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STRANGE THINGS ABOUT "FLU"

WAKE COUNTY HEALTH BOARD BELIEVES IN FAIR PLAY.

No Discriminating To Be Shown Where Crowds Congregate.

The Wake County Board of Health is to be commended for the manner in which they handle the influenza question. The Granville County Board of Health would do well to take the same stand. They should close up every place where crowds assemble, or close up nothing at all. The following from the Raleigh News and Observer is to the point: "Wednesday afternoon the county Board of Health met to discuss the influenza situation and came to the conclusion that the malady is on the wane throughout the county. One of the members of the board is of the opinion that if it should come to a show down to close churches, school and theatres that there are some members on the board who will ask that no discrimination be shown where crowds congregate and will ask that all places where crowds assemble be fed out of the same spoon—they'll stand for no favoritism."

Help Solve the Question.

The Granville County Board of Health is like the man from Missouri. If you know more about the flu than they do it is up to you to tell them.

All that they know about it, is that people are "dying today that never died before," and all you know about it is that the graveyards are filling up mighty fast; they want to save as many lives as possible, and we know it is not your desire to cause the death of any one by inuendo or otherwise.

Within Their Rights.

If the Board thinks it right to let four or five hundred negroes assemble and work all day in close proximity, day in and day out, and on the other hand close the schools, that is none of your business. We selected them to do our thinking, but if you know more about it than they do it is to be regretted that you are not on the Board of Health.

Reverse Things.

Suppose the Board had reversed things, and instead of closing the schools they had let them remain open, and instead of letting the Imperial plant remain open they had closed it, what would have happened?

You don't know, and neither does the Board of Health. But it may interest you to know that there is no influenza among the workers at the Imperial plant, but on the other hand there were several cases of flu among the faculty and student body of the Oxford public schools. You cannot account for it, and neither can the Board of Health, unless we acknowledge that the constant fumes of tobacco is a preventative.

Some Strange Things.

Out in California last week were gathered several of the most learned scientific men of the world. They fed their volunteer subjects on influenza germs; they broke the membrane in the nose of their subjects and injected the germs into their system, and they took the blood from a victim of flu and transmitted it to their subjects and not a single one of them contracted the influenza.

You can not account for it, and neither can the Board of Health. But if you kiss your best girl on the lip, farewell, Sweet William!

Answer This, If You Can.

Memphis, Tenn., a city of nearly a quarter million of people never closed their schools, churches and theatres, and the death rate for the past three months has not been above normal. Louisville, Ky., a city of the same size, situated on the same river, about 150 miles north of Memphis, closed up everything and the people "died like sheep."

You can not account for it, and neither can the Board of Health. But do you know what Memphis did? It quarantined the individual cases of influenza, and that seems to be the right thing to do.

JUDGE W. A. DEVIN WILL HEAR INJUNCTION CASES

Hon. W. A. Devin arrived in Oxford from the eastern part of the State Saturday and will remain in Oxford a couple of weeks. Several injunction cases and points of law that can be settled out of court will engage his attention while here.

Judge Devin will open court at Elizabeth City on Monday, February 10, and Judge Lyon will open the Granville county court on the same date.

The City Schools—

Prof. Guy B. Phillips, superintendent of the Oxford public schools, will announce in the next issue of the Public Ledger whether or not the schools will resume next Monday.

OXFORD SOLDIER ADOPTS TWO FRENCH CHILDREN

Sergt. Lindsay Taylor Is Father to the Fatherless.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch Taylor were delighted the past week when they learned that their son, Sergt. Lindsay Taylor, American Expeditionary Forces, had adopted two little French orphan boys, and that they are expected to arrive at their home at an early date.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have raised eight of the finest boys and five of the prettiest and smartest girls we know anything about. Now they are going to see that the two French kids adopted by their son follow the beanean path.

Sergt. Taylor doubtless found the two little children homeless and alone. Their bright sparkling eyes appealed to him for bread and protection. And then, too, there may be a tinge of romance about these little boys. He may have found them in the battle swept field where his brother, Winfield, was killed. He merely stated in his letter to his father that the two little boys would be forwarded to him at an early date and requested him to be on the lookout for them. They will be in the care of the Y. M. C. A. from the time they leave France until they reach their destination.

