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BETTER SCHOOL FACILITIES

TOO MANY CHILDREN PACKED IN GRADED SCHOOL BUILDING

School Board Buys Handsome Property on Williamsboro Street for School Purposes.

There is always room for one more in a railway coach or public conveyance, and this rule applies with equal force to the Oxford Graded School building. The enrollment has grown from year to year, and now there are more than one hundred and twenty-five children beyond the normal capacity of the class rooms; but nevertheless, Prof. Guy B. Phillips, superintendent of the school, is getting splendid results and manages to wear a smile that will not come off.

The school Board and all those who are in close touch with the school have long realized that the building is crowded beyond its capacity, and the public has waited patiently for the School Board to devise ways and means to relieve the congestion. The board is composed of our leading citizens—men who have accomplished things and who hold the interest of every child in the community sacred. They have pondered over every phase of the question and are alive to the interest of the community and every child, and they are abundantly qualified to evolve the best plan to meet the emergency.

The purchase of the old Cooper home on Williamsboro street is regarded as an excellent move. The house is in a good state of preservation. The rooms are large, airy and well lighted. The property was purchased for \$9,200.

HEARD ON THE SIDE.

The Particular Man wanted a Particular Steak.

Everybody knows Mr. A. P. Hobgood, the general old soul that sees the silver lining of every cloud. He recently made a trip in his car to a near by city, and feeling the pangs of hunger, entered a restaurant, and according to an eye-witness here is what he said to the waiter:

"I want a steak cut particularly thick with just the slightest suspicion of fat on the side. Understand? And I want it cooked so that the juice shall be kept in it. Understand? When the strip of fat is broiled to a golden brown, I want the steak removed from the fire, put on a buttered hot platter, sprinkled with parsley and serve immediately. Understand?"

"In other words, I wish the steak prepared in such a way that when the knife is inserted in it the gravy oozes out and combines with the hot butter to form that savory dressing which is so nice to dip a baked potato in. Understand?"

"Oh, yeah; ah understand, all right," replied the waiter, whose eyeballs had been keeping time with his lips in an ecstatic tattoo, as he listened, enraptured-like, to the order, "but you better take ham sah!"

"Ham? Why what do you mean?"

"Simply this: We ain't got no such steak like that in this yeah place, sah! If we had, the boss would eat it hisself."

VETS TO WASHINGTON

County Commissioners Will Furnish Transportation.

The County Commissioners in session last Monday voted sufficient funds to pay the railroad fare of all Granville county veterans to the reunion at Washington.

Those who desire to go will notify Capt. W. H. White. See or write to him at once. He wants to know if you have a uniform. Those who go must at least wear the regulation hat. Train will leave Oxford on the morning of June 4th.

MEMORIAL SERVICES.

Stovall Will Honor the Confederate Dead.

(Correspondence Public Ledger) Memorial services will be held here Thursday afternoon, May 10th. Rev. J. S. Kinnison and Rev. C. A. Upchurch will conduct the service.

The Boy Scouts in and around Stovall will be present, and the ladies in and near Stovall are requested to come and bring as many flowers as they can. Enough flowers are wanted to place some on each grave. The Confederate flag will be placed on the graves of the veterans of the War Between the States.

There will be special song service, and it is our aim to make Memorial Day all that it implies. Scouts from other points are asked to be present and participate.

WILKERSON.

PERFECTLY ASTOUNDING.

\$700,000,000 Waste Each Year in Running American Households.

Figures were submitted to the Council of National Defense last week showing that the women of the United States annually waste \$700,000,000 in running their households. The statistics were furnished by the Department of Agriculture and were presented at the conference of governors and accredited representatives of the 48 States of the Union, who were in Washington studying the war problems.

Thirty per cent of the food that goes into American homes is wasted, according to the department's estimates.

OXFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Officers Elected at the Annual Meeting.

