



CRUISERS CREEP THROUGH FOG

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN CENTURIES FOREIGN FOES STRIKE ENGLAND AND SHELLS NORTH SEA FRONT

Squadron of German Cruisers Creep Through Fog, Shell Scarborough, Hartlepool and Whitby Then Flee in the Mist.

SUMMARY

Tuesday night men, women and children slaughtered in homes and street by exploding shells on defenseless towns. Hotels, and churches on high promontaries shining mark for target practice. World of intense excitement and anger surges through England as never before during the war. Naval writers think six or eight cruisers were in the attacking party. Keen disappointment at Soge escape of the raiders.

TOO MUCH GAS

On Tuesday afternoon Mr. McGhee, local manager of the Southern Gas Company, came near losing his life by inhaling gas while repairing a leak in a broken pipe. He was found in an unconscious condition and medical aid was immediately secured. He was finally restored by the use of amonia and a brisk walk between two stalwart men. While being led up and down the street in a stupor some one may have believed Mr. McGhee to have been under the influence of liquor, but it was simply a case of too much gas.

RETURNED FROM THE NORTH

Opening up business here only a couple of months ago with a large stock of new goods it has been necessary for Mr. Kaplon, of the firm of Kaplon & Company to go North to replenish his stock. Mr. Kaplon has returned from the northern markets and is busy unpacking new goods. See page advertisement of this firm elsewhere in this paper.

COMING BACK HOME

The Thomasville correspondent of the Lexington Dispatch says: Mr. B. W. Parham, an attorney at law of this city and well known throughout the State, has signified his intentions of leaving here about the first of the year and returning to his native home of Oxford, where he will resume the practice of his profession. Mr. Parham goes to Oxford, where he will care for a widowed mother and two sisters. Since coming here five years ago he has built an enviable law practice and has been prominent in affairs of public importance. He represented the county in the Legislature of 1911, being prominent in that body of lawmakers.

OLD SOLDIERS RECEIVE PAY

The Clerk of the Court is now paying the little stipend to the Confederate veterans and their widows. The total amount to be disbursed is \$5,040. There are in the county 106 men on the pension rolls, who receive \$3,504, four receiving \$60. There are 48 women on the rolls, who receive \$1,536. We learn from Mr. J. A. Shotwell, who is handing out the money in the Clerk's office that about one half of the amount has been paid out to date. The total amount this year is something less than it was last year.

STRANGE ANIMAL

The people around Hester have been puzzled for some time with the mysterious disappearance of their young shoats. The other night the strange animal that has infested the neighborhood for some time attacked one of Mr. Robert Clay's pigs, weighing 75 pounds, and ate one of the hams of the pig, and strange to say the pig is still alive. The following night a trap was set for the wild animal, which caught one of his feet, but it was too light to hold him. From the description given by the two Craig boys who saw the animal, and the hair that was found at the trap it is believed a large wolf is doing the mischief.

THIS CAME FROM MISSOURI

"Nigger," warned one, "don't mess wid me, 'cause when you do you sure is firtin' wid d' hearse." "Don't pesticate wid me, nigger," replied the other, shaking his fist, "don't fo'ce me t' press upon yo', 'cause if I does I'll hit yo' so ha'd I'll separate yo' ideas from yo' habits; I'll jes knock you fum amazin' grace to a floatin' opportunity." "If you mess wid me, nigger," continued the other, "I'll jes make one pass and dere'll be a man patten' you in de face wid a spade tomorrow mornin'."—National Monthly.

Powell's Soft Shell home raised Pecans for sale at Taylor Bros. 3t

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

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

GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY

Get Busy—Your friends will be disappointed if you don't do your shopping as early as usual.

More Good Pigs—We learn that Mr. W. T. Curran, of Tar River, killed 3 pigs a few days ago that tipped the beam at 321, 300 and 296 pounds.

Administrators' Notice—The attention of our readers is called to the administrator's notice of Grover Cleveland Sanford in another column.

