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## THE QUESTION OF A HOSPITAL BOBS UP HERE AGAIN

Granville County Has Twenty-Six Thousand Inhabitants and is Abundantly Able to Support a Hospital.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels in his address before the North Carolina Press Association at Wilmington last week made the statement that one of our great needs of the present throughout our land was hospitals. He made a strong plea for the press to advocate hospitals that shall be "as free as the public schools."

A few months ago the Public Ledger secured pledges to the amount of \$25,000 to build a hundred thousand dollar hospital, but the school bond election was at the time being advocated and quite a number of citizens requested us to lay low on the hospital proposition until after the election. The need for a hospital in Oxford is very urgent.

A newcomer to our town recently remarked that having lived so long in a town which had a hospital, he felt somewhat helpless to think that if some of his family were to get seriously sick, he would have to take them to another city in order to have them in a hospital. There is no reason why the people of our community should not be thus accommodated. It is a common occurrence in these days to have minor operations such as the removing of tonsils and adenoids. Yet all such cases have to be taken to Raleigh, Richmond, Durham, Henderson or some other place.

Granville county has 26,000 inhabitants, a territory large enough to afford a hospital. No doubt a number of folks would still patronize other hospitals, but many persons would receive benefit, from such an institution located conveniently to them who otherwise would perhaps keep on suffering at home.

Such an undertaking would necessarily begin on a small scale, perhaps with a few nurses. But small beginnings often develop into great things—and no greater service can be rendered to humanity than is being rendered by the science of medicine.

In the last place, having caught a vision of the need to relieve suffering and pain, having seen the scope of territory to be benefitted, a hospital would be a most fitting memorial to the soldiers from our country who fought to free the world, and some of whom gave their life blood for the cause.

"Where there's a will there's a way," is as true as it is old, and God speed the day when the people of Oxford, the most progressive little town in North Carolina, shall will to honor the soldiers of this county and benefit its peace loving citizens by erecting a memorial hospital.

## MR. J. A. DUKE AND HIS VALUABLE ASSISTANT

Accommodating Gentlemen At the Local Seaboard Station.

One frequently hears the remark that Mr. J. A. Duke, local agent of Seaboard, is the best agent that ever struck Oxford. Sure, there can be no doubt that the company has a valuable man in the person of Mr. Duke. The business men of Oxford have found him to be well equipped for the work, accommodating and of even temperament. And Mr. Duke has a very valuable assistant in the person of Mr. Jennings Walters, who recently returned from France and resumed his duties at the Seaboard under Mr. Duke. With these two gentlemen at the helm, it is a pleasure to do business with the Seaboard. If all railroad men were like Messrs. Duke and Walters are most of us would be living much nearer the pearly gates, and the railroads would be in higher esteem of the general public.

## ANOTHER POCKET-BOOK FOUND ON THE STREETS

There Are a Number of Honest People in Oxford.

Several lost pocket-books have recently fallen into the hands of honest people in Oxford, who are anxious to return them to their owners. The Public Ledger takes pleasure in announcing that a gentleman found a pocket-book on the streets this week which contains a nice sum of money. The owner can get particulars by calling at the Public Ledger office.

## Army Food Supplies.

Authority to increase temporarily the parcel post weight limit to 125 pounds so buyers of army food may take full advantage of the opportunity to purchase through postmasters and letter carriers, was granted the postmaster general by the interstate commerce commission.

## PULL SOME OF "TEETH" FROM PROHIBITION BILL

Important changes by the Senate sub-judiciary committee liberalizing the prohibition enforcement bill follow:

Storage and personal use of intoxicants in homes permitted. Making of non-intoxicating cider and wines in homes allowed.

Provisions making it unlawful to be intoxicated or to drink on public conveyances stricken out. Search warrants forbidden on mere suspicion.

Limit of \$3,500,000 placed for first year's enforcement. Near-beers given new lease of life by allowing dealcoholized wine and non-intoxicating brewed drinks.

## A VOICE FROM THE NORTHERN SECTION OF GRANVILLE

Good Substantial Prices Will Aid in Stemming the Tide.

Messrs. Ben Loyd, of the Farmers' Hardware Company, Virginia, and D. T. Winston, of northern Granville called at the Public Ledger office Tuesday afternoon to pass the time of day with the editor.

