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GREAT AMOUNT OF RELIEF SERVICE RENDERED HERE

Committee Wants \$200 More to Meet Bills.

The people of Oxford and Granville County are just now finishing their second campaign against the influenza. As compared with other sections our people have been very fortunate. A great amount of relief service has been rendered by our people without cost to the committee, but it has been necessary to buy provisions, fuel and other supplies and to hire a force of nurses for work in many families. Trained graduate nurses could not be secured, but a number of colored women were employed and rendered faithful and satisfactory services.

\$200 has been contributed to the Special Fund, but the Committee finds it necessary to ask our people to come forward at once with \$200 more to meet our bills and finish up this work. Mr. W. T. Yancey is the Treasurer of this Fund and he needs \$200 by March 10th.

That our people may understand that this money has been expended wisely, we publish below a list of Chairman of Committees on Relief, the names themselves are a sufficient guarantee of the sort of services that has been rendered.

General Chairman—A. H. Powell.
Chairman Food Committee—Mrs. A. L. Capehart.
Nursing Committee—Mrs. F. B. Blalock and Prof. Butts.
Fuel Committee—B. W. Parham.
Transportation Committee—John R. Hall and W. W. Fuller.
Intelligence Committee—Mrs. John Bullock, Mrs. L. F. Pitchford, Mrs. D. G. Brummitt, Miss Isabel Parham, Mrs. John Webb.
General Intelligence Committee—Rev. R. C. Havers, S. R. Oglesby, F. H. T. Crossfield, and J. D. Harte.
General Secretary—Mrs. Graham Roberts.

Finally let it be understood that this is a special community service, and the community has no way of financing this important work except by an immediate and generous response by our people in providing a special fund to pay the bills. Send all contributions to Mr. W. T. Yancey, Treasurer.

WOMENS OF SPRING APPEAR

Pussywillow and Skunk Cabbage Are Herbingers.

Spring can not be far off. In the southland when the New York Herald, one of the best weather charts in the country, contains the following reference to the suburbs of Manhattan:

"If today you wandered countryward, the message of those two trusty prognosticators was doubtless delivered to you in person, for they shouted their glad tidings from woods and open fields.

"Salix discolor, to give him his full name, was known to you in the pleasant days of youth as 'pussywillow.' The little bumps on the hard, woody stem, which later will burst and reveal the soft, silvery fur of the catskin, were swelling with the first impulse of spring.

"And in the woods appeared the pussywillow's brother prophet of soft breezes and warm skies, the homely skunk cabbage, one of whose hard, scientific names is 'simplocarpus profillum.' He is never welcome to those afflicted with hay fever, for to them he means the recurrence of the annual plague of sneezing. But to all others the skunk cabbage speaks eloquently of springtime and the breaking up on the long bonds of snow and ice.

"They're here, pussywillow and skunk cabbage, and now our spring attuned ears are waiting for the cherry note of the first robin red-breast."

There may be specimens of pussywillow and skunk cabbage in Granville County, but they are known here by some other name. If it was a flower the Herald refers to, Mrs. Margaret Lassiter might be able to enlighten the public.

TO PUNISH VIOLATORS

Wholesale Arrest of Those Who Spit in Public Expected.

Wholesale arrest of those who violate the law prohibiting spitting will be made by the Oxford police.

It is understood that Mayor Stem is determined to enforce the ordinance protecting public health.

And it is well to remember that the trash cans at convenient places in the business section are Mayor Stem's most treasured assets. Nothing would please him better than to see the merchants use the cans instead of throwing paper and trash on the streets.

WHO WANTS A HUSBAND?

Young, strong man, has no bad habits and will eat anything, also corn bread. Guaranteed to be kind and loving and to stay home at night. No limit as to age, size or previous condition of marital servitude; man willing to go before altar and swear away his whole life. Reasons strictly personal. Will be on exhibition at the Orpheum Theatre, Oxford, Tuesday night, March 2, about 7:15 o'clock. Girls, be sure to meet your future soul mate. He will appear twice before the public and he is in earnest about securing a wife. Now is the chance of your life time. Don't forget the date, Tuesday March 2, as he will appear only for one day.

EVANGELISTIC SERVICES WILL BEGIN NEXT SUNDAY

Rev. Thurston B. Price and Prof. J. Dale Stentz

There is much interest in the coming evangelistic services which are to begin next Sunday. On account of the methods employed by Rev. Mr. Price and the wide experience of Mr. Stentz as a chorus director, Oxford and Granville County are to be congratulated over the prospect of the coming of these efficient workers. Details regarding the services will be given in our next issue.

