

Previously Acknowledged \$212.

J. Robt. Wood	\$ 1.00
Miss Mary Webb	50
Mrs. Dellie Bonitz	1.00
E. B. Howard	1.00
W. H. Daniel	1.00
Mrs. T. A. Royster	1.00
Edward Fort Taylor	1.00
A. H. Day, (col)	1.00
Ben. W. Parham	1.00
A. L. Capehart	1.50
Mrs. A. L. Capehart	1.50
Miss Margaret Capehart	1.00
A. L. Capehart, Jr.	1.00
B. D. Eakes	1.00

MR. OTHO DANIEL WEDS MISS CARRIE MANNING.

Popular Granville Man Woes and Wins Handsome Bride.

Greenville, Dec. 4.—The home of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Manning of Parnele was the scene of a lovely wedding Wednesday afternoon when their sister, Miss Carrie Manning, became the bride of Mr. Otho Allen Daniel, of Oxford, N. C.

While the guests were assembling Miss Maggie Whitehurst at the piano played "Humoresque," after which Mrs. Henry Staten, of Bethel, sang in a charming manner, "O' Promise me" and "Love You Truly." Mrs. Staten wore a lovely gown of white crepe de chine, and carried white chrysanthemums.

Then to the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march two small boys, Masters John Jenkins and Walter Lynch Jr., dressed in white serge military suits formed a pathway for the bridal party with white ribbons, and stood on either side of the ivy entwined arch. The groom then entered with his best man, Mr. B. W. Daniel, followed by the bride with her dame-of-honor, her sister, Mrs. J. R. Jenkins, the latter wore a taupe satin gown, with bead trimmings and carried ping Killarney roses. The bride was dressed in a going away suit of midnight blue with gray hat, gloves and shoes, and carried a prayer book with a showery of valley lilies. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. J. Walker of Greenville, assisted by Rev. S. K. Phillips.

Mrs. Daniel is a very popular young lady and is unusually accomplished. Having a very good singing voice and being quite an artist on the piano.

Mr. Daniel is a prominent business man of Oxford and is well known there. They will make their future home in Oxford.

The Tailor Made Man

The more you know of Mr. Cherkas, the merchant tailor, the better you like him from an artistic standpoint. His handmade overcoats and suits are very handsome. See his announcement on the 9th page of this paper.

The Best Christmas Gift.

If one should ask you what is the best Christmas gift, what would you say? To answer the question intelligently, first read the announcement of the Oxford Jewelry Company on the fifth page of this paper.

NO PEACE UNTIL GERMANY IS DEFEATED.

Immediate War Upon Austria Is Urged by the President.

PEACE ON JUSTICE AND GENERALITY.

Message to Congress Reasserts in Ringing Words, Doctrine That Hostilities Must Continue Until Teuton Autocracy Gives Way to People's Government and Foreign Territory Gained by Force of Arms is Relinquished.

Washington, Dec. 5.—A joint resolution declaring that a state of war exists between the United States and Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey was introduced in the Senate by Senator Pittman for Senator King, of Utah.

It was referred to the foreign relations committee without action.

(Washington Special)
Declaration of war with Austria-Hungary at once was recommended to Congress by President Wilson in his address to Congress Tuesday.

Immediate war with Turkey and Bulgaria, Germany's other allies, the President told Congress, he did not believe necessary at this time because they do not yet stand in the direct path of necessary action.

Immediate war against Austria, even though she only be Germany's vassal and not her own mistress, the President declared, was necessary because the Central Powers must be considered as one, and because the war can be conducted successfully in no other way.

Giving a plain warning, however, that he would not hesitate to ask for declaration of war on Turkey and Bulgaria when he considered it necessary, the President said:

"We shall go wherever the necessities of this war carry us, but it seems to me that we should go only where immediate and practical consideration lead us, and not heed any others."

Prussianism Must Be Beaten.

Peace, the President told Congress, can come only when the Prussian military autocracy is beaten down; when the German people make peace with the world through rulers the world can trust; when they make reparation for the wrongs their present rulers have done; and when the enslaved people of Belgium, northern France, and the Balkans have been set free.

