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## THE COUNTY COMMENCEMENT

### EIGHTEEN HUNDRED SCHOOL CHILDREN IN LINE LAST FRIDAY.

It was Surely the Greatest Show on Earth For Those Who Have an A-biding Faith and Heart-Interest in Old Granville.

The County Commencement is the greatest day in all the year; it furnishes a spectacle; it yields inspiration; it affords us knowledge of the wealth, the power, the resources, of the county in such vastness that we are not able to comprehend it to the full.

You remember the conditions of the roads, the dark clouds, and yet there were eighteen hundred children in line here last Friday. It was a most delightful surprise to see them turn out in such large numbers. Back yonder in the school houses of the county they had been instructed and drilled, and their visit to Oxford was primarily to give public expression of the hearts and minds of the on-coming generation.

All of this vast store house of energy is sure to find a vent at no distant day and shatter every species of old fogysim. All of those who had to do in bringing this about has the everlasting gratitude of the public.

The handiwork of the children on exhibition here was a revelation to those who were not aware of what was taking place in the schools of the county. It was not the same work that was exhibited here last year or the year before, but it was superior work, as applied to detail, originality and skill.

The Public Ledger could, if inclined, pick out certain schools and certain children that excelled other schools and other children, but such criticism and personality should not be indulged. Taken as a whole, it is for us to know that the educational interests of the county are in capable hands.

The Public Ledger thanks Miss Mary Shotwell, Rural Supervisor of Schools, for the following report:

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## A PATRIOTIC DUTY.

### Warning Sent Out By Secretary of Agriculture.

Washington, March 24.—A statement urging that as a patriotic duty city residents transform their yards into gardens and farmers so diversify their crops as to make each section self sustaining, was issued today by Carl Vrooman, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture.

The great need in war time, Mr. Vrooman said, would be a surplus of wheat with which the nation could feed its allies. He also declared the acreage of soy beans and cow peas should be increased to augment the resources for protein which in time of emergency could take the place of meat for human consumption. Two or three crops of some sort should be raised during the coming summer, he stated, on every vacant square foot in the cities.

"If national policy decrees that there should be a big increase in our acreage and yields per acre of food crops," the statement says, "then the nation, as a whole, and not for the farmer alone, should and must assume the major part of the risk involved."

"In view of the apparent worldwide wheat shortage and present and prospective high prices, in those parts of the country where spring wheat at normal prices is as profitable or almost as profitable as oats, farmers would do well to seed a part of their normal oats acreage to spring wheat."

## ROOSEVELT WANTS TO FIGHT.

### Would Like to Hear Dixie Played Against Hindenburg.

Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, in an address at Jacksonville, Florida, Saturday, said he would have a division of American soldiers in the trenches of France within four or five months if given permission by the government.

The statement was made just after the band had played "Dixie" and Colonel Roosevelt had remarked:

"I would like to hear that tune played against Von Hindenburg's in France."

He said the United States should enter the war to Germany and plead for universal military training.

## ARMY SUPPLIES READY.

### Everything is in Readiness for Supplies to Move in Short Time.

Washington, March 26.—Supplies sufficient to equip an army of half a million men were arranged for in contracts drafted last week at a meeting between war department heads and council of national defence. The moment war is declared these contracts will be awarded and within an hour's time deliveries will be under way.

## THE GRANVILLE GRAYS.

### Expected to Reach Oxford This Tuesday Afternoon.

A phone message to Mayor Mitchell was received here late Monday evening advising him that the Granville Grays would reach Oxford via the Southern Railway this Tuesday afternoon. Upon the receipt of the message Mayor Mitchell advised Mr. Smith to get everything in readiness at the Exchange Hotel for the banquet this Tuesday night.

At this hour Mayor Mitchell is not informed as to the hour of the arrival of the soldiers. "I know they will want something to eat as soon as they arrive," said Mayor Mitchell, "and we will be ready for them."

## HOSPITAL SUPPLIES

### Oxford Women Will Aid Good Cause.

While the patriotic men of the United States are offering their services to their country in case of war, the women are not behind; but are busying themselves in making Hospital supplies which will be stored and ready for use by the Red Cross when the need comes.

The Health Department of the Oxford Women's Club is making plans to help in this good cause.

In the next issue of this paper, a date will be named for all interested in this question to meet and discuss the situation.

## ATHLETIC FEATURES.

### Reviewed by Prof. Guy B. Phillips, Superintendent of Oxford Graded School.

Friday morning at eleven thirty the various contests of the athletes of Granville county began on the Basket-Ball courts of the graded school. Four games were played in quick succession. The High Schools of the county represented by the teams from Creedmoor and Oxford played the boys game in the close score of 14 to 11. The game was in doubt until the end for each team was playing the game to win. At several times Creedmoor was in the lead.

