



### THE TASK OF THE ALLIES

#### DR. E. T. WHITE TALKS OF CONDITIONS ABROAD

He Thinks it is Practically Hopeless From a Military Standpoint to Subdue the Germans.

Dr. White is a great admirer of the productiveness and skill of the German people, but he disabused our minds from all personal feelings, and taking a map of the field of operations in the war zone and making thereon the lines of the opposing forces, he sums up at a glance the following existing conditions:

The war has now progressed for a period of six months and during that time the German lines have practically conquered the entire kingdom of Belgium and a portion of France. This is the condition on the west of the German empire.

On the east the German advance has penetrated into Russian Poland and is approaching Warsaw. From the beginning of the war to this date, the war has practically been entirely carried on outside of Germany, and German territory has been exempt from the destruction of war and is untouched.

The apex of the German advance is about 68 miles from the capital of France, Paris, located in a fertile rolling farming country, while Berlin, the capital of Germany, from the nearest point of the allied lines, measured in a straight line, is 400 miles, and about 300 miles of this distance is through a mountainous and rugged country, most easy of defense, and presenting almost insuperable obstacles to an invading force. The allies line must of necessity be on the defensive against the invading force, and, if broken, Paris will fall and serious disaster must result.

If the allied forces should break through the German lines of defense now held, and undertake to drive the German forces from Belgium, it would require an expenditure of life and property which would shock the nations engaged. If the Allies should successfully break through the German lines in the South, and attempt to reach Berlin from the west, it would require a march of at least 500 miles through that portion of the German empire which may be considered practically impregnable on account of the nature of the country and the facility of its defense.

Apparently the only possible hope of the allied nations winning this war on the land is from the Russian invasion from the east, and practically no progress has been made from this direction, as the German forces are invading their enemy's country in this sphere of operations.

Viewing the situation from any angle the conclusion is irresistible that after six months of war and immense destruction of life and property the Germans can only be whipped by the slow process of starving, and this being the case our country will soon witness a period of actively, the like of which was never before known.

#### Wholesome Advice

We see an item in many of our exchanges to the effect that every farmer who each week from now until planting time is over decides to add two or three more acres to his corn crop than he had at first intended to plant will be better off next fall and winter just to that extent and will thank himself that he did so. We grant that the farmers will be in an independent position if they follow the advice. But the tobacco industry is not dead by a long shot. The idea is not to depend upon the weed entirely for a living. We have never lost sight of the fact that corn, hogs and live stock, with poultry and dairy products, will make Granville county one of the most prosperous agricultural counties in the State.

#### A Rich Inheritance

We still claim that Oxford is the best place on earth. The muddy streets are disagreeable, to be sure, but there are thousands of things to be thankful for that the more progressive towns do not possess. While our people are slow to make obligations, they are quick to meet the obligations they do make. We are told that when a man owes a bill in some of the near-by towns he walks up the street on the other side; to extend their credit is to lose their friendship; that they let their bills stand and spend their cash elsewhere. That is a deplorable state of affairs, and we are glad to say that it does not exist in Oxford to any great extent. An honest, straightforward people is the richest inheritance a town can possess.

### ABOUT PEOPLE AND THINGS

#### GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY

Happenings That are of Interest to the Many Readers Of the Public Ledger.

**Spring Catalogue Fraze**  
We call attention to the seed advertisement of T. W. Wood & Sons, of Richmond, which appears in the Public Ledger from time to time. They have just issued a fine catalogue which they will be glad to send to you on request free of all charges.

**Dog Mires in the Mud**  
Late Wednesday evening the pitiful cries of a Scotch terrier was heard on Littlejohn street near the post office, and on investigation it was found that the dog was fastened in the mud. A long pole was used in the rescue.

**Oxford Tobacco Market**  
In spite of the bad weather the first of the week our warehouses had fairly good breaks of tobacco. We are sorry to say that some grades of the weed are not selling as well as they did before the holidays, and those who delayed stripping and selling have lost money.

**Beulah Buck Company**  
One of the finest quartets in the Lyceum circuit will appear in Oxford, at the Orpheum Theatre, on the evening of February 12th. It is one of these excellent entertainments backed by a refund of money if the patron is not entirely satisfied. See adv. on third page of this paper.

