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THE RED CROSS CAMPAIGN

GRANVILLE COUNTY RESPONDS WITH THIRTY-FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

A Strong Team in the Field on St. John's Day Aided in Swelling the Total—A List of Those Who Contributed to the Fund.

The campaign for the Red Cross War Fund closed Monday night and when all cash and subscriptions had been received the committee found that the fund amounted to \$3,493.25.

The speech delivered by Mr. Pou was undoubtedly responsible for arousing our people to a realization of what the war means and its import to them. Effective work was done by the members of the committee. Every one of them showed deep interest in the movement and gave of their time to the campaign.

The committee feels that it is especially indebted to a team of volunteers who worked on St. John's Day. This team was composed of Messrs. J. S. Bradsher, F. S. Westbrook and R. J. Sellers, agents of the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company, N. H. Forbes, a representative of the Hill Directory Company of Richmond, and four young ladies, Misses Mary and Sallie Webb, Helen Royster and Mary Shaw. Other young ladies of the town served on the teams organized by different members of the committee and did splendid work for the cause. Mr. Westbrook came back Monday and canvassed the cotton mill. Practically every employee who was approached gave a contribution, responding most liberally to the appeal.

We are publishing as nearly a correct list as we can get of the names of all those who gave as much as one dollar to the War Fund. A large number of subscriptions of less amount were given but owing to the limitations of space it is impossible for us to carry those names.

Contributions

B. M. and H. W. Caldwell	\$200.00
R. G. Lassiter & Co.	200.00
R. P. Taylor	100.00
Jno. Webb	100.00
Judge W. A. Devin	100.00
Dr. B. K. Hays	100.00
B. S. Royster	100.00
C. D. Ray	100.00
A. A. Hicks	50.00
J. M. Farrish	50.00
W. Z. Mitchell	50.00
D. G. Brummitt	50.00
H. G. Cooper	50.00
I. W. Mangum	50.00
Dr. S. H. Cannady	50.00
J. F. Meadows	50.00
A. H. Powell	50.00
B. K. Lassiter	50.00
W. H. Fleming	50.00
W. L. Mitchell	50.00
J. F. Veasey	25.00
J. J. Meadford	25.00
R. H. Lewis, Jr.	25.00
R. L. Brown	25.00
F. M. Pinnix	25.00
J. W. Horner	25.00
Mrs. A. H. Powell	20.00
F. E. Young	25.00
Mrs. C. E. Brown	20.00
R. C. M. Calvert	25.00
J. F. Webb	25.00
W. J. Webb	10.00
J. W. Knight	20.00
Rev. R. H. Willis	20.00
T. N. Burwell	10.00
B. W. Parham	25.00
Mrs. R. G. Lassiter	25.00
R. L. Knowles	50.00
Mrs. B. K. Lassiter	25.00
Miss Elizabeth Niles	10.00
Jno. R. Hall	50.00
Mrs. C. G. Elliot	20.00
Mrs. J. M. Currin	20.00
T. Lanier	25.00
Mrs. De la Croix	20.00
J. R. Wood	25.00
Z. W. Lyon	100.00
Dr. H. Hunt	50.00
H. L. Booth	20.00
H. L. Taylor	2.00
Oscar Yancey	5.00
F. L. Currin	2.00
Jno. McSween	2.00
Miss Selene R. Parker	2.00
W. W. Devin	5.00
J. C. Howard	5.00
J. B. Meadows	5.00
I. B. Newton	5.00
A. H. A. Williams	5.00
F. F. Lyon	10.00
J. E. Howell	10.00
T. G. Currin	10.00
C. W. Bryan	25.00
Mrs. E. T. White	100.00
H. R. Bullock	10.00
E. A. Hunt	5.00
C. W. Allen	1.00
M. A. Landis	5.00
W. F. Parker	2.00
C. H. Breedlove	5.00
W. A. McFarland	5.00
J. T. Sizemore, Jr.	2.00
G. W. Harris	1.00
J. S. King	25.00
F. B. Blalock	10.00
O. B. Breedlove	5.00
A. A. Crews	5.00
A. W. Graham, Jr.	15.00
R. M. Minor	10.00
N. M. Ferebee, Jr.	2.00

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THE WHITE ROLLER MILLS.

Oxford's Big Milling Plant Ready For Business

A visit to the White Roller Mills at the head of Broad street, where the hammers have been heard for the past few months, reveals many things that few of the people of Oxford did not know.

Here is housed the most improved ballbearing milling machinery for the grinding of wheat, corn and feed, and so arranged as to make it absolutely sanitary in all of its appointments, and the mill has a guaranteed capacity of 125 barrels of flour daily. One is impressed with the magnificent elevator system that carries the grain from cars on the mill siding to the hermetically sealed bins on the second floor of the building where it is thoroughly seasoned and winnowed as it passes out to the hoppers.

