



Dr. B. K. Hays 1-1-15

MOST VIOLENT BATTLE OF WAR

EVERY BIT OF THE GROUND FOUGHT WITH BAYONETS BY OPPOSING ARMIES AND THE BATTLE LINE EBBS AND FLOWS

French Push Their Lines a Few Yards Along the Rheims and in the Argonne.

Apart from the Russian victory over the Turks in trans-Caucasia, which is described in a dispatch to the Russian embassy from Petrograd as "complete," interest in the war centers in the stubborn fight the French and Germans are carrying on for the roads to Cernay and Muelhausen in upper Alsace.

The battle in that region, raging for a week, is described in a Berlin dispatch as the most violent of the war. The Germans regained one trench they had lost, but on the whole the French reports appear to show that the forces of France maintain their advantage, for every inch of which they had to fight, often with the bayonet.

Along the rest of the western front the tide of battle continues to ebb and flow. On either side of Rheims, according to reports, the French daily push their lines a few yards forward, while in the Argonne, where more hard fighting is going on, first the Germans and then the French report the capture of the other's entrenchments.

Another region where the French seemingly keep nibbling away at the German lines in the Woerwe, where gains they reported last night and again today must have gone a long way toward rendering the Germans' long occupation of St. Mihiel on the Meuse less comfortable.

The Russians, with all their other fronts to cover, have found another army with which to take the offensive against the German position at Miawa, on the east Prussian frontier, and tonight reported the capture of a village on the road to that town.

MEAT IS HIGH

We do not know why it is, but we have noticed that meats are quoted higher in Oxford than in other towns from which we see quotations.

NEW ROOF

We learn that it is the intention of the County Commissioners to put a new roof on the Court House instead of trying to repair the old one.

BAD ROADS

One man will drive in from the country and declare the roads are terrible, but he has forgotten before the good roads movement that he could hardly under like conditions get to town in a two horse buggy.

SOME BETTER

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Williford, who has been very sick with pneumonia, we are pleased to learn is getting along better.

ALLOWED \$450

The Insurance Adjuster allowed Brame & Hluzek \$450 on account of their loss by the Maine street fire. They carried policy for \$600.

ALMOST AN EPIDEMIC

Severe colds seem to have the grip on a large number of our people owing to the continued damp weather.

SALES VERY LIGHT

It seems that the farmers have not as yet recovered from the effects of the Joyous season as the tobacco breaks are very light on the Oxford market.

GREAT TRUTH

Billy Sunday says: "If you don't fix it with God before the undertaker's pumps the embalming fluid into you you'll never get to Heaven."

WHO ARE THEY

Who's that woman with the winning smile? She's the one who carries sunshine along her pathway. Who is the man with that jovial face? He's the man that cheers the hearts of the men he mingles with.

HAD HARD TIME

The seven mail carriers out of Oxford as well as the others in the county, have had a regular wave of mud to contend with since the first of December, and we hope the roads will soon dry out.

NEW CROSSING

We are pleased to see that the Town Dads have decided to put down a crossing from Breedlove & McFarland's to the old Cooper corner. They are badly needed at all the main crossings in town.

OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

(Miss Mary Shotwell)

One of the best ways to judge a school is to find out what it is doing for its community. Does it furnish any real, wholesome and instructive entertainment for its patrons? Or are the doors barred at four o'clock every afternoon when the teacher relaxes and says to herself, "another day gone?" Would it not be better were she to ask herself, "Have I done all for my pupils and patrons that I can?"

Realizing the great need for some organized work along this line, I prepared plans for a County Life Club with 25 suggested programs. Some of the teachers were very much interested in this work and showed it by organizing a club in the school. There are about 15 clubs in the county and nearly every week inquiries are made as to the best ways of perfecting the organization.

The County Life Club of Enon school is one of the first organized in the county and its members are doing some effective work. The club is fortunate in having a very progressive president who believes in doing all that he can for his community. During the winter the club meets every Friday evening in the school building, and enjoys the programs as well as the social hour. One of the most interesting programs was a spelling match between the school children and the club members. Through the help of the club, several needed improvements have been made in the school building and a tennis court has been placed on the school grounds.