Mr. Loyd, who is the barometer for northern Granville and adjoining counties, realizes that the crops are short, but he feels that the high prices for tobacco will offset the shortage of crops, to some extent. He is a true friend of the farmers and feels that they should receive "an average of not less than 40 cents per pound for all tobacco sold."

Mr. Winston sustained a heavy loss by the recent storms. He is a large planter, and of course his loss is heavy, but to put it mildly he has some good tobacco and you will not hear any kick in that direction if the prices are what they should be on all grades.

## THE GRANVILLE WAREHOUSE

The Big Structure Is Nearing Completion.

Mr. J. M. Bullock is one of the busiest men in Oxford. He has not lost a minute's time since the foundation stone of the big Granville Warehouse, now going up on Hillsboro street, was laid three months ago. The building has now reached a stage where he can take a long breath.

The building is so large they are talking of installing a telephone system. The glass in the skylights and windows if spread out on the ground, would cover more than an acre. Fifty stalls have been completed and more are to be built.

The driveways leading from Herridon avenue to Hillsboro street, on the west side of the warehouse, is being made hard so as to withstand the winter storms. The driveway on the east side is under cover.

Mr. Bullock, who has given close attention to the work, says that everything will be in readiness for the opening any time after the first of September.

Mr. J. M. Bullock will be the manager of the warehouse. Capt. J. B. Mayes, Jr., who recently returned from abroad will hold an important position with the warehouse, and his father, Mr. J. B. Mayes, will spend much of his time at the warehouse.

## HAY FEVER IS HERE IN ITS WORST FORM

As we walked up the street yesterday we heard behind us two short, sharp stertutations, sounding rather like the sudden hissing escape of steam from an overburdened valve.

We turned and saw a piteous individual with bloodshot eyes rapidly fumbling for a handkerchief. We gazed at him with the agonized sympathy of a fellow sufferer whose time is almost come.

The hayfever season has begun.

## PRESENT PRICES OF FOOD AND WHAT U. S. SELLS IT FOR

The following is the prices of food stuffs sold by the Government in bulk. Should you desire to order a smaller quantity you can see the price-list and get particulars at the Oxford postoffice:

Quantity	Price
20,000 lbs. sugar-cured ham	29
10,000 lbs. bacon	31
4,800 No. 2 tomatoes	09
3,600 No. 3 tomatoes	11
2,400 No. 2 peas	09
3,600 No. 2 corn	09
4,000 lbs. prunes	11
4,000 lbs. rice	07
2,000 lbs. dried peaches	13
2,000 lbs. dried apples	13
600 No. 1 cans roast beef	29
600 2-lb. cans roast beef	53

Mrs. John Bonner, nee Miss Ruth Taylor, of Morehead City, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Taylor.

## TWO MILLION BLANKETS TO BE SOLD BY THE WAR DEPARTMENT

(Washington Special.)

Offering to the public of 2,000,000 surplus all wool, cotton and wool, and cotton blankets was announced today by the war department, arrangements having been completed for their distribution through post-office and municipal channels on the same plan as that adopted for food-stuffs.

For individual purchasers, prices will be \$6 for new wool blankets, and \$5 for reclaimed wool; \$5 for new cotton mixed and \$3.50 for reclaimed; \$3 for new cotton, and \$1.25 for reclaimed cotton; the reclaimed, it is explained, are blankets used less than a year which are renovated and laundered.

These selling prices will be fixed for stocks retailed through municipalities and postmasters. In addition, the department will sell blankets in bale lots of 20 at prices lower than the retail figures. No more than 10,000 blankets will be sold to a single purchaser.

## SOUTH CAROLINA TOBACCO MARKETS TEMPORARILY CLOSED

Col. Ballou Has Made Several Trips to the Interior of Granville This Week.

Col. W. B. Ballou, inspector of the South Carolina tobacco markets, is at home pending the lifting of the embargo on shipments and the re-opening of the market.

About fifty-five million pounds have been sold on the South Carolina markets this season, said Col. Ballou and it will require at least three weeks more to market the crop. He said that if the Palmetto markets opened next Monday they could finish in time to be an Oxford when the market opens here early in September.

