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THE PROPOSED BONDS FOR HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

Expression From Hon. D. G. Brummitt, Mr. A. H. Powell, and the Oxford Woman's Club.

[All communications for and against the bond issue must necessarily be short and to the point, otherwise the Public Ledger cannot accept them.—EDITOR.]

Letter From Mr. Powell.

Mr. A. H. Powell has always stood for the best in community life, and he is willing to support anything that will build up. In a letter to the superintendent of Oxford schools he makes the following statement:

"I have read with much interest and pleasure your several timely articles in the Public Ledger in which you have so forcibly called attention to the pressing necessity of a modern high school building in Oxford, and I sincerely hope that such a building will at once be provided for."

"We are able—look at Oxford's record in buying War Saving stamps, Liberty bonds, and gifts to the Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., and other war reliefs—see what we have done for our country and for the relief of suffering. Now surely we can do something for ourselves—our own girls and boys—the women and men of tomorrow. One outstanding lesson of the war is, we must have an educated citizenship. Our girls and boys are worthy of the best—and we should have one of the best equipped high school buildings in North Carolina—now—not next year."

A. H. POWELL.

Letter From Mr. Brummitt.

Hon. D. G. Brummitt, speaker of the House, in a letter to Prof. G. B. Phillips, superintendent of the Oxford schools, endorses the better school movement. Mr. Brummitt says:

"I am very heartily in favor of the erection of a suitable high school building for the Oxford graded school district. I would be perfectly willing to pay my part of the money needed for this purpose by a direct tax at the present time. Of course the most feasible way is to issue bonds. I am also very heartily in favor of the proposed bond issue and will take pleasure in supporting and voting for it."

D. G. BRUMMITT.

Women Endorse Movement.

The school authorities recently addressed a communication to the Oxford Woman's club, asking for an expression as to the support of that body in the development of the school system. The following reply is typical of the feeling of the entire citizenship. It looks forward in the growth of the institutions that must care for young life:

"Your communication in regard to the new school building which it is proposed to erect as soon as possible, was read to the club at its last meeting and was received with enthusiasm."

"This club was organized for the purpose of civic improvement and the subject of child welfare, especially in regard to a play ground has often been discussed."

"A new high school building is a necessity and in erecting that provision should be made for equipping departments for special training, such as domestic science, manual training and physical culture, for a library and reading room, and for a well organized play ground."

"The club heartily approves of the plan for the development of our school system, and by a unanimous vote pledged itself to full cooperation in this great work."

"MISS MARY WEBB, Sec."

MR SAM WATKINS WILL BUILD HANDSOME GARAGE

Messrs. John G. and A. S. Hall Will Probably Build.

It is a settled fact that Mr. Sam Watkins will build a handsome garage this summer on the old Johnson property on College street between the Southern Express Company and the Johnson warehouse. It is stated that a couple of young men well known in the community will lease the building for a number of years and open an agency for the sale of cars and trucks.

It is stated that Messrs. John G. and A. S. Hall have been approached by certain parties with a view of getting them to erect a handsome business building on the vacant lot at the corner of Main and Littlejohn streets.

In answer to the rumor Mr. John Hall would neither deny or confirm the report. He stated to the Public Ledger, however, that they would entertain the right kind of a proposition to erect a building.

JURORS DRAWN FOR APRIL TERM COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

At the Meeting of the County Board of Commissioners the Following Jurors Were Drawn for the April Term.

First Week.

A. T. Pittard, S. W. Robards, J. T. Gooch, C. H. Cooper, G. B. Gordon, P. N. Tunstall, Dr. N. G. Rogers, J. W. Goode, A. A. Vaughan, F. H. Bum pass, J. E. Jones, W. H. Blackwell, O. A. Roberson, H. K. Matthews, Ira Black, J. E. Dixon, J. C. Tippet, J. Wiley Davis, E. C. Montague, J. N. Daniel, F. D. Spruill, F. S. Hobgood, J. A. Belcher, C. E. Fargis, G. W. Pollard, E. B. Tunstall, B. L. Wilson, W. A. Parham, C. D. Currin, Jr., M. D. Oakley, N. C. Bratcher, B. G. Bragg, J. W. C. Cottrell, S. L. Vaughan, M. M. Jackson, Thomas Grissom.

