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TEXT OF AMERICAN NOTE

BERLIN PAPERS MAKE FAVORABLE COMMENT

Former Secretary Bryan Says Note Was Modified After He Resigned.

(Berlin Dispatch)

The text of the American note was published today in the Berlin afternoon newspapers.Definite statements as to the attitude of the German government with respect to the note are not yet available, but in circles which, while themselves not officially responsible, are often good barameters of the sentiment in responsible quarters, the note seems to have made a distinctly favorable impression, and is believed to offer the possibility of negotiations on which a settlement might be reached. The conciliatory tone of the note apparently has evoked a responisve attitude here. Individuals, who in the earlier stages of the negotiations displayed stiff-necked adherence to their own views, which made discussion almost impossible, are now willing to talk of compromise, in which the compromise would not be all on one side.

The official viewpoint probably can be correctly appraised only after conferences of the Imperial Chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg. Herr von Jagow and representatives of the army and navy. The Emperor, it is believed, will speak the final word. It is understood that these conferences will begin immediately. The answer will not be drafted, and the lines of the German policy upon before Dr. Gerhard, the representative of the German ambassador at Washington,has arrived and made his report.

Bryan Picks a Flaw.

(Washinigton Dispatch)

Former Secretary Bryan, who resigned rather than sign the second note to Germany, ha sissued another statement declaring that the note was materially revised following the presentation of his resignation. The revision, Mr. Bryan averred, softened the note, but was not sufficient to justify him in withdrawinig his resignation.

"It is true," said Mr. Bryan, "that I saw the final draft of the note just before my resignation took effect, but it contained an important change. I had no knowledge of this change at the time my resignation was tendered and accepted.

The Note.

The concluding paragraph of Wilson's late note to Germany is as follows:

"The government of the United States deems it reasonable to expect that the imperial German government will adopt the measures necessary to put these principles into practice in respect of the safeguarding of American lives and American ships, and asks for assurances that this will be done."

A Tribute to Wilson.

In a two-column tribute to President Wilson, Alfred G. Gardiner, editor of the London News, says:

"No man in the democratic world today is so entirely governed by principal and moral sanctions. President Wilson is not merely the first citizen of the United States, but the first citizen of the world. He makes mistakes, no doubt, for he is human. But they never are the mistakes of a weak man; they never are the mistakes of a political gambler, or one touched by sordid motives of ambition.

"Emperor William has made many miscalculations about nations and men, but his greatest miscalculation was in regard to Mr. Wilson and the United States. Incidentally, there also has been much misconception on the same subject in this country. Throughout the war his attitude has conformed to the historic tradition of the United States of nonintervention in European affairs, but he realizes the world has changed, and the United States can no longer remain hermetically sealed.

"The rupture between President Wilson and Mr. Bryan will be one of the great landmarks of the war. It is a mercy for the United States that in the nomination struggle the amiable dreamer was defeated by the statesman. In refusing to yield an inch on the rights of American citizens, President Wilson is defending the sacred ark of freedom. He will not go to war if war can be avoided with honor, but the integrity of the United States is his supreme concern, and it is safe in his hands."

MR. HESTER ANSWERED

The $30,000 Bond Issue Anticipated

Editor Public Ledger:

As it appears from Mr. John W. Hester's explanation of the $30,000 bond issue, that the matter is only temporarily set aside until the people can be educated up tot the issue through the lawyers and the press, there are one or two things connected with the matter that I think Mr. Hester will do well to explain to the people through the Public Ledger.

As I understand, Creedmoor and several other school districts in the county have already voted a pretty stiff local tax to build school houses, and I have heard that the School Board, or County Superintendent has promised a sum amounting to $14,000 to pay off a part of this indebtedness in these districts, and that they further claimed they were going to pay o ffthe $15,000 indebtedness Mr. Hester spoke of. Now if this is true $29,000 of the $30,000 is already spent which would leave only $1,000 to spend for school buildings in the next twenty years. If it is not true it would leave said districts to pay for their own buildings and their pro rata share of the $30,000. And further, if the $15,000 is not paid out of the bond issue how do they ever expect to pay it unless the tax rate is raised, as it is admitted that the $30,000 bond issue would anticipate the present tax levy for school buildings for the next twenty years.

