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CANDIDATES ARE SCARCE AND FAR BETWEEN.

"A Little Politics Now and Then is Relished By the Best of Men."
It is not the desire of the Public Ledger to precipitate a political campaign; in fact we quite agree with Governor Bickett that all candidates should wear gum shoes this year and avoid the mud that is usually slung by the politicians. The fact is it is going to be dangerous for candidates to go campaigning in the rural districts this spring and summer the shortage of farm labor is liable to cause the farmer to draft all the husky candidates that come by with their glad hands and office-seeking smiles and put them at work behind the plow.

The Public Ledger will agree to publish the dates of primaries, conventions and the activities of the Democratic party and here the matter ends. We have no desire to groom any man for the reason that those we have are about as good as any that we are apt to get. But if any candidate desires to announce his candidacy in the Public Ledger we have no objection, if he will sign his name and pay the usual advertising rate.

While "gum-shoed" around town we heard certain political rumors last week that tickled our "political touch-me not." Granville county, as you know is entitled to a Senator this year, and it is rumormongered, John W. Hester nor W. A. Graham, nor John W. Hester nor W. A. Graham, Jr., have desire to wear the toga this year. It is further rumored that either Ex-Senator Currin or Mr. P. W. Knott will adorn the Senate chamber. Senator Currin is a member of the Granville County Exemption Board and it is not likely that he will resign from that honorable position.

It is also rumored, more or less, that Mr. John R. Hall is being besieged by numerous friends to announce himself for county treasurer. He is the best bookkeeper in Granville county and a gentleman above reproach, but it is said that Mr. Hall would be willing to serve only with a view of abolishing the office of treasurer sooner or later.

It is also rumored that the old war-horse over in Salem township can come back to the County Board of Commissioners if he will give the word.

GRANVILLE COUNTY WOMAN'S COM. NATIONAL DEFENSE.

The Noble Women of the County Form a Closer Union--The All-Day Meeting Full of Interest.

At the call of the chairmen of the Woman's Committee of National Defense a large number of the noble women of Oxford and Granville county gathered here last Friday in a closer union of interest. It was an all-day meeting, and through the courtesy of the Oxford Unit lunch was served at 1 o'clock. Conversation and food production, led by Mrs. A. L. Capehart of Oxford, and Mrs. Jamison, of Raleigh, featured the morning work in the Armory. Red Cross Work, led by Mrs. John Gooch; surgical dressings, led by Mrs. J. C. Robards, and patriotic music, led by Mrs. A. A. Hicks, featured the afternoon session.

Of especial interest was the evening session at the graded school, the speakers being Mrs. Palmer Jerman, State vice-chairman Woman's Committee, and Mrs. Thomas W. Bickett, state chairman thrift stamp.

Mrs. Bickett was the guest of Mrs. A. H. Powell. The distinguished ladies made many friends during their visit to Oxford.

THE MILLINERY OPENING.

Next Thursday and Friday Are the Big Days.

The millinery opening in Oxford will take place Thursday and Friday of this week. On these days the Long Company, Landis & Easton, Perkinson-Green Company and Cohn & Son will have on display the latest designs and creations in millinery and spring goods. These stores are preparing to entertain a large number of visitors on these days and want all their customers to call. In an ad on another page of the Public Ledger they invite you to come and will take pleasure in showing you through their departments. Thursday and Friday are days.

On the face of John D. Rockefeller's alleged income tax of \$38,400,000, it would seem as if the oil magnate were doing his bit with a steam shovel.

WE CAN PROVE TO YOU THAT

now is the time to buy if you want to save good money. Buy now, we have four makes to offer: Chase City, Thornhill, Nisson and Studebaker. Samuel Davis has special prices for the month of March.

RED CROSS NOTES.

Mrs. John Gooch, Director of Work, is on a visit to her father in Dunn, N. C. Mrs. Gooch is greatly missed in the work room where she so gives so much of her time and valuable services. To her is due a great deal of the credit of the splendid showing this Chapter has made, as her skillful cutting and directions make the garments come up to measurements in their inspection.

Gone Over the Top.
The Committee appointed, with Mrs. A. A. Chapman as chairman, to raise the necessary funds for the knitting to be carried on during the coming months, have very successfully "gone over the top," having raised to date \$543.12. It is hoped to be able to publish a list of the contributors to this fund at a later date.

Funds Needed.
The Surgical Dressings Class will have "new member day" on Tuesday the 19th inst., and each member of the Class is urged to bring a new member. The chairman also asks that ladies belonging to the Granville County Chapter Auxiliaries come in and work with this class.

