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OLD BOARD MAKES ROOM FOR THE NEW BOARD

The New Board Elected Permanent Organization By Electing J. Ennis Davis Chairman.

The last meeting of the retiring County Commissioners, held last Monday, was full of interest. Present: Messrs. E. C. Harris, chairman; W. E. Cannady, J. L. Daniel, T. G. Taylor. Commissioner Hart was not present.

Mr. J. B. Powell Commended.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of County Commissioners desire to express its high appreciation of the valuable and efficient services rendered at all times, both in the office of Register of Deeds, Mr. James B. Powell, the efficient and obliging Register of Deeds and clerk of the Board. His services has rendered the work of the Board much easier on account of his knowledge of the affairs of the county and his ever willingness to look up and keep in touch with all the matters affecting the business of the county.

Mr. Powell's Response.

In thanking the Board for the courtesy expressed in the resolution, Mr. Powell arose and addressed the Board in a neat two minutes' speech, in which he said that it is always sad to part with friends. He said that he felt sure that the retiring Board was always moved by a high sense of duty and that they had at all times the best interest of the county at heart. His duties as register of deeds and clerk of the board, said Mr. Powell, brought him in close touch with the members of the board and that it was his great pleasure to render at all times any service that was in his power.

Resolution of Thanks.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of County Commissioners desire, before retiring, to express their high regard and thanks to Hon. A. A. Hicks, county attorney, for valuable service rendered them during the past two years. They appreciate the promptness in which he has dispatched business entrusted to him, and feel it a privilege to have the opportunity to express their feelings of gratitude and thanks.

After the above resolutions were adopted the Board adjourned sine die.

The New Board.

The following duly elected members of the county board of commissioners were present and took the oath of office: J. T. Averette, B. I. Breedlove, W. E. Cannady, J. Ennis Davis, J. L. Peed, Mr. J. B. Powell, clerk of the Board, also took the oath of office. Judge Cam Hunt, clerk of the court, administered the oath.

The Organization.

Upon motion B. I. Breedlove was elected temporary chairman. After many ballots cast for various members of the Board, J. Ennis Davis was elected permanent chairman.

The County Attorney.

Hon. A. A. Hicks was elected to succeed himself as County Attorney for the ensuing term at a salary of \$15.00 per month.

Sheriff Hobgood Reports.

Sheriff Hobgood made his report of insolvents and land sales collected since settlement of 1917 taxes, same amounting to \$109.87. He also made his report of privilege taxes collected from June 1, 1918, to December 2, 1918.

Standing Committees.

Messrs. B. I. Breedlove and W. E. Cannady were appointed a committee to look after the court house and jail.

Messrs. J. L. Peed and J. T. Averette were appointed a committee to look after the Home for the Aged and Infirm.

Security Bonds.

The Sheriff, the clerk of the court and register of deeds presented their official bonds, which were examined and accepted, and the clerk of the board was requested to deposit them in the proper place.

The Tax Books.

Sheriff Hobgood returned the tax books for 1918 taxes to the board and the board appointed W. H. Walters to get up settlement with said retiring sheriff. The clerk of the Board was ordered to turn over to Sheriff E. D. Hnut the 1918 tax books with the usual order for collecting the said taxes.

To Enforce the Law.

The Board adopted the following resolution:

That, due to much sickness in the county recently the overseers were unable to make reports to the supervisors; therefore, many supervisors failed to make reports to the Board. The Board feels that it is just that they should extend the time for making said reports until the first Monday in January, 1919. Hereafter, however, said reports shall be made on the first Monday in December each

KEEP THE BALL ROLLING

Speaking of the proposed memorial hospital for Granville county, Mr. Sam W. Parker asked the Public Ledger to put him down for \$500 and more if necessary.

For twenty-five or thirty years Mr. Parker has advocated a hospital for Oxford, and he is now highly pleased to see the interest manifested in the proposed memorial hospital. He feels at this juncture that it would be well for a number of those whose hearts are in the work to meet and form a temporary organization to systematize the work.

The Public Ledger is led to believe that \$100,000 can be had for the hospital if the right men will get behind the movement. It is a mistaken idea that the doctors are opposed to establishing a hospital here. Two of them have already pledged \$500 each, and the other day we met Dr. Daniel and he told us that he was glad to see so much interest manifested and that he would do all he can to make it a success. Dr. Cannady, too, patted us on the shoulder and said keep the ball rolling, and it is a well known fact that Dr. Ben K. Hays, who is now in the National Army, is heartily in favor of establishing a hospital here.