If these questions can be satisfactorily explained perhaps there could be found more than two persons in this part of the county in favor of the bonds. B. E. GREEN

MUSIC WITHOUT A FLAW

TUESDAY EVENING MUSIC CLUB PERMANENT ORGANIZATION

"Esther," the sacred Cantata presented at the Orpheum Theatre last Friday evening by the Tuesday Evening Music Club, composed of local talent, was keenly appreciated by those who attended. While the attendance was not as large as it should have been, there is every reason to believe the Tuesday Evening Music Club is now a fixture in our community.

"Esther" abounds in difficult strains of music; yet there was not a discord as presented by our local talent. The effort was far superior to any ever attempted in Oxford before. It was the second time the Cantata "Esther" was presented by the same talent, and that in a measure will account for its splendid rendition. It goes to prove, however, that we have in our midst a superior music talent, which is a valuable asset, and it should be cherished by the community.

Of course the Tuesday Evening Music Club and the entire community appreciate the assistance and splendid voice of Prof. Poteat.

As this was the foundation stone of a temple of music to be supported by the community at popular prices, we watched its progress with a great deal of concern. The piano, in the hands of Miss Mary E. Webb, who in music is all grace and soul, made the hour one of bliss. Mr. S. K. Phillips, possess a rare tenor voice and he sang with much expression on this occasion. No one who heard Miss Helen Royster on this occasion can ever forget the gracefulness with which she is endowed; the perfect poise and the mastery which she possesses over a voice of wide range and much pathos. Misses Edna White and Bessie Howell also sang solos with marked ability.

Mr. Phillips, director of the Tuesday Evening Music Club is highly pleased with the prospect of establishing a high cless musical organization in this community. Nothng would speak better for the community than such an organization; and we trust the good people will give the Music Club their hearty support.

False Alarm—About 9 o'clock Saturday morning someone sent in an alarm and the firemen, who are always on the alert, responded quickly and dashed off to the vicinity of the Southern depot expecting to find that end of town ablaze, but to their astonishment they found smoke issuing from the hen house of Mandy Anderson and on close investigation found that she was trying to kill the chicken vermin by smoking them with cornshucks.

NOBLE LADY FALLS TO SLEEP

MRS. ELLA CLEMENT LAID TO REST.

Mrs. Ella Clement, 63 years old, the beloved wife of the late Amos G. Clement, died Sunday morning last at her home on Broad street, after a lingering illness. She was a devout member of Geneva Presbyterian church.

The deceased was a sister of Mrs. W. D. Smith, of Tar River; Mrs. D. E. Allen, of Louisville, Ky., and Mrs. Julia B. Minor, of Oxford. She was the daughter of William Allen and his wife Emeline Allen. Seven children survive, as follows:

Mrs. E. B. Meadows, Mrs. W. T. Yancey, Miss Ella, Miss Annie, and Miss Helen; Messrs. Jack and Amos B. Clement, all of Granville county.

Funeral services, conducted by Rev. S. K. Phillips, assisted by Rev. Kinnerson, were held from the residence Monday afternoon and the interment was in the family plot, near Geneva church.

HON. F. P. HOBGOOD

Guilford Senator Made Special Attorney in U. S. Department of Justice.

(Greensboro Special, June 13)

State Senator F. P. Hobgood, Jr., one of the leading members of the Greensboro bar, has been appointed a special attorney in the Department of Justice at a salary of $7,500 a year and will be assigned to work with Hon. E. J. Justice in the oil land cases on the Pacific slope. The appointment was made upon recommendation of Mr. Justice, who was several months ago appointed a special assitant to the Attorney General and who has now been placed in charge of all litigation west of the Missippi river. Mr. Justice agreed to take this added responsibility with the understanding that he be allowed to select the man who would have charge of the oil investigations.