**Railroad Signal**  
Capt. D. H. Winslow, United States government engineer in charge of this division of the National Highway, informs us that he has received all the signals for the railroad crossings in Granville. These signals will be about 150 feet from the crossings, thus giving ample warning to travelers over the highway. The railroads have no right to place signals outside the bounds of their right-of-way, and consequently railroad signals are almost always close to the track, too close for safety.

**Advocates Good Roads**  
Mr. J. D. Kinton, who was in Oxford one day this week, was heard to remark that he would have gladly paid \$2.50 for the privilege of making the trip over good roads. We wish everybody in Granville county could see it in the same light as does Mr. Kinton. Our heart goes out to the man who lives way out on the muddy thoroughfare. We often think how distressing it would be should some member of his family become sick and the consequence of delay in procuring medical attention.

**Telephone Bad Manners**  
In some printed rules for its employees regarding the use of the telephone, a Northern business house says: "Do not say 'who are you?'" Now, if we only had somebody to write and enforce rules for telephone courtesy for Southern people in their social intercourse! As it is, the first thing we hear when we answer a telephone call, is, "Who's that?" which is not only a most discourteous salutation, but one which is too often spoken in a mandatory tone that adds to the insult.

**The Pierian Literary Society**  
The Pierian Literary Society of the Oxford High School met January 29th. Roll was called and the minutes read. The President read a portion from the Bible followed by the Lord's prayer in concert. The subject for the evening was a miscellaneous program.

There had been a call meeting during the week for the purpose of discussing whether we should have a play and with the proceeds entertain the Carteret Literary Society. It was decided to have one and the president appointed Georgia Winston to order two plays to select from. The society adjourned to meet Feb. 5th.

**Fine Boys**  
You can tell a boy who has just graduated from the Oxford Orphan Asylum. God bless them, they approach you with an open face, in a polite manner with haf in hand, showing that they have been taught to have confidence in themselves. No wonder so many of these boys are making good in the world. We are more intimately acquainted with the little chaps who come immediately under the influence of Editor Pinnix and Mr. Hulse, manager of the large printing establishment, and we can testify that they have been started on the right road, and if we are not mistaken some of them will be heard from later in life.

#### ENTERTAINMENT

Friday afternoon, February 12th, at 4 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. A. H. Powell, for the work of the Kings' Daughters an attractive and varied program of Living Pictures, recitations, songs and refreshments. Admission 25 cents. Public cordially invited.

### AN INDUSTRY FOR OXFORD

#### FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS WILL TURN THE TRICK

With a Population of 26,000 Granville County Will Support Several Small Industries.

In our rounds we ran across a small industry that netted its owner several thousand dollars annually. It was a little back room in an unpretentious residence on a side street in Philadelphia. The first product of the little establishment was peddled from house to house, but soon the proprietor, Mr. Fells, began to advertise "Fell's Naphtha" and his fortune was made, and he died last year worth \$3,000,000.

Turning this over in our mind, we fancy that we can see right here in Oxford a nicely perfumed cake of soap bearing the clear-cut commercial stamp—"Made in Oxford."

With a population of nearly 30,000, Granville county alone offers an excellent market for many articles which might be produced right here, to say nothing of the surrounding country supplied by Oxford as a distributing point. There is approximately \$27,000 worth of soap used in this county each year and upward of \$225,000 worth sold through this section. Why not produce a part of this here? We have by weight, as much raw material which enters into the manufacture of soap as any other city in the United States, viz: water, turpentine and crude cotton oil close at hand. There is plenty of capital in Oxford ready to be invested in small industries where safety and profit is apparent. The only thing needed is the man to start and run the industry. Five thousand dollars will establish a soap factory, exclusive of the ground, that will turn out \$50,000 worth of soap per year, give employment to about 15 jobless people, and produce a profit of \$7,000 to \$10,000 if properly managed. Will some one please get busy and establish a soap factory here? But remember that the first essential to success is a soap maker, which is by far less expensive to import than soap.