The list of contributors to date are:

S. W. Parker\$ 500
Dr. G. S. Watkins 500
Dr. Nelson Thomas 500
Roy Daniel 100

ALLIES WILL DEMAND SURRENDER OF THE KAISER

President Wilson Has Made Suggestions As to Methods to Be Followed in Getting Him.

(London Special)

A demand for the surrender of the William Hohenzollern is to be made by the Allies upon Holland, the Express says it learns on good authority.

The views of France and Italy have been fully communicated to the British government, and President Wilson also has made suggestions relative to procedure in the case.

Holland will not be asked to deliver Herr Hohenzollern under the ordinary extradition laws, but his status will be considered analogous to that of a pirate or a slave holder.

SEND THE FARM BOYS HOME.

Their Jobs Are Waiting For Them On the Farm.

Congressman Webb has asked secretary Baker to let the farm boys be the first to come home. These days people on the farm work during the winter and there are jobs on almost every homestead awaiting the return of the soldier boy. If the discharges are to be regulated on the score of necessities, then we may look for the recruits from the country to be coming home in the advance guard.

GENERAL B. S. ROYSTER'S BROTHER DIED AT HENDERSON

Burial in Family Cemetery Near Townsville—Two Brothers and One Sister Survive.

The remains of Mr. John Royster, who died at his home at Townsville Monday, were buried Tuesday afternoon in the Royster family cemetery. Funeral services were conducted at the grave by Rev. I. W. Hughes.

Mr. Royster was about sixty-five years old, and is survived by one sister, Mrs. Thomas B. Parham, of the Flat Rock community, and two brothers, Mr. Edward Royster, and General B. S. Royster, of Oxford.

year, or the Board will proceed to enforce the law.

Small Pay.

The motion to pay the chairman \$10.00 per month for services rendered by virtue of his office was carried. The chairman is also to receive \$3.00 per day and mileage, as do the other members of the Board. The motion was unanimously adopted.

Bridges and Roads.

Mr. S. M. Wheeler was elected foreman of the county bridges at a salary of \$2,000 per year, and Mr. R. A. Jones was elected foreman of the roads of the county at \$100 per month.

The duties of the two above officers shall in no way conflict. It is fully understood that the two officers are under the supervision of the county Board of Commissioners and that Mr. Jones has nothing to do with bridges and that Mr. Wheeler has nothing to do with constructing roads except in each case when directed by the board. It is further understood that the tractor shall be with Mr. Wheeler at all times and under his entire supervision.

PRESIDENT WILSON IS SPEEDING ACROSS ATLANTIC

Ship With Delegates Aboard Left New York Wednesday—Every Precaution Taken to Prevent Any Untoward Incident.

(New York Special.)

On the transport George Washington, one time German passenger liner, manned by a navy crew and with deck guns ready for action, and accompanied by a naval convoy, the President left New York harbor Wednesday amid a demonstration without parallel in the history of the port. The President took his place on the flying bridge as the great ship moved down the bay.

Death of Militarism.

Prior to President Wilson's departure to attend the peace conference it became known that he goes determined against militarism in any form. The crushing of Prussian militarism was a part of his plan the future peace of the whole world, the President feels, according to persons who conferred with him on the transport George Washington, before it sailed.

Tons of Documents.

With them went several tons of documents and maps, which, together with other records of their investigations already in Paris or on the way, comprise a collection of international data said to be without parallel in history.

These advisers to the peace commission, who have conducted an exhaustive inquiry into foreign affairs by authority of the President and under the direction of Col. E. M. House, include experts in international law, college professors, rated as specialists in the history and politics of various nations, and officers of the military intelligence division of the army.

Will Land At Brest.

The President will land at Brest and will receive military honors. Foreign Minister Pichon, Minister of Marine Leagues and Captain Andre Tardieu, head of the general commission for France-American war questions, will greet Mr. Wilson in the name of the French government. The presidential train will arrive in Paris on the morning of December 13.

Will Go To Rome.

President Wilson will spend a few days conferring with Colonel E. M. House in Paris, and will go thence to Rome, returning from Italy to spend Christmas in London, and going again to Paris for the remainder of his visit.

HANDSOME DONATIONS.

The People of Oxford Are Very Generous.

