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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL PURCHASE ROAD MACHINERY

Commissioners Condemed Bridge Crossing Tar River at Lyon's and Floyd's

The County Commissioners held an all-day session Monday. Summer time heat prevailed and the usual number of spectators were on hand to see that the temperature did not relax.

Soldier's Poll Tax.

The Board unanimously adopted the following resolution: "That all parties who are serving in the United States Army, and are at present charged with poll tax, shall be rebated for same."

Donation to Gresham Daniel.

The Board made a donation of \$15 for the support of Gresham Daniel.

To Relocate Road.

Chairman Harris, Commissioners Canady and Road Superintendent S. M. Wheeler were appointed a committee to relocate the road from Lyon's to Creedmoor, leaving the old road at Ledge Rock Creek.

Road Overseer Reports.

G. L. Allen reported to the board that J. W. Wheelous, Brassfield Township, made his report as road overseer, but the supervisor failed to report same to the Board of Commissioners. The Clerk was ordered to settle with Mr. Allen.

The Bullock Road.

The Clerk was ordered to pay to G. H. Faucett \$50.00 to be spent on the road leading from Bullock via Faucette's and others upon the completion of the work.

Petition for Road.

There was a petition before the board asking for a road from the Virginia State line, near G. T. Pittard's to Dr. Wilkerson's, to intersect the road leading from Adoram to Buchanan. The petition was placed on file and a hearing set for the first Monday in June.

Donation to Fire Company.

It is generally considered that the volunteer firemen, who serve without pay, are entitled to something as guardians of county property and the valuable records stored in the archives. They would forfeit their lives to save this property if called upon to do so. The board cheerfully granted \$50.00 to the Oxford Fire Company, excepting Commissioner Hart, who voted against the proposition.

Demonstration Work.

The Board donated \$25 toward can demonstration work among the colorer race. Will Howell was designated as the one to do the work under the supervision of Mrs. A. L. Capehart, county canning demonstrator.

Road Machinery.

In view of the fact that it costs a lot of money to feed mules, and they do sometimes die, the board resolved to purchase a tractor-machine and three-piece drag. This would seem the proper thing to do, but when it came to a show-down the vote stood 3 for and 2 against the proposition. Commissioners Harris and Hart opposing the resolution.

The Richardson Children.

J. E. Howell was requested to furnish Jannie Jones \$3.00 per month for the children of Robert Richardson.

New Janitor.

Jess Clement, colored, was appointed janitor at a salary of \$40 per month.

"FOR THE CAUSE OF LIBERTY."

Origin and History of the Star Spangled Banner."

That was a beautiful entertainment given in the auditorium of the graded school last Friday evening and a most creditable amount was raised for the Children's Red Cross work.

The Public Ledger had hoped to get the write-up and actual figures in time for our last issue, but they were not obtainable.

The entertainment was called "For the Cause of Liberty," and was a splendid portrayal of the origin and history of the Star Spangled Banner. Colonial minut and the patriotic songs and speeches were highly enjoyed. The entertainment was arranged by Misses May White, Lillian Minor and Miss Sadie Parham, as accompanist.

For Treasurer.

We are reliably informed that Mr. D. N. Hunt will be a candidate for Treasurer of Granville County, his announcement will appear in next issue of this paper.

MAY 20 TO 27 MADE RED CROSS WEEK—STRONG CAMPAIGN IN GRANVILLE COUNTY.

President Issues Proclamation Calling For Contributions—Wanted Hundred Million For Red Cross War Fund—For the Alleviation Of Suffering Among American Troops in France.

President Wilson has issued a proclamation designating the week beginning May 20 as "Red Cross Week" and calling upon the American people to contribute generously to the second \$100,000,000 war fund for the alleviation of suffering among the American troops in France and their dependents at home and vilian populations of the allied countries.

Text of Proclamation.

"Proclamation—Inasmuch as the war fund of 1917, so generously contributed by the American people to the American Red Cross for the administration of relief at home and abroad, has been practically exhausted by appropriations for the welfare of the men in our military and naval forces, and for those dependent upon them, and for the yet more urgent necessities of our Allies, military and civilians, who have long borne the brunt of war.

"And, inasmuch as the American Red Cross has been recognized by law and international convention as the public instrumentality for war relief;

"And, inasmuch as the year of our own participation in the war has brought unprecedented demands upon the patriotism and liberality of our people, and made evident the necessity of consenting the work of relief in one main organization which can respond effectively and universally to the needs of humanity under stress of war;

"And, inasmuch as the duration of the war and the closer and closer cooperation of the American Red Cross with our own army and navy, with the government of our allies, and with foreign relief organizations have resulted in the discovery of new opportunities of helpfulness under conditions which translate opportunity into duty;

"And inasmuch as the American Red Cross war council and its commissioners in Europe have faithfully and economically administered the people's trust;

"Now therefore, by virtue of my authority as President of the United States and President of the American Red Cross, I, Woodrow Wilson, do hereby proclaim the week beginning May 20, 1918, as "Red Cross Week," during which the people of the United States will be called upon again to give generously to the continuation of the important work of relieving distress, restoring the waste of war, and assisting in maintaining the morale of our own troops and the troops and peoples of our allies by this manifestation of effort and sacrifice on the part of those, who, though not privileged to bear arms, are of one spirit, purpose and determination with our warriors.

