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## THE NEW GRISSOM HICKS ROAD

### REMOTE SECTION OF COUNTRY BROUGHT NEARER TO OXFORD.

Elegant Homes and Fine Farms Dot the Gentle Rolling Hills in Southwest Granville; Hundreds of the Best People Turn Their Faces Toward Oxford.

We had the pleasure of accompanying Commissioner Harris to the western part of the county last Saturday in his handsome new Dodge car. Others in the party were Mr. J. B. Powell, Register of Deeds, and Mr. Harris' son.

The majority of Granville county people are familiar with the Oxford-Berea road and the splendid homes and farms on said road, but a comparatively few have traversed that section of the county laying south of Berea on over to the Person county line. It was our first trip to that section and we were highly pleased to see so many elegant homes and beautiful rolling hills.

Leaving the Berea road some nine or ten miles west of Oxford we traveled five miles in a southwesterly course to the Person county line. In this section are found the fine homes of Messrs. Andrew Williford, Thomas Williford, Tom Daniel, N. R. Baird, Mrs. Clayton, the Mangums and a number of other fine families. The old road has been there for a century and these good people have all these years plodded to town through the mud and mire and seldom were they heard to complain. No wonder they now rejoice at the prospect of having a good road to the county seat.

Starting at a point on the Person county line and coming as far east as Grissom Hicks' the road traverses the most scenic section of the county. Off yonder to the south lays Bowling's Mountain, and to the north a delightful panoramic view greets one's eyes. Engineer Bullock is now surveying a new road to shorten the distance and avoid some of the steep hills.

Capt. Blair and a force of hands are doing a splendid job. Commissioner Harris hopes that the work will be completed not later than September next, but Capt. Blair states that he is experiencing some trouble in maintaining a force of hands.

When the road is completed a large number of good farmers over in Person will also turn their faces toward Oxford; thousands of autos will swarm in that section, and one will have an opportunity of getting acquainted with their splendid country cousin and enjoy their beautiful hospitality.

## FARMERS UNION ACTIVE.

### Council Forwards Plan to the Senators, Representatives and to Each Local Union

An income tax sliding upward until it strikes the \$100,000 dead line is advocated by the state council of the Farmers' Union as a caution against burdensome debt, the legacy of the war.

It would begin the single man's income tax with 2 per cent on all incomes above \$2,000 and the married man's excess of \$3,000. It would increase this tax as the income grows greater and stop all incomes at \$100,000.

In addition to sending this memorial to the congressmen the state council forwards it to each local union as an instrument to be used by those smaller bodies.

## HORNER BROS. COMPANY.

### Their Big Business Is Proof of Their Low Prices.

The sales at Horner Bros. Company last Saturday amounted to nearly two thousand dollars, which did not include guano or horses. The volume of their business of the day mentioned included Groceries, Food-stuff, Seeds, Dry Goods, Shoes and Clothing. On the fifth page of this paper Horner Bros. Company point out the way in which a dollar saved is a dollar made.

## THE WEATHER.

Clear and warmer weather is forecast for the last part of the present week.

## NORTH CAROLINA'S QUOTA.

### Must Furnish Ten Thousand Tar Heels for the Army.

Washington, April 30.—Under new draft act North Carolina's quota will be about 10,000 men. Her quota for the regular army is about 4,000.

Governor Bickett will be asked to help enroll the men of the State under the draft law.

The number of men enrolled in the nation will be 7,000,000 but only 500,000 will be enlisted in the army.

## IMPOSSIBLE TO GLUT MARKET.

### There Will Be a Market for Everything Raised.

Not a few of the farmers of Granville have asked the Public Ledger if there is any danger of an overproduction of foodstuffs if all of the farmers raise their supplies and something to spare.

What puzzles our farmers most is the fact that there is no market in Oxford for the things that the world is in need of. They state that they bring fine home cured bacon to Oxford and the best that they can get for it is equivalent to the retail price of western fat back.

