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## THE COUNTY COMMENCEMENT

MR. R. T. GOOCH, OF ENON COMMUNITY, WILL BE CHIEF MARSHAL

Miss Mary G. Shotwell, Rural Supervisor, is busily engaged with the many details incident to the event on Friday, March 23.

County commencement is now the most important event for the schools in Granville county. In preparation for this and that all the children in the entire county may have an opportunity to contribute to this.

We are conducting an elimination contest in each of the seven groups of the county. In preparation for these meets the teachers of each school have been holding contests to decide who shall represent the school in declamation and various kinds of games and athletics.

We cannot urge too strongly that each school be represented in all these contests. From each of these groups pupils will come to Oxford on March 23rd to contest for the highest honor in all these events.

**Seventh Grade Graduates**  
This perhaps is the most important event connected with the day and should be recognized as such. It is no little thing in the life of a boy or girl that they have fitted themselves to pass the test of grammar grade scholarship. This seventh grade certificate on the part of the pupil, and signifies a foundation laid for any other possible building he may do along these lines.

The seventh grade graduates will lead the line of march and it is hoped that all will be here on time.

**Marshals**  
Mr. R. T. Gooch, of the Enon community, will be chief marshal and he has appointed assistants from each township. It is hoped that these men will feel justly proud of the appointment and assist in making this day one of great importance to the school children of Granville county. In addition to the help of the marshals every school committeeman is expected to be in the line of march, leading his schools. Be sure to see that all your pupils are in the parade.

**Debates**  
On the night of Thursday, March 22nd, the high schools of the county will debate on "Resolved: That Granville county should issue \$300,000 in bonds for public roads." Creedmoor and Kanp of Reeds will discuss the affirmative while Oxford and Stem will uphold the negative.

## SEWER CONNECTIONS

Mayor Mitchell Calls Meeting for Friday Night

There will be a meeting of the citizens of the town of Oxford in the Courthouse on next Friday night to discuss the matter of compulsory sewer connections. All property owners who are interested in the matter are requested to be present.

W. Z. MITCHELL, Mayor.

## The Bull Tractor

It appears that the farmers in this section are solving the labor and power problem by not only using tractors but other labor saving machinery. Nearly every day we see farm machinery unloaded in the local freight yards. We notice that there are several makes of light farm tractors and all are built for practically the same purpose, but from the information that we have at hand it appears that the Bull Tractor is considered to be the best all round tractor on the market. We understand that the Bull Tractor Company last year sold and delivered 186 more Bull Tractors than all other makes put together. If this information is correct, then the evidence is sufficient proof of its popularity. See the Bull testimonials on the last page of this paper.

## A Rash Promise

The Sunday editions of the Raleigh News and Observer and Greensboro Daily News failed to reach Oxford last Sunday, the date on which they are published.

"If I should be the lucky man," remarked a candidate for the Oxford postmastership, "I will bet you five dollars that the Raleigh and Greensboro papers will reach Oxford every Sunday and they will be distributed, too."

