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THERE IS NO EXCUSE FOR THE ABSENCE OF A COUNTY HOSPITAL

Let the Families Themselves Testify As To the Urgent Need of a Hospital.

Editor Public Ledger:

The modern county is not content with anything less than good schools, roads, comfortable and commodious churches, full-time health officers as well as general welfare officers. These things are now considered absolutely essential to the health, growth and development of a modern community, and justly so. But there is one other thing that the modern county or community (for a county is nothing more than a large community with certain artificial boundaries) and that is an adequately equipped county hospital. There was a time when this need was not felt so acutely, for then it was that help might be had to attend the sick and afflicted. That, however, is no longer the case. What assistance is obtained today, except in very rare instances, must be had from the family itself. This in many instances means that the bread winner of the household has to sacrifice his work and go attend the sick in his household. The writer now recalls cases when the family has actually suffered by reason of the inability of a husband to obtain help for the sick ones of his family, while a hospital in easy reach would have obviated such suffering and hardships.

But the reasons for the establishment of a county hospital are so numerous and cogent that it really seems useless to further argue the matter. The absence of county hospitals may be explained by the fact that but few of them are self-sustaining. But do we suffer in other ways because of the paltry dollar? No, there is not any excuse for the absence of the county hospital. Certainly the probability of its not being self-sustaining is none. Our schools are not self-sustaining, our roads not, nor is our health and welfare offices. Yet we have them. But they are provided for by taxation, the same should be provided for any deficit that accrue from a county hospital. But the courts have not yet pronounced hospitals what they really are—necessities, and until that is done, they can't be supported by taxation until the question is passed upon by an election for that purpose. But are we to wait until such is done? Is the county to suffer longer because usually hospitals are not self-sustaining? Are there not enough public-spirited men in the county who will make the establishment of a hospital possible though it means some sacrifice? That question will be submitted to the people within the near future, and I sincerely hope the issue will meet with what it deserves—the wholehearted support of the citizenship of the county.

DR. W. N. THOMAS.

CHRYSANTHEMUM SHOW WILL BE HELD LATE IN OCTOBER

The Premium List Will Be Issued At An Early Date.

At a recent meeting of the chrysanthemum show committee, appointed by the president of the Woman's Club, plans were discussed and sub-committees appointed to arrange for this important event, which is to be held the last week in October.

The managers are gratified to know that much interest has been manifested and that our people are already looking forward to the happy occasion.

The ladies are confident that they will have the support of the town as heretofore. The show could not be held last fall because of the influenza epidemic, but our loyal business men, who had so generously responded to the call for premiums, donated the money to the club, and \$50.00 worth of War Savings stamps were purchased.

This and all their courtesies on the part of the men are gratefully appreciated by the club women, who are struggling to make Oxford the best and most attractive little city in the State.

The various committees, as well as the premium list, will be published at a later date.

GEN. PERSHING IS EXPERT KISSER

"Full On the Lips," Says Girl Who Refused 200 Proposals.

(New York Herald.) "I'd sooner have had that one kiss from General Pershing than the Croix de Guerre," said pretty Kitty Dalton, of New York, Knights of Columbus flower girl, after the general had kissed her when she presented a bouquet of American beauty roses to him in the name of the K. of C.

"General Pershing did not kiss me on the cheeks," she modestly denied. "He kissed me full on the lips. I admit having been kissed several times before; but nobody ever kissed me as expertly as General Pershing."

Miss Dalton is the K. C. girl who has received and refused more than 200 proposals of marriage from soldiers and sailors and marines to whom she has sung in K. C. huts. "The man who marries me," she states, "will have to kiss as well as General Pershing does."

HERE'S 4 RESERVATIONS AND MAIN AMENDMENTS

The reservations propose:
1.—Unconditional right to withdraw from the league.
2.—Declaration to assume any of the obligations of the much-discussed article 10 "except by action of the Congress of the United States."
3.—Reserving to the United States the exclusive right to decide what questions are within its own domestic jurisdiction.
4.—Absolute reservation of the Monroe doctrine to the judgment of the United States alone.
The principal amendments are proposed to provide:
Equal voting power for the United States with Great Britain in the assembly of the league.
Giving to China instead of Japan the province of Shantung.
Relief of the United States from having representatives on commissions deciding matters in which it has no concern.

PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF OXFORD

To Consider Matters of Vital Importance to the Industrial and Commercial Life of Oxford.
The Board of Commissioners of Oxford at the last meeting of said Board directed that a proclamation be issued by calling upon the people of Oxford to assemble at a near date to consider certain matters of vital importance to the industrial and commercial life of our town.