Second Week.

J. E. Frazier, J. N. Norwood, L. M. Smith, E. W. DeMent, W. T. Blackley, D. L. Haskins, M. H. Eastwood, L. E. Jones, L. C. Davis, R. C. Daniel, N. B. Cash, J. L. White, R. C. Daniel, R. H. O'Brien, C. B. Loftis, E. C. Davis, H. H. Hicks, I. H. Hobgood.

THE HOUSING PROBLEM IN OXFORD IS SERIOUS

Twenty-Five Families Here Without Homes and Hundreds Turned Away.

The question as to whether Oxford will grow depends entirely as to whether the people seeking homes are able to find them and locate here.

There are two dozen families in Oxford now, and have been for weeks seeking suitable homes in which to live, and every day come from other places to join in the hunt for homes. One or two modern apartment houses could immediately be filled with desirable tenants, and a large number of single houses could be easily filled if they were available. But they are not available, and so far as the signs indicate will not be for some time. Oxford cannot grow without more houses.

Is there any way in which the community by taking thought can cause rent houses to be built?

81ST NOT SCHEDULED FOR EARLY RETURN HOME

According to announcement by the War Department there were, February 14, 225,000 men belonging to divisions of the American Expeditionary forces not yet scheduled for return home. They were the seven regular divisions, the 36th (Texas and Oklahoma) national guard, and the 81st (North and South Carolina, Florida and Porto Rico) national army and 88th (North Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois) national army.

THE HOUSE PASSES HON. D. G. BRUMMITT'S BILL

Would Benefit Moral, Mental, and Physical Condition of Wards of State.

Speaker Brummitt's bill to "benefit the moral, mental and physical condition of inmates of penal and charitable institutions" has been characterized as the most humane piece of legislation offered to the General Assembly, specifically endorsed and urged by Governor Bickett and endorsed by Secretary Daniels and the North Carolina Social Service Conference.

The bill came from the health committee with a unanimous favorable report and the house passed it—yes, 67; noes, 25.

SAFE-BLOWERS CRACK SAFE AT CREEDMOOR

Get Three Hundred Dollars From B. G. Rogers & Co.

Early last Friday morning safe blowers entered the store of B. G. Rogers & Co., Creedmoor, and secured \$300.00 in cash. They used so much combustible material the safe was blown to pieces and the building badly damaged.

There was \$2,100 in the safe, distributed in three drawers, the thieves taking only one drawer, which contained only \$300.

The Creedmoor people are disposed to believe that the job was pulled off by local talent. Bloodhounds were summoned from Raleigh. They successfully followed the trail from the store to a point where the robbers entered a vehicle and drove away.

LAST CALL FOR TAXES.

Owing to the fact that I am compelled to make settlements on specified dates, this is positively the last call for taxes. Please come forward and make immediate settlement.

E. D. HUNT,
Sheriff Granville Co.
3 7 2t.

STANDING ARMY OF MORE THAN HALF MILLION MEN

Will Be Maintained Until Congress Fixes Figures Otherwise—Demobilization To Date Numbers 1,361,528 Officers and Men.

(Washington Special.)

General March announced that the army would not be reduced under any circumstances below the figure mentioned in the reorganization bill which failed in Congress, a total of 509,909 officers and men.

To Resume Enlistments.

The statement was made in connection with the information that General Pershing had been authorized to resume enlistments for the regular army. Men now overseas who desire to enlist in the regular establishment would be accepted and assigned to duties in the army of occupation, releasing other men to be discharged.

Discharges to Date 1,361,528.

Demobilization reports show that 1,361,528 officers and men have to date, while the number ordered released had reached 1,613,500.

Up to March 3 departure of soldiers from France numbered 419,555 of whom 354,824 had landed in the United States Hospital records from the expeditionary force. General March said, showed 81,231 patients on February 20, a reduction from 112,217 when the armistice was signed.

Troops Participating 1,390,000

American troops actually participating in engagements against the enemy numbered 1,390,000. The figures made public show that 1-100,000 comprised divisional troops and divisional replacements; 240,000 corps and army troops, and 50,000 service or supply troops.

Battle Casualties.

