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## RETROSPECTIVE VIEW

### ALL BUSINESS MEN HAVE TAKEN STOCK

It is impossible to put into human language two fewer words carrying stronger significance than "Ick Dien."

By this time the merchants, bankers and all business men have taken stock and can tell to a fractional part of a dollar where they stand. The business people, the responsible people, the men in charge of big and little enterprises and undertakings, have dug into their books to know how they came out through the year. Some have prospered; have paid fine dividends; some have made but an appearance of prosperity; some must face absolute loss and find themselves this New Year worse off than they were three hundred and sixty-five days ago.

But, fellow citizens, the great majority of us who are subordinates, have we done our part? Have we been kind? Have we been generous? Whether we be men or women or boys or girls approaching maturity and its responsibilities, have we done our best? One of the best things about the English nation is the motto that goes with the crest and coat of arms of the Prince of Wales, the prospective king and emperor. It is "Ich dien." It means "I serve." It was taken from the old king of Bohemia when Bohemia was a separate and recognized government more than four centuries ago. He was stone blind and an aged man. When it came to a crucial battle, he had his bridle reins, knotted into the reins of two of his bravest knights and so charged into the thick of the strife, wielding his sword, unable to see where his blows fell but doing his best for his country, his people and his kingdom, and striking at his foes until death took him. And the victors took the two words and wear them proudly to this day.

It is impossible to put into human language two finer words carrying stronger significance or more beautiful meaning. We are put into this world to serve. The intention of our being is to help other people, to do our respective parts toward fulfilling the vast, benevolent purposes of the Creator. And it is to us, each of us, to look back over the year, to balance up our accounts, to go over the daily profit and loss, to look ourselves and our records squarely in the face and to try and realize how much good and how much ill we have done. Have we inflicted hurts we could have avoided doing? Have we wounded loving and trusting hearts with ugly words or acts? Have we given bad examples or good? Have we used our influence—and the very humblest and smallest of us have influence spreading through our own circles, however limited. Have we used it to make our fellow human beings and the world better and cleaner and happier, or more unhappy and worse?

These are the things for us to consider individually, fellow citizens of both sexes and all ages. Say not that the world is hard and dark: We have among us some men and some women, under various denominational names, who consecrate and glorify their lives by serving. Some of them are persons of large ability who, if they gave their minds and their energies to self service, to the promotion of their own interests, could be very rich and very powerful and prominent.

Going over the books, considering our lives and our work and acts from day to day, all of us will realize that we have fallen short. The books will show a debit against us. We have done those things we should not have done and left undone many things we should have done. Therefore, it is the right time for us to humble our hearts, to bend our knees, to lower our heads, to confess meekly to ourselves and the Almighty; to resolve sturdily that through the year just ahead of us, we will try to make each day record faithful service done in love, in kindness and in diligent and honest labor and endeavor for those above us and below us and all about us; in our homes, our shops, on our farms, in our offices, wherever our lots may be cast, and whatever fate may have given us to do.

### Colored Man Dead

Bob Meadows, colored, convicted last August and sent to the roads, died last Sunday at the home of his son. Bob was too weak and feeble to serve his sentence on the roads and as a resort he was sent to the county Home. Superintendent Daniel permitted the old fellow to visit his son, where he died last Sunday.

### Bank Statement

The statement of the National Bank of Granville elsewhere in this paper maintains that solidity for which which it has been noted all these years. It is indeed a pleasure to have in the county a bank so accommodating and well managed.

## ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

### Interest Manifested in Special Service—Public Cordially Invited

The Mission at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church was started on Sunday morning. A special service for the children was held at 3:30 in the afternoon and the night service at 7:30. The Rev. Mr. Lewis N. Taylor preached splendid sermons at both morning and night services. This young preacher was born and reared in Granville County and we take special pride in hearing such high praise of his work and sermons.

Rev. V. H. Filkins, Rector of Trinity Church, Arlington, N. J., arrives in Oxford Monday afternoon and conducted the Monday night service and will remain throughout the Mission. Many of our Oxford people heard Rev. Filkins when he preached the ordination sermon of Rev. Lewis N. Taylor in Oxford and remember him as an unusually pleasing and instructive preacher. We can look forward to some very fine preaching during this week at the Episcopal Church, by both Rev. Mr. Filkins and Rev. Mr. Taylor.

The public is cordially invited to attend all of the services which will be held in the Episcopal Church. Services will be held at 10:30 a. m., 3:30 p. m., and 7:30 p. m.