The High schools girls from Oxford and Knap of Reeds were playing at the same time for honors. In this game Oxford was in the lead all the time and the game ended 18 to 4. Each of these games counted five points on the cup.

The three teacher Schools were represented by Wilton and Stovall. The boys and girls from these schools played. Wilton won both games. The boys score was 11 to 10. The girls score was 4 to 1.

Following these games the high jump was held. Seven schools entered contestants for this. Oxford, Enon, Howard, Creedmoor, Stem, Knap of Reeds and Tar River. Ballou, of Oxford, won at five feet and one inch. This counted two points.

In the afternoon the contests were transferred to the Horner field. The first event was the hundred yard dash. Seven contestants were in this. Fowler, from Knap of Reeds, won. This counted two points.

The girl's relay race of twenty-five yards and return was the next event. Oxford won by a large margin. This counted two points. The winners were, Ballou, B. Smith, Landis and Cannady.

The boy's mile relay was won by Oxford. Three schools entered for this event which counted four points. The winners were Ballou, Webb, Walters and Daniel.

Four entered the 220 yard dash. This was one of the best races of the afternoon. Walters, of Oxford, won by about ten yards and was pointed out as the best runner on the field. Two more points were added for this.

The amusing event was saved for the last. It was the egg race of the girls. It was a race with an egg in a spoon for a distance of twenty-five yards and return. With the high cost of eggs prevailing it seemed wise to use candy eggs. The girls had the right to pick up the egg and continue. Knap of Reeds won this event. Miss Romba Roberts was the winner. She was the only one to make the trip without dropping the egg. This counted two.

The base-ball game which was scheduled between Oxford and Knap of Reeds was not played on account of the weather. The ten points of the contest were divided between the schools.

The girl's tennis game between Oxford and Stem and the boys between Oxford and Enon were called off also and the points divided. Each game counted three points.

Of the total of forty points Oxford won twenty-eight.

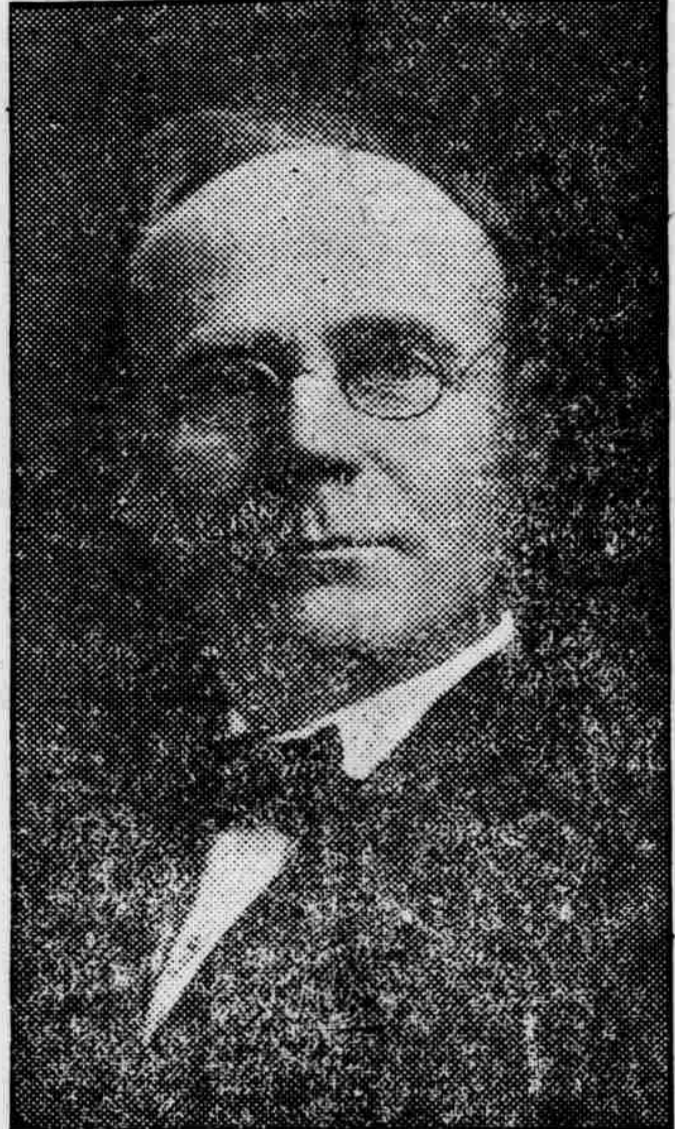
The contest as a whole was a success and was carried through without a single dispute so far as can be found out up to the present time. The judges for the races were, L. C. Hand and F. M. Pinnix. Rev. S. K. Phillips started all the races. The stars of the day were Ballou and Walters, of Oxford. Fowled of Knap

## HEAD OF MEREDITH COLLEGE

### WILL SPEAK AT GRADED SCHOOL AUDITORIUM THURSDAY NIGHT.

Dr. Charles E. Brewer, President of Meredith College, and General B. S. Royster and Other Notables on the Program.