Germany's declaration that she is fighting a war of self-defense against deliberate aggression, the President in ringing words declared "wantonly false," and he reiterated anew that no one is threatening the existence of the independence of the peaceful enterprise of Germany.

President Raps Pacifists.
Of those who speak of peace without the overthrow of Germany military autocracy, the President declared:

"I hear men debate peace who understand neither its nature nor the way in which we may attain it with uplifted eyes and unbroken spirits. But I know that none of these speak for the nation. They do not touch the heart of anything. They may safely be left to strut their uneasy hour and be forgotten."

PERSHING TELLS AMERICA

New York, Dec. 6.—General Pershing sent a personal message to the people of the United States by Bishop Luther B. Wilson, who recently returned from a mission in France for the Y. M. C. A.

The message reads: "Tell them there is no ground for the heresy that Germany cannot be beaten. Germany must be beaten, and Germany will be beaten."

The message was read by the Bishop in an address at the West Side Branch of the Y. M. C. A.

ONLY THREE FOREIGNERS OF DRAFT AGE IN GRANVILLE.

No County in the United States With an Equal Number of Inhabitants Has an Equal Record.

After all the draft records have been thoroughly threshed over, Granville county looms up as the only county in the United States, with an equal number of inhabitants, where there are so few foreigners! Of the 1,967 names on the registration cards, all are native born except one Green, one Austrian and one Russian.

We also doubt that a single county in the United States could be found where the registration of whites and blacks are so near equal. We are unable to determine the exact number of either the white or the black draft, but the number will not vary one way or the other more than a dozen men.

F. W. HANCOCK, JR., APPOINTED UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER

The Appointment Comes to Lawyer Hancock Unsolicited.

Mr. F. W. Hancock, Jr., was a surprised man when he opened his morning mail and learned that the United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina, the Hon. Geo. W. Connor, had appointed him United States Commissioner at Oxford, which vacancy was caused by the death of Squire Ellis.

The appointment gives universal satisfaction here. Mr. Hancock is learned in the law. He has judicial powers, and no lawyer, however great, will be able to sway him from the prescribed line of duty. Ministers to the pulpit, farmers to the farm, and lawyers to the law, is the motto of the Public Ledger. Any other system has proved a failure in North Carolina.

A WORD FROM CAMP SEVIER.

The Boys Are Anxious to Whip the Kaiser.

One of the Granville boys at Camp Sevier writes to a friend in Oxford as follows:

"Just to let you all know of the happy Thanksgiving dinner the government gave. The turkey was plentiful and fruits of all kinds were served. We had a whole holiday which the boys highly appreciated. Some of the boys got nice boxes from home for their dinner but they won't be opened for several days to come for they won't need them."

"We only drill six hours per day, but, believe me, we put in the time. The time is short at hand for our departure for France which we have longed for so long. We are all very anxious to go and whip the Kaiser, so we can again return to our old home and friends."

FORMER CITIZEN OF OXFORD.

Mr. W. U. Thomasson, of Southernland, Va., Shaking Hands With Old Friends.

Mr. W. U. Thomasson, who was chief of police in Oxford five or six years ago, was in Oxford Wednesday shaking hands with his many friends. He accompanied the remains of his brother, Mr. C. R. Thomasson, who died at Butterworth, Va., last Sunday, to Southern Granville where they were laid to rest.

Mr. Thomasson is a brother of Mr. P. L. Thomasson, owner of the Water Line Farm. He is engaged in farming at Southernland, Va., ten miles from Petersburg, and like all the good men who have gone from Granville and settled in that section, is making good.

Cohn & Son's Great Sale.

Cohn & Son's sale is still going on. Another week of great bargains at Cohn & Son's store. If you did not visit their sale do so by all means. You will find there bigger bargains than ever. If you were there it will pay you to go there again, for many fresh offerings will be placed on sale during their sale. We advise you to go to Cohn & Son's at once and lay in a supply of everything you need for the winter. There is no telling when you will have such a chance to buy again for such little prices. Cohn & Son's have always claimed to give you better values for every dollar spent with them than any other store. Furthermore they can point with pride to a host of people who know from experience that their claims are not mere advertising talk. They have just received several thousand yards of outing and canton fannels which will be placed on sale at half prices. See their adv. on last page of this paper. (adv)

Reuben Up-to-Date.

