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NEWS IN SHORT FORM
SINCE OUR LAST ISSUE.

—Macon H. Efrd, head of the Efrd chain stores, is dead at Albemarle from influenza.

—J. J. Lattimore, register of deeds of Cleveland county has tendered his resignation, giving as the reason that the salary was insufficient.

—It is said that William C. Hamner, federal attorney and Walter H. Brock will be candidates for congress in the seventh district.

—Notwithstanding the recent activity of the officers, both federal and state, it is said that the stills in the western section of the state are on the increase.

—Representatives of the trade organizations of Hicory, Morganton and Marion have endorsed the proposed \$50,000,000 for hard surfaced highways in this state.

—Mr. Kooch Ross, farmer and butcher, living near Henderson, was killed in an automobile accident about three miles from Raleigh on the Wake Forest road Tuesday night.

—Lieutenant Funck, an Austrian who during the war was employed in a bank in Paris, and reported to the Germans points at which shells of their long range guns fell, was executed Monday.

—Despite a hail, sleet and wind storm, President Wilson spent some time Wednesday on the south p. r. of the White House. He apparently had recovered from the effects of the slight cold he contracted several days ago.

—For the first time in history, women are included in the annual assay commission appointed by Secretary Glass to meet the weight and fineness of the coins reserved by the mints of the United States during 1919 for testing purposes.

—Sherman L. Lowell, president of the National Grange, in a statement given out in Pittsburgh, said that the farmers of the country believed that the only way to reduce the cost of living was in greater production, and they are said to believe that the 44-hour week would never support even America.

—Wilmington is to have an insect powder factory, chartered under the name of the Shepherd Chemical company. The capital stock is \$125,000, and E. C. Dickinson and others are the incorporators. Among other things, the new company will make concoctions to slay flies and other pestiferous insects.

—In addition to a ready published list of those who will be demanded from Germany by the allies on charges of violations of the laws of war, Paris Matin says Belgium will ask for Dr. Theobald von Bethmann-Hollweg, former imperial German chancellor while England will demand Admiral von Tirpitz, former general secretary of marine; Admiral Reinhardt von Scheer, former chief of the German admiralty staff, and commander of the German fleet in the battle of Jutland, and Prince Oscar, of Prussia, fifth son of former Emperor William.

NEW USE FOR PLUG TOBACCO
Use It on the Windshield of Your Car.

The film of moisture which collects on the windshield of a car in a rain is a source of danger to the motorist, for it obscures his view to such an extent that he can hardly see where he is going.

It is quite useless to remove this water with a cloth, for more will replace it almost immediately.

A simple way to overcome this difficulty is to wipe the cut end of a plug of tobacco over the windshield after the film has collected thereon. All the coloring matter is washed off and a transparent coating of glycerine-like matter remains on the glass. It is impossible for moisture to stick to this, so the glass is kept perfectly clear during the rain, without further attention.

FLAG FOR EACH SOLDIER'S GRAVE IN FRANCE

To Be Displayed On Memorial Day This Year.

This notice was issued by the war department Wednesday:

"One American flag for each soldier grave in the A. E. F., and large ones for each cemetery have been ordered by Colonel Rethers, of the American graves registration service in Europe. These flags are to be forwarded for display, commencing Memorial day of this year, at all cemeteries in France. Eighty flags of large size known as hoist flags have been ordered for the large cemeteries in France, and 350 known as strom size have been ordered for the smaller ones, 80,500 flags 8 inches by 12 inches have been ordered for decorating the individual graves of American soldiers who lie buried in Europe."

HOLIDAYS IN FEBRUARY

February is the shortest month in the year, but it is loaded with holidays:

February 12—Lincoln's Birthday.
February 14—St. Valentine Day.
February 22—Washington's Birthday.

—Governor Thomas W. Bickett has endorsed the candidacy of Herbert Hoover for president. The governor considers Mr. Hoover a good democrat.