Getting Better—The friends of Mrs. B. K. Hays will be pleased to learn that she continues to improve from her attack of sickness.

Out Again—Mr. Willie Howell, who has been confined at home for more than two weeks on account of two carbuncles on his neck, is able to be out on the streets again.

Important Case—Ex-Judge Graham appeared Tuesday in an important case in bankruptcy before Judge Connor in Raleigh, in which Mr. J. F. White, of Oxford, is interested.

Parcel Post—Assistant Postmaster Henry Critcher has everything ready to put on the parcel post wagon for the prompt delivery of Christmas packages.

Hester Union—The Hester Farmers Union will meet at the Hester school house on Tuesday, December 22, at 2 o'clock. All members are earnestly requested to be present.

Light Breaks—The cold snap caused the falling off of tobacco breaks along with the fact the farmers are busy killing hogs and getting ready for Christmas.

New Signs—Mr. C. G. Sanford, the excellent patrolman of the Oxford-Durham Division of the National Highway has put up his mile post from Oxford to the Durham line, and is painting them.

Baraca Class—The members of the Junior Baraca Class of the Oxford Baptist Sunday school are urged to be present next Sunday morning as important business is pending.

Choice Porkers—Mr. West Brummitt, of Shady Grove, comes to the front as a pork raiser. He killed two a few days ago that weighed 504 and 486, making him 990 pounds of meat.

Good Headway—Winter is making good headway mighty early in the season. It is rare the mercury touches a low mark before the holidays but it went down as low as 14 Wednesday morning.

Bunch of New Keys—Three new store keys and a button hook were picked up on the street Thursday and the owner can get same by calling a this office and paying for this notice.

Faithful Charley—This ever faithful horse who no doubt has pulled more lumber over the streets than any other horse for the late L. B. Turner, died Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Turner at the advanced age of 30 years.

Help Out Ladies—The Ladies' Aid Society of the Stovall Presbyterian church will sell oysters and other refreshments on December 24th, from 12 m. to 11 o'clock that night for the benefit of the church. The public is cordially invited.

Nice Pork—Our good friend, H. W. Davis, of Bullock section, was in town Thursday with some nice pork, which he had engaged. He informed us that he killed 5 pigs that averaged 210 pounds and 5 that averaged 250 pounds.

Heavy Weights—Mr. W. S. Daniel, the fine Superintendent of the County Home, has proved himself a champion meat raiser as he has just killed 5 hogs that averaged 400 lbs. each and 4 that weighed 511, 488, 499, 450—total 3228 pounds of meat.

Turn it Loose—Loosen up with your coin. If you pay others and a lot of others will be able to pay you back in your own coin. When everybody holds on to mney it makes a community of tightwads who are squeezing each other.

Get Out Old Rut—When a business man finds out that running in the same old rut isn't as good as running on a "busted tire" it is a sign that he ought to change his luck by means of an advertisement that will make thousands of people sit up and take notice.

Big Collection—North Carolina collected during the fiscal year closing November 30, the sum of \$98,640.32 as automobile taxes, there being 14,877 automobiles in the state. There are 1,300 "automobile colts," as the farmer termed the motorcycle, cycling over the North Carolina roads. In 1910 there were only 9,018 automobiles registered in the state.

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

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW

Dr. G. G. Hill, of Baltimore, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Walter Stark.

Mr. Sam Mize, of Hester, was an Oxford visitor Thursday.

Mr. J. S. West, of Stem, was in Oxford Thursday selling tobacco.

Mr. E. A. Freeman, of Route 6, was a town visitor Thursday.

Misses Mangum, of Salem, were on our streets Wednesday.

Miss Hattie Harris, of Route 3, was on our streets Wednesday.

Mr. L. C. Wilkerson, of Stovall, was an Oxford visitor Wednesday.

Mr. Gooch Cheatham, of Route 3, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. L. S. Sizemore, of Northern Granville, was in Oxford Wednesday.