The Public Ledger will undertake to answer the farmer's argument by stating that the western meat will be withdrawn from the market. They must remember that the world is threatened with a famine and we have obligated to feed England, France and Italy. All of the western meat will be shot across the ocean and still the cry will be more meat.

## Farmers Will Name Price

If anybody in this section expects to eat meat, the meat must be produced in this section and the farmers themselves are the ones who will name the price. This assertion will hold good as to all the necessities of life.

## Be Frugal.

When the alarm was sounded throughout the world, the people of Oxford heard it and got busy. With any kind of luck the people of Oxford will produce more foodstuff this year than ever before and preparations should be made to save it. The people who have gardens in Oxford will have more fresh produce than can be consumed by the families during the growing season, and the surplus should be canned and saved for the winter. Not a single portion of the crop should be lost. The cans will probably be higher in price this year than they have been in the past. But the cost will not be prohibitive, and the cans of fruit and produce which are put up during the summer will save the housekeeper many a dollar during the winter months. Should there be a surplus of the canned goods there will be a market for all that is not consumed.

## PRESS NOTICE.

### Mary Pickford Coming to the Orpheum May 7-8.

Mary Pickford, the celebrated screen favorite is coming to the Orpheum May 7-8, accompanied by special music. This movie star is seen at her best in her new play, "Less Than Dust."

The scenes are laid in India and England and are remarkable faithful pictures of both lands in scenic states of great beauty and wondrous effect.

## MILLIONAIRE RAISING FOOD.

Greensboro, April 30.—J. B. Cobb, retired millionaire tobaccoist of New York, is cultivating 500 acres at his hunting lodge situated four miles from this city in an effort to increase the country's production of wheat, corn, potatoes and other food stuffs. A tractor and twenty men are engaged in the work, which is being superintended by Mr. Cobb personally.

## THE HONOR ROLL.

On mentioning in our last issue the names of the Granville boys who are in the world war, we failed to mention the name of Capt. Willis G. Peace, United States Coast Artillery, who has charge of all the coast defenses of North and South Carolina with headquarters in Raleigh. Capt. Peace is a West Point graduate and son of Mrs. A. S. Peace, of Oxford.

Mr. Waverly Harris on Monday last joined Capt. Thad G. Stem's machine gun company.

## CONSCRIPTION

### THE AMERICAN ARMY IN THE WAR AGAINST GERMANY WILL BE RAISED BY DRAFT.

As Passed by Senate, Measure Provides for Draft of Men Between Ages of 21 and 27 Years, While House Fixed Ages at 21 and 40—These and Minor Discrepancies Will be Adjusted in Conference Early in the Week so That the Bill May Go to White House for Presidential Signature With as Little Delay as Possible—War Department Has Already Completed Plans for Carrying the Bill Into Effect.

The fight in congress for the administration's selective draft measure was won Saturday night after days of the hottest kind of debate when the house passed the bill by a vote of 397 to 24. One voted present. The bill, in somewhat different form, was passed later by the senate, the vote being 81 to 8.

The senate then recessed until the house bill was sent over. Upon its receipt in the senate, the bill was referred immediately to the senate military committee, where the senate bill was substitute for it. Both houses then adjourned.

As passed, the house bill would draft single men between the ages of 21 and 40 years, with the president having authority to designate which ages shall be called to the colors first. The senate measure would conscript single men between 21 and 27 years, inclusive. This difference in the provisions will make it necessary for the measure to be sent to a joint conference of house and senate members, where the ages prescribed may be altered, altogether. It appears certain, however, that the senate ages would finally be adopted, with a modifying clause leaving to the designation of the president as to what ages shall be called upon to form the first big army.

Provisions were struck out and inserted in the bill in rapid action in the House. By unanimous vote an amendment was included in the house bill to increase the pay of enlisted men and noncommissioned officers in the army and in the national guard, by \$15 per month, making the pay of enlisted men \$30.30 a month. This would add about \$20,000,000 to the army and national guard payroll monthly, if an army of 1,000,000 men is raised.