Battle casualties in France by Americans as announced by General March totaled 240,197. These include killed in action, wounded, missing in action and prisoners. There probably will be some slight further revision as final reports are received.

The second regular division showed the greatest losses in the revised list, with 24,429. In the new list the 42nd (Rainbow) division reported a total of battle casualties of 12,252.

Thirtieth and Eighty-first

The battle casualties of the Thirtieth division, composed of North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee troops, numbered 6,893; the Eighty-First (North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida and Porto Rico) division, 1,062.

MR. HART IN FAVOR OF GOOD ROADS

Editor Public Ledger:

There is a crying need for good roads in Granville county. The other day I saw two mules hitched to a wagon and stuck in the mud and could not get out. This was within one mile of Oxford and there was not more than eight hundred pounds on the wagon. I got out into the mud and assisted the man in extricating his wagon and mules. In his worry and confusion, the man stated that he would have rather given a barrel of flour than to encounter anything like that again.

We need good roads, but how to get the money is the problem. I am in favor of taxing every taxpayer in the county \$100.00 to get the money for good roads.

Unless we do something we will soon be about twenty years behind the progressive counties of the State. Let us evolve a plan and get to work on the roads of the county.

I live twelve miles from Oxford and eight miles from Stovall. With the present condition of the roads I could scarcely get a doctor to my house from either Oxford or Stovall in time to save human life if the call was urgent. The roads should be in such a condition as to make it easy to get to the county seat.

Let us devise a good plan and start the ball rolling. J. A. HART.

LATEST WAY TO SWINDLE RELATIVES OF SOLDIERS

The latest swindle scheme being practiced by crooks and sharpers to secure funds from the families of soldiers is announced by the war department, to consist of "telegraphing home for money" in the name of the soldier, sailor or marine.

Now that demobilization is under way relatives and friends are cautioned to beware of the sharpers.

"It is perfectly obvious," says the war department, "that no discharged soldier needs to telegraph to his kin for funds to travel. When discharged he is paid off with ample allowance for travel expenses to his home, and this fact should warn relatives that telegrams requesting funds should be investigated."

THE NORTH CAROLINA LEGISLATURE PASSED GOOD ROAD BILL

Provides License Taxes On Motor Vehicles—Counties to Raise One-Fourth Funds—State to Spend Ten Million Dollars on Roads This Year.

After much grand-stand play the House last Saturday passed upon its final reading the Pharr-Matthews road bill, which enables Granville county to lift its head above the mud and compete with other counties of the State in building and maintaining good roads.

Text of Bill.

The bill provides for a schedule of license taxes upon motor vehicles; counties may raise one-fourth of the funds needed for projects, although this feature is not compulsory. Counties first raising one-fourth are to be given first highways. The remainder needed to meet federal aid is to be obtained by issuance of state short term notes. The state highway commission is to make surveys and build roads considered a part of the state highway system, while counties are to assist in the work.

Good Investment.

North Carolina is expecting to spend a round ten million dollars on its roads this year. The people are fast learning that a system of bad roads is a tax while on the other hand a system of good roads is a paying investment.

H. F. BAILEY TAKES THE LIFE OF LAWRENCE DAVIS

The Tragedy Occurred Over In the Hurricane Sunday Afternoon—After Firing the Fatal Shot Bailey Left For Parts Unknown.

Lawrence Davis, a prominent and well-to-do citizen of the Hurricane district of Granville county, was shot to death Sunday afternoon by H. F. Bailey, white, the two men were engaged in a game of "crap."

The tragedy occurred on a branch near the juncture of Granville, Wake and Franklin counties.

The news of the tragedy traveled like wildfire, and when Sheriff Dee Hunt and Dr. Nelson Thomas, the coroner, arrived at the scene they found a large crowd standing over the prostrate form of Lawrence Davis.

At the coroner's inquest that followed, three witnesses testified that they saw Bailey level the pistol at Davis and fire five shots, four of the shots taking effect in his body and one shot going wild. The shot that killed Davis, which was fired at close range, penetrated his heart.

Eight or nine years ago, Lawrence Davis, the dead man, killed Buxton Bragg, for which he served two years in the State's prison. After shooting Bragg, Davis often made the statement that he never again would carry a pistol. There was no weapon on his person last Sunday by which to defend himself while his antagonist, Bailey, was filling his body with lead.

