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## BRANTWOOD HOSPITAL IS NEARING COMPLETION

Will Be Open For The Reception of Patients The First of September.

A great change has taken place at Brantwood since Doctors Watkins, Thomas and Bullock purchased the property two months ago and began to convert it into a modern hospital. Eight new rooms have been added to the rear end of the main building, and the ten-room building which stood a hundred yards to the rear has been moved up nearer the main building and the covered passageway which connects the two buildings has been completed.

All of the carpenters' work will be completed by the first of July, and when this is done the painters will begin the finishing touches. All of the buildings and the water tower will be painted dark-gray, said Dr. Thomas, and in the fall the trees will be trimmed and white washed.

## Modern Equipment.

Fifty beds, built especially for hospital service, with the latest improved woven wire springs and mattresses, are now ready to be set up. Dr. Bullock returned from Philadelphia and New York yesterday where he spent ten days purchasing equipment, including the most modern X-Ray machine.

## Rooms To Be Endowed.

Dr. Thomas stated that so many inquiries had been received that the management had practically agreed that churches, fraternal orders, corporations and individuals would be granted the privilege of endowing wards, rooms and beds.

## Lady Superintendent.

Dr. Thomas stated that they were successful in getting a high-class lady superintendent. She will arrive during July and get things in readiness for the opening on September first. Besides the superintendent, there will be two trained nurses and the number will be increased according to the demands.

## The Farm.

There are thirty acres of farm and pasture land attached to the hospital. Ten acres have already been set out in corn, and 100,000 hills of tobacco will be set out. There are 100 peach trees in the orchard littered with fruit under the weight of fruit, as large as a guinea egg—the prettiest sight you ever saw. The large garden, too, is well advanced.

## Fine Cows.

Dr. Thomas stated that they would shortly be in the market for three or four fine cows. Pure milk and butter, and plenty of it, said Dr. Thomas, is absolutely essential. There is a fine pasture and a running stream on the place.

## A Great Work.

It will do you good to go out to Brantwood and look around. As the institution nears completion one can but feel that God is answering the prayers of the community. We want a hospital; we need a hospital, and we are going to have a modern hospital, one that will be a credit to Oxford and Granville county.

## WHAT WILL THE CENSUS FIGURES FOR OXFORD SHOW?

Editor Public Ledger:

You stated in a recent issue of the Public Ledger that in your opinion the census figures for Oxford would not show more than ten per cent increase in population during the past ten years.

Surely more than ten per cent of the colored population of the county, bus flocked to Oxford during the past five years to work in the big tobacco industries.

Quite a number of the colored people have gone north or moved away from the county during the past few years. Some of them drifted back, but the most of them have remained away.

When the census report comes in the figures may show a slight decrease in population in the districts of the county, but I think that Oxford will show an increase of 20 per cent at least during the decade.

H. P. C.

## COL. CAMERON'S CAR STALES ON BANKHEAD HIGHWAY

In Sight of the Promised Land and Couldn't Reach It.

Traveling in a modern high-powered car, Col. Bennehan Cameron, president of the Bankhead National Highway Association, reached a red hill three miles north of Oxford last Monday night and remained there all night long.

To the south of him, a distance of three miles, shone the bright light of the hospitable city of Oxford, which lights accentuated the tall church towers.

Again and again throughout the night the chauffeur tried to drive his car up the red hill, but to no avail. There were also several other cars stalled on the same hill, and as "misery loves company" the night was made tolerable for the most distinguished good roads in the United States.

## CENSUS GIVES RALEIGH POPULATION OF 24,418

The population of Raleigh, N. C. is 24,418, according to the census bureau. This represents an increase of 5,290 in ten years.

## YOUR BATTERY SHOULD HAVE WATER ABOUT EVERY TWO WEEKS. Stop at the Willard Service Station.

## SATURDAY WAS BIG DAY FOR O. MAX GARDNER FORCES IN GRANVILLE

Made Votes Here By The Stand He Takes on the Labor Question.