## THE SUPREME COURT BENCH

### Judge William R. Allen, of Goldsboro Endorsed

Upon the death of Justice Lamar of the United States Supreme Court, the North Carolina delegation in Congress, the Raleigh bar and many leading lawyers of the State got busy in the interest of Associate Justice William R. Allen, of Goldsboro. The Public Ledger, too, would rejoice to see Judge Allen promoted to the United States Supreme Court bench, but it is not likely that President Wilson will honor the State with many more fat positions.

In this connection it is interesting to note that President Wilson and William Howard Taft, former President of the United States are on the best of terms, and it would not surprise us in the least should President Wilson appoint Mr. Taft, in view of the fact that Justice Lamar was an appointee of President Taft. He was a Democrat and accepted his office at the hands of a Republican president and his associate on the bench, Judge Lurton. Mr. Taft looked above partisan party lines when casting about for jurists to fill the vacancies in the highest tribunal in the world.

It is understood that should Mr. Wilson consider Mr. Taft, a great many Democrats would raise a howl on the ground that there are too many deserving and qualified Democrats to appoint a Republican. The same cry was heard when Mr. Taft made his appointments but he did not heed them. Mr. Taft is a man of wide judicial experience, temperament and aspirations. His ability as a jurist has been attested in no better way than the good judgement displayed in his appointments to the Supreme Court.

The sentiment of the Democratic press throughout the country is to the effect that President Wilson could do no better than to ignore party lines and tender the vacancy existing now on the Supreme bench to Mr. William Howard Taft, former president of the United States.

## BAD MAN HITS OFFICER

### Ben Allen Captured With More Than the Law Allows.

Chief Wheeler, Special Officer Hutchins and Policeman I. H. Hobgood got wind Saturday night that two suspicious looking colored men were headed toward Oxford. The officers went out and met the two men about a mile north of town.

One of the men proved to be Ben Allen, an old colored offender. The other man made a hasty retreat. Ben stood his ground and frailed officer Hutchins over the head with a bottle of liquor, and Hutchins retaliated by knocking Allen down.

Allen and his partner had more whiskey than the law allows, which the officers brought to Oxford along with Allen.

In municipal court Monday, Mayor Stem sentenced Allen to the roads for a term of twelve months.

## THE LAST CALL

### The Green-Hunt Stock of Goods Must Go.

Elsewhere in this paper will be found a full page advertisement in reference to the special sale of the remainder of the Green Hunt stock. It would seem by reference to the prices that Horner Bros. Company intends to clean up the stock at this special low price sale.

### Aged Citizen Dead

Mr. W. R. Cox, 87 years of age, died at his home near Belltown last Friday. The interment was at Knott's Grove Saturday. Rev. G. T. Lumpkin, pastor of the Oxford Baptist Church, preached the funeral. The deceased was a noble follower of the immortal Lee.

## THE MASS MEETING

### TO BE HELD IN THE COURT HOUSE THURSDAY

To Study Ways of Increasing Production, Ways of Marketing Farm Product, Purchasing Methods, Roads, Telephones, Etc.

We herewith submit an outline plan for organizing the county into a voluntary society which shall have for its purpose the all round improvement of business, educational, and social conditions. The "organization idea" is in the air is becoming more and more established in the hearts and minds of the people, in a more or less desultory and spasmodic condition, it is true, but nevertheless it is here, and the reason it is becoming better established as one of the working principles of the day is because there is a greater need for it than ever before. In fact we have reached a point in Granville County where we cannot get along without some form of "getting together for the common good."

With this thought in mind, we, the officers of the Farmers' Union, Granville Commercial Club, and the Granville County Agricultural Association, hereby issue a call for a mass meeting to be held in the Court House at Oxford on

Thursday, January 13th.

We hope every man who has the good of his county at heart, and is willing to put his shoulders to the wheel and help move it forward to better things, will be present on that day.

- P. W. KNOTT, Pres. Farmers' Union.
- O. A. DANIEL, Sec. Farmers' Union.
- A. H. POWELL, Pres. Commercial Club.
- B. W. PARRAM, Sec. Commercial Club.
- B. M. CALDWELL, Pres. Agr. Association.
- E. T. CREW, Sec. Agr. Association.

## MANUFACTURING PLANT

### THE PUBLIC LEDGER

If the Citizens of Granville County Resolve to Plan and Carry Out a Program of Industrial Development

Because the streets and stores of Oxford are not crowded at this time of the year there are those among us who argue that the times are much harder now than they were a year ago. One business man last week showed us his day book and compared it with the same day of the week and month of the previous year, and because the sales last week were one-half less than they were a year ago he got blue in the face and swore that the war is ruining the country.

