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## COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

### BRINGS SUIT AGAINST THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

#### Case Grows Out of the Failure of the Commissioners to Make Five Cent Increase Levy in the School Tax.

The County Board of Education has served papers on the County Board of Commissioners to appear at the July term of Granville County Superior Court and explain why they did not grant the five cent levy for school purposes, as requested and explained by them at the last meeting of the Commissioners.

In requesting the additional levy of five cents, the Board of Education informed the Commissioners that the price of everything had advanced; that the teachers would be required to pay considerable more for their board this year than in former years; that the teachers could not pull through on the small salaries they now receive, and they were doubtful if competent teachers could be secured at the old salary.

The Commissioners listened with patience to the request of the Board of Education, and in these days of patriotic conservation thought that it would be the part of wisdom to let the tax remain as it was last year—25 cents on the \$100. During the debate one of the Commissioners were heard to remark that this is the time to reduce taxes instead of increasing them.

The pending suit has caused considerable comment. The average taxpayer feels that the Commissioners did the right thing in not granting the extra five cents, but those who are in sympathy with the educational work feel that the denial of the Bond of Commissioners was nothing short of a calamity. One side argues that we must squeeze and save everything for the soldiers and let the minds of the kids go to rot. The other side argues that there are too many people in Granville county today that must make a cross (X) for their signature. The most of those who cannot sign their names were born during or immediately after the close of the War Between the States, and it is argued that if we retrench in school work too much at this time we will have a gang of men making their cross mark in years to come. One old fellow remarked: "Oh yes; certainly we are willing to feed 150 Granville county soldiers and starve the minds of two thousand children as long as they are in the trenches."

There are a great many people in the county who regret that this case was brought, or that it could not be adjusted out of court.

## OXFORD BOYS TO GREENVILLE.

### War Department Announces Assignments For Troops of Number of States.

The War Department announced Saturday assignments of National Guard troops to training camps as follows:

Fifth division, comprising troops from Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Vermont to Charlotte, N. C.

Sixth division, comprising troops from New York State, to Spartanburg, S. C.

Seventh division, Virginia, Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia and New Jersey to Aniston, Ala.

Ninth division, North and South Carolina and Tennessee, Greenville, S. C.

Tenth division, Alabama, Georgia and Florida, Macon, Ga.

Sixteenth division, Ohio and West Virginia troops to Montgomery, Ala.

Seventeenth division, Kentucky and Indiana troops to Hattiesburg, Miss.

Eighteenth division, Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana troops to Alexandria, La.

## LAST NOTICE TO DELINQUENTS.

You will be allowed to list your taxes during July 1917 by applying to J. B. Powell, Register of Deeds. After that date, all delinquents will be ascertained and charged with 25 per cent additional taxes. This is according to law, and we must enforce it. Don't impose this burden on the board.

E. C. HARRIS., Chm.

Mr. John Webb, president of the Granville County Fair, has returned from the Virginia Capes reinvigorated and ready for the campaign in the interest of the Fair.

## PROBABLE RESULTS OF HOLLWEG'S RESIGNATION.

- 1—Internal reforms in Germany.
- 2—Possible downfall of the militarists, headed by the Kaiser.
- 3—Material change in the despotic power wielded by the Kaiser.
- 4—Probable announcement of Germany's peace expectations.
- 5—Abandonment of the "indemnity and annexation" policy of Hollweg.
- 6—Popular suffrage in Russia.
- 7—Decline of Prussian influence in German councils.

## PEACE!

## CAPT. THAD G. STEM PROMOTED.

### Is Now a Field Artillery Major.

The Adjutant General Saturday announced the following appointment: "Capt. Thad G. Stem, captain of the machine gun company at Oxford, appointed major of the field artillery regiment and assigned to the first battalion, which is composed of batteries A, of New Bern; B, of Washington; C, of Durham."

The people of Oxford and Granville county received the news of Major Stem's elevation with genuine pleasure. His promotion comes through a superior knowledge of military affairs.

## LIEUTENANT TAYLOR RESIGNES.

### Family Dependencies Will Keep the Young Man at Home.

It was announced from the Adjutant General's office Saturday that Lieutenant Vernon W. Taylor, Company E, Oxford, Third Regiment, had tendered his resignation and that the same had been accepted.