We do not know the exact amount the people of Oxford contributed to the various orphanages of the State on Thanksgiving Day, but it is safe to say that the amount was somewhere in the neighborhood of \$1,000. The Oxford Baptist church turned in more than \$300 to the Baptist orphanage, and General B. S. Royster handed in a cash donation of more than \$500 to the Oxford orphanage. Both the Methodist and Episcopal churches, we understand, sent in handsome donations. And yet, it is said, one-half of the people of Oxford have not given a penny. The Public Ledger is not partial to any institution, yet we do know that a nice cash Christmas donation would be very acceptable to the Oxford orphanage. And we are sure that the other \$500 can be had if some one will take the matter in hand and work it up. Christmas is a time of good cheer, and we can but ask God's blessings for the fatherless children.

MRS. B. W. PARHAM DEAD

Passed Away Monday At Her Home In New York.

The friends of Mr. Frank Parham will learn with regret of the death of Mrs. Frank Earle Parham at Bronxville, New York, on December 2nd. Mrs. Parham before her marriage was Miss Nell Cartwright, of Nashville, Tenn. She has visited Oxford with Mr. Parham and was a woman of rare beauty and calm.

Mr. Parham is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Parham, of Granville county, and has many friends in Oxford and vicinity who sympathize with him deeply in his loss. He is now a successful lawyer of New York City.

The remains of Mrs. Parham were taken to Nashville, Tenn. for interment. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cartwright of Nashville, and Mr. B. W. Parham of Oxford, were with Mrs. Parham and her husband at the time of her death.

Satisfaction Guaranteed.

When Mr. I. W. Mangum, proprietor of the new Mangum warehouse speaks, there is something doing. He gets right in line with the auctioneers and the averages at his house, on all grades, are the highest obtainable. See the announcement of the new Mangum warehouse elsewhere in this paper.

CROWN PRINCE WILLING TO WORK IN FACTORY

Still Claims Title and Says "Everything Appears Chaos" in Germany at Present.

Oosterland, Holland, Dec. 5.—"I have not renounced anything and I have not signed any document whatever."

Frederick William Hohenzollern, who still claims the title of Crown Prince of Germany, thus answered the question of The Associated Press in the course of a lengthy conversation, which took place in the small cottage of the village pastor on the island of Wieringen, where he is interned.

Would Even Labor in Factory

"However," he continued, "should the German government decide to form a republic similar to the United States or France, I shall be perfectly content to return to Germany as a simple citizen ready to do anything to assist my country. I should even be happy to work as a laborer in a factory."

Lost War In October, 1914.

"I was convinced early in October 1914, that we had lost the war. I considered our position hopeless after the battle of the Marne, which we should not have lost if the chiefs of our general staff had not suffered a case of nerves."

Hunger Brought Downfall

What finally brought about the downfall of the German military power, he declared, was revolution induced by four years of hunger among the civilians and the troops in the rear, together with the overwhelming superiority in numbers attained by the entente powers since America's entry into the war.

How He Left the Front.

Describing how he left the front, Frederick William declared:

"I was with my group of armies after the Kaiser left Germany. I asked the Berlin government whether they desired me to retain my command. They replied negatively, and I could not continue to lead armies under orders of the soldiers' and workers' council."

"Therefore, I came to Holland, with out hindrance. No shooting or bombing occurred and I quit the army with the greatest regret after having participated in the trench life with the soldiers for so long."

Hasn't Been Home in a Year.

"I have not been in Germany for a year, and from the beginning of the year I have taken only three or four fortnight leaves."

Didn't Desire War.

"My father also, I am sure, did not desire war. If Germany had sought the best opportunity for making war she would have chosen the period either of the Boer war or the Russo-Japanese war."

Verdun Attack a Mistake.

"I thought that the Verdun attack was a mistake. We should have attacked to the eastward of Verdun, where there would have been great probability of success."

SERVICE FLAG AT THE STATE HEADQUARTERS

The Adjutant General's office at Raleigh is preparing a service flag to be unfurled at State Headquarters, bearing a star for each selected man in North Carolina who has made the supreme sacrifice.

So far the Local Board for Granville County has reported the names of five drafted men, who have either died in camp or been killed in action.