Not only do the members of the Junior Order American Mechanics look forward with pleasure to the district meeting to be held in Oxford, beginning Thursday and lasting



DR. CHARLES E. BREWER

through Friday, but the citizens in general are interested in the visit of Dr. Charles E. Brewer and other men of prominence. The program at the Graded School Auditorium Thursday night, at which time Dr. Brewer and other splendid speakers will deliver short addresses, is well timed. The Juniors extend a cordial invitation to the general public to hear Dr. Brewer and the other speakers on this occasion.

The visitors and delegates to the district meeting will be given an automobile ride over the fine streets of Oxford Friday morning.

## REGULARS MAY GO TO FRANCE

### NATIONAL GUARD WILL BE EXPECTED TO POLICE THE NATION AND PATROL ITS BORDERS.

### War Department Awaits Word From President Wilson to Summon All Militia to Colors for War Duty in This Country.

Washington, March 26—Officials of the War Department have made plans for calling out the entire National Guard of the United States, and now are waiting the word of President Wilson to summon the State troops to the colors.

The President, on his part, has decided, it is stated, to call out the guard, but is undecided whether to do it immediately or to wait until Congress has pronounced this country at war with Germany. The chances favor his waiting until Congress has acted.

To Guard Government Property It was indicated in official quarters that the Guard would be required to perform one of two services, and possibly both. It will be expected first of all, to perform police duty in guarding all government property, all plants or shipyards engaged in work for the government, or for the allies, all transportation facilities which might be exposed to attack and to quell any local disturbances.

Regulars to France. In the next place, the guard may again be sent to the border to relieve the regular forces for possible service in France. The War College has prepared plans for the dispatch of an army to Europe, but it has not been determined by the President whether such an expeditionary force as the country is able to furnish should be sent abroad.

Big Loan Contemplated. Suggestion before President Wilson including the possibility of floating a loan for \$5,000,000 for the enterprise.

## Corsetiere Demonstration

The Long Company announces on the back page of this paper that Miss Gertrude King, representing the Gosard Corset will be here Friday and Saturday to demonstrate and fit.

of Reeds was winner of the dash out but did not win any thing else.

The fact that the season has been so bad thus far made the training of the boys and girls hard. Considering that the contests were good.

G. B. PHILLIPS.

## COL. OSBORNE HERE.

### Spends Quiet Day at the Exchange Hotel.

Col. W. H. Osborne, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, spent Saturday quietly in Oxford. The Osborne home having been broken up recently by the death of Mrs. Caleb Osborn, the colonel went directly to the Exchange Hotel, and the genial Lonnie got busy and killed the fatted calf in honor of the big son of old Granville.

The hard seige of work during the recent months has made slight inroads on Col. Osborn's health and he came to the State to get a breath of fresh air. There was absolutely no political significance in his visit, but nevertheless many friends assured him that they hoped he would consent to serve another term as Commissioner of Internal Revenue, this is the face of the fact that he has saved to the Nation during his administration more than eight million dollars that in former administrations went to enrich thieves and enemies of the Government.

## FIVE BILLION DOLLARS.

### It Will Take Sixteen Years to Count It.

If any one wishes to form the correct idea of a million dollars, as applied to cut and polished stone, let him go to Richmond and look at the City Hall, which cost an even \$1,000,000 to build.

Now that this government contemplates loaning the Entente allies \$5,000,000,000 we hastened to ask Col. Henry G. Cooper, president of the National Bank of Granville, if he could conceive in his mind the size of this pile of money if converted into gold dollars.

"It means this," said Col. Cooper, "if you drop one dollar into a hopper every second of the hour, counting twenty-four hours to the day and seven days to the week, at the end of the sixteenth year you would have handled only about \$4,969,969,000."

It would be interesting to know how much this bulk of gold would weigh and how many express cars it would require to transport it across the continent.

## THE MILITARY HIGHWAY.

### Colonel Cameron Seeks to Have It Pass Through Oxford.. (Durham Herald.)

Following the receipt of a written request from Colonel Benham Cameron, of Stageville, chairman of the state highway commission and a good roads enthusiast, the Chamber of Commerce directors Friday night agreed to send delegates to Greensboro Saturday, March 30, to urge upon the government officials that Durham be selected as one of the points on the proposed Bankhead highway for national defence.

It has been suggested that the national highway extending from Washington to Atlanta and New Orleans, via Lynchburg, Danville, Greensboro Charlotte and other points might be selected for the route of the military organizations and the transportation of supplies in the event of war, while Colonel Cameron and other people in this section are hopeful that government officials will select for the proposed route the national highway from Washington to Atlanta and New Orleans which passes through Alexandria, Fredericksburg, Richmond, Petersburg, Clarksville, Oxford and Durham.