"In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"Done in the District of Columbia, this 4th day of May, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and eighteen, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and forty-second.

(SEAL)

By the President:

"WOODROW WILSON.

"ROBERT LANSING,
Secretary of State."

NOTES FROM LEWIS.

One of the Most Interesting Sections of the County.

(Correspondence Public Ledger)

Myrtle, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Cole, who is at the Memorial Hospital, Richmond, is slowly improving.

Mr. Jim Cole has purchased a part of the old Lewis tract of land. Price paid, \$50.00 per acre. No buildings and no timber, some wood. Land is valuable in this neighborhood.

The road from Lewis to Woodlawn Hall has been worked and put in good condition.

Mr. Cecil Smith has opened a store at his home place.

Mrs. Chewning who has been ill with gripe, is improving.

Mrs. Sandy Smith, who has been ill, is better.

Mr. Herbert Breedlove and family motored to Hopewell to visit his daughter.

Rumor hath it that one of our young bachelors will run his head in the "matrimonial noose" soon.

Several of the farmers in this section will plant tobacco next week. Many had to replant corn. Wild fire has made its appearance in some of the plant beds.

Labor is scarce and hard to get in this section, so many have gone to the war. The farmers are helping each other to plant.

Mr. Arthur Critcher's new cottage on the old Cottrell tract is nearly completed.

There will be a saw mill in this section soon. It will add much to the beauty of our country to have the lands cleared and cultivated.

FOR SHERIFF.

I am a candidate for re-election to the Office of Sheriff, subject to the action of Democratic Primary of Granville County. I thank my friends for their cordial support in the past and I trust that my conduct of the office has met with the approval of the people of the county. I have done my best to discharge the duties of the office in an acceptable manner and I shall strive to serve you faithfully in the future.

May 7, 1918. S. C. HOBGOOD.

IN THE WAKE OF BLOOD-SOAKED BOX CARS.

Filled With Wounded and Dying From West Front—Is Trailing Through Germany—Creating Unrest and Growing Fear of Gripping Hunger.

Washington, May 9.—In the wake of bloodsoaked box cars, filled with wounded and dying from the west front, growing fear of gripping hunger is now trailing through Germany.

Seeking Explanation.

Meantime militarists are seeking explanations of their much flaunted "successes" on the west front to offer the increasingly restless public.

State department messages, from secret, though authoritative sources, revealed that the empire is considering reduction of the meat ration from 200 grams to 150 grams a week while there is strong chance that the bread ration too must be cut.

Will Not Get the Grain.

A comprehensive review of the Ukraine problem, containing in these advices, showed that Germany will not get the grain she banks on from the Ukraine and even if the Ukraine supply were obtained it would only "save the situation but not improve it."

The Reichstag's nutrition committee has determined that whatever happens there can be no increase in the bread ration while a reduction is certain unless the somewhat vague hopes as to the Ukraine are fulfilled.

Starvation is at Hand.

Starvation is at hand in the larger Ukrainian cities while the peasants are secretly hoarding their wheat and rye supplies and can probably keep them from German hands by very slight resistance.

While Germany claims officially to have 12,000 carloads of grain in Rumania the state department message said it would be July 31 at the earliest before these could reach Germany, due to poor transportation.

GARDEN MART AND ROSE FETE

Thursday Afternoon May Sixteenth, Five O'clock.

The Garden Mart and Rose Fete will be held Thursday afternoon, May 16 beginning at five o'clock in the garden of Mrs. R. G. Lassiter. As usual, flower plants will be given away and following the precedent of last year, vegetable plants also will be given away to aid in War Gardens. Blue ribbons will be awarded for the handsomest roses, sweet peas and other garden flowers.

A committee will be on hand from 9 to 11 o'clock Thursday morning to receive donations of plants and flowers for exhibition.

Please wrap plants in wet paper before sending and have flowers arranged in vases or baskets.

HEMSHAW HOSIERY MILL.

Now in Operation—Capacity Will Be Increased.

Mr. H. M. Shaw, proprietor of the Henshaw Hosiery Mill, is one of the busiest men in town. The slow delivery of freight for the past few months no doubt worried him, but he emerged with a smile this week when he saw the knitting machines in motion and the nice white hosiery dropping from the machines almost as fast as you can count them. They are the most wonderful machines you ever saw—not much larger than a typewriter—and there are twelve of them in a row. It is a beautiful sight, and just as soon as Mr. Shaw puts on a few finishing touches here and there about the building he will extend an invitation to the public to visit the mill.

At present there are about a dozen neat colored girls employed at the mill, but the capacity will be more than doubled as soon as the machinery arrives.

POPULAR COUNTY OFFICIAL.