The court house was crowded last Saturday afternoon with people from the precincts of the county to hear the distinguished lieutenant governor of North Carolina, one of the three Democratic candidates for governor, outline his stand on the public questions of the day. Those who expected to hear a tirade against Mr. Page and Mr. Morrison, the two other candidates, or a long winded speech on the reevaluation act or woman suffrage, were sadly disappointed. He met these issues by stating that he stood four square on the Democratic platform; that those issues are written in the platform and that he is a full-fledged Democrat. Mr. Page, he said, has a private platform of his own and Mr. Morrison is wavering on some of the issues.

## Introduced By Major Stem.

Major Thad G. Stem introduced Mr. Gardner in graceful language. He referred to him as being strong in state, mind and heart; free and unfettered; one who has given the best in him to promote the interest of the State and the Democratic party; that he has been successful in everything that he has undertaken from a plowboy to president of the Senate; that the same grit and determination that brought him through college is characteristic of his business and public life—broad-minded, open and free. Continuing, Major Stem stated that some one had intimated that one of the other candidates would live on Blount street, Raleigh, after the first of next January. I do not know what particular property the other candidates have purchased or leased on Blount street, but on and after the first day of next January O. Max Gardner will occupy the governors' mansion, which happens to be located on Blount street. (Applause.)

## Mr. Gardner's Speech.

"In the face of attacks made upon me by failure to answer the series of questions propounded in the questionnaire submitted by the officials of certain organizations in North Carolina, I most emphatically assert that I stand squarely upon my declarations and that I have no apology to offer to any class or group, for the deliberate course pursued. From articles appearing in labor papers and from the lips of Jim Barrett, one of the organized labor's leaders in the State, the State Federation of Labor have determined to secure my defeat, because I am unwilling to have my hands tied and be subservient to them and their organization, or to any other class or organization, for that matter. They have thrown down to me the gauntlet of battle and I accept it without reservation. I am willing for the people of North Carolina to decide whether one group or element shall control and dominate the State or whether all the people of the State shall continue to govern."

## "If the officials of the State Federation of Labor have the right to submit a questionnaire seeking to pledge a candidate for governor upon numerous different propositions, then every other organization in the state has a similar right, and if the merchants of the state, the manufacturers and bankers, the wholesale dealers, the great body of unorganized farmers and laboring people generally, who belong to no organization, should all exercise their right to insist upon pledging a candidate, he would be pledged in advance upon every conceivable question and would be so hedged about that it would be impossible for him to exercise that freedom of thought and action in office that is so essential to a faithful and intelligent discharge of his public duty."

"I boldly declare to you today that I shall be elected governor absolutely unfettered by public pledges and private promises to any class or group or I will not be elected at all. "My conception of the high office of governor of North Carolina is the open way to the untrammelled service to the whole of the people of the State. I like the thought of freedom of action in office. I accept the opportunity of approaching the performance of all public service absolutely unfettered by pledges and unhampered by promises."

"My platform is the platform of the democratic party. I am content to stand upon that declaration of principle, to defend the enunciation of policy, to carry the banner into the thickest of the fight and so to meet all comers."

"I yield to no man in my sympathy to the laboring people of North Carolina; in my admiration for the splendid service they are rendering the State and I make to them the same sacred promise that I make to all the people of North Carolina, that, if I am elected governor, they shall have an absolutely square deal for every hour of my term, in every matter in which they are interested and it is within my power to serve them."

"I shall seek the common good of all our people in the harmonious development of all the State. I believe in our state, and in the glory of its future. I would preserve her from fratricidal strife of classes and see her happily welded into a great and growing citizenship, welcoming the dawning of a greater day and the building of a finer state."

## NEXT SATURDAY IS THE TIME-LIMIT OF CANDIDATES

They Must Announce Themselves On or Before That Date or Forever Afterwards Hold Their Peace.

The primary law stipulates that candidates must announce themselves two weeks in advance of the primary, which will be held Friday, June 5. Next Saturday, May 22, is the last day of grace. Candidates can get the blanks from Mr. J. B. Fowell at the First National Bank.

