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DO BUSINESS AS USUAL

BUCK UP, PLAY THE GAME AND DO YOUR BIT.

Haven't You as Much Chance at the Seven Billions of Dollars as the Next One.

It makes one leary to read of the great volume of business all over the country and then glance at our own town and see the same old determination to let things take their natural course. Some of our business men seem not to understand that if they stagnate they stagnate others, nor do they realize that if we get a good case of stagnation in Oxford it will spread throughout our legitimate trading territory, and when it does get a good start it will become a fixture for the next twelve months.

One good trading day in Oxford once a week is not enough by a long shot when other towns are having six full days. Business begets business, and it dispels the impression that you are holding your stuff on a rising market. Set a cash price on it and let it go—you can get more goods from the factory. The mills are grinding day and night and the lights are shining brightly throughout the nation. Spread the glad tidings of the business world and share in the billions that are being spent. Give your customers the benefit of a quick aggressive cash business and prove to them that you are competent to serve with the best.

The following is a sample of an advertisement of a live firm, which we find in the Charlotte Observer:

"Do business as usual." This is the slogan that the business men of Great Britain have adopted. We must economize as to food; but we should not hoard our money or our stock of goods just because we are uneasy or for ulterior purposes.

If you need a new suit of clothes, buy it.

If you need dry goods, buy them.

If you want to take a day's outing, by all means go.

Don't you see if you stop all buying that factories must close and untold numbers be thrown out of work.

You say that it's alright to talk, but I must look out for number one. Listen, haven't you as much chance at the seven billion as the next one?

Money will be plentiful, so don't deny yourself the comforts of this life.

"Buck up, Mr. Tradesman, and do your bit. Give the tradespeople the benefit of ready cash sales and restful nights."

"That's exactly what we do," says the Charlotte merchant.

THE COLORED REGIMENT

Oxford Colored Men Want to do Their Bit.

Interest of the colored people here center in the proposal of Thomas P. Cheatham, superintendent of the negro orphanage, to raise a regiment of colored men in Granville, Vance, Franklin and Warren counties. John Young and other colored men who have the confidence of their race, are working hand in hand with Superintendent Cheatham to awaken the spark of patriotism in the breast of the colored men. Enthusiasm runs high and the indications are that they will experience no trouble in raising a regiment. Quite a number of the colored men, including John Young have expressed a desire to fight their way through to Berlin and win the war.

BLALOCK MOTOR COMPANY.

Business Expands and A Night Force is Put on.

High-class workmanship, a regard for the welfare of their customers and the best of service has won for the Blalock Motor Company a reputation second to none. Their business has expanded to such a degree that they find it expedient to put on a night force. It is a treat to visit their well equipped garage on Hillsboro street and see the handsome new Studeraker, Chevrolet and other cars they handle.

The Jail is Empty.

Mr. Conrad Walters, keeper of the county jail informs the Public Ledger that the doors of his castle stand ajar. The doors were unlocked on May 4th and no prisoner since that date has been admitted. This is the longest period in the history of the county that there were no prisoners in the jail.

MAY GET IN GUARD.

War Department Rules Recruits Can Join Until Called to the Colors.

Promulgating an order issued by the War Department, General Royster informs the press of the State that men registered on June 5 as eligibles for conscription would be allowed to enlist in the National Guard until drafts were made September 1.

DR. MARSH TO RETIRE.

Rev. Geo. B. Tunstall Will Take Up His Work.

After fifty years of labor in the ministry, Dr. R. H. Marsh will soon take a needed rest. The good that this man of God has accomplished is known only to the Recording Angels, but it is well known of men that all of the reforms enjoyed at the present day were advocated by him.

We acknowledge with sadness in our hearts that Dr. Marsh is approaching the number of his allotted years on earth, but his memory will survive for all time.

Rev. George B. Tunstall will enter upon his work as pastor at Enon, Hester's, Bullock and Tabb's Creek on June 1, 1917.

THE GROWING SEASON.

Vegetation is Looking Fine in Old Granville.

So far as the weather conditions are concerned the farmers in this part of the State have never had better. The "cold spell" in May kept things back a little, but with the coming of warm days conditions on the farms have improved wonderfully. The crops have been growing at a satisfactory rate and more encouraging than all is the prospect for seasonable rains. Not only is tobacco and corn looking fine, but there is a splendid outlook for fruit. It was a good blossoming season and there was no frost of consequence, so that an apple and peach crop may be in anticipation. Everything at present points to a year of abundance on the farms, and those farmers who have put in larger acreages in foodstuffs will be particularly favored. There is ever the possibility of too much rain or of too little, but wet spells and droughts are the exception in this part of the country. If the present "crop growing weather" shall prevail for four or five weeks longer the agricultural fortune of this particular section of the country will be made. The prospect is fine, and for this Granville county has reason to be thankful.

HANDSOME AUTOMOBILE.

Mr. John W. Brown Demonstrates the Latest Model.