Mr. Taylor was a lieutenant in the Granville Grays and saw service on the Mexican border. No man's heart beats truer than his, and while he would like to be in the thickest of the fight, he owes it to his wife and children to remain with them.

## BRINGS HONOR TO OXFORD

### Lieutenant Beverly S. Royster, Jr., Assigned to Battery C.

Governor Bickett announced Saturday that the two lieutenants for Battery C, the Durham organization which Captain McLendon heads, will be Beverly S. Royster, Jr. of Oxford, and S. M. Gattis of Hillsboro. Lieutenant Royster is the son of General B. S. Royster, and Lieutenant Gattis is the son of Solicitor S. M. Gattis, of Hillsboro. At present Lieutenant Royster is in the artillery section of the training camp at Fort Oglethorpe.

## THIEVES ENTER STORE.

### Help Themselves to Hams and Breakfast Bacon.

One night last week thieves entered the grocery store of Mr. L. Thomas on College street and helped themselves to the most choice pieces of meat. They effected an entrance by turning the lock on the rear window of the store with a wire and prying out the big iron bars.

Shortly before the closing hour on the night of the robbery, Mr. Thomas selected out two nice large hams and six pieces of breakfast bacon and placed them on a box near the window. There was an abundance of other meat and groceries at hand, but they took only that which was selected by Mr. Thomas. They seemed to realize that he is an excellent judge of meat and they let it go at that.

## DRAFT MAY START SATURDAY.

### With Many Districts Yet to Report, That is Earliest Possible Time.

Washington, July 16.—On the basis of advices today from various States where the organization work of the exemption boards had not been completed, War Department officials said the drawing could not be held before next Saturday, at the very earliest.

## CARD OF THANKS

I wish through the Public Ledger to express my sincere thanks to all those friends who so kindly offered assistance and conveyances in the time of my deep distress at the death and burial of my son Gordon Crews. Such kind acts can never be forgotten.

L. L. CREWS, Tar River.

Commissioner Harris was in town Monday looking after town affairs.

## UPHEVAL IN GERMAN AFFAIRS

POLITICAL TURMOIL WHICH HAS BEEN CONVULSING EMPIRE CAUSED RETIREMENT OF DR. VON BETHMANN-HOLLWEG, WHICH IS PROBABLY ONLY FIRST OF FAR-REACHING DEVELOPMENTS WHICH ARE BOUND TO AFFECT FABRIC OF WHOLE EMPIRE AND HAVE MOMENTOUS CONSEQUENCE ON PROGRESS OF THE WAR.

Chancellor's Resignation Came Unexpectedly, and Just When He Had Apparently Triumphed Over His Opponents—His Retirement Appears to Have Been Forced By the Crown Prince, Whose Hostility for the Chancellor is of Long Standing—Section of German Press is Clamoring for a Joint-Dictatorship by Von Hindenburg, and Other Pan-Germanists, Which Does Not Augur Well for Realization of Proposed Prussian Reform.

London, July 14.—(British Admiralty per Wireless Press.)—Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German Imperial chancellor, has resigned.

Dr. George Michaelis, Prussian under secretary of Finance, and food commissioner, has been appointed to succeed Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg. The message relating to the resignation of the imperial German chancellor was circulated through the wireless stations by the German government and was received by the British admiralty. It says also that the emperor has accepted the resignation of Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg and named Dr. Michaelis to succeed him.

## Abdication Rumor.

The political situation in Germany is still far from a solution, judging from the fragmentary news permitted to pass the censor. Rumors of the abdication of Emperor William and a strike at the reichstag have received no confirmation.

A Berne despatch says an official telegram has been received there from Berlin announcing the resignation of General von Stein, the Prussian minister of war. The importance of his retirement lies in the fact that the Prussian war ministry is in reality the war ministry for the German empire, and that General von Stein is a staunch supporter of the pan-Germans, who are the bitterest opponents of peace without annexations or indemnities. General von Stein recently aroused the ire of the socialists by taking part in the distribution of pan-German propaganda against peace efforts.

