

GRANVILLE'S THREE GRACES COMMENCEMENT WEEK - OXFORD GRADED SCHOOLS U.S. NOTE GIVEN OUT IN BERLIN

The Test Farm, The Farm Demonstrator and The Improved School House

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One of the most surprising features in the rapid development of North Carolina is the enthusiasm that is apparent in every community and every town from one end of the state to the other. Everything that indicates going ahead has its counterpart practically impossible to get to any place in the State and not immediately recognize the signs. One county points to its farm development. One to its health measures. One to its multiplying schools. All of these have some special lines. You must have some special lines. You must have the good roads, the farm demonstrator, and after him the man who is stimulating the creamery production, and after him the man who is pioneering a paint and clean-up movement. And every where is the cry for more people to help in the accomplishment that North Carolina has decided on.

Granville county is just now figuring on a bond issue to get more school houses. Granville is a mighty active county. It is one of the best in the State. It is a good farm county for any number of important products. It has a good road foundation. The Capital Highway, with its red, white and blue stripes painted on the line, poles and mail boxes along the route from Washington and the north to Atlanta and the South.

Has One of State's Farms. Granville has one of the test farms of the state, the one here being more particularly a tobacco farm. It is not far out from Oxford and about the first striking thing that greets the stranger who is progressing toward Durham is a field in which is a crop of oats, vetch and clover. E. G. Moss, the superintendent of the farm, figures that he will get about three tons of hay to the acre from that field. Then he will plant something else on the ground, and by the time he has completed the cycle of the crop year he will show a hay yield that will make his crop as good as a crop of tobacco or any other crop, and the way will be insignificant in comparison. Moss is something of a joker. He is running his test farm here to work out the questions concerning profitable production of tobacco in North Carolina, and he is leading some of the best who see his plan with belief that if Granville never planted another stalk of tobacco the county could still have hope for pulling through.

It is said that Granville tobacco land comes the nearest to perfection of any that has been discovered. I pass that along as I get it. After tobacco men have had their say, and the State tobacco men have gone into

the question intelligently, and the Federal Government folks have heard their fling at the subject, and all decide that Granville sits at the head of the table in more than one respect. There is nothing for us spectators to do but accept the verdict. These folks know about all that is known so far. Therefore Granville is accepted as a highly-endowed tobacco section. The people make tobacco, and that is more evidence. Granville is a great tobacco county in a great tobacco belt of a great tobacco State.

Three Places to Show. After I fooled around here in Granville county a little, looking at the new roads and the red hills and the sandy ridges, and the progressive gait these folks have struck I fell in with a bunch of men who said they wanted to show me their county. I have seen it. I told them. But not all, they protested. "Not all, but when you want to show a man your county take him," I said, "three places. Go over to the test farm and see the vetch field nearest to town. Then go to the Masonic Orphanage and show him the alfalfa field just below the main building. Then go to the oat field out beyond the barns. Let him stand there about fifteen minutes, and allow the situation to fix itself right firmly on his memory. Then you can let him go home, and you can be sure he will have a pretty fair idea of Granville county."

I do not have the remotest idea of whether North Carolina wants to embark in raising alfalfa in considerable quantities or not. But if anyone wants to know whether alfalfa will grow in North Carolina that question can be settled by a visit to the field at the orphanage. I don't know whether North Carolina will ever go into the business of making oats on a large scale. But as far as the field at the orphanage I think is the best field of oats I ever saw, and I have seen several. It is not yet a harvested crop and may meet with trouble before it reaches the barn, but at the present stage of the crop reporter would call it a good prospect.

Fields Would Make Fine Exhibit. However, it is not the best crop that counts. It is the possibility of producing good average crops. Alfalfa has these three fields because of fundamental conditions that tell the story. Soil conditions, climate conditions and moisture conditions make crops. Here they are. If Capt. Parrish and Col. Pogue could exhibit them in the fall at the State Fair and invite the world in to see, North Carolina would be a great success.

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(Oxford Graded School Building)

OFFICERS, TEACHERS, AND GRADUATING CLASS OF 1914-15.

Table listing school officers, teachers, and the graduating class of 1914-15. Columns include Trustees of School, Faculty, Graduates, and names of individuals.

CONQUOR TOBACCO WILT

ROTATION OF CROPS PROVE SOLUTION TO PROBLEM. Clover, Corn and Grass Moves Wilt to Territory Where Single Crop System Prevails.