The Oxford Fire Department Hose Company No. 1, held its annual meeting last Thursday night and elected the following officers for the year beginning May 3, 1917:

WADE H. BRITT, Foreman.
ELVIN PARHAM, Asst. Foreman.
J. T. SIZEMORE, Jr., Treasurer.
LEE C. TAYLOR, Secretary.
DR. L. T. BOOTH, Surgeon.

Also recommended to the Board of Town Commissioners to reelect J. Robt. Wood, chief, P. A. Wood, driver, and asked the chief to reappoint John A. Williams assistant chief.

BEAUTIFUL IN DEATH

Mrs. R. Y. Crews Called to Her Home Above.

Mrs. R. Y. Crews, daughter of the late Moses Dean, died last Friday at Watts' Hospital, where she was receiving medical attention. Her remains were brought to her home near Providence Saturday.

Mrs. Crews was a most lovable woman. She died in the blessed assurance of a life everlasting. She was 32 years old and was ready when the call came.

Three brothers and one sister survive, as follows: Mr. E. H. Dean, of Richmond; Mr. Dean, of Stovall and Mr. Dean of Wake county and Mrs. Homer Bradsher, of Granville.

The funeral was held from the home of the deceased on Sunday afternoon and the interment was on the hill overlooking the home place. A tall water oak on a velvety lawn marks her resting place. The last sad rites were pronounced by Rev. B. C. Thomas, pastor of Shady Grove Church, of which the deceased was a member.

Five hundred people with bowed heads and sad hearts gathered at the grave. Soul inspiring songs were rendered and the newly made mound was hidden from view by the beautiful flowers spread by those who were near and dear.

The pallbearers were: Messrs. James Bradsher, Rom Averett, Willie Lee Currin, Ed Knott, Sam Usry, Taz Bobbitt, West Brummitt.

Among those from a distance at the funeral were Mr. E. M. Dean, a brother of the deceased, and Mr. L. A. Crews, both of Richmond.

The Public Ledger extends to the bereaved husband and his children our sincere sympathy in the hour of grief.

WAR BONDS SELLING WELL

North Carolina Took Nearly \$200,000 of the War Bonds.

America has subscribed to the Liberty Loan of 1917 at the rate of \$330,166 a minute or \$19,810,000 an hour.

Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo sent messages to 27,513 banks and banking institutions and these subscriptions are in reply to only two per cent of these messages. This indicates that the total loan of \$2,000,000,000 will be tremendously over-subscribed and that there will be no difficulty in floating the entire proposed war loan of \$7,000,000,000.

New York city made the largest subscription of any single city with a total of \$63,293,000. The largest single subscription, \$20,000,000 also came from New York city.

Chicago made the second largest subscription, \$18,995,000, and Cleveland made the third largest \$7,050,000.

North Carolina subscription \$183,000.

SOMETHING FINE

Mary Pickford in "Less Than The Dust."

Those who saw Mary Pickford Monday at the Orpheum in her own production, "Less Than The Dust," pronounced it the best entertainment of the season. The same picture will be shown again this Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. An Italian band furnishes the music.

REGISTRATION

OFFICIAL OUTLINE OF PLAN FOR DRAFT BY SELECTION.

Careful Preparation Has Been Made to Place the Whole Task in the Hands of Civilian Officers.

An official outline of the method by which military registration is to be carried out under the selective plan, was made public Saturday with an appeal from the War Department for the volunteer services of State election and other officials in order that there will be no delay in enrolling and classifying millions of men for army duty. Careful preparation has been made to place the whole task in the hands of civilian officials of the states and to remove every suggestion of military force in putting the measure into effect. The only function of the Federal Government will be supervision through the office of the Provost Marshal General. The department's statement follows:

"There was a time in the country's history when military enumerators, backed by bayonets, went out among the people to take a compulsory service census. Today under the principle of universal liability service the execution of the law put into the hands of the people.

"The approval of the new national army bill and the President's proclamation thereunder will be coincident. All persons within the age limits prescribed will be required to present themselves for registration at the customary voting places in the voting precincts in which they have their permanent homes, on the day which the President will announce. The probability is, that from ten to fifteen days will elapse between approval of the bill and registration day.

