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GRANVILLE COUNTY WILL GET FEDERAL AID ROAD FUND

Our County Commissioners Moved By a Profound Sense of Duty.

The County Board is to be congratulated on the forward step and manifestation of progress at their meeting last Monday in voting to accept \$23,000 of the Federal Aid Road Fund. The county treasury was empty when the present Board was inducted into office, and thus being handicapped they could not make as creditable showing on road work as some of the former Boards. Their determination to share in the Federal Aid Road Fund is the right step.

Minutes of the Meeting.

The following members were present: Messrs. E. C. Harris, chairman; T. G. Taylor, W. E. Cannady, J. Luther Daniel, Commissioner Hart was absent. The Board addressed a letter to the State Commission, at Raleigh, reading as follows:

Copy of Letter.

"The county of Granville hereby accepted proposition to use \$23,000 of the Federal Aid Road Fund, as per your letter of January 29, 1918. Under present system of taxation our revenue for road purposes is approximately \$33,000 annually and the Board of Commissioners will supply from this source the amount necessary to entitle us to the allotment mentioned in your letter of January 29, 1918, and will give such other assurances as lies in its power to give."

Failed to List.

The Board instructed the clerk to charge on the books against the estate of W. H. Gooch \$80.00, money on deposit for the past five years, plus 25 per cent. for failure to list.

Exempted From Road Duty

The Board exempted Ellis Averett permanently from road duty.

READY FOR SPRING DRIVE.

Samuel Davis, the Hardware Man, is the Farmers' Friend.

The announcement of Samuel Davis, elsewhere in this paper has the right ring. Every day in the year he proves himself to be the true friend of the farmer. He buys his stock right and he sells it right. His large business at Clarksville is founded upon right principles, and the farmers deem it both profitable and a pleasure to deal with him. He does a very extensive business in Granville. Also read his specials scattered throughout this paper.

PROPAGATION OF HOGS.

Leading Farmers Attend Meeting in Oxford Thursday.

A large number of the leading farmers of Granville met in Oxford Thursday and conferred with a view of increasing the supply of pork in the county. It was an enthusiastic meeting and the farmers entered into the discussion in a business like way.

Dr. Morris, county agent, will have something for publication bearing upon the important subject next week.

NAVY IS PREPARED TO TRANSPORT 500,000 MEN.

Heavy Movement Will Begin This Month.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Secretary Daniels today authorized the statement that the navy is assured of enough transport facilities to make sure that there will be 500,000 American troops in France early this year, as was stated by Secretary Baker recently before the Senate military committee.

The Secretary would not say whether the navy department's outlook for ships was such as to warrant the expectation of having 1,000,000 more men in France by the end of 1918.

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

Must Have Their Reports in Not Later Than Tuesday.

There is a State law making it imperative that justices of the peace must have their reports in hand in time for the clerk of the court to present them to the Grand Jury. Judge Cam Hunt, Clerk of the Court, can handle the reports not later than Monday evening next or early Tuesday morning.

VICTORY STILL THE GOAL.

A Pointer From Former Ambassador Gerard.

Ambassador Gerard, who knows the German Government from long first hand acquaintance, is of the opinion that the reports of strikes and other internal troubles in Germany have been taken too seriously in this country. He believes that these reports were sent out for the purpose of halting our war preparations. "The whole thing," he says, "seems to have been staged or prearranged."

ALIEN ENEMIES IN GRANVILLE COUNTY MUST REGISTER.

Assistant Postmaster Critcher Has Matter in Hand During the Present Week.

The Postmaster has received blanks for the registration as required by law of all alien enemies residing in Oxford and Granville county, and that persons so designated were required to come forward and make the proper statement of their nationality. This week is being observed throughout the United States as a time for the registration of enemy aliens, and all persons of German birth who are not naturalized Americans are required to fill out the blanks and return them to the proper authorities.

It is known that there are very few citizens either in Granville or in Oxford who come under this designation, but it is thought that there are a few. The proclamation of President Wilson, dated November 16th, 1917, provides for the registration of all German citizens who are not naturalized. This of course, does not mean that these persons are to be sent to war or mistreated in any way, or even to be deprived of any of their liberties in a free country, unless there is just cause for such a course.

Those who are liable to registration are given until Saturday night to sign and fill out the blanks sent here by government officials.

OUR FAITHFUL PHYSICIANS.

They Don't Always Get Their Low Fees.

The physicians all over the State have been forced to advance their fees, but the faithful Oxford doctors, who stand high in the medical profession are plodding along at the same old price, and many of them are frequently swindled out of their fee. When one of the good old doctors recently died in Oxford it was discovered that more than \$30,000 was due him for professional services in Granville.