Sergt. Taylor is a member of the Wild Cat Division. It is thought that the two little boys will reach here ahead of him.

COL. MINOR RECOMMENDED FOR BRIGADIER-GENERAL

For Distinguished Service in the Field.

General B. S. Royster, as adjutant general of the State, gets a lot of authentic information of a military nature first-hand, some of which he never permits to pass his lips.

We do not know how General Royster got his information, but the people all over the State, and especially here at home, will be glad to learn that Col. Sydney Minor, commander of the 120th infantry, was recommended for brigadier general by the commanding general, who qualified his recommendation with the assertion that Col. Minor had shown distinguished service in the field.

MAJOR THAD G. STEM IS COMING HOME

He is With the One Hundredth and Thirtieth Field Artillery.

If our memory serves us right Battery A of the 113th Field Artillery is a Newbern company; Battery B is from Washington this state, and Battery C was made up from Durham. There are several Granville county boys in 113th. Lt. B. S. Royster, Jr. is attached to Battery A, and Major Stem is attached to Batteries A, B, and C.

The following from the home town of battery B intimates that Major Stem will come home with the Thirtieth Division:

"Letters received here today from several local boys who are now in France state that Battery 'B', of the 113th field artillery, composed almost entirely of Beaufort county boys, has halted in its invasion of Germany as a part of the American army of occupation and has been ordered back to the French coast. The letters assert that this action forecasts the return of the battery to the 30 division and a speedy embarkation for home. All the boys in the battery are in good health and are happy, although they are terribly homesick. They are now in a small city called Bissen, a short distance from Luxemburg."

Lt. Royster, in a letter to his wife, who is now with her father, Hon. Henry A. Page, at Aberdeen, states that his battery has been ordered to be in readiness to return with the Thirtieth Division.

Everything seems to point to the return of the Thirtieth at an early date. In a letter to Gen. B. S. Royster, Col. Minor states that he hopes to reach home before the March winds blow.

MEDICAL MEN EXPERIMENT WITH INFLUENZA PATIENTS

Transferred Influenza Germs to the Nose of Patients.

(Public Health Reports.) In experiments recently conducted in Boston and San Francisco by medical authorities of the United States Public Health Service and of the Army Medical Corps in which the influenza germ was transferred to nose and mouth of a number of well persons from patients who had been suffering for over twelve hours with influenza, not a single influenza case resulted. Also blood of influenza patients who had been ill for over twelve hours was transferred to well persons during this experiment without developing any cases.

WILD CATS WILL NOT PARADE

GEN. MARCH TURNS DOWN REQUEST FOR REVIEW AT RALEIGH.

If Parades Were Permitted Time For Demobilization Would Have To Be Extended.

(Washington Special.)

General Peyton C. March, chief of staff, has rejected the request that the North Carolina boys of the 30th division be allowed to parade in Raleigh, the state capital.

Involves Expense.

Requests have already been received for visits by the 30th division to separate localities in North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee, the three contributing states, and the granting of all of these requests would delay the demobilization of the division and the return of the men to civil life by a period of a month or more, besides involving the additional expense of transportation and the question of railroad congestion.

Demobilization Place Not Fixed

"Due to the conditions existing in France many changes have occurred in the personnel of all units and until we are advised of the present composition of the 20th division it will be impossible to make definite statements regarding its place of demobilization."

W. J. HICK MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AT OXFORD ORPHANAGE

To Be Erected At An Early Date

Mr. R. L. Brown, superintendent of the Oxford Orphanage, informs the Public Ledger that the recent session of the Masonic Grand Lodge authorized the construction of a hospital on the orphanage grounds, the same to be known as "W. J. Hicks Memorial Hospital."

Mr. Brown states that the building is to be of brick and stone and it will be modern in every particular.

Mr. Brown could not state positively just where the building will be situated. He will consult an architect at an early date and he hopes the building will be ready by fall.

ECHOES OF THE GREAT SNOW STORM IN 1857

Several People Here Remember the Event Sixty-two Years ago.

