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## OUR NUT BEARING TREES

### CHANCE FOR BOYS TO HUNT TREES AND MAKE MONEY

A New Agriculture, or Nature's Greatest Engines of Production, or Trees That Work For Us.

The Public Ledger is in receipt of a letter from Dr. J. Russell Smith, Professor of Industry, Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. Dr. Smith is also president of the Northern Nut Growers' Association and he is in search of some rare specimens of nut bearing trees.

Dr. Smith is sure that the specimen he is looking for exists in the Piedmont Section of North Carolina, and he goes so far as to intimate that the soil and climate conditions in Granville is ideal for the nut bearing trees. We take the liberty to publish a portion of Dr. Smith's letter, as follows: "The most valuable land in the world is the Sahara Desert. It is made valuable by the date trees that cover every spot where enough water can be had to make them grow. This great land value comes because man has there utilized the productive power of the tree, nature's greatest engine of production. It is really remarkable that we have used trees so little to do our work for us.

"An orchard of black walnuts, or shagbark hickories, or native hazels, or pecans, with trees as good as the best wild ones now growing would be very, very valuable. Why don't we have them? Merely because we haven't noticed and haven't thought. It is high time we caught up with the people of the desert.

"We happen to have a million good Baldwin apple trees, and another million good navel orange trees, because somebody took pains to tell about the original good wild trees that started the million. By budding and grafting, that one Baldwin apple tree has become the parent of many millions. We know how to propagate all the nut trees, and can turn one hazel into millions. But where are good shagbark or walnut or pecan or the suitable parent trees from which to graft and bud?

"To help bring promising nut trees to light, and thus start a new industry, the Northern Nut Growers' Association is offering cash prizes of from \$10 to \$50 for the best trees of black walnuts, butternuts, shagbark pecans. Send a dozen nuts from the best nut tree of any kind that you know of to Dr. W. Deming, Secretary of the Northern Nut Growers' Association, Georgetown, Conn., and ask for particulars of the prizes and rules of the contest."

We hope some of our readers will get these prizes, for there are some very fine nuts produced in the territory the Public Ledger covers.

## THE OXFORD ORPHANAGE

### Children Go Out Into the World to Adorn High Places

Some idea of the good work being accomplished at the Oxford Orphanage is gained from a few facts recently published. Nineteen of the girls who have left the institution during the past ten years are now teaching in the schools of the State; three more who taught several years are married; twelve are studying in higher schools; eleven others are in different hospitals preparing to be trained nurses, while five graduate nurses are at work or have homes of their own. One boy is a Methodist preacher, one a lawyer, four are telegraph operators, one being in the office of Assistant Superintendent of the Western Union, in New York City. Numbers of others are in their own or foster homes, and at work, living exemplary, Christian lives—a credit to the communities in which they live—to say nothing of the large number who left the institution prior to ten years ago, many of whom are occupying prominent positions in religious, professional or business life.

## THE OXFORD POSTOFFICE

### A Slight Increase of Business Over Last Year

Assistant Postmaster Henry Critcher says that the receipts at the Oxford Postoffice during September and October shows a decided increase in business over the same period last year. Mr. Critcher says there has been a steady decrease in foreign business since the breaking out of the European war. He related an instance where he issued a money order at Wilmer, Russia, during December last, and in tracing the order he learned that it was not paid until last June. During its long delay the Russian town to which it was sent, fell into the hands of the Germans, but it was finally cashed and the right party received the money.

Mr. J. Y. Cozart of Creedmoor was on the Oxford market Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Parrot, of Wilton, were in Oxford Wednesday.

## A TASTE AND A SMELL

### How the Tobacco Men Act at a Big Break

While following the sales last week an old friend stepped up to our side and remarked that it always amused him to watch the warehousemen, auctioneers and buyers.

"In what particular?" we inquired. "Well, I will tell you," said he. "Without exception, Mr. Z. W. Lyon, was the best judge of tobacco I ever saw. I have watched him buy and sell millions of pounds of tobacco and I cannot recall that I ever saw him take up a pound of the weed and press it to his nose."

While talking to our old friend he ran his hand down into his pocket and fished out a silver dollar. "Now, listen," said he, "if you follow the sales all day and see Col. Ballou pick up a leaf of tobacco and smell it, the dollar is yours."

To satisfy our curiosity we watched Colonel Ballou all that day and the next, and we are yet to see him touch a bunch of tobacco on the warehouse floor, and it is a well-known fact that he is the largest buyer on the market.

