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SCARCITY OF FOOD PRODUCTS

GRANVILLE COUNTY BOARD OF AGRICULTURE CONSIDERS VITAL QUESTION.

Interested Bankers, Tobacconists, Merchants Meet and Cooperate With the Board.

One of the most enthusiastic and far reaching meetings held in Granville county in a long time was that of the County Board of Agriculture last Friday. Prof. J. F. Webb called the meeting to order and stated its object. The county agent read a communication from the Extension service Department both at Raleigh and Washington. These set forth the need of the cooperation of Bankers and business men with the farmers in meeting the country's need in the crisis of war and a scarcity of food products.

An earnest talk on the need in the project was made by every one present, and everyone gave assurance of sustained cooperative help to propagate the earnest consideration of this need by every farmer in the country.

Those in Need of Seed.

On motion it was unanimously voted to appoint a committee requested and authorize to ascertain the names and addresses of farmers who have need of farm and garden seed, what varieties and in what amounts, and to procure such seeds for these farmers at the cost only of the delivery in Oxford, that is, without any profit to themselves.

Farmers Will Profit

The farmers are hereby informed that the service of this committee will be given without charge for getting seeds, etc. Farmers are urged to take advantage of this service, and order their peas, beans, seed corn, etc., at a saving in cost, and to plant freely so as not only to have to buy none for themselves, but to have some to sell; as the prices for food and feed stuffs are likely to be very high, if it is obtainable at all in the quantities desired.

Unanimous Sentiment.

With one voice everyone promised to urge every farmer to adopt the policy of being sure to make his own supplies, and a little to sell. It is believed that the food stuffs may not be available for shipping into this territory; and what is not made here cannot be bought at anything like a reasonable price.

The Committee

The committee to cooperate with the farmers in getting these seed supplies is constituted as follows:

E. G. Moss, of the Granville Test Farm; M. P. Chamblee, of the Acme Hardware Company; W. H. Hunt, of the First National Bank, and W. T. Yancey, of the National Bank of Granville.

Those who desire seeds are requested to apply in person to any one of the four gentlemen constituting the committee, or apply by letter giving assurance that the seed ordered will be taken and paid for; because the committee gets no margin to cover orders not taken.

Cheaper Seed.

If the farmers of the county will come together now and order seeds in large quantities they will be cheaper. Every one will get them at cost price. This is quite a concession to the farmer on the part of the merchants and seedmen, and is an index of fine patriotism on the part of those who surrender their legitimate profits. This act on their part, it is hoped, will stimulate a correspondingly increased effort on the part of farmers to produce more food and feed stuffs than ever before that legitimate nonproducers may have their share for their patriotic surrender of profits.

Spirit of Cooperation.

The National Bank of Granville is already helping the farmers in bettering livestock, and after the meeting declared its purpose to furnish free a limited number of potato slips to real producers who would rightly use the generosity to help meet the immediate need of the present high price of all classes of food stuffs.

The Oxford Cotton Mill management reported the very fine cooperative spirit of that corporation through Mr. Lewis, the Superintendent, who says that pasture plots for cows and garden plots for truck for families who will plant and cultivate them are furnished free of rent.

Farmers, Such is the spirit of bus-

THE TOWN CONVENTION.

To be Held in the Court House This Tuesday Night at 8 o'clock.

Major Will Landis, chairman of the Town Democrats Executive Committee, has set aside Tuesday night, April 16, for the purpose of nominating a mayor and a Board of Commissioners.

The Court House bell will be sounded at 7:30 and the convention will be called to order at 8 o'clock.

"THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER"

The National Song Brings Audience to Their Feet.

At a recent entertainment in Oxford every one present was impressed with the promptness with which Gen. B. S. Royster arose from his seat and assumed the position of a soldier and "stood at attention" during the rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner." There were twenty-five or thirty men present but they did not grasp the full significance of our National air until they saw General Royster's proud and dignified salute, and then every man arose and when the last note of the anthem was sounded they broke into applause. We later spoke to a military man about the incident, and he told us that General Royster never passes under the United States flag without raising his hat.