#### REVIVAL SERVICES

**Dr. McDaniels Preaches to Large Congregation**  
The capacity of the auditorium of the Baptist church is taxed afternoon and night with people from all the denominations in Oxford to hear Dr. McDaniels, of Richmond. The revival services will continue for several days, preaching in the afternoon and at night.

#### AGED LADY PASSES AWAY

**The Mother of Col. W. B. Ballou Falls to Sleep**  
Col. W. B. Ballou received a phone message early Thursday morning from Danville, announcing that his aged mother, who was visiting Mrs. Bagby, was dead. Mrs. Ballou retired Wednesday night in her usual health and upon being called early Thursday morning it was found that she was dead.

Mrs. Ballou was 73 years old; she was a devoted Christian lady and a member of the Baptist church. Deceased is survived by one son, Col. W. B. Ballou, and four daughters, Mrs. R. L. Brown, and Mrs. Abbit, of Oxford, Mrs. Bagby, of Danville, and Mrs. Dickerson, of Winston-Salem.

Col. Ballou, Mr. and Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Abbit left for Danville Thursday and accompanied the remains to Houston, Va., where the interment took place this Friday morning at the old home place.

#### Country Life Club

The Enon Country Life Club enjoyed its first social meeting on Friday evening, January 29th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Knott. The guests began to arrive about 7:30 o'clock and were ushered into the beautiful parlor, where they spent a delightful evening. While some enjoyed a social chat, others were enjoying the popular game, Rook.

About 10 o'clock the guests were invited into the dining room, where delicious cream and cake were served. The table was beautifully decorated with various kinds of fruits. About 11:30 the guests took their departure, each in turn, declaring they had spent a most delightful evening. A GUEST.

#### Stem Union

Stem Union will meet Saturday before the first Sunday in February. All members are requested to answer to roll call at 2 o'clock. P. L. THOMASSON, Pres.

**CONCRETE BRICK WALKS BUILT.**  
One dollar per sq. yard. Curbing, 20 cents per foot. Sample may be seen at residence of Mr. H. M. Shaw. Oxford Brick & Tile Works.

### AN UNPOPULAR MEASURE

#### SHALL THE CHILDREN BE DEPRIVED OF PLEASURE

All Things Being Equal We Are Rather Inclined to Stand by the Dear Little Children.

We remember well while engaged in newspaper work in Richmond, the City Council passed an ordinance prohibiting children from skating on the granolithic sidewalks and the walkways through the parks. Chief Werner instructed his men and the park police to enforce the ordinance to the very letter of the law. We were present on Libby Hill Park when Capt. Higgins, the best old Irishman we ever knew, tried to enforce the law. Gathering the little tots around him and calling each by their names, he told them that they must not skate up and down the pathways of the park. They had known the old Captain all their lives, and they tucked their little heads and dispersed. One by one they returned to him and asked him to let them skate. It was virtually so all over the city, and after Chief Werner made a personal inspection he reported to the Council that the ordinance deprived the children of too much pleasure, and as there was very little year and tare on the granolithic pavements he asked that the ordinance be repealed, and it was repealed.

We feel that the health and pleasure of the children should be consulted at all times. The parents of two of the sweetest little children in Oxford, whom we personally know, comes forward with the following communication:

#### A FRIEND OF THE KIDDIES

Mr. Editor:  
Wasn't that a good thing the "stroller" said about the new roller-skating ordinance being a "dead-law"? Not a breath of life in it. And a dead law is not a good thing for a town. Do you know of a single city where children are not allowed to roller-skate on the sidewalks in the residential sections? It is an innocent, exhilarating, healthy exercise. Worth more to the dear kiddies than all the drug stores. Once a great French soldier prayed: "O, God, do for me just what you would have me do for you, if I were you, and you were me." And the children are continually breathing just such prayers to us grown-ups. When we forget that we were once kids, we make it hard for the youngsters around us. A FRIEND OF THE KIDDIES.