Following up our research we noticed that one buyer always spreads the leaf and apply it to his nose; others simply feel the texture without even smelling or looking at it.

It is a noticeable fact that Col. Ballou, who never touches the tobacco on the warehouse floor, is generally seen with a big black Habanna cigar in his mouth, while those who depend upon smell and touch seldom smoke at all.

Our greatest surprise was to find the comparative ease in which some of the warehousemen and auctioneers conduct a big sale, while others accomplish the same end with a flurry. At any rate, it always looked to us that a big break is calculated to test the nerves of the best of us.

## PROF. WEBB REMEMBERED

### Faithful Service Won for Him a Handsome Watch

Among the many nice things to transpire during the closing hours of the County Fair, was the presentation of a handsome watch to Prof. J. F. Webb by the Board of Directors of the Granville County Agricultural Association. Gen. B. S. Royster in presenting the token in graceful style told of Prof. Webb's long and faithful service as the first secretary of the Fair for which he never charged a cent.

We never saw a token fit the man more accurately than does the watch bestowed upon Prof. Webb by those who learned to recognize his worth. The same faithfulness is displayed in his energies to build up the public school system of Granville county.

## HIGH-CLASS SHOWS

### The Best Companies do Not Appeal to the Oxford People

It must be a great disappointment to Harris & Crews, managers of the Orpheum Theatre, to see so little interest manifested in high-class shows just as the Public Ledger remarked a few days ago, the majority of the Oxford people are slow to patronize real merit. The ladies orchestra from the Chicago Art Conservatory at the Orpheum last Monday night, one of the best musical organizations on the road, was poorly attended, and the same can be said of "Within the Law," a melo-drama presented Wednesday night. However, there are plenty of shows on the road that the management could secure that would fill pit and gallery, but Harris & Crews are determined to present only high class shows and pictures or none at all.

## Capt. Abner D. Peace

Capt. Abner D. Peace whose death on the fifteenth instant at Creedmoor was chronicled in the Public Ledger was the son of William K. Peace living near Mt. Enery. He was fine looking, tall and handsome but never married, had no sisters but six brothers, one of whom was the late Capt. Alexander S. Peace. Three brothers survive him: Vassar Peace of Creedmoor, Sam Peace of Syllauga, Ala., Wesley Peace of Jacksonville, Texas.

## Granville Superior Court

The Granville County Superior Court will convene Monday, November 15th, with Judge Oliver H. Allen, presiding. This reminds us that the several Justices of the Peace of Granville should get busy and make out their reports and file them with Judge Cam Hunt, Clerk of the Court, and this should be done some days previous to court week.

## They're Coming In

The Oxford tobacco market is drawing largely from the Durham and Henderson territories. The high averages for the past few weeks is doing the work. New and satisfied faces from the adjoining counties is noticed on the market daily.

## THE WAR

### THE ALLIES WILL DIRECT EVERY ENERGY TO WEAR OUT THE GERMANS

Military Strategists Say That Germany's Loss in Blood and Bone Will Put Her Out of the Fight in a Year at Most—The German Army Will Get Smaller All the Time While Allied Armies Will Get Bigger.

### How the Armies Face Each Other

In the west—1,500,000 Germans face 2,000,000 French, 750,000 British and 100,000 Belgians.

In the east—1,500,000 Russians face 1,500,000 Germans and 1,000,000 Austrians.

In the south—500,000 Austrians face 750,000 Italians and 150,000 Serbians.

In the Dardanelles—150,000 Turks face 350,000 British and French troops.

Military strategists claim to know what is the chief aim of each side. Briefly, this is what Teuton and Ally hope to do to finish the war:

The Allies will direct every energy to wear out the Germans. They say Germany's loss in blood and bone will put her out of it in a year. The Allies' purpose from now on will be to make the Germans fight and lose men all the time and keep themselves from being decisively whipped.

The Germans know this. Their strategy, which has been forced upon them, is this: To try to whip one enemy nation at a time thoroughly, so that that country will be compelled to ask peace or be so weakened as to be harmless. In the meanwhile, the Teutons will try to break out of their iron ring to where they can get more men for their armies. They hope to get supplies of blood and bone in Turkey, Asia Minor, Egypt and India.

If they can do neither, they are defeated.

### Summer of '16 Crisis.

Their armies will get smaller all the time while the allied armies will get bigger.

It's all a case of blood and bone. The allies have nearly three times as much blood and bone to feed to their cannon as the Teutons have.