It is conceded on all sides that the present board of county commissioners have been very faithful to the trust imposed in them, and it would be good policy to elect them for another term. The last two years has been very trying on the board, and it is doubtful that a majority of them will consent to serve another term.

## Commissioner Peed Endorsed.

Commissioner J. L. Peed, of Dutchville, has stated that he desired to retire from the board. He has a splendid record and if it was left to the business men of Oxford they would keep him on the board. During the last few days we have heard the following business men of Oxford endorse Mr. Peed's record and desire that he serve another term. Among the number were: Gen. B. S. Royster, Major Will Landis, Judge W. A. Devin, T. G. Stem, A. A. Hicks, W. B. Devin, E. F. Howard, A. H. Moore, B. E. Parham, F. W. Hancock, Sr., J. E. Jackson.

## House of Representatives.

Elsewhere in this paper will be found the cards of Hon. B. W. Parham, of Oxford, and Mr. J. S. Watkins, of Virgilina Route 2, candidates for the House of Representatives.

## SHOES ARE AS DEAR AS THE PUBLIC WILL STAND

A special from Lynn, Mass., says:

Indications that the peak in wages to shoeworkers has been reached and that the manufacturers have determined on a downward scale in prices are contained in a call issued today by President Harry Ryan, of the Joint Council of the United Shoe Workers, for a convention of union workers in this city on May 22. The renewal of a peace agreement with the manufacturers to become effective Sept. 20, is to be discussed, but no agreement will be signed by the unions until a satisfactory adjustment of wage scales is made, according to Ryan.

He says he has been informed by members of the Lynn Shoe Manufacturers' Association that they can not consider another increase in wages, but many are willing to maintain the present scale for a certain period. The attitude of the manufacturers is not to the liking of the shoeworkers who maintain that the manufacturers are receiving more today for their product than ever before, and that the public tendency is for still more expensive footwear.

## THE REPUBLICANS NOMINATE FULL COUNTY TICKET

Mr. W. D. Merritt, Candidate For Congress, Addressed the Convention.

About four or five dozen Republicans of Granville County met in the court house last Friday and nominated a full county ticket.

Mr. W. D. Merritt, a lawyer of Roxboro and the Republican candidate for Congress in this district, addressed the convention along party lines.

The following county ticket was nominated:

Senate—J. H. Gooch.  
House—F. J. McDuffie.  
Sheriff—J. E. Duncan.  
Register—R. C. Smith.  
Coroner—Dr. W. B. Bullock.  
Treasurer—R. S. Jenkins.  
Commissioners—C. G. Royster, J. S. Rogers, L. V. Peace, H. A. Stem, L. M. Carrington.

## THE WORLD'S ALTITUDE RECORD IN AN AUTO

A New Invention To Measure Ruts and Bills.

Joseph K. Costallo, of Philadelphia, has invented a pedometer, which registers the distance up and down one travels in an auto over a rough road.

He recently made a test of the machine on the roads in New Jersey. A State noted for good roads, and found he traveled a mile and three-fifths up and down to something less than fifteen miles the machine made in a forward direction.

It would be interesting to know how many miles up and down a poor fellow would travel between Oxford and Stem.

## RAILWAYS OF SOUTH ASK HIGHER FREIGHT RATES

No Increase in Passenger Fares is Asked.

Washington, May 17.—The railways of the South have asked the Interstate Commerce Commission to grant an increase of approximately 31 per cent on all freight rates. In the application it is stated that with the percent wage scales and costs of fuel and other important materials it will be necessary to secure such an increase in freight rates to enable the railways to earn six per cent on value of the property used for transportation purposes as provided in the recently enacted Transportation Act.

## MR. JOHN T. BRITT PASSED AWAY LAST SUNDAY MORNING

Was Well Known Newspaper Man For Many Years—Interment in Elmwood Cemetery.

Mr. John T. Britt, founder of the Public Ledger thirty-four years ago, died at his home on College street last Sunday morning.