The house also struck out all appropriation provisions of the draft bill on the recommendation of Chairman Fitzgerald, of the house appropriations committee. Representative Fitzgerald said the bill, which would have appropriated \$3,700,000,000 for the army, contained \$61,000,000 more than necessary. The appropriations committee, he said, would be ready on Monday to report to the house a correct bill containing the proper appropriations, about \$2,950,000,000. The house then, sitting as a committee of the whole, voted to insert the selective draft provision into the army bill, by a vote of 313 to 109. The final passage of the measure was thus rendered certain.

With only a slight discussion, the house without roll-call, adopted an amendment by Representative Lever exempting all persons engaged in raising food and other articles needed in war from the provisions of the bill.

In the senate the discussion was only perfunctory. By a vote of 56 to 31 an amendment introduced by Senator Harding was passed, which would permit Col Theodore Roosevelt to raise an army division of infantry volunteers for immediate service in France. Three other divisions would be permitted. The senate also adopted an amendment by Senator Fall calling for the raising of three volunteer regiments of cavalry for patrolling the Mexican border. The vote was 53 to 25.

Then senate went on record early in the night in favor of the selective draft in preference to the volunteer system. By a vote of 69 to 18, the McKeller amendment providing for a trial of the volunteer system before resorting to conscription was defeated.

## AMERICAN STEAMER SUNK.

### Lieutenant and Nine American Naval Gunners are Missing.

London, May 1.—The American oil tank steamer Vacuum has been sunk. The captain and part of the crew and the naval lieutenant and nine American naval gunners are missing.

The Vacuum was sunk by a German submarine Saturday while she was on the way to the United States.

The Chief mate and 17 men, including three of the American naval gunners, have been landed.

## ENTERS ARMY NURSING CORPS.

### First North Carolina Woman to be Drafted in War Against Germany

To Mrs. Laura Hutchins Benson, of Chapel Hill, has come the first call from the federal government to a North Carolina woman to enter the nursing corps for service in this country's war against Germany. In response to a telegram, Mrs. Benson reported to the army nursing corps at Washington last week.

## May Be Placed on Battleship

The plucky young woman is a daughter of Mrs. Minnie Hutchins, of Chapel Hill, and left her little daughter in the child's grandmother's care. Her brother, Rosco Hutchins, is in the United States navy and is stationed in the marine barracks at Marine Island, Cal. Mrs. Hutchins does not of course, know just what branch of the service she will enter, but will accept whatever assignment Washington officials may give her. She may be placed on a United States battleship, or she may serve in hospitals on European battlefields.

## Oxford Women Will Enter

Several young women of Oxford have expressed a desire to enter the world war in the event their loved ones go to the European battlefields. Some two or three weeks ago when a well known business man of Oxford tendered his services to the government, his good wife expressed a desire to go abroad and join the ambulance corps.

## TWO GOOD STORIES.

### The Awful Plight of a Young Granvillian.

It is said that our old friend Jeff Daniel, former Register of Deeds of Granville county, now the mayor of a progressive town in one of the most fertile sections of Texas, is some sport.

The wag who reports the incident to us, said that there is no finer man in Texas than Mr. Daniel. He recently bought a fine touring car and made a trip to the country for the purpose of looking over his farm, said the wag, and while walking about the field a pumpkin vine sprang up at his feet and it grew so fast that it shoved him along in front of it, and he made his escape in the nick of time by jumping into his high powered car and making off down the road at a rapid rate.

A still more distressing incident, if all reports are true, reaches us from Shakerag. The story goes that a boy over in that fine section of the county laying north of Bowling's mountain, the same being in the geographical center of Shakerag, climbed a corn stalk to see how the corn was getting along and now the stalk is growing up faster than the boy can climb down. The boy is plumb out of sight. Three men have undertaken to cut down the stalk with axes and save the boy from starvation. It grows so fast they can't hack twice in the same place. The poor boy is living on nothing but raw corn and has already thrown down four bushels of cobs. Next!