Senator Hobgood has represented Guilford county in the upper branch of the General Assembly for the last three sessions. Two years ago he in the Senate and Mr. Justice in the House were the leaders in progressive legislation. They have for several years been close personal and political friends. Colonel Hobgood is a son of Prof. F. P. Hobgood, of Oxford and a graduate of Wake Forest College. He took his law course in one of the universities at Washington City and has been in the active pracuce more than twelve years. He stands high in his profession and is a speaker of great force and ability.

Colonel and Mrs. Hobgood will leave about July 1, for San Francisco, and after spending a month there will go to Cheyenne, Wyoming, where they will be permanently located. The government has recently obtained some favorable decisions in litigation over the oil and timber lands on the Pacific coast and in the Rocky Mountains, and encouraged by this fact it is determined to press the cases with greater zeal than ever.

The Cash Grocery.

See the nice attractive advertisement of the Cash Grocery elsewhere in the Public Ledger and give W. W. Alston your order and save money.

Mr. A. Williford, Oxford's ex-chief of police, is at City Point, Va.

IN AN OLD EGG CRATE

ROBERT RICHARDSON, COLORED, IN THE TOILS

Officers Catch the Old Offender with Whiskey in the Bottom of an Improvised Egg Crate.

Robert Richardson, an old colored offender, is in the toils. Robert has often made the remark that he would kill the first man who laid hands on him. He had made the threat so many times he began to think that the officers were really afraid of him.

A grape vine message last Friday rom up in Oak Hill township advised the officers that Robert was approaching Oxford from the direction of Virgilina with a large box of eggs fastened to the tail end of his one-horse wagon. Special Officer J. A. Hutchins and Policeman I. H. Hobgood figured it out just where they would meet Robert and forfeit their lives, so they hurried up and selected a nice green sward in a flowery dell some ten miles northwest and waited for Robert to come along and rip them up and strew sweet violets over their remains. The officers figured it out that their remains would lay in state in the ratunda of the Court House from Friday evening until Sunday afternoon, but as soon as they saw the meek and lowly Robert drive up, the funeral services were indefinately postponed.

Robert appeared to be highly pleased to meet the officers. He stated that he had been driving over the country for the past two days gathering up all the eggs he could find. He pointed to the five bushel egg crate on the rear end of his wagon with a great deal of satisfaction, as he wiped his brow with a red bandanna, but when one of the officers began to search the depths of the egg crate, while the other officer stood guard to stave-off the funeral, Robert perspired more freely and the broad smile gave away to blinding tears.

The officers found in Robert's large crate 30 dozen of eggs, about three gallons of corn whiskey and fifteen bottles of beer. Robert had very little to say, but when the smoke clears away he may claim that the crate was packed by an expert at Virgilina and that the whiskey and beer was placed in the bottotm of the reciptical as a gift without his knowledge or consent.

Robert owns the horse and wagon and Sheriff Hobgood will take care of them until court week. In default of $200 bond he was placed in jail. The whiskey is in one cell and Roberts in another. The eggs will be sold.

VERY VALUABLE DISCOVERY

FORTUNE [illegible] IN THE FACE AND WE KNEW IT NOT

We made a short mention in a previous number of the Public Ledger of the fact that Mr. Herbert Crews, one of Granville's best farmers, had made an important discovery. Worried with potato bugs, he hit upon the idea of making a strong tea of the short green sprigs of cedar. As soon as the Public Ledger containing Mr. Crews' receipt was sent out, people all over Granville county got busy and put it to a test.

The Public Ledger is in receipt of a batch of letters, some from outside of the county, stating that they have tried Mr. Crews' cedar remedy and found that it will do all that is claimed for it.