## Ford Cars

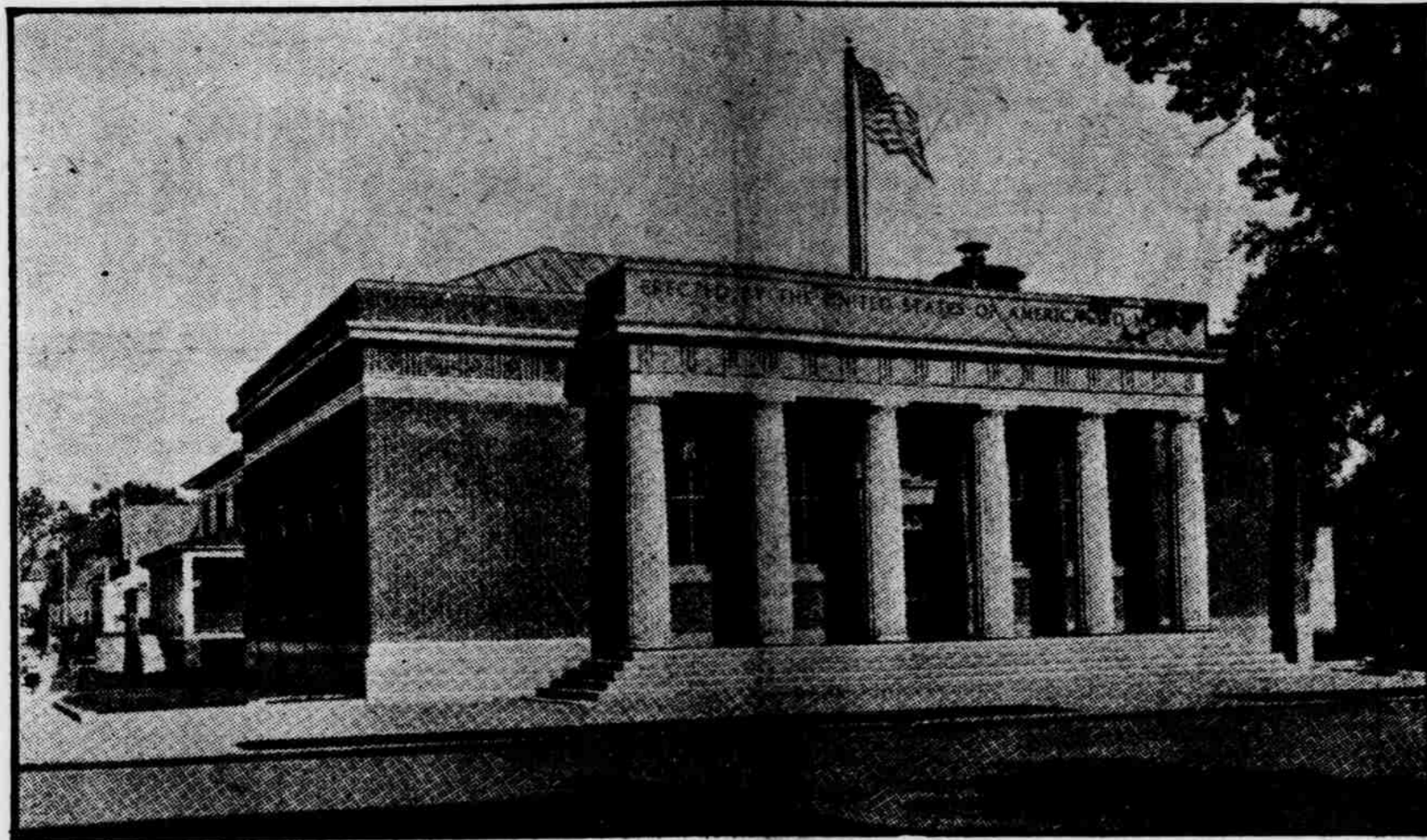
Mr. E. H. Crenshaw suggests that those who contemplate purchasing Ford cars that they place their orders at once. See announcement of Ford car elsewhere in this paper.

## Special Tax Notice

This is to advise you that all property upon which the taxes have not been paid by March 9th will be advertised. Better attend to this NOW and save costs.

R. B. HINES, Town Tax Collector  
Feb. 27-31

## WHO WILL CAPTURE THE PLUM ?



Oxford's new and elegantly appointed Postoffice, around which the battle of ballots will rage this Wednesday. Steam heated and electrically fitted, the man who captures the plum can manage to get along very well on the salary of \$2,600 per year that goes with the job. It has been some steen years since Oxford has had a working postmaster, but it is refreshing to hear each of the candidates state that in the event they are successful in landing the job they will pull off their coat and do a man's part.

## THIEVES BREAK THROUGH

And Take Fourteen Pistols From the Acme Hardware Company

Sometime between the midnight hour and daylight last Saturday morning thieves entered the Acme Hardware store on Main street by removing the glass in the front window. The glass was about one-eighth of an inch thick and it is supposed that it was shattered with a blow and piece of piece of the glass was removed, the hole in the window being large enough for the thieves to enter without stooping. The young men who sleep over the grocery store adjoining the store of the Acme Hardware Company, did not hear the thieves or the breaking of the window.

Mr. Chamblee states that so far as they are able to see, only fourteen high class pistols were taken. Razors and pocket-knives in large quantities and of best quality were in close proximity to the pistols, yet not a single knife or razor was removed. This is strange, too, from the fact that pistols are the easiest things traced back to the thieves who plunder stores and barter away the goods. If a Smith & Weston or any other high-class pistol is found in South Africa, the finder can easily trace it by writing the manufactures and giving the number of the pistol. The manufacturer traces it to the jobber and the jobber in turn traces it to the retailer and the retailer can give you the name of the man who bought it and the day on which it was sold. Each pistol stolen from the Acme Hardware store has a number on it, and we have no doubt that a real live detective could come to Oxford and catch the thief without much trouble. The Acme Hardware Company estimate their loss at about \$120.

## IN HONOR OF JUDGE KERR

The Oxford Bar Express Their Appreciation of His Visit to Granville.