No man in Oxford has a right to complain of hard times. The facts in the case are as plain as the nose on your face; namely, there are too many consumers and not enough producers in Oxford. The farmers of the county only produce a handful of tobacco and sit here and wait for them to sell and put the money in circulation. If we fall short a few dollars we charge it up to hard times or the skill of a competitor.

What is true this year will be true next year, unless the business men of Oxford get their heads and hearts together and put a stop to it. We must acknowledge that we are in a rut as much so as the soldiers of Europe are in the trenches. They expect something to happen, and so do we, but it will never happen until a leader enlists their energies.

Some people are alarmed because Oxford does not grow as rapidly as it should, but had it ever occurred to you that there is just as much danger of Oxford going backward as there is prospects of bounding forward?

There are twenty-six thousand people in Granville County dependent upon the sale of eight or nine million pounds of tobacco, at most, it will not sell for more than \$1,500,000. As an instance of what manufacturing plants will do, it is only necessary to point to Hopewell, the Virginia powder town, with its monthly payroll of \$900,000.

We must have more manufacturing plants if we expect to prosper. Nine million pounds of tobacco will not clothe and feed 26,000 people any too well. One good size industry is equal to the entire tobacco crop of Granville County. Let us go after it, and if we cannot get it, let's get a hundred smokes.

The Public Ledger guarantees to bring to Oxford during the year 1916 a manufacturing plant with a payroll of \$1,000,000 a year.

Will the Granville Commercial Club guarantee to do as much? Will the merchant's Association promise to do as much? Will the citizens of Oxford promise to do as much?

## REVIVAL SERVICES

### Rev. B. C. Waller, D. D., of Asheville, and Noted Chorister Coming to the Public Ledger:

Will you allow me through your columns to announce in greater detail the Revival services planned to be held in the Baptist Church January 16th-23th. We have secured the help of Rev. B. C. Waller, D. D., as Evangelist and as chorister Mr. M. J. Babbitt, one of our Home Mission singers. Both of these brethren are experts in their line. Dr. Waller is pastor of the largest Baptist Church in North Carolina, having a membership of over 1800. His Sunday School has an enrollment of over 1,500. Perhaps he preaches to more people than any other pastor in the State. His Evangelistic work has been most successful all over the South. He is a man of magnificent address, fine command of audiences and magnetic speaker. It is very fortunate that we have secured the cooperation of such a splendid speaker and gifted worker as Dr. Waller and we promise the people of this community a great spiritual feast.

Mr. Babbitt has been working in evangelistic meetings for several years under the auspices of our Home Mission Board and is a sweet gospel singer. Once more I wish to extend an invitation to the singers of our town to come and cooperate with us in making a great choir for the meeting. Mr. Babbitt will arrive in town Sunday and take charge at both services.

We are hoping to have a revival that will extend to the utmost limits of our community and that every church in the town may be greatly blessed. We therefore urge the other churches to co-operate with us in this effort to reach the lost of our town. Our first thought will be to bring sinners into the kingdom of God.

Come and help the cause of our common Lord. The public is most cordially invited to all of these meetings. There will be two services a day. The hour will be announced later. G. T. LUMPKIN, Pastor

## THE MONROE DOCTRINE

### "America for Americans" is the Gist of the Document.

Though volumes have been written about the "Monroe Doctrine," the gist of it is that the United States will not tolerate intervention in American affairs on the part of European nations—was made the second principle by President Monroe in his celebrated message to congress, December 2, 1823.

This message was called out by the probability that the "holy alliance," a league of four European powers, would endeavor to control the Spanish countries of South America. As President Monroe laid down "that the American continents, by the them, the two principles read: First, free and independent condition which they have assumed and maintain, are henceforth not to be considered as subject s for future colonization by any European powers."

Second, referring to the Spanish-American states which had achieved their independence, that "we could not view any interposition for the purpose of oppressing them or controlling in any other manner their destiny, by any European power, in any other light than as the manifestation of an unfriendly disposition toward the United States."

The new Pan-American doctrine, which is so frequently discussed with reference to plans for national defense, implies the acceptance of the Monroe doctrine by the countries of South America.