These five men, each of whom will have a star in the State Service Flag, are Tenny B. West, Route 7, Oxford, who was inducted prior to December 15th, 1917; George Green Elliott, who was inducted into service prior to December 15th, 1917; Bennie A. Eakes, Route 7, Oxford, who was inducted prior to December 15th, 1917; Harvey Lee Currin, son of J. P. Currin, Route 2, Oxford, who was inducted May 24th, 1918; and Charlie Woodlief, son of Lewis Woodlief, Route 6, Oxford, inducted May 24th, 1918.

While the death of all these young men is deplored and their memory cherished, especially pathetic is the loss of Charlie Woodlief, who, it is learned, was killed in action just a few hours before the cessation of hostilities.

READY FOR THE DRIVE.

Young Ladies Busy Sending Out Cards.

The front of Mr. J. Robert Wood's furniture store is heavily placarded, denoting that one corner of the store is the headquarters of the Red Cross Christmas drive. As pretty as a picture were Misses Edna and Hixie White as they sat at a table yesterday, busily engaged in sending out cards.

The many friends of Mrs. W. A. Devin will be glad to know that she is recovering from an attack of influenza. She was one of the noble Oxford ladies that risked her all in fighting the recent epidemic at the Oxford orphanage.

OXFORD'S PRESENT NEED.

A Town High School and Town Y. M. C. A. Combined.

For some time a plan has been going through my mind that seems to have in it the solution of the greatest present need in Oxford. While some may not have thought of the matter seriously, I feel certain that all will agree that a modern well equipped high school should replace the residence that is now being used. I feel equally certain that all will agree that the great benefits of a good Y. M. C. A. are needed. At present it would be impossible to support an organization like this alone.

The Plan.

The following plan can be made to meet both of these needs and several others that will be mentioned. It is to build a community high school and include in it room and equipment that will make the work of the Y. M. C. A. possible. The high school building will soon be a necessity and the expense of adding the other feature will be comparatively small.

The Benefits.

The benefits from such a community building would be great. During the day the pupils could use the regular class rooms. The physical development of boys and girls could be attended to in the well equipped gymnasium during school hours and various games for those in the graded school at other hours. In other words there would be a place where every pupil, boy or girl, of Oxford could get physical recreation; yes, those who do not attend school too.

The Old and Young.

Then following the work of this class of citizens for the day, the older persons in town could use the building. There are many business and professional men in Oxford who actually need such a place to exercise. In this way the investment in the building would be paying a big dividend practically the entire day instead of the present plan which gets the use of the school property only a few hours, and then for only nine months.

Provision must also be made for our returned soldiers who have become accustomed to great things. They will not be content to use the stores as loafing places as in the past but will remember the great joy that came to them from the Y. M. C. A. and similar serving organizations. Can we afford to fail these who have been on the firing line for us? We have not failed in the past and will not now.

For Public Gathering.

Oxford needs an auditorium in the center of the town for all kinds of meetings. The Court room is not equipped for community meetings. This need could be met in this plan.

The ladies of Oxford would be very glad to have a nice room for their meetings and their library work. The work that has been done by the Woman's Club and similar organizations should be recognized by a suitable meeting place. Oxford owes much to these bodies. A good public reading room ought to be a feature of this plan.

For Community Purposes.

The Red Cross which is a permanent organization and should be of great service locally ought to have a regular home in such building.

There are many more real vital needs that could be mentioned if space permitted. But the brief outline already given should serve as a starting point for a campaign for just such a community plant. Personally I would like to see Oxford in the front line of community endeavor, and I feel certain that this or some plan very similar to it will be adopted by the wide awake towns of our State and Nation to meet the great reconstruction problems that are to face them in the next ten years.

Our young and old manhood and womanhood must be preserved. It must be developed to its highest capacity. Let the thinking people consider this matter and at some near date meet and talk over the possibilities here suggested. The various organizations of the town should take it up as a body and give expression, favorably or unfavorably, as the opinion of the body directs.

Oxford can easily set the goal for a community building in the very near future that will put her in the lead in matters of public good. She cannot afford to do less for her citizens, young and old.

It is said that talk is cheap but it often gets things that are not cheap and if talking will get Oxford what she needs, by all means talk.

G. B. PHILLIPS.

Aged Citizen Died

Mr. J. F. Usry, a splendid old citizen of Granville, died at the home of his son, Samuel Usry, near Corinth, Wednesday last in the 80th year of his age. Burial service, conducted by Dr. J. D. Harte, took place at Corinth Thursday afternoon.