At the close of court last week, the bar adopted the following resolutions in appreciation of Judge Kerr's impartial rulings and dispatch of business during the two week's term of the Granville County Court:

Whereas, His Honor, John H. Kerr, Judge of the Superior Court, has presided at the February Term of the court for Granville county with such ability, fairness, and courtesy as to win the admiration and esteem of the members of the bar and the entire citizenship of the county, therefore be it resolved:

First: That the members of the bar of Granville county do hereby express their sincere appreciation of the ability, justice, and uniform courtesy with which Judge John H. Kerr has presided at the February Term of Granville Superior Court.

Second: That the thanks of the bar, the officers of the court and the citizens of the county are due Judge Kerr for the reasons above named and for the efficient dispatch of the business of the court, and that his return to Granville county for the next term of our court is looked forward to with distinct pleasure and satisfaction.

Third: That a copy of these resolutions be mailed to Judge Kerr and a copy be given to the press.

B. S. ROYSTER,  
A. A. HICKS,  
B. W. PARHAM,

Committee.

## RULES GOVERNING PRIMARY

TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28th

The Polls Will Be Kept Open From Sun Up to Sun Down—Candidates Will Provide Their Own Ballots.

We, the undersigned candidates for appointment as postmaster for the town of Oxford, N. C., do hereby agree that the following shall be the rules and regulations which shall govern the primary to be held on the 28th day of February, 1917, for the purpose of determining said appointment.

First—That no person shall be entitled to vote in the said primary unless he be a regular, bona fide, patron of the Oxford postoffice and a regular bona fide, patron of said office shall be construed to be one who receives his mail regularly from a box in the said office, at the general delivery window thereof, or from the city mail delivery carriers of the town of Oxford. Provided that all residents, who may be temporarily absent and who are or may be entitled to vote in a general election shall be entitled to participate in said primary. It is expressly provided that this provision shall not include persons receiving mail from the rural free delivery carriers.

Second—That only those patrons of the said office of the classes above set forth shall be entitled to participate in the said primary who are and have been bona fide citizens of Granville County since January 1, 1917.

Third—That only persons twenty-one years of age and over who vote a bona fide Democratic ballot in the general elections shall be entitled to vote in the said primary.

Fourth—That there shall be one polling place for the said primary which shall be at the court house in the town of Oxford.

Fifth—That the polls shall be kept open from sun-rise until sundown on the day of the said primary.

Sixth—That — shall be the poll holders for the said primary and they shall have charge of the same and shall be the judges of all matters in connection therewith.

Seventh—That said poll holders shall hold the said primary as herein provided and shall canvass the result thereof and shall transmit a certified statement of the same to Hon. Chas. M. Stedman member of Congress from the Fifth District of North Carolina.

Eighth—That each of the candidates in the said primary shall provide his own ballots which shall be clearly written or printed.

Ninth—That the costs of holding the said primary shall be borne by the candidates pro rata and for the purpose of defraying the same each candidate shall pay to —, one of the poll holders named herein, the sum of five dollars (\$5.00) before the date of said primary which sum shall be used in paying the necessary expenses of the said primary and, if there shall be a residue of the said funds so paid, it shall be returned to the candidates in proportionate amounts.

This the 26th day of February, 1917.

F. W. HANCOCK,  
W. STARK,  
J. J. PARIS,  
BEN K. LASSITER.

Signed by all contestants.

## OXFORD-HENDERSON RAILWAY

The Granville Commercial Club Comes to the Rescue

The proposed railway from Wilson via Henderson and Oxford to some point in Person county, will have its final hearing in the Legislature this week. It does appear that certain ones on the eastern section of the road favor the abolition of the charter of the Oxford-Roxboro section and thereby make Henderson the terminal. It is stated by those who are in a position to know whereof they speak, that a delegation is at work in the lobby of the State House with a view of annulling the charter of the Oxford-Roxboro Railroad.

The meeting of the Commercial Club Monday night, which was largely attended by the business men of Oxford, was for the purpose of staying the present charter of the Oxford-Roxboro Railroad. Senator Titus Curran, Mr. J. F. Webb and Mr. B. W. Parham were named a committee to implore the Legislature to let the Oxford-Roxboro charter stand. It is stated by reliable parties that if this charter is not set aside work will start on this division at an early date.

## THE INAUGURATION

President to Take Oath of Office Privately on Sunday, March 4.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Plans for President Wilson's inauguration, hitherto indefinite and confused, because March 4 falls on Sunday, are much cleared up by official announcement that the usual special session of the Senate will be called for March 5, to consider nominations. This will permit the inauguration of the Vice-President in the Senate Chamber, as is the custom, with all the attendant elaborate ceremonies.