THE GRIZZLEY OLD WARRIORS

The Confederate Veterans Are Ready For Battle.

It has been the pleasure of the Public Ledger to talk with several of the old veterans of the War Between the States and ask them if they are ready to shoulder the gun again in defense of their country, and we find that every one of them are ready to do his little bit. Mr. Stegall, probably the oldest man in Granville county, and the father of Lieutenant James I. Stegall, states that he is ready to guard some of the bridges or munition plants, but he don't want to get in the trenches. Mr. B. I. Breedlove expresses the conviction that it would be best for the old men to enlist in such numbers as to spare the young manhood of the country. At best, says Mr. Breedlove, the old men have only a few years to live, and he is willing to do all he can to spare the young men who have a life of usefulness before them.

Every old soldier with whom we have conversed pushed back his shirt-sleeves or rolled up the leg of his trousers and exhibited a scare and remarked that war is nothing short of the lower regions.

RED CROSS CHAPTER

Oxford Women to Wear the Beautiful Emblem.

There was a preliminary meeting held Wednesday, April 11, to consider the organization of a local chapter of the American Red Cross. Thirty-seven enthusiastic women and girls were present with Mrs. R. C. M. Calvert in the chair.

The following committee were appointed: Ways and Means and Membership. Other committees will be appointed by vote as more definite plans proceeding are developed.

All persons interested in helping the Red Cross are urged to join, men, women and children over ten.

Arrangements are being made to get some one prominent in the work to talk on Red Cross work at an early date.

The Chapter when organized will have "Flag Day," a means of raising money for the work.

An important meeting will be held this afternoon, Wednesday, at 3:00 o'clock at the Oxford Library. Election of officers will take place.

THE BIG STORE.

Largest Assortment of Ready-to-wear Ever Shown in Granville.

It is the proud boast of Landis & Easton that they can furnish everything a lady wears from head to foot. Millinery is the pride of this firm and their assortment is kept up through the season, and their showing of wash dress goods has never been equaled in this section and at the most inviting prices.

Business men! Meet it half way! Don't be outdone. It is all an expression of faith in you, a challenge to the highest patriotism in you expressed in a perfect and universal cooperation with them to the end that there shall be plenty for all, and no one to suffer.

OXEORD BOYS ARE PATRIOTIC

MILITARY TRAINING AT THE OXFORD GRADED SCHOOL.

New Muscles are Being Brought into Play Each Day and Made Sore—The Boys Hike Down the Pike.

There is a wide spread demand throughout the entire country for a better trained army. Many plans are being proposed in the heat of excitement that apparently would meet that demand. Few have realized, however, the task involved in putting into fighting shape many thousands of untrained men.

Just as we look to the schools to start educational, moral and political leaders and workers at an early age we must look to the same source for an effective means of National Defense. It is true that such a system cannot be depended upon to meet a present need, but it can assure us at an early age.

A very large per cent. of all applicants for naval and military positions are turned down because of physical defects and statistics show that most of these could have been prevented by the proper attention and exercise at an early age.

It is in view of these facts that a system of training has been instituted in the Oxford Graded Schools for the remainder of the school term for all boys, including the third grade and up. Over one hundred have enlisted in these companies for the training.

To begin with, the boys from the ninth and tenth grades were given some special instructions to enable them to take a group of four from the lower grades and give them the first principles of marching. For the first fifteen minutes these groups march under the command of the Captain. No boy is allowed to talk or to break rank without the order from his captain. As soon as the marching is over the entire company is assembled for the best set of gym-

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DR. POTEAT IN STRONG ADDRESS

The Theologian Holds Large Audience Spellbound.

Dr. W. L. Poteat, President of Wake Forest College, filled the pulpit at the Oxford Baptist church last Sunday evening. It was a wonderful message that he brought to his hearers, abundantly supported by Scriptural truths.

