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A STATE OF WAR NOW EXISTS

WHAT ARE WE TO DO ABOUT IT IN OXFORD..

Before Long Old Granville County Will Give Up Over Two Hundred of Her Young Men for the Firing Line in France.

(Contributed)

We are at war. This fact is gradually being born in upon our consciousness. We got a touch of it on registration day, but many of us did not fully realize what it means. Yes, ten million men have registered for service at the call of our President. A great many of these appear to take comfort in the reflection that, whoever else is called, it will not be them.

A Realization

Last week while in Greensboro we witnessed more than five thousand men of the regular army going through to some point for instructions in the new warfare, in preparation for early embarkment for France. Every day from now on this scene will be repeated on the trunk line railroads.

Yes, our young men are going. And they are going to fight in a glorious cause—for the liberation of the whole world from the domination of an unspeakable autocracy; for the defense of the honor of their mothers, their sweethearts, their sisters, and of the lives of their little brothers and sisters, and the lives of non-combatants, even including the sick and dying in hospitals.

Our Duty.

What can we do in Oxford; we who are left at home to carry on the affairs of the nation? Our duty is plain. We must do nothing that would embarrass our government, or our young men who are going to fight. We must keep "business as usual." That will be easy in view of the fact that billions of dollars will be put into circulation in our preparations and the carrying on of the war. Money will not be scarce in America. We have the bulk of the currency in the world in our banks, and there must be no hoarding. It is silly to talk of saving to buy something to eat. What we must do is to see that there is plenty to eat in America, and we will get our share. Present high prices will not be maintained. They are speculative prices, and do not represent what the producer has received for his share. Prices will be governed by the Food Conservation Commission, and the supply and demand, and we produce largely then prices will become normal, but to hoard money is little short of crime. We must keep things going as usual.

Rare Opportunity.

We can also do our bit by seeing to it that none of our boys on the firing line lack proper comfort, or anything to alleviate his sufferings when wounded. The Red Cross offers opportunity for this. It is an opportunity of most compelling nature. Those who can do actual work will find joy in assisting the Red Cross. All must contribute for the purchase of material and we ought to tax ourselves voluntarily at so much per month for this splendid work so long as the war lasts. Our boys must have an abundance of anesthetics, bandages, hospital clothing, comfort bags for use in camp, and no boy on the firing line who has none to send him loving remembrances from "home" must be overlooked. It is a work of most exquisite mercy, and Oxford must do its part in keeping it going. Our ladies even now are getting down to actual work. Meet them with hearty welcome and throw yourself into the work with them, and give them every encouragement and help you can. You may be helping your boy on the firing line. C.

THE MOVIE CALANDAR.

Fine Pictures All the Week With Four Changes of Program Saturday.

There is an unusually strong bill at the Orpheum Theatre every night this week. The four changes of program for Saturday is so arranged as to accommodate the large crowd on that day.

Tuesday—Blanch Sweet in a five act drama "Those With Sin."

Wednesday—Red Circle and Beatrice Fairfax series and Pathe News.

Thursday—Marie Doro in a five act romance of old Ireland, "Castles for Two."

Friday—The final episode of "Glorie's Romance;" Pathe News and several reels of fun.

Saturday—First show opens at 9 a. m.; new show at 12 o'clock noon and change of program at 3 o'clock. The regular program for the evening will begin at 6 o'clock.

Tin Cans to Spare.

We have now on hand about 5,000 tin cans at \$5.00 per hundred. Persons who wish to buy them will please give their orders to me as soon as possible. We prefer to place them in Granville Co., but if they are not quickly disposed of here, we shall sell them elsewhere.

LILLIAN W. CAPEHART.

Canning Demonstration. Mrs. Lillian W. Capehart will give a canning demonstration in Mrs. C. Elliot's back yard on Thursday at 10 a. m. Canning Club members and others who are interested are asked to attend. Should the weather be bad the demonstration will take place on Friday at 10 a. m.