"The governor of each State will

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A VALUABLE DISCOVERY

NAVY BOARD FINDS WEAPON TO COMBAT SUBMARINE MENACE.

Plans Forwarded to Washington Which May Sweep U-Boats From Bowels of the Sea.

W. L. Saunders, chairman of the Naval Board, announced in New York Saturday that the Board has forwarded to Washington plans for dealing with the submarine problem, which it was believed would solve the situation now confronting the Allies.

Mr. Saunders, who has been chairman of the Naval Consulting board about two months, supplements his announcement by saying that while the submarine problem cannot be solved until the submarines have been destroyed, numerous experiments have been made along the coast which led the board to feel confident that it had found a means of coping with this means of warfare.

Officials Worried

Washington, May 6.—Navy department officials are indignant because of the announcement by W. L. Saunders, chairman of the Navy consulting board in New York city that a device had been obtained which practically guarantees the destruction of the German submarine menace.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels urged all newspaper men and all editors to refrain from publishing anything, even speculation as to the nature of the invention. At the same time every official of the department was warned that he would have to face serious consequences if he permitted any further information as to the nature of the invention or its capabilities to get into print, because of the urgent necessity to keep the details of the invention from reaching the hands of alien enemies.

Pressed for confirmation of Mr. Saunders' statement, Secretary Daniels said he could not give any details and during half an hour's talk with newspaper men impressed upon them the necessity for keeping details of such an accomplishment from obtaining further publicity.

OXFORD GRADED SCHOOL.

Prof. M. H. Stacy Will Deliver the Address.

Two more weeks of work complete the term of the Oxford Graded School for this year. During the nine months pupils and teachers have done excellent work. The enrollment has been larger than in the past.

The closing exercises will begin on the night of the 17th of May with exercises by the school. On Friday night the Diplomas will be given to the members of the Graduating Class which numbers fifteen. On that night Prof. M. H. Stacy, dean of the University of North Carolina will deliver the address. He is an attractive speaker who always has a message worth while for his audience. No man or woman in Oxford should fail to hear this address.

A full program of the exercises will be published in the next issue of the Public Ledger. Watch for it.

MRS. BOOTH'S SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Primary and Intermediate Grades Render Interesting Program.

One of the most delightful events of the whole year is the program rendered by the pupils of Mrs. John Booth's School of Music. When the weather is ideal, there is not a hall large enough in Oxford to accommodate the throng that goes out to this popular annual entertainment, and it grows in interest from year to year. Mrs. Booth plucks the little people from the primary and intermediate grades and before the end of the session they make a joyful noise, and if they remain in her hands for two or three sessions they blossom out as tenors and sopranos.

The following program was rendered in the auditorium of the Graded School last Saturday evening:

Program.
There's Magic in the Flag. Spaulding
Chorus 4th, 5th, 6th Grades
Waltz Goerdeler
Endo Buchanan.
Blind Man's Bluff Blum
Annie Lou Williams
Little Boy Blue Engleman
Elizabeth Bragg
I Wish My Dolly was Alive. Gullerson
Virginia Hart
Fairy Fingers Lindsay
Carolyn Booth
Sing Little Bird Spaulding
Sue Bryan and Mary Powell
Fairy Mazurka Straebug
Alma McFarland
Queen of the Night Poldini
Senrena Meadows
Come Play with Us Ellsworth
Mary Norman Mitchell and Chorus
Fairy Festival Heine
Mary Lee Crittcher.
In May Sartorio
Margaret Davis
Elden Blossom Epsen
Helen Hunt
Song of the Pines Ollendorf
Mabel Sizemore
May dog Jack Stults
Tom Booth and Chorus
On the Meadow Lichner
Olive Webb
Song of the Shepherd M. De Colas
Mary Powell
March Englemann
Agnes Cannady, Margaret Pendleton.

MOTHER'S DAY.

Oxford Baptist Baraca Class Will Wear White Flower.