The Public Ledger sympathizes with the doctors in the present crisis. All materials and medicine they use in administering to the sick and wounded has advanced to such an extent the physicians were forced to take this step in order to get a living out of their work. In some instances some of the drugs they use has advanced 1000 per cent or more and the cost of travel and living expenses generally have more than doubled.

WHY NOT A LADY DEPUTY.

The Public Ledger Asked to Explain Its Position.

Some of the women about town have requested the Public Ledger to explain its views about the suffragist question. Well seriously, if a woman can run a lathe, hustle a crowbar as a section hand and paint a tin roof, why shouldn't she be a Deputy Sheriff? Is it any more unladylike to serve subpoenas, carry around writs and assist in drawing juries than it is to chop wood, run a motor or build a fence?

Of course, there are some things along the deputy line that she may not do with a nice regard for the feminine proprieties. Sit on the jail steps and smoke a pipe, for instance, but she might sit there and knit.

GRANVILLE SUPERIOR COURT CONVENES NEXT WEEK.

Hon. W. A. Devin Will Preside—Two Week's Term.

The two week's term of the Granville Superior court will convene next Monday morning. The criminal docket is light, but the civil causes are unusually heavy and are scheduled to begin Wednesday.

TRANSPORT CARRYING UNITED STATES TROOPS SUNK OFF IRISH COAST.

First Great Disaster of the War to America's Armed Forces Reported in Brief London Cable.

MORE THAN 250 MEN LOST.

Cunard Liner Tuscania, Torpedoed and Sunk in War Zone Off the Irish Coast, Carried Small Detachment of Soldiers From Almost Every Section of the Country—No Names of Persons Lost of Survivors Reported to the War Department—Number on Board Included Units From Michigan and Wisconsin and Detachments From Many Other States.

(Washington Special)

The Cunard liner Tuscania, carrying 2,397 American soldiers was torpedoed and sunk off the Irish coast last Wednesday night. News of the first great disaster in the war to America's armed forces came in a brief dispatch to the war department from London.

DISASTER ANNOUNCED IN BRIEF

The war department has been officially advised that steamship Tuscania has been torpedoed and sunk and that survivors numbering 2,296 as far as could be ascertained, were landed at Buncrana and Larne, in Ireland. There was a total of 2,397 United States troops and crew on this vessel. No name of persons lost has been reported to the war department and no name of survivors was reported. Additional particulars are promised as soon as received.

BRITISH CONVOY.

The troops, composed chiefly of detachments of Michigan and Wisconsin national guardsmen, were traveling on the Tuscania, a British vessel, under convoy of British warships.

SOME UNITS ABOARD.

Headquarters detachment and Companies D, E and F of the 20th engineers.

107th engineer train.
107th military police.
107th supply train.
No. 100 aero squadron.
213th aero squadron.
Replacement detachments Nos. 1 and 2 of the 32nd division.
Fifty-one casual officers.

The 32nd division is composed of national guard troops from Michigan and Wisconsin. The division trained at Camp McArthur, Texas.

The 107th engineers was composed of the first battalion. Michigan engineers; the 107th military police was made up of the 4th and 6th Wisconsin infantry and the 107th supply train was composed of the 4th, 5th and 6th Wisconsin infantry.

WAS 14,000 TON LINER.

The Tuscania was a British passenger and freight steamship of 14,348 tons gross register. She was built at Glasgow in 1914 and was owned by the Cunard line.

BIG CITIES IN GERMANY — UNREST PREDOMINATES.

The centres affected by unrest in Germany are scattered from one end of the empire to the other. The principal cities affected are:

BERLIN—Within the metropolitan district of the German capital are Spandan, where munitions works and the famous tower, said to have contained the gold war hoard of Prussia, are situated; Tegel, Aldershof and Mariendorf. All these suburbs are manufacturing centers of vital importance to war work. Population, 2,156,112.

HAMBURG—The great Vulcan Steel Works are situated in this free city. Altona, which adjoins Hamburg centers, containing works and ship yards. Population, 1,187,292.

DANTZIC—Steel and munition works are located in this city. Population, 170,037.

MUNICH—The famous Mauser rifles are made here. Population, 596,467.

BREMEN—Shipyards are located in this city. Population, 295,715.

Total population of affected centers, 4,405,923.

HINDENBURG SAYS THAT HE'LL BE IN PARIS BY APRIL 1.

The Inference is That the Old Scoundrel Will be There to Beg for Mercy.

(London Special)

Travelers from Germany bring an account of a recent conference at Berlin, at which Field Marshal Von Hindenburg received thirty editors and discussed the food situation with them. The editors told him that by May there would be no food in the German Empire. "My reply is," said the Field Marshal, "that by next April I shall be in Paris."

STEM NEWS ITEMS.

(Correspondence Public Ledger) Personal Mention.

—We regret to note the illness of Mrs. Clayton and Mr. Alex Walters of our town.