THE COUNTRY RESPONDS.

Estimated Subscriptions to Liberty Loan Bonds.

The following is the subscription of each Federal District as estimated at the hour of closing the loan books, but with the returns incomplete:

District.	Subscription
New York	\$ 1,200,000,000
Philadelphia	223,000,000
Boston	270,000,000
Richmond	103,000,000
Atlanta	58,500,000
Chicago	345,000,000
Cleveland	280,000,000
St. Louis	90,000,000
Minneapolis	62,000,000
Kansas City	90,000,000
Dallas	48,000,000
San Francisco	180,000,000

Total \$ 2,951,000,000
It is estimated that there were nearly three millions individual subscribers.

The Government's printing and engraving plant is working day and night to turn out the bonds and their distribution to subscribers will begin very soon.

RALLY AROUND THE FLAG

Two Important Meetings at the Court House Week.

The members of the Granville County Chapter of the Red Cross society will meet at the Court House this Tuesday night for the purpose of perfecting the organization and laying plans for an aggressive campaign. Five hundred new members are wanted and it is desired that the people living outside of Oxford will take a lively interest.

The first thing you know our boys will be on the firing line. Those who stay at home must perform their patriotic duty.

New Members.

The following have joined the local Chapter since our last issue:

W. H. UPCHURCH,
MRS. DELIA BONITZ,
MRS. JOSHIA CANNADY.

Meeting Thursday Night.

Hon. D. G. Brummitt announces a Red Cross meeting for Thursday night to be held in the court house. One of the best speakers in the State on Red Cross work will address the meeting. A full plan of the work will be explained.

THE MACHINE GUN CREW.

Capt. Stem Will Conduct Recruiting Campaign.

(Durham Herald)

Among the many other recruiting officers in the city will be an officer to recruit men for the machine gun company of the Third Regiment of the North Carolina National guard. This recruiting station will be in the Durham Book and Stationary store and one of the most attractive features will be the demonstration of the operation of one of the modern machine guns used by the company from this state.

The campaign will be under the supervision of Captain T. G. Stem, of Oxford, and he will be assisted by two Durham boys, Corporals Ralph Hayes and Robert Canada.

Captain Stem was in the city on Friday inspecting recruits recently signed and making definite plans for the extensive campaign that is to be conducted on Thursday and Friday of this week.

THE TOBACCO SCARE.

Something of An Unknown Nature Causes Deep Concern.

The farmers in some parts of Granville county state that they have discovered that something of an unknown nature is impeding the growth of their tobacco. The disease, if such it could be called, has a tendency to wither the stalk and cause it to die. The blighted stalk is found here and there through the entire patch, and in some places as much as a quarter of an acre is thus affected. This does not apply to all parts of the county nor to all of the tobacco farms. But from the wide spread alarm there must be something in the report that causes deep concern.

Those who have had long experience in the cultivation of tobacco are disposed to believe that it is purely an atmospheric condition and that it will disappear or be arrested with the advent of good growing weather. It is stated that scientific men will investigate and report their findings this week. The Public Ledger hopes that it is not as bad as it is reported to be. The scientific men should be able to locate the trouble and let the public know what caused it and how best to overcome it.

HENDERSON'S NEW CHAMBER.

Hon. D. G. Brummitt Will Deliver Address.

The program for the opening of the new quarters of the Henderson Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night has been completed and was made public Saturday. R. S. McCoin was chairman of the committee that had charge of the arrangements for the big event, which is expected to be the greatest of its kind ever attempted here.

Dennis G. Brummitt, of Oxford, Granville county's representative in the lower house of the General Assembly, is to make the principal address of the evening. He will be introduced by Mr. McCoin, who represents Vance and Warren counties in the State Senate.

Quite a number of the business men of Oxford have expressed a desire to be present.

