



THE WAR AND TOBACCO

America is To-day the Meat House, Corn Crib and the Tobacco Barn for all the World

THE HARVEST BOUNTIFUL AND THE DEMANDS GREAT

The European war is the one topic of conversation and the uppermost question in the minds of the people of Granville county is to what effect it will have upon the tobacco crop. Mr. McAdoo, Secretary of the Treasury, and many men of national repute say that the finance of the country is ample to tide us through a long siege of Foreign war providing the American people co-operate with each other and not lose confidence in our institutions. So far as the Nation is concerned the monetary condition of the country is reassuring, but it is not far to see that some sections of the country are experiencing more alarm at the present time than other sections, and that some men in Granville county has vast more ground for fear than their neighbors.

The happiest men in the United States to-day are those who have full corn cribs and full smoke-houses. How many farmers are there in Granville county who could build a fence around their farm and subsist one year on the product of their land?

The great West is today the smoke house and corn crib of the world. They are prepared to stand a foreign war of long duration and in the end reap a reward for their product. The price of food stuff will rise first.

While tobacco is a luxury in the time of peace it has been demonstrated time and again that it becomes a necessity in time of war, and that the troops crave it even more than they do food. Whether the war be of long or short duration there will be a tremendous effort on the part of the several foreign powers to keep their armies supplied with tobacco. With all Europe flying at the throats of each other the demand for tobacco is even greater than it was in the days of peace. The only distressing feature that puzzles the great tobacco corporations is how to get the product to them. This will naturally adjust itself in a very few weeks.

The most learned men of the world are responsible for the assertion that the European war in this day of grace, with its death dealing missile, must necessarily be of short duration. A large field may be swept clean in a single day and great cities may crumble to the ground in a single night. And who knows but what the Dove of Peace is almost visible above the black war cloud and that the sun on the tomorrow may rise serene on the face of Europe. At any rate a bright day will soon dawn and we will appreciate it all the more.

NEEDS AND AWAKENING!

Get busy. What does this town need? It needs an awakening. We are not exactly asleep, but the sandman is hanging around. Shoo him away. We can't stand still. We must either go forward or backward. Oxford needs the combined efforts of everybody to boost and root and hurray and shout for it incessantly.

We have a fine beautiful town, and we all think so when we go off on a trip and come back. Its natural advantages are many. We must get right down to business and work for it. This requires organization—not an organization controlled by a few, but by all.

It means petty town politics and petty town jealousies and spite must be forgotten, and means that the "hatchet must be buried" handle and all. It means united, whole-souled, hearty effort, in carrying out a definite program of prosperity.

Let's not talk too much about it. Let's get busy and see that the Seaboard road does not give us a black eye by taking off the train from Oxford to Henderson.

MAKED AT EXCHANGE

Wednesday morning Mr. Hugh H. Bugg and Miss Nannie S. Covington, of Chase City, Va., accompanied by several friends arrived in Oxford, stopping at the Exchange Hotel. The ever accommodating Lonnie Smith soon found out that they were on a matrimonial mission and rendered them every possible assistance. The license was soon secured and the marriage took place in the parlors of the Exchange in the presence of a number of witnesses.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. Smith accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Bugg to the Seaboard station and they left on a bridal trip to Norfolk and other points.

FOR LEASE—GAME PRESERVE

Twenty two hundred acres of land about seven miles from Oxford on the National Highway and the Southern Railroad for lease as a game preserve. Apply to R. O. Gregory, Oxford, N. C.



News Snapshots Of the Week

Austria declared war on Serbia, and at once the European crisis assumed a most dangerous stage. It was feared that at any day the triple alliance, Germany, Italy and Austria, would array itself against the triple entente, Russia, England and France, in a general conflict that would rip Europe wide open, cost millions of lives, bring starvation and ruin upon millions of homes, plunge great nations into helpless debt and change the political map of Europe. The illustration shows the following: Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany, Czar Nicholas of Russia, type of German cavalry, type of Russian Cossacks, Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria-Hungary and Crown Prince Alexander of Serbia.

SHORT LEDGER LOCALS.

About People and Things That Are of Interest to The Public Ledger Readers

GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY

Not So Many—If we had to turn our own grind stones we wouldn't have so many axes to grind.

It Takes Two—We seek a lawyer to protect us from our neighbors and a doctor to protect us from ourselves.

Watch for Both—All things come to a man who waits—provided he doesn't wait in the path of an automobile.

Look After Enemy—But if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him to drink; for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head.—Ro. 12:20.