## A Big Job

When Major Will Landis is feeling good he can match stories with the best of them.

One afternoon when I was a boy, said Major Landis, an esteemed citizen was rambling along the street when he saw my father's drayman trying to get a large packing box through the doorway. Having a beautiful heart the esteemed citizen paused to give the drayman a helping hand.

"We can't budge her," finally remarked the drayman from within the door after five minutes, of the hardest kind of work. "Biggest job that I have tackled in many a long day."

"She does seem a bit too much for us," admitted the esteemed citizen from without the door. "I am afraid we will never be able to get her into the house."

"Get her in the house!" exclaimed the drayman, as a great truth suddenly dawned upon him. Why, boss man, I was trying to get her out."

## Health Conditions

The Health Department of the Woman's Club will hold an important meeting at the Oxford Library on Wednesday afternoon, March 28, at three o'clock. Dr. Hays will speak on a subject of vital interest, and it is hoped that the entire club will be present, and also the women interested in health conditions.

MRS. C. EMMETT BROWN, Chm.

Mrs. E. E. Andrews, of Plymouth, Va., is visiting her sisters, Misses Mattie and Annie Wilson on Broad street.

## WILHELM'S U. S. PROPERTY

### OWNS TEN MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF UNITED STATES STOCKS.

### The Kaiser is One of the Greatest of American Property Owners—the Kaiserine Herself Holds Half a Million in American Securities.

Washington, March 26.—Ten million dollars worth of United States stocks and bonds are owned by the Kaiser and members of his family and may be confiscated by the United States government in case of war.

Fact made public today indicate Wilhelm's concern over reaffirmation of treaties guaranteeing Germans' personal property against seizure may have been caused by personal rather than national reasons.

The Kaiser is one of the greatest of American property holders. He had a fancy for railway securities. When the war began he is said to have possessed \$4,000,000 in stocks and bonds of the Sante Fe, Union and Southern Pacific and other Western lines.

These shares were held in the name of dummies or German brokerage houses in New York.

The Kaiserine herself holds half a million in American securities. Prince Henry while in this country is said to have made investments for himself totaling several millions.

There is evidence that agents of the Kaiser have made stock market clean-ups on strength or advance information from Berlin.

The Kaiser is said to have large land holding in America much more valuable now than when bought 20 years ago.

He is a part owner in the North German Lloyd and Hamburg-American lines, which have \$20,000,000 in ships tied up in American ports. With out these ships, re-establishment of German commerce after the war would be hampered.

The Kaiser is the majority owner of a silk mill in Patterson, N. J.

As a stockholder in a Chicago packing company, the Kaiser is reputed to have piled up wealth at the expense of allies and the American public.

It is rumored that the Federal government is investigating the extent of Wilhelm's holding, with the idea that of the government should not confiscate property of individual German citizens, exception should be made in the Kaiser's case, on the ground that his autocratic relations to the government make his holdings, in effect, the property of the German states. This property if confiscated, would be converted into the United States federal treasury.

## FINE PROGRAM AT ORPHEUM.

### All-Star Photoplays Throughout the Week.

The patrons of the Orpheum will see Mabel Taliaferro at the Orpheum this Tuesday night in the Metro photoplay "Her Great Price."

Wednesday night "Beatrice Fairfax," series of picture dramas with Grace Darling and Harry Fox.

Thursday night, "The Heart of the Hills," Edison's feature play with Mable Trunnelle and Conway Tearle.

Friday night, "Gloria's Romance," "Hearst-Pathe News" and other star features.

Saturday night, "The Girl From Frisco," "Hearst-Pathe News," and reels of high-class comedy.

## EASTER PREPAREDNESS.

### The Announcement of Perkinson-Green Company.

On the fifth page of this paper Perkinson-Green Company announce many articles for the season's wear. They are especially prepared for the Eastertide.

## Ten Dollars' Fine

The Raleigh News & Observer says: "Chickens of Raleigh—domestic of course—will not be permitted to interfere with gardens of citizens in this city who may wish to lower the high cost of living by raising onions, potatoes, cabbages, snap beans, turnips, tomatoes and other vegetables this spring. The city commissioners yesterday adopted an ordinance making it unlawful for any person or firm to allow chickens to run at large upon the streets, sidewalks, public parks or property of other individuals. Violation of this ordinance calls for a penalty of \$10.00."

Mr. James J. Walters, the splendid son of Mr. Connie Walters who has been identified with the local freight department of the Southern Railway for some time, left Sunday for Chester, S. C., to accept the position of cashier of the Seaboard at that place.

Miss Bettie Mae Cheatham is at home, on Route 3, from Peace Institute for the spring holidays, and has as her guests her school mates Misses Lucile and Gladys Stallings, of Birmingham, Ala.