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## SAILORS' AND SOLDIERS' FUND

EACH OF THE GRANVILLE BOYS WILL RECEIVE A CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

Major Will Landis Has Consented to Be the Custodian and Director of the Fund.

Realizing that our soldier and sailor boys will appreciate a Christmas present from their friends and relatives back home, a fund is now being raised to gladden their hearts. Major Will Landis, at the request of popular sentiment, has consented to act as custodian and director of the fund. The whole country should contribute to the success of the enterprise. By the time Christmas rolls around we will have furnished more than two hundred sailors and soldiers to the Government service. Major Landis will secure the address of every man and it is his desire to start the gift in time to reach every sailor and soldier who have gone from the county on Christmas eve. It will require a neat little sum of money to remember each of the young men in a substantial way. Therefore it is necessary to extend an invitation to everybody to contribute to the fund. Every penny contributed will be announced in the Public Ledger. As the list grows everybody can see for themselves how much is in hand. Any and all funds sent to the Public Ledger for this specific purpose will be turned over to Major Landis. Major Landis will likewise receive funds and account for them through the Public Ledger. Major Landis starts the ball to rolling, as follows:

**Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund**  
Will Landis .....\$5.00  
Public Ledger .....1.00

## THINGS LOOK BAD FOR NEGRO.

Negro Makes Indecent Proposal to Sixteen-Year-Old White Girl.

The hearing of Warren Hopkins, colored, arrested in Salem township last Saturday and brought to Oxford and locked up on the charge of using insinuating language to a sixteen-year-old white girl, came up Wednesday afternoon before Justice Dee Hunt.

From the testimony of competent witnesses it appears that the young lady went to the spring, and while in the act of filling the bucket the negro Hopkins approached her from the field and made indecent proposals to her. She became scared and ran to the house and informed on him. The young woman testified that he did not attempt to lay his hands upon her.

Justice Dee Hunt bound the negro over to the November term of court under a \$500 bond. The negro is in the county jail, and the indecent proposal charged against him is regarded as a serious crime.

## THE FLOWER SHOW

Will Be Held First Week in November.

The ladies are directing their attention to the Flower Show which will be held under the auspices of the Oxford Woman's Club during the first week in November. The flowers are beautiful and numerous this fall and there will be friendly rivalry among the growers of the "queen and the king." The flower show will be held in the Armory and it will be a two day's event.

## MR. W. H. WEATHERSPOON DEAD

Father of Former Pastor of Oxford Baptist Church.

Following an illness of several years duration, which had been serