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LOCAL BOARD BEGIN CONSIDERING OF QUESTIONAIRES.

No Final Action By Exemption Board Until All Blanks Are Filled.

Consideration of returned questionnaires, as filled out and signed by men in the selective draft, has been begun by the County Exemption Board in a very informal way, although it is announced that no definite and final action will be taken with regard to any of the cases until all of the questionnaires have been sent out.

The blanks are being put into the mails at the rate of about one hundred per day, and the board is now about half through with this work.

It is estimated that possibly ten days more will be required to finish the work of mailing the blanks to all of the remaining registered men who have not received their questionnaires.

Additional instructions have been received by the board with regard to the classification, and these will be closely studied before the men are placed finally in the classes to be given them.

ADEQUATE CLOTHING.

Granville County Soldier Boys Well Cared For.

The Public Ledger is very glad to learn from some of the officers and other soldier boys from Granville, who were home for the holidays that they have been supplied with adequate clothing and other needed supplies and that so far as they know the other boys from Granville county have likewise been cared for. Considerable criticism right now is going the rounds in different parts of the country because of the alleged shortage in necessary supplies on account of delays in making contracts and fulfilling them and it will be gratifying to the people of Granville to know that their boys are not suffering, although, of course, they will regret if there are others less fortunate.

LOST MAIL BAG STILL

MISSING WITH \$50,000.

No new clue has been reported as to the whereabouts of the missing \$50,000 which disappeared while being sent from Richmond to Columbia, S. C., last Saturday, the only link being that the pouch was received for at Hamlet, N. C. The money was on the way from the Richmond Reserve Bank to a bank in Columbia.

FARMER SOLDIER BOYS

MAY GO HOME TO WORK.

Secretary Baker has a plan to permit farmer boys in the army to return to their homes at periodical intervals, to assist in crop production. He outlined it last week to a delegation of New York farmers, who protested against conditions created by the scarcity of labor.

CALLER MEETING OF

ALBEMARLE PRESBYTERY.

Was Held in Henderson Presbyterian Church This Week—

Rev. J. S. Kennison Called to Wake County.

A called meeting of the Albemarle Presbytery was held in the Henderson Presbyterian church Thursday afternoon of this week, the purpose of which was to consider the resignation of Rev. J. S. Kennison, pastor of the Granville county charge, who has been called to a pastorate in Wake county.

Everybody Sober

By reference to our railroad pass book we see that we traveled five hundred miles during Christmas week, and not a single person did we see under the influence of liquor. How times have changed! Only a few years ago it was dangerous to travel on the railway trains during Christmas when men carried flasks and pistols in their pockets.

IN GRIP OF THE STORM KING.

Eastern Party or Country Has Coldest Spell of Weather in Recent Years. Thermometer Drops to 2 Below Zero in Oxford.

The country has been in the grip of the Storm-King for the past week. The South has had a most severe cold spell, the coldest in many years. A snow storm swept through the East from New York on down the Atlantic coast and on to New Orleans. Florida has more snow than has ever been seen there by many of the older inhabitants. In New Orleans the thermometer registered 19 above zero Sunday.

At Bristol, Tennessee, the temperature fell to many degrees below zero, while at Northfield, Vermont, the official figures showed 26 below. Boston showed 14 below, while it was 13 below in New York, the coldest weather seen there since 1880.

The coldest weather Eastern North Carolina has had in 19 years prevailed through this section. Early Sunday morning the thermometer in Fayetteville registered 2½ degrees above zero. In Raleigh it was two below zero and the same temperature was registered in Oxford.

Sunday was the coldest day felt here in a great many years. Some of the older people say they never saw a colder day. The highest point the thermometer was able to reach all day Sunday was 17. Monday morning it was a little warmer, the thermometer standing at 4 above. Some of the citizens of the town state that their thermometers went way below zero.

There is a slight chance for warmer weather. Snow still lies on the ground and is likely to be here for several days unless there is quite a change in temperature.

THE OXFORD TOBACCO MARKET WILL RESUME NEXT MONDAY.

One Million Pounds in Granville Yet to Be Sold.

The official figures show that 7-509,281 pounds of tobacco have been sold on the warehouse floors of Oxford during the season. The money paid for the same amounted to \$2,351,836, representing an average of \$31.32 per hundred for all sold.