The beautiful custom of wearing the white flower on Mothers Day will be observed next Sunday morning by the Oxford Baptist Baraca class. This is General Royster's class and he will be present if his military duties will permit. An effort is being made to have a full attendance next Sunday morning. The white flower will be furnished to all who come, and the lesson for next Sunday morning is a strong one.

BUSINESS MEETING.

There Will Be a Patriotic Feature Also.

The Woman's Club will meet in regular monthly session on Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the rooms of the Oxford Library. All members are urged to be present as the meeting is one of unusual importance and interest.

Reports from delegates to the Federation in Durham will be heard and plans for coming club year will be discussed. There will be a patriotic feature also.

Any ladies not already members of the Club are invited to attend this meeting. The Club would be pleased to enroll all the women of the town who are interested in the kind of work the Woman's Club stands for.

Drumhead Court-Martial

The neighbor's fowls which invade a patriot's backyard garden in these days are guilty of high treason and subject to drumhead court-martial and the axes and the pot.

HINDRANCE TO PROGRESS

THE PEOPLE MUST BUY AND CONSUME.

To Hoard is to Waste, and Waste is to Commit the Deadliest Sin of Our Critical Times.

All wealth springs from productive industry, and the mainspring of productive industry is a brisk demand for an efficient distribution of the output of productive industry.

America will not lack wealth with which to prosecute the war so long as her great manufacturing plants are encouraged to maintain or to increase their normal output of products.

How is that encouragement to be supplied? There is only one sound wholesome way to supply it. The people must buy and consume almost as in times of peace. They must help maintain a healthy volume of money in circulation.

War economy is not attained through business stagnation. Sudden or prolonged retrenchment on the part of the consuming public will lead surely to commercial and industrial paralysis.

The Government might, conceivably, close every "non-essential" industry, put every citizen on an allowance of food and clothing and draw arbitrarily upon wealth already created by the conduct of the war.

But that would be stupid, and in the end, disastrous. By stimulating rather than restricting, the volume of trade which flows through ordinary channels, the people and government can insure the annual creation or enough wealth to make unnecessary any draft of the nation's capital—its invested revenue producing wealth.

A dollar in circulation is worth ten in the safe. To hoard is to waste, and to waste is to commit the deadliest sin of our critical times.

SEABOARD CHANGES SCHEDULE

Nos. 5 and 6 Between Richmond and Hamlet are Discontinued.

Important changes in the schedule for the operation of its main line passenger trains of the Seaboard went into effect last Sunday morning.

The biggest change of the schedule is the discontinuance altogether of trains Nos. 5 and 6, operating between Richmond and Hamlet. No. 6 heretofore has arrived in Henderson going north at 5:51 a. m., while No. 5 passed Henderson going south shortly before 4 o'clock in the morning.

No. 1, a through train from New York to Jacksonville, now passes Henderson at 4:03 a. m.

No. 2, from Jacksonville to New York passes Henderson at 1:52 a. m.

No. 8, also a through train, northbound, between Jacksonville and New York, arrives in Henderson at 4:03 a. m., instead of 6:08 on the old schedule.

No other change in schedule are included in the announcement.

How are You Showing Patriotism?

In every town and city in the United States these days the Star Spangled Banner may be seen floating from almost every building.

Almost every man and boy you meet on the street is wearing a small flag in the button hole of his coat.

In any place of amusement you go in, that has an orchestra at some time during the performance "The Star Spangled Banner" will be played. Every man rises to his feet and stands at attention to do honor to the flag.

Friends have you done your whole duty by wearing a small flag in the button hole of your coat?

What did you tell your son, when he came to you for advice concerning enlisting in the Military Company?

Have you used your influence to get young men to enlist?

It is the earnest desire of the undersigned that you give this matter immediate consideration.

ELBERT E. FULLER,
Capt. 3rd N. C. Inf., Com. Co. E.

THE WHITE SEASON.

The Long Company's Fine Showing.

The people of the surrounding country have long waited for such a rare opportunity to purchase high-class goods at reasonable figures as is shown by the Long Company. The style, quality and prices are most inviting. See special announcement on the last page of this paper.