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WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THE HOUSING COMMITTEE?

A Committee Was Appointed To Investigate and Report.

So much has been said and written in regard to the housing shortage which is so general throughout the country, that little can be added to emphasize the crying need of more dwellings. In most cities and towns, the hope has lingered that private enterprise would produce a sufficient volume of building to relieve the situation. While in a few cases this has been the case and a growing number of investors have built and are still building many residences, these cases are rare.

The crying need of Oxford at the present time is more dwellings. A public meeting was recently held in the Court House here with a view of adopting some plan. One or two plans were discussed and a committee appointed to make diligent inquiry and report. For the sake of those who are out in the cold, shaking and shivering, we ask what has become of the committee and what can be done to relieve their distress and anxiety?

There is no doubt that the high price of building and labor have been responsible for the general unwillingness to build. The rise in real estate values has also had a tendency to check building. Investors who have contemplated building have held back with the idea of getting lower building costs sometime in the future. However, this expectation of lower prices cannot be based on anything more substantial than hope. There is nothing more to warrant a belief in lower costs in the building lines any more than in other lines, and the chance of any reduction, however, desirable they might be, are extremely remote to say the least.

The more progressive towns, realizing that their growth would be absolutely checked unless building kept pace with the growth in population, have despaired of seeing private capital go into building homes on a large enough scale to afford any relief. Therefore various civic organizations are taking up the matter from the viewpoint of public welfare, realizing that the need for more dwellings is as vital as the building of streets and schools.

Within the past few weeks, quite a number of towns have reported the organization of housing corporations and it is hoped that this movement to organize local capital to build homes will be of material benefit. The details of the plan, while perhaps varying somewhat as to detail, are essentially the same in those cities and towns where the corporations are being organized. The plan is to form a stock company which will erect homes to meet the need, these to be sold on the monthly payment plan, or rented.

A corporation of this kind, with sufficient capital, can build a large number of houses at a relatively cheaper rate than individuals building one house at a time. Building on the wholesale plan. As it were, will effect a saving that is large enough not to be ignored.

Housing corporations should prove a fine way to provide more homes and we should be glad if Oxford would adopt the plan.

HON. ROBERT N. PAGE
ADORN A PAGE
OF THIS PAPER

See His Pleasant Face and Read
What He Says.

If you will turn to the second page of this paper you will see a picture of Hon. R. N. Page, candidate for governor of North Carolina. If you will scan his features you will see gentleness, firmness and wisdom combined. If you read the article beneath the picture you will see the great needs of the State and you can rely upon him to do all he can to bring them about if elected to the high calling.

If the Public Ledger was asked what manner of man is Hon. Robert N. Page we would answer that Dr. E. T. White, of Oxford, beloved by all men, is the nearest approach, both being gentle, firm and reliable under all circumstances.

The Public Ledger does not say this in disparagement of any other candidate, but it is the duty of the press to pay a just tribute to the worth of a noble son of the State who is willing to shoulder a burden and stand manfully by his convictions, as outlined in his letter to the public.

THE CLEAN-UP AND PAINT-UP CAMPAIGN

The Business District of Oxford Is Being Polished As Never Before.

This is clean-up week in the business section of Oxford. Hundreds of loads of litter are being carted to the dump pile. The spirit of cooperation is all that could be desired and it is understood that Mrs. Lassiter, chairman of the campaign, is highly pleased at the progress made during the week. The only hindrance to the work is the scarcity of labor and the multiplicity of duties that fall upon the shoulders of some.

The campaign is scheduled to last five weeks, one week being devoted to each of the five districts of Oxford. It may require more than a week to complete the work in the business district but it will not require as much as a week in some of the other districts.

PROSPECTS BRIGHT FOR A NEW COURT HOUSE

The County Board of Commissioners Appointed a Committee to Investigate and Report At the Next Meeting—Other County Matters.

The County Board of Commissioners met on Monday last, the following members being present: Messrs. J. Ennis Davis, chairman; J. L. Peed, R. I. Breedlove, J. T. Averett, W. E. Cannady.

The Minutes
Notice is hereby given that Miss Sarah Tingen will not enter the Home of the Aged and Infirm, but will be sent to the Old Soldiers' Home.

Superintendent of Bridges, S. M. Wheeler, was instructed to make a walkway across Smith Swamp with the old timber taken from the Rowland creek bridge.