We therefore call upon all of the people of Oxford, both men and women, to assemble in the Court House immediately after prayer meeting at nine o'clock on Wednesday night, Sept. 17th, 1919.

This is a matter of great importance to the entire town and we trust that all who can possibly attend will come to this meeting.

DR. MORRIS' SON WILL ENTER WEST POINT

Senator Simmons Appoints the Granville County Boy.
Judge W. A. Devin received a letter from Senator Simmons last Friday advising him that he had appointed the son of Dr. J. A. Morris, health officer of Granville county, to the United States military academy at West Point, New York.

The appointment of young Morris gives much pleasure to the people of Granville county. He is a fine specimen of young manhood and Senator Simmons is to be commended for the selection from the State at large.

BOOST THE COUNTY FAIR.

The One Thing That Proves An Inspiration To The Farmers.
Now that the war is over, the Granville County Fair should be better this year than for several years past. The promoters have gone to work in earnest to make it a big success this year, and they should have the support and encouragement of the agricultural and trade interests of this section, to the end that it may prove a real inspiration to the farmers and their wives, sons and daughters and to the town dweller as well. There is an opportunity in the County Fair for benefit to all the people of the county.

CONFEDERATE VETS MAY USE CAMP GORDON COTS

Fifty of the Old Heroes of Granville Will Go To Atlanta.

Capt. W. H. White, adjutant of Morris T. Smith Camp, is elated over the interest manifested by the veterans of the county in the approaching reunion at Atlanta in October. Twenty-five or thirty have already notified Capt. White that they intend to make the trip. At least fifty Granville men, it is thought, will go to Atlanta. If that number responds, a Pullman car will start from Oxford.

It is announced from Washington that the Senate military committee has authorized the United Confederate veterans to use cots, tents and blankets now at Camp Gordon, during the reunion of that organization at Atlanta next month.

THE AGES OF GREAT MEN

If You Are Not Great Before You Are Fifty Don't Despair.

Dr. Osier said that all men should be chloroformed and put to sleep before they reach 60 years of age. Let us see about that. General Foch, the generalissimo of all the Allied forces, is 67, Premier Clemenceau, the Tiger of France, is 77. President Wilson is 63, General Pershing the American commander-in-chief, is 59. Thomas A. Edison, the wizard of electricity, is 72. If you haven't been enrolled in the lists of the great before you are 50 don't despair; there is still a chance for you. Few men are numbered among the really great before they are 50.

NEARLY THREE THOUSAND PENSIONERS IN THE STATE

The Pension Bureau at Washington announce that the records show the number of pensioners and the amount paid during the fiscal year, ending June 30, in North Carolina to be 2,825 and \$1,005,756.

OXFORD IS A FINE TOWN BUT WE HAVE TO BACK IN TO GET TO IT

That See-Sawing In The Local Yard of the Seaboard Railway Is a Nuisance and Should Not Be Tolerated.

The way things are conducted on the Seaboard Railway is enough to provoke a saint from the time the train enters the local yards to the time it reaches the station. The see-sawing in the meadow east of the station is a nuisance, pure and simple; it could be avoided and no doubt it would be if the division superintendent was fully advised as to the loss of time and the worry it inflicts upon the traveling public and the delay in the mails.

To show you how it works, we invite you to take a seat on the train at Dickerson. We will take it for granted that you are hungry, tired and anxious to see your loved ones, and when the engineer rings the bell and blows his whistle and starts for Oxford your heart beats with expectancy. All goes well until you reach the eastern boundary of the town, at a point known as the "Y," and then the train comes to a standstill.

The fireman, or some one else, gets out and changes the switch and the train, at a snail-like pace, moves along down to the vicinity of Parham's mill, where it stops. At this point the rear brakeman jumps down, changes a switch and signals the engineer to back up, and the train moves slowly backward to a point where it was a half an hour before, and as soon as everything is properly adjusted at that point, the train starts on its backward journey to the station.

If you want to get a good strong dose of that kind of medicine we would advise you to take the evening train at Dickerson.

If the train was brought straight on in to the station it would be a great accommodation to the traveling public and the mails would be distributed at least half an hour earlier. But there are two sides to every question, and should the trains be brought straight into the station and the passengers and mail discharged, the train's crew would be compelled to do the shifting afterwards.

It does appear that when the train enters the eastern boundary of the town it is in "No Man's Land" while it is see-sawing in the meadow. No superintendent who is strictly "on his job" and has the interest of the traveling public at heart would permit any such Tom-foolery.

