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## THE NEW MANGUM WAREHOUSE WILL FRONT ON HILLSBORO ST.

The Dwelling at the Corner of Hillsboro and Broad Streets Will Be Moved to Penn Street.

Mr. I. W. Mangum having acquired by purchase the property of Mr. J. Robt. Wood at the corner of Hillsboro and Broad streets, plans are now underway to erect thereon a modern warehouse. Order for materials have been placed by Mr. Mangum, and Mr. Wood is this week moving his family to his nice home on Hancock street.

Having purchased the Minor warehouse property some months ago, and later acquiring the Wood property, Mr. Mangum owns about one-fourth of the entire block, his property fronting on Hillsboro, Broad and Penn streets. The new warehouse, which will adorn the lot at the corner of Hillsboro and Broad streets, will be the largest, best lighted and most modern warehouse in this section of the State. Work on the new structure will begin at once and the warehouse in all of its appointments will be ready for the next crop. The Public Ledger would suggest that the new and handsome warehouse will bear the honored name of its owner.

The Wood's dwelling will be moved to Penn street. Mr. Mangum also contemplates erecting other buildings on his newly acquired property at an early date.

## OXFORD FACING GAS SHORT-AGE DEALERS ADMIT.

Many Automobile Owners Abandon Their Cars.

Oxford is temporarily facing a gasoline shortage. Local dealers estimate that there is less than 100 gallons in the city. Many automobile owners were walking or riding on bicycles.

Gasoline dealers expect a shipment in the city shortly, and do not believe that the present scarcity will be of a serious nature.

The supply for this section of the State usually comes via Norfolk. The Chesapeake Bay was frozen for 60 days, and that is the reason the gas is scarce here, say the dealers.

## PASTOR RUSSELL SOCIETY READING ROOM RAIDED.

Several of the Books Were Sold in Granville.

Los Angeles, Cal., special says: "Federal officials last night raided the reading room and hall of the International Bible Students' Association in this city and confiscated a number of copies of 'The Finished Mystery,' an alleged seditious work which was on sale there."

The International Bible Student's Association is a branch of the Pastor Russell foundation which was raised in Brooklyn last week.

We understand that a number of the above books have been sold in Granville county.

## THE WASHINGTON-ATLANTA AIRPLANE MAIL SERVICE.

Granville County Is In Direct Line As the Birds Fly.

It is stated that the postoffice department has under consideration a project proposed by Representative Bell, of Georgia, to establish an airplane postal service between Washington and Atlanta, to connect Camp Green, Wadsworth, Sevier, Lee and Gordon with Washington and the southern city. Mr. Bell, who is a member of the House postoffice committee, says the purpose is to link these southern camps with the postoffice department's aerial mail service that is to be established soon between Washington and New York city.

If the service is to be inaugurated the airplanes will pass over Granville county on their flight from Camp Lee, at Petersburg, to Atlanta, or some of the Southern camps.

## GOVERNOR CALDWELL'S BODY IS TRANSFERRED.

The body of Governor Tod R. Caldwell was exhumed in Morganton last week after having been buried 44 years and transferred to the city cemetery. Mr. Caldwell was buried in a sealed copper casket, and upon opening it was found that the body did not show the least trace of decomposition and the embalming was a wonderful piece of work.

## ONLY TWO OF THE OLD GUARD LEFT IN SALEM.

Messrs B. I. Breedlove and Howard Dorsey.

During the War Between the States, Salem township furnished about 250 men.

Practically every home in the township was represented on the battlefields around Richmond.

With 250 men drawn from the township, provisions ran very low at home. Corn bread, molasses and pumpkin pie was the standby; there was no salt or writing paper, and they used blood for ink and wrote with a quill pen.

Every man and woman in Salem "gave until it hurt." In the loyal legion that went forth to do battle were B. I. Breedlove and Howard Dorsey. All the rest either died on the battlefield or have since passed away. They are the only two survivors in Salem, and each bears an honorable scar.