#### MARION TAYLOR A HERO

**Hands Painfully Burned in Rescuing Colored Woman**  
Shortly after 7 o'clock Wednesday morning Mr. Marion Taylor was aroused by a loud report in his kitchen, similar to that of the explosion of a Krupp gun, and on investigation he found Amanda Faison, an old colored woman wrapped in flames. Amanda was substituting for Mr. Taylor's cook, who was taken sick the previous day. The fire would not burn as fast as Amanda desired, and finding an old tin can in the woodhouse she proceeded to empty its contents on the slumbering fire. No one seems to know what the can contained, or how or for what purpose it was placed in the woodhouse. Whatever it was, the report and the agonizing cries of Amanda was sufficient to arouse the entire neighborhood. The draperies about the kitchen were saturated with the oil scattered by the explosion, and it may have been here that Mr. Taylor received some of the burns that cause him to swing his arm in a sling.

**Carter-Currie**  
Invitations have been received by friends which read: Mr. and Mrs. William Graham Carter request the pleasure of your company at the marriage of their daughter Roberta Lee to Reverend Grover-Cleveland Currie Tuesday afternoon, February the sixteenth, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifteen at four o'clock, At Home Carter's Mills, North Carolina.

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.

### PERSONALLY - MENTIONED

#### SOME YOU KNOW DO YOU KNOW

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

Mrs. R. G. Lassiter has returned from a pleasant sojourn in Raleigh.

Mrs. D. A. Coble, is recovering from a two weeks' spell of sickness.

Mr. A. B. Andrews, of Raleigh, spent Thursday in Oxford.

Mrs. Pugh, of Greenville, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Parham.

Mr. Tom Pace is at home from school on account of sickness.

Mr. E. G. Connell, of Tar River, was in Oxford this week.

Mr. E. W. Powell, of Route 2, was in Oxford Wednesday.

Messrs. W. T. and J. T. Martin, of Route 6, were in Oxford Thursday.

Mr. Harper Renn, of Route 6, was an Oxford visitor Thursday.

Mr. Hamilton Hester, of Route 1, was on our streets Thursday.

Mr. Deleware Ross, of Route 6, was an Oxford visitor Thursday.

Judge Graham has returned from Roxboro court.

Mr. B. K. Lassiter has returned from Raleigh.

Mr. B. W. Robinson of South Granville, was in Oxford Wednesday.

Mr. Charles Washington, of Tally Ho, was in Oxford Thursday.

Mr. W. A. Moss, of Tar River section, was in Oxford Wednesday.

Mr. Hamilton Hester of Route 1 was in town Thursday.

Mr. H. P. Webb, of Tally Ho, was in Oxford Thursday.

Mr. M. R. Stem, of Durham county was an Oxford visitor Thursday.

Mr. Herbert Suit, of Stem section was on the tobacco market Thursday.

Mr. Chas. Lawrence, of Wilton section, was an Oxford visitor Thursday.

Mr. B. W. Parham has returned from a professional trip to Thomasville.

Mr. James R. Green, of the Export Leaf Tobacco Exchange, Richmond, was on the Oxford market Tuesday.

Gen. B. S. Royster and Senator A. A. Hicks were in Richmond on legal business Thursday.

We regret to learn that Mrs. Lou Meadows, who has been sick for some time, is no better.

Mrs. G. T. Lumpkin is confined to her home with a severe case of grippe.

Miss Nellie Glenn, of Henderson, is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brown, on High street.

Miss Birdie Faires, of Aberdeen, was the attractive guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Comer during the past week.

#### THE COUNTY FAIR

**A Gem From the Pen of Peter Radford, Lecture of the National Farmers' Union.**

The farmer gets more out of the fair than anyone else. The fair to the city man is an entertainment; to a farmer it is an education. Let us take a stroll through the fair grounds and linger a moment at a few of the points of greatest interest. We will first visit the mechanical department and hold communion with the world's greatest thinkers.

You are now attending a congress of science of all ages. They are addressing you in tongues of iron and steel and in language mute and powerful tell an eloquent story of the world's progress. The invention geniuses are the most valuable farm hands we have and they perform an enduring service to mankind. We can all help others for a brief period while we live, but it takes a master mind to tower into the realm of science and light a torch of progress that will illuminate the pathway of civilization for future generations. The men who gave us the sickle, the binder, the cotton gin and hundreds of other valuable inventions work in every field on earth and will continue their labors as long as time. Their bright intellects have conquered death and they will live and serve mankind on and on forever, without money and without price. They have shown us how grand and noble it is to work for others; they have also taught us lessons in economy and efficiency, how to make one hour do the work of two or more; have lengthened our lives, multiplied our opportunities and taken toll off the back of humanity.