We give Mr. Crews the credit for being an unselfish man; or did he, like the most of us, stare a fortune in the face and knew it not? We are very sure that if Mr. Crews had placed a band of secrecy about his discovery and protected it by patent right he could have easily incorporated a stock company to manufacture it and put it upon the markets of the world.

Looking at the matter purely from a financial standpoint, Mr. Crews has failed of an opportunity to greatly enrich himself. His cedar remedy is so simple, so inexpensive and so reliable, it would have easily earned for him a large fortune. It is too late now. Every paper throughout the entire country has already published the short story of the discovery as found in the Public Ledger last week. Some yankee will see it floating round and the fluid will soon reach us at $1.00 a quart under a guarantee.

We feel as if a big manufacturing plant for Oxford has slipped through our hands because Mr. Crews and the rest of us did not grasp the significance of the discovery soon enough.

AN EXTENDED TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. Britt Covers Nine Thousand Miles.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Britt have returned from the Panama Exposition. The trip embraced a visit to points up the Pacific slopes from San Francisco to Vancouver, British Columbia, covering more than nine thousand miles. They are both hail and hearty, but a little fatigued. "In all this broad land," says Mr. Britt, "there is nothing quite so nice as Granville."

Cohn & Son.

Clearance sale starts Saturday, June 19th, and will last 10 days only. Cohn & Son's make a practice of clearing their stocks every season, never any season old merchandise. So you now have an unequalled opportunity to save money. Everything in their big stocks must be sold, nothing will be carried over. Cost and regular prices will be disregarded. This is a real sale for everybody, for women, men and children. No matter what you want, no matter how slender or how full your purse, if you want to save money on new reliable and desirable summer goods make it a point to attend Cohn & Son's clearance sale and profit by their unmatchable bargains. Be sure to be there Saturday, as the best bargains go the quickest. Read their adv. on the third page of this paper.

NO DECAY IN OUR FARM LIFE

THE MAIL ORDER HOUSE AND THE COUNTRY STORE.

A great deal has been said and written of late about mail order houses and country stores, for the simple reason that rural free delivery and the parcels post have given the city merchant splendid opportunities to compete with the country merchant. There is no doubt that mail order houses can supply the people with many articles, at fair prices, which the country stores do not handle at all, while in other lines goods which they do handle are not sold as cheaply as those handled by the mail order houses. It is to be regretted that all this is true, and that trade is diverted from the country stores, but people always did trade where they could get the best bargains and always will. Of course, a person is "stuck" sometimes by mail order houses, and that argument is used against them, but the only way for the country store to break up the mail order business is to offer inducement in quality and price.

There are more groceries and canned goods sold by mail order houses than people generally imagine. There is no excuse for this, as the country merchant should be able to sell coffee, tea, sugar, canned goods, etc., at figures that would make it unprofitable for their "should-be" customers to order by mail. The expenses of a country store are comparatively nominal, and as staple goods have to be carried in stock, they should be sold at prices which would eliminate competition.

How much better it would be for all the people to trade with home merchants, even at an apparent sacrifice. It would not really be at a sacrifice, because if the home merchants prosper, they will necessarily help others to prosper. Now, however, a new charge is brought against the poor country merchant, and one which we do not see that it is in his power to remedy, if the complaint is a just one. The Wall Street Journal says:

"Is the country store doomed to go, because of the pressure which is being brought to bear upon it through the mail order houses? The advocates of the fixed-price method of retailing regard the rural village shop as one of the vital links in the merchandising economy of a farm community. Yet here comes along a rural witness against it charging the village or country store with being the cause of much of the decay in farm life. He charge the country store with being a nuisance on three [illegible] writes a Pennsylvania [illegible] Department of Agri[illegible] of these is the about [illegible] system it tolerates [illegible] debasing language [illegible] loafing clientele, [illegible] the neglect of the [illegible] leaving the burden to fall on the women folk, to the impairment of the health and stability of the home."