THREE SCHOOL DISTRICTS WILL HOLD SPECIAL ELECTION MARCH 10, 1920

New Road In Northern Granville To Be Built—Several New Supervisors Appointed.

The Board of County Commissioners met on last Monday, with the following members present: Messrs. J. Ennis Davis, Chairman; B. I. Breedlove, W. E. Cannady.

Outside Pauper List

The following were placed on the outside pauper list: Roan Hicks, Lona Wilkerson, Ann Wilkerson, Anderson and Lena Clement, who were on the outside list were allowed an increase of \$100 per month. Liza Garrett and Mary Rogers were also placed on the outside list.

New Road In Oak Hill

S. H. Williams and others, of Oak Hill township, were granted a road, known as the Bumpass road, leading into the Goshen road near Rubert Laws, there being no cast to the county for right-of-way.

New Supervisors

Messrs. H. S. Hart and J. S. Watkins, supervisors for Oak Hill township having resigned, the board appointed Messrs. G. W. Hart and W. F. Royster to the important office. Dr. W. L. Taylor and Harry were appointed supervisors for Sassafras Fork to fill the position made vacant by the resignation of R. T. Gregory and John G. Morton. Charles Gordon was appointed supervisor for Fishing Creek in place of A. D. Pills, resigned.

Fire Truck

The motion to donate \$100 to the truck Colored Fire Company for a fire truck was carried.

Error In List

The clerk of the board was ordered to list Mr. I. J. Morgan's lot at Creedmoor at single rate. The list taker omitted the lot through mistake.

Elections Ordered

There was an election ordered to be held in special district No. 4 in Oak Hill township to ascertain the rights of the people as to a special school tax of 15 cents on the \$100 of property and 45 cents on the poll, the election to be held at the residence of C. A. Stovall March 10, 1920. Registrar, C. A. Stovall; pollholders, W. F. Royster and W. P. Marrow.

Stem School District

It was ordered that an election be held in Stem School district to ascertain the wishes of the people in regard to a school bond issue for \$25,000, to be held March 10, 1920. Registrar, A. M. Daniel; pollholders, H. P. Webb and J. H. Goch.

Creedmoor School District

It was ordered that an election be held in Creedmoor school district to ascertain the wishes of the people as to \$15,000 school bond issue. Registrar, J. M. McDuffie; pollholders, B. O. Winston, R. H. Bullock. Election to be held March 10, 1920. The Janitor

Robert Hunt, the faithful Janitor, was only getting \$50 per month for full time. The board increased the salary to \$60 per month.

Dangerous Crossing

The clerk of the board was ordered to instruct the county attorney to take up the question with the Southern Railway Company of filling in on both sides of the railway at the Alexander Avenue crossing.

BIG MEETING IN RALEIGH NEXT TUESDAY

Raleigh, N. C., February 7.—Every interest in North Carolina, home, club, farm, factory, and shop will be represented at a meeting called by Henry A. Page, North Carolina Fair Price Commissioner, to be held in the Hall of the House of Representatives at 8 p. m., February 10, when speakers from the Department of Justice, Washington, will be present.

Mrs. W. O. Wade and Mr. J. G. Weatherly, representing the Department, will have something to say which, Mr. Page and the Department of Justice think, will be of considerable importance to North Carolina. Thus far, only a few prosecutions under the new laws have been started for profiteering. This meeting by itself, from high prices, and the reduction of the cost of living from looks to the protection of the public, within as well as from without.

Invitations to the meeting have been sent to labor organizations, Farm Demonstration Agents, Farmers Unions, Merchants Associations, Home Demonstration Agents, and Women's Clubs and various Patriotic organizations.

The night session will follow an afternoon meeting when the women will be addressed by Mrs. Wade.

UNITED STATES ARMY SCHOOL CONTEST OPEN

Much interest is manifested in the United States Army school contest which will be opened Feb. 20 under the auspices of the War Department at the Walter Reed Hospital, Washington.