The fine Hudson Super-Six, demonstrated on the streets of Oxford by Mr. John W. Brown, local agent of the Hudson Motor Company, attracted universal admiration. It was the Hudson Super-Six that broke the coast to coast record, completing the round trip of 7,000 miles in less than eleven days, climbing mountains and showing none the worse for wear and tear. See announcement on the last page of this paper.

SERMON TO ODD FELLOWS.

At The Presbyterian Church Next Sunday Morning.

It is customary for the Odd Fellows throughout this country to assemble at some church on the last Sunday in May of each year and listen to the annual sermon preached for their especial benefit, and in accordance with this long established rule the Oxford Odd Fellows will assemble at their Hall next Sunday morning and march to the Presbyterian church under regalia, where Rev. S. K. Phillips will preach the annual sermon at eleven o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend the services.

Call Meeting.

Call meeting, Oxford Lodge No. 103, I. O. O. F. Odd Fellows Hall, 10:30 a. m. Sunday, May 27, 1917.

Object to attend services at the Presbyterian Church in a body to hear a special I. O. O. F. sermon by Brother S. K. Phillips.

Bring all visiting brothers to the Hall with you.

RUSSIA DEMANDS TERMS

HAS LAUNCHED HER DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE.

They Believe a Public Adoption of Russia's Terms by England, France and America Will Convict the Kaiser Before His Own People and end His Reign—They are Urging the German People to Overthrow the Kaiser.

What many have wished were not true, and others have sought to deny would come to pass, is now at hand. Great Britain and France are asked by Russia to revise their demand for the dismemberment of Austria-Hungary and the amputation of Prussian Poland.

England is asked by her ally, Russia, to state that she does not intend to keep the German Colonies. France is urged to consider some other method than the sword in settling the question of Alsace-Lorraine.

America will surely be asked, if she has not already been, to state which, if any, of the France-British terms this country considers essential to peace.

It will do no good to abuse the Russian Government because it asks such questions at such a time.

That Government is taking its orders from the army and the workmen. Ever since the revolution in March it has resisted those orders, it can resist no longer.

The Russian army and workmen declare they will make no separate peace with the Hohenzollerns. They are urging the German people to overthrow the Kaiser.

Right or wrong, they believe a public adoption of Russia's terms by England, France and America will convict the Kaiser before his own people and end his reign.

Perhaps the Russian army and workmen are utterly wrong. But they believe themselves right. They claim to know what is going on among the German masses.

They also control their own Government and have compelled it to take a stand which the other belligerents, including the United States, cannot possibly ignore.

A MOVE TO PARK AUTOS

TOWN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WILL BE REQUESTED TO ACT

The Idea is to Line Up the Cars in Middle of the Street, Leaving the Curb for the Horse Drawn Vehicles.

Dr. Nelson Thomas, a man of broad vision, is a strong advocate of a measure that would compel the drivers of cars to park them in the middle of the street, thus leaving the curb for the horse-drawn vehicles. The idea is a good one, and it is thought that if the commissioners will take the matter up and look into the merits of the question they would adopt it.

Last Saturday, while Dr. Thomas was pointing out the benefit to be derived from such a measure, there were twenty-six cars parked on the west side of Main street between the Long Company's store and the furniture house of J. Robt. Wood, a distance of not more than one hundred yards, making it practically impossible for pedestrians to cross the street without going around either end of the line. Practically the same conditions existed on College and Hillsboro streets.

By actual count there were sixty-four cars parked within one square of the Soldier's Monument at the head of Main street last Saturday afternoon. There being no room at the curb, the poor horses were forced to stand in the center of the street while their drivers were transacting business. It would be more humane, remarked Dr. Thomas, to reverse the order of things and let the horses stand in the shade of the buildings.

It is claimed by the drivers of automobiles that it would expedite business to park the cars in the center of the street, as one could pull either to the right or the left, as the position of the car would determine, and avoid all that backing and twisting that is required on a busy day when the cars are parked at the curb.

RUSSIA STANDS FIRM.

Will Wage War for Peace Guarantee.

Haarve, May 24.—Baron Beyens, the Belgian Foreign Minister, Wednesday received a telegram from Michael Tereschchenko, the Russian Foreign Minister, in which he greeted Belgium and declared: "Russia will continue to pursue this war not for the purpose of conquest or envy, but to assure all nations the right to shape their own affairs and to secure a peace guarantee against new attacks."

Baron Beyens, replying to the Russian Foreign Minister, wrote: "Belgium, the victim of a most odious aggression and struggling for its existence, greets with joy the assurance Russia gives through you that she will pursue this war until the establishment of a peace guaranteeing against new attacks."

NEWSPAPERS HARD HIT

Will Mean the Suspension of Some of the Larger Publications.

Washington, May 24.—The administration supporters, by a vote of 198 to 71, imposed a drastic postal charge upon second class mail matter. It is predicted that if the senate approves the new charge which the house authorized by its vote many newspapers and magazines will actually be driven out of existence and many others will suffer materially.

By two votes of 162 to 116 and 174 to 126, the house refused to strike from the \$1,800,000,000 war revenue bill the increased charges on second class mail matter. Although the final vote was 198 to 71, 133 house members were absent.