## IMPORTANT CLUB MEETING

### Annual Meeting of Granville Commercial Club Thursday

The annual meeting of the Granville Commercial Club will be held in the Club rooms on Thursday night. General Royster's address which was postponed at the last meeting will be delivered, and plans for the New Year will be discussed. A fine meeting is expected and every member of the Club is urged to attend.

## CLEAN SEEDS

It is necessary for the farmers to have their tobacco seed thoroughly cleaned and now is the time to attend to it. Bring or send them to me and I will cleanse them free of charge. E. G. MOSS, Supt. Granville Test Farm

Our friend M. L. Coley, an old Jefferson Democrat from Northside, was a pleasant visitor to the Public Ledger office Saturday.

## A VISIT TO HOPEWELL

### WHAT WE SAW THERE IN FIVE MINUTES

Land Values Puzzle Real Estate Men—There is Hope for Booming Hopewell.

In our rambles during Christmas week we stopped off at Hopewell, the Virginia powder town, for two hours. We saw in the first five minutes of our stay more than we wanted to see and the language we heard was fully as revolting.

No boom town in the western mining days ever had a more sudden growth than Hopewell, Va., which mushroomed in a few months from a quiet hamlet on a Virginian plain to a roaring, scraggly, money mad city of 40,000 and kept growing every day.

We rode from Petersburg down to Hopewell in a jitney. The first impression that one gets of the place is that it is the "toughest town south of Hades." The town is under martial law, and the first thing we saw on landing was a soldier clubbing an Italian on the head with the butt of his gun. While standing thus appalled a Norfolk and Western passenger train dashed through the town and killed a man within a few feet of us. Later in the day a soldier shot a Russian for smuggling whiskey across the dead line, but we did not wait to see it done. We stepped into a restaurant, not to eat, but merely to see, and while there a man, partly under the influence of liquor, stepped up to the cashier, with pistol in hand, and told him that his charges \$1.25 for a meal, was exorbitant. He backed out of the door with the pistol in his hand, and to our inquiry the proprietor said that the best thing that could be done with such fellows was to "black ball them."

But there are some splendid men in Hopewell, but they are terribly in the minority. We found four young men, one an acquaintance of ours from up the state. They took us to their little tar paper shack they built down on the river bank, where they sleep and do their own cooking. The young men are clerks and each draw \$70.00 every two weeks. Their tar paper abode was very pleasant and the family Bible was in evidence.

All the trouble we saw in Hopewell during our short stay was caused by the tobacco trade.

### Factory Employs 20,000

The three factories—two for making gun cotton and one for acid making—now stretch over 167 acres of ground and employ about 20,000 men working in three eight hour shifts every day in the week. And there are perhaps 5,000 more who come to reap the harvest of pay nights, and the payrolls have amounted to \$900,000. A man can't stay out of work in Hopewell unless he wants to.

Until early in the preceding year Hopewell was a mere siding on the Norfolk and Western railway, where there was a small plant for making gun cotton, but with the coming of great orders for munitions factory buildings sprang up like magic, and men flocked there by the thousands in answer to the demand for labor.

Narrow streets, filled all day with jostling men and bouncing jitneys, lined with one and two story shacks of wood and corrugated iron, which at night shone a multitude of lights and buzzed with the rancous music of dance halls and saloons, where pistol shots rang out unheeded, and any small happening might turn into a riot. That Hopewell, the "bad Virginia boy." But since the advent of a competent police force and the State Guard, they have partially succeeded in fastening the lid down. There is hope for Hopewell!

Real estate along Main street is a puzzle to real estate men. Before the big fire a shack nine feet high and about 20x100 rented for \$250 per month. For \$30 a month one could rent a parcel of land 8 by 15 on which to establish a rickety booth and sell anything. Not long ago an acre of land just outside Hopewell, which would have brought not more than \$200 a year ago, sold for \$20,000.

We want to see Oxford boom, but not along the same lines with Hopewell.

Annual Meeting—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Granville County Fair Association will meet at the Court House next Thursday.

## HAVE YOU PAID YOUR TAXES?

ALL PARTIES NOW OWING TAXES FOR 1915. WILL PLEASE MAKE IMMEDIATE SETTLEMENT YOUR TAXES WERE DUE ON OCT. 1st, 1915. 1916 IS HERE AND THE DIFFERENT FUNDS ARE MAKING DEMANDS UPON ME DAILY. I'M FORCED TO COLLECT NOW TO MEET THEM. PLEASE ATTEND TO THIS MATTER PROMPTLY. YOURS VERY TRULY, S. C. HOBGOOD, SHERIFF GRANVILLE CO.