IMPORTANT FACTS

Although the fact is well established that a sound body is a basis for a sound mind, we have been slow to recognize in a practical way some of the most important facts contributing to sound bodies. Now, however, in nearly every section, an encouraging emphasis is being placed on the value of fresh air, exercise, sleep, cleanliness and good food. The importance of good food for the growing child has been strikingly shown by the fact that those schools which provide school lunches show a decreased number of cases of malnutrition and an increased improvement in health and scholarship. It is certainly true that children cannot do their best work when they are poorly fed.

The much needed instruction in foods must be given by the general teacher, who finds it difficult to add to the already crowded school day. Correlation must therefore be the teacher's chief assistant. Why could she not teach the value of the egg as a food at the same time that they are studying something about the use of eggs in different countries in their geography lesson? Is it not just as necessary for every child to know what a balanced meal is, as to know his multiplication table?

Some of our teachers are beginning to realize the importance of teaching this great subject in the school along with the other subjects and have established classes in Domestic Science and Domestic Art.

COOKING CLASS

The first cooking class of the county was organized at Stem last winter and has met with remarkable success. The girls of the eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh grades belong to the classes and strange as it may seem—a boy is also a member. He was the only boy in his grade and felt that the girls were getting something that he needed, so applied for entrance and was admitted. A lesson of 1-2 hours twice a week is given these pupils and one of the newest plans of the teacher is to have the class prepare lunches for themselves and teacher.

The Domestic Art class is much larger than the Domestic Science class. Girls from the fourth grade through the high school are enrolled in these classes. All the sewing is practical and quite a number of the girls are making all of their clothes.

Will not these girls be better prepared, better able to meet the demands of the future?

MR. I. E. HARRIS IMPROVING

We are advised that Mr. I. E. Harris of Creedmoor and cashier of the Citizens Bank, is much improved. He was taken down with kidney trouble at the closing of the old year, and while his sufferings were severe, his many friends will be glad to know that he is on the road to recovery.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL ITEMS

PERSONAL ITEMS ABOUT FOLKS AND THEIR FRIENDS AND LOCAL ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE PUBLIC LEDGER READERS

PERSONAL MENTIONS

Miss Lucy Perry, of Louisburg, is visiting Dr. Fort's family.

Miss Frances Abbott spent the holidays with friends in Franklin, Va.

Mr. A. M. Cash, of Route 5, was in town Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Phipps, of Route 1, were in Oxford Thursday.

Mr. Norman Hobgood, of Route 4, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hershey are home from Columbus, Ohio.

Mrs. D. G. Brummitt is visiting Mrs. S. A. Fleming, at Hester.

Mr. J. P. Bradsher, of Route 6, was a town visitor Wednesday.

Mr. E. A. Tunstall, of Route 2, was on our streets Wednesday.

Mr. "Pike" Crews, of Route 6, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. D. W. Eakes, of Route 2, was on our streets Wednesday.

Mr. Elvis Mangum, of Tar River, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. Graham Currin, of Rute 7, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. Nat Hobgood, of Route 7, was on our streets Tuesday.

Mr. R. L. Pratt, of Franklinton, Route 1, was in Oxford Tuesday.

Mr. R. H. Butler, of Stovall, was in Oxford last Tuesday.

Messrs. H. E. J. C. and Alf Frazier, of Route 7, were in Oxford Tuesday.

Mr. John Stem, of Stem, was among the Oxford visitors Thursday.

Col. W. H. Osborn spent Sunday in Oxford, returning to Washington Sunday night.

Messrs. R. S. and Seymour Hart, of Route 4, were on our streets Thursday.

Miss Nan Jones, of Mayo, Va., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Joe Hobgood, on Route 7.

Mrs. Abbott and snos have returned from a visit to relatives in Appomattox and Lynchburg, Va.

Mr. J. E. Jackson attended the Poultry Show at Charlotte and informed us that Mr. Bowden was awarded second prize on white rocks.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Ury spent the Christmas holidays with their daughter, Mrs. Gordon, in Florida and had a delightful trip.