Mr. Britt came down town last Friday and, as was his custom, shook hands with every friend he met. He came into the Public Ledger office and looked over the exchanges carefully. He stated that he did not sleep well the night before on account of tooth ache; that the tooth had been pulled out and he felt much better.

He had suffered from internal troubles for several years; he knew that his days were numbered; that he would fall to sleep suddenly, and he was waiting the Master's call. His beloved wife, Mrs. John T. Britt, and his son and his wife, Capt. and Mrs. Wade H. Britt, were with him when the end came.

Mr. Britt was a native of Wayne County. He came to Oxford many years ago and married Miss Emma Mitchell, the daughter of Dr. Mitchell.

He founded the Public Ledger 34 years ago and gave the best years of his life to the upbuilding of Oxford and Granville County. He remarked to the editor of the Public Ledger the day before his death that one of the proudest days in his newspaper career was the day on which Gov. Aycock came to Oxford at his solicitation and made an educational address, which gave to Oxford the splendid school building on College street, for which he had worked for many years to accomplish.

Mr. Britt was elected Clerk of the court and served one term, from 1902 to 1904.

After retiring from the Public Ledger seven years ago, Mr. Britt accepted a government position, which kept him in Washington while congress was in session. He came home a month ago to plant his garden and set the house in order for the reception of Mrs. Britt, who followed him two weeks later.

Mr. Britt is survived by a wife, and two children, namely, Capt. Wade H. Britt, of Oxford, and Mrs. George Hobbs, of Rutherford, New Jersey, who arrived Monday morning.

Mr. Britt was a member of the Oxford Methodist Church, and he asked God to guide him in his daily walks.

Funeral services will be held from the residence at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The ceremony will be in charge of Dr. R. C. Craven, pastor of the Oxford Methodist Episcopal church, and by Dr. Horsfield, rector of St. Stephen's church, of which Mrs. Britt and her son, Capt. Wade H. Britt, are members. The interment will follow at Elmwood Cemetery.

The pallbearers as announced are: Active—A. H. Powell, J. B. Maves, Sr., B. K. Lassiter, J. B. Powell, Edwards Coble, Eunice Britt, Dr. John Bullock, J. P. Floyd, honorary—R. L. Brown, T. W. Winston, B. S. Royster, W. H. Hunt, J. G. Hall, W. Z. Mitchell, W. T. Yancey, A. A. Hicks, Dick Lewis, John Paris, Harry Williams, J. B. Booth, C. W. Bryant, S. C. Morton, F. W. Hancock, Sr. Flower bearers—Mrs. John Booth, Mrs. T. W. Winston, Mrs. Delacroix, Mrs. John Paris.

## MR. WILLIAM E. MEADOWS TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

He Had Been in the State Hospital For the Insane.

STEM, N. C., May 17. The sad ending of Mr. William E. Meadows, which occurred last Friday night, cast a gloom over this community.

The poor unfortunate man became mentally unbalanced some years ago and was taken to the State Hospital for the insane for medical treatment. After a few months he returned home apparently well, and nothing was noticed wrong with him until recently when it was noticed that he was not himself.

It is indeed sad to relate the details of the awful tragedy. Last Friday night, while alone in his room, he inflicted a gash on his throat from which he would have recovered, but he left the house, barefooted and undressed, and went to the barn and fastened a rope about his neck and climbed to the top of the barn and fastened the other end of the rope to a rafter and hanged himself.

The remains were viewed Dr. Nelson Thomas, coroner, who found that an inquest was unnecessary.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon from the home of Mr. Meadows on Oxford Route 6, conducted by his pastor, Rev. E. H. Black, who was assisted by Rev. L. M. Hubbs, of Creedmoor. The active pallbearers were: Messrs J. E. Duncan, J. H. Daniel, J. P. Walters, S. H. Brinkley, W. S. Gooch and P. L. Thomasson; honorary: J. H. Stem, J. M. Bullock, W. H. Whitaker, W. T. Wilkerson, T. W. Bullock, R. D. Holeman and J. C. Hopkins.