We feel the pangs of the present war, but old Granville has not given in proportion to the sacrifice they made during the War Between the States. But old Granville will again do her part, and the day may come when our hearts, too, may bleed and we will freely give all we have to crush the German menace.

## FOOD RESTRICTIONS TO BE MORE RIGID.

Indications Are Exceptions to Flour Substitutes Will Be Revoked.

Regulations as to the sale and use of flour and flour substitutes are to be made more stringent in the immediate future, according to information contained in press dispatches sent out from Washington. While the provisions of the new ruling of the Federal Food Administration had not reached County Food Administrator B. W. Parham, the local administrator expected to get the instructions in a day or two.

Indications now are that the exceptions as applied to the use of substitutes for wheat and wheat products will be revoked. This is done it is said, for the purpose of saving and conserving the wheat supply, which is being called for in ever-increasing quantities by the Allies and the armies in Europe.

## NAVAL OFFICER HERE.

Dr. Morehead Emmitt Visits His Mother.

Dr. Morehead Emmitt, with the rank of first lieutenant of the Naval Reserve Medical Corps, now stationed at Quantico, is on a visit to his mother, Mrs. Candace Brown.

Dr. Emmitt gave up a lucrative practice in Richmond and enlisted for foreign service. He is very handsome in the Navy blue uniform. His visit to his mother at this time may signify an early departure to France, but on this subject he was noncommittal. He did state, however, that the nine thousand men at the Quantico cantonment were being rapidly transferred to an American port.

## GONE TO SAN ANTONIA.

Mr. Lee Meadows, of the Nationals, Joins His Team For Practice.

Mr. Lee Meadows, pitcher for the St. Louis team of the National League, left last week for the training grounds at San Antonio, Texas.

Lee is in the classified draft and left his address with the Granville County Exemption Board. He is willing to go abroad, and if the second draft is as large as the first they are very apt to call for him before the base-ball season is over.

Mrs. Meadows will join her husband at St. Louis in a few weeks.

## Kline Kars Attract Attention

On Saturday last Frank E. Youngs, manager of the Carolina Auto and Implement Company, showed several styles of Kline Kars on our streets, which were passing through to his dealers south of here. Mr. Youngs grouped four different styles around the monument for a photograph. These models showed a wide variety of body designs, and as a Southern product should receive the consideration of prospective purchasers. Kline Kars will be on exhibition at the Raleigh Automobile show this week, in charge of Mr. Youngs. See their ad on the last page of this paper.

## VERY LITTLE AUTHENTIC NEWS COMES FROM RUSS.— JAPAN READY TO FIGHT

Leon Trotsky Resigns Foreign Ministry—Russia Is On the Threshold of Another Revolution—Formidable Opposition to Germany Is Materializing.

Little additional information has come through concerning the situation in Russia, as regards either Great Russia, Little Russia or Eastern Siberia.

For the present the veil is drawn at Washington over the details of exchanges that are passing back and forth.

There are still men of importance who think that Russia, with friendly treatment, can be redeemed from the German influence that brought about the on-sided peace pact at Brest-Litovsk. President Wilson's confidence in the future of the Slav democracy remains unshaken.

As the Bolshevik Foreign Minister, Leon Trotsky, whose real name is Leber Braunstein, the most important member of the revolutionary government formed after the overthrow of Kerensky last November, has resigned.

Out of the new situation the return of courage to the Russians and an amalgamation of all factions into a formidable opposition to Germany is possible of materialization. The socialists are at the bottom of the new movement, and the idea with them is the establishment of a Republic under coalition Government which would stand against the peace terms to which Trotsky subscribed. In the new formation we need not be surprised to have Kerensky turn up ready for the renewal of business.