The new rate goes into effect in three periods will increase the present charge from a half more in the first parcel post zone to six times as much in the eighth zone.

EXEMPT FROM SERVICE.

In The Great Death Struggle There Should be no Favorites.

It has been unofficially given out in Washington that government employes will be exempted from the working of the conscription laws because they "can serve the country just as well at their desks as they could on the battlefield."

If some older person or some woman can serve the country just as well at the desks and in the government offices, the Public Ledger fails to see why the government employes should be exempted from making sacrifices which all other people are under obligations to make. If the government clerks and other employes of Uncle Sam fall within the age limit and the occupying other than executive positions we fail to see why there should be exceptions in the sacrifices to be demanded.

The thing for officials of the government will have to guard against is playing favorites. That will not be done intentionally but the guard will have to be against the unintentional favoring of any class of people of the country.

SPRING FESTIVAL.

Miss Eva Minor Directs Noted Event.

The Durham papers are full of praise of Miss Eva Minor, of Oxford, who last week directed a chorus of 500 voices at the Academy of Music in that city, the occasion being the closing of the Durham City School. There was a flash-light photograph taken of the five hundred singers and the Durham High School Orchestra.

Large Areas are Planted.

Mr. K. L. Street, who was designated by the town board to boost gardening in Oxford has completed his rounds. Mr. Street states that he found throughout the town only four lots not under cultivation. The gardens are promising and the indications are that there will be a bountiful yield.

Fine Irish Potatoes.

Senator A. A. Hicks is not only versed in law, but he is a fine gardener. At one drive of the hoe Thursday he unearthed in his garden more than a pint of potatoes, some of them being quite as large as a hen's egg. They were the finest home grown potatoes seen in Oxford this year.

DRAFT OFFICIALS CHOSEN

EVERY OFFICIAL IS NOW SWORN IN FOR DUTY REGISTRATION DAY, JUNE 5TH.

Information Sought is as to Birth, Occupation, Military Service, and Claims for Exemption From Draft.

Appointments of the registrars for the seventeen voting precincts in Granville county who will serve June 5, the day set upon by President Wilson for the registration of all males of conscription age, has been completed by the Granville County Board of Registrars which is composed of Sheriff Hobbgood, D. C. Hunt, Clerk of the Court, and Dr. B. K. Hays, County Health Officer.

Judge Cam Hunt and Sheriff Hobbgood, named by Governor Bickett to supervise the registration work in Granville, visited every voting precinct in the county this week and notified the men who have been selected, and swore them in for service.

Registrars Oath.

Judge Hunt administered the following oath to the registrars: "I do swear that I will faithfully perform the duty of registrar; that I will correctly record the answers given me by persons registered; that will indicate upon every registration card answers that I know to be untrue, and that I will truthfully answer and record matter charge to my own observation."

Notified Governor

On the completion of the list of registrars Wednesday evening, the following telegram was sent to Governor Bickett:

"All cards and forms received registrars qualified and all in readiness. (Signed)

S. C. HOBGOOD, Sheriff.

Precincts Remain Open.

The precincts will remain open June 5 from 7 a. m. until 9 p. m. and on that day every man in the county between the ages of twenty-one and thirty-one, irrespective of race or nationality or other consideration, is expected to register. From these registrations later will be selected Granville county's first contribution to the army to be raised by the selective draft system.

Each of the registrars showed their (Continued On Page Eight)

"BROADWAY JONES."

George M. Cohan and Marguerite Snow in the Glamour of White Lights

It has never been decided whether it was Broadway that put Gorge M. Cohan on the map, or George M. Cohan who placed that street in its present position of glory. At any rate, the two are as close to one another as an egg to its shell. In "Broadway Jones" Mr. Cohan is at his best in a play that won a clean-cut success on the stage, a play that shows up the superficial glamour of the White Lights for what it is. This is the star's first appearance on any screen. It is a romance of Broadway and Jonesville and especially Josie, so simply and naturally portrayed by Marguerite Snow. On the stage Cohan's shows go as smoothly and as fast as an automobile motor, except when he opens the cut-out for laughs, which is pretty often. This one on the screen is a 1917 model.

At the Orpheum Monday and Tuesday next, matinee and night both days, see announcement on fifth page of this paper.

Prices Fifty Years Ago.

The following extract is taken from the files of the Richmond Dispatch published May 24, 1868:

"The following prices of vegetables and meats ruled at the lower market yesterday: green peas, 50c per peck; onions and radishes, 5 cents per bunch; strawberries, 25 cents per quart; lettuce, 1 to 5 cents per head; spring chickens, 20 to 30 cents apiece, according to the size; lamb and mutton, 16 cents per pound; beef, 15 cents per pound. Vegetables are beginning to come in freely. Green peas and strawberries, though not yet plentiful, are by no means rareties."

Revival Services.

Raymond Browning, the noted evangelist who conducted a meeting two years ago at Tabb's Creek Church, near Oxford, will begin a revival at Roxboro next Sunday morning.