In addition to three beautiful silver cups, there are three other prizes including a trip to Washington and return to successful winners. Upon application the recruiting officer at Greensboro will mail full particulars of contest.

—The North Carolina State Militia association will meet in Greensboro next Thursday the 13th.

Mr. W. E. DORSEY CALLED TO HIS BLESSED REWARD

The Interment Will Be In Elmwood Cemetery This Afternoon.

Mr. W. E. Dorsey, one of the leading farmers of the county and a fine citizen, died at his home three miles east of Oxford early Wednesday morning. The cause of his death was pneumonia.

Deceased is a son of Mr. Howard Dorsey and is survived by his father, mother, and one sister, Mrs. Bessie Dulick, of Brooklyn; John Dorsey, of Georgia, and George, Frank and Charlie of the county, and also by his devoted wife and six children.

Sickness visited Mr. Dorsey's home ten days ago and by one of the family were taken down. The father was one of the first to take the flu, which speedily developed into pneumonia, from which medical skill and nursing was of no avail. Three of the children are now very sick.

Complete arrangements for the funeral and burial have not been announced, but it is thought that the funeral will be held from the residence this afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by Dr. Harte, the beloved pastor of the deceased, assisted by Rev. G. T. Tunstall. The interment will follow at Elmwood Cemetery.

WHISKEY COULD BE USED TO GOOD ADVANTAGE

There Is None In Oxford To Be Had.

A number of people here whose loved one are at the point of death, are leaving no stone unturned to alleviate their suffering. They pass from drug store to drug store and beg for a spoonful of whiskey, but there is not a spoonful to be had; they implore the sheriff and other county and city officers for a few drops, but none is to be had.

Practically all of the doctors here admit that they could use a limited supply of whiskey to good advantage during the present epidemic. No one here seems to be advised as to when the whiskey under the new ruling will reach Oxford and be properly distributed. Mr. John G. Hall, the druggist, told the Public Ledger that he is trying to get into communication with the proper State and federal officers, but has not as yet been able to accomplish anything.

The new ruling permits of one quart for 10 days, and no doctor or doctors may provide any single individual with more than that. On wine which may be prescribed for the sick alone, no limitation is placed on the amount the doctor may see fit to supply, but he is placed on the honor system, being duly bound to confine the amount he believes the patient actually requires. Only qualified doctors and druggists are permitted to handle prescriptions, and the permit may be obtained from the Federal Prohibition Director. Each doctor qualified may keep as much as six quarts of distilled spirits, wines or certain alcoholic preparations during any calendar year for use in emergency cases where delay in procuring liquor on a prescription might have serious consequences to the patient.

GEN. B. S. ROYSTER HAS A LIGHT CASE OF FLU

Gen. B. S. Royster retired to his home this week with a slight touch of the flu. The Public Ledger learns that Gen. Royster's condition is not serious, but that absolute rest for a few days is necessary. In the meantime Capt. B. S. Royster, Jr., law partner of the General, is looking after the affairs of the office.

SENATOR VANCES WALKING STICK AND EYEGLASSES

Back in the days when Zeb Vance was young and handsome, he delivered his famous lecture, "The Scattered Nation," to large audiences throughout the United States. We remember that the Hebrews of Wilmington were so thoroughly delighted with his lecture that they gave him a \$500 gold-headed walking stick. On the same night that the cane was presented to Vance, it was stolen from him on the train between Wilmington and Richmond. Eight years later the cane was found in a Jew pawn shop on Chatham street, New York City.

Sad enough, but still sadder is the fact that some one has a pair of eyeglasses which Senator Vance, in bronze, has been holding in his iron grasp since the unavailing in the Capitol Square at Raleigh in 1900.

Persons entering the Capitol Square this week noticed that the glasses were missing and an effort was made to locate them around the base of the statue, but to no avail.

The eyeglasses were in bronze and were held in the right hand of the statue, which is extended as though the senator were making a speech.