Mr. Kilgo Hunt and sister, Miss Lula, spent Wednesday and Thursday in the Xmas with relatives in Durham.

Mr. Oscar Puckett and family of Vance county, spent several days last week with relatives in Northern Granville.

Miss Lucy Powell will arrive this Friday to visit Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Powell on High street. Miss Powell is a sister of Mr. Powell.

Miss Susie Etta Royster returned to her home at Church Roads, Va., last Saturday after spending the holidays with her grandmother, Mrs. W. B. Royster, on Spring street.

Misses Lula Hunt, Edith Parham and Daisy Williford returned to Littleton College last Tuesday after spending a pleasant Christmas with home folks.

BANK STATEMENT

We call attention to the splendid showing of the First National Bank as verified by statement elsewhere in this paper.

TRUSTEE IN BANKRUPTCY

We call attention to the adv. of B. K. Lassiter, Trustee in Bankruptcy, of the Creedmoor Publishing Company.

HEAVY RAIN

Nearly an inch of rain fell here between eight and nine o'clock Wednesday evening. It was a steady down-pour unaccompanied by wind. The streets during the heaviest part of the shower were river channels and it had a decided tendency to cleanse the streets and beat down the mud.

TO THE TRUCK GROWERS

The North Carolina Department of Agriculture will furnish inoculating material for English or Garden peas, beans, etc. this spring, at fifty cents an acre. Place your order with A. W. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture, Raleigh, N. C., at once.

THE SUFFERGETTES

The Equal Suffragettes of the State, active in the interest of a bill which the leaders assert will be introduced at present session of the Legislature, are using the following doggerel verse which comes from Ohio:

"I can't vote;
Neither can ma;
Ohio's gone wet,
Blame it on pa."

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Bread Winners—Flour on Tuesday jumped 40 cents a barrel, which is a blow to bread winners.

Out Again—Mr. Moses King, who has been numbered with the sick, is out again attending to business.

Diversity Road—The road to prosperity in Granville will lead through a region of diversified agriculture.

Thursday Club—The members of this club were royally entertained by the Misses Gregory at their home on College street Thursday afternoon.

Has Been Confirmed—Mrs. Mary Osborn has been confirmed as postmaster of Oxford but has not as yet received her commission.

Time to Report—At the beginning of the New Year it is time for a report from the Get Busy and Don't Worry Club of Oxford.

Be Decent—We are sorry to see that some people are indecent enough to spit tobacco juice against the nice marble in the lobby of our new postoffice.

CRUDE DRUGS

The National Highway through Oxford is growing in popularity daily. Nearly every day one or more cars laden with well-to-do people pass through from the frozen North to the land of sunshine, and sometimes they come to a grove. It is always interesting to engage these tourists in conversation and get their point of view.

The other day we noticed a pretty lady and a crusty old gentleman seated in a handsome car out in the middle of the street talking to a colored man. It appeared that the colored man was not comprehending what the tourists wanted, and seeing the scribe standing on the corner sharpening his pencil, he beckoned to him to come to his rescue.

On approaching the car the lady said that she wished to know if there was a "herbarium" in town, and not grasping the meaning she added with a smile: "Crude drugs, you know. I wish to purchase some mullein and sunflower seeds." We informed the lady that there was an abundance of the very things she was looking for but no one had thought to gather them. And she added that quite a bit of pin money could be made by smart people by growing and gathering the simpler medicinal plants, such as mullein, poke, prickly ash, castor bean and sunflower, which would find a ready sale at 10 and 12 cents a pound, and that no doubt the industry could in a way be enlarged upon by an enterprising man. Her crusty old companion at the wheel finally broke into the conversation by enquiring: "How far is it to where the pine forest sets in?" We suppose he meant Southern Pines, and getting our answer, they departed with thanks.

AT HOME AGAIN

Dr. and Mrs. Bullock and two sons, of Hester, spent several days the past week with Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Moss at the Experiment Farm near Oxford. Mrs. Bullock has just returned from Maye Hospital, Rochester Minnesota, much improved in health, to the joy of the family.