THE DRAFT ARMY TO MOBOLIZE

CALL TO COLORS, OFFICERS THINK, WILL BE ISSUED FOR SEPTEMBER 1

At Least Three Months Drill On American Soil Considered Absolutely Necessary Before Recruits Are Sent Abroad.

The conscription army will be mobilized on or about July 1, in the opinion of Army officers at Washington.

At least three months drill on American soil is considered absolutely necessary before the recruits are sent abroad. The first month would be taken up with drill in the close and extended order, the second with the use of the guns and the third with target practice.

Selecting Men

In selecting the men for the draft Army close examination is to be made into the excuses for exemptions which are given. It has become known that many have given their occupation as farmers or machinists in an effort to escape military service, while in life they have been engaged in other pursuits. In one instance, the agents of the Department of Justice have learned that a wealthy man purchased a large farm which he gave his son, so that the young man could give his occupation as a farmer when the proper time came.

Creating Districts

Together with the final enrollment reports from the various states is a number of names to be submitted to the War Department at Washington as suitable men to compose the committees in the several new districts created at the direction of the Washington authorities.

Exemption Tribunals.

The greatest single problem presented is formation of a fair policy of selecting exemption tribunals. Three plans are understood to be under consideration. One would provide for appointments through the governors of the states, a second through Federal judges, and the third a central committee to be located in Washington.

Later Telegraphic Report.

Washington, June 18.—Unless there are unforeseen developments to hurry construction of the sixteen cantonments for training the new national army, the first increment of 650,000 troops will not be in training by September 1, as generally has been supposed, and, in fact may not get in training for six weeks thereafter.

CRAIG-PHILLIPS.

Prof. Guy B. Phillips Goes to South Carolina For Bride.

Invitations reading as follows have been received in Oxford: Reverend and Mrs. Braxton Craig invite you to be present at the marriage of their daughter Annie Elizabeth

to

Mr. Guy Berryman Phillips on Wednesday evening, the twenty-seventh of June, nineteen hundred and seventeen, at seven-thirty o'clock. First Baptist Church, Timmonsville, South Carolina.

Miss Craig, the bride-to-be, is a niece of Ex-Governor Lock Craig. Her father, Rev. Braxton Craig, travels in the interest of the Judson Memorial Fund. She is the prettiest girl in the Carolinas.

Prof. Phillips is superintendent of the Oxford Graded Schools.

FINE HORSE KILLED.

Was the Property of Dr. W. Nelson Thomas.

While standing in the alley in the rear of Perkins-Green Company's store last Saturday evening about six o'clock, the fine horse of Dr. Nelson Thomas was frightened by the crack of a whip or some other noise and ran at a rapid rate down the alley toward the Farmer's Warehouse and out into Main Street, landing with a thud against the Granville Real Estate and Trust Company's building.

Mr. Powell and Mayor Mitchell were seated in the lobby of the building and saw the animal dash across the street and felt the jar when it ran against the building and fell to the sidewalk.

Eye witnesses state that the horse seemed to realize that it was approaching the building and tried to turn up the street, but was going so fast it could not check itself in time to avert the crash.

It is stated that Mr. Oscar Breedlove had been keeping the horse for Dr. Thomas for some time and that it was a splendid family horse. Several parties had offered Dr. Thomas \$275 for the horse, but in every instance he refused to part with the animal.

Dr. Thomas was out of town when the horse ran away, but when he returned a few minutes later and heard of the incident he hastened to the scene and finding the horse with a broken leg and otherwise badly bruised, ordered Chief Hobzood to end the animal's suffering with a pistol shot.

WILL AVOID THE RUSH.

R. F. D. Men Will Leave Oxford Early Saturday Morning.

In order to avoid the rush in the public roads, the R. F. D. men will leave the Oxford office Saturday, June 23rd at 4 o'clock a. m.

EMPEROR WILLIAM WRATHY.

Says God Will Restore King Constantine to the Throne.