The Jurors.
The following jurors will be drawn for November term Granville County Superior Court:

First Week.
John F. Clark, J. L. Furgeson, C. A. Hicks, Frank Tippet, R. M. Regan, L. G. Gordon, E. P. Brogden, E. W. Thomasson, C. L. Floyd, C. R. Yancey, J. L. Moss, S. T. Hunt, W. T. Yancey, J. L. Turner, H. H. Nunn, W. F. Mangum, S. G. Ross, J. B. Pruitt, S. H. Beck, E. V. Grisom, W. L. Williford, W. A. Adcock, E. E. Currin, Roger Williams, Sidney Mays, G. W. Hays, J. C. Winters, N. B. McLean, J. H. Wheeler, Frank Lee, E. G. Cash, I. H. Adcock, J. A. Green, E. C. Beck, G. R. Jones, E. N. Bragg, F. S. Beasley.

Second Week.
J. A. Currin, Hugh Morgan, J. R. Weaver, M. F. Adcock, H. F. Humphries, G. R. Frazier, S. J. Sherwood, C. E. Lyon, J. Y. Crews, Tom Cox, J. B. Winston, N. B. Cash, William Edwards, G. T. Nutt, B. G. Bullock, Sol Cottrell, H. H. Hicks, A. L. Capehart.

Filing Cases.
The following committee was appointed to accept or reject the bids to be opened October 15th for the filing cases in the clerk's office: Gen. B. S. Royster, A. A. Hicks, T. L. Cannady.

Court House Committee.
Gen. B. S. Royster, Dr. E. T. White, Prof. J. F. Webb, A. H. Powell, Graham C. Daniel, B. K. Lassiter, Dr. G. T. Sikes, Dr. Joseph Thompson, Dr. W. L. Taylor and John B. Mays were appointed a committee to meet and discuss the advisability of making additions and improvements to the Court House, and especially to provide additional offices and vaults. The committee is to meet and make their report to the Board at the regular meeting in November.

The following jury was appointed to assess the damages G. B. Royster sustained by the killing of a number of sheep: John S. Watkins, R. A. Loyd, D. T. Winston, and to ascertain the owner of the dogs and if damages can be recovered.

EPISCOPAL WOMEN RULE BY LOVE AND HONOR

The Word "Obey" Will Be Expunged From Ritual.

It is interesting to note that the Episcopal women will rule the home by love and honor. In taking the marriage vow they will not be compelled to swear that they will obey their husband as has been the age-old custom when they take the vows. This is to be recommended by the commission on revision of which Bishop William Cabell Brown, of Virginia, is a member, for adoption at the convention of the Episcopal church which meets in Detroit this week.

"According to the recommendations, brides will continue to be required to 'love' and 'honor,' but times are so changed," says Bishop Brown, "that the women should stand on the same footing with the men."

"Bishop Brown is quoted as saying, in Richmond, recently, that the word 'obey' will undoubtedly be dropped. This was said in discussing the proposed changes in the Book of Common Prayer, and he said further: 'While there is no objection to the word, if understood in the proper way, the trend of the times is, that the man and the wife should stand on the same footing. An obligation to obey does not amount to much unless it is backed up by love and honor.'

