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PRESIDENT WOULD HAVE ALL JOIN THE RED CROSS

In a Proclamation Asks All to Enroll During Christmas Roll Call Week and Help in Work Ahead.

The proclamation issued by President Wilson on the eve of his departure for France, calling on everyone to join the American Red Cross Christmas roll call week, December 16-23, follows:

The White House
Washington, Nov. 26, 1918.

To the American People:

"One year ago 22,000,000 Americans, by enrolling as members of the Red Cross at Christmas time, sent to the men who were fighting our battles overseas a stimulating message of cheer and good will. They made it clear that our people were of their own free choice united with their government in the determination not only to wage war with the instruments of destruction, but also by every means in their power to repair the ravages of the invader and sustain and renew the spirit of the army and of the homes which they represented. The friends of the American Red Cross in Italy, Belgium and France have told, and will tell again, the story of how the Red Cross workers restored morale in the hospitals, in the camps, and at the front lines, and we ought to be very proud that we have been permitted to be of service to those whose suffering and whose glory are the heritage of humanity.

"Now, by God's grace, the Red Cross Christmas message of 1918 is to be a message of peace as well as a message of good will. But peace does not mean that we can fold our hands. It means further sacrifice. Our membership must hold together and be increased for the great tasks to come. We must prove conclusively to an attentive world that America is permanently aroused to the needs of the new era, our old indifference gone forever.

"The exact nature of the future service of the Red Cross will depend upon the program of the associated governments, but there is immediate need today for every heartening word and for every helpful service. We must not forget that our soldiers and our sailors are still under orders and still have duties to perform of the highest consequence, and that the Red Cross Christmas membership means a great deal to them. The people of the saddened lands, moreover, returning home today where they have no home must have the assurance that the hearts of our people are with them in the dark and doubtful days ahead. Let us, so far as we can, help them back to faith in mercy and in future happiness.

"As president of the Red Cross, conscious in this great hour of value of such a message from the American people, I should be glad if every American would join the Red Cross for 1919, and thus send forth to the whole human family the Christmas greeting for which it waits and for which it stands in greatest need.

(Signed) "WOODROW WILSON."

SIXTH GRADE OF OXFORD SCHOOL DOING THINGS

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I wish to introduce you to the sixth grade of Oxford school. I am writing to tell you of the relief work done by our grade. We have raised \$26.50 for an orphan in France. That will take care of an orphan for a year. We are pleased to know that our grade is saving a human life from starvation; \$24.50 has been raised for the Victory Boys and Victory Girls campaign. We are all members of the Junior Red Cross; \$13.50 has been raised by the children for the Junior Red Cross membership fee for 1919. The money that has been given has been earned mostly by the children. We sent 18 jars of jelly to the soldiers. We have fifty squares knitted for an ambulance robe. We are helping to knit a robe to send to one of the hospitals in the United States. Both boys and girls took part in knitting the robe. We are willing to help whenever we are called upon. In addition to the relief work that the Sixth Grade has done we have bought a \$2.00 pencil sharpener and have \$4.50 on hand to buy a football for our school boys.

A Sixth Grade girl,
MARY GRACE LYON.

The Toy Shop.
The children have found out that Santa Claus is at Rose's five and ten cent store, and older ones, too, would be interested in a visit. See announcement elsewhere in this paper.

Reduction in Prices.
On the third page of this paper it will be seen that Lyon-Winston Company announce a reduction on the needed things before taking the annual inventory.

—On the fourth page of this paper Perkinson-Green Co. announce one-fourth off on ladies cloaks, coats and dresses.

WOMAN'S CLUB OF OXFORD ISSUES NEAT BROCHURE

Outline the Activities of the Club for the Ensuing Year.

We find much pleasure in scanning the neat brochure issued by the Woman's Club of Oxford, which we find on our desk, and from which we gather some of the important items, as follows:

The Club.

The Club embraces seven distinct departments, as follows: (1) Music. (2) Home Economics. (3) Health. (4) Civic. 5. Literature and Library. (6) Garden and Forestry. (7) Social Service. (King's Daughters.)

The regular business meeting of the club is held the first Wednesday of each month in the Oxford Library. There are 108 names on the roll of membership.

Officers of the Club.

President—Mrs. J. D. Brooks; first vice president—Mrs. H. G. Cooper; Second Vice President, Mrs. J. G. Hall; Secretary—Miss Mary Webb; Treasurer—Mrs. J. C. Robards; Auditor—Mrs. W. J. Long.

Program Committee.

Mrs. S. H. Cannady, Mrs. Kate White.

Standing Committees.