Kaiser, we have long been thinking What a fine world this will be, When your bunch are all transported Far beyond the Arctic Sea.

CHAIRMAN HANCOCK REPORTS ON Y. M. C. A. WORK.

What Some of the Communities in Granville Are Doing.

It is with no little pleasure that I announce to our good people in terms of the dollar the liberal and noble response which your Y. M. C. A. workers have met with in soliciting pledges for the greatest and most worthy causes. Be ever, however, on the alert to prevent this publication of our success from making each one of us slacken the reins that should lead us to every nook and cranny in this county. In every public organization, especially one of this kind, the people should be kept posted on the progress of the work and to that end we are publishing the result of our work to date.

The Contributions.

The National Committee of the Y. M. C. A. War Work Campaign set our allotment for the county of Granville at \$3,000. This was after a careful and thoughtful consideration subdivided into two divisions. Oxford's part was set at \$2,000 and the County's part at \$1,000. Today, Thursday, the report for Oxford shows that, of our \$2,000 to be raised, we have collected and had subscribed together \$1,549.50. This sum does not include the generous and sacrificial contribution offered by the young women of Oxford College. That fund goes in another division. Enon Community has, as she always does in everything that she decides to do, answered the call that went out to them and have very generously responded in the sum of \$100.00. West Oxford under the leadership of Mr. Russell Lanier and Mr. D. F. Lanier in two days work reached their goal of \$100.00. It also gives the workers of this great cause supreme pleasure to state that Stovall, under the leadership of the ever active and faithful Master of the Stovall Boy Scout's Organization, Mr. L. C. Wilkerson, has pledged itself to this fund in the sum of \$100.00 every penny of which will soon be forthcoming. The writer had not been in one of the stores out there certainly over five minutes when \$22 was handed over to him by several good men standing around the stove. Such a spirit as displayed there on that occasion is the cause for encouragement to all and should help other communities to take hold to this work and push it to a triumphant finish. Then, too, we are very glad to acknowledge liberal donations from individuals living in the county. Their gifts have been credited to the County Fund. In all, to date, the contributions for the County amount to about \$222.00.

Opportunity Awaits You.

If you live in Oxford and have not already done so, or if you have not given as much as you feel like you should give, then send us your check today. Let all of the people of the county do the same. Send any amount that you feel able to send. Make your check payable to Mr. P. W. Knott, the Treasurer for the county fund or Mr. R. K. Taylor, Treasurer of the town fund.

Someday it will be too late to help those who have gone away to fight our battles.

F. W. HANCOCK, JR.,
Local Chairman.

THE OXFORD TOBACCO MARKET

There Is No Indication At Present Of a Decline in Prices.

Tobacco has been coming in a little more freely during the past few days. Some of the breaks this week have been the best in some time.

The recent rumor that prices were slightly off and that a sharp decline may be looked for soon, is disputed by the high averages that are being made in all of our warehouses. There is no indication as yet of a decline and there is not likely to be any. The farmers, however, are selling the weed as fast as they can get it stripped, but they are not alarmed as to future prices.

THE MARKETS.

Cotton was 43 points lower on the New York Cotton Exchange Monday than it was Monday of last week. The highest price of January cotton a week ago was 29.73; the highest Monday was 29.30.

Chicago corn was quoted at 1.20 3/4 Monday. A week ago it was 1.22 1/4. Lard was quoted in Chicago Monday at 57 points lower than a week ago, while pork was 13 points higher.

Some Good Work.

A full house greeted the four minute's patriotic speech of Mr. B. W. Parham at the Orpheum last Tuesday night with applause. Short pithy speeches, such as Mr. Parham delivered, is doing more to win the war than long winded speeches and lengthy editorials and tons of literature sent out from Washington.