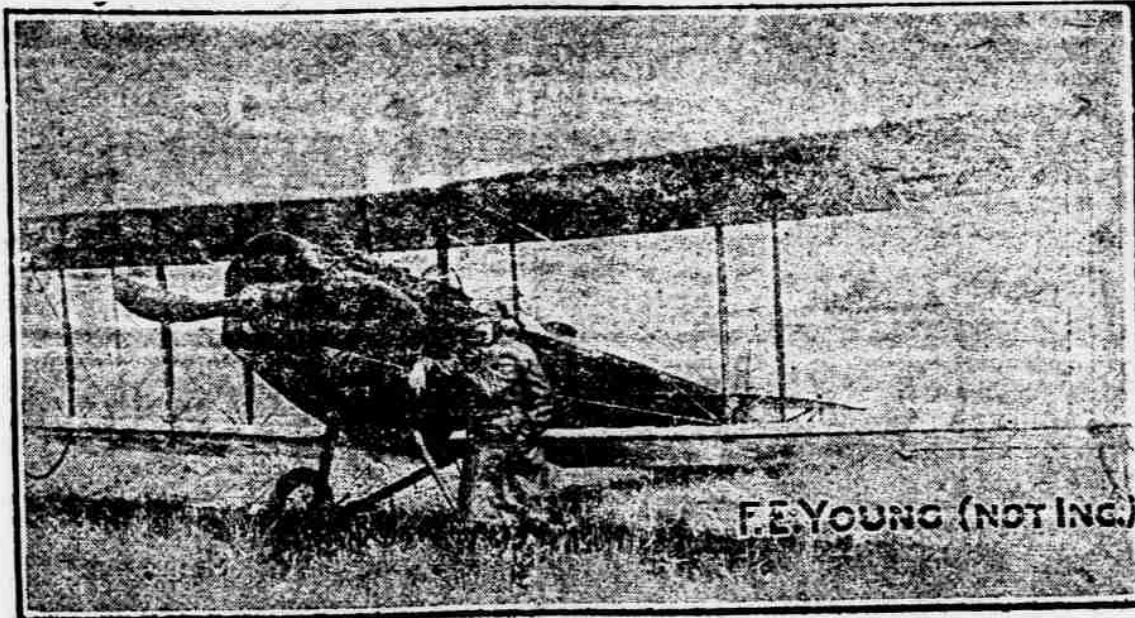
CROP PRODUCTION FIGURES ANNOUNCED

All Wheat Is 918,471,000 Bushels, Corn 2,900,511,000; Oats 1,219,521,000 Bushels.

Washington, Oct. 8.—Crop production this year was announced by the Department of Agriculture today as follows based on condition October 1st:
Spring wheat, 203,170,000 bushels; all wheat 918,471,000 bushels. Corn, 2,900,511,000 bushels. Oats, 1,219,521,000 bushels.

RAILROAD EARNINGS SHOW AUGUST EXCESS OVER THE GUARANTEE

Washington, Oct. 9.—Earnings of the larger railroads for August totaled \$96,023,358, averaging \$410 a mile of road operated, or \$14 a mile above the guaranteed rentals, according to estimates made public by the Interstate Commerce Commission. The earnings last year for the same month were \$548 per mile.



THE PROGRAM OF THE GRANVILLE COUNTY FAIR

Tuesday

Tuesday, October 14th—Soldiers' Day. All soldiers in uniform admitted to the Fair free.

11 a. m. Grand Parade led by Marshalls.

12 o'clock noon Opening of Fair by President Moss.

1 p. m. Address by Hon. Cameron Morrison.

2 p. m. Air flight by Lieut. Harry J. Runser.

Wednesday

Wednesday, October 15th—Educational Day.

11 a. m. Parade by school children from all the county schools. \$10 in gold to school having largest percentage in parade.

2 p. m. Air flight by Lieut. Runser.

Thursday

Thursday, October 16th—Everybody's Day.

Air flights during the day.

FAIR NOTES.

The Boy Scouts will have a tent in the grounds and for a small fee check all parcels desired.

The Camp Fire Girls will run an eating stand and solicit your patronage.

The Boy Scouts will look after your automobile for a small charge.

Don't fail to see the automobile trucks and farm tractors. This is truly a gasoline age.

The Lorman-Robinson Big Shows will arrive Sunday evening over the Southern railroad.

The Boy Marshalls on their ponies will be a feature of the parade.

PRESIDENT STRONGER

THAN ANY OTHER DAY SINCE HE BECAME ILL

Washington, Oct. 9.—President Wilson's condition continues to improve. He rested well last night and is stronger than at any time since he became ill two weeks ago said a bulletin issued by Dr. Grayson, Rear-Admiral Stitt, and Dr. Sterling Ruffin.

Dr. Grayson, supplementing the bulletin, said he was much encouraged by the improvement shown by the President, but for the present he will be required to stay in bed. The President is not allowed to see newspapers, but Mrs. Wilson reads to him. The President frequently sits in bed, propped upon pillows to relieve the monotony of his confinement.

ARMY REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE AT THE COUNTY FAIR

Lt. Col. Floyd, United States Army, writes Mr. F. W. Hancock, Jr., secretary of the Granville County Fair Association, as follows:

"We desire to send a member of our party to your fair, October 14-16, inclusive, to be of service to your patrons in giving information concerning the \$60.00 bonus due former soldiers, allotments, travel allowance, government insurance, Victory Buttons, and other matters of interest to ex-soldiers, their parents, relatives and friends."

GERMAN NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS SUFFER HEAVILY

Killed, Wounded and Missing of This Rank Number 778,560 Men.