President Wilson himself, it was also announced, will take the oath of office for his second term privately in the White House, on Sunday, March 4. It was not made clear whether he has decided to take the oath again at the public open-air ceremonies on the plaza at the Capitol on March 5, or whether he will merely make the ceremony the occasion for delivering his inaugural address. It is probable, however, that he will take another oath at that time to make the inaugural ceremony complete in all its usual features.

## THE FALL OF A NATION

Written and Directed by Thomas Dixon

The managers of the Orpheum Theater have booked for Easter Monday and Tuesday following, Thomas Dixon's "Fall of a Nation." In the production the battle scenes are magnificently staged and offer unequalled examples of photography. Victor Herbert's music is inspiring, and the play is a masterly conception.

Quoting the New York Sun: "Thomas Dixon's 'The Fall of a Nation' heaps up thrills. The reverberations of his 42-centimetre cannon, as simulated in Victor Herbert's music, were matched by the applause for the battle scenes."

## NEWS BOYS

Effective on and after Sunday, we will not sell papers on right of way Southern Railway. With permission from Mr. C. D. Ray, we will use shed in front of his office, this for the benefit of our customers.

SPENCER BROS.

## THE PREMIER SEES DISASTER

ENGLAND'S FOOD SUPPLY AT LOWEST EBB

Allies' Only Hope of Victory Lies in Defeating U-Boats, Lloyd George Declares in House of Commons—Shipping Shortage Grips Armies as Well as Business—People Must Make Enormous Sacrifices While Government Takes Ruthless Steps to Throw Off Menace.

LONDON, FEB. 25.

Great Britain is facing disaster as result of the German submarine war against commerce, David Lloyd George, the nation's premier declared in the House of Commons Friday.

The Premier declared that the Allies' only hope of victory lies in successful solution of the shipping shortage now existing—a shortage which has become critical through the ruthless operation of submarines. Lack of tonnage is now being felt, not only in the nation's ordinary needs, but in actual military exigencies.

The stocks of food in Great Britain at the present time are lower than they ever have been before, Mr. Lloyd George said. It is essential for the life of the nation, he declared, that every possible effort be made to increase home production.

The Premier said there is no sure way to victory without hunting the submarines from the deep.

Enormous sacrifices are necessary from the British public, he said, and stated the government proposed to dispense with all non-essential importations to save tonnage.

The importation of apples, tomatoes and many fruits will be prohibited entirely.

## Some Hopes

If his program were acried out, the Premier said, he could honestly say the Allies would be able to face the worse their enemy could do.

Opening his address, Mr. Lloyd George said that for some time there has been a shortage of tonnage and that the nation should realize absolutely what the conditions were.

"If we take drastic measures," he continued, "we can cope with the submarine menace, but if the nation is not prepared to accept drastic measures for dealing with the menace, disaster is before us."

"The Government is hopeful of finding means of dealing with the submarine, but we should be guilty of folly if we rested tranquilly upon the expectation of realization of that hope. We have to deal ruthlessly and promptly with the tonnage problem by measures which impose great sacrifices upon the country."

## Submarines Active

(Associated Press.)  
Including the seven Dutch vessels torpedoed in the English Channel by German U-boats, 11 steamers are known to have felt the frightfulness of the German under-sea warfare, from Saturday's reports. At least four British vessels were sunk, while three of the Dutch vessels torpedoed were sunk and the others badly disabled.

The tonnage of the Dutch vessels destroyed approximated 40,000, while the British were given as totalling 24,292 tons. This brings the tonnage since February 1 up to 354,445, and the number of vessels destroyed has now reached 163, counting only three Dutch vessels sunk of the seven torpedoed.

This is the second largest day's work of destruction accomplished by the Teutonic submersibles since the under-sea campaign was renewed.

## WHISKEY IN THE SEWER

Sheriff Hobgood Sends 100 Gallons Down Stream

The one hundred or more gallons of liquor which had accumulated, and was in the custody of Sheriff Hobgood, was destroyed Monday afternoon by order of the court. At the invitation of Sheriff Hobgood, Judge Cam Hunt, clerk of the court, Mr. E. C. Harris, chairman of the County Board of Commissioners, were invited down to the jail to see the sheriff and Deputy Connie Walters do the job. The most of the liquor was in pint bottles, and that which was captured en route to Raleigh was high grade whiskey. There was about one hundred gallons in the lot, and at the present price of liquor it would have easily retailed for \$1000.

## SPECIAL TAX NOTICE

If you wish to pay your State and County Taxes for 1916 at the office and without cost, you will please do so at once. The books must go out and collections forced within the next few days. If your property gets advertised don't blame me. I'm forced to collect now. Statements furnished upon request.  
S. C. HOBGOOD, Sheriff.