Funds with which to carry on the Surgical Dressings work are much needed and contributions are asked for this purpose.

New Members.
Mrs. J. A. Duke, Miss Margaret R. Wilson.

Donations.
Fourth Grade, Oxford Graded School (Miss Ella Clement Division) \$1.28
Greenville Pace 1.53
Oxford College Aux. 12.50

IN HARD LUCK.

A Cat Bites Mr. Alex Williams on the Hand and Foot.

Three or four weeks ago, Mr. Alex Williams, the good letter carrier on Oxford Route 4, was bitten by a dog, necessitating him going to Raleigh and taking Pasteur treatment.

One night last week Mr. and Mrs. Williams fastened up their home and went out to visit friends. On their return and while unlocking the door, the family cat attacked Mr. Williams. Although Mr. Williams was wearing a heavy shoe, the cat succeeded in penetrating the ball of his foot with his long, sharp teeth. In trying to liberate himself from the cat, the cat bit him through the finger.

Mr. Williams has not yet experienced any ill effects from the wounds, but he expresses the opinion that the cat had the rabies.

REV. E. G. USRY ACCEPTS CALL TO SHARON CHURCH.

The Whole Community Extends Him a Cordial Welcome.

Rev. E. G. Usry, of West Oxford, has accepted a call to Sharon Baptist church and will take charge of the work Sunday afternoon, March 23d.

Sharon church is located in that highly cultured and prosperous section of Granville within two miles of Caltolina farm.

Mr. Usry preached his first sermon in Sharon church and was its valuable pastor for several years. The whole community, irrespective of denomination, is rejoicing at the call and election of the beloved man of God and his excellent family.

A VOLUNTEER NURSE.

Miss Harriet Lelia, Daughter of Mrs. E. D. Arrington, of Haregrove.
Miss Harriet Lelia Arrington left last Friday for Camp McLelland, Anniston, Ala., for temporary work at that cantonment. She is the daughter of Mrs. E. D. Arrington, of Haregrove.

Miss Arrington is a graduate of St. Vincent Hospital, Norfolk, and is a member of the University United, and is one of our first nurses to volunteer for service.

DR. HARTE WILL RETURN HOME THIS WEEK.

The Usual Services At His Church Next Sunday.

The large congregation at the Oxford Baptist church last Sunday greatly enjoyed the consoling message brought to them by Rev. G. T. Tunstall, who filled the pulpit in the absence of Dr. Harte, who is visiting his mother in Tennessee.

Dr. Harte will return to Oxford this week and there will be the usual services at his church next Sunday.

"The Dead Legion."
A picture of unusual interest will be shown at the Orpheum next Monday night entitled "The German Curse in Russia." The famous "Dead Legion," composed of women is a feature of the picture.

RUSSIANS SAY THE WAR HAS JUST BEGUN.

A Peace Agreement With Central Powers Has Been Ratified--Bolsheviks Are Determined to Keep the Fight Going.

"Peace with the central powers is ratified but our real war has not yet begun."

With this slogan the Bolshevik government, in session at Moscow Saturday, emerging from the all-Russian soviet congress stronger than ever because it put through the ratification by an overwhelming vote set to work after momentous session, outlining the campaign of Russia's--and the world's--proletariat which Lenin asserts, "has only begun to fight."

This, too, was the keynote of the resolution adopted by the congress in response to President Wilson's message. While voicing Russia's appreciation, the reply summons the masses of America and of all other countries to join the Russian proletariat in a vast social upheaval to rid the universe of imperialism.

Everyone in that great assemblage in the historic hall of the nobility who cast his vote for peace did so with war to the knife in his heart, a different sort of war from that fought on the various battlefields today, but war just the same--perhaps more deadly and more decisive.

Out of every speech from that of Nicola Lenin down to that of the humblest Bolshevik agitator rang an undying determination to avenge the shame that Russia was today forced to accept unconditionally. But to the outside world, both Russia's enemies and friends, the vital thing in this, that Russia--the great mass of the people saturated with class war fanaticism--considers every country in the war except herself ruled by "imperialists," every people on the face of the globe "exploited" and dreams of, and will henceforth work for an anarchistic world upheaval.

With fair means or foul the Bolshevik propose to spread over the Teutonic lands the seed of revolt. Austria-Hungary is to be the immediate and special field for Bolshevik preachings and propaganda.

OF MIGHTY IMPORT.