Coblentz, Oct. 9.—Recent German statistical reports show that the number of non-commissioned officers killed, wounded and missing in the war amounted to a total of 778,560. Of these, 610,900 were Prussians, 79,600 were Bavarians, 55,390 were Saxons and 33,204 were from Wuertemberg. The total of the non-commissioned officers killed was 190,205 in approximately the same sectional proportion.

HON. CAMERON MORRISON

Will Speak At the Granville County Fair Next Tuesday.

The people of Granville county will have an opportunity of hearing Hon. Cameron Morrison, of Charlotte, speak at the Granville County Fair next Tuesday. He is one of the State's most brilliant sons.

CHIEF MARSHALL OUTLAW HUNT NAMES HIS AIDES

The Appointees Urged to Be In Oxford For the Formation at 10 O'clock Tuesday Morning

The rosettes to be worn may be had from Chief Marshall Hunt at the office of the Byrum Hunt Company on College street south of St. Stephen's church.

Town List.

Fred Parham, Marsie Parham, Chas. Powell, James Powell, Wm. Medford, Dorsey Renn, Ewing Smith, Lindsay Taylor, Kinnon Taylor, E. B. Howard, Crawford Cooper, B. S. Royster, Jr., Roy Royster, Jack Currin, Tom Woods, G. B. Phillips, R. M. Ray, W. L. Mitchell, Jno. Roy Watkins, B. P. Thorp, J. Robert Wood, W. H. Powell, John B. Mays, Jr., Loe E. Byrum, Francis Morton, L. A. Crews, Ernest Mitchell, Jack Capehart, W. N. Thomas, J. F. Veazey, R. T. Gregory, Dennis O'Brien, E. L. Knott, Ed. Gooch, Dick Gooch, Jesse Clement, Hubert Currin, Joe Badgett, Leland Averett, Stanley Averett.

County List.

W. L. Dorsey, Edwin Crews, Ernest Pruitt, John Dixon, Hobart Currin, D. G. Averett, F. A. Crews, R. H. Gooch, R. T. Gregory, M. S. Mays, W. L. Currin, W. A. Brinkley, Dennis O'Brien, W. N. Bobbitt, J. R. Gooch, Sam J. Rhora, B. W. Mangum, Lewis T. Thorpe, Jr., Steven L. Slaughter, Horace H. Hicks, Roy Shotwell, Arthur Lewis, Sam Fleming, Mack H. Bragg, O. G. Aiken, W. L. Lyon, Charlie O. Bryant, Ralph Currin, Will Suit, Boss Coley, Pink Beck, John Roycroft, Otis Aiken, Clarence Jones, O. L. Mangum, Harry Lyon, M. M. Campbell, G. D. Mangum, Carmel Mangum, Thomas and Claude Allen, Roy and Herbert Moss, Fred Moss, Garland Bullock, H. R. Saullyard, Hays Williford, L. W. Bullock, L. W. Currin, N. C. Morton, R. T. Thorpe, J. S. Currin.

SEVERAL CASES OF SMALL-POX IN GRANVILLE COUNTY

The Cooperation of All Good Citizens Desired By the Board of Health.

At a meeting of the county Board of Health held Monday October 6th, it was ordered that whenever a case of smallpox occurs in a school district all children of the district must be vaccinated before they are permitted to attend school.

There are a number of cases of this disease in the county and the only protection against it is vaccination. The Board of Health takes this means of warning the people of the county and in addition to the warning makes an urgent appeal to all people of the county to be vaccinated.

Vaccination not only protects the individual but it is an effective means of preventing a widespread epidemic. The larger percentage of the people who are successfully vaccinated, the smaller chance will there be for the spreading of the disease. It is the duty of every good citizen to use his influence to have as many people take this preventative as possible.

Up to the present time smallpox has been reported in three school districts. These are Oxford, Berea, and the Hobgood district west of Berea. All children in these districts must be vaccinated before entering school.

The attention of the Board of Health has been called to the violation of the ordinance against serving drinks in common drinking cups. This law has not been repealed and the serving of drinks of any kind, whether sold or given away, otherwise than in individual paper cups is a violation and warning is hereby given that a strict compliance with this law must be observed.

The cooperation of all good citizens is earnestly desired by the Board of Health in the effort to have a healthier citizenship for Granville county.

J. E. DAVIS, Chairman.
J. F. WEBB, Secretary.

THE SUGAR SHORTAGE.

The Coming Cuban Crop Will Prevent Famine.