The thing hurts more ways than one, namely: A distinguished gentleman of Charlotte was recently introduced to an Oxford man, and he knocked him stiff when he said: "Oh, yes, I remember Oxford very well; it is indeed a very pretty town, but you have to back in to get to it."

The Public Ledger does not wish any one any harm, but we do wish that the Oxford Chamber of Commerce, or some other body of men, or some body of sweet women, would get after the division superintendent with a hot poker or broom, as the case may be.

INFLUENZA MORE DEADLY THAN GERMAN BULLETS

Nearly Half Million Deaths From The Disease In This Country.

In the war with Germany pneumonia killed more American soldiers than were killed in battle. This fact, brought out in the summary published by the general staff, emphasizes once more the important part played by disease in impairing national efficiency.

In 200 days of fighting in which 1,400,000 soldiers took part, 34,000 men were listed as killed in action. There were more than 40,000 deaths from pneumonia. It is estimated that 25,000 of these were due to the influenza epidemic, which lasted about eight weeks.

The heavy death toll from influenza was not confined to the army, of course. The census bureau obtained reports from 46 cities including about one-fifth of the country's population. In these cities 82,000 deaths occurred from the epidemic, most of them from pneumonia. If the same rate was kept up throughout the country the number of deaths must have exceeded 400,000. This was nearly four times the number of deaths from every cause that occurred in the army in two years of war.

THE ENROLLMENT AT OXFORD COLLEGE LARGE

Oxford College opened last Wednesday with the largest enrollment in the history of the institution. The faculty and student body attended services at the Oxford Baptist church last Sunday morning, which gave the public, for the first time this session, a chance of seeing the young people in the line of march from the college to the church.

Many new faces were seen in the student body and it was a pleasure to see Mrs. Woodall, the highly cultured teacher of voice and expression, who returns to the faculty after an absence of two or three years.

Dr. Hobgood, president of the college, is highly pleased with the outlook for the present session.

—The Anchor Store, Henderson, announce elsewhere in this paper the arrival of fall goods.

MINORITY REPORT SHOWS FULL PATH IN COVENANT

The minority report of the foreign relations committee on the peace treaty, submitted to the Senate declares:

The treaty is the best hope of the world.

The United States would sacrifice all concessions made by Germany if the treaty is rejected or amended.

The treaty should be ratified without amendment or reservation.

The majority report reservations are designed to destroy the league, which has stood the test of unimpaired attack.

Treaty foes are attempting government by obstruction.

Amendment cannot be accepted by other nations. The adoption of any is equal to rejection.

The league would save the world from wars and reduce armies, navies and taxes.

LARGE CROWD ATTEND THE OPENING OF THE OXFORD TOBACCO MARKET

At the hour of going to press this morning the floors of the five Oxford warehouses are well covered with tobacco and a large number of farmers from Granville and surrounding counties are present to get first-hand information as to prices.

Preliminary to the opening hour, the Tobacco Board of Trade will hold a meeting and warehousemen will draw to decide as to what warehouse will have the first sale and the order in which the sales will take place at the other warehouses.

The buyers for all the big companies are present and it is presumed that they have their orders to buy everything in sight, but it will take at least a week or ten days for them to get their bearings. As a general thing the prices are higher after the big concerns and their buyers have a complete understanding than they are on opening day.

The warehousemen feel safe in their position that they expect to make this the best year in the history of the Oxford market. Get a load ready and try Oxford. The warehousemen, the market and the town invites and offers you a welcome to our town and market.

WATKINS' BLOCK ON COLLEGE STREET NEARING COMPLETION

The Watkins' Block on the west side of College street, adjoining the Johnson warehouse, is nearing completion. The Byrum-Hunt Company are the builders and when completed will add much to the appearance of the street. The building is practically 100x100 feet, two stories high. Half of the building will be occupied by C. D. Ray & Son as a hardware store. The other half of the building will be occupied by Uphurch & Currin, furniture dealers and undertakers.

The Byrum-Hunt Company are working like beavers to complete the building by the middle of October. Several car loads of hardware have been received by C. D. Ray & Son, which is being marked up by Mr. J. J. Clark, an experienced hardware man of Henderson, with the assistance of Mr. E. E. Bullock, of Stem, who are employed as clerks.

REVIVAL SERVICES THIS WEEK AT KNOTT'S GROVE CHURCH

Rev. Fred Day, the noted evangelist of Winston-Salem, is assisting Rev. C. A. Uphurch in revival services at Knott's Grove Baptist church, two miles south of Oxford, this week.