It has been agreed by America and Great Britain to take charge of the Dutch shipping which has been practically interned in ports in these countries by fear of German wrath. This decision on part of these Governments is unquestionably likely to develop into a movement of mighty import. Nothing has happened since the United States declared war to so thoroughly infuriate the German Government as has news of this step. It was a bit of information that traveled quickly, for German heard it almost as soon as it was divulged in this country, and the German papers at once set up a chorus of protest against it as an outrage upon a neutral country and threatening all sorts of dire things if Holland should yield to it.

WHAT WILL HOLLAND DO?

Should Holland elect to go to war, then that would mean the opening in due time to the Allies of the northern end of the blockaded line and a descent upon the German Army from a new and to German fatal angle.

The utilization of this immense amount of Dutch tonnage by the Allies goes far to neutralize the gains Germany has made through the subjugation of territories and food supply bases. For the first time something has happened to upset the equilibrium of the German Government and to divert its attention from the invasion of a conquered country to weightier matters.

ALL EYES ON JAPAN

Meantime, the hour has drawn nearer for decision and action on the part of Japan, this having been precipitated by the acceptance of the German terms by the Russian Congress at Moscow. Japan may undertake a movement that will divide attention with the taking over of the Dutch ships. It is possible that the developments arrived and coming may have an influence of an interesting character on Switzerland. The Public Ledger cannot rid its mind of the idea that there is something big behind Wilson's diplomatic issues.

THE HOME GUARD COMPANY.

Frequent Drills Will Be Ordered Throughout the Summer.

At roll call of the Home Guard Company Thursday night, thirty men answered their names.

In order to whip the men into shape as quick as possible, Major Will Landis, commandant, will order frequent roll calls and drills throughout the summer months.

GOVERNOR BICKETT THRILLS LARGE AUDIENCE HERE.

Drove Home to Every Hearer the Great Responsibility That Rests Upon Them Individually.

A tremendous crowd of Granville's best citizens, men and women, listened to Gov. Bickett's marvelous speech in the Court House Tuesday at noon. Every available seat was taken. Men sat on the floor and in the windows; they stood alongside the walls and down the aisles. All were intent upon getting the message that the Governor brought.

Mr. Ben K. Lassiter, chairman of the War Savings Committee called the meeting to order. Rev. G. T. Tunstall, in a prayer filled with fervor and power, led the devotions of the great throng. And then Gen. Royster in ringing voice and choice language presented the Governor.

It is useless to attempt an epitome of the speech and yet this report would fail to be the record that it ought without the effort. In the beginning the Governor explained and defended the fairness of the Selective Service Act. He told of how the war was forced upon us; of how the President adopted every means to avoid the conflict and only went into when it was clear that safety and self-respect demanded our entrance. He touched upon the statement he has heretofore made that there ought to be a minimum of politics this year and appealed to all parties and the members of all parties to make the winning of the war their one great mission.

He spoke of man's natural abhorrence of war and yet said he "I'd rather be the dearest lion that was ever carved in marble than the liveliest cur that makes a streak through the sunlight." One of his most telling points was made in describing the aid of France to America in the Revolution and the obligation which that help placed us under to join in the defense of France in this hour when she is "bled white and starved thin."

The strongest part of the speech was when he placed the contest upon the high ground of defense of civilization and Christianity. And in closing he drove home to every hearer in the vast concourse the responsibility which rested upon them individually. His powerful plea for providing the sinews of war in the shape of bonds and War Savings Stamps had a powerful effect. At the conclusion of his speech many men crowded around the table and signed the pledge to take \$1,000 or lesser amounts of the Savings Stamps. All seemed to be imbued with the purpose and the determination to save and sacrifice for the great cause so splendidly presented.

After lunch at the Exchange Hotel in company with his party and a few citizens of the county, Gov. Bickett spoke at the Mary Potter Memorial School to the students and a large number of colored citizens of the county. There he spoke with the same power and the same results.

It was a great day for the county and the great cause in which the nation is engaged. The speech presented to our people the war in all of its aspects and fought with all of its possibilities to us as a people.

In the party that came with Gov. Bickett from Raleigh were Messrs. Sanford Martin, his private secretary; M. L. Shipman, Commissioner of Labor and Printing; O. J. Coffin, editor of the Evening Times and A. E. Womble of the News and Observer. The party returned to Raleigh Tuesday afternoon leaving in the afternoon after having visited the Orphanage and other places of interest.

MAJOR MONTGOMERY PUTS OXFORD ON THE MAP.