There appeared in the last issue of the Public Ledger an account of the big snow storm sixty-two years ago. Mr. Sam Parker tells us that he was nine years old and was living in Halifax county when in 1857 the snow covered the ground in that part of the state to the depth of four feet in the open fields. He was sent to the pasture to drive the cows in. The snow would hold his weight, but some of the small cows were so deep in the snow they would have to stick their nose up to get breath. It was great fun, he said, to walk along on the crust of the snow and pat the cows on the back.

Mr. L. Hunter also remembers the snow. He was living where the Exchange hotel is now situated. He attended the Horner Military school and states that the snow drifted so deep over where Col. H. G. Cooper now lives that it was impossible to pass that point. He managed to get to the school by a round about way. This condition existed for a whole month and nearly all of the birds died for the want of food.

Back in 1857 Capt. W. H. White was living at Ridgeway, a station on the Raleigh & Gaston Railway. His father kept a hotel at Ridgeway. He remembers the three big engines owned by the Raleigh & Gaston railroad in that day and time. The names of the engines were: "Granville," "Franklin" and "Warren". He remembers that it took three days to make the trip from Raleigh to Ridgeway through the deep snow. All of the fences in that section were covered up and many of the cabins were completely hidden in the snow drifts. Railroad traffic was abandoned in February and resumed in March. All the birds died and the animals suffered very much, said Capt. White.

TOBACCO AVERAGES \$40 FOR ALL GRADES LAST WEEK

The End of the Crop Not Yet In Sight.

The Oxford tobacco market last week scored the high average of \$40.00 for all sold.

Buyers and warehousemen are fairly confident, that, with good weather prevailing, the market this week will pass the 10,000,000 pound mark for the 1918-1919 season and that for the entire remainder of the season nearly one million more pounds will be sold, bringing the year's total close to 11,000,000 pounds.

EYEWITNESSES RELATE HOW SERGT. WINFIELD TAYLOR WAS KILLED IN BATTLE

He Was Killed Instantly At Chateau Thierry.

The following is parts of letters received from friends of the late Winfield Taylor, A. E. F., who was killed about the 11th of June. The facts all tally excepting the date.

Extracts From Letters.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Jan. 14, 1919.

I knew E. W. Taylor quite well and had been with him a great many times, and was with him on the front at Bellau Woods. I remember one particular occasion at Lucy, Taylor and a fellow named Carlson, a very close friend of Taylor's and a member of his squad, and myself were sleeping in a barn, and a shell hit the roof and covered us with plaster and we had to get out and find another place to sleep. It was about the 12th of June that we went on the raid that Taylor was reported killed.

Taylor was a fine fellow and was thought very well of by the men, and I surely hoped that he might have been taken a prisoner.

R. L. MYERS,
U. S. Marine Corps.

Portsmouth, Va., Jan. 15, 1919.

E. W. Taylor was transferred from the 137th Company to the Headquarters Company and stayed with it until after reaching France. He was then transferred to the 174th Company in April, and was with it in Bellou Woods in June.

There I lost track of him. He was whole on the 13th of June, I am sure, as it was then that I was wounded.

N. T. BONTELL,
U. S. Marine Corps.

Hagerstown, Md., Jan. 18, 1919

Today while visiting friends here, I came across Private Schrader, U. S. M. C., 74th Company and he says E. W. Taylor (Wink) was shot thru the head and instantly killed, about 2 miles from Lucy; this is a part of Chateau Thierry and this happened on or about June 11th. I am sorry to hear such news although it is a satisfaction to hear definitely and to know that he died in such a wonderful battle.

You might get information as to his grave if you would consult Grave Registration Service, A. E. F., or at Washington.

H. B. BAIR,
553 Arch St., Sunbury, Pa.

THIEVES CAPTURE THE TOWN OF APEX

We Hope They Will Stay Away From Oxford.

Thieves and highway robbers are on the increase throughout the state. They made a general raid on the stores of Apex one night last week and laid in a supply of clothing, groceries, hardware, drugs, jewelry and general supplies.

With Apex sleeping the thieves, for there must have been more than one to carry out such a wholesale robbery, went from store to store, taking in eight in all and making a try at the Merchants and Farmers' Bank.

The bank alone withstood the raid a pistol taken from a desk drawer being the only thing missing. Money and other valuables were safe behind time lock and other modern bank vault contrivances.