PAY YOUR TAXES. IF YOU HAVE not paid your taxes see Sheriff's notice on this page.

STOCKHOLDER'S MEETING
Regular annual meeting of stockholders of the National Bank of Granville, will be held in their office, Tuesday, January 12, at 12 o'clock, ad

OPPORTUNITY

They do me wrong
Who say I come no more,
When once I knock
And fall to find you in;
For every day
I stand outside your door,
And bid you wake,
And rise to fight and win.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR TAXES.

Your State and County Taxes were due October 5, 1914. 1915 is here and your unpaid taxes is a liability on me. Besides I am called upon daily for money to satisfy the State school, County and Road Funds, with nothing in hand to pay over. It is a business proposition now. They have the law to force me. After this you will be called upon personally unless you call at office and settle. Be ready. The law forces me to collect and the expense too great to make more than one trip. If you haven't paid your taxes this notice is for you.

S. C. HOBGOOD, Sheriff.

GRANVILLE HAMS AND BACON

CURED IN A SMOKE-HOUSE WITH HICKORY CHIPS, THEY SURPASS EVEN THOSE OF THE FAMOUS SMITHELD HAMS

OPERA POWHATAN

Rehearsals for the Indian opera Powhatan are held daily after school and the pupils are gaining proficiency. The music proves to be tuneful and catchy and the story of the piece appeals to all lovers of Colonial history.

The opera will be given on Thursday night, January 14th, at the school auditorium, which will have the stage decorated to represent the forest. The cast of characters is as follows: Pocahontas, Miss Helen Royster; Laughing Star, Miss Daisy Smith; Minnehaha, Miss Edith Howell; Juniata, Miss Elizabeth Bryan; Red Feather, Miss Caroline Booth; Winona, Miss Muzette Daniel; Powhatan, Ewing Smith; Captain John Smith, Wm. A. Baker; Captain Rolfe, Wm. Pace; Medicine Man, Clyde Gooch; Pathfinder, Blount Bryan; Tim O'Flanigan, Gus Landis; Larry O'Gaff, Richard Turner; Chorus of Indian Maidens, Warriors, Sailors, Mrs. John Booth.

MISS WILLIAMS IN CHARLOTTE

Miss Mary B. Williams, of Oxford, is having a round of pleasure in Charlotte, as noticed from the Observer: "Misses Alice, Janie and Margaret Haughton received informally at their home on East Eleventh street Monday afternoon from 4:30 to 5:30 o'clock in honor of their guests, Miss Edith Bradshaw, of High Point, and Miss Mary Williams, of Oxford. Forty or more guests were invited to meet the attractive visitors. Mrs. Harry Hunter will entertain this evening at her home on East Seventh street in honor of Miss Bradshaw and Miss Williams."

HE PAID HIS DEBTS

In conversation with Sheriff Hobgood the other day he pointed out an old gentleman to us and remarked: "There's as fine an old gentleman as you ever saw in your life. He came to town to pay his debts. He had a goodly sum in the bank and withdrew that and paid his taxes and all his debts. A fine man every way you take him." And we add that if everybody would do likewise times would improve wonderfully.

DISTRESSING ACCIDENT

We learn that the little eight year old son of Mr. Tilden Barnett, residing near Shady Grove, was accidentally shot in the leg a few days ago while handling fire arms. Upon examination Dr. Watkins found that it was necessary to amputate the limb, and we learn that the little fellow stood the ordeal like a man and that he is getting along nicely.

CAPE FAREWELL

The Ladies Home Journal hands out this consolation to its readers: Cape of Good Hope—Sweet Sixteen; Cape Flattery—Twenty; Cape Look-out—Twenty-five; Cape Farewell—Forty.

READ EVERY ONE

We ask our readers to read carefully every advertisement in this paper. Our merchants have something to say or they wouldn't be talking. And what they say may mean something to you.