Keeps Both Busy—Half the world seems to spend its time talking about itself to your face and the other half seems to spend its time talking about you behind your back.

Moore Lumber Co.—All builders and all those making repairs are asked to read the advertisement of the Moore Lumber Co. on another page, and extend it their patronage.

Sold Again—The Edger Crews farm near Hester has again changed hands. This time it is purchased by Mr. Cleveland Bragg for \$7,700, one of the wide-awake young farmers of that section.

The Difference—Love gives a 100 pound man strength to hold a 190 pound girl on his knee for two hours. Marriage makes him so weak that he can't hold a nine-pound baby two minutes at a time.

A Correction—In mentioning in our last issue about one colored man named Moss having been caught stealing chickens, we should have said Ross instead of Moss, and gladly make the correction.

Pleasant Affair—The home of Mrs. E. H. Crenshaw was the scene of a pleasant party Thursday afternoon in honor of her sister, Mrs. Dudley Bonitz, of Chicago. Tempting refreshments were served.

Enjoyable Party—Mrs. Will Long charmingly entertained Tuesday morning at her attractive home on Gilliam street the Bridge Club, and interesting games were played. Choice salad course was served.

Closing Out Sale—The Hughes-Smaw Co. are now closing out all porch rockers, chairs and other summer goods at deeply cut prices and now is your time to buy. See their advertisement on another page.

If we Miss It—Some people never hand in an item of news for publication, but if we happen to miss an item in which they are interested they are sure to hand us a north pole stare that would freeze you in August.

Watermelon Feast—The home of Mr. Wash Currin, on Route 5, was the scene of a great watermelon feast Sunday, as Messrs. Currin and Frazier have a fine watermelon patch, more than 40 people gathered around a long table and enjoyed the delicious melons.

Damages for Tree—Preservation of shade trees received worthy consideration a few days ago when a Catawba county jury awarded a lady \$200 damages because the town authorities had cut down the shade trees in front of her home in Newton. Queer what notions of "improvement" some people get into their heads when they have an axe handy and there's a fine tree near by.

OUR LOCAL CONDITIONS

Our Merchants will Soon Leave for the Northern Markets to Lay in Fall and Winter Stocks

THE WAR WILL NOT INFLUENCE THEIR BUYING

The business men of Oxford, with scarcely a dissenting voice are free to express themselves in the belief that the European war will not interfere with local business to any great extent.

We have interviewed practically all of our merchants, who will leave for the Northern Markets within the next three weeks to lay in their stock of fall and winter goods, and they are frank to admit that the war will not influence their purchases in the least. The orders of last year, they say, will be duplicated.

The tobacco men are the only non-plussed people in the community and we are glad to see that they take a philosophical view of the situation. They argue that it is practically impossible for the war to last any length of time, and even if it does, only a limited number of the ports of the world will be closed against American goods.

All things seem to work together for good. The tobacco crop was cut short and made late by the prolonged drought. It would rush the farmers to prepare any great quantity of tobacco and have it ready for the warehouse floors on the opening of the market.

There is never any great quantity offered before the middle of September or the first of October.

Within twenty-four hours after the command is given in Europe to cease firing the business of the entire world will be normal. There will be no suspension of business activities in America, and however complicated the situation may seem there is scarcely a tobacco grower in Granville county, who on each succeeding day while curing his tobacco will not feel that the bubble has burst and the cry for more tobacco is heard throughout the land.

There are several things that enter in to make the European war of very short duration, viz: It costs \$500,000,000 to sustain the army a single day; their corn cribs and meat houses are empty, and then think of the terrible slaughter in modern warfare when the 30,000,000 colders meet face to face.

The tobacco growers can rest content that their labors have not been in vain.

VIEWS ON TOBACCO CROP

Mr. Thos Frazier, of Surl, Person county, was in Oxford Thursday and in talking about crops said that he had recently been in three counties, namely, Durham, Person and Granville and traveled different roads and had the opportunity to see and judge the growing crops of tobacco. He said for 5 or 6 miles south of Moriah in Durham county he found a good stand of tobacco with good growth, but seems to be of a medium type. In the Surl section of Person county he said that a number of farmers have as good crops on the hill as they ever raised, while others have a common crop. But the corn crops in Durham and Person counties are good. He noted in attending the Association at Enon that Granville had some fine crops of tobacco, while others did not have good stands.

In coming to Oxford Thursday he said he discovered more ripe tobacco from Berea to Oxford than he had seen in any of the sections he had traveled over. Said Granville had flourishing corn crops.

