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FINE WORK IN GRANVILLE

TWELVE MORE REGISTERED DUROCS DISTRIBUTED IN THE COUNTY

Twenty-Seven Pigs in All Have Gone to Improve the Swine Blood and Pork Production of the County.

The National Bank of Granville co-operating with the office of Pig Club work in North Carolina had its second distribution of registered Duroc Jerseys to the boys and girls of the Granville county Pig Club on the afternoon of Saturday, July 22.

The clearest testimony to the value of this work on the part of the bank is the fact that at these pig distributions the bank has each time had other unsolicited applications for pigs to undertake the project of breeding pure bred Durocs. The faith of the Bank begets faith in the farmer in an undertaking he would not hitherto engage in because of his lack of faith. This fact certifies that the attitude of the business man toward production influences production far more than the business man is wont to think and to admit the responsibility for.

Please Read, Business Men

You criticize the farmer, saying he does not cultivate his fields correctly; he does not fertilize and manure them correctly, etc., and hence his poor returns. You are as dependent on farm production for your returns as the farmer is on the soil of his fields for his returns. If he ought to do something different from what he is doing to increase his income, so must you. Honestly now, have you manured your field of farm production? or have you like the criticised farmer just worked all you could out of the field without putting anything back? That is "High Grade Fertilizer" the National Bank of Granville is using, with "Potash" and all other constituents in the proportions to get results with its crop; and they are getting results, as testify the applications above referred to; and as will be further attested by an increase in the profits to the county in the stimulated better pork production in the county.

You are respectfully asked to co-operate with some of the agencies that are trying to help farm production. Will you? I shall call on you in person and confer with you in this interest.

Look at the following list of names of sons, daughters and wards of some of the yeomen farmers of our county and see if the real farming of the county is not being fertilized by the National Bank of Granville. These received pigs Saturday, July 22:

Ward of W. W. Brummitt, Clinton Raynor, Earnest Newton, Catherine Mangum, Albert Bratcher, R. T. Barnett, Jennings Brummitt, Bernard Morris, David F. Adcock, Jos. A. Morris, Jr., Irene Dean, Odie L. Fowler.

Twenty-seven pigs in all have gone from this splendid financial institution to improve the swine blood and pork production of the county. Farmers appreciate this cooperation.

J. A. MORRIS, Co. Agt.

EAST CAROLINA SUFFERS

Many Bridges Are Carried Away and Highways Destroyed From High Water

A score of bridges have been carried away, highways destroyed, and great damage done to growing crops in the flood area of Eastern North Carolina during the week. Numerous small streams were out of their banks, and many outlying settlements cut off from communication.

Carteret county and the lower portion of Craven county thus far have been the greatest sufferers.

A cloudburst in Durham county caused Flat River to rise and the water submerged the railroad bridge of the Seaboard eight miles this side of Durham.

THE ORPHEUM THEATRE

Some of the Good Things In Sight for the Movie Fans

Max Figman and Lois Medreth will be seen Monday night, July 31, in "My Best Girl," pictured in five acts. "The Golden Rooster," one of the Pathe pictures is coming Thursday night, August 3rd.

Friday night of each week is "Funny Night." The serials, "The Girl and the Game," Saturday nights, and "The Iron Claw" on Tuesday nights are popular features.

Most Unusual Season: In This Section

TAKING IT BY AND LARGE WE ARE AMONG THE FORTUNATE ONES OF THE STATE

The oldest inhabitant can hardly recall a season so diversified as the one we are experiencing. Short hot spells are followed by unusual rain-falls, and the farmer is put to the limit of his patience and endurance, and the exercise of every expedient suggested by common sense to cope with the million things that retard the growth of his crop, and add to the difficulties of keeping down foreign growth in his fields. Corn has been "laid by" time after time, only to be vigorously subjected to severe harrowing after a few copious rains, and in some cases the intense growth of grass has been so heavy as to call for the turning plow between the rows—a course of action that would be regarded as suicidal in normal seasons.