Hayes Brothers, of Wilton, were in town Wednesday selling tobacco.

Mr. J. N. Tilley, of Knap of Reeds, was an Oxford visitor Thursday.

Mr. G. W. Hendricks, of Route 3, was in Oxford Wednesday.

Mr. R. T. Critcher, of Route 1, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. T. W. Burch, of Route 1, was an Oxford visitor Wednesday.

Mr. W. R. Allen, of South Granville, was on our streets Wednesday.

Mr. E. M. Hart, of Route 1, was on the tobacco market Wednesday.

Mr. J. H. Tillotson, Sr., of Route 2, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. J. T. Grissom, of Wilton section, was in Oxford Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cam Averett, of Route 2, were Oxford visitors Thursday.

Mr. R. J. Welch and son, of Virginita, were on our tobacco market Thursday.

Mr. Joe Wilson and son, of Stovall, were in Oxford Thursday selling tobacco.

CHEAPER AND BETTRR GAS

THE LOCAL PLANT WHICH SUPPLIES OXFORD, HENDERSON, DABNEY AND SURROUNDING COUNTRY TO BE ENLARGED

N. CAROLINA CANNING CLUB

Report for Year is Very Encouraging Indeed

We call from Mrs. James S. McKimmon's annual report the following:

There were organized in North Carolina for canning club work from December, 1913, to December, 1914, 32 counties, with an enrollment of 1,500 members, an increase of 18 counties and 1,100 members over the previous year.

These members are divided into 144 clubs with 79 supervisors. Each county has its chief agent, and where there are many clubs in a county this agent has sub-agents to assist in supervising members and getting standards during the canning season. In two widely organized counties we have as many as eight agents each; in others five or less.

Thirty of the counties have sent in to me their reports for the year which state that 209,686 No. 3 tin cans, and 49,405 glass jars of tomatoes, string beans, peaches, berries and all other edible products of the farm have been produced.

Total value \$35,361.50
Cost 9,425.76
Profit 25,935.74
Average cost per member 11.44
Average profit per member 31.82

SAMPSON COUNTY
Total money value \$625.00
Cost 162.00
Profit 463.00
Profit per member 51.45

ALAMANCE COUNTY
Number filled \$ 551.65
Sold fresh 226.26
Money value 7,039.65
Cost 1,771.25
Profits 5,268.45

ANSON COUNTY
Jars 28,540
Sold fresh 162.16
Money value \$5,016.20
Cost 1,531.30
Profits 3,884.40

Mrs. Capehart, of Granville, and Mrs. Bayne, of Cumberland county have also had their selected girls do beautiful glass packs for the Northern markets.

FIRE BOYS CALLED OUT

This Friday morning at 2:20 when the air was crisp, the fire bell broke the stillness of a cold night. The night was so cold that the average citizen dreaded to get out of a warm bed and go to the window. But the clatter of the horse's feet and the rattling of the fire wagon over the frozen street told us that our brave firemen were on the job. Out Main street they dashed at a rapid rate, turning into Sycamore street where they found a blaze in the house of a colored family. A spark had kindled between the hearth and the ceiling. The damage was slight.

MORIAH MORSELS

A son arrived at the home of Mr. Jackie Clayton's a few days ago and a daughter at the homes of Mr. Jasper Ellis and Mr. Bud Veasey's.

Mrs. Robert Hunt, of Berea, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Newton last week.

Miss Mamie Meadows who has been very sick is improving very fast.

Mollie Bet, the baby girl of Mr. Pomp Day, is recovering from an attack of sickness.

Mr. John Bumpass departed this life December 1st, after a long spell of sickness. He leaves a wife and two daughters, Mrs. Bill Tilley, of Durham, and Mrs. Reed, of Tennessee, lots of relatives and friends to follow on sooner or later. He was a faithful member of Bethany church, attending as long as health permitted, at which place his remains were placed the following day of his death.

Miss Mary Clayton, of Person county, and Mr. Earle Williford, of Granville, were married the fourth Sunday in November.