FIFTY CASES OF FLU AT THE OXFORD ORPHANAGE

The Management Has the Situation Well In Hand.

Flu in a mild form broke out at the Oxford Orphanage this week with 51 cases reported up to Thursday evening.

The flu had a run of several weeks at the Orphanage last year, with two or three deaths. The management is better prepared to handle it this year than last. None of the children who had the flu last year have contracted it this year.

COURT NOTICE

On Account of Sickness in the County the Following Notice Is Given.

All Jurors summoned for the first week of our February Term of Court, which is the 9th, are hereby notified that they are excused from service as Jurors for that week.

The Jurors for the second week will be present as summoned, unless notified to the contrary.

All Defendants under Bond will appear according to their bonds.

D. C. HUNT
Clerk of the Superior Court.

IMPROVEMENT NOTED IN THE INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC HERE

Our local doctors express the belief that the influenza epidemic has reached the top in Granville, but the large number of pneumonia cases throughout the county is causing them deep concern.

Traced to Richmond

The origin of the present epidemic has been traced by health authorities to Richmond, says the State Board of Health. It was brought first to Fuquay Springs, and from there has spread over practically the entire State. It appeared in Fuquay Springs about three weeks ago. The disease spread rapidly westward and is particularly violent in the western part of the State. Communities that suffered most severely in the epidemic of 1918 have suffered less this year and physicians believe that there is an immunity to be gained in having the disease once.

Only Few Deaths Reported

Relatively few deaths have been reported thus far in the epidemic, but with the increase of pneumonia that is expected for the next few days, the death rate will probably increase also. Influenza itself is not regarded as so serious as it was last year, but the possibility of pneumonia following influenza seems in no way reduced.

LETTER FROM THE CAPITOL OF TALLY HO

—Mr. R. E. Crymes, of Richmond, is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Crymes.

—Mr. W. E. Meadows, of Oxford Route C, is on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Overby, Washington City.

—L. C. Jones, buyer for Roberts and Fowler of Stem has returned from the northern markets.

—A son was born in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Lee near Hester last week.

—W. I. Wheelery, wheelwright, who recently moved here from Hurdle Mills, is adding another room to his shop and will shortly be open for business.

—Mr. T. T. Jordan, the ministerial student who visited friends in this community last summer, is seriously ill in Rex hospital, Raleigh, as a result of bruises sustained in an auto accident near Raleigh recently.

—We are indeed glad to note that Mrs. Elijah Daniel, who has been very ill for several weeks at Watts Hospital has improved in health and is now spending some time with her mother, Mrs. D. E. Harris, of Stem.

—Mr. J. B. Mayer, of Oxford, was a visitor in our town a few days ago. He is greatly missed from our community and we would be glad to have him return to Stem to live. His elegant residence, with water works and all necessary conveniences, is unoccupied.

—Talk of smallpox has subsided to some extent, but the flu has taken its place. The entire family of Mr. W. S. Goch, excepting Mr. Goch himself, are in bed. Mr. Roy Walters is the latest victim of the disease, which is spreading rapidly in this community.

—Last Friday afternoon, Sheriff Hunt, Deputies W. H. Whitaker and C. W. Davis made a raid again in the neighborhood of Knap of Reeds, this time on Veasey Ridge. When they arrived at the suspected place they found a furnace built and about 500 gallons of beer ready for distilling. The still had not been brought to the place, the officers arriving just a few hours too soon. They had not been long on the spot when two men approached in the underbrush and came very near before they caught a glimpse of the officers, when they ran at a rapid speed. The beer was poured out and the only regret of Sheriff Hunt and his deputies is that they did not wait until later in the day.

ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL WEEK

The Subject For Debate This Year Is Restricted Immigration.

Chapel Hill, N. C., Feb. 5.—Announcement has been made at the University of North Carolina that the annual High School Week will be held this year at Chapel Hill, April 20-24. At this time several hundred high school girls and boys are expected to be in Chapel Hill to participate in and attend the final contest in the high school debate, the inter-scholastic track meet, and the inter-scholastic tennis tournament.