BUSINESS TRANSFERRED

I have turned the livery stable and accounts of Richard Thorp over to R. T. Smith, who will be glad to serve the people day and night. WILLIAM THORP, Guardian for Richard Thorp.

RAIN OR SNOW

An old friend advises us that it has either rained or snowed in Raleigh on the opening day of the Legislature for more than twenty-five years.

FARMERS FEEL GOOD

Wheat at \$1.35 a bushel is calculated to make the Granville county farmers who put plenty of it into the ground feel good over their foresight. And we learn that a large number of them has done this very thing.

STATISTICS AND ELOQUENCE

When eloquence begins to flow and statistics to ooze in the General Assembly we can rest assured that we will hear from old Granville in unmistakable terms.

DO IT NOW

If you have any building, repairing or repainting that will have to be done have it done now, as it will help out some of the unemployed in Oxford.

There is a Little Place Over in Virginia Made Famous by the Hams Cured There.

In our rounds a day or two ago we saw some of the finest hams and bacon in a local grocery store that we have seen in a long time, and better still, they were produced right here in Granville county. This put us to thinking. Over on the Eastern shore of Virginia there is a little town made famous by the "Smithfield Ham." "Smithfield" sounds very well, but "Oxford" sounds a little better, and we dare say a ham branded "Oxford" would taste a little sweeter. The "Smithfield Ham" is known to epicureans the world over, but they are not a bit better than the ones we saw in a local store the other day. The Smithfield hams are of uniform size, weighing about fifteen pounds each. They are selected and packed with great care, and their fame was established by a well defined system of advertising. "Oxford," as a brand, is clear-cut in sound and is synonym of honesty.

Why not get up a ham and bacon show at an early date? It could easily be made so very attractive that it might become an annual early winter event. There are many farmers who are curing their own hams and bacon and these could be induced to exhibit. The hams we saw in the grocery store were cured in a smoke house, so long a neglected adjunct to the farm, and they were simply beautiful. If one man wrought so much, why cannot others do the same. We feel that more of these fine hams should find their way to Oxford.

Let us make Granville famous for its home cured hams and bacon. The way to start the thing is to organize an exhibit, offer attractive prizes and work up plenty of enthusiasm. The Public Ledger will do its share.

TWO POPULAR SERIALS

"The Million Dollar Mystery" and the "Trey O' Hearts," the two popular serials which have had a successful run at the Orpheum, grow in interest as they approach the end. The management is on the lookout for other pictures of equal interest and they have a large booking of the very best and most instructive pictures to follow in the immediate future.

COL. POGUE COMING

Col. Pogue, the popular Secretary of the North Carolina State Fair, will arrive in Oxford today and accompany Col. Ballou and a party of gentlemen out to the home of Mr. W. N. Critcher, on Route 5, where a sumptuous supper will be spread to a dozen or more jovial friends.

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

In his message to the General Assembly, Governor Craig urges that the legislature pass a direct primary bill, that it empower the insurance commissioner to supervise the making of insurance rates, that it establish a state highway commission, that it provides for the protection of forests, that it go forward in health work and education, that the various state institutions be required to submit monthly or weekly statements of their condition, that a business commission or five men be at the head of the state's institutions, that the tuberculosis sanitarium at Montrose be abandoned as not being commensurate with the needs, and that a training school for teachers be established in the western part of the state. The governor, among other things, rings clear on child labor.

In speaking of the address the Raleigh Times says: "The Governor proposes and the Legislature disposes. If the chief executive had a veto power, more things would be brought to pass. Today the governor of North Carolina can issue pardons, but he cannot take a great part in constructive legislation. Some of these days the people of North Carolina will demand that the right of veto be conferred again on their governor."

LATEST NEWS

Prosperity is surely coming and so is our Tailoring Specialist from the Haas Tailoring Company, "The Tailors from Baltimore" on January 8, 9 and 11, 1915, only. All the snappy fabrics in men's Made to Order clothes for Spring and Summer, nineteen fifteen, will be on display. We especially recommend this line as to Fit, Style, Quality, and Price. An order to be delivered at any time is solicited. PERKINSON-GREEN CO. adv.