After a brief close down for the holidays, the Oxford market will resume next Monday morning, January 7th. Well informed tobacco men estimate that there is at least one million pounds in the hands of the farmers.

All of the buyers are on hand and ready for the sale next Monday. They state that the market will open strong and that there will be lively bidding on the remainder of the crop.

MEN NOT IN CAMPS

ARE TO BE CLASSIFIED.

No Formal Calls Until February 15th.

Provost Marshal General Crowder has notified state governors that there will be no more formal calls for deferred percentages of the present quota of national army men before February 15. All men who have been called but whose order numbers are so low that they are not actually in camp, will get the benefit of the new classification.

Boards have been instructed, however, to continue sending men to make up deficiencies in the quota caused by rejection of men already in the service, until they have enough men finally placed in the first class.

They were notified also to expect very shortly calls for men skilled in special lines of work.

ADDITIONAL CONCESSIONS TO THE ENTENTE TO BE MADE BY TEUTONS.

London, January 3.—The Central Powers within the next ten days will make new declarations regarding Germany's peace declarations, a dispatch from Geneva to the Daily Express quotes the Munich Nachrichten as saying. It added that modifications may be introduced, owing to the attitude of the Entente Powers.

* * * * * FEAR OF AMERICA IS SEIZING PEOPLE OVER ALL GERMANY. * * * * *

London, Jan. 3.—Allied air raids over Germany are awakening the people to a recognition of their rulers' mistaken air of ruthlessness, according to the Times. There is great nervousness throughout Germany, especially in the more exposed sections, owing to the announced intention of the Americans to invade Germany by air. Efforts are being made to claim anxiety by expressions about American bluff. The frequent explosions in German munition plants are causing the German officials anxiety not only because of the threat to the supply of munitions, but for fear of uprisings in those districts. The disturbances have greatly increased since frost.

ROBBERS RAMPANT.

Do Everything Except to Present Their Visiting Cards to the Town Police.

Thieves visited Oxford again last Saturday night, and for the third time in recent months smashed the rear door at the Hamilton Drug store and entered. Mr. W. J. Riley, who has a room over the drug store heard the lick that shattered the glass door. He hastened down the front steps and went over to the Mayor's office in search of the policemen, but they were not there, and when he returned to the court house corner he looked in the direction of the drug store and saw a short colored man behind the counter. Mr. Riley was unarmed and before he could secure help the robber disappeared in the darkness.

During the same night robbers visited the store of Mr. J. L. Garrett, on College street, and smashed the glass in the front door and entered the building. This was the second time robbers have visited Mr. Garrett in recent months, each time effecting an entrance by the front door.

The robber, or robbers, searched the money drawers at both places and found none. If they took anything, neither Mr. Hamilton or Mr. Garrett did not discover it.

Week of Prayer.

The Ladies Missionary Society of the Oxford Baptist church will hold a week of prayer for wide-world missions beginning Monday, January 7th and continuing through the 11th. The meeting will be held in the Sun-school room at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

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CARD FROM COM. HARRIS.

A Word In Reference to the Roads of the County.

To the citizens of Granville County: Dear Friends—The old year has passed and gone and we are beginning the new. We should profit from the experience of the past and not lament over and talk about what could be done or should have been, neither what could be done next year. We recognize three days—yesterday, today and tomorrow—yesterday with all its opportunities has gone forever. Tomorrow with its anticipations never comes. Today is with us and if we fail to avail ourselves of the golden opportunity of today, they too, will soon be gone forever. Your commissioners fully realize the existing conditions of our county and the abnormal state of almost the entire world. Why these conditions we do not propose to discuss. They exist and must be met today. We come to ask your hearty and helpful cooperation, not your harmful and adverse criticism. Perhaps the one thing most needed just now is better roads. These we can have whenever the people as a whole are willing to lend a helping hand. It is the small things saved that counts. The best and about the only thing that can be done to the roads this winter is to drag them. I am going to ask every community to do just what my community is going to do—keep three miles of road dragged, the side ditches open and keep the boxes and small bridges in good repair. The county will furnish the drags, apply to Sam W. Wheeler. Any community that will not do this will have to travel bad roads and they need not abuse the commissioners. It is but natural to try to keep those who keep themselves. Now my good people, let's everybody help the good cause along the best we can and be sure to remember that your commissioners have the interest of the county at heart and are trying to do the very best they can for all concerned. Unkind criticism is harmful. Respect, E. C. HARRIS.