To digress from the main subject, we wish to refute one statement of The Journal, at least so far as this part of the country is concerned. That paper alludes to "The decay in farm life." There is no decay in farm life. The farmers are more advanced in thought and methods of farming, are better morally and live better than did their ancestors, while their children are as well educated as the children of the town and city people. This latter fact has been amply shown in the school commencements held over the country within the last few years.

The rural free delivery, railroads, telephone, good roads and automobiles have brought the farmers right up to the front. They have more time to read, and can do it under quieter and better conditions.Therefore, many of them are becoming more thoroughly informed on the vital issues of the day than are the majority of their neighbors in the towns and cities.

COUNTY PEDDLING

The Farmers Who Purchase From Peddlers Pay Overheard Charges

Some years ago dealers in this county handled sewing machines which they sold for $22.50. Later on traveling agents hit the county and sold the same machines for $45 or $50 on time. We do not propose to knock the agents. If they can sell articles at a higher profit than our merchants we have no kick coming. It is not the agent who needs the "cussing," but it is the fellow who permits themselves to being talked into purchasing things at a higher price.

We are informed that agents from somewhere invades the lower part of the county with all manner of articles and reap a reward. There is a screw lose somewhere. Every time a farmer purchases an article from a traveling man he is simply paying an overcharge for the support of the man and his team.

If a local merchant should employ a man to go out to your house to sell you a sack of flour and then employ him again to haul that sack of flour out to your home he would have to get two prices for that sack of flour. If the local merchant should decide to adopt the agency method of selling and should get an expert to render the service, board him at an expensive hotel, and hire expensive teams from the livery stable and sell you his goods, wares and merchandise on the two trip method, going first to make the sales and then to make the deliveries don't you think you would be compelled to pay about twice as much for the goods as you now pay? The astounding thing is that men in their right minds will be induced to buy things from traveling agents, when they can get something equally as good from local dealers at much less prices.

It would be interesting to know just how much excess is carried out of this county each year, on an average, more than should have been paid, on account of men being "persuaded' 'to buy through the agency system.

We have called attention to this before, but it appears that all the unwise people are not dead yet.

A PURE FABRICATION

LAUGH AT THE ABSURDITY OF THE THING

A Colored Man In Granville County Awarded $80,000 for Alienation of Wife's Affections.

In commenting on the recent act of an Arkansas judge who sentenced to life imprisonment three white men for the robbery and murder of a negro, the Progressive Farmer concludes as follows:

"In this connection, too, we notice with some pleasure this statement in the Norfolk Journal and Guide:

"The courts of Tennessee have decided that a white man's Negro common law wife is entitled to his estate, and accordingly awarded a Negro woman and her children $80,000 left by their white common law husband and father. A short while ago a Negro man in Granville County, N. C., sued a white man for alienating the affections of his wife and the jury gave the Negro a verdict for $8,000."

We regret that this bareface falsehood ever found its way to the public prints. Why Editor Poe did not discern the rascal in it we are at a loss to know. The idea of a Granville county jury giving a negro a verdict of $8,000 for the alienating the affections of his wife is preposterous. There are no men in Granville county worth $80,000 who would be guilty of such a trick.

Col. Gregory who has lived in Granville county all his life and his head is as clear as a bell, says that nothing of the kind has ever occurred in Granville during his recollection, and that will cover a period of sixty years or more. This slander has not been handed down from generation to generation, but it is a newspaper fabrication of the blackest die. The falsehood is not original with the Norfolk Journal and Guide, where editor Poe found it floating around. It originated in a Greensboro newspaper office some three months ago. It is simply a falsehood. There is no such record in Granville county and the indications are that there never will be. We trust that the newspapers which so eagerly published it will hasten to correct it. If our recollection serves us right such a thing did happen in one of the middle counties of the State some years ago,but surely we will not mention the name of the county unless we positively know that such was a fact.

This $80,000 story will have broad publicity of course, and possibly when it gets up North we may see the half-tone photos of the couple in some of the yellow journals.