STRANGE THINGS WILL HAPPEN

Governor Lowden, of Illinois, is wearing his old overcoat as part of the campaign against high prices. His wife says the coat he is now wearing is three years old.

Beans measuring 37 inches in length, from 10 to 16 inches in circumference and weighing from six to 12 pounds, have been raised by Jesse Peckinpaugh on his farm near Pueblo Colorado.

The house cat promises to become a profitable fur-bearing animal. The pelts of the best domesticated felines brought \$1.24 each at New York this week at the annual fur auction of the New York Auction Sales Corporation. This is an advance of 30 per cent over October prices.

During a recent snowstorm the famous tree named "El Butini" in the garden of Gethsemane, was blown down. According to tradition this tree would fall when the Turkish empire fell. Twice it was bound with iron braces to support it. The occurrence has impressed the population.

In these days of high cost of clothes, being a maid to Queen Mary is no sinecure. The maids, never of lower rank than granddaughters of barons, received \$1,050 annually the title of "honorable" and a badge miniature of Her Majesty, surrounded by diamonds. The maids of honor serve in pairs for a month at a time. Two have just retired through ill health.

Few days ago the sheriff of Davidson county captured a lot of mean corn whiskey, the brand known as "sugar head," and as it wasn't very palatable to the taste he poured about a gallon of it in the radiator of his automobile to prevent the water from freezing. The sheriff stated that the next morning the radiator was frozen up tighter than it had ever before.

The Republican Congressional standard-bearer for the 10th district, an ardent supporter of woman suffrage, will have to face a woman speaker on the stump if he accepts the challenge to be made to him by Mrs. Robert Platt, of Asheville, one of the prime movers in the equal suffrage cause in this State. She says she will take the stump at her own expense for Congressman Weaver.

Resolutions favoring the standardization of dress for business women to combat the high cost of living were adopted at Columbus, O., by the board of directors of the National Woman's Association of Commerce in a midwinter conference there. The board favored great cooperation on the part of all women toward establishment of an academy of art and design which will enable American designers to become nationally successful without going to Paris for training and which will promote the use of American designs exclusively by American women.

The famous Osler theory regarding the age boundry of usefulness is being shattered daily in Ohio. The various county poor houses bid fair to become manless institutions, for the old men are becoming imbued with "young ideas," and are stepping forth into well-paying jobs. Numerous old men who had retired long ago to the privacy of their homes have learned that the world is welcoming them back and that it has discovered that there is no such thing as a "has been." In short, there is work and there is fun in the world for the Ohio old man, co-called. Probably 500 of these have resumed work, which is at least some slight relief in the shortage of manpower.

MANAGER LEE GOOCH GOES TO RICHMOND

Richmond Baseball Team Is In Fine Shape.

Capt. Lee Gooch, the Oxford baseball star who was recently chosen manager of the Richmond team, has gone to Richmond to get his men in good shape for the contest which will begin in April.

Capt. Gooch said that he was successful in getting good men to sign up for the season, with only two vacancies to be filled. The team will be trained in Richmond and Capt. Gooch will have his men on the ground four hours every day for the next five weeks.

The Virginia league is composed of Richmond, Lynchburg, Petersburg, Alexandria, Norfolk and Rocky Mount, N. C. teams.

RAILROADS NOW IN CONTROL OF OWNERS

In Proclamation, President Wilson Vests in Director General Hines Virtually All Powers Conferred Upon President by the Bill—Text of Wilson's Reply to Recent Request of Brotherhoods is Made Public. Says Consideration of Wage Demands Should Proceed in Harmony With Bill Passed.

President Wilson signed the railroad bill Saturday night, on the eve of the return of the railroads to their owners and to private operation.

In a proclamation issued at the time the bill was signed, Mr. Wilson vested in Walker D. Hines, director general of railroads, virtually all powers conferred upon the executive by the bill. Mr. Hines will also continue to exercise the duties of director general which continues beyond the return of the roads to private control at 12:01 Sunday mid-night.

The white house also made public the text of the President's reply to a recent request of representatives of the railroad brotherhoods composed equally of employers' and employees' delegates to consider wage demands made by the brotherhoods. It deals wholly with the wage demand settlement proposals and does not refer directly to the memorial later presented by the brotherhood heads asking that he veto the railroad bill.

MENTION VANDERFORD AND WATTS FOR ROPER'S JOB

A Washington special says that the resignation of Daniel C. Roper as commissioner of internal revenue has been followed by reports that several North Carolinians are out for the job. It was formerly held by Col. W. H. Osborn, of Greensboro.

Thos. H. Vanderford, of Salisbury, Director of the Census Rogers and former Collector A. D. Watts are the most prominently mentioned for the place.