Ways and Means—Mrs. H. G. Cooper, Mrs. H. M. Shaw, Mrs. C. D. Ray. Publicity—Mrs. D. A. Coble, Mrs. D. G. Brummitt.

Cemetery—Mrs. W. B. Ballou, Mrs. E. K. Lassiter, Mrs. W. D. Bryan.

Reciprocity—Mrs. John Webb, Mrs. T. L. Booth, Mrs. N. H. Cannady.

Parliamentary Laws—Mrs. de la Croix, Mrs. H. O. Furman, Mrs. Coggeshall.

Membership Committee—Miss Belle Cooper, Mrs. W. T. Lee, Miss Bemis, Mrs. M. P. Chamblee, Mrs. Josiah Cannady, Mrs. Ira Howard, Mrs. Salls.

Chrysanthemum Show—Mrs. J. F. Veasey, Mrs. John Gooch, Mrs. D. G. Brummitt, Mrs. Kerr Taylor.

Music Department.

Mrs. A. A. Hicks, chairman; Mrs. H. M. Shaw, vice-chairman; Mrs. S. H. Cannady, secretary and treasurer; Miss Mary Webb, pianist. Time of meeting last Wednesday in each month.

Department of Home Economics.

Mrs. Armstead L. Capehart, chairman; Mrs. Mary Cooper Evins, vice-chairman; Mrs. W. B. Ballou, secretary. Several distinguished ladies will visit Oxford during the year and address the department on important subjects.

Department of Health.

Mrs. C. Emmett-Brown, chairman; Mrs. E. T. White, vice-chairman; Mrs. Mary Cooper Evins, secretary and treasurer. We notice that Dr. Hubert Royster, of Raleigh, is mailed to address the department on "What We Should Know About Cancer."

Garden and Forestry.

Mrs. A. H. Powell, chairman; Mrs. W. D. Bryan, vice-chairman; Mrs. J. F. Veasey, secretary and treasurer.

Literature and Library Extension.

Miss Helen White, chairman; Mrs. John Webb, vice-chairman; Mrs. C. D. Ray, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Annie Llewellyn, librarian; Miss Isabel Parham, reporter.

The Literature and Library Extension Department offers a prize for the best original short story and best original verse, written by any Oxford woman or girl by March 15, 1919.

Doing Good Work.

The Club met last Wednesday and Mrs. Brooks, the new chairman, telegraphed to Food Administrator Henry A. Page that the club was pledged to the conservation of food.

PUBLIC MEETINGS CALLED OFF

In View of the Influenza Situation Every Precaution Must Be Taken.

The public meetings for the Red Cross on Friday night at the Court House, and Sunday night at the Baptist church, have been called off. The executive committee did not feel equal to the responsibility of calling a meeting in view of the influenza that still prevails. Every precaution must be taken.

It is necessary for every one to work harder than ever to see that Granville has a good report when the Roll Call is over.

ARMY OFFICERS DESIRING MAY BE DISCHARGED SOON

Discharge from the army as soon as practicable of officers who have signified their desire to leave the service, has been authorized by the war department. Vacancies caused by such separations will be filled temporarily by officers who want to hold their positions permanently or by those who have asked for commissions in the reserves.

Mr. Jack G. Curran and bride have returned from their honeymoon and are making their home for the present with Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hunt on Front street.

OXFORD TOBACCO MARKET Will Close Down For the Holidays Friday, December 20 to Open January 6.

The Oxford Tobacco Board of Trade at a meeting held this week decided to close the market for the holiday season at the end of sales on Friday, December 20, and to open the market on Monday morning, January 6th.

PRICES FOR TOBACCO CONTINUES TO GO UP

Seven Million Pounds Sold on the Oxford Market This Season At An Average of More Than \$40.50.

Reports on the sale of tobacco show that the average price for the weed continues to advance. At the close of sales last Thursday figures show that seven million pounds for the season had been sold at an average of \$40.50. This is said to be the highest average ever reached on any market in the State.

Well informed tobacco men estimate that the four warehouses in Oxford will sell more than ten million pounds this season. The prices have advanced so rapidly in the last few days it is thought that the general average of all sold on the Oxford market will be in the neighborhood of \$43 per hundred.

JUST LIKE GETTING MONEY FROM HOME

Mr. Wes Brummitt Packed a Load of Tobacco on Warehouse Floor and Forgot It.

Our old friend Wes Brummitt is getting rich and don't know it. He brought in another small load of tobacco last Tuesday and placed it upon the floor at the new Mangum warehouse.

After the sales were over Mr. Mangum looked Mr. Brummitt up and handed him a check for \$521.46.

"What's that for?" asked Mr. Brummitt.

"For that handfull of tobacco you placed on the floor this morning."