GRANVILLE SUPERIOR COURT

WILL CONVENE MONDAY, JULY 26, JUDGE ALLEN PRESIDING

The next term of Granville Superior Court will be convened Monday, July 26th, Judge Allen presiding. The following is a list of jurors drawn for the one week's term:

Mack Brummitt, J. C. Overton, J. L. Wheelous, Irvin W. Mangum, D. L. Mangum, Frank Eaks, J. B. Robards, E. R. Briggs, R. P. Blackwell, W. A. Sherman, W. C. Sheron, Thomas R. Tuck, J. A. Hester, A. H. Woodlief, W. H. Thomasson, W. H. Cox, B. F. Taylor, E. G. Weaver, C. T. Parrott, C. L. Floyd, J. B. Callis, P. B. Dillard, J. Vassar Winston, J. T. Garrett, J. B. Mays, Sr., J. H. Garrett, J. H. Renn, W. L. Mangum, R. T. Noblin, J. H. Cox, C. J. Turner, W. B. Hobgood, Leonard Vaughan, W. J. Riley, R. L. Ingold, J. E. Callahan, T. H. Royster.

ADVERTISING PAYS

As Applied to the Taxes of Granville County.

Proof that advertising pays was amply demonstrated in the advertisement Sheriff Hobgood carried in the Public Ledger of Granville county land for taxes. Of the 140 parcels of real estate advertised in this paper for taxes all but forty-four have been settled.

Sheriff Hobgood has by reason of his following the law and advertising property for taxes, succeeded in collecting all taxes due on real estate—something that has not been done in this county in years. A few of those who were advertised were at first disposed to "cuss" the sheriff, but after thinking it over and seeing in what a distinguished and numerous company their names were placed, got over their peevishness and turned to praising Sheriff Hobgood for his business-like methods in "getting the money" due and needed by our county.

Under the new law which will be in force next year a penalty of 3 per cent per month will be imposed on all unpaid taxes after February 1 of each year. This will doubtless lighten the burden of tax-gathering to a very considerable extent in the future.

A NOVEL LAW SUIT

Wins Suit for Bottom of Banker's $500,000 Lake; Would Drain It

Having won a law suit by which he is adjudged owner of one-eighth interest in 392 acres of land which lies at the bottom of Lake Toxaway, George Fisher, now demands that the court order Toxaway Lake,eight miles long and five miles broad, to be drained, so that he can secure his land.

E. M. Jennings, Pittsburg banker, who built the lake at cost of $500,000, is aghast at the idea, and wants the court to award Fisher his portion out of the land remaining above water. Fisher replies that commissioners can not apportion land they can not see and, as they have no submarine, can not see it until the lake is emptied.

Three lawyers named as commissioners will decide whether Fisher gets wet or dry land. Fisher, who was one of eight, has established that the deed which the Toxaway Company supposed transferred his interest to it, was a forgery. He refuses to sell to the company.

TOWN COMMISSIONERS MEET

MUCH PRELIMINARY WORK ENGAGE THEIR ATTENTION

Mayor Stem and his cabinet of seven members of the Town Board of Commissioners met in the Mayors' office last Friday afternoon.

They were confronted with an accumulation of details which had to be cleared away before they could take up greater things.

By invitation of Dr. B. K. Hays, Health officer , Dr. Cooper of the State Health Office was present. The Board paid marked attention to the two able medical men and that they will be largely influenced by what they said in regard to sanitary measures there can be in doubt. The six hundred surface closets in Oxford is well calculated to cause the Board and all other good people to sit up and take notice. Dr. Cooper explained that a perfect sewerage system was the best protection against many diseases. He would have every house in Oxford connected up with the sewerage system. But in view of the fact that times are close, the Board in all probability will not issue a sweeping order to that effect just at present.