We have suffered some loss in this section from the unusual rainfall, but when we take a survey of the conditions in the rest of our State we have great reason to be thankful in Granville county. Everything points to a rich harvest. Tobacco growers, because of small acreage planted, will without doubt receive high prices for the bright leaf typical of Granville production.

Even the cessation of the European war will have no appreciable effect upon prices until the end of another harvest, for the countries at war have very limited acreages in cultivation. The same rule will apply to pork and beef, and the man who is shaping his operations to feed his corn or grass crop to a litter of pigs during the coming winter and fall will take his profits both coming and going.

We may be suffering discouragement because of unusual rainfall and persistent grass growth, but taking it by and large we are among the fortunate ones in this State. Not a father or mother mourns the loss of loved ones through natural phenomenon. With anything like a favorable season before us from now on it is safe to predict that the harvest of 1916 will equal, and perhaps surpass any of recent years.

NUT-BEARING TREES

The Pecan is the Most Profitable Shade Tree

It is understood that the Forestry Committee, of which Mrs. Robert Gilliam Lassiter is the able chairman, has under consideration the question of beautifying the several parkways in the streets of Oxford. As a preliminary to the work the plots have been planted to peas, this to enrich the ground and make it more fertile.

The Forestry Committee has made a study of such things and the Public Ledger is quite sure that the ladies are equal to the task, and we may confidently expect them to evolve the best plan of beautifying the plots.

In passing, however, many have advanced their own personal opinion as to what is most suitable for the parkways and it would seem at this time that a majority favor lawn grass and an occasional tree—preferably a nut-bearing tree. It is argued that the pecan tree, which makes a very fine shade is both useful and ornamental. It would certainly be a great advertisement if our streets were lined with nut-bearing pecan trees.

In conversation with Mr. J. G. Hall regarding the adornment of the parkways, he stated that he had about three hundred vigorous pecan trees, just the right size to be transplanted, that he would donate to the Forestry Committee in the event they desired to plant them. We regard Mr. Hall's proposition as a very handsome donation and we trust that the Forestry Committee will find a place to use every one of the plants.

The Flood Sufferers

The collection taken at the union services in Oxford last Sunday night for the flood sufferers amounted to \$63.50, the receipt of which is acknowledged by the Greensboro News. The total amount collected in the State to date amounts to more than \$20,000.

Handsome Present

The clubs of Oxford have presented to the Library a beautiful set of Shakespeare's works. H.W.,Rep.

ALLIES ADVANCE

BITTER STRUGGLE AT CLOSE QUARTERS IN PROGRESS ALONG SEVEN-MILE LINE

English Forces Have Won Another Vantage Point in the Taking of Strong Position—Turks Evacuate Fortress of Erzincan as Result of Russian Drive Into Armenia, Where Turks Retire in Great Disorder.

The battle between the British and the Germans on the seven-mile line from Pozieres to Guillemont, north of the Somme, has resolved itself into a fierce hand-to-hand struggle.

The Germans, delivering heavy counter-attacks, have been beaten back, according to reports from British headquarters. The British infantry have worked their way forward in places, and the greater part of Pozieres is now in British hands.

South of the Somme the French have gained slightly below Estrees. German army headquarters report the defeat of a combined attack by the French and British on Monday.

On the eastern front the Russians after driving back the Teutonic forces on the Lipa, apparently have entered the northeastern corner of Galicia near Brody. Berlin admits that the first German line in this region has been penetrated.

Cossack detachments are reported to have made raids into Hungary, creating a panic in frontier towns.

In Turkish Armenia the Russians are gradually closing in on the fortified city of Erzincan, one force being only 10 miles away.

The Italians have captured Monte Cimone, a 7,000 foot peak north of Arsiero, and have pushed back the Austrians at several other points.

BOX FACTORY FOR OXFORD

MR. B. K. LASSITER A PUBLIC-SPIRITED CITIZEN

The Jeffreys, Spaulding Manufacturing Company, of Chase City, Have An Eye on Oxford.

