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STOCKHOLDERS WILL SELECT SITE FOR HOSPITAL IN OXFORD

Committee Appointed to Select Name of Hospital and Apply For Charter.

Four hundred men and women, representing the best element of Oxford, attended the mass meeting at the Court House Tuesday night as a preliminary movement to establish a hospital in Oxford. It was a most enthusiastic meeting. Mayor Thad G. Stein presided and requested Rev. R. C. Craven to invoke the divine blessing. Mr. Craven responded with a most beautiful prayer, in which he petitioned the Almighty to guide the deliberations of the meeting and make the beds of the sick and suffering more comfortable.

Dr. J. A. Morris, county health officer, led the discussion, in which he pointed out the great necessity of a hospital. A doctor may be well equipped, said Dr. Morris, but a hospital with the various instruments and appointments would serve to make our doctors more efficient.

Dr. L. S. Booker, of Durham, who happened to be in Oxford, attended the meeting. In a short speech he spoke of the time saved in emergency cases when a hospital is at hand. The safer plan, he said, is to send to a distant city and secure the services of an expert than it is to take the patient, in a dying condition, perhaps, across the country to the expert. He said that every community should have its own hospital, large or small, and he saw no reason why one would not be a success in Oxford.

Dr. Nelson Thomas responded with a five minutes' speech in which he pointed out the urgent need of a hospital in Oxford. His speech was full of facts and figures, which is presented elsewhere on this page.

Dr. Watkins, one of the strongest advocates for a well-equipped hospital, was on the program for a speech. A few moments before his time came to speak he was called to attend a severe case which, in all probability will have to be sent elsewhere for hospital treatment.

Dr. N. C. Daniel, who has had wide experience in hospital work, at one time connected with Bellevue Hospital in New York City, has long seen the necessity of a small, well-equipped hospital in Oxford. He stated that more than one hundred Granville county people had been treated in Durham, Raleigh, Richmond and Philadelphia during the past twelve months, involving a cost of \$45,000, that could have been treated in Oxford with proper hospital facilities. Dr. Daniel said that so far as he knew all the doctors of Oxford and Granville county are in favor of a well-equipped hospital in Oxford. He said that twenty-five years ago the people regarded a hospital as a place of last resort, but they had come in more recent years to see that the hospitals is a place for the saving of life and limb. He advocated a small hospital where the rich and poor alike could be successfully treated. He declared that there is not a person in Granville county that would not prefer the family physician rather than send the patient elsewhere to be treated.

Mr. A. H. Powell, who is always active in the upbuilding of Oxford and Granville county, upon request of the chair, stated that in traveling away from Oxford he was impressed with the high regard that people elsewhere had of Granville county; that it is generally regarded as one of the leading counties of the State. Mr. Powell declared that a hospital would give the county much prestige. He said that the questions generally asked abroad point to the churches, the schools, the roads and the hospital.

Dr. Thomas L. Booth endorsed the movement to establish a hospital, and said that he saw no reason why it would not be a success.

Mr. P. W. Knott, in a short speech spoke of the needs of a hospital. He said that he could speak the sentiments of the country people and declared that they would respond liberally to the establishment of a first-class hospital.

The chair called upon Gen. B. S. Royster to give his views, who led off by relating an incident that happened in Richmond some years ago, when some one remarked to Dr. McGuire that Oxford had a population of only 3,000. "Impossible," said Dr. McGuire, "I have operated upon at least 4,000 people from Oxford."

Gen. Royster characterized a hospital as a service station. He said that when an auto is out of order

THE HOTEL QUESTION

Capt. Reid Says the Jail Is Good Enough For Some People.

The other night twelve automobiles from Detroit came rolling down College street at a rapid pace. The driver of the pathfinder car saw our big fat policeman, Capt. Reid, and inquired if there was a decent hotel in the town.

"Oh, yes," responded Capt. Reid, "we have a first class jail here for all such characters as yourself."

"What's the matter?" inquired the pathfinder.

"Seven-fifty for exceeding the speed limit or go to jail," said the officer as he twirled the billy.

EVERYTHING IN READ TO BEGIN WORK ON THE OXFORD-HENDERSON HIGHWAY

T. W. Chandler, Of Virgilia, Will Build Two Concrete Bridges.

At a called meeting of the Board of County Commissioners last Wednesday, all of the members being present, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the county will pay 50 per cent of the construction of the road from Oxford to the Vance county line, the road known as Project No. 44. The resolution is based on the bid of T. W. Chandler and the government that the two concrete bridges shall not exceed in cost the estimate made by the government engineer, which is \$12,000.