"Upon my word, I had forgotten all about it," said the old gray fox of Bell Town.

LOCAL MEN RETURNING HOME FROM THE CAMPS

Nearly Every Day Some One, Who Has Been Missed, Returns Back in Town.

Nearly every day some young Granvillian, who has been missed for the last few weeks or months, reports back in town, and in civilian garb, demonstrating that the boys are slowly but surely returning home. They're discharging men at the rate of several thousand a day or a thousand a day at Camp Greene. It is presumed that a like record is being made at practically all other camps in the country, and a Granville man can be found at about every camp in the land.

While the government permits these young men to wear the uniforms for some weeks after returning, it is noticeable that those who have gone and have returned jump into their "cits" soon after getting home.

"Ah, it feels so good to be back in a suit of clothes that doesn't feel so tight, and which permits you to feel freer and that you aren't under such stringent regulations and formalities," said one by way of explanation.

Those interviewed during the past few days contend that they hated to leave camp, that they liked the "good old army," but "it's mighty good to be back home—and in these 'cits'."

While those who have received their discharges and have returned home thus far are men that were stationed in camps in this country, press dispatches tell of contingents landing at ports over here, having returned from England and France. This brings the belief to many that Granville boys who served a time across the seas will be back home pretty soon.

Letters received by friends in Oxford from soldiers tell that they anticipate being discharged soon.

LIVE AND LEARN.

A few days ago the editor of the Public Ledger took a short side trip, and great was our astonishment to see rearrangements of the order of the passenger coaches on through trains. The pullmans are carried next to the engine with day coaches followed by the "jim crow" car and baggage and express cars. This reversed order has become a law with through trains, being adopted as a safety measure that the steel cars may be next to the engine. It has been observed in railway wrecks that steel cars in the rear of the train have caught and crushed lighter coaches next to the engine, causing great loss of life and property. The carrying of the heavy steel cars next to the engine is deemed safer.

SERG. WINFIELD TAYLOR KILLED IN ACTION JUNE 14

War Department Notifies Family of His Glorious Death.

After six months the devoted family of Sergt. Winfield Taylor has anxiously awaited tidings from their loved one, hoping almost against hope having searched every means of hearing from him until the government has sent their final word and they must bow with submission to the sad tidings "Missing in action on June 14th." The whole community joins with the family in their sorrow for the brave young soldier just 25 years of age. Winfield Taylor was an exceptionally fine young man. Duty was the guide of his life and nobly he lived in all the walks of his young life. Devotedly fond of his home and his loved ones his home life was ideal. He was especially strong in his Christian character. A member of the choir and Sunday school of St. Stephen's church it was his endeavor to use his talents in the interest of his church. It was through his earnest endeavor that the Brotherhood of St. Andrew was nobly sustained. Following the sacred behests of duty he enlisted in the Marine Corps and on the shell-torn fields of France he made the supreme sacrifice, doing his part in winning for the world the victory of peace. He will ever be the object of our undying gratitude and the glorious recompense that he has not died in vain. He won for himself an eternal habitation in the realm of the Most High. J. B.

CARD FROM MR. POWELL.

To the People of Granville County:

The week of December 16-23 is Red Cross Christmas Roll Call Week and I personally appeal to the people of Granville county to respond to the invitation to become members of the American Red Cross for the year 1919 willingly, gratefully, and enthusiastically. The chairman of the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call for the Granville County Chapter, Mr. James W. Horner, and his assistants have endeavored to perfect plans whereby every man, woman, and child in the county will receive a personal invitation to join the Red Cross for the year 1919, but if for any reason you do not receive a call from a Roll Call solicitor we hope that you will look up either a solicitor or some officer of a Red Cross branch or auxiliary and hand in \$1.00 for a membership. We want 10,000 Red Cross members in Granville county. Our Chapter is proud of its record and we are anxious to stand at the head of the column of membership reported for the year 1919. As a tribute to the many loyal and patriotic women in Granville county, who have so patiently given generously of their time to Red Cross work for the past eighteen months, won't you encourage them by joining the Red Cross for the year 1919?

The people of the county have a right to feel proud of the record made by the Granville County Chapter and as they have so generously supported it in the past we feel confident that they will welcome this great opportunity to again pledge their support to this great agency of mercy.

Yours for the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call.

A. H. POWELL,
Chapter Chairman.

AMERICAN SOLDIERS IN GERMAN PRISON CAMPS

(Washington Special.)

