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## DEE HUNT NOMINATED SHERIFF OF GRANVILLE COUNTY.

The Knock-Out Blow Administered to Sheriff Hobgood—John R. Hall Rides Into Office on Tidal Wave.

"Don't talk politics, be quiet and let things take their natural course," were some of the injunctions that foreshadowed the primary here in Granville county last Saturday, and yet at the same time there were mighty forces at work all over the county in a quiet way. The soldier boys who had gone from among us were forgotten momentarily and before the shades of evening cast its shadow upon the ground real bitterness was experienced in many places. The battle was on between Sheriff Hobgood and Dee Hunt for sheriff and John R. Hall and J. D. Brooks for county treasurer. Hobgood had his friends at the polls and so did Dee Hunt.

It can safely be said that Sheriff Hobgood's friends contributed to his defeat. One of the most zealous among the number declared in the open that "none but whiskey men and gamblers were voting against Hobgood." The remark had a tendency to offend a large number of men who otherwise would have voted for Hobgood. Another element that had a tendency to defeat Hobgood was the report that he is worth about \$40,000 and that his opponent was a poor man with a large family on his hands. And still another effective argument used against him was that he had held the office long enough.

The New Sheriff. Dee Hunt, the nominee, has been a justice of the peace in Granville county for a number of years. He is a conscientious man and always rendered his decisions without fear or favor, and he will do the same thing as long as he is sheriff of Granville county. It may be necessary for the moral people of the county to rally to his support and strengthen his arm, the same as was done when Sheriff Hobgood was inducted into office two years ago.

Dee Hunt was nominated by the good people of the county, and he can congratulate himself on the fact that he defeated the best sheriff Granville county ever had. As previously stated by the Public Ledger, no man ever had a higher regard for the oath of office. We knew these things to be true and we voted accordingly, but the choice of the Primary is a thing of the past and we hope at the expiration of the two years to say that Dee Hunt is the best Sheriff the county has ever had, and if such proves to be the case we shall work for his retention in office as long as he wants it. Our motto has always been, in business and politics, that when you get a good servant keep him.

No man ever took his defeat with better grace than does Mr. J. D. Brooks, candidate for County Treasurer. He, too, can congratulate himself on the fact that he was defeated by a high-toned, capable christian gentleman. Mr. Brooks is a clever, clean politician, but he perhaps made a slight mistake in his letter to the public when he invited the voters to go to this and adjoining counties and states and "look up the records for their own edification." This very thing was done, and it is known of all men that John R. Hall's reputation is above reproach wherever his name is known.

The County Board. The result of the choice of five County Commissioners from among the eight candidates give universal satisfaction, and the belief is that the next board will be a very able body of men. Three of the members, Messrs. J. L. Peed, of Dutchville, B. I. Breedlove, of Salem, and W. E. Cannady, of Oxford, have served on former board, Mr. W. E. Cannady being a member of the present board.

### NOTICE.

Secure Your License Before July 1st.

The last Revenue Act, Section 89, prescribes an absolute penalty of twenty per cent. should you fail to pay your license tax before July 1. Send check and your license will be forwarded.

S. C. HOBGOOD, Sheriff.

## GERMAN U-BOATS ATTACK SHIPS OFF NEW JERSEY COAST.

Sent to Sink Transports and Strike Troop Ships Attacked Only Ships That Could Not Help at Last Accounts, the Crews Being Saved.

Germany's sea wolves—the submarines which have caused so much devastation during the war—are preying on commerce in the Atlantic Ocean just off the shores of the United States. They are known to have sunk at least seven vessels, only a short distance out of sight of land off the southern New Jersey shore.

It is feared that still other vessels have been sent to the bottom by the marauders, the movements of which have been reported at various times during the last fortnight by ships coming into port from southern waters. Thus far only one life is known to have been lost in the sinkings. A majority of the vessels were sunk with bombs after their crews had been forced to take to the ships' boats.

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Navy Department reports show that the following vessels have been sunk:

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## GERMAN ARMY BROUGHT TO A STANDSTILL ON BANKS OF MARNE.

Now Within Forty-Five Miles of Paris Where They Hope to Dig in and Later Invade Paris by an Encircling Movement to the South.

Last week was Germany's best week since the war began. Berlin claims the capture of 50,000 prisoners and 700 guns. While all of this was going on General Foch issued a statement to the effect that he did not see the necessity of bringing up the reserves.

The German army is now on the western banks of the Marne. The opinion of military writers is that they have reached their objective and that they will probably dig in and later prepare for drive on Paris. The movement of troops and the skirmish around the Marne Saturday and Sunday indicate that General Foch will not permit the Germans to dig in.