The above resolution clears the way for immediate work. It means that about \$45,000 will be expended on the four and one-half miles of the road between Oxford and the Vance county line. Members of the board expressed a desire to see the construction work begin as early as possible, and it is thought that actual work will begin within the next ten days or two weeks and pushed to completion as early as possible. With good weather and a large force of hands a good showing could be made in three months.

Old Soldiers To Atlanta.

The only other business of importance before the Board was of a patriotic nature. Moved by a sense of reverence for the old Confederate veterans and knowing that their ranks are growing thinner day by day, the board ordered the clerk to pay the railroad fare of all Confederate veterans of Granville county, who wish to make the trip to the reunion in Atlanta in October.

RALEIGH LADIES FEED SIX HUNDRED GERMAN PRISONERS

The Appreciation of Prisoners Was Plainly Shown.

(Raleigh Times.)

On their way back to their fatherland, 600 German prisoners passed through Raleigh Tuesday afternoon from the prison camp at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. They will sail out of New York harbor within a short while direct to Germany.

Some of them have not seen their homes since 1914. They were not in uniform and although apparently well cared for, many of them were despondent. Their one source of delight seemed to be the fact that they were going back home.

Members of the local Red Cross chapter served refreshments to the men whose appreciation and respect were plainly shown.

THREE MILD CASES OF SMALL POX IN OXFORD

Dr. J. A. Morris, county health officer, this week discovered three cases of small pox in Oxford. Each one of the cases, said Dr. Morris, is of a mild form.

One of the cases was discovered when an old colored woman called on one of the doctors and requested him to prescribe for sore places on her face, legs and arms. The case was reported to Dr. Morris, who has examined the woman and found that she had small pox in a mild form.

THE LACKEY ESTATE

To Be Sold At Public Auction Next Month.

The real estate holdings of the late E. A. Lackey of Hamlet, will be sold at auction next month. The property is said to represent a fourth of the property of Hamlet and comprises more than a dozen storehouses, a hotel, 25 or more dwellings and about 150 building lots.

THE AMERICAN LEGION.

Soldiers of the World War Should Affiliate.

Soldiers of the world war will do well to affiliate with the American Legion at once. This organization is rapidly spreading to all portions of the United States and will soon be a power nationally as well as locally. It should be able to wield a tremendous influence for good, which undoubtedly will be the case.

The owner takes it to the service station, and he saw no reason why a sick man should not be taken to the service station for repairs. "Do we think more of our autos than we do of our family?" inquired Gen. Royster. He said that he wished that he was rich so that he could endow a hospital in Oxford, but what he has, he said, is at the disposal of the committee.

It was the sense of the meeting that a committee be appointed to name the hospital and ask for a charter. The shares have a par value of \$25. One hundred thousand dollars is the goal, to begin business when \$50,000 has been subscribed. The chair appointed the following committee to attend to the preliminaries and procure the charter:

DR. N. C. DANIEL,
DR. W. N. THOMAS,
DR. G. S. WATKINS,
DR. S. KING,
J. R. HALL,
W. H. HUNT,
W. T. YANCEY,
GEN. B. S. ROYSTER.

The stockholders will decide upon the location of the hospital.

SOME PEOPLE SEEM TO THINK THAT THE FARMERS ARE PROFITEERING

They Earn Every Cent. They Get and Some More.

It is not right to accuse the farmers of profiteering. They have never been profiteers, and they never will be profiteers. We have at least 20,000 war-made millionaires but not one of them is a farmer. Comparatively few farmers make enough money to become income tax payers. More will pay this year, however, than ever paid before. The income tax statistics now being compiled will show that farmers are not and have not been profiteers. They are subject, however, to all the demands and the burdens profiteers place upon them. Some recent statistics collected by the Agricultural Department show that an acre of wheat will not buy this year any more of the things the farmer is compelled to buy than it would buy before the war. The same thing is true with every other crop the farmer raises as is very conclusively shown by these statistics.

MISS TREFFREY THE BRIDE OF MAJOR GARNER

A marriage of unusual interest was celebrated on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Rogers when Miss Villa May Treffrey, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Treffrey, of Digby, Nova Scotia, became the bride of Dr. M. C. Garner, of Meridian, Miss. The house had been elaborately decorated with palms, ferns and autumn flowers. In the parlor where the ceremony was performed by Dr. J. D. Harte, pastor of the Oxford Baptist church, the decorations were roses and chrysanthemums. Immediately before the ceremony, Miss Edna White sweetly sang "At Dawning" by Cadman. Little Miss Rowena Taylor and Master Frank S. Taylor, were the two little ring bearers.