Col. Ballou said that good tobacco on the South Carolina markets is selling high. He said that the large quantity of inferior tobacco, some of it absolutely worthless, cut down the general average of all sold.

Col. Ballou has made several trips to the interior of Granville county this week and over into Meckleburg and Halifax counties, Virginia. He said that there is no mistake in the report that tobacco was badly damaged by the rains a few weeks ago.

Taking the crop in this section as a whole, said Col. Ballou, it will sell well.

## LT. HUGH HESTER LANDS AT NEW YORK

Assigned to Duty Down On the Mexican Border.

Mr. John W. Hester received a wire last Saturday from his brother, Lt. Hugh Hester, announcing his safe arrival at New York, also stating that he would leave immediately for Texas.

Lt. Hugh Hester was a volunteer, and when commissioned at the officers' training camp was assigned to the regular army. He was among the first of the expeditionary forces to reach the trenches. He was in the thick of the fight on several occasions and in one battle his horse was shot and killed beneath him.

The fact that Lt. Hester is in the regular army and has gone to Texas, may mean that he will remain in the service for some time. The government has a way of making things doubly interesting to their picked men, and Lt. Hester may be one of them.

## SHOE MEN ASHAMED OF HIGH PRICES

The National Boot and Shoe Manufacturers' Association, which met in New York City last week, adopted the following resolution:

"The shoe manufacturers of the United States are not in sympathy with the unprecedented advances which have taken place in hides, leather and shoes during the past six months, and it is the sense of this meeting that each one of us should do his utmost to curb and check the advancing market and discourage all buying and selling of a speculative character, both among manufacturers and merchants."

## IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE H. C. L. FIGHT

Binghamton Grocer Fined \$500 For Selling Sugar at 15 Cents. (Washington Special.)

One of the most interesting developments in the Government's fight to reduce the high cost of living was the announcement today of Attorney General Palmer that the first federal conviction for profiteering had been obtained. District Attorney Lacey telegraphed from Binghamton, N. Y., that a retail grocer had been fined \$500 for selling sugar at 15 cents a pound.

## WILL FIX DATE FOR OPENING OXFORD MARKET

Tobacco Men Will Meet in Henderson For That Purpose Next Monday

Warehousemen from Oxford, Henderson, Durham, Louisburg, Warrenton and South Hill, Va., will meet in Henderson next Monday to fix the date of opening the markets of said towns.

Announcement to this effect was made yesterday by Mr. I. W. Mangum, who is a member of the Tobacco Board of Trade and who is actively connected with the organization which will have the final voice in deciding the opening date.

It has been a matter of speculation for a long while as to just how late the season would be this year, both on account of the damage done by the recent heavy rains, and the delay in the start of the season on other markets which always begin prior to this belt.

A request was made by the buyers that there be a delay in this belt on account of the expected rush in the eastern section at the time this belt usually opens, this being due to the postponement of the start in Eastern North Carolina.

Mr. Mangum voiced the opinion that the market will open Monday, September 8.

## AN APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 WANTED FOR PROBE OF LIVING COSTS

Bill Introduced Providing \$10,000 Fine or Five Years Imprisonment for Profiteers.

Washington, Aug. 14.—An appropriation of \$500,000 for investigation of living by the Federal Trade Commission, was asked of Congress by acting chairman Munback, of the commission. Funds for the commission already authorized are insufficient to conduct the proposed inquiry.

Appropriations of \$175,000 was asked for the secret service by Secretary Glass, who asked that in authorizing the appropriation a clause be inserted to permit the use of the service operative in running down food hoarders and profiteers.

Hoarding and profiteering were the subject of two measures presented in the house. A bill by Representative Gard, Democrat, Ohio, would provide \$10,000 fine or five years' imprisonment for hoarding, profiteering or monopolizing the production of foodstuffs, fuel or clothing.

## CROPS ARE BADLY DAMAGED BY THE RECENT FLOOD

That the crop conditions of August 1st, were greatly affected by the heavy July rainfall is evident from the crop information from the Cooperative Crop Reporting Service.

The North Carolina corn crop now shows a condition of 5 per cent below last month and 2 per cent below a year ago. The acreage is much the same as last year and the forecasted production 2 per cent less.

The State's wheat crop shows a very low yield of wheat which has declined steadily since the high condition of May 1st. It is off in quality. The acreage is the same as last year, and last month's condition was 85 per cent, but was found to be lower when threshed.