The first sermon of the series was preached last Sunday afternoon. The meetings are largely attended and much interest manifested. There will be services at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and 8:30 at night.

WOMEN OF SOUTH LED IN RED CROSS WORK

The Country's Total Production of Articles Was \$75,174,825 Articles Valued At \$98,184,359.

(Washington Special.) Women of the south produced in the workrooms of the American Red Cross nearly 100,000,000 sweaters, rolls of bandages and other articles that were used for the comfort and relief of soldiers, sailors and refugees during the war. National headquarters of the society estimates the value of the articles southern women contributed at approximately 26 per cent of the total value of that produced in the entire country.

Southern (North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee), 10,390,796 articles, valued at \$3,187,233.

NEW YORK CITY SCHOOLS

The Roman Catholics Have Heavy Enrollment.

The New York City public schools opened Monday, Sept. 8, with 800,000 children answering to the roll call. There are 24,000 teachers employed in the schools. The Roman Catholic schools, 113 in number have an enrollment of about 80,000.

—On the back page of this paper the Long Company announce the daily arrival of suits, coats, dresses, and waists.

DEDICATION CEREMONY AT ENON BAPTIST CHURCH

Minute History of the Church Written By Dr. Marsh and Read By Dr. Harte and the Pastor, Rev. Geo. T. Tunstall.

It is estimated that more than one thousand people attended the dedication service at Enon church, five miles west of Oxford, last Sunday afternoon. The church is situated in one of the best sections of Granville county, and its beauty and symmetrical outlines are in keeping with the high-toned, cultured people of the community.

Description of the Church. Viewed from a distance, the spire, curves and graceful outlines of the church resemble an English castle. The interior is of an octagonal form, the pastor's study and eight classrooms are arranged in a circle around the auditorium, which are cut off by heavy folding doors. The many stained glass windows and the trefalls on either side cast a mellow light over the sanctuary. Only the best of material and workmanship was employed in the construction of the building. It was planned and executed during the recent world war at a cost of \$12,000.

The Dedication. A congregational song service preceded the Scriptural lesson read by Dr. J. D. Harte, pastor of the Oxford Baptist church, and at proper intervals the quartette of Mountain Creek and Hester churches, sang, and Rev. E. G. Ustry, pastor of the West Oxford Baptist church, and Rev. Joe Currin read appropriate passages of Scriptures relative to the dedication of the church.

History of the Church. Dr. Marsh, for many years pastor of Enon church, wrote a minute history of the activities of the church from its foundation up to the present day, covering a period of forty-five years. Owing to the age of Dr. Marsh, Dr. J. D. Harte read the first half of the historical sketch, and the last half was read by Rev. G. T. Tunstall, the beloved pastor of the church.

Dr. Marsh's historical sketch would fill about one page of the Public Ledger, and he had taken precaution to condense it as much as possible. Some of the interesting facts gleaned from the reading follows:

Early History. The late Rev. R. I. Devin organized Enon church in the spring of 1875. There was a heavy rain on the previous day, which hindered one of the forty-three charter members from being present, and on that account Mr. Devin suggested that they name the church "Enon." The Hobgoods, Knotts, Averettes, Daniels, Currins, the Hesters and others were active in securing materials and building the church, which cost about \$2,100. The first sermon was preached in October, 1875. Rev. C. A. Jenkins was the first pastor. The pulpit Bible used at the service 44 years ago was presented by Miss Lucy Currin. It has been rebound three times and it adorns the pulpit of the new church. Only three of the original charter members survive at the present time, the names of whom we did not catch, but Mr. B. F. Hester is one of them. There have been only four pastors of Enon church, namely, Rev. C. A. Jenkins, Rev. Fountaine, Dr. R. H. Marsh, who gave up the work on account of age three or four years ago, and Rev. G. T. Tunstall, the present pastor. Dr. Harte supplied while Mr. Tunstall was engaged in overseas duty.

Charge To the Church. Dr. Marsh also wrote the charge to the church, which was beautiful, and told of Jesus entering the church as a stranger and was not recognized. The charge was read by Mr. Marsh Ray in excellent form.

At the close of the reading of the historical paper, Rev. G. T. Tunstall, who was active before going overseas in organizing the forces to build the new church, told the congregation that he often thought, while in France and Germany, how the new building would look, and how pleased he was to return and find it completed.

JACKSON-BREEDLOVE.

Mr. Luther A. Jackson Weds Miss Zelma Breedlove—Ceremony At Bride's Home.