The bride, who is the district Red Cross nurse, is held in the highest esteem and has won a host of friends by her untiring, efficient and faithful work in this community. She was becomingly attired in a going away gown of dark blue silk, with hat to match. She carried Orchids. The groom, Dr. Garner, was a lieutenant in Camp Sevier and was afterwards sent to France and for merited work over there rose to the rank of major. Since his return to his own country in June he has been doing hospital work.

Heartiest congratulations are showered on him in winning so fair a bride. Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple left for their home in Meridian, Miss., followed by the best wishes of a host of friends.

TOTAL CASUALTIES NOW ARE 322,182

American Dead in War Officially Estimated at 116,492. All Told.

Washington, Sept. 25.—The cost of war to the United States in man power is now estimated officially as 116,492 dead and 205,590 wounded, a total of 322,182. These figures include losses to army and marine units on all fronts to September 1. Killed in action totalled 35,585, or 11 per cent of the entire list; died of wounds 14,742; died of disease 58,973; died of accident and other causes 8,092. Under the head of "missing" the announcement records a zero, with the notation "all corrected."

FORMER COMMISSIONER HART ON THE MARKET.

Some Good Tobacco Left Over From Last Season.

We were glad to see former Commissioner Reubin S. Hart on the warehouse floor Tuesday. It does one good to meet up with this fine citizen. We wish that the road from his home to Oxford was in first-class condition so that we could see him often.

Mr. Hart is one of the most substantial men of the county. He has some good tobacco, but he is not in a hurry to place it on the market. He has some tobacco left over from last season that is going to bring a neat sum of money.

FLAT RIVER DIRECTORS OF 75 MILLION CAMPAIGN WILL GATHER AT RALEIGH

The Training Conference in Raleigh Sept. 29th to Oct. 1st.

Brother Harte and I are making our plans to attend the Training Conference in Raleigh, which is to be held at the Tabernacle Church, beginning Monday, September 29th, at eight o'clock and will close on Wednesday, October 1st, at noon. Those going from this section can leave Oxford at 12:30 over the Seaboard road.

We want a man and a woman from each church in this association to attend this conference. The church director and the W. M. U. director are the logical ones to attend, but if they find it impossible to attend, we are asking that you see that your church is represented. This is our Master's business, and we must put it first if we hope to win.

G. T. TUNSTALL,
J. D. HARTE,
Associational Directors.

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WILL SOLICIT SUBSCRIPTIONS TO BUILD HOSPITAL

At an enthusiastic mass meeting of the citizens of Granville county held in the Court House at Oxford on the 23rd of September it was unanimously decided that a hospital for Granville county should be established at once. A steering committee was appointed with authority to apply for a charter of incorporation and to solicit subscriptions to the stock. This committee will consist of the representative men from all parts of the county. Quite a large number of the shares of stock have already been subscribed. No location has been decided upon as this matter has to be decided by the stockholders.

CHM'N. STEERING COM.

TOBACCO SELLS FOR ONE DOLLAR THE POUND ON THE OXFORD MARKET

The General Average For the Week Will Be Close to \$50 Per Hundred.

The prices on the Oxford tobacco market is climbing higher daily. Many piles this week sold as high as 85 and 90 cents. One pile weighing twenty pounds, placed on the floor at the Johnson warehouse Thursday by Mr. Geo. Hunt, of Salem township, brought \$20. This was the first lot of "dollar tobacco" sold on the Oxford market this season.

As the better grades come in the higher is the general average. There is some good tobacco on the floors of all the warehouses this morning and it is thought that the average for all sold this week will be close to \$50 per hundred. Some of the farmers say that they have never seen anything to equal it in all the days of their lives.

SOLVING THE HOUSING PROBLEM IN OXFORD

Some One Threw Cold Water On the Proposition.

Just at this time the shortage of houses is doing more to retard the growth of Oxford than anything else. Scores of families are anxious to become citizens of the town but there is no room for them. Here, as in other towns and cities in North Carolina, the housing problem is acute. But it is interesting to note that in some of the cities the problem is receiving serious consideration, and it might be well for Oxford to take the cue and follow suit. In Greensboro it has been proposed to organize a \$100,000 corporation for the purpose of helping to solve the shortage of houses. The suggestion is made that the money be loaned to aid people to build homes of their own and that as it is paid back the same money can be loaned to others.