The tobacco crop shows conditions very irregular and the prospects are very uncertain. The present conditions reported approaches only two-thirds of a crop, with the poorest conditions prevailing in the heavy producing belts, even in the increased acreage forecasts a production of 12 per cent less than last year's crop, with quantity only fair and the weight light.

## JUDGE DEVIN IS CONSTANTLY ON THE GO

When in Oxford for a few days' rest, Judge Devin can usually be found during office hours "among his law books" in his office on Williamsboro street.

It would seem that Judge Devin gets very little rest at any time. Several prominent attorneys from the eastern part of the State have been in Oxford this week to see him in reference to injunction cases and other legal questions. He left for Durham this morning to hear a mandamus case from Alamance county.

When Judge Devin's vacation ends in a week or ten days, he will preside at Tarboro, Wilson and other courts in that part of the State for several months. He makes it a rule to be with his family every Sunday if the schedules and the distance will permit.

Dr. T. L. Booth was called Thursday to the bedside of Mrs. W. D. Smith, who continues quite ill in a Richmond hospital.

## THE FINAL CASUALTY LIST.

Washington, Aug. 12.—Final casualty reports from the central records of the A. E. F. in France, made public by the war department today, gave the total battle deaths as 49,498; total wounded, 205,690, and prisoners, 4,804. "Only slight revisions" will be made in this report, it was announced.

Recent corrections in the list of missing have reduced the number to only 127 names, as compared with 264,000 for France and 121,000 for England. To July 1 the army had reported 149,483 cases of disabled soldiers to the War Risk Insurance bureau. It was estimated that the final total would be close to 200,000.

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## LETTER FROM THE CAPITAL OF TALLY HO

Tombstones In Grave Yard At Camp Creek Torn Down and Piled Together.

(W. R. MANGUM.)

—Mr. William Gooch and family motored to Oxford Wednesday.

—Mr. L. E. Jones purchased a new six cylinder Oakland Monday.

—Mr. Robert Hardee left Monday for several days outing at Virginia Beach.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Nelms, and family spent Sunday with relatives near Roxboro.

—Major T. G. Stem and wife, of Oxford, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Bragg Sunday and attended services at Stem church.

—Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Dickerson, of Oxford, were the guests of Mrs. Dickerson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Crymes, Sunday.

—Miss Beattie Overby, who holds a responsible position in Richmond, is spending several weeks vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Overby, of Oxford Route 6.

—Some of the farmers of this community have finished curing tobacco and report the lightest crop they have made in a number of years.

—Mr. Jessie Lunsford, of Roxboro accompanied by Mr. J. W. Daniel, of Tally Ho, in a Ford runabout, came very near having a serious wreck on Betsy Green hill Sunday afternoon. They were going from Stem towards Oxford and in making a short turn of the car the left front wheel was completely smashed but neither of the parties were injured.

—Miss Janie Clayton returned home last week from an extended visit to Eagle Springs in Moore county. During her stay she visited Montrose Sanatorium, Jackson Springs, Ellerby Springs, also Southern Pines and Pinehurst. The last named place is owned in most part by Mr. Foote, a northern man. Moore county is noted for its fine peaches which are shipped by car loads to other points.

—Mr. W. E. Meadows, of Oxford Route 6, very narrowly escaped losing a barn and five hundred sticks of primings. The fire seemed to have originated from a stick falling on the furnace and when he opened the door, the blaze was spreading upward to the top the barn being covered with galvanized roofing which had a tendency to smother the fire.

Mr. Herman Overby climbed up in burning tobacco, used water lavishly and soon brought the fire under control and saved the barn, although all of the tobacco was injured, a good portion almost a total loss.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gooch and daughter, Miss Janie Gold, and their little nephew, Gooch Reid, left Wednesday to attend the Upper County Line Primitive Baptist Association held at Monticello, which is situated between Greensboro and Reidsville.

—One of the strangest acts, of criminal violence and desecration on record occurred at Camp Creek Primitive Baptist church, which is located just across the line in Durham county, last Sunday night. The tombstones in the church graveyard were torn down, piled together and some of them is said to have been broken. No clue has yet been discovered as to the guilty parties and just what their motive could have been we are at a loss to know.