—Mention of the name of William H. Taft in connection with the republican presidential nomination serves to recall the fact that only one ex-President—Mr. Cleveland—has been elected President.

## OXFORD WILL ENTERTAIN OVER-NIGHT THE BANKHEAD NATIONAL HIGHWAY CONVOY

The Convoy Consists of 210 Men, Twenty-two of Whom Are Distinguished Persons, Traveling With Seventy Trucks.

The business men of Oxford are bestirring themselves to get things in readiness to entertain the convoy of the Bankhead National Highway, which will arrive in Oxford Friday evening June 18, and remain here over night.

The convoy will leave Washington City on the morning of June 14 on a trip of 3600 miles over the Bankhead National Highway to Los Angeles, California.

## The Route.

The route through Virginia and North Carolina is as follows: Leave Washington June 14. Arrive at Richmond June 15. Arrive at Dewitt June 16. Arrive at South Hill June 17. Arrive at Oxford June 18. Arrive at Raleigh June 19 and spend Sunday.

Arrive at Hillsboro June 21. Arrive at Goldsboro June 22. Arrive at Salisbury June 23. Arrive at Charlotte June 24.

## The Convoy.

Secretary of War, Hon. Newton D. Baker, has authorized a Convoy of the Motor Transport Corps of the United States Army, seventy trucks in all, as follows:

Officers Headquarters Command	20
Motor Transport Company	78
Service Park Unit	35
Engineers Department	20
Medical Department	15
Observers	20
Distinguished Persons	22

Total . . . . . 210

It is understood that the convoy will sleep in tents and do their own cooking, but the citizens are expected to furnish amusements and show them every courtesy possible.

## Mr. Cameron Makes Request.

Hon. Bennehan Cameron, president of the Bankhead National Highway Association, has issued the following to the citizens along the Bankhead National Highway:

Every county should see to it that the roads through it are put in the very best condition at once, for it is most important to secure a good report on the fitness of this route for military purposes, as well as commercial use. This is the South's opportunity to secure this great transcontinental highway as a military road.

The purposes of this trip are to assist in the development of a system of national highways, by bringing before the public in an educational way, the necessity for such a system; to provide extended field service in connection with the training of officers and men in motor transportation; to recruit personnel for the various branches of the army; to secure data on road conditions throughout the territory in the immediate vicinity of the highway along which the convoy will operate; and to secure data relative to the operation and maintenance of motor vehicles.

As President of the Bankhead National Highway, as well as a citizen of North Carolina, I desire to urge the people to cooperate in fixing the roads and giving the Convoy a magnificent reception as it passes through the great State of North Carolina.

## THE OXFORD WOMAN'S LITERARY CLUB ENTERTAINS

Lecture On Serbia, May 20th, By Mrs. Lindsey Patterson.

The Woman's Literary Club has issued invitations to the members of the Woman's Club, The Shakespeare Club, The Reviewer's Club, and a number of other friends, to a lecture on Serbia at 4 o'clock, next Thursday afternoon, the 20th of May in the Lyon Memorial Building. Mrs. Lindsey Patterson of Winston-Salem will be the honored guest of the Club, and the speaker on this occasion. It will be remembered that Mrs. Patterson went on a commission to the Balkan States for the U. S. Government, shortly after the war, and has only recently returned, and the Club considers itself fortunate in having such a distinguished visitor.

The lecture will be full of interest and information. Mrs. Patterson will speak in a Serbian costume, which she wore at the Queen's palace, and the four young girls who will act as ushers will also wear the native dress of the Balkan women.

During her travels in the Balkan Country Mrs. Patterson collected many works of art which will be on display after the address.

Seldom has Oxford had such a treat in store, as is offered by the Woman's Literary Club on this occasion.

## HAS LIVED IN A CAVE

Ohio Youth Returns to Face Trial After Two Years.

Chillicothe, Ohio, May 17.—After nearly two years of hiding in the caves of Hocking Valley, near Adelphia, Ohio, in the fear that he would face a firing squad if discovered, Carl Amerine, an alleged deserter from the 48th division, has surrendered himself to military authorities at Camp Sherman, near here. He was furnished food by his wife.