Mr. Roper has signified his intention of resigning but will remain until April 1 or longer until another is found for the job.

GRANVILLE COUNTY NOT HURT BY HIGHWAY ORDER

Work on the Oxford-Henderson Road Will Be Pushed to Completion.

Mr. Page, chairman of the State Highway Commission, says that our State, which secured an appointment of \$6,000,000 of the Federal funds, has used up that money on accepted projects and that other road schemes will have to be held in abeyance waiting the pleasure of Congress to legislate for continuation of road work by States under the Government plans.

This will in no way hinder the completion of the Oxford-Henderson highway or any other road projects under way.

SCHOOL CHILDREN HERE MAY WIN CASH PRIZES

War Loan Organization Offers Five in State for Best Original Thrift Posters—Contest Now Open.

Every child in Oxford is invited to try for one of the prizes offered in North Carolina for the best original thrift posters made by school children.

Two first prizes of \$5 each, two second prizes of \$2.50 each, and two third prizes of \$1 each are offered in this state. Prize winners will also receive personal letters of congratulation signed by the director of the district war loan organization and by the governor of the reserve bank of the fifth federal reserve district.

Printed rules governing the contest have been sent to the principals and teachers. Those who have not received them, or who wish additional copies, may get them, it is announced by writing to the war loan organization, at Richmond Va.

COUNTY REPUBLICANS GATHER

Harmonious Meeting Held in the Court House Monday—Judge Pritchard Endorsed for President.

Quite a number of Republicans met in the court house yesterday to elect delegates to the State convention which meets in Greensboro tomorrow.

Dr. G. T. Sikes, the county chairman being detained by sick patients, Mr. J. H. Gooch, of Stem, presided over the meeting, with Mr. R. H. Rogers, of Creedmoor as secretary.

The following delegates to the State convention were elected: J. H. Gooch, W. L. Peace, J. Ed Duncan, R. T. Pittard, J. T. Cozart, N. J. McDuffy, H. C. Gill.

The delegates were instructed to vote for Hon. Jeter C. Pritchard for President of the United States; Hon. John M. Morehead, National Committee-man; Frank Linney, State Chairman, and Hon. J. J. Parker for Governor.

MORE THAN TWO THOUSAND DESERTIONS IN THIS STATE

The war department authorizes publication of the following report concerning desertions under the selective draft in North Carolina: Total registration 482,463; total reported, 6,113; accounted for as deserters, 293; net reported desertions, 5,821; apprehended or cases disposed of, 3,754, and outstanding desertions, 2,067.

A THRILLING ROMANCE OF THE WORLD WAR

It is Rumored That Mr. Lewis Crews Will Wed French Lady—The Event To Take Place In Paris This Fall.

Former Sergt. Lewis Crews, who lingered along the Rhine a few months after the armistice was signed, has rolled up his sleeves and will raise a \$15,000 crop of tobacco and other things in proportion this summer.

The fact that Lewis is receiving some very fat letters from "over there" confirms the report that he is to wed a French lady next fall. The letters are in feminine handwriting and bear the Paris postmark.

Mr. Crews has confided to a number of friends that he proposes to take a trip to Paris next fall. He also asked Mr. Henry Osborn, of the new Harris-Mitchell clothing firm, if his firm would handle full dress suits.

Madame rumor says that if you add two and two together there is sure to be a wedding. This points very strongly to the attitude of Mr. Crews.

The Public Ledger asked Mr. Crews if there was anything in the report and assured him that the good people here would extend a hearty welcome to his handsome French bride. He would neither deny or confirm the report, but incidentally remarked that "she is a high-stepper and handsome alright."

"High-stepper" in France means noble birth, influence and wealth. She was one of the noble band of Red Cross workers and met Mr. Crews for the first time in a hospital, where he was taken when wounded the third time.

WARM HEARTS AND HANDS

All of the Oxford Churches Were Well Attended Last Sunday.

Influenza having subsided and the closing ban lifted last week, all of the Oxford Churches were well filled last Sunday.

Guided by the injunction of Dr. J. A. Morris, our health officer, that there is yet danger while large numbers are gathered, a few people in the community did not venture to the house of God.

The churches were well ventilated and heated, and the devout members bid implicit faith in God's power to keep them from the ravages of influenza.

After a close down of several weeks, there were never warmer hearts and hands than those that mingled in the congregations of the Oxford Churches last Sunday. The general expression was: "How do you do, brother; it seems like an age since I last saw you here; may God bless you."

"I believe," said an old devout sister, "that God sent the flu to bring the people to their senses." Continuing she said "I have never seen in all of my life so much brotherly love and a spirit of helpfulness and forgiveness as has been manifested in Oxford since the scourge was visited upon us."