They are the most practical men the world ever produced. Their inventions have stood the acid test of utility and efficiency. Like all useful men, they do not seek publicity, yet millions of machines sing their praises from every harvest field on earth and as many plows turn the soil in mute applause of their marvelous achievements.

Mr. R. B. Blackley, of Franklin, Route 2, was in Oxford Wednesday.

### COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

#### MINUTES OF THE TWO DAY'S SESSION

The Usual Run of Business Engage the Attention of the Commissioners—Confirms Election of Dr. Hays.

The honorable Board of County Commissioners met in regular monthly session Monday. Messrs. B. I. Breedlove, Chairman; H. C. Floyd, Z. W. Allen, J. L. Peed and R. S. Hart, constituting the Board, were present.

Mrs. Rhodie Peryer was ordered placed on outside pauper list at \$1 per month.

Willis Hall was granted rebate on one town lot in Fishing Creek township.

The Sheriff was requested to summon a jury of three freeholders to assess the damages to the lands of W. S. Farabow in Tally Ho township, just beyond Stem.

Ordered that W. T. Woody be appointed at a salary of \$2 a day to hire hands at \$1 a day to open the road leading from Stovall to Vance county line; also, to replace the wire fences removed from the roadbed. This road is about one mile in length.

B. G. Rogers was granted rebate on \$2,000, error in valuation of merchandise.

Ordered that action on the road from Jim Jones to the National Highway be postponed until first Monday in March.

R. C. Adcock was exempt from road duty one year.

Commissioner Floyd was requested to look to the repairs of Cannady's bridge.

Commissioner Peed was requested to look after the Knap of Reeds and Whitaker bridges.

The Board by a unanimous vote donated \$175.00 for care of demonstration work.

Gordon Bullock was admitted to the Home of the Aged and Infirm.

Dr. B. K. Hays having been elected County Physician and Quarantine officer at a regular meeting of the County Board of Health, at a salary of \$1,100 per year, upon motion the action of said Board was ratified.

Power was given to Dr. B. K. Hays, County Health Officer, to admit to the Home of the Aged and Infirm in the absence of the Board of Commissioners, any person that in his opinion should be received in said institution.

Tommy Jackson, of Dutchville township, was permanently exempted from poll tax.

Dr. W. L. Taylor was granted rebate on \$400, error in land valuation. J. E. Hutchins was appointed township constable to succeed W. R. Wood resigned.

#### PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

**Farmers Suggest the Setting Apart of a Day to Discuss Plans for the Future**

Mr. A. P. Overton is among the large number of Granville county farmers who have suggested that a day be set apart for the farmers to meet in Oxford to discuss plans for the future. Mr. Overton feels that an exchange of views at this particular time would be of great value to the farmers.

We have always advocated any plan that would bring the farmers together, and we believe that now is the proper time for them to meet with each other and have a complete understanding among themselves.

With the light before them we believe that they would resolve to plant more corn and feedstuff and less tobacco. They would be perfectly safe in diversifying their crops. The advice of David Crockett, "To be sure you are right, and then go ahead," applies here with particular force; but on the other hand, who can tell what the price of tobacco will be next season?

In discussing this question we must admit that there will be greater demands for the American weed than ever before, war or no war. There is considerable tobacco raised in the war zone, but that industry is completely paralyzed, and should the war come to an end today it would not again reach a normal condition within a half dozen years.

The resolution on the part of the farmer to grow less tobacco and more feedstuff the coming season will have a decided tendency to equalize his income.

The crack of the last gun in the war zone will soon be heard, and it will surprise the world how soon business will right itself along all lifes.

The great corporations, with their millions locked in treasurer houses, have proceeded with care, but when the star of hope again flashes over the sea this great bulk of money will be turned into the channels of trade and the world will rejoice as it never before rejoiced. Be ready for the great awakening—it is coming.