## CAPT. W. S. POWELL RUN OVER.

### Car Struck Him While Crossing the Street in Front of the Vance Hotel.

Capt. W. S. Powell, conductor on the Seaboard Air Line train running between Henderson and Durham, was run over by an automobile Sunday night in front of the Vance Hotel in Henderson and painfully hurt. A long gash was cut in his head and his body was badly bruised. His injuries are not considered to be serious, and it is thought that he will be able to go out on his run in a short while. Capt. E. H. Godwin is in charge of the Durham train.

—This Wednesday is the last day on which to register for town election.

## THE GRANVILLE FEDERATION

### THE LOCAL COUNTY FEDERATION TO JOIN STATE FEDERATION.

### Big Day at Providence—Town and County United For the Common Good of the Community.

One of the most enthusiastic meetings ever held in Granville county was the second meeting of the Federation of Clubs held at Providence School, Saturday, April 28th. Here was represented all the organized forces of the county—the Rural Community Club, the Woman's Club, the School Betterment Association, the Oxford Woman's Club, the Granville Commercial Club, the Boy Scouts and all the Agricultural Clubs. The town and country were united for the common good of the community.

About 200 people representing the various clubs of the county were present each one bringing his own lunch. When it was placed on the long table provided by the Providence Club, it was truly an evidence of community co-operation and no one would have thought that Granville county was troubled over the high cost of foodstuffs.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. W. R. Kimball, after all joined in singing America. In an easy and gracious manner, Mrs. Means of the Providence Club gave a hearty greetings to the Federation.

Mr. S. C. Rubinow, Assistant of Boy Scouts work, made a splendid address on the "Conservation of our Foodstuffs." He said there were only two things for the people of the South to do since Iowa and the west had decided to stop shipping us food and that was to conserve our own foodstuffs and increase production. If we failed to do this times such as have never been known in the history of America would be experienced.

Miss Minnie L. Jamison, of the Department of Agriculture, gave an interesting address and demonstration of school lunches. She urged the mothers to look after their gardens  
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## THE UNION BANK AND TRUST CO.

### Mr. J. P. Harris Enters Upon the Duties of Cashier.

The Union Bank undergoes a slight change in name and is now known as "The Union Bank and Trust Co." Mr. J. S. Bradsher, one of the founders of the bank and its cashier since birth, retires from the institution, and Mr. J. P. Harris, who for several years filled an important position with the First National Bank, relieves Mr. Bradsher as cashier. Mr. Harris is a capable business man well identified with the people of the surrounding country and is interested in the growth and prosperity of town and county.

The officers and directors of the bank are as follows:  
President ..... J. W. Horner.  
Vice-Pres ..... J. F. Meadows  
Cashier ..... J. P. Harris.

Directors  
W. H. Hunt,  
J. M. Baird, Dr. I. H. Davis, W. H. Fleming, J. W. Horner, J. F. Meadows, J. M. Farish.

See the announcement of this banking institution on the last page of this paper.

## MONEY IN LETTUCE.

### What Can be Done in New Hanover Can be Done in Granville.

Approximately \$1,333.333 per acre is the price that J. E. Morris, Acron branch section truck farmer, received for his crop of lettuce, just sold to a Philadelphia middleman, says the Wilmington Star. Mr. Morris had four acres of lettuce and was paid \$4,000 f. o. b. Wilmington for his crop. About 90,000 plants were set out. Some were in beds while others were without any protection other than the natural windbreak of trees.

## Henderson and Oxford Tie.

In the first baseball game of the season the North Henderson and Oxford teams played to a tie of 6 to 6 at the North Henderson diamond Saturday afternoon. The game was called off late in the afternoon, after both sides had exhibited what was called a most creditable exhibition of the sport.