Mr. J. F. White, who is at the helm of things, will place upon the market three brands, which at the present are known as "good," "better" and "best," but these are to bear copyrighted names and protected by law. The mill is capable of producing the best flour and meal on the market and the management will see to it that none can be found elsewhere superior.

Mr. C. G. Southern, who recently came to Oxford from Guilford county and is now residing on Broad street with his family, is the miller. His milling uniform of immaculate white is in keeping with the perfect sanitary arrangement of the entire plant.

The White Roller Mills is a concern in which the people of the entire section should take a just pride. The plant is capable of grinding all the wheat, corn and other grain produced in Granville and the adjoining counties, and it will be seen in the announcement elsewhere in this paper that the management will pay the full market price for all grains they handle, and it is interesting to note that considerable grain from this section is finding its way to the bins of the White Roller Mills.

NEW AUTOMOBILE LAWS.

Children are not Permitted to Operate Cars.

There are some very strict laws in regard to driving automobiles in North Carolina. The people desire to observe these laws, but in many instances they are ignorant of them. Perhaps many people do not know that there is a law against persons under sixteen years of age operating a motor vehicle. But such is the case. Section 13, of the Automobile Law of North Carolina, which is Chapter 140 Public Laws 1917, reads as follows: "That no person shall operate a motor vehicle upon the public highways of this State who is under the age of sixteen years and who is not competent physically and mentally, and no person shall operate a motor vehicle when intoxicated, or in a race or on a bet or wager or for the purpose of making a speed record: Provided, nothing herein contained shall prevent racing on private race courses or tracks."

EXCHANGE OF PULPITS.

Dr. Harte Goes to Suffolk Sunday and Dr. Lumpkin Comes to Oxford.

The many friends of Dr. G. T. Lumpkin, former pastor of the Oxford Baptist Church, will have an opportunity to hear him preach next Sunday, and the people of Suffolk will have an opportunity to hear one of the best preachers in North Carolina, Dr. J. T. Harte.

It would seem that the Lord is responsible for the exchange of pulpits. It happened this way: Mrs. Harte, who was under medical treatment at a Richmond hospital, has recovered and is now visiting friends on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, and of course it is natural at this season of the year for the people on the Eastern Shore to seek high land and the invigorating breezes, such as we have here in Oxford, and Dr. Lumpkin's family are the guests of Mr. B. F. Taylor's family on High street.

A MAN WITH FIVE TALENTS.

The Finest Vegetable Garden in Oxford

The other morning we met one of our five-talented citizens coming down the street and the smile that he wore challenged our admiration. "How many different vegetables have you been getting from your garden recently," we inquired.

"Let us see," said our friend, "at least eight or ten, but let us count them: Potatoes, corn, snap beans, beets, squash, lettuce, English peas, onions, turnip salad, other salads, radishes, cabbage and cucumbers."

Our good friend Mr. J. F. Meadows, was the man, and instead of there being eight or ten varieties, as he intimated, there were thirteen. No wonder he wears a smile that won't rub off, with all of those good things at his home to eat.

OUR BOYS LAND IN FRANCE

AMERICAN SOLDIERS WENT OUT INTO THE NIGHT FOR BATTLEFIELD.

The following story was written at the time of the departure of the American troops for France from an American port and has been held a voluntary censorship until the war department at Washington Wednesday gave permission for its publication.

An Atlantic Port—in the cold before dawn, sea-drizzle they sailed away. Transports bearing Pershing's force of American soldiers isilently slipped away from the docks and disappeared seaward.

At the mouth of the channel the great fleet of battleships and destroyers waited in the darkness to convoy them safely on their way toward France.

Aboard, crammed in every corner, under hatches, in close hung hammocks above decks were the soldiers comprising many regiments. Reports show that the units came from every quarter of the United States. All are sun-burned, seasoned regulars, picked men—not a single rookie in the ranks—and a majority of them veterans of Mexican campaigns. Men clung to the rails and riggings like a swarm of khaki-clad flies. Sailors and marines took the gangways on the run in the urgent business of casting off.

Field guns lay in the holds; aeroplanes were packed on the upper decks; automobiles and motor trucks formed other items.

Troops Arrive in France

A French Seaport, June 27—(Passed by the Censors.)—Pershing's boys are here!

Thousands of them came within the last twenty-four hours, out of the misty vastness of the sea, a U-boat infested sea that held no terrors for them—not a single torpedo scratched a transport; not a single man lost. Spick and span, with weather-browned faces, their eyes sparkling fight every one of them every inch a man they tramped down the gangways to the strains of the Stars and Stripes, into a pandemonium of unedging cheers.