As soon as Capt. Reid, of the Oxford police force, heard that Apex had been wiped out by the thieves he called at a shoe shop and waited while the shoemakers tacked a pair of rubber heels to his shoes, expecting, as it were, to slip up and nab the thieves when they arrive.

Oxford covers too much ground for one night watchman. The thieves shot him and by signals protect those of the gang who break locks and enter the stores.

AT THE ORPHEUM.

The Usual Good Service Will Be Restored Immediately.

After a close down for two weeks on account of the influenza epidemic, the Orpheum opened up Monday night. The management has wired for a good picture tonight.

The celebrated Australian soldier poet will be at the Orpheum Wednesday night.

Every night from now on there will be something doing at the play house with several fine pictures booked for immediate release.

Look Well and Be Comfortable
The best thing to keep out the flu is a good comfortable overcoat. You can get a good one at Perkinson Green's for less money than you think. You will be surprised at the low figures quoted in their half page announcement elsewhere in this paper.

CAPT. MAYS WINS DISTINCTION

GRANVILLE COUNTY SOLDIER IS GIVEN THE SERVICE CROSS

Captured 242 German Prisoners—He Is a Brother-in-Law of Major Thad G. Stem—Other North Carolina Soldiers Cited.

Capt. John B. Mays, who was among the first of the Granville county boys to go to France, is among the number of officers and men announced by the War Department Saturday as having been awarded the American Distinguished Service cross for bravery in action in France. So far as is known here Capt. Mays, is the only man who went from Granville county to be so highly honored, and in fact, comparatively few of the crosses have been given in the army as yet.

Capt. Mays is a brother-in-law to Major T. G. Stem.

The official citation, as announced by the War Department for publication Saturday, follows:

Official Citation.

Capt. John B. Mays, Jr., 130th infantry. For extraordinary heroism in action near Bellicourt, France, September 29, 1918. Capt. Mays, with eight other soldiers, comprising his company headquarters detachment, cleared out enemy dugouts along the banks of a canal, capturing 242 prisoners. Home address, John B. Mays, Stem, N. C.

Other Carolina Boys.

Sergt. John H. Gill, A. S. 1319816, Headquarters Company, 120 Infantry. For extraordinary heroism in action near Bellicourt, France, September 29, 1918. During the attack he was wounded in 13 places by machine-gun bullets and shrapnel, but continued the attack with the utmost coolness and bravery. Home address, T. S. Gill, father, Rural route No. 4, Henderson, N. C.

Second Lieut. Samuel F. Telfair, 2nd Anti-aircraft Machine Gun Battalion. For extraordinary heroism in action at Brielles, France, November 4, 1918. Making two trips thru the heavy shell fire he secured the assistance of Pvt. Samuel B. Heath, and carried the wounded soldiers to safety. Home address, Mrs. Samuel Telfair, mother, Cameron Park, Raleigh, N. C.

Pvt. (First Class) John W. Berryhill, Company D, 120th infantry, A. S. 1321092. For extraordinary heroism in action near Bellicourt, France September 29, 1918. Home address, Mrs. John W. Berryhill, wife Charlotte, N. C.

First Serft. Joseph N. Robertson, Company D, 120th infantry, A. S. 1320073. For extraordinary heroism in action near Bellicourt, France September 29, 1918. Home address Mrs. Ozzie Robertson, wife, Graham, N. C.

Pvt. (First Class) Alvin O. Bridges Company D, 120th infantry, A. S. 1320096. For extraordinary heroism in action near Bellicourt, France September 29, 1918. Home address, Mrs. R. D. Bridges, mother, route No. 3, Jonesboro, N. C.

Pvt. William B. Lyerly, Company D, 130th infantry, A. S. 1320094. For extraordinary heroism in action near Bellicourt, France, September 29, 1918. With eight other soldiers, comprising the company headquarters detachment, Pvt. Lyerly assisted his company commander in cleaning out enemy dugouts along a canal and capturing 242 prisoners. Home address, J. Lyerly, father, route No. 1, Woodleaf, N. C.