In the first shock of this new rush, it is pointed out, the Allies were obliged to give ground in some places, but they held their own in the Aisne and Ourcq and their vigorous counter-attacks are considered a prelude to the stoppage of the attacks on the banks of the Marne.

On all other portions of the front the Allies held their ground and even made gains. But it was the drive for the Marne that was the feature of the week as the best Germany has had.

The German front on the west bank of the Marne covers a distance of ten miles, and within 24 hours of having arrived there the undertaking to force a passageway was attempted. In this, however, the Germans were unsuccessful, having been driven back.

### GENERAL FOCH SILENT.

Meantime, we are given no inkling, no word, of the plans General Foch and his staff have in mind though there is an intimation from a French military authority that the tide

### RED CROSS MEMBERSHIP

The annual membership fee in the Red Cross is \$1.00 and now is the time for all members who joined a year ago to renew their membership by paying this fee of \$1.

These payments may be made to Mr. J. P. Harris, Treasurer or to any officer of the Chapter.

The funds arising from membership fees are used to defray the expenses of the Chapter and for the purchase of necessary materials. This is important and every membership is urged to renew for another year without delay.

The Red Cross Chapter acknowledges a donation of \$1 from Mr. C. C. Adcock.

### THE DANGER IS PAST.

This Side of Atlantic—Sunk and Destroyed Seventh Small Loss of Life.

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may be expected to turn. Until Foch speaks we shall regard the situation as safe in the face of such encroachments as the Germans have made.

### WILL NEVER REACH PARIS.

The boches will never reach Paris in his present smash, according to army men in close touch with the whole situation.

### FOCH DEPOSITING TROOPS.

Declaring that while the thrust has been faster and more furious than anticipated it is apparent now that General Foch is depositing troops to stiffen resistance. He naturally does not wish to thin out the northern line extensively, for such action he would play directly into the German plan of campaign. Evidently reserve troops will be tapped for the main aid.

### NONE TOO CHEERFUL.

Though the German has pressed on, army men are still optimistic of an early check. Manifestly, they say, the situation is none too cheerful with prisoners, guns and territory falling into boch's hands. Yet, they point out that there is hope in the allied holding of the flanks; in the fact that sufficient reinforcements to stem the tide are at hand; and from the fact that the German, while he cannot reach Paris on this route, is accomplishing nothing toward his first major objective—the channel ports.

### THE MOST CHEERING NEWS.

From the American viewpoint the most cheering news in these times of stress is the brilliant action of the United States forces in holding on to Cantigny. Army men pointed out that, if the allies were sufficiently strong, the American thrust there could have been followed up enough to choke off the Soissons-Rheims smash.

### FORCES GOING FORWARD.

Shipment of our forces is going earnestly and satisfactorily on. The submarine is less effective than ever before; and though U-boats lurk on the transport routes, their power is gradually being diminished.

### ONE EXPRESS COMPANY FOR THE UNITED STATES

To Be Private Corporation, Consolidating the Four Great Express Carriers.

One union express company for the United States was created by an agreement between Director-General McAdoo and the Adams, American, Wells Fargo, and Southern Express companies, whose transportation business will be merged under a new private corporation with capital of more than \$30,000,000, to be known probably as the Federal Express company. The consolidation is effective July 1, and a 10 per cent increase in rates is pending.

## OXFORD BAPTIST BARACAS ELECT OFFICERS FOR TERM.

Gen. Royster, For Many Years Teacher of the Class, Retires.

The Oxford Baptist Baraca class received a shock last Sunday morning when General B. S. Royster, for many years the valuable teacher of the class, declined to serve as teacher for the ensuing term.

The class has grown and prospered under the spiritual directions of General Royster, and the entire membership regrets that he sees the necessity of relinquishing the great work.

It is generally known that General Royster's time and talents are very much in demand during the period of the war. Every Sunday for the past two months he has visited churches in the county and made valuable addresses, and night after night he is called here and there throughout the country to deliver addresses to the people. No man among us is making greater sacrifices to win the war. He has dedicated his time, talents, means and everything he has to the successful ending of the war. On retiring, he comforted the class with the assurance that he would be present as often as possible. The teacher of the class will be chosen next Sunday.

Mr. W. T. Yancey was elected president of the class, and Mr. C. D. Ray was chosen vice-president for the ensuing term. The class is in a most prosperous condition, there being 150 members. The contributions to all causes has amounted to as much as \$1,000 annually.

### INCREASE IN FREIGHT RATES

The Public Ledger Feels the Pressure Coming.

The new freight rate will cause those who used to talk about the unjust rates in vogue a few years ago to wonder what they were talking about.