Tonight they are already in camp, itching to get to the front. The camp is not far from here. It is in charge of General William L. Sibert, who came in command of the troops. Pershing is coming over from Paris tomorrow to greet them.

TAR RIVER WILL HELP.

Will Hold Patriotic Meeting Saturday Night, June 30th.

Our good friend, Mr. J. Y. Crews, a substantial business man of Tar River, spent a few hours in Oxford Wednesday and from him we learn that the patriotic citizens of his community will hold a meeting at Tar River Saturday night, June 30, for the purpose of doing their bit to help along with the Red Cross work. Mr. Crews is always found on the right side of every question and the Red Cross has in him a strong friend and advocate.

We were also glad to learn from Mr. Crews that the farming conditions in Tar River section are very favorable. The crop around Oxford seems not to be as far advanced as they are in the Tar River section, remarked Mr. Crews.

Mr. Crews does not place in credence in the report that a small bug is responsible for the damage sustained by the tobacco crop. He believes the trouble originated in the plant beds and was caused by a combination of heat, cold and rain.

Prof. Phillips to Wed Miss Craig.

(Raleigh News and Observer) Prof. Guy B. Phillips, of Concord, passed through the city this morning on his way to Timmonsville, S. C., where he and Miss Annie Craig will be married Wednesday evening. Prof. Phillips is well known throughout North Carolina in educational and athletic circles. After graduating at the State University, he taught in the Raleigh High School for three years, where he made a conspicuous record as a leader of his boys both in their school work and in athletics. At present Prof. Phillips is superintendent of the Oxford schools, which last year made great progress under his supervision.

Miss Craig is pleasantly remembered among a large circle of friends throughout the State. She graduated this spring at Merideth college with high honors. Her stay at the college and at the home of her uncle, Gov. Craig, brought her in touch with large circles of Raleigh friends who are much interested in her approaching marriage.

On leaving the city for South Carolina, Prof. Phillips was accompanied by E. R. Rankin, of Chapel Hill, and Cyrus Thompson, Jr., and C. K. Burgess, of Raleigh.

STEM NEWS LETTER

(Correspondence Public Ledger)

Rushed With Orders.

The Stem Lumber Company is now running both day and night in order to fill rushed orders for shipment.

Storm Does Damage.

A severe storm visited this community last Sunday afternoon with slight damage to crops. A box car which was standing on the switch at the Southern depot was blown from the track and fences leveled in some places.

Series of Meetings

A protracted meeting will begin at Tally Ho the fourth Sunday in July with two services a day after Sunday. Rev. aBarnes of Wake county will assist the pastor, Rev. H. G. Bryant. Prayer meeting services will be held at this church on the first and third Sunday afternoon beginning at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Minor Improves

Mr. J. M. Minor, of Tally Ho, returned home Sunday from Watt's hospital where he underwent a very serious operation. His many friends will be glad to know that he is rapidly recovering.

The Tobacco Disease

"Is your tobacco dying?" is a question frequently heard in this community. The disease that attacked the young tobacco on every kind of soil has puzzle the farmers of this section more than anything they have ever encountered in the tobacco industry. A spirit of pessimism prevails and no remedy is in sight at this time. Some have resorted to spraying believing it to be caused by an insect, others attribute it to the guano or cool weather. The situation is anything but encouraging at present.

Hester-Dove.

Miss Burmah K. Hester and Mr. George H. Dove, both of Creedmoor, were united in marriage at the Bland hotel in Raleigh on Tuesday, June 26. Rev. B. H. Black, pastor of the bride performed the ceremony. The ceremony was witnessed by several persons from Creedmoor, friends of the bride and groom. At the conclusion of the nuptial rites the happy couple boarded the Seaboard north-bound train for Norfolk and other cities of interest. Upon their return they will make their home in Creedmoor. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hester and is a young lady of sweet disposition and rare accomplishments and numbers her friends by the score. The groom is one of Creedmoor's best citizens and has for several years been extensively engaged in the lumber business. We extend to them our very best wishes and congratulations.

Personal Mention

Mrs. Ema Clayton returned home Saturday from a visit to her son-in-law, Mr. W. T. Montague of Shady Grove section, who we are sorry to learn, is quite ill. His little son, Tallmage, returned home Sunday from Watts hospital and is convalescent.

Misses Lillian and Edna Beasley, of Louisburg, are the pleasant guests of their cousin, Miss Blanche Farabow, of Oxford Route 6.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Averett and

AT THE ORPHEUM.

Most Popular Serial Star to be Seen in Big Pathe Military Mystery Serial.

Pearl White, the most popular serial star in the world will be seen as American Joan of Arc in Pathe's big military mystery serial, "Pearl of the Army," matinee and night Saturday, June 30.