The final debate all over the State will be held toward the end of March. Each school will have two teams, one affirmative and one negative, and those schools winning both debates will send their debaters to Chapel Hill for the final elimination contest and the championship debate for the Aycock Memorial Cup. The subject this year is restricted immigration.

MR. MEREDITH OFFERS SOLUTION IN FIGHT ON SWATTING H. C. L.

In Remarks Made Upon Taking Oath of Office As Secretary of Agriculture—All Lines of Industry Should Speed Up Production—Exact Reasonable Profits—The Farmers Ask That Industry Make An Effort to Save Labor Expense in Work Done By Hand.

(Associated Press)

Elimination of useless employees in non-productive business, the speeding up of all lines of industry commensurate with the present activity of the farmers, and determination of retailers and jobbers to exact only a reasonable profit were recommended as a solution for the high cost of living problem of Edwin T. Meredith on taking the oath of office Monday as Secretary of Agriculture.

The high cost of living problem, the new Secretary asserted, cannot be solved through the efforts of one class, but all business and all labor must recognize the solution as a common duty or "less and less will there be of farm produce to divide among the whole people and high and higher will go the prices of that which is produced."

Problem Mutual One

"The farmers of America" said Secretary Meredith, "are willing to assume their part of the responsibilities as American citizens in meeting any problem threatening the welfare and stability of our country but this high cost of living problem is a mutual one, and they ask that it be approached by all the people as a common problem. They ask that those engaged in distribution eliminate the lost motion and not put so great a burden upon production as there is upon it today. 'In other words, they ask that there is an adequate number of producers of wealth, and this includes property and food of all kinds, and only such members of distributors as is necessary to perform the service required. They ask that the banks, railroads, wholesale houses, retail establishments, factories, all of which are vitally necessary to the farmer and recognized by him as such, be speeded up along with him, that the work now done by three men may be done, if possible, by two, and the burden of transportation and distribution be thereby lightened."

Invites Labor's Help

"The farmers ask that the laborers in the mines, factory and the mills who are also real producers along with the farmers, make an effort comparable to his to see there is just as little labor expense as possible in each article turned out by their hands, thereby helping the farmers of America who in turn will help the laborer. Given this and the manufacturers, jobbers and retailers taking a reasonable profit and recognizing the harm that must ultimately come from profiteering upon the farmer, the question of the high cost of living will largely solve itself to the permanent good of all concerned."

IMPORTANT TO PLACE FERTILIZER ORDERS NOW

Proper Fertilization Is an Important Matter This Year, It is Urged.

An important matter to which fertilizer manufacturers and others are calling attention at this time is that farmers should place their orders for fertilizers at an early date, if they expect to obtain all needed for this year's crop. There is a shortage of a good many of the carriers of plant food, due to several causes. This shortage is particularly applicable to acid phosphate, an account of the strikes in the phosphate fields, and the inability of the railroad companies to furnish cars to move the material. Most of the fertilizer companies are now from two to three months behind in manufacturing and filling orders. The suggestion they make, therefore, is that all orders should come forward as quickly as possible.

THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION HALL AT SAN FRANCISCO

Large Enough To Accommodate Ten Thousand People.

The main hall of the Exposition Memorial auditorium at San Francisco, where the National Democratic convention will be held June 28th, will accommodate about 10,000 persons. Forty-five hundred can be seated on the floor of the hall, 4,416 in the balcony and there will be standing room for 1,500 others.

HON. A. B. KIMBALL IS A VERY SICK MAN

He Is Spending Some Time At The Kimball Farm.

Hon. A. B. Kimball, of Greensboro, who has been in declining health for some time, arrived at the Kimball farm near Providence this week. He came direct from a hospital in Baltimore and it is hoped that the mild atmosphere at the farm will prove beneficial.