That plan was suggested at a recent public meeting in Oxford, but some one threw cold water on the proposition. Winston-Salem has given consideration to the same problem. Says the Journal:

"The formation of a building corporation was considered here, but after some thought the committee working on the plan said such a corporation would in reality be a building and loan company, that the city already had several building and loan organizations whose opportunity to serve the city were limited only by the amount of money invested in them.

"A decision was reached to appeal to the people to invest money in the existing building and loan companies in order to allow them to better serve the public. This was done and the response of the people has enabled the local companies to do greater work in building homes here during the present year than for any other period in their history."

If the Winston plan has worked well in the Twin-City we see no reason why it would not help relieve the situation in Oxford. Surely it will be better than no plan at all, even if it alone can not soon solve the problem. Certainly it will bring about some relief gradually, and in the long run doubtless would prove a big success.

While it is true that a number of houses are in course of construction in Oxford, it is a fact the house shortage situation in Oxford has reached an alarming degree.

NUMBER OF CASES OF INFLUENZA ARE REPORTED

Influenza is cropping up in every section of the State, according to reports to the State Board of Health. Recent reports indicate the presence of the disease in seven counties, these being scattered all the way from the coast to the extreme west. Davidson reports 16 cases, the largest number from any county reporting. Other counties reporting the disease are Perquimans, Robeson, Rowan, Halifax, Northampton and Graham. The reports indicate a mild type of the disease.

The local doctors estimate that there are four or five cases of flu in Granville of a mild type.

HISTORIC WOODLAND HALL.

The Mansion of Major Nat. Gregory.

"Woodland Hall," the home of Major Nat. Gregory, six miles north of Oxford, is undergoing extensive repairs.

This is perhaps the oldest Colonial house in Granville county. Lord Cornwallis marched past the gates on his way to Yorktown.

The house was built by Major Peyton Wood, whose only daughter married Dr. John Roven Hicks. The present owner is a descendant of Major Wood. Five generations sleep in the old cemetery back of the mansion.

ADJUTANT GENERAL ROYSTER ANNOUNCES DISTRIBUTION OF NEW NATIONAL GUARD

Machine Gun Company of New National Guard Will Have 57 Men and Will Be Stationed in Durham.

Raleigh, Sept. 25.—Adjutant General B. S. Royster has announced the towns which had been asked to raise companies of militia, machine gun company, supply and headquarters company in the new national guard. As previously announced, Col. Don Scott, of Graham, will have charge of the infantry regiment and Major John Hall Manning, of Kinston, will be lieutenant colonel. Major L. P. McLeiden, of Durham, will be one of the majors and the names of the other two will be announced in a few days. The communities asked to raise the companies for the infantry regiment follow:

First battalion: Edenton or Plymouth, one company.
Rocky Mount or Tarboro, one company.

Goldsboro and Fayetteville, one company each.

Second battalion: Henderson, Reidsville, Burlington and Lexington.

Third battalion: Mt. Airy, Winston-Salem, Charlotte, Waynesville or Statesville.

The machine gun company, with 57 men and four officers, will go to Durham, which is considered the logical place for this company, since that city is centrally located and the company can be sent in any direction on very short notice. The supply company with 29 men and two officers will go to Raleigh. In all probability the headquarters company will be given to Kinston, but that depends on what other towns have to offer in the way of a headquarters company. Kinston, so far, has made the best bid for this company, but the decision is not yet made, and other cities and towns will be given an opportunity to compete for this company.

In the designation of infantry companies to more than one town, the adjutant general says that either of these cities will be given the opportunity to raise the company of 100 men, and the city which raises the company first and offers the best outfit, will be the place designated as the home of that company.

—Dr. and Mrs. S. H. Cannady are spending several days in Richmond.

SPECIAL PREMIUMS FOR DESTRUCTIVE ANIMALS AND BIRDS

New Feature Inaugurated By the Granville County Fair.

The premium list of the tenth annual Granville County Fair has just been issued and is being distributed throughout the county by Business Manager W. L. Peace.

The Program.

Tuesday, October 14, is Soldier's Peace and Jubilee Day.

Wednesday, October 15, is Educational Day.

Thursday, October 16, is Everybody's Day.

New Feature.

Rats and mice destroy thousands of bushels of grain, are dangerous about matches, kill young chickens and spread disease. This is the first Fair in the south to offer premiums for their extermination, as follows:

Largest collection of rat tails, \$2.00; second prize \$1.00.

Largest collection of mice tails, \$1.00; second prize \$0.75.

The above premiums are for schools collectively or by individuals.

Largest collection of crows feet, heads, or wings, \$2.00; second prize \$1.00.