FIRST LADY OF THE LAND

Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, Wife of the President of the United States, Died at the White House

END CAME AT FIVE O'CLOCK THURSDAY MORNING

Four months of almost unbroken illness a complication of nervous ailments and Bright's disease sapped the vitality of the first lady of the land and the end came quietly Thursday afternoon.

Conscious only at intervals, Mrs. Wilson had been cheerful and called constantly for her husband. Every moment that could be spared from urgent official duties was devoted by the President to his wife. At the side of his constant helpmate and adviser, he wrote the tender of good offices appealing to the European monarchs to stay their conflict.

PRESIDENT IN SICK ROOM

From the sick room he has been giving directions to the various department heads for the relief of thousands of Americans stranded abroad. The press of domestic legislation, the European war and Mexican situation, and the flurry over financial conditions throughout the country have weighed heavily on the President as he had maintained his day and night vigil.

For several days it has been known to those in closest touch at the White House that Mrs. Wilson was gravely ill and that hope for her recovery was slight. The President himself has clung desperately to the hope that she might survive the crisis, but her frail constitution drained by months of illness, has been unable to withstand the battle.

CAUSE OF ILLNESS

Last autumn Mrs. Wilson had a fall which injured her spine. After weeks of convalescence she finally rose from her bed, but the burden of a winter's activity at the White House together with charity work in the slums of the city, brought on nervous prostration. She was well enough to attend the wedding of her second daughter, now Mrs. William G. McAdoo, but her recuperative powers were not lasting. Stomach trouble added to her nervous ailment and Bright's disease developed. Three weeks ago she seemed to rally and was well enough to walk, supported by a nurse, in the White House grounds. She watched with satisfaction as gardeners laid out the last of the Italian gardens which she had planned for the south front of the executive mansion. A marble statue of a boy playing a flute was placed, at her direction, in the gardens near the executive offices. With her taste for the artistic, developed in many years of landscape painting she practically had rearranged the gardening of the White House in a symmetry of hedges and flowers.

AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Mrs. E. H. Cannady has secured the services of the Buffalo Lithia Springs Orchestra for the Sacred Concert at the Baptist church Sunday night. The program will consist of full orchestration selections, violin solos, trombone solos and vocal solos.

Person of Orchestra—Prof. Dear-doff, organ; Harry Laeser, Violin; W. T. Rotenger, Cornet; Oscar Felder, Clarinet; Geo. W. Geide, Trombone; Mrs. Geo. W. Geide, vocal soloist.

All of these musicians are artists and this will be the greatest musical treat of the season for Oxford.

THREE REFRIGERATORS AT cost. J. ROBT. WOOD. ft.

MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE.

Personal Items About Folks and Their Friends Who Travel Here and There

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW

Mr. Joe Baird is resting at Panama Springs.

Mrs. A. P. Tyler is visiting friends in Greensboro.

Mr. F. P. West, of Route 4, was in town Thursday.

Mrs. D. A. Coble is visiting relatives in Greensboro.

Mr. H. L. Dement, of Route 5, was in Oxford Thursday.

Mr. F. M. Woody, of Route 5, was in Oxford Thursday.

Mr. L. Breedlove, of Route 5, was in town Thursday.

Mr. W. M. Moss, of Tar River, was in Oxford Thursday.

Mr. D. W. Eakes, of Route 2, was in town Wednesday.

Miss Loraine Joyner has returned from New York City.

Miss Hixie White is in Greensboro visiting school mates.

Mr. Wodson Cash, of Tally Ho, was in Oxford Thursday.

Dr. John Bullock, of Creedmoor, was in Oxford Thursday.

Mr. Russell Rogers is spending the week in Asheville.

Mr. John Daniel, of Berea, was a town visitor Thursday.

Mr. John Wrenn, of Route 3, was in Oxford Wednesday.

Mr. J. E. Moss, of Tar River, was in Oxford Wednesday.

Mr. Peter Pruitt, of Route 4, was in Oxford Wednesday.

Mr. Graham Smith, of Tar River, was in town Thursday.

Miss Nett Gregory returned Wednesday from Buffalo Springs.

Mr. Harry Williams is spending a John, are at Virginia Beach.

Mr. O. F. Baker, of Route 5, was an Oxford visitor Saturday.

Miss Alma Clayton, of Stem, was an Oxford visitor Wednesday.

Miss Sallie Hamme, of Route 3, is visiting friends at Beaufort.

Mrs. Harry Williams and son, John, are at Virginia Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Green are at home from their Northern trip.

Mr. J. J. Allgood and daughter, of Route 7, were in Oxford Friday.