This problem in human flesh and arithmetic makes the summer of 1916 as the crisis in this colossal struggle.

It's a three to one bet, with the odds against the Teutons. For the longer Germany fights the smaller her armies become and the larger becomes the fighting forces of the allies in comparison.

And, if the losses on both sides are as heavy in the second year of the war as in the first—when each side lost approximately 5,000,000 men permanently—there are not enough lives in Germany, Austria, Turkey or Bulgaria to keep up a real fight longer than next summer against the gap-filling millions of men.

### Weight Against Germans

At the end of the second year of war next August, Germany will have approximately only 3,500,000 men to face 7,000,000 of the allies.

(These figures of course are based on belief that the losses of the second year will equal, if not exceed, those of the first.)

The permanent losses of the allies in the first year of the fighting were some thousands over 5,000,000. Their field armies today total practically the same. Figuring that 5,000,000 more men will have been lost by Aug. 1, 1916, the allies will still have 7,000,000, which is the number of reserves which the allies can easily figure on having in the field, fully trained and armed, by that time. That is unless Germany has soundly and finally whipped one or more of them in the meanwhile.

The permanent losses of the Teutons are also over 5,000,000. The Teutons now have 4,500,000 in the field. And they had 12,000,000 men available in 1914. Assuming that their losses will equal those of the first year their total losses at the end of two years would be 9,500,000. Subtracting this from the original available forces in 1914, it will be found that 2,500,000 men will be left next August.

### Population to Decide

Figuring that this number will be increased by 1,000,000 when the contingent of conscripts for 1917 takes the field, the Germans will have but 3,500,000 men to face the 7,000,000 of the Allies.

As it is calculated that it will take 1,500,000 to hold the lines in the west and 500,000 to handle Italy and Serbia, only 1,500,000 are left to face the Russians.

A country's war strength in men may be determined by taking one-tenth of its population.

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## THE NEW OLD ROAD

### Some Splendid Work on Highway East of Dickerson

We heard so many compliments in the past few days bestowed on the public road out beyond Dickerson station that we took it upon ourselves to visit the scene Thursday and look it over.

Beginning at Dickerson and continuing east for three miles, passing the home of Messrs. D. Y. Hunt, E. C. Harris, James Renn, Arthur Curran and others, coming out at home place of Mr. Herbert Crews, is now one of the best and most scenic roads in the county. This stretch of road up to five weeks ago was almost impassable, at which time Chairman Breedlove withdrew the road force from Creedmoor section with the avowed purpose of getting it in better shape, and to appreciate what has been done in so short a time one must take in account the many details confronting Mr. Breedlove and the road force. Ton upon ton of stone was blasted out in order to secure a twenty-foot stretch across the country to the Vance line; many excavations as high as a man's head had to be made; new bridges and culverts had to be installed and the tall embankments were made permanent with stone. In its completed condition it reminds one of the splendid stretch of road on the Oxford-Henderson highway immediately east of the Vance line.

The residents along the new and modern highway are highly pleased with the work. They will now be able to reach Oxford in all kind of weather.

The cry is, "Hats off to Commissioner Breedlove and Capt. Jones of the road force."

Some other road work in the vicinity of Dickerson section was also completed by the road force this week, after which the force returned to the Creedmoor section.

## BETTER GRADES COMING IN

### The Oxford Tobacco Market Leads the State

The Public Ledger was very sure that the Oxford Tobacco market would so far advance as to put it ahead of all the markets of the State. This has been the case in former years and it is the case now. Prices have steadily climbed since the opening day and all grades are selling very well. We met Senator Titus Curran, one of the truest and best men in Granville, a splendid farmer and a man thoroughly posted in tobacco, and he told us that while tobacco was selling much better on the Oxford market the farmers by no means were getting rich at the business. "There is some good tobacco in the county," said Senator Curran, "and when that is put upon the floor you will hear of some real good prices."

Tobacco on the Oxford market during the past few days has sold anywhere from two to fifty-eight cents. Farmers tell us that they are holding back their better grades until next month. A great many of the tobacco growers have not sold any tobacco this season at all.

Now since the farmers have learned to their satisfaction that the Oxford market is the best in the State they are coming in greater numbers.