—If you desire to vote you must register on or before next Saturday. See that your name is on the Book.

## SWEET POTATO CAR IS COMING TO GRANVILLE

Brings a Message To All Interested In the Sweet Spud.

Though the sweet potato is still only a jack in the game compared to tobacco, he has attained the dignity of traveling in a special car and is touring North Carolina to let 'em know he's enlisted in the fight against the wilt.

County Agent Dove has been working for some time to get the sugar spud special to come to Oxford or some other point in the county, and while no date has been set the car is expected to arrive early in June. It will be in charge of sweet potato experts from the N. C. Division of Horticulture, State Department of Agriculture, who are cooperating with the Seaboard Air Line and the Atlantic Coast Line railroads in boosting sweet potatoes as a cash crop in rotation with cotton and tobacco.

A feature of the exhibits carried by the special car is a model sweet potato storage house built to exact scale according to government plans. Houses built by these plans will keep sweet potatoes over a period of several months without loss and so permit a longer marketing period. Plans will be furnished free to persons who want to build storage houses.

The exhibit also includes types of containers; charts and pictures, and examples of correct packing; and other information concerning the sweet potato industry which has already proved its value as a money crop in other southern states.

## OUR COUNTRY COUSINS ARE PRONE TO JOKE

Mr. Cam Easton Tells On Them a Thing or Two.

Ever since the campaign was launched in the county to raise more corn, hay and other foodstuff, quite a number of the farmers are disposed to joke about it, while a select few yell their hair and fume and fret over some imaginary grievance which is not plain to the average man.

One of the good-natured kind was talking the other day to joke with Mr. Cam Easton about the serious question of raising more foodstuff.

"If you gentlemen in town," said the farmer, "would raise more foodstuff in your gardens and spend less for gasoline to travel over the county to tell the farmers what to do, you would be better off at the end of the year."

The farmer did not know that he was talking to one of the best and most expert town gardeners in all the State. Mr. Easton owns about five of the most fertile acres in the corporate limits of Oxford and he prides himself on his ability to produce the very best of everything grown in this section.

"I make it a rule," said Mr. Easton, addressing the farmer, "to raise my own supplies. I now have five or six barrels of corn in my crib and I have enough meat and other home products to see me through."

"You are better off than most of the farmers," said our country cousin, "and your advise to the farmers to raise more foodstuff is very wholesome indeed."

## MR. EUGENE G. MOSS POINTS IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

It Is Not Too Late Yet To Plant Some Other Crop To Take the Place of Wheat.

Editor Public Ledger: The May 1st. crop report for the United States gives the official forecast for winter wheat at 484,647,000 bushels compared with the crop for last year at 731,636,000 bushels. An estimated shortage of 243,989,000 bushels, practically one-third less wheat than was produced in 1919.

There is no possible chance to overcome this shortage with spring wheat, however favorable seasonal conditions may be in the spring wheat area. From all reports available, labor conditions are just as bad in our own community, if not worse.

It is useless to expect a bumper crop when only 72 men out of a normal 100 are working on the farms. It is now very generally predicted that flour will be no less than \$20 a barrel and hard to get before next year this time.

There is plenty time to provide some other crop that may be very largely used next year in the place of wheat. E. G. MOSS.

## FORMER GOVERNOR GLENN FOUND DEAD IN BED

Died In Royal Alexandra Hotel In Winnipeg Early Sunday Night.

Winnipeg, May 16.—Robert B. Glenn, former governor of North Carolina, and a member of the International Great Waterways Commission, was found dead in bed at the Royal Alexandra hotel here tonight. He came here for his health. Burial at Winstor-Salem, N. C.

## Dr. Emmett To Wed.

The following announcement in a Huntington paper is of interest to friends in Oxford: "Mrs. Archibald Pleasants Cone announces the engagement of her daughter, Annie Cleveland, to Dr. John Morehead Emmett, of Huntington, W. Va., formerly of Oxford, N. C."