FAMILY FOOD AVERAGE SOUTHERN FARM SHOULD PRODUCE

Garden.	Acre.
White potatoes	1-3
Sweet potatoes	1-2
Vegetables	2-3
Fruit	1-2

One hog equivalent to 138 pounds of pork for each adult.

Sufficient eggs and poultry for home use from 30 to 50 fowls.

One acre of corn for meal.

Three acres of wheat for flour.

Sirup and sugar for family use from one-half acre of sugar cane or sorghum.

Two cows to provide milk, butter, and cottage cheese.

Enough grain, hay, and pasturage, should be grown for all the live stock, including two or more work animals.

UNITS OF 30TH SAILED FROM BREST MARCH 6

113th Field Artillery To Arrive About March 15. (Washington Special.)

It is practically certain that units of the Thirtieth division sailed from Brest March 6th.

The 113th artillery is traveling on the Santa Teresa.

The 113th Field Artillery will be disembarked at Newport News, Va.

The regiment will be transferred, by train to Raleigh, N. C., where it will be paraded, more than 1,000 of its members being from North Carolina. It will then be sent to Camp Jackson, S. C., for demobilization.

It is still the intention of the War Department to disembark as large a portion of the Thirtieth as can be handled at Charleston, S. C.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TAKE UP THE QUESTION OF NEW OXFORD-HENDERSON ROAD

Committee Appointed to Secure Right-of-Way, Soil, Etc.—Demonstration Agent To Be Employed.

The honorable Board of County Commissioners met Monday, March 3rd, the following members being present: Messrs. B. I. Breedlove, J. L. Peed, W. E. Cannady, J. T. Averette. In the absence of Chairman J. Ennis Davis, Mr. B. I. Breedlove was called to the chair. Mr. Davis came in later and resumed the duties of chairman.

Resolution Adopted.

The following resolutions was unanimously adopted:

That, Whereas the people of northern Oak Hill desire a road from Grassy Creek church to Wolf Pitt branch; and whereas they propose to pay one-fourth the cost of the proposed road bed, etc., in the construction of said road, the Board feels that the county cannot afford to discourage such a patriotic spirit and that the Board of County Commissioners will pay three-fourths of the construction of the road, provided that the total cost of the road completed shall not exceed the sum of \$15,000; and further, that the bond issue is passed by the general Assembly.

Road Work.

B. I. Breedlove and S. M. Wheeler, were appointed a committee to investigate the advisability of a change in the road from east of Kittrell Cross roads to J. J. Thomas' place.

The motion to machine and put in filler on road from Creedmoor to Ledge Rock creek bridge, the work to be done when they complete the fill at Roberson's creek bridge.

Commissioners Davis and Averette and S. M. Wheeler and R. A. Jones were appointed a committee to look after the location of a bridge between Cannady's bridge and Lyon's bridge and report their finding at the regular meeting first Monday in April.

Motion to rescind the order passed at the February meeting discontinuing the road from Dorsey's to the Vance county line via L. V. Bobbitt's carried.

Commissioners Averette, Breedlove and Cannady were appointed a committee to look over the road from Dorsey's to the Vance county line via L. V. Bobbitt's and report at April meeting.

Oxford-Henderson Road.

Messrs. W. B. Ballou, W. Z. Mitchell, B. E. Parham, W. H. Fleming and John Webb were appointed a committee to secure right of way, soil, etc., for the road from Oxford to Vance county line.

County Demonstrator. Mr. McLean, State Farm Demonstration agent, was before the board at their request to discuss the prospects of procuring the services of a county demonstrator. The question of securing an agent was left entirely with Mr. McLean, and the Board donated the usual amount of \$75.00 per month for the work.

The salary of the Home Demonstration was placed at \$75.00 per month for the ensuing year. The vote was unanimous. This takes effect December 1, 1919, as the State year begins on that date.

Individual Lights.

The clerk was instructed to have wiring in the Court House changed so that the superintendent of public schools office would pay their own light bills.

To See Land Owners.