Largest collections of hawks feet, heads, or wings, \$2.00; second prize \$1.00.

OXFORD BOY HEADS S. C. V. IN WASHINGTON CITY

The Washington Post contains the following mention of Mr. George T. Rawlins, son of the late E. T. Rawlins, the family being well and favorably known in Oxford. The home of the family was on Main street, the mother having moved to Washington two or three years ago. The Post says:

"George T. Rawlins was elected commandant of Washington Camp No. 305, Sons of Confederate Veterans, at the annual election of officers last night at the Confederate Memorial Home, 1322 Vermont avenue northwest. Mr. Rawlins has been a resident of the District for a number of years, being a graduate of the Georgetown University Law School."

BLOCKADE DISTILLERY RAID- ED OVER IN DUTCHVILLE

Last Monday night Sheriff Hunt received a telegram requesting him to hasten to Creedmoor and assist Chief of Police Curl and Deputy Sheriff Averette to raid an illicit distillery on Ledge Rock creek, located between the Seaboard railroad and the public road leading to Northside.

Sheriff Hunt started early in the night, but his car broke down nine miles south of Oxford and it was daylight when he reached Creedmoor. However, the faithful officers captured the still and poured out a lot of beer and ten gallons of whiskey. The parties operating the plants made a complete getaway.

SIDLIGHTS ON THE QUESTION OF A HOSPITAL IN OXFORD

In his address at the mass meeting in the Court House last Tuesday night, Dr. W. N. Thomas brought out many interesting points.

Dr. Thomas' Speech.

There are many ways in which a hospital in the town of Oxford can serve the people of the town and county that they are not served to-day, though the hospitals of the neighboring towns of Durham and Henderson may be as well equipped as money could equip them, because of the fact of the nearness of the hospital. In many instances it is very inconvenient, if not actually impossible, for the doctors of the county to get their patients to either of the two hospitals mentioned, to say nothing of those of greater distance. Farmers can not leave their homes and carry members of their families to distant hospitals without great sacrifices—sacrifices in many cases that are actually prohibitive. This results in individual suffering that could be avoided, while at the same time burdening the head of the family unduly. The husband could place his wife in a hospital here in Oxford and be with her some time during each day, while he could not in a distant hospital, and that fact is the controlling factor in providing adequate treatment for many sufferers in my judgment, as many a wife or child will not consent to go to a hospital if such means the separation from the members of the family for any considerable time, and too many mothers and fathers are controlled by the same feeling. They do not want their loved ones where they can't see them and be with them. We may think this a foolish view to take of the matter, but many take that view and are controlled by it. It is a fact of human nature and we might as well act upon it.

Furthermore, there are many people in the town and county that have no families living in either the town or county. When they become sick, they are dependent upon their friends for attention. They can not get the attention they once could for it is not to be had. If we had a local hospital they could go there for treatment at much less inconvenience and expense. There are approximately 30,000 people in the county, some 10,000 more than in Vance. But Vance has found that there existed a need for a hospital and she has endeavored to meet that need. There exists, we know, a need for a hospital and the only logical and sensible thing for the people of this county to do is to provide a place for the proper treatment of its suffering and afflicted people. We need a hospital in case of epidemics, which is a spasmodic need. I will admit. But we are subject to epidemics we have just gone through a very severe one and possibly a recurring one. However, there is an ever increasing need for a hospital in connection with child birth, and with the increasing scarcity of labor this need is becoming increasingly acute. Hundreds of children are born in this county yearly and many are started on life's journey handicapped in infancy because of the lack of adequate attention for either them or their mothers, and possibly both, at this critical period. In this service alone the hospital would pay for itself within the next decade or two in a more efficient and vigorous type of manhood and womanhood on the part of the citizenry of this county.

MR. WES. BRUMMITT WILL SMOKE LARGE \$1 CIGAR

Horner Bros. Company Having It Made To Order.

Mr. Wes Brummitt is sure to smoke the big Horner Bros. Company's cigar again this year. The cigar is being made to order for some one who qualifies. Wes has won it the two past seasons on best grades and he says that he will win the honor again this season.

Wes sold one barn of ground leaves at the Johnson warehouse yesterday that brought \$475.

GEN. PERSHING INVITED TO ATTEND N. C. FAIR

Senator Simmons and Representative Pou Request American Leader to Visit North Carolina.

Washington, Sept. 25.—Senator Simmons and Representative Pou jointly have requested Gen. Pershing to visit North Carolina and attend at least the day at the North Carolina State fair some time from October 20 to October 25.

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