The true atmosphere of Uncle Sam's land forces is pictured with an exactness detail that evidences the careful study made by Guy W. McConnell, the author. Mr. McConnell has spent much of his life studying army conditions from the viewpoint of the enlisted man, of the officer and also of the departmental man. In the preparation of his picture story he has had the active co-operation and advice of one of the country's greatest military experts.

Charlotte Walker in "Sloth"

The management also announces for Saturday matinee and night Charlotte Walker in "Sloth," with Shirley Mason and George Le Guere "Sloth" is one of the McClure series of five-reels dramas grouped under the title of Seven deadly sins. Here's a different story of a truly American drama. It has a story that strikes home, for it bayonets the loafer. Charlotte Walker is a big star, widely known. Shirley Mason is a rich girl who is annoyed because George Le Guere is going away with the National Guard. Charlotte Walkerr comes to teach her patriotism, to cure her of the temptations of idleness.

Red Cross Night.

This Friday night is Red Cross night at the Orpheum. The bill is a strong one and the management donate the proceeds to the Red Cross work.

THE ENEMY OF TOBACCO

IT LOOKS SOMETHING LIKE A BLACK GNAT

It is a Very Small Black Sucking Bug and Its Touch is Deadly to the Plant.

Concerning the tobacco injury which seems to be so prevalent in the county this season, will say that we have sent plants to three plant Pathologist in different states to be examined, also have had an expert from the Bureau of Entomology visit the Experiment Station at Oxford to study the insect which is doing considerable damage to the tobacco.

There is an insect on the tobacco which is known as Thrips, and this insect is undoubtedly doing considerable damage. This insect is one of those sucking bugs, very small, and dark in color. He can be seen with the eye, but examined with a magnifying glass he looks something like a black gnat, he has wings and is very active and apparently jumps or flies similar to a flea.

It is not uncommon to find as many as 20 to 30 grown ones on the top of the leaf also several young ones on the bottom of the leaf. The young one are yellow, with black spots on their backs as they get a little older. Thrips seem to be more or less common on oaks, wheat and some other plants, but the expert from the Bureau of Entomology says they are different species from the kind that attacks tobacco.

It is impossible to say at present that this insect is responsible for the disease spot which occurs on the tobacco. There is a leaf spot which occurs later in the season, which might be traced to an insufficient amount of potash, or to an excessive amount of ammoniates in the fertilizer. This however, is a different spot from the one showing up now, and can readily be detected in the fertilizer experimental plots at the Branch Experimental Station.

This insect can be controlled by spraying, and as it is a sucking bug instead of one that eats the leaf, the ordinary arsenic sprays such as Paris

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ONE OF GRANVILLE'S BEST

A Farmer That Does Things and Lives at Home.

"On a recent trip to the Southern end of the county I was much impressed by the increased use of machinery on the farms," said Mr. D. G. Brummitt to the editor of the Public Ledger as he was nosing about for news. "Why, when I was a boy on the farm and that hasn't been such a long time ago—the man who had a disc harrow, a mowing machine and a few steel kings in addition to usual small tools, was considered as well fixed in farming implements. On this trip that I made I visited the home of Mr. J. Ennis Davis, a son of the late Squire Dal Davis. In the cotton field I saw two boys each plowing a couple of mules to a riding cultivator. Both corn and cotton is successfully worked with these tools until laid by. Mr. Davis breaks up his land with a "Titan Tractor." He plants his wheat with a grain drill and harvest it with a reaper and binder. He cuts his corn, shucks it and cuts the roughage into stover with a shredder. He gins his and his neighbor's cotton on the plantation. These are just some of the machines I noticed on the place. The smaller tools he has, of course, in abundance. It is needless to say that Mr. Davis has corn in the crib and meat in the smokehouse. In every sense of the word he is a successful business man—for that is what the farmer is who farms as he does."

WOMEN WILL ALSO REGISTER.

Will Pledge Themselves For the Period of the War.

A registration of the women of the nation by the council of national defense will begin "within the next few days," says a Washington special. The council has appropriated \$2,000 to cover the cost of the registration. Women will be asked to answer questions relating to their training, education, physical condition and will be given an opportunity to pledge themselves to some branch of government service for the period of the war.

FLIERS ARRIVE IN ENGLAND.

Airmen Wear Civilian Clothes, With Blue Sink Armlets Bearing Title.

A small contingent of the United States Flying Corps arrived in England wearing civilian clothes with blue silk armlets bearing white letters, "United States Flying Corps."

Among those from Oxford who are in attendance at the Herring-Williams wedding in Clinton are: Misses Mary B. Williams and Martha Parker Brinkley, Messrs Waverly Harris and Ernest Howard.