A list of Americans in German prison camps, announced December 5th, includes Lieutenant Wm. S. Cousin, Lake Charles, La., who is located at Camp Karlsruhe, and the following enlisted men:

At camp unknown: Wm. J. Hutchison, Gladys, Ark.; Allen Aultman, Sumrall, Miss.; Oscar Cooper, Bush, La.; Lee F. Rash, R. F. D., Olin, N. C.; Phillip Krouse, Memphis, Tenn.; Charles N. Coble, Midway, Tenn.

At Limburg: Vernon M. Harbison, Knoxville, Tenn.; Claude C. Wilson, Rocky Point, N. C.

Reported wounded at unknown camp: Eugene E. Moser, R. F. D. 3, Tobaccoville, N. C.

OVERLOADED WITH STAMPS

I received at my own request \$4,000.00 worth of War Savings stamps, and of this amount I now have on hand \$1,500.00 worth and I have only today and tomorrow in which to dispose of them. I would regret exceedingly to be compelled to return them unsold. To do so would be a reflection on the county and wound my pride. I will appreciate it if those who made pledges and those who did not, will help me dispose of these stamps.

M. W. HUNTER.

Extra Specials.

On the seventh page of this paper it will be seen that Victor Kaplon announces extra special sale for Christmas.

LE US START SOMETHING IN THE GOOD OLD TOWN

The Proposed Memorial Hospital Is the Next thing On Docket.

France and Belgium were "bled white," but by some hook or crook they are rebuilding the devastated territory. Last week a French syndicate bought thirteen thousand woden buildings at Hopewell, Va. The lumber in these buildings will be shipped to Belgium and northern France and converted into comfortable homes. They want to buy all the cantonment buildings in this country and erect them in the devastated regions of France and Belgium.

If a country that was "bled white" can do things, why can not the people of Oxford build a memorial hospital?

Some one has said that it would not be a paying institution. Never mind about that. Listen: When our neighboring city want a thing they go after it with both feet. The Henderson Daily Dispatch contained this brief announcement last Tuesday:

"Because of the lack of facilities and the ever-growing demands made upon it by the people of this city and county and adjacent territory, Sarah Elizabeth hospital is to be enlarged in the immediate future. This was determined by the stockholders of the institution, who at their annual meeting Monday evening voted to launch at once a campaign for \$75,000 additional stock for the erection of a new building and the installation of a greater equipment. Reports of those in charge showed the hospital has been self-supporting during the past year. It has received more than five hundred patients since December 10, 1917, and could have cared for as many more if it had the room. There was some discussion of the suggestion that has been made that the hospital be greatly enlarged and made into a permanent memorial to the honor of the men from Vance county who gave their lives in the war."

The Public Ledger has already secured about \$25,000 in pledges for the proposed memorial hospital. Several men from various parts of the county tell us that they can secure \$5,000 or \$10,000 in their community.

It is proposed that all who are interested in the proposed memorial hospital to the memory of our soldiers, hold a meeting early in January and map out the word.

An architect should be procured at once and the "blue print" placed upon exhibition. Then you will see the money roll in.

SHORT OF PENNIES.

Using Potage Stamps To Make Change.

A local ticket agent in making change gave a man a five-dollar bill, a one dollar bill, twenty-five cents and a one-cent postage stamp. Unable to secure pennies, he kept a bunch of postage stamps at hand to use instead.

He said that pennies and other money of small denominations were scarce. He said, "We're living in a day of big money. There is such a little demand for small pieces of money that only big money is circulating extensively. As for pennies, there is hardly anything you can buy with a penny. Here at the ticket window, payment for fares does not always run in round figures and we need small change. The folks that come to buy tickets generally produce large bills. They aren't dealing in small money. They don't have small money. We are forced to use postage stamps instead."

LOOKING FOR LACKEY HEIR.

Three Brothers Died of Influenza At Hamlet.

(Charlotte Observer.)

It will be recalled that three Lackey brothers—E. A., O. E. and Fred Lackey—natives of Alexander county, died recently of influenza at their homes in Hamlet. They were prominent business men of Hamlet. E. A. Lackey left an estate valued at more than a million dollars, it is said. Half the estate was left to his wife, the balance to near relatives.

W. R. Lackey, a cousin of E. A. who lived in Kansas City, Mo., was one of the heirs, his share being estimated at \$72,000. About three weeks ago W. R. Lackey left his home at Kansas City and has not been heard from since.

GOLDSBORO ENTERTAINS N. C. METHODIST CONFERENCE

(Goldsboro Argus.)

The North Carolina Methodist Episcopal Conference opened at St. Paul Methodist church Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock; when the annual sermon was preached by Dr. T. N. Ivey, of Nashville, Tenn.

The annual meeting of the historical society was opened Tuesday night with a splendid address by Dr. R. H. Willis, of Oxford.