Beginning at the beginning and coming down through the great world war, the hand of God has at all times been visible to this man of letters. He spoke of the greed, the false religion, the selfishness and absolutism of the German autocrat.

He compared religion of the free institutions of the Western Hemisphere with that of the Imperial Government and declared that we enter the world war in accordance with the Divines scheme to purify the world for the coming of the Lord and Master.

At the conclusion of Dr. Poteat's remarks, the large congregation joined in singing "My Country! 'Tis of Thee."

Patriotism, which is only a spark of religion, was kindled by the scriptural truths uttered by Dr. Poteat, and only the solemnity of the occasion prevented an outburst of applause. It was like the lifting of a great cloud and the dawning of a clear day.

THE SPOTLESS TOWN.

Everybody Busy Getting Their Premises in Order.

Attention of the public is called to the fact that this week, April 16-21 inclusive, is clean up week. The town carts will be prepared to remove the trash from every home in the corporate limits.

Our town is truly beautiful and now that the weather has opened up it becomes the duty and the privilege of each citizen to enhance its beauty by careful attention to his back lot. Let everyone be busy and have a spotless town by the end of the week. If your trash should not be removed, please report to policeman Hobgood and he will have it looked after.

Mrs. Holman, who has been at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. B. I. Breedlove, has returned to her home in Chatham county. Mrs. Breedlove, we are glad to say is on the road to recovery.

GRANVILLE'S HONOR ROLL

The Navy Accepts Three Young Men From the County.

The young men from Granville who have enlisted in the Navy since April 1, is as follows:

FRANCIS S. BRADSHER, Oxford.
EARL A. PARHAM, Oxford.
JOSEPH R. RAGLAND, Oxford.

REPORT OF THE GRAND JURY

Institutions of the County in Good Shape.

To His Honor Jno. M. Kerr, Presiding;

We, the Grand Jury for the April Term of Granville Superior Court, have passed on all bills presented for our consideration.

We visited the offices in the Court House and found them to be in good condition.

We visited the Jail and found there 5 colored and 1 white male prisoners. The sanitary conditions of the Jail appeared to be good and the cells and other parts of the building were painted and in good condition.

We visited the Home of the Aged and Infirm and found there as follows:

Total No. Inmates.....	34
White males	4
White females	10
Colored males	9
Colored females	11

Three milch cows and one calf, 3 mules and one horse.

275 lbs. of lard, 1000 lbs. of meat, 50 bbls. of corn, 40 bushels of peas, enough dry feed to supply the home. One 50 gal. bbl. of molasses, 15 head of hogs, 100 lbs. of dried fruit, 100 cans of fruit, 2 bbls. of vinegar, 2 two hores wagons, and all other farming tools necessary to carry on the farm. One cane mill.

We visited the County Convict camp and found there 16 mules all in good condition and well kept.

W. H. HUNT, Foreman.

FIRE CHIEF ENTERTAINS.

Honor Certificates Presented to Members of Fire Company.

Mr. J. Robt. Wood, Chief of the Oxford Fire Department, handsomely entertained the fire company and the mayor and commissioners at his store on Main street last Friday night from eight to ten o'clock, the occasion being the presentation of honor certificates of the North Carolina Firemen's Association to the members of the company who had served continuously for more than ten years. For this occasion, the center of the store was converted into a cozy square, in which the seats were neatly arranged and in many places floated the National colors, and on the walls were the pictures of President Wilson, George Washington and other noted personages.

The meeting was opened by a prayer by Rev. J. D. Hearte, and then followed numerous selections which were played on the Victrola.

In presenting the certificates, General Royster spoke of the evolution of the Oxford Fire Department from the late Frank Edwards' bucket brigade thirty-one years ago to the present handsome automobile truck. Individually and collectively, said Gen. Royster, good, true and brave men have always composed the rank and file of the Oxford Fire Company. In handing the certificates to the men, General Royster had something of a pleasant nature to say to each one. Those receiving certificates for faithful services covering a period of ten or more years were:

J. Robt. Wood, Chief; John A. Williams, assistant chief; Capt. W. H. Britt, foreman; E. L. Parham, assistant foreman; A. H. A. Williams, S. M. Wheeler, P. A. Wood, J. T. Sizemore and E. E. Sizemore.