## BATTLE ON THE RUSSIAN FRONT

### The Teutons Appear to Be Dazed and Confused.

Washington, July 16.—The whole Russian front from the gulf of Riga to Roumania is reported in official dispatches today from Petrograd to the Russian Embassy here to be alive with battle. The Germans are said to be rushing up troops from the Italian front.

Petrograd, July 16.—The Russians captured yesterday sixteen officers and 900 Austro-Germans in the fighting in Eastern Galicia. The Russians are continuing their great offensive.

From July 1 to July 13, the statement says, 834 officers and 35,809 men were captured by the Russians.

## MEETING PROMPTLY AT FIVE.

### Granville County Committee Council of National Defense.

It is specially urged that those who expect to attend the organization meeting of the Granville County Woman's Committee of the Council of National Defense will meet promptly. The hour for the meeting is five o'clock and it is imperative that the meeting begin on time in order that the ladies from the county can get back to their homes before dark.

A special effort will be made at this meeting to encourage Community Singing of the National Anthems and Hymns, as well as other patriotic Community services.

The meeting will be held in the Oxford Baptist Church this Tuesday afternoon at five o'clock.

## Coal Facts.

Read the letter of C. D. Ray & Son on the last page of this paper and get acquainted with the "coal facts."

## The Wheels Are Turning.

The White Roller Mills is now in full blast and the company will take all of your wheat and corn at the full market price.

Mr. Bert Taylor motored over from Raleigh Saturday to visit relatives.

## FACTS EMPHASIZED BY PRESIDENT IN HIS APPEAL

"Patriotism leaves profits out of the question."

"We must make the price to the public the same as the price to the government."

"Your patriotism is of the same self-denying stuff as the patriotism of the men dead or maimed on the fields of France, or else it is no patriotism at all."

"The fact is that those who have fixed war freight rates have taken the most effective means in their power to defeat the armies engaged against Germany."

"This is a day of her reckoning and every man amongst us must personally face that reckoning along with her."

"It is just as much our duty to sustain the industries of the country, all the industries that contribute to its life, as it is to sustain our forces in the field and on the seas."

## LARGE CROWD AT FUNERAL

### The Remains of Mr. G. B. Crews Laid to Rest.

The remains of Mr. G. B. Crews, whose untimely death occurred at Norlina last Wednesday, were laid to rest last Friday at the old home place, several miles south of Oxford, where his boyhood days were spent. A more picturesque landscape cannot be obtained in the county that that which greets you from the porch of the old Colonial home, flanked in the rear by towering oaks of two hundred year's growth; off yonder in the distance is the valley of the winding Tar, and on either side of the sloping hills burst into view many pretty fertile farms. These were familiar scenes to the young man who went out into the world to battle for life and came back in the embrace of death. Doubtless his last thoughts were of these scenes and the loved ones as his soul took its flight to the paradise above.

People came from far and near and there stood in the oak grove a half hundred automobiles and as many horse-drawn vehicles. A brief service was held in the house, conducted by Reverend Miller, pastor of the Presbyterian church, Littleton, assisted by Reverend Thompson and Rev. S. K. Phillips, of Oxford. We don't think we ever heard a prettier talk than that by Rev. Miller, pastor of the lamented, or more fervent prayers of the ministers who assisted him. Amid the sorrows there came light and the blessed assurance of life beyond the grave. The sad parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Crews, and other members of the family, whose heart were bowed in sorrow, were the recipients of much genuine sympathy.

A quartet composed of four singers from Oxford, namely: Misses Berte Hutchins and Bessie Howell and Rev. S. K. Phillips and Mr. W. W. Fuller, with Miss Hutchins as leader, sang tenderly "Abide With Me," "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," and other songs.

The family plot lays north of the residence about a quarter of a mile. A double set of pallbearers carried the remains to their resting place in a neat and well kept cemetery which is shaded with cedar trees. Besides the large number of white people who were at the graveside we noticed fifteen or twenty colored people whose hearts were touched with sorrow.

The pallbearers were: Messrs. W. A. Hester, L. E. Adcock, H. A. Maccon, J. S. King, S. T. Green, A. A. Hicks, E. L. Curdin, Ben Curdin, A. J. Montague, D. L. Haskins, Earnest Walters, J. T. Critcher and J. P. Hunt.