A telegram from Berlin says Emperor William has addressed the following message to one of the Greek diplomatic representatives abroad for transmission to former King Constantine:

I have heard with wrath of the infamous outrage committed by our common enemies upon you and your dynasty. I assure you that your deprivation can only be temporary. The mailed fist of Germany with further aid from Almighty God, will restore you to your throne, of which no man by right can rob you. The armies of Germany and Germany's allies will wreak vengeance on those who have dared so insolently to lay their criminal hands on you. We hope to welcome you in Germany at the earliest opportunity. A thousand cordial greetings from Your WILLIAM.

AMONG YOUR FRIENDS.

How And Where To Spend St. John's Day in Oxford.

In this issue of the Public Ledger will be found the announcement of several of our leading merchants, all of whom extend to the people of Granville and adjoining counties a most cordial welcome to come to Oxford and make their stores headquarters next Saturday, the day on which St. John's Day will be celebrated.

Our merchants, always abreast of the times, make a special effort on St. John's Day to renew the "tie that binds."

Horner Bros. Co.

Look over this paper carefully and notice on the third page that your old friends at Horner Bros. Company will be greatly disappointed if you do not make their store your headquarters.

Landis & Easton

On the fourth page of this paper you will see that Landis & Easton invites you to come to Oxford and make their store headquarters. Don't be afraid to ask them to show you any article you wish to see. Their stock is complete.

Perkinson-Green Company

On the second page you will see that Perkinson-Green Co.—The Store of Quality—expects you to drop in and make your self at home.

The Long Company.

On the back page of this paper it will be seen that the Long Company extends to you a most cordial invitation to make their store headquarters. A maid will look after the comfort of the ladies.

Lyon-Winston Company.

It is worth a trip to Oxford to shake the honest hand of Tom Winston and see him smile. Take your sweetheart with you and show her a Chase Buggy and harness to match. Read their invitation on the fourth page of this paper.

Orpheum Theatre

Open from early morning next Saturday until 10:30 p. m., with frequent changes of reels. The coolest place in Oxford. See announcement on the fifth page.

GERMANY'S ESTIMATE.

Describes Her Position as Being Absolutely Secure.

Copenhagen, via London, June 17.—Representatives of the German press were told yesterday at the weekly press lecture that American forces would not begin to arrive on the European front until the spring of 1918; that American forces were to be treated as practically a negligible quantity, owing to the difficulties of finding sufficient tonnage for transportation and supplies; that a new Russian offensive was highly improbable, but that artillery and air raids indicated a new French offensive; that German victory was certain owing to the relentless working of the submarine; that the purpose of the air raids on England was to keep in the island trained men of the airplane corps and guns for defense, and that the submarine warfare also serves to weaken the British offensive by keeping from the front men and guns.

Heavy estimates of the French and British losses were supplied to furnish encouragement. England's losses in fifty days of the spring offensive were placed at 225,000 men from 34 divisions engaged. The same proportion was applied to 72 French divisions, producing an estimate of French losses of more than 400,000.

DEATH OF AGED LADY.

Mrs. Bettie Adcock Passed to Her Reward Last Saturday.

Mrs. Bettie Adcock, wife of the late Absolum Adcock, died at her home near Hester church last Saturday, aged 87 years. She was a niece of J. M. Saterwhite and was born and reared in Granville county. She had long been a devout member and Hester Church.

Three sons and one daughter survive, as follows: John, Robert and Dave Adcock, and Mrs. J. B. Pruitt. Interment at the old Satterwhite home Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. G. T. Tunstall, assisted by Dr. Marsh.

Mrs. Adcock is survived by 75 grand children, 52 great grand children and five great-great grand children. A large number of sorrowing friends were at the grave side.

HEARTY WELCOME AWAITS YOU

ST. JOHN'S DAY CELEBRATION NEXT SATURDAY.

All in Readiness for the Great Throng of Visitors—Speaking, Songs and Barbecue Dinner.