MR. I. W. MANGUM BUYS GOLDSBORO WAREHOUSE

A deal that has been under way for several weeks was consummated Saturday, Mr. I. W. Mangum, proprietor of the Mangum warehouse, going to Goldsboro to close the deal. The big Liberty warehouse at Goldsboro was the property involved in the transaction, for which Mr. Mangum paid between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

It is a pleasure to know that Mr. Mangum has no intention of leaving Oxford. The Goldsboro warehouse will be conducted by his brother, Mr. D. L. Mangum, who is well known on the Eastern Carolina markets.

LT. RUNSER IS HERE

Made Several Flights Tuesday—Free Exhibition Wednesday.

Lt. Runser arrived here with his flying machine Tuesday and made several flights from the aviation field at the Experiment Station.

A lady will accompany Lt. Runser up Wednesday and do all kinds of acrobatic stunts.

Runser will be here the balance of the week. He has booked forty people for flights to date.

Among those who made flights with Lt. Runser Tuesday were: Miss Janie Hunt, Mrs. J. C. Currin, Mr. A. L. Capehart, Mr. C. Runk, Mr. H. Hubert Turner, Mr. Pritchard and others.

MARCH COMES IN LIKE A LION—OUT LIKE A LAMB

Past January and February Colder Than Normal—Warmer Weather for the Next Few Days.

"In like a lion and out like a lamb." At any rate, March comes in like a lion, with only the going out like a lamb needed to complete the prediction.

The weather bureau at Washington predicts a gradual rise in temperature during the next few days. The mean temperature for February in Granville County is 40 degrees while the lowest on record is 33 degrees, in 1895, and the highest is 46 degrees. The lowest point on record for March is about 20 degrees.

VERY INFERIOR SERVICE

Southern Gas and Improvement Co. Cause Much Aggravation and Worry Here.

Every now and then for the past month or more the consumers of gas in Oxford have experienced much worry, caused by inferior service rendered by the Southern Gas and Improvement Company.

The gas is pumped through pipes from Henderson and it does not always reach Oxford in sufficient quantities to supply the requirements.

The Public Ledger is delayed again today on account of "no gas," which is a common cry in Oxford.

THE EXPERIENCE OF A CENSUS TAKER

Mr. John Graham Webb, census taker for a part of Oxford township, like all other good census takers, could tell many interesting incidents if he would talk.

One could scarcely doubt the loyal submission of the American citizen when every tenth year he quietly endures the census enumerator.

Enumerator—"How old are you?"
Colored Centenarian—"I don't no sah, I can't member dat fur back when I wuz born."

Enumerator—"Were you born in this State?"
Citizen From Virginia—"I don't know. What State is this?"

It's funny how readily some people part with information so grudgingly withheld by others; and how hard it is to convince some that the census enumerator isn't affiliated with the tax assessor.

Enumerator to citizen who has valued his cow very low—"Why her hide is worth more than that."
Honest Citizen—"Well, you kill and skin the cow and you may have all but the hide."

Only one man was found who didn't know his plantation was inside or outside the corporation.

Enumerator—"How old is this child?"
Mother—"I don't know."

Enumerator—"Well, when was he born?"
Mother—"Twas somehar 'bout wheat thrashin' time, but I don't know 'zactly what year."

Enumerator—"Were you born in this State?"
Colored lady slightly insulted—"No sah, I was not! I was born in Creedmoor."

Enumerator—"Were all your children born in this State?"
Respected Colored Lady—"Yes, sah, we are 'speakable, we is, and every one of dem wuz born in state of matrimony."

REPUBLICANS WILL ASSEMBLE IN GREENSBORO TOMORROW

Marion Butler Tells Them How to Carry the State—Mr. Parker Will Be Nominated for Governor.

Mr. Marion Butler writes a letter to The Union Republican telling them what to do at the Greensboro Convention if they want to carry the State. "The only possible way in which the Republican party can carry this State," advises Mr. Butler, "is to take such action at Greensboro as will arouse the 30,000 Republicans who stayed at home at the last election, and as will appeal to at least 15,000 or 20,000 men who have never before voted the Republican ticket."

Republican county conventions in Scotland, Sampson and other counties have endorsed Mr. J. J. Parker, of Asheville, for the nomination, and it now appears to be all over except the shouting. Hundreds of prominent republicans over the state have given Mr. Parker assurances of support, and leaders of the party concede his nomination. James H. Williamson, millionaire cotton man of Burlington is the only formidable candidate.