It has been whispered for some time that the Jeffreys, Spaulding Manufacturing Company, of Chase City, would entertain a proposition to establish a box-shook factory in Oxford. The important question reached a climax this week when Mr. Ben. K. Lassiter, moved by a progressive spirit let it be known that he would donate a handsome site on the railway line for the plant.

Messrs. R. M. Jeffreys, president, and W. H. Jeffreys, secretary-treasurer of the Chase City plant, visited Oxford Thursday and were in consultation with Mr. Lassiter and other leading citizens. While the question of locating here is pending a decision of the Chase City gentlemen it is positively known that the president and secretary of the company are favorably impressed with Oxford and the generous offer of Mr. Lassiter.

The Jeffreys, Spaulding Manufacturing Company has an annual payroll of \$30,000 and in the event the company locates in Oxford it will be doubled in capacity.

Mr. Jeffreys, president of the company, is a member of the Virginia Legislature and worked like a Trojan for the passage of the prohibition bill in that State.

VISITING RELATIVES HERE

None of Whom He Ever Saw Before

Mr. J. W. Hester, who left the county many years ago and settled in Texas, is the father of Mr. C. H. Hester, of Waco, who is on a visit to relatives in Granville. This is the first trip of young Mr. Hester to the State and he is receiving many hearty congratulations especially among his numerous kindred.

Having heard his father talk so much about Granville, young Mr. Hester had many day dreams as to how things would look in this section, and like the Queen of Sheba, he says "the half of it has never been told."

Mr. Hester is a handsome young man and it would not surprise us if some of the pretty Granville girls made "sheep eyes" at him.

Special Edition of the Public Ledger

OUR FORCE IS WORKING NIGHT AND DAY TO MAKE A CREDIBLE SHOWING OF OXFORD'S RESOURCES

To issue two papers a week with a small force and get out a special highly-illustrated five thousand edition of thirty-two pages is no small job. The only draw back we have encountered so far is the slowness of the business men to report to Mr. Brinkley, the photographer, and pose for their picture.

Some of them have claimed that they are too busy to attend to this detail, but we notice that these very same business men whiling away their time in the court room, perfectly oblivious of their promise to the Public Ledger. We will thank these gentlemen to call on Mr. Brinkley as early as possible so as to enable us to send their pictures to the engraver.

Next week Mr. Brinkley will also make several photographs of street scenes and residences. We will leave the perspective views entirely in the hands of Mr. Brinkley, but if the householders see him shooting around their premises with a camera they will please understand that he is getting a photograph for the special five thousand edition of the Public Ledger and they are at liberty to speak to him—in fact we will thank the good people for any courtesy they may extend to Mr. Brinkley while on his rounds.

The Public Ledger also wishes to commend our several manufacturers for their very liberal response. Some of these plants sell goods hundreds of miles away from Oxford, and it is plain to see that they come to the rescue of the special edition for the sole purpose of boosting the community. Long may they live!

We hope to secure good display advertisements from all of the leading merchants. It is quite necessary that they be represented in the special edition, as we guarantee to place a copy in every man's home in the county, if such a thing is possible, and we believe that it is by the system of mails and free distribution.

The tobacco section of the special edition will be the last to receive our attention. All of the warehousemen will be represented in the special edition. We hope to give the opening day of the market and a complete schedule of sales for the entire season.

OUR FAIR SECRETARY

Mr. P. W. Knott's Health Rapidly Improving

Mr. P. W. Knott, Secretary of the Granville County Fair, has been slightly under the weather the greater part of the Spring, but his many friends throughout the county will learn with pleasure that his health is much improved.

Mr. Knott is carrying the heaviest load of any man in Granville County. He is president of the Farmers' Union, president of the Granville County Betterment Society, Secretary of the Granville County Fair and is raising one of the finest crops in the county.

Just as soon as Mr. Knott regains sufficient strength he is going to make things interesting for the County Fair.

COUNTY BRIDGE DAMAGED

Longest Bridge in the County Moved By Water

The 309 foot bridge that spans Tar River at Kimball's mill, according to reports reaching Chairman B. I. Breedlove Thursday evening, was moved down stream one yard by the high water this week.