Meantime, it is to be taken for granted that the Japanese have the Siberian situation in hand, the last reports indicating that there was a thorough understanding with the French, English and Italians, and the Washington Government acquiescing in the judgement of these Allies. Further, Japan and China are in accord on plans of operation.

On the eve of the gathering in Moscow of the Russian Congress of Soviets, which is to pass judgement on the German peace accepted by the Bolsheviks at Brest-Litovsk. President Wilson has sent a message of sympathy to the Russian people through the Congress, with a pledge that the United States will avail itself of every opportunity to aid them in driving out autocracy and restoring Russia to her place in the world with complete sovereignty and independence.

## MEN CALLED IN NEXT DRAFT TO BE DIVIDED INTO FOUR CLASSES.

Reclassification According to Physical Conditions Provided in Revised Instructions.

(Washington Special) Reclassification according to physical condition of the men called in the next army draft is provided in revised instructions for medical advisory boards which are being sent to the local boards throughout the country. The new regulations, made public, require that every man summoned before the board shall be placed in one of the following four classes:

(a) Acceptable for general military service; (b) acceptable for military service after being cured of remedial defect; (c) acceptable for special or limited military service in a specified capacity or occupation; (d) rejected and exempted from military service.

It is the intention of the provost marshal general to provide later for the further investigation and classification of the men acceptable for limited or special service so that record may be made of the sort of work each of these men may be assigned to do without endangering his health.

Mr. P. W. Knott, of Route 1, was in town shaking hands with his many friends Monday.

## SHERIFF HOBGOOD'S CONDITION IS SERIOUS.

Hundreds of People Call at His Home on Cherry Hill.

There is some alarm about the serious condition of Sheriff Crawford Hobgood, who was taken sick ten days ago.

After prayer had been spoken at the church last Sunday morning for his recovery a large number of sorrowing friends visited the home of Sheriff Hobgood on Cherry Hill, but none were admitted to the sick chamber on account of his low condition.

Sheriff Hobgood left his office ten days ago complaining of rheumatic pains in the region of his heart. It is said that the rheumatism and complications from which he is suffering, are slow to yield to heroic treatment.

## HEARD THE ROAR OF BATTLE.

Mr. Tom Cannady Had a Keen Ear When a Boy.

Mr. Tom Cannady, who was a mere boy and lived in Franklin county during the War Between the States, says that the roar of battle was so great around Petersburg that they often heard it at his home, a distance of about 90 miles. Some times the sound was very distinct, said Mr. Cannady.

It is claimed that the roar of battle is often heard across the English channel, a distance of 200 miles, but the guns now used by the warring nations are much larger than those used around Petersburg during the boyhood days of Mr. Cannady.

## GOV. BICKETT SPEAKS HERE MONDAY, MARCH 18TH.

Mr. Eaton Will Spend Three Days in the County.

Mr. O. B. Eaton will spend three days in the county in the interest of the W. S. S. campaign. He will speak Thursday the 14th at Stem at 11 o'clock, Knap of Reeds 2:30, Friday, the 15th, Stovall at 11 o'clock, Bullock 2:30 Saturday, the 16th, Wilton at 11 o'clock, Creedmoor at 2:30.

Governor Bickett will speak in the court house in Oxford Monday, the 18th at 12 o'clock.

## "THE WOMAN GOD FORGOT."

Photo Play of Unusual Beauty at the Orpheum.

Theatre-goers will want to see Geraldine Farrar at the Orpheum this Tuesday night in "The Woman God Forgot." The world's greatest artist in handsome costumes. The films for the play has already been received. Matinee and night.

Roscoe "Fatty" Arbuckle in "A Country Hero" will be seen matinee and night Saturday.

## NEW MACHINERY ARRIVES.

The Oxford Ice Plant Will Increase Capacity.

Workmen are removing the old boilers at the Oxford Ice Plant and installing modern electric machinery. The capacity of the plant will thereby be increased and the quality of the ice improved.