—Mr. Herman Overby, of Oxford Route 6, spent the week end in Richmond with relatives.

—Mr. Ed. A. Franklin, discharged from Camp Jackson for physical disability, has taken his former position with Mr. J. H. Gooch.

—Farm work of all kinds has been practically at the standstill in this community for the past two months on account of the severe weather.

—Rev. J. L. McNeer, of Route 1, has been appointed by Bishop Chandler to take charge of work at Stedman. He is a splendid preacher and we are sorry for him to leave our community.

—Private Josh Thomas, confined in the hospital at Camp Jackson several weeks with meningitis, is spending a short time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Thomas, of Route 2.

—Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Clements, who have been spending a week in Durham county, following their marriage, returned to their home on Route 3 Friday and received a hearty welcome from their many friends in this community.

BAPTISTS PLAN ENDOWMENT.

Representatives of Two Associations Met in Henderson.

Preachers and laymen from the Tar River and Flat River Baptist Associations gathered in Henderson Thursday in the First Baptist church for a meeting to discuss ways and means of raising the allotments for these two associations of the proposed million dollar endowment fund for the Baptist educational institutions of the State.

Apportionment of the shares of the fund to be assessed upon the Tar River and Flat River Associations will be named later.

SHOCKED AND SURPRISED.

Number of Soldier Boys Can Neither Read nor Write.

The public was aware that Granville county had its quota of illiterates, but the people thereof will be greatly surprised and alarmed to learn that there has gone from Granville, since President Wilson issued the call, forty young men who can neither read or write.

This is a most alarming condition in this day of enlightenment. We can scarcely realize how such a condition could exist in Granville county. Every young man in the county has had some kind of a chance to imbibe sufficient knowledge to read and write to some extent.

What is the matter, is our educational system wrong and is illiteracy and ignorance in control?

With such a condition confronting us it occurs to the Public Ledger that the time has arrived to conscript wealth to avert a disgrace that will fasten itself to the good and honorable name of the county.

DAME NATURE AT WORK.

Doing Everything in Her Power to Put Us Over.

Last year when the world demanded a record crop Dame Nature did everything in her power to achieve it. She realizes that we are going to need an even larger one this season, and to guarantee it she has sent upon us the most severe winter in many years, which is a sure sign of a large yield.

TOBACCO SEASON IS TO END ON FEBRUARY 28.

More Than Eight Million Pounds Sold on the Oxford Market this Season.

The Oxford tobacco market will close for the 1917-18 season on Thursday, February 28, according to a decision reached by the buyers and warehousemen at a meeting held recently. It is believed by tobacco men that the remainder of the present crop can be prepared for market and brought to local warehouses by that time without any inconvenience on the part of the farmers.

Will Probably Adopt Baskets

Our tobaccoists are discussing the advisability of handling the tobacco next season on baskets and many of them favor the popular sales process adopted by other markets. If the method of handling is adopted here, tobacco will be spread on baskets when first placed on the floor, and will be removed to stemmeries and prizeries in that condition, thereby eliminating considerable labor that has heretofore been necessary. This change is due, it is said, to the shortage of labor in handling the weed, and is in keeping with changes that are being made on most of the larger markets of the State. It is understood to have prevailed in many instances during the past season, and is gradually being adopted in practically all of the larger tobacco markets of the State.

State of the Market.

Those who estimate that the Oxford market would handle nine-million pounds during the present season will not miss it very far. With brisk sales so far this week the number of pounds sold is 8,020,000. It is estimated that there is yet between a quarter and a half million pounds in the hands of the farmers. The prices on all grades are very satisfactory, say the farmers.

SOMEBODY IS GOING, TO TELL ON YOU.

Collector Josiah W. Bailey Sends Out Ample Warning.

Raleigh, Feb. 7.—"Somebody is going to tell on you if you don't pay your income tax; Congress has fixed it so that somebody must tell, whether he wants to or not," says M. J. W. Bailey, Collector of Internal Revenue.

"One section of the War Income Tax Law, exhaustively comprehensive in scope, requires every person, without exception, and every corporation, partnership, association, and insurance company, in whatever capacity acting, who paid \$800 or more to another person, corporation, partnership, association, or insurance company, as interest, rent, salaries, wages, premiums, annuities, compensation, remuneration, emoluments or other fixed or determinable gains, profits, and income, to report the name and address of the person, corporation, etc., to whom the payment was made, together with the amount of the payment to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue at Washington, using a form prescribed for the purpose—Form 1099—now to be had from this office. The Forms must be filled out and returned on or before March 1, 1918, accompanied by Form 1096, which is a letter of transmittal and affidavit certifying the accuracy of Form 1099."

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Mr. Oscar Breedlove, buyer for Perkinson-Green Company, will leave for the northern markets next Monday. He will be away ten days or two weeks.