Sheriff Hobgood Is Able to Come Down to His Office.

We doubt that Sheriff Hobgood was aware that the people of Granville loved him quite so much until he got sick and had a close call. There was a long string of people at his door all the time, and now that he is well enough to come down to his office and examine his books, his friends gather around him in large numbers and caution him to go slow. The Sheriff will not talk politics until he gets a little stronger, and then he is going to slay 'em with the proverbial jaw bone spoken of in the Bible.

PASTOR OF THE OXFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Rev. Stewart Oglesby, of Hope, Ark., who has accepted the call to the Oxford Presbyterian church, is expected to arrive this week and fill his pulpit next Sunday morning and night.

RED CROSS WORK—AID THE MOST NOBLE CAUSE.

The Surgical Dressing Department Is Doing Fine Work.

During last week the surgical dressing department of the Oxford Chapter American Red Cross increased the output 50 per cent and the attendance was much better.

Our allotment for the month of May is 600 large cotton pads 12x24. Following is a list of members who worked six hours last week:

Mrs. Tom Booth, Mrs. R. L. Brown, Miss Jeanette Biggs, Mrs. A. A. Chapman, Miss Nette Gregory, Mrs. Jeffreys, Miss Isabelle Parham, Miss Janet Gregory, Mrs. J. H. Pritchard, Mrs. C. D. Ray, Mrs. Marsh Ray, Miss Fanny Robertson, Mrs. J. C. Robards, Mrs. G. F. Tillery, Miss Ruth Taylor, Miss Hixie White, Miss Edna White, Miss Mary Webb.

Come and help us with this good work if only for one hour a week. What are you going to do with your extra hour Uncle Sam is giving you? Why not use it for a wounded soldier "somewhere in France?"

The Work Room.

The Red Cross Work Room has presented a busy scene this week as the ladies are working diligently on Hospital garments and Comfort Kits. These Comfort Kits are to be supplied our drafted men and must be completed within the month.

The following ladies have worked in the Work Room this week: Mrs. R. I. Devin, Mrs. J. A. Taylor, Mrs. S. H. Cannady, Mrs. John Webb, Mrs. A. A. Chapman, Mrs. Cam Easton, Mrs. McIver, Mrs. J. B. Powell, Mrs. T. Lanier, Miss Daisy Holman, Miss Flora Hunt, Mrs. Chas. Landis, Mrs. B. S. Royster, Mrs. Duke, Miss Helen White, Mrs. F. B. Blalock, Mrs. A. H. Powell, Mrs. John Gooch, Mrs. J. G. Roberts, Mrs. Tom Evins, Mrs. J. D. Brooks, Mrs. N. H. Cannady, Mrs. C. D. Ray, Mrs. Irvin Mangum, Mrs. Josiah Cannady, Mrs. T. L. Booth, Mrs. W. B. Ballou, Miss Annie Crews, Mrs. R. G. Lassiter, Miss Jeanette Gregory, Miss Annie Fuman, Miss Edna White, Mrs. H. M. Shaw, Mrs. H. G. Cooper.

THE SOLDIER TRAINS.

Some of the Granville Boys Are On Their Way to France.

"Uncle Sam" and the strict censorship and secrecy of his war department did not keep the Oxford people from finding out that soldiers—our own soldiers—would pass over the Seaboard sometime during the present week.

Some progressive citizen who has a nose for news touched the wires and the information was given him that several troop trains had pulled out from Camp Sevier and that the Oxford men were aboard one of said trains.

Several people accordingly journeyed to Henderson at various times during the week to get a glimpse of them. Two troop trains in the dead of night did pass at a terrific speed, both engineers seemingly throwing the throttle as wide as it would open. From notes dropped from the cars it was ascertained that the troops were from North Carolina, but if Capt. Fuller and his men were aboard he did not let it be known.

SPEAKERS WILL VISIT THE CHURCHES

Popularity of the War Saving Stamps is in Evidence.

Last Sunday was a great day for the War Savings Stamps in Granville County, eight speakers appeared at various churches and again next Sunday speakers will cover the county.

Remember that every War Saving Stamp or Thrift Stamp that you buy aids your government in caring for those who stand between you and the Germans.

Mr. John Webb (chairman of this work in Granville County stands ready and willing to send a speaker to any section of the county to tell the people about this campaign and all you have to do is to let him know when you wish to have a meeting when you wish to have the meeting. Rev. Willis, chairman of the Minister's Committee cooperating with Mr. Webb has made the following schedule for next Sunday, May 12:

Concord.....Mr. A. A. Hicks.
Hesters.....Mr. Parham.
Beulah.....J. D. Hester.
Thinity.....F. W. Hancock, Jr.
Stem.....D. G. Brummitt.
Knap of Reeds.....D. G. Brummitt.
Banks Chapel.....J. W. Hester.

Handsome Cars.

The Blalock Motor Company are the exclusive agents for the Studebaker cars in Granville county. They have two of these model cars on hand and others to arrive. Prospective buyers will profit by reading the specifications of this car elsewhere in this paper.