## THE HOME GUARDS.

The Company Will Resume Drill Next Thursday Night.

Owing to a short spell of sickness followed by his business trip to the northern markets, Major Will Landis, captain of the Home Guards, has issued a call for all of the men to gather at the Armory next Thursday night and answer roll call. The manual of arms and the "est-up" drill will be the order of the evening.

## OXFORD PRESBYTERIANS CALL REV. D. T. CALDWELL.

Now Finishing Post-Graduate at Princeton Theological Seminary.

At a congregational meeting Sunday, the Oxford Presbyterians extended a call to Rev. D. T. Caldwell, pastor at Roanoke Rapids, but at present taking a post-graduate course at Princeton Theological Seminary.

Mr. Caldwell is a young man of pleasant address, a fine speaker and a good worker.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Parham are spending a few days in Richmond.

## REMEMBER THE IDES OF MARCH AND BE PRESENT.

Patriotic Women Will Gather in Oxford Next Friday.

Our County Chairman, Mrs. Powell, calls us for an all-day conference. She has carefully arranged a most attractive program for helpfulness, service and entertainment.

As the Oxford Unit, we want to understand that we are the "Hostesses" to Granville county, on Friday, March 15. Let us not fall short of this our pleasant opportunity to meet each woman who comes to our meeting, and make her feel welcome and needed. We are asking that each chairman of the Oxford Unit see to it that each member of her committee understands the object of the meeting on Friday, and attend if possible. If you really want to do your duty as a woman in this war, come Friday and let our Governor's wife and Mrs. Jerman tell what our ideal purpose is, and what you can do to accomplish this purpose.

We want the women of Granville county to find our hearts and homes open to them. Let's give them a royal welcome, and encourage them to unite with us in our march to victory. Let us cooperate with our county chairman, Mrs. Powell, to make Friday a wonderful day of inspiration to everyone present to find her work in this "Third line of Defense." If we are to be victorious, we must all fight, we must all join in the service of our country; we must be loyal, accepting our places and faithfully performing the duties of the same. There is a place for every woman, in this Council of National Defense.

MRS. H. G. COOPER, Chm. Ox. Unit.

## SECRETARY BAKER HAS REACHED FRENCH PORT.

Will Spend Brief Time in France Inspecting Achievements of His Department.

A Paris special Sunday announced the arrival of the American Secretary of War, Newton D. Baker, at a French port.

Secretary Baker plans to spend a brief time in France, inspecting in person the results already achieved in the efforts of his department to place in the field this year an army that will be a factor in the campaign.

The Secretary and his party left Washington without any attempt at concealment of their movements than a request that the press refrain from reporting his departure. The newspapers again worked in hearty co-operation to make the journey as safe as possible from German submarines.

## OUR NEW EXPRESS AGENT.

Mr. H. E. Smith, of Raleigh, Comes to Oxford to Live.

Mr. C. B. Strickland, for two years the local agent of the Southern Express Company, having tendered his resignation and joined the colors, his successor, Mr. H. E. Smith, comes from the Raleigh office. Mr. Smith is a young married man, and the good people of Oxford extend to them a hearty welcome to this community.

## JUNIOR FOUR MINUTE MEN.

Boys and Girls Will Aid Campaign For Third Liberty Loan.

Plans have been announced for the organization of "Junior Four-Minute Men" in every school in the country. According to the Division of Four-Minute Men of the Committee of Public Information, bulletins especially prepared for school children will be sent during the third Liberty Loan campaign for distribution by superintendents to all schools in the United States. Addresses will be prepared from the material in these bulletins just as regular Four-Minute speakers in motion-picture houses prepare their own speeches from bulletins supplied by the Government.

In each school the children submitting the best speeches are to deliver them in public. According to plans the boy or girl awarded first prize is to get a certificate from the United States Government as a Junior Four-Minute Man.

—The difference between a live city and a dead city is this: Big men live in one and little men in the other.