Income Tax Man Coming.

Mr. F. W. Hancock, Chief of the Internal Tax Division of the Internal Revenue office at Raleigh, requests us to announce to the public that Deputy Collector E. A. Hughes, of Durham, will be at the Court House at Oxford from January 7th to January 12th, both dates inclusive, for the purpose of assisting all persons who are liable to make a return of their income for the year 1917. The United States Government requires every single person in the country whose net income for 1917 equalled or exceeded \$1,000 and every married person whose net income equalled or exceeded \$2,000 to file a return before March 1st, 1918, with the Collector of Internal Revenue at Raleigh.

HAND OF ALIEN ENEMY

SEEN IN NORFOLK.

Nearly Two Blocks Destroyed in Heart of Business District of Norfolk.

Nearly two blocks in the heart of Norfolk's business district, including the Monticello hotel, were destroyed, at least one man was killed and a score more injured in a series of explosions and fires Tuesday which both the police and naval authorities believe were incendiary.

The loss is roughly estimated at more than \$2,000,000.

Three distinct explosions in as many buildings, one after the first virtually had been brought under control, led to the general belief that enemy agents were at work.

—President Hobgood informs us that Oxford College will open its Spring term on next Tuesday, January 8. He has arranged a brief but complete course in stenography and typewriting for the benefit of girls who wish to prepare for business positions. He invites correspondence. (adv)

COUNTY TREASURER HENRY J. ROBARDS DIES SUDDENLY.

Death Came at the Close of His Official Year—Remains Laid to Rest in Elmwood Cemetery

After completing his day's work on Thursday, December 27th, Mr. Henry J. Robards, treasurer of Granville county, went to his home on Front street, and after enjoying a hearty meal at five o'clock that afternoon he retired to his room to take his usual short nap. An hour later, at six o'clock, a member of the family discovered that he was dead. Heart failure was the cause of his death, and to all appearance he passed away quietly and without a struggle.

Mr. Robards was serving his second term as treasurer of Granville county. He audited his accounts up to the day of his death and had forwarded check to renew his bond for the official year beginning December 1, 1917.

On the afternoon of his death Mr. Robards passed in and out among the county offices and greeted the officials in his usual pleasant manner. To all appearance he was enjoying the best of health, and his sudden death was a distinct shock to the community.

Mr. Robards was one of the most sympathetic, kind and gentle men, it has been our pleasure to know. He was quick to relieve suffering and distress wherever he found it. For many years he was a traveling salesman, covering North and South Carolina, in this capacity he made many friends.

Mr. Robards is survived by a devoted wife and three children as follows: Mrs. Farrier, of Keansville; Sergeant Neil Robards, now at Camp Sevier, and a younger brother, Henry, and two devoted sisters, Misses Sue and Bettie Robards, who made their home with him.

The funeral services, conducted by Rev. J. D. Harte, who was assisted by Rev. R. H. Willis, were held from the Presbyterian church, of which the deceased was a member, at eleven o'clock Saturday morning and the interment followed at Elmwood Cemetery.

KAISER BROKEN BY CRIMES. HAUNTED BY FEAR OF DEATH

There is a story that grim fear haunts the conscience stricken soul of the Kaiser. He is afraid that he will die before peace has come to the suffering humanity of Europe. The fear lies at the back of all his arrogant talk; it undercuts all his blasphemous boastings. The story is based on authenticated reports brought to this country by Americans recently returned to the United States after long residence in Berlin. It pictures the Emperor as he is today—a man whose spirit has been utterly broken by the dread that he will suffer eternal punishment for his great crime against humanity, a cringing figure entirely unlike the dominating personality that drove nearly all of civilization to the battlefield.

An Opportunity to Laugh.

"Fatty Arbuckle" will be seen at the Orpheum this Saturday matinee and night in his best play, "At Coney Island." A rare opportunity for old and young to laugh.

The Financial Exhibit.

We are printing in this issue of the Public Ledger the financial exhibit of Granville County for the fiscal year ending November 30th, 1917. Read it carefully, and if you find any mistakes blame it on the linotype machine and not on the commissioners. The exhibit of Mr. D. C. Hunt, Clerk of the Court, will follow in our next issue. Read and file them away for future reference.

Horner Military School.

On account of the shortage of fuel and the wisdom of exercising the saving spirit the Horner Military School, Charlotte, has postponed the opening of the Spring Term until January 15.