The Board has set next Friday as the time to take up the problem of giving the people the best protection for the least money. We have great faith in the wisdom and integrity of Mayor Stem and his cabinet.

UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT

Mr. Roy Dickerson Badly Hurt in Collision.

About 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon Mr. Roy Dickerson, astride a motorcycle, collided with an automobile, driven by Mr. Baldy Williams at a point two miles west of Henderson on the thoroughfare leading to Oxford. Seated in the car with Mr. Williams were Messrs. H. F. Lee, Cortez Wright and Eugene Crews. The accident occurred at a sharp bend in the road and it is reasonable to suppose that it was caused by the high speed attained by one or both parties to the accident. At any rate, there was a terrific crash, in which Mr. Dickerson sustained injuries that may prove fatal. He was taken to the Henderson hospital where his wounds were dressed.

The motorcycle which Mr. Dickerson was riding was completely demolished. Mr. Baldy Williams, driver of the autocar sustained minor flesh wounds. The other members of the party escaped without injury. One wheel of their car and the windshield was slightly damaged.

OUR BEREA NEWS LETTER

(Correspondence of the Public Ledger)

Wheat crops in Berea section are very good.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Currin, of Apex are spending sometime with Mr. J. C. Currin.

Mr. George Williams, of Oak Hill, visited his brother, Mr. J. A. Williams, Sunday.

It is reported that the old Fuller mill dam washed away last week during the heavy rains.

Miss Laura Edwards, of Roxboro, spent Saturday night in Berea with Miss Blanche Davis.

Mr. S. L. Slaughter, the excellent mail carirer of Berea, Route 1, is this year running a nice farm. We wish him much success.

Dr. G. T. Lumpkin, of Oxford, preached a most eloquent sermon last Sunday at Mt. Zion church. He emphasized the fact, that we should seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness.

The Berea and Fidalic Bible class of Sharon Baptist church are going to give a play sometime soon, entitled "Out in the Streets."

The Bible Class of Sharon church is doing fine work. It was organized about two months ago with twelve members and has increased to thirty.

Mr. J. B. Elliott who is owner of the Capt. Alfred Sherman farm, is doing some ideal farming this year. This is Mr. Elliott's first year in this section, and he and his family are very beneficial to Sharon church and community.

The Calton brothers are greatly improving our little "City Caltolina." This community is very fortunate indeed to have such distinguished men and their families locate here. They will give another picnic sometime in July and they desire the presence of every good citizen of Granville County to come out and be welcomed in their nice settlement.

Mr. O. F. Davie, accompanied by Mr. M. D. Calton drove over to Virgilina Wednesday on an automobile to meet Miss Clara Daniel, the neice of Mr. Davie, who has been attending school at Asheville, but had to return home on account of sickness. Miss Daniel is a popular young lady and her many friends will be glad to know that she is much improved.

Special For Ten Days.

In order to meet the popular demand, the Long Company, Oxford's leading store,has made a substantial reduction in the season,s goods. Anything left in the millinery line is reduced to one-half. Shoes, white, goods, laces, the very things you are looking for, are at the Long Com-Company in abundance. See display ad on the last page of this paper. The Long Company is on the popular corner and they are always glad to see you.

The Presbyterian Church—There will be no preaching at the Oxford Presbyterian church either morning or evening this Sunday as Rev. S. K. Phillips will be at Townsville Sunday morning and at St. Andrews Sunday afternoon and at Brooktown Sunday night, to install Rev. Shields, pastor of the Vance county groupe of country churches.

Children's Day—There will be a Children's Day at Tabb Creek Baptist church next Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Dinner on the ground and preaching in the afternoon. The public is cordially invited to attend.

PULL FOR A CREAMERY

BY ALL MEANS LET US HAVE ONE IN GRANVILLE

What One of Our Farmer Friends is Doing on the Bleak Hills Around Richmond.