Mr. Luther A. Jackson, of Henderson, and Miss Zelma A. Breedlove, of Granville county, were married Thursday afternoon at the home of the bride's father, Mr. W. C. Breedlove, near Oxford, Rev. E. R. Nelson, of Henderson, officiating.

After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Jackson went to Middleburg to visit his people and will be at home in Henderson on Andrews avenue.

The groom holds a position with the George A. Rose Company. He returned from France with the 12th Infantry after several months service overseas.

TOBACCO BOARD OF TRADE

Mr. S. B. Morton Elected President.

At a meeting of the Oxford Tobacco Board of Trade, Mr. S. B. Morton was elected president; Mr. W. G. Pace, vice-president, and Mr. Henry T. Osborn, secretary and treasurer.

The board fixed the hour for opening the market at 9:30 o'clock on sales days throughout the season.

CONTRACT HAS BEEN LET FOR THE OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL

Work Will Begin In Early Fall—Plans Will Be Worked Out At Once For The Development Of Playground Work.

Mr. W. F. Hayes, of Littleton, was the successful bidder for the erection of the new high school building authorized by the vote on the bond issue in the early spring. Three bids were submitted to the board for consideration. The contract price of \$40,300 was the lowest bid for the erection of the building by July 1st, 1920. The other bidders were Byrum-Hunt Co., of Oxford, and C. F. Cutts, contractor, of Henderson.

While it had been hoped that the use of the building would be had for a part of the present school year, conditions in the building line have been so uncertain that it has been impossible to get the proper amount of work done on the proposition until the present time. Since it is never wise to rush a building of this kind the position of the board is that sufficient time should be allowed to insure good work. A building erected in a great hurry is never as well settled as one where time is allowed. The plans call for the opening of the fall term next year in the new building with proper exercises. The plan will possibly call for a real reunion of all former Oxford high school pupils. This should become a permanent feature of the school year.

The Play Grounds. In purchasing the large amount of ground for the high school site the board had in view a permanent location for a modern playground for the children of Oxford. The size and type of the location both are well suited to this kind of development.

An expert will be called in to advise regarding the proper steps to take in preparing the grounds and installing the various forms of equipment that will be used. No money will be spent unwisely in this very important work. A committee has been appointed from the town board of commissioners and one from the school board to look into the plans for this school playground.

Campaign Pending. As soon as the plans can be worked out a campaign will be put on to raise money to supplement the donation of the commissioners until a sufficient sum has been secured. Oxford can proudly look forward to the time when this six acres will become the most attractive spot in the town. The present plan calls for this playground to be open for use in the early spring and it will require wholehearted cooperation of the community to get it accomplished. The Parents-Teacher Association that has been organized will be able to push this movement.

NEGROES SAID TO HAVE THREATENED AN UPRISING

(Wilmington Star.)

News has been received here of the planned uprising of the negro population of the town of Shallotte, twenty-two miles west of Southport, in Brunswick county. The several hundred citizens of the place were startled when they found tacked up in different public places in the town notices of an incendiary nature, "inviting" the white population to beat it.

The notices read: "White People Get Out, This Means Death. Remember the Beatings and Lashings that Our Parents Received." The warnings were hand-written, and the leading white citizens of the town started to investigate. By comparing writing on deeds, mortgages, notes, etc., available, it was found that indications pointed to several more or less prominent negroes being mixed up in the affair. Two of them were quickly arrested and taken to Southport.

THE COURT HOUSE SINGING

The contest singing to be held at the Court House in Oxford at 3 o'clock p. m. the 4th Sunday in Sept. is expected to be an occasion of great interest to the public. It will be strictly a religious service. Our plans are not yet fully made. We aim to have a good organ for this occasion. We expect two choirs from Henderson and one from Gray Rock and one from West Oxford. We invite Hester, Enon, Dexter, Salem and any other who wish to come and take part. You will please get in touch with us. Please call on Mr. W. M. Moser at the City Barber Shop in Oxford. Further notice will be given next week. With best wishes, D. N. HUNT.

State Traffic Association.

The State Traffic Association was organized in Raleigh last week at a meeting of the shippers from all parts of the state. The meeting endorsed the suggestion that the candidates for Governor be required to insert a plank in their platform promising to keep up the incessant fight for better freight rates for North Carolina. The secretary is to be named later.

—See the adv. elsewhere in this paper of the Granville Real Estate & Trust Co. See Mr. A. H. Powell and get inside information on the property you wish to sell or buy.