## THE NATIONAL GUARD

### The Granville Grays to Be Inspected in November

Orders have been issued from the office of Adjutant-General Laurence Young for Sergeant John Holman, U. S. A., instructor in the North Carolina National Guard, to proceed with instructions beginning November 1. The program outlined in the order is as follows:

Company F, Third Regiment, November 1-6, Franklinton; Company D, Louisiana, November 8-13; Company C, Henderson, November 15-20; Company E, Oxford, November 22-27; Company H, Warrenton, November 29, December 4.

## The Chrysanthemum Show

The ladies are happy, and so is every one who visits the chrysanthemum show now in progress in the Brown building. The price of admission is only ten cents and it is well worth the money to see the fine flowers. Luncheon and supper will be served this Friday and the menu is very tempting—oysters, barbecue, turkey with cranberry sauce, chicken salad, cream, cake and coffee—fit for a king, and everything is so nice.

nations is 340,984,000. The central powers have a total population of 120,083,000, including Bulgaria.

It will be readily seen, therefore, that the allies can eventually put three times as many men in the field as can the Teutons.

Besides, were the war to last five years, Russia alone could be depended upon to put 3,000,000 men in the field each year, while Germany cannot put more than equal that number as the third year of the conflict will begin.

## TWO THINGS WE NEED

### A FARM LIFE SCHOOL AND A NEW COURT HOUSE

Both Will Cost Some Money, But Nothing is Too Good for Old Granville.

It seems to the Public Ledger that there are two things that Granville stands greatly in need of. One is an up-to-date Farm Life School located in some central farming portion of the county, and we may add that Enon is the exact geographical center and in many ways well adapted for such a school.

Another is a modern and up-to-date Court House. Both will cost money but nothing is too good for Granville. The Court House belongs to no one political party or to anyone section of the county but all the people in all parts of the county. It ought to be a building convenient in every way and so modern in appointments as to give the people a right to be proud of the one building in the whole county, which every man, woman and child has a right to use as their own. Granville with her 316,018 acres of land, certainly needs a farm life school so that her people may be taught to make the very best use of the thousands of idle fertile acres.

Granville county people should realize that for every dollar they will put in a farm life school the State of North Carolina will put in a dollar. In this way the people of the county can get a dollar by expending one. Mind you, all of these dollars would be spent in Granville. Progressive farmers, why don't you look into the matter of a farm life school and start the agitation? The Farmer's Union folks in the county ought to take the lead.

## EIGHT STATES VOTE TUESDAY

Voters in Three States of More Than 20,000,000 Will Ballot on Woman Suffrage.

Eight States, New York, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Ohio, and Mississippi, will hold elections on Tuesday, November 2nd.

In four of these states, Massachusetts, Maryland, Kentucky and Mississippi, governors are to be elected; in six states, New York, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Jersey, Kentucky and Mississippi the state legislatures in whole or in part, are to be elected, and in five states, New York, Massachusetts, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Ohio, important constitutional issues are to be decided.

With a few local exceptions, in fact these constitutional questions will be the dominant issues on election day, including as they do such fundamental matters as woman suffrage, municipal home rule, prohibition, state income taxes, referendum plans, and some lesser reforms.

The importance of this is indicated by the fact that, in point of population, the states of New York, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts, which will vote on suffrage November 2nd, include over 20,000,000 people—a fifth of the population of the entire United States—and these 20,000,000 are practically double the population of the states in which equal suffrage has as yet been fully achieved.

## Young Man Dead

Mr. J. Carlton Coley, the popular son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Coley, of Northside, died Tuesday after a lingering illness of several months. The burial services were conducted Wednesday by the Woodmen, of which he was a member. The deceased was a barber by trade and held positions in various cities until he was forced by bad health to give up the work.

The deceased at one time worked in Mr. W. R. Trogdon's barber shop here, and Mr. Trogdon states that he was one of the finest young men he ever knew.

## The Pierian Literary Society

The Pierian Literary Society held its weekly meeting Friday, October 22, 1915. The roll was called and it had been requested that all the members respond with current events relating to science. Edison was the subject for the afternoon. Isabel Norwood read a paper on his life. Margaret Pendelton read of one of his latest inventions. Treava Gorman played a solo.

## NOTICE

Ladies I wish to announce that I will be in your town Saturday morning, Oct. 30th at Exchange Hotel, with a full line of Woollens and fashions for the Fall season, and will take orders. Those that wish to have their Suits made will call and inspect the new fabrics. I can give you reference if required. Don't miss this opportunity. I assure you to get your tailored suit cheaper than ready made. PAUL KAMSKY, Ladies-Tailor, Richmond, Va. 27-28