Corp. Willie Higson, Company C, 120th infantry, A. S. 1319800. For extraordinary heroism in action near Bellicourt, France, September 29, 1918. Corp. Higson showed extraordinary heroism and courage in leading men under heavy shrapnel and enflaming machine-gun fire during the attack on the Hindenburg line. During a temporary halt he acted as runner through this fire and attempted to return after being severely wounded. Home address, Mrs. W. B. Higson, mother, Rosemary, N. C.

THE AUTO ASSOCIATION WANTS MORE ROADS

Appeals To Legislature To Meet Federal Appropriation, Dollar For Dollar.

The North Carolina Automobile Association in session at Raleigh last week appealed to the Legislature "to take such action as to meet dollar for dollar the proposed appropriation of the Federal Government to aid the States in the construction of roads and to provide a fund to construct a State system of modern highways reaching every county seat in the State and to maintain the same."

Mrs. Pace, the aged mother of Mr. W. G. Pace, is critically ill and her death is momentarily expected.

PEACE CONFERENCE UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTS PLAN FOR LEAGUE OF NATIONS

President Wilson and Mr. House Are American Members of Peace Conference's League of Nations Commission.

(Paris Special.) The peace conference Saturday unanimously adopted the league of nations program. President Wilson and Colonel House are the American members of the commission thereon.

The delegates of the great powers on the league of nations, it was learned tonight, will be: For the United States, President Wilson and Colonel House; for Great Britain, Lord Robert Cecil and General Jan Christian Smuts; for France, Leon Bourgeois and Ferdinand Larnaude, dean of the faculty of the law of the University of Paris; for Italy, Premier Orlando and Viterio Scialoja; for Japan, Viscount Chinda and K. Ochiai. The delegates of the small nations will be announced later.

Text of Plan.

The Conference resolved that: "It is essential to the maintenance of the world settlement which the associated nations are now met to establish that a league of nations be created to promote international obligations and to provide safeguards against war. This league should be created as an integral part of the general treaty of peace and should be open to every civilized nation which can be relied on to promote its objects.

"The members of the league should periodically meet in international conference and should have a permanent organization and secretaries to carry on the business of the league in the intervals between the conferences.

"The conference therefore appoint a committee representative of the associated governments to work out the details of the constitution and the functions of the league. The draft of resolutions in regard to breaches of the laws of war for presentation to the peace conference reads:

"That a commission composed of two representatives apiece from the five great powers and five representatives to be elected by the other powers be appointed to inquire and report upon the following:

"First, the responsibility of the authors of the war; second the facts as to breaches of the laws and customs of war committed by the forces of the German empire and their allies on land, on sea and in the air during the present war; third, the degree of responsibility for these offenses attaching to particular members of the enemy's forces, including members of the general staffs and other individuals, however highly placed; fourth, the constitution and procedure of a tribunal appropriate to the trial of these offenses; fifth, any other matters cognate of ancillary to the above which may arise in the course of the inquiry and which the commission find it useful and relevant to take into consideration."

HANDSOME AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER IS SERGEANT SINCLAIR

Traveling With His Comrade-In-Arms, the Famous Soldier Poet

Dressed in the picturesque uniform of the Australians, with his looped up service hat perched jauntily on his head Sergt. George Sinclair, of the First Anzac Division of the Australian army, attracted much attention in Oxford Monday, and many were the curious eyes turned in his direction, and various were the questions asked concerning his identity. Sergt. Sinclair fought the Germans, Austrians and Turks on four different fronts. And the most wonderful of all he has come through the four years' struggle without a scratch, clean in body and soul. He was in the battles at the Somme, Ypres, Bellecourt, Cambrai, Pashendale Ridge, Messines, Menin Road, Argonne and the tragic Gallipoli campaign. Having fought through the war from start to finish he was granted a six months' furlough to come to America, and he is now traveling through the south with his old college chum and comrade-in-arms, the world famous soldier-poet, Signaller Tom Skeyhill, who will appear at the Orpheum theatre tomorrow night.

A CLOSE CALL.

Blaze Flares Up In Johnson Warehouse.

The prompt response of the Fire Department averted a conflagration at the Johnson warehouse at ten o'clock this morning. The fire originated in the farmers' rooms up stairs over the store of Mr. Garrett. The damage was very light and will be made good at once.