C. M. Clayton killed three hogs, Dec. 12, weighing 900 lbs. They would have been 1 year old the 27 of January, 1915.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clayton, who have just moved from Tar River to Mrs. Clayton's father, Mr. Z. H. Clayton, gave a dance in their new home Wednesday night to the young people. Among those present were Misses Hattie Gray, Vena Meadows, Lena Day, Eva, Alma, Frankie, and Annie Clayton. Messrs. Luster Williford, Thomas Gray, Lee Oakley, Benjamin Franklin, Irving and Renzo Day and Mr. Eddie Bowling.

Mr. L. J. Meadows and daughter, Miss Cora, spent Saturday in Roxboro.

Contracting Interest Purchase by Mr. John F. Braum and Associates, of Philadelphia Service is to be Greatly Improved.

The Henderson Gold Leaf states that the controlling interest in the Southern Gas Improvement Company, which supplies gas to Henderson, Dabney, Oxford and the surrounding country has been bought by Mr. John F. Braum and his associates, of Philadelphia, Pa., and Senator John O. Sheetz has been elected president of the company.

The operation of this company together with several others, will be under the direct management of Mr. J. D. Shattuck, an eminent consulting gas engineer of Philadelphia and Mr. J. S. M. Wharton, formerly manager of the Barre (Vt.) Gas Company will be the traveling engineer. Mr. Wharton has been in Henderson and Oxford since December 1st, obtaining data in order to put the company on a sound substantial basis and in a position to best serve its patrons and the community. Mr. McGhee, who has gained the confidence of the people since he came to Oxford will continue as their local manager.

The company announces a reduction in the price of gas of from 10 cents to 40 cents per thousand feet, depending upon the amount used. The price will probably be further reduced when the total output of the company justifies it.

The equipment at the gas plant, which is about a mile from Henderson, will be improved and enlarged to the extent of several thousand dollars, duplicate apparatus being installed so as to insure a constant gas service.

AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Granville County Agricultural Association will be held in the Court House Monday, December 21, at 11 o'clock. New officers will be elected and other important business attended to. E. T. CREWS, Sec.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

The gift that saves is the gift that's appreciated. What is that intangible thing we call "Christmas Spirit"? It is that good, indescribable feeling of fellowship that permeates our entire land. What causes it? It's the beautiful sentiment of gift giving—the thought that, through your effort some one is to be made happy. It's the gift giving that makes Christmas what it is—so be particular what you give. With the thought of war in our minds, some of us are tempted to curtail in our giving this Xmas, but don't do this, simply make your gifts more sensible than you have ever done—give something that will save the recipient the necessity of buying it later on.

THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

In this issue of the Public Ledger will be found the Financial exhibit of Granville county for the fiscal year. It is published in accordance with the law so that everyone may see to what use the peoples money has been applied. It is a valuable document, worthy of careful perusal and it would not be a bad plan to file it away for future reference. We see in it a careful and considerate expenditure of funds, and we doubt that there could have been found within the county a set of officers more conscientious in the discharge of their duties.

WINS DISTINCTION

In the declamation contest recently held at Trinity College, Sam Hall, an Oxford boy, wins fame. The contest was for the 9019 medal offered by the local Patriotic and Honor Fraternity. The subject of the winning declamation was the "Chariot Race," from Ben Hur, which was won by Edmund Burdick, of Asheville. Sam Hall, of the Oxford High School was assigned the subject of "A Leak in the Dyke." He was one among the nine of the forty three contestants to win distinction. The bright young man is the son of Mr. J. G. Hall.

It matters not whether you be a large or a small tax payer, you are expected to make settlement won or collections will be forced. I am forced to collect the taxes.

S. C. HOBGOOD, Sheriff.

HAD YOU EVER THOUGHT OF IT?

What would be more appreciated for that Christmas present than a Perculator? We are selling them at cost while they last. Taylor Bros. 2t