The bridge is a wooden structure 309 feet long and was recently built. It is thought that the bridge can be drawn back into position.

Crops Good in Oak Hill

Commissioner R. S. Hart, of Oak Hill was a town visitor Thursday. To an inquiry Mr. Hart stated that crop conditions are normal in Oak Hill. The Public Ledger has long been favorably impressed with the lay of the land and the people in Oak Hill, and to Mr. Hart we stated that he lived in the garden spot of Granville. "Be that as it may," replied Mr. Hart, "Oak Hill has produced some very fine men and I regret to say that some of them get away from us and settle elsewhere."

A MOST BRUTAL HOLDUP

GRANVILLE MERCHANT VICTIM OF HIGHWAY ROBBERS

Mr. N. L. Gillis, of Stovall, Found in Baltimore Unconscious and Badly Wounded.

BALTIMORE—With all the surrounding circumstances pointing to a most brutal holdup, N. L. Gillis, a merchant of Stovall, N. C., was found early Tuesday morning lying unconscious on the Philadelphia road under the Pennsylvania railroad bridge on the outskirts of the city with a terrible wound in the back of his head and bleeding from other injuries. He is now at Johns Hopkins Hospital in a critical condition, suffering from a fracture of the skull at the base of the brain, a fracture of bones at the roof of his mouth and other cuts. He has not regained consciousness.

Workmen on their way to work stumbled over the body as Gillis lay in the middle of the road under the bridge. The clothes were torn and disarranged and the roadway for several feet around gave evidence of a tremendous struggle. He was barely breathing. The police immediately sent the man to the hospital and began scouring the countryside for traces of the holdup men or for information that might explain Gillis' injuries.

Mr. Gillis came to this city to buy goods. There was a return trip coupon in his pocket and notes which showed he had been buying notions at a local establishment. All his money was gone except one nickel and his watch had been torn from his chain.

REVIVAL SERVICES AT SALEM

Noted Divine Preaches "Jesus Christ and Him Crucified."

Interesting revival services are being held at Salem church, preaching every morning at eleven and in the evening at eight o'clock. Dr. L. L. Nash, of Hamlet, the visiting minister is a power in the land. He is likened unto the great Evangelist Coman, who recently visited this section.

The preaching and singing is inspiring and the large crowd that attend the evening services is an indication that much good will result from the meeting.

HELP A GOOD CAUSE

The Demand at This Time is Very Urgent.

There will be a lawn party under the auspices of the Kings Daughters of Oxford next Thursday, August 3, at 5 o'clock p. m. at the home of Mrs. C. G. Elliott. Everyone is invited and a large attendance is hoped for as it is an effort entirely in the interest of Oxford's poor and needy and especially for one case of great need recently brought to the notice of this Chapter. The tickets will be on sale at Lyon's Drug Store or from any member of the King's Daughters, price 25 cents. Rook will be played and refreshments served and it is hoped all will have an enjoyable time. Children will be welcomed.

This is the first time the Kings Daughters have ever called on the public for assistance and it is for a most worthy cause. It is hoped a large crowd may avail themselves of a most pleasant afternoon on the beautiful lawn at Mrs. Elliott's home.

Goodlooking Juror

We did not realize that Col. Henry G. Cooper was so handsome until we saw him seated in the jury box this week. Some how or other it gave us considerable pleasure to see the big banker in the service of the State. He certainly earned his \$1.50 per.

A TRICK MULE

Cut Up Diadoes On The Wet Pavement

Strange things invariably happen when you haven't got a gun. The other day J. T. Peace, a reputable colored man, came up the street astride a mule and on reaching a point in front of Col. Ballou's residence the legs of the mule suddenly parted, and as he lay upon the ground he resembled a mud terrapin. J. T. went down with the mule and his legs also spread like a jack knife. No sooner had the mule's breast struck the ground than his muscles began to contract and in a moments' time his four legs were properly adjusted simultaneously.