Mr. T. J. Brummitt, of Gray Rock section, was in Oxford Wednesday.

Mr. G. E. Dickerson and son, of Route 3, were in town Wednesday.

Mr. W. A. Sherman, of Berea section, was a town visitor Thursday.

Our old friend, Booker Beasley, of Hester section, was in town Wednesday.

Miss Edna White has gone to Scottsburg, Va., to attend a house party.

Mrs. Luther Farabow and daughter, of Route 5, was in town Wednesday.

Miss Estelle Bullock has returned from a visit to Mantoo and Nag's Head.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Moss and child, of the Test Farm, were in town Friday morning.

Mr. J. Robt. Wood left this Friday morning in automobile for Richmond via National Highway and will return with his children Monday afternoon.

CHICKENS FOR SALE—I WISH TO sell my stock of Golden Sebrights and White Cochins Bantams. Reduced price. Thos. L. Face. ft-pd.

CHANGING ROAD BEDS

It is the Source of Much Litigation, Much Worry, and it is Costly and Unsatisfactory

STICK TO THE OLD ROAD BED IF POSSIBLE

We learn from Mr. J. B. Powell, Register of Deeds, that Granville county has during the past six years paid out in around numbers \$12,000 for rights of way and damages for roads, and in the mean time causing much dissatisfaction and worry by invading improved lots, lawns and land by diverging from the old road-bed.

The roads of the county lay mighty close to the hearts of the people who live close to them and any material change from the old road-bed is sure to incur more or less dissatisfaction to the ones it leaves or to those upon whom it encroaches. The law is very strict as to changing the bed of a water course, but strange to say the public roads have always been an object of more or less controversy.

The most reasonable means of pleasing the most people and saving the tax payers a whole lot of money is to stick to the old road bed whenever it is possible to do so.

An old abandoned road-bed warped and twisted and bereft of soil is an unsightly scar upon the face of Mother earth too frequently seen. Deserted and bleeding, it is too often the designs of some one. It is a good and wise policy to stick to the well beaten path even if it necessitates cuts and fills to obtain the proper grade at a maximum cost.

This is eminently worthy of the close attention of the Board of County Commissioners, as it would be the means of staving off much litigation.

Of the numerous litigations of recent years over the damage of land for road purposes the county is yet to win its first case. Some of the questions have been very vexed. We have in mind an instance which involved 1 1/2 acre of red land that has actually cost the county \$150 and the owner is demanding \$100 more.

This fully demonstrates the fact that it does not pay to desert the old road-bed when it is possible to repair it.

We would suggest that the Board of Commissioners save themselves much trouble and the tax payers much expense by strictly adhering to the plan of taking no definite action on the change of roads until all the rights of way have been properly adjusted.

We are sure that our worthy Board of Commissioners would save themselves a great deal of trouble and annoyance in many instances if they would confine themselves to the law, or rather to its enforcement as applied to supervisors and overseers.

We are heartily in favor of creating the post of Road Commissioner for Granville county with a sufficient salary to devote his whole time to the work, and are of the opinion that such an officer vested with power to act would be the means of relieving the Board of County Commissioners of much worry and anxiety; that it would prove to be beneficial to the roads and a great saving to the tax payers in the long run. The Road Commissioner would be in close touch with all the roads of the county and with power to act he would be in a position to order what was needed, settle for the same and report to the Board what had been done. In all cases of greater moment the Road Commissioner could defer action until the advise of higher authority was obtained, which, in the nature of things, would not be often, as it is only the multiplicity of small things that requires the attention of the entire Board.

ODD FELLOWS

An interesting meeting of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows was held in their Hall Tuesday night, Noble Grand John W. Jones presiding, with Eugene Crews, Vice-Grand in the chair. Regular routine business was entered into and completed, with election of new officers as follows: Noble Grand, Eugene T. Crews; Vice Grand, W. Arch McFarland; E. W. Howell, Treasurer; Recording Secretary, C. A. Carroll; Financial Secretary, F. C. Spencer.

After the election of officers we all enjoyed a short talk by Gen. B. S. Royster, in his usual entertaining manner, on Odd Fellowship and its development here.

On next Tuesday night we urge all members to be present. There will be plenty of work for each member to take part in. Come out brothers, let's get closer together and learn what we have good in store. All visiting Odd Fellows are cordially invited. Lodge doors are open at 8 p. m. FRANK SPENCER, Financial Secretary.

FARMS FOR RENT—I HAVE 3 good farms for rent. T Lanier, Oxford, N. C. 1m.