The county attorney, and the clerk were appointed a committee to interview land owners relative to the right of way for the new Oxford-Henderson road, and if they think advisable, to sign the resolution and send same to the State Highway Department.

THEODORE WILSON KILLS HIMSELF ACCIDENTALLY

West Oxford Boy Didn't Know the Pistol Was Loaded.

Theodore Wilson, a handsome boy 16 years old, who lived in West Oxford, met his death Sunday while handling an old pistol.

It is said that some one cautioned him about the pistol being loaded, but to prove that it was not loaded he pointed it at his right temple and pulled the trigger, the ball passing through his brain.

The funeral services, conducted by Rev. E. G. Usry, were held from West Oxford church Monday and the interment was at Bank's Chapel.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

This is to advise all town tax payers that all property on which the taxes are not paid by

Friday, March 21st, will be advertised as required by law by order of the Board of Commissioners.

R. B. HINES,
Town Tax Collector.

TO THE PEOPLE OF GRANVILLE COUNTY

At the request of Dr. J. Y. Joyner, ex-superintendent of Public Instruction, who is the chairman of the Armenian and Syrian Relief Association for North Carolina, I have undertaken to raise in this county our allotment of four thousand dollars. In the near future, committees will be appointed in the various school districts to make a canvass.

The purpose of this letter is to acquaint you with the needs of these grievously afflicted people—in the opinion of Mr. Morgenthau, our former Ambassador to Turkey, the most severely afflicted of the world's history.

The Armenian Nation was the first nation to embrace Christianity in the fourth century and to make it the religion of the state. They have been loyal to their Lord and Master for all these years and have been persecuted, beyond the power of language to express, by the Mohammedans and their neighbors. Only eight or ten years ago as many as one hundred thousand were cruelly slain; and now during the Great War the abetted and urged on by the Germans, have slain around one million of defenseless men, women and children.

Four hundred thousand children, fatherless, and motherless are ready to die from the lack of food and clothing, and will perish unless relief comes soon. There are two million adults in the most destitute condition.

We can form no conception of their sufferings in a cold, mountainous country, without fuel, without clothing, without nourishing food. We have never had an appeal so urgent, so insistent as this. What we do must be done quickly, else the Armenian people will be blotted from the earth.

The United States have been asked by Mr. Hoover, with the approval of President Wilson, for thirty million dollars. North Carolina's part of this is two hundred thousand. Granville county is asked for four thousand dollars. F. P. HOBGOOD.

P. S.—There will be a mass meeting in the COURT HOUSE on next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock to be addressed by Miss McCormick, a representative of the Armenian and Syrian Relief Association. The people from the county are cordially invited to be present.

THE SIX MILITARY ORDERS OUR BOYS OBEYED

The American Soldier Was Trained To Go Only One Way.

Some one recently accounted for the fact that it required only half as long to train an American to be a soldier as was required by men of other lands, by explaining that the American soldier was trained to go only one way.

Here is a copy of a card carried by every officer and man from the time the division entered the fight until it was over there.

1.—This position will be held and the section will remain here until relieved.

2.—The enemy can not be allowed to interfere with this program.

3.—If the gun team can not remain here alive, it will remain here dead, but in any case it will remain here.

4.—Should any man, through shell shock or other cause, attempt to surrender, he will remain here—dead.

5.—Should the gun be turned out of action the team will use rifles, revolvers, mills grenades or other novelties.

6.—Finally, the position, as stated will be held.

GRANVILLE'S DELEGATION VOTED FOR WOMAN SUFFRAGE

They Placed Their Ears To the Ground and Heard the National Noise.

The State Senate last week passed a bill giving municipal suffrage to the women of North Carolina. The measure was taken up in the House Wednesday night, where it met defeat. The vote was 54 to 59.

Senator Currin and Representative Brummitt, speaker of the House, voted for the measure. As to whether they voted their own sentiments or the sentiments of the people of the county is not stated.

A FINE CITIZEN.

Mr. W. T. Calton Captures a Moonshine Still.

Last week while driving over his large estate, Mr. W. T. Calton, of Caltona Farm, ran across a whiskey manufacturing plant.

The kettle was warm when Mr. Calton arrived on the scene. The Sheriff of Person county and Mr. Calton had the pleasure of destroying the plant.