The floralbearers were: Messrs. E. G. Crews, W. W. Crews, J. W. Crews, J. Y. Crews, R. Y. Crews, W. Z. Mitchell, W. W. Brummitt, J. E. Jackson, E. R. Crews, E. B. Mangum, W. T. Curdin, J. G. Smith, L. F. Smith, E. L. Smith.

Many were the pretty flowers laid on the grave by loving hands.

The many friends in Oxford sympathize with Mrs. Scott Hunt in the death of her mother, who passed away at her home in Richmond Monday.

Mr. Blanchard, of the Hugh-Smaw Company is spending the week at Wilmington.

Mrs. I. N. Howard and children spent the week end with relatives in Virginia.

## THE PALMETO TOBACCO MARKET

### BREAK FIRST SALE IS FOUR MILLION POUNDS.

Quality of the Weeds Is Best and Quantity Greatest—Average 18 Cents—Higher Prices Looked For in Oxford.

Tobacco sold at the opening of the South Carolina market last Thursday was in the largest quantities ever known in the history of the South Carolina markets, according to reports brought back here by Col. Ballou and other tobacconists of this section who attended the opening.

Col. Ballou said that the average for all the markets in the entire State was approximately sixteen cents per pound, and that the opening sale Thursday totalled 4,000,000 pounds. The South Carolina press says the general average for all sold was 17 cents. The price paid at the opening compares, it is said, with an approximate average of twelve or thirteen cents last year, and a considerably smaller price in 1915.

South Carolina's yield this year, Col. Ballou thinks, will be the greatest ever, according to indications of the first two days of the season. The quality of the weed offered, virtually all of which was primings, has never been of such a high grade, it was declared. There was a great demand on the part of the buyers, all of whom seemed to have orders in large volume.

The South Carolina opening included the border markets, just across the State line in North Carolina, but in the extreme southeastern part of the State only, the crop in that section usually being spoken of in connection with the South Carolina crop.

Col. Ballou and other well known tobacco men think that the price for tobacco this year will be perhaps the greatest in the history of the crop in this section of the State. The weed has had unfavorable weather in this part of the State, but it is rapidly improving, and a big yield of a high grade of tobacco is expected. No date has been set for the opening here, but big prices are looked for when the season does start.

## Early Opening Favored.

There is a growing feeling in this section, shared alike by the farmers, warehousemen, buyers and business men, that the sooner the market opens the better it will be. The unsettled conditions abroad argues in favor of an early opening.

## DELIGHTFUL HOUSE PARTY.

### At "Nine Oaks," The Colonial Home of Mr. Willie Thorp.

One of the most delightful house parties ever enjoyed in old Granville county is being given at the Colonial home of Mr. Willie Thorpe in honor of his niece, Miss Marie Stark, of Oxford.

The house guests are: Misses Annie Gregory of Stovall; Emma, Janet and Josie Hall, of Warrenton; Florence Perry, of Macon; Martha Clement of Mocksville; Norma Burwell and Gertrude Powell of Oxford; Pansy Seay, of Blackstone, Va.; and Faith Edean, of Clio, S. C.; Messrs. Haulk and Arch Alston of Warrenton; Luther Stark, of Gela; Lewis Smith, Lindsey Taylor and Ben Thorp, of Oxford; Lieut. Thad Paris, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Kimbra Sheeks, of Mocksville; Dr. F. A. Alston, of Birmingham, Ala.; Capt. William Laughinghouse, of Florence, S. C.; Col. Nat V. Daniel of Panama; Willie and Richard Thorp.

Chaperones: Lieut. and Mrs. S. C. Broddie, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Alston.

## INAUGURATES BIG SALE

### Places At Landis & Easton's Cannot Be Duplicated.

The general public will be interested to learn that the old reliable firm of Landis & Easton have inaugurated a big sale. Any one that is at all posted must admit that everything handled by the dry goods merchants increase in price by leaps and bounds, but Landis & Easton bought right and they are selling right. Some of the articles they enumerate on the fifth page of this paper will be worth double the money in a few months, and some of the articles they mention cannot be duplicated in a very short space of time. The general public will commend this old reliable firm for not holding their goods for higher prices. Live and let live is the motto of Landis & Easton.