His Name Is Heralded All Over the United States.

In the honor roll of Rural Carriers selling War Savings Stamps and Thrift Stamps during the month of December, the Daily Bulletin, published by the Government, gives the names of the carriers who led in each State of the Union. Major P. H. Montgomery, carrier on Oxford Route 2, led in North Carolina and was surpassed only by four in the United States, as follows:

Missouri -- Roberts	\$2,903.62
Indiana -- Williams	2,661.52
Ohio -- Henry	2,456.12
Kansas -- Gall	2,230.80
N. Car. -- Montgomery	2,143.66

Mrs. Earnest Allen Dead.

Mrs. Earnest Allen died in Raleigh Monday afternoon at 6 o'clock. The remains will reach Oxford some time this Tuesday. Funeral arrangements have not been announced. Mrs. Allen was a sister of Messrs. T. C. and Pierson Harris, of Oxford, and I. E. Harris, of Creedmoor.

COL. BENHAN CAMERON SPENDS NIGHT HERE.

Working in the Interest of the Bankhead Highway.

Col. Benehan Cameron, of the State Highway Commission, was in consultation here Saturday with Mr. John Webb, president of the Granville County Bankhead Highway, which is to be a military post-road.

"Only by enlarging our activities can we expect to pull the Bankhead through this section," said Col. Cameron. "Granville county should have an organization with at least five hundred enthusiastic members. With such an organization I believe Granville county would stand a good chance of landing the highway," said Col. Cameron.

President Webb is planning to have a rousing meeting in the near future. In the mean time all owners of automobiles and others are urged to join the Association. Send in your membership fee of \$1 to Mr. C. A. Upchurch, secretary-treasurer, Oxford.

If we succeed in getting five hundred members, Granville county will be entitled to cast a block vote for a member of the board that has under consideration the location of the Bankhead Highway.

"THE MILLION DOLLAR DOLL"

Coming to the Orpheum Next Thursday, March 21.

This is an imaginative, melodious, tuneful musical extravaganza, regally arrayed in costumes of great beauty and variety, presenting a picture of color, light, movement and melody almost beyond imagination. The changes of costume and scenes are bewildering in their frequency and the final picture of the famous "Joy Zone" at the Panama Exposition and illumination of the "Tower of Jewels" presents as brilliant a spectacle as anyone could desire. Tuneful songs, that will start your feet a going, hilarious dancing, by people who have forgotten all their troubles and look only for the gaities of life, costumes of great splendor presenting a riot of color and beauty, all presented by a company of people who look only upon the gay side of life, carry the audience along until one can almost imagine he is really on the Joy Zone at the Exposition. It is one of the biggest musical offerings of the season and in every way represents the very best in musical extravaganza. Seats on sale Tuesday at Lyon's Drug Store.

THE Y. M. C. A. FUND.

Granville County Did The Handsome Thing.

Mr. Frank W. Hancock, Jr., chairman of the Granville County Y. M. C. A. fund is in receipt of the following acknowledgement from Mr. A. T. Sunny, treasurer:

"Today we are in receipt of remittance for \$1724.48 in payment of War Work collections for Granville County. We are indeed grateful for it. Receipt it enclosed. Thanking you for your interest and cooperation in this great work which means so much to the soldier boys."

NEGROES SCARE LITTLE GIRL.

Not Sufficient Evidence to Hold Them.

The people in the vicinity of McGhee's store, near Wilton, were aroused last Saturday when it was circulated that three negro men had assaulted a young girl in the neighborhood. The negroes were brought to Oxford Monday and arranged before Justice L. T. Buchanan. There was not sufficient evidence to hold the negroes. The little girl could not identify the negroes. She said they were in a wagon and spoke to her on the road, but admitted that they did not stop.

The Spring Opening Sale.

The Spring opening sale of Cohn & Son's will start Friday morning and continue for fifteen days. Cohn & Son's buyers were very successful in buying their goods this season very cheap. They have made wonderful purchases of stylish up-to-date spring and summer goods. They have found many manufacturers and mills who sacrificed their goods for cash. Cohn & Son's bought their stock, but they named their low prices. This will enable them to give you bargains at the beginning of the season that outrank anything that you have heard of in all your experience. Cohn & Son's motto is when advertised or sold elsewhere it is cheaper at Cohn & Son's, and they strictly live up to it. Their advertisement on the last page of this paper is but another proof of their assertion that if you want real bargains attend Cohn & Son's sale. (adv)