FLU CLOSSES CHURCHES AT ENON AND HESTER

By advice of the State and local health officers there will be no services at Hester and Enon on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 7th and 8th.

G. T. TUNSTALL

AN ODD CHARACTER TWENTY YEARS AGO

An odd character in Granville County some years ago was Bella Boon, wife of William Boon. They were colored people and lived in Tally Ho. According to Sheriff Hunt, who knew Bella, she was very active all the days of her life and died at the age 103.

Bella often made trips to Oxford. Before leaving home she would always place a bundle upon her head, and with knitting needles in hand she started on the journey of ten miles to town. She always made it a rule to knit one sock on the trip to town and one on the return trip home.

Bella did the family washing for several white people in her neighborhood, said Sheriff Hunt, and never charged more than 25 cents for a full days work.

Bella often remarked that if work would take people to heaven she "was gwine to get thar."

200 PER CENT INCREASE IN SOME FOODS IS SHOWN

Bacon and Ham Lead Meats, With Bread, Butter, Eggs and Everything Else Up.

Increase of from 50 to 200 per cent in retail prices of the principal food products of the country and from 70 to more than 200 per cent in wholesale during the last six years, are shown in figures issued by the bureau of labor statistics.

Taking the year 1913 as the normal year for basing comparative prices, the bureau shows that by December 1919 retail prices of meats had advanced from 50 to 80 per cent over the average for 1913. Bacon and ham led meat prices with increases of 86 per cent each and pork chops stood second with an advance of 81 per cent. Butter rose 104 per cent, eggs 161 per cent, hens 84 per cent and lard 121 per cent.

Wholesale clothing prices, according to the bureau's figures, showed an increase of 235 per cent last December over 1913 levels and house furnishings went up 203 per cent. An advance of 134 per cent in food as a commodity was shown while farm products rose 144 per cent. Lumber and building materials climbed 153 per cent in the six years while the average of all the commodities tabulated rose 133 per cent.

FARMERS DISSATISFIED WITH COUNTRY LIFE

Inability to Secure Labor Is the Chief Cause.

Indications of a widespread spirit of unrest and dissatisfaction among the farmers of the country, so threatening as likely to disturb the existing economic structure, is considered by government officials to be revealed in more than 40,000 replies to a questionnaire recently sent out by the postoffice department.

The views of the 40,000 or more farmers were obtained by the board-casting of 200,000 copies of a questionnaire throughout the agricultural States asking for suggestions where-aid in cutting down the cost of living. The major complaints of the farmers seem to be:

Inability to obtain labor to work the farms, hired help and the farmers' children having been lured to the city by higher wages and easier living.

High profits taken by middlemen for the mere handling of food products.

Lack of proper agencies of contact between the farmer and the ultimate consumer.

Probably 50 per cent of the replies indicate that the writers contemplate either leaving their farms or curtailing acreage under cultivation because of one or more of the three major grievances and because of the growing feeling against non-producing city dwellers.

1918 DEATH RATE THE HIGHEST EVER

Influenza Death Rate Was More Than 284 Per 100,000—Total of 380,996 Occurred in Last Four Months.

(Washington Special)

The death rate in the United States for 1918 was the highest on record, according to the Census Bureau's annual mortality rate, which show 1,471,367 deaths for the year, representing a rate of 18 per 1,000 of population in death registration area of thirty states and twenty-seven cities, with a total estimated population of 81,868,104.

Of the total deaths, 477,467, or over 32 per cent, were due to influenza and pneumonia. 380,996 having occurred in the last four months of the year, when an epidemic of these diseases prevailed. The rate of influenza and pneumonia was 553.2 per 1,000. Influenza caused 244,681 deaths, and pneumonia 232,786, showing rates of 289.9 and 284.3 per 100,000, respectively the highest rates which ever have appeared for these causes.

Recruiting Officer Here

Sergt. Walter E. Mitchner, of the United States Army recruiting station at Greensboro, is in Oxford a few days in the interest of recruiting. He will be found at the postoffice.