A coterie of Oxford's pretties and smartest young ladies served elegant refreshments, including cigarettes and cigars. After the entertainment these young ladies were given a ride on the big fire truck, and from the way we saw the truck going down Main street they must have experienced the sensation of going to a fire.

Mr. W. A. Sherman, of Berea, who was in town Monday, stated that there need be no alarm about the farmers in his section producing sufficient supplies and some to spare. Mr. Sherman is among the good men of his section of the county who hope to see the Oxford-Roxboro Railroad an actuality in the near future.

THE GREAT STRUGGLE FOR FOOD

HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY RESTS UPON THE FARMERS.

A Strong Appeal to the "Horse Sense" of the Farmer Citizens of Granville County.

Having spent much of my life on the farm, having been all my life a keen lover of growing things and of the man who knows how to grow them, having served for a while a large country field of three churches in the fertile Shenandoah valley where I enjoyed the splendid hospitality and good "horse sense" of its farmer citizens, and being now a great lover of Granville County and the fine men who till its soil, among whom I can count many cherished friendships, I feel that I ought to say to our Granville farmers, a thing that has been very heavily resting upon my heart of late.

You are a splendid part of that body of men who throughout history have always been the backbone of any great people. America is now at war with Germany. Your country and mine are now enlisted in a struggle, not for the gaining of more land nor for the accomplishment of any material aim, but in the very last analysis for the vital principle that Jesus Christ founded His Kingdom upon, the Brotherhood of mankind. When that great man whom old Granville county did her part to put at the head of our nation, stood up the other day and declared "the day has come when America is privileged to spend her blood and her might for the principles that gave her birth and happiness and the peace she has treasured," he said a thing that sprung from a bleeding heart, that has the eternal truth of God in it, that ought to kindle the highest type of patriotism in every American breast; and he said a thing that makes every farmer one of the most important factors in the outcome of this vast struggle.

Our navy is very busy getting ready for its part; our regular army and our national guard are policing the country; our financial and scientific men are putting all they know into the task; no less than 32,000 companies have offered to turn over to our President their entire plants; but none of these are more important than his country's call to our farmers. To you falls the task that will take the measure of true patriotism and if you perform it, bring you the world's gratitude and what's still better, the joy of duty nobly done.

And this is the task,—to increase production, to eliminate waste, and to conserve all surplus.

Primarily to the Southern farmer, (Continued On Page Four)

Still Going on.

The money-saving sale at Cohn & Son's sale is still going on. When their doors opened the first day of the sale it was the beginning of the biggest selling event. The crowds that thronged their stores know, too, that it is a real sale with genuine bargains. Every body seemed to be happy and with a smile. What caused this? Prices, attentive salespeople and Cohn and Son's fair dealings to all. Cohn and Son's sale grows bigger in importance and power every time they put on a sale. For not only are new faces attracted, but all their old customers return. Because they know from experience that these sales are just what the application implies. It means that you can select anything from their vast stocks and save money. Even if you were there at the openings of their sale it will pay you to go their again this week and next. For many new bargains will be placed on sale every day. Read Cohn & Son's adv. on the last page of this paper. (Adv)

Wilton Getting on the Map.

The public will please take notice that the Wilton Community Service League has for the profitable entertainment of the public asked for, and obtained the services of Dr. E. C. Brooks, of Trinity College in an address on Wednesday April 25th at 8:00 o'clock, p. m., in the auditorium of the Wilton Public School building. Whoever avails himself of this opportunity to hear this splendid scholar and publicist will after he hears him count it to a high privilege. Don't miss Dr. E. C. Brooks.

Mr. W. C. Daniel, of Stovall, was a town visitor Monday.