Death of Mr. Green. Friends in Oxford were grieved to hear of the death of Mr. R. L. Green on Wednesday at his home in Boykins, Va. For many years he has been a traveling salesman for the Oxford Buggy Company and has a great many friends in Oxford. His home was at Shelby, but he had a summer home at Boykins, where he and his family were staying at the time of his death. He suffered from acute indigestion, which caused his death. The funeral services were conducted at his home in Boykins on Thursday where the burial took place.

## GRANVILLE COUNTY'S MAGNIFICENT WATER SHED

The Streams of the County Flow Into Four Rivers.

With Tar River passing through Granville county and the Dan and the Roanoke close to the northern border and the Neuse close to the southern border, into which the waters of the county seek their common level, Granville is one of the best drained counties in the United States.

Up in Walnut Grove, Oak Hill and Sassafras Fork townships the water shed in many places is determined by a ridge almost as sharp and thin as the blade of a case-knife. At one point in Walnut Grove there are two springs within fifteen feet of each other, one leading to the Tar and the other to the Roanoke. No point in the county is more than fifteen miles from a river.

Two or three years ago Dr. Rhodenecker, of the University of Minnesota, while on a motor trip through this section called on the Public Ledger. He noticed a hand of tobacco in our office and spoke of its beautiful color and fragrance. We gave the tobacco to him and explained that if it gets too dry all he has to do is to dampen it and it will become limp again. The Doctor remarked at the time that he prized the gift very highly and that he would take it home for experimental purposes. Shortly after, returning home he wrote an article for the St. Paul Pioneer, in which he spoke of the beauty and fragrance of the tobacco grown in Granville county and attributed it to a "magnificent climate, mild sunshine, sandy soil and thorough drainage."

Speaking of water-sheds, the Smithfield Herald traces two spring branches from Cary, below Durham, to Neuse River and on to the Atlantic, thus:

"Apex for many years claimed to be the highest town anywhere near it. It can still claim to be the highest town between Cary and Hamlet, but a recent survey shows Cary to be the highest place in that section. In the southwest part of Cary the waters make the head of Swift creek which flows through Wake and Johnston and empties into Neuse river just south of Smithfield. In the southeast part of Cary is the head of Walnut creek which furnishes the water supply for Raleigh. This creek reaches Neuse a few miles east of Raleigh. Two prongs of Wake county's Black creek and also Cole branch have their heads in the north part of Cary."

## A LARGE MOSQUITO

A Thing That Mr. J. B. Meadows Had To Contend With.

Mr. J. B. Meadows, the popular buyer for the Liggett-Myers Tobacco Company, now on the Nichols, South Carolina, market, says in a letter to the Public Ledger:

"I am mailing you under separate cover a mosquito that bit me last night. After the first of September you will please mail my paper to Zebulon, N. C., and oblige."

The mosquito reached the Public Ledger office in good shape—neatly pressed like a rose between the leaves of the old family Bible, and it was about the size of a half-dollar in silver.

Mr. Meadows has the sympathy of this entire community and all of the pretty girls here will be glad to know that he will be located somewhat nearer Oxford during the remainder of the tobacco season.

## OUR PART OF THE FEED

About One Dollar's Worth to Each Individual

North Carolina's apportionment of the \$125,000,000 surplus food supplies of the War Department is \$3,000,000 worth; according to a telegram received by Gov. Bickett from the War Department. The telegram came as a response to the inquiry made by the Governor. Municipalities and organizations interested, the telegram said, should communicate with the Zone Surplus Property Officer, Atlanta.

## VALUABLE PROPERTY FOR SALE

The Home Place of the Late Dr. N. M. Ferebee.

The elegant home place of the late Dr. N. M. Ferebee, situated in the eastern section of Oxford, is for sale. Dr. Ferebee gave his personal attention to the erection of the buildings, the heating, lights, water and sewerage systems. There is about eight acres in the plat, part of it being out of the corporate limits of Oxford. Formal announcement of the sale, by Mr. Lee C. Taylor, agent, appears elsewhere in this paper.

Mrs. R. I. Devin, Mrs. John Webb and Mrs. S. H. Cannady have returned from a delightful trip to Ridgecrest and Junaluska Lake.