The increased prices will make each carload of paper cost something like forty or fifty dollars. The big papers printing a car of paper a day, and many of them consuming more than this, will be struck hard. The little fellow like the Public Ledger, putting out a couple of cars a year, will be one hundred dollars to the bad, and no way to get it back. But it is in a way a war measure. The railroads must have facilities to do business, and they must pay the men who operate them; so no kick can be coming.

### JUDGE DEVIN HERE.

Will Spend His Vacation in Oxford.

At the close of court in Fayetteville last week Judge Devin stepped down and off the bench for his summer vacation. Members of the bar advised him to "lock his treasure house of knowledge and take himself down to the sounding sea and forget it all for a brief spell of rest and recreation."

But Judge Devin is not built that way. He has a profound love for his native county, and the good people rejoice to see him and his good family here during his vacation.

### ROLL OF HONOR FOR THE GREAT WAR.

Washington, June 1.—America's roll of honor for the great war to date totaling 6,463 Casualties reported are divided as follows:

Killed in action	800
Killed by accident	261
Died of disease	1,122
Lost at sea	291
Died of other causes	84
Wounded	3,598
Captured	99
Missing	208
Total	6,463

### Help Win the War.

Mr. F. F. Lyon, the druggist, devotes his advertising space in the Public Ledger to the sale of War Savings Stamps.

### Red Cross Benefit.

There will be a lawn party at Tabb's Creek, Friday evening, June 7th, with ice cream for sale for the benefit of Red Cross Society. Public cordially invited.

## PARTIAL RETURNS FROM THE COUNTY PRIMARY.

Dement, Oak Hill and Buchanan Have Not Reported.

The returns from Saturday's primary indicates that Dee Hunt leads Sheriff Hobgood for sheriff by a strong majority and that John R. Hall left J. D. Brooks far behind in the race for treasurer. Dement, Oak Hill and Buchanan are yet to be heard from, but the returns in no wise will affect the election of Hunt for sheriff and Hall for treasurer.

Peed, of Dutchville; Breedlove, of Salem; Cannady of Oxford, and Rom Averett, of Fishing Creek, are nominated. With partial returns at hand it would seem that J. Ennis Davis, of Brassfield, is also nominated for county commissioner.

Ex-Senator Currin for the Senate, Hon. D. G. Brummitt for the House, and Judge Cam Hunt for Clerk of the Court, and Mr. J. B. Powell for Register of Deeds, had no opposition and their names did not appear on the ticket.

The tabulated returns will appear in the next issue of the Public Ledger.

### TOO MUCH WILD TALK.

Forget the Primary and Go To Work.

It was rumored around town Monday that Mr. Dee Hunt, the nominee for sheriff, had already selected his deputies. The Public Ledger called on Mr. Hunt and he authorized us to state that there is absolutely no foundation for the rumor.

Mr. Hunt's advice to the tattlers is that they talk less and do more work.

We are going to have a good, strong sheriff in the person of Mr. Hunt, and it is the duty of the people to strengthen his arm and not try to discredit him with wild rumors. He is the choice of the Primary and is, therefore, the choice of the people.

### STATE LECTURER HERE.

Ex-Mayor O. B. Eaton, of Winston-Salem Visits Granville County.

One of the strongest speeches heard in Granville during the war was delivered from the pulpit of the Oxford Baptist church last Sunday night by Ex-Mayor O. B. Eaton, of Winston-Salem. He is one of the State lecturers for the War Savings Stamps and stamp certificates. While in the county he spoke at Creedmoor and at Mary's Chapel.

### MR. J. ROBT. WOOD LEASES RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

The Rawlings Home on Main Street to Be Improved.

Mr. J. Robert Wood has leased for a term of years the Rawlings home on Main street and it is understood that he will add a new room and extend the porches and paint and otherwise improve the living conditions of the valuable property. He has already planted the garden and removed the undergrowth that threatened to envelop the surroundings. The other improvements will follow, says Mr. Wood.

### THE DELINQUENTS.

These Men Are Listed as Deserters Because They Failed to Show Up.

The War Department finds North Carolina with 1,500 white slackers and 4,800 blacks, according to figures given out in Raleigh.

These men are listed as deserters because they failed to show up under the registration act. The large percentage of the negro desertions are believed to be the result of ignorance.

Granville county is credited with only 10 white and 21 colored delinquents.

### Cheer Up the Home.

Elsewhere in this paper the Hughes-Smaw Furniture Company announce a handsome line of Columbia Phonographs and records. The prices are right.

—Grammar School Conditions taught at the Graded School, beginning June 3d. Sadie Parham & Mary Royal Hancock. J52tx