The thousands of people within a radius of fifty miles of Oxford anticipates with pleasure a visit to our beautiful town and the Oxford Orphanage next Saturday, the day on which St. Pohn's Day is celebrated by the Masonic Fraternity.

The expansive lawn at the Orphanage was never prettier or more inviting, nor the foliage of the tall oak trees more dense than at this season, making it an ideal place to ramble at will and meet old acquaintances and enjoy a sumptuous dinner.

While it was practically impossible to make arrangements with the railroads to run excursions to accommodate the crowd, all trains will carry extra coaches. This may have a tendency to diminish the attendance from a distance, but Raleigh and Durham with their hundreds of automobiles, will be here in full. Granville, Vance and Person counties will contribute at least five thousand visitors.

In the grove at the Orphanage General B. S. Royster will introduce Dr. B. K. Hays, who will deliver the annual address. The address of welcome will be delivered by Mr. E. W. Hancock, Jr., and the inspiring songs by the children will make the hour one of genuine pleasure.

Our live merchants bid you come and make their stores your headquarters. Great tanks of ice water will be arranged in front of their stores to quench your thirst.

The pigs at the Orphanage this year are the finest in the history of the institution, and the usual number will be butchered for the barbecue dinner.

HANDSOME SCHOOL BUILDING

To Be Erected By Oxford Contractor.

(Correspondence Public Ledger)

The building committee with the aid of the architect, Chas. C. Hoggood, of Charlotte, and Prof. J. F. Webb, of Oxford, last week awarded the contract of building the Knapp of Reeds school to contractor Leo E. Byrum, of Oxford, for \$6,300, the structure to be brick veneer.

Wheeler Second Lowest Bidder

There were five contractors for the job, and the bids were reasonably close to gether. Contractor S. M. Wheeler, of Oxford, who bid \$6,522 was the next lowest bidder.

In order to get this beautiful structure several of the citizens of the community subscribed \$10 each.

Increases in Foodstuff.

As a member of the Granville County Food Conservation, I have investigated a large portion of Knapp of Reeds community, both white and black, and found that each farmer has wonderfully increased his foodstuff, thereby meeting the National demand.

The acreage in corn over last year among sixty farmers is 252 acres, or 39.8 per cent; the estimated number of bushels of sweet potatoes per family is 69 bushels; Irish potatoes 13 bushels, while the estimated cans of foodstuff per family reaches 96 quarts each. J. RALPH WEAVER.

THE PRESIDENT'S VIEW.

No Time to Allow Business to Slow Up.

Every means or stimulating business should be used now, says President Wilson in a letter to E. P. V. Ritter, of the Merchant's and Manufacture's Exchange of New York City, made public Monday. Mr. Ritter wrote the President concerning the advisability of holding commercial conventions during the war.

"I not only see no reason why commercial conventions should be omitted during the war," the President replied "but should regret to see any instrumentality neglected which has proved serviceable in stimulating business and facilitating its progress. This is not only a time to allow any slowing up of business but is a time when every sensible process of stimulation should be used."

The News of Watkins.

(Correspondence Public Ledger)

A few nights ago someone entered Mr. Herbert Crews's smoke house and carried away the finest sides of meat he had.

Mr. John May, who has been farming in this section about three years, now has tobacco in top. He also has fine corn.

Mrs. Annie Crews, of Tar River, spent Saturday with Mrs. John Burroughs.

Children's Day at Herman church on the tenth was greatly enjoyed.

THE NEW STATE LAW

To Be In Full Force on and After July 1.

"A motor vehicle of any kind operated on the public highways of the State shall not use any lighting device of over four candlepower equipped with a reflector, unless the same shall be so designed, deflected, or arranged that no portion of the beam or reflected light when measured seventy-five feet or more ahead of the lamps shall rise above forty-two inches from the level surface on which the vehicle stands under all conditions of load."