The Republicans mustered up 120,151 votes for Linney for Governor in 1916, and that was the largest vote they had polled since 1900, when they gave Spencer B. Adams 126,276.

VANCE COUNTY COURT

Civil Docket Was Not Touched Upon.

Judge W. A. Devin opened court in Henderson Monday, and after hearing three minor cases and swearing in Mr. Irving Watkins, a young attorney, to practice law in Henderson, adjourned court on account of the influenza epidemic in the county. All criminal and civil cases went over to the June term.

W. A. MURPHY IN VERY SERIOUS TROUBLE

W. A. Murphy, the bad man of Shakerag, is again in serious trouble. Sheriff Hunt, Deputy Davis and Capt. Reid, of the police force, caught him Tuesday in the act of manufacturing whiskey. The hearing will take place in the court house Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

'YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE'

(Governor T. W. Bickett)

Just how the revaluation act is wiping out inequalities will be shown by a few illustrations taken from the books.

1. In one of our county-seats there lives upon the same street a lawyer and a widow. The lawyer owns a valuable piece of property in a desirable portion of the town, and this, under the old system, was assessed at \$3,850. The widow had \$10,000 that she received from life insurance policies on her husband. This money was loaned on real estate mortgages which were listed for taxation at their par value of \$10,000. Under the Revaluation Act the property of the lawyer was valued at \$15,000, and he can get this amount of money for it any morning before breakfast. Under the old law the widow, in proportion to her real worth, was paying four times as much taxes as the lawyer. Under the new law this wickedness is wiped out, and both the lawyer and the widow are paying according to what they are really worth. The result is that the lawyer is cursing the Revaluation Act and swearing that he is going to repeal it, while the widow is praising God and the General Assembly of 1919 for its enactment.

2. In one of our Piedmont counties the experts of the Tax Commission recently examined two cotton mills. They found that one mill was on the tax books at 17 per cent of its real value, while the other mill was on the books at 65 per cent of its real value. Under the Revaluation Act this vicious inequality disappears. Both mills will be placed on the books at their true value, and this year the 17 per cent mill will pay a great deal more taxes than it has heretofore paid, while the 65 per cent mill will pay a great deal less.

3. In a certain mountain county, and in the same neighborhood, there lived two farmers, one on a twelve-acre farm, and the other on a fifty-acre farm. Under the old law the twelve-acre farm was assessed at \$600 and the fifty-acre farm likewise at \$600. Now when these farmers received their questionaire the twelve-acre farmer swore that his land was worth \$650. The fifty-acre farmer swore that his land was worth \$4,000. Under the Revaluation Act the two honest citizens, when they had an opportunity to do so, corrected a rank injustice.

4. Down in Wilson County a man had a son and a daughter. In his will he stated that he desired to give them an equal amount of property. He had a farm which, in his will, he said was worth \$10,000, and it is worth it. It will bring that amount on the market any morning. He gave this farm to his son, and then gave to his daughter \$10,000 in money. When the sheriff came around he collected from the daughter five times as much taxes as he did from the son. The daughter naturally complained about it, and asked the sheriff why she should pay five times as much taxes as her brother, when their father had given them, as stated in his will, exactly the same amount of property. The sheriff explained to her that the land was assessed at only \$2,000, though he admitted that it was worth \$10,000, while the money was assessed at \$10,000, and that he (the sheriff) had no power to change it. The Revaluation Act does change it. It carries out the will of the dead father and makes the son and the daughter equal before the law.

The correction of inequalities like those cited above—and there are hundreds of thousands of them in North Carolina—justifies the statement that the Revaluation Act is bottomed on the celestial declaration, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free!"

THE MANIFOLD DUTIES OF MR. J. W. MORTON

Among Other Things He Must Look After Several Fine Lambs.

Mr. J. W. Morton, of Oxford Route 4, was in Oxford last Saturday. He and his whole family were down with influenza. It is a source of pleasure to their many friends to know that all of the members of this excellent family are regaining their health and strength.

About three o'clock one cold morning eight or ten days ago, while Mr. Morton was building fires and waiting on the sick members of his family, it dawned upon him that his duties were enlarged. He leisurely dressed himself and went out to the barn, and lo and behold there were two pretty little lambs, whose fleece were as white as snow. During the week, said Mr. Morton, four more lambs were born, making six in all.

As stated above, the weather was very cold and Mr. Morton was afraid that the little lambs would suffer, but the old mother sheep, with her long all-wool garment, were ample protection against the cold, said Mr. Morton.

—Lost on the Oxford-Henderson road Sunday, Feb. 22. Goodroad casing on rim. Finder will please notify Mr. Josh King, Oxford, N. C.