We don't believe it would be very long before there would be a co-operative creamery in Granville county if the farmers realized the profit sharing possibilities. We have a farmer friend living at Falling Creek, a few miles from Richmond, who has twenty cows ,each giving 12 quarts of milk a day, opened his books and showed to our pleasure and satisfaction that he realized a profit of not less than $20 a month on each cow. He is able to give his cows the very best care and attention, and he said he would rather have ten good cows than the best farm in Chesterfield county. Four hundred dollars a month as a side line looks good. With a few such side lines our farmers would soon be free from debt and be able to live at home.

Our old Virginia friend is considered truthful and his word is accepted on all occasions but suppose he realizes only half the amount a month the year through, would this not be better than some of the things the Granville farmers are doing?

What would be of more help to Oxford than for our farmers to raise thousands of heads of cattle where there are now only hundreds.

A co-operative creamery would mean a business of nearly $100,000 by the time it was in good running order. Estimating eight quarts a day to a cow, the yield from 500 cows for 300 days in the year would be 300,000 gallons which at 25 cents a gallon would be $75,000, which would be put back into the hands of the farmers. Then under the co-operative plan any profits accrued after expenses are paid would come to him in dividends. Statistics show that the counties that have live stock are worth more per capita than those raising tobacco, cotton, or truck. So we find this a safe investment.

Now then, if this is safe and profitable, can the farmer's expect financial help in getting started in this class of farming? The Public Ledger believes that our banks and business men will assist by helping to finance such a proposition.

The farmers would have to enter into an agreement with local bankers or with other persons who supply the loans to adopt a uniform and approved system of dairying operations. The security given by the farmers is not different from that ordinarily required. Those furnishing the funds also buy the dairy stock under the advice of dairy specialists, who are connected with the State or Federal government. The cattle would be sold to the farmers at actual cost plus a certain per cent. (say two per cent) to cover travel or incidental expenses. The lender takes the farmer's personal note with or without endorsement or with mortgage security as he sees best. The creamery would keep back a certain per cent of the amount due the farmer each week which will be applied on the note. Thus in time the note and the interest would be paid off.

The farmers would agree to take proper care o fthe animals purchased and to breed them only in such manner as might be approved by the company. These precautions would assist in giving confidence to the business, and would cause the herd to be kept up or improved all the time. If any farmer did not care for the cows, well, then the cows could be at once taken in and given to the other man.

The editor of the Public Ledger would like to hear from Dr. Morris and some of our business men on the matter of a cooperative creamery.

VILLA SENDS NOTE TO WILSON

Expresses Willingness to Invite New Union of all Mexicans as Solution of Problem.

Carranza's answer to the practical mandate which President Wilson sent to all of the Mexican revolutionary leaders to get together and save the country from starvation, was made public by the State Department Saturday.

The statement is regarded as a bid for recognition. Carranza asserts that opposition to his government practically has been overthrown, and that nine-tenths of the population of the whole country now acknowledge his authority.

He expects, he says, in a short time to regain control of Mexico City,and promises that when he does he will convoke elections for the election of a national Congress. The Congress so elected will then issue a call for the election of a President, and to the President so chosen he will resign his authority as first chief of the revolution. Meanwhile, he calls upon all factionists to submit to his authority.

He does not promise that he will not be a candidate for election to the presidency.

MAIN STREET PORPERTY

Store Room and Office Building Going Up.

The ground on which the old burnt building stood above Littlejohn street on Main street has been cleared for a one-story brick building. The building will have a frontage of 30 feet and extend back to Hall's line a distance of 60 feet. The building is jointly owned by Messrs W. T. Yancey and A. H. Powell, the property being divided by a partition wall and the room nearest the postoffice, owned by Mr. A. H. Powell, will be the home of the Granville Real Estate and Trust Company. The store room owned by Mr. W. T. Yancey is 15x60. The work will be completed in sixty days.

The corner property owned by Messrs. J. G. and A. S. Hall, now occupied by R. W. Brown and Co., as a bicycle stand, will probably make away for a neat structure during the summer.