A member of the sugar refiners' committee says that last month 60,000 tons more sugar were consumed than in the same month last year. Add to this that the war has decreased European production and you have the cause of the sugar shortage.

But though prices go up, there is no ground for despair. The coming Cuban crop will prevent famine, and sooner or later prices will be stabilized.

In the meantime let us cultivate a sweet disposition, for which no sugar is needed.

CONFEDERATES CAPTURE THE CITY OF ATLANTA

The Granville County Squad Having Big Time.

According to the newspaper reports Atlanta is entertaining the old soldiers of the South this week in fine style. There is something doing all the time and joy rides, amusements and refreshments are free.

The seventy-five veterans and sons who left Oxford last Tuesday for Atlanta are expected to return today.

REGARDING THE PROPOSED HIGH SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

Mr. Frank H. Curtiss, Playground Expert, Makes Statement.

The superintendent of schools has been in communication with several well known men in the playground world for some time and has been endeavoring to get first hand information regarding the proper steps to take in putting the program of playground equipment through that has been suggested by interested citizens.

On Thursday of last week Mr. Curtiss, of Raleigh, who has been in the work of planning and equipping playgrounds for a long time was in Oxford. He went over the six acre plot of ground belonging to the town as its school property. He made the following statement after this inspection of the location: "Oxford has the most natural location for a playground in the State and possibly in the South. She should feel very fortunate that such a wise step was taken in purchasing so much and such desirable land. Any college or city in the State would be more than glad to pay many times its cost to have just that location for its activities for physical development."

Mr. Curtiss is having the plans for the development of the playground plotted and blue prints will be made to show just what can and should be done to make this the Beauty Spot of the State. It is to be hoped that the people of Oxford will be ready to furnish the necessary funds to do this well. It will take around three or four thousand dollars to get the place in shape for work in the early spring. It will then be necessary to employ an expert in physical education who will teach his subject in the schools and carry on the general playground activities for the community.

The following is a section from a letter received recently from Mr. Carter, Executive Officer of the Child Welfare Bureau of the State:

"It is gratifying indeed to note your plans in providing amusement or recreation for the city of Oxford, in connection with your educational advantages. It is to be hoped that every part of your community life of boys and girls will be thoroughly organized and supervised and that the mind and body may be continuously engaged in some educational recreation or amusement exercise that will prevent them from falling in to temptations which finally lead to truancy or delinquency."

Some statements regarding this work will be made on Thursday night at the meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association.

G. B. PHILLIPS.

MR. FRANK GOOCH GOES TO INDIANA FOR BRIDE

The Fulfillment of Love's Young Romantic Dream.

Mr. Frank Gooch, son of Mr. John Gooch, left this week for Bedford, Indiana, where he was married Wednesday evening last to Miss Marguerite Huffines.

Mr. Gooch met his bride at Rocky Mount, N. C., where he held a position before the breaking out of the World War, and fell in love with her. He enlisted in the marines at the beginning of the world war and saw service in France. Durnig his stay in France, Miss Huffines moved with her family to Indiana. The correspondence was kept up, which served to steady the nerves of Mr. Gooch, who stood behind one of the largest American guns in Flanders and took deadly aim at the Huns.

The bride visited the groom's parents two years ago and made many friends during her short stay in Oxford. She is pretty and cultured.

Mr. and Mrs. Gooch are expected to reach Oxford tomorrow. They will make their home with Mr. and Mrs. John Gooch.

MONTHLY RECORD FOR NEW ROAD PROJECTS

An increase for August compared with July in the total mileage of Federal aid project statements approved by the Secretary of Agriculture is shown in the latest report prepared by the Bureau of Public Roads of the Department of Agriculture, the total for August being 1,246.92 miles as against 1,168.66 miles for July. The 125 project statements approved in August involved improvements at an estimated total cost of \$18,238,303.19 on which Federal aid in the amount of \$7,171,794.84 was requested. The 148 project statements approved in July involved improvements of highways at a total estimated cost of \$19,012,480.85, on which Federal aid to the amount of \$8,461,571.58 was requested.

TWELVE PAGES OF THE PUBLIC LEDGER TODAY

By close application, both day and night, the limited force of the Public Ledger was able to enlarge this issue to twelve pages. Printers are scarce and hard to get these days, and on that account we regret to say that we were unable to print several communications, news items and advertisements that were in hand, which will appear in our next issue.

We ask our readers to scan the advertisements in this paper carefully as they are just as interesting as reading matter and contain much solid advice.