INTERESTED IN CREAMERY

Prospects Grow Brighter For Granville County Dairy Product. While there has been no decided step taken to establish a creamery in Granville county it is gratifying to note that there is much favorable comment in that direction.

"THE CAP IN THE RING"

COLLEGE GIRLS WILL MAKE MERRY ON CAMPUS. Play to Be Presented Monday Evening Next on the Lawn at Oxford College.

CAPTURES A BLIND TIGER

SHERIFF HOBGOOD GETS 'EM GOING AND COMING. Sheriff Hobgood is the most typical looking Sheriff in the 100 counties of the State. It does appear that some people can not conceive in their minds just how a good, live Sheriff looks until they examine the credentials.

OXFORD COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT.

Interesting Services at the Baptist Church. The program for the commencement at Oxford College is now complete. On Sunday morning, May 23, Dr. Smith of Chapel Hill will preach the baccalaureate sermon at the Baptist church, at which time the graduating class of Oxford College assisted by Mrs. Woodall, will sing from the choir loft.

CROPS ARE GOOD

The Farmers Themselves are Hopeful of Better Times. So far as we have been able to observe the agricultural conditions in Granville are very favorable at the present time. The fields have been splendidly worked and the growing crops in fine shape to reap the benefits of the rain for which they had been waiting.

GENERAL SERVICE

The Orpheum Theatre Will Exhibit "The Cap in the Ring." The management of the Orpheum Theatre will carry the General Service, beginning Monday next. This is an advance step so far as vividness of scene is concerned.

SOME TREES WITH A HISTORY

They Adorn the Capital Square at Raleigh. While in Raleigh recently, Mr. C. B. Edwards, one of the best informed men on the local history of the Capital City, pointed out to me four large oak trees which stand close together at the southwest corner of the capitol building and he explained to me that at that point Joel Lane fed the deer of the forest previous to selling the land to the State for the purpose to which it is now devoted.

It Is Said That It Will Be Several Days Before Answer Is Made

The official note published in Berlin says it will be some days before the answer of the Imperial Government is ready, as the note raises many points, and consultation between several departments of the government would be necessary in preparing a reply.

Press Takes Antagonistic View. The Cologne Gazette makes the following comment on the American note to Germany: "It shall, we are sure, receive the answer from our government that it deserves. Its contents and language seem to indicate that it must be considered to be the consequence of the anti-neutrality attitude of the American government has assumed against Germany in an increasing measure."

Italy Rejects Proposal. Italians Pouring Home; List of Minimum Demands on Austria; History of the Diplomatic Relations.

It was learned today that the council of ministers at a prolonged session has unanimously rejected Austria's eleven-hour proposals for prolonging the negotiations regarding the cessation of territory.

Italy's Demands. The minimum demands made upon Austria in behalf of Italy by Foreign Minister Sonnino were:

- (1) The cession of the entire province of Trent (part of the Austrian Tyrol) according to the frontier of the Kingdom of Italy in 1811.
(2) Eastern Friuli, comprising Malborghetto, Plezzo, Tolmino, Gradisca, Gorizia, Monfalcone, Gomen, and so far south as Neberiano.
(3) Trieste, Capo d'Istria, and Pirano (the last two in Austria) to new state independent from Austria.
(4) The Islands of Curzola, Lisasa, Lesina, La Gosta, Cazza, and Medula (off the coast of lower Dalmatia) to be ceded to Italy.
(5) The abandonment of Austria of her interests in Albania acknowledged.

MURDER IN GRANVILLE

CHARLES LEWIS KILLS JIM BULLOCK. A slender little negro boy, about 13 years of age, sent a pistol ball through the lungs of Jim Bullock, an aged colored man, early last Wednesday morning in the vicinity of Stovall. When the murderer saw his victim fall to the ground and gasp for breath, he made for the Virginia State line as fast as his feet would carry him.

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NOTED PIANIST COMING

John Powell, Richmond's Famous Musician. The lovers of music in this section will learn with pleasure that John Powell, the noted Richmond pianist will play an engagement in Oxford in June, under the auspices of the Woman's Civic League.

IN BEHALF OF THE VETERANS

Hearty Appeal of J. H. Gooch of Stem. To Confederate Veterans of Granville County: Realizing that the reunion to be held in Richmond, Va., on June 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, is the last one that will likely be held in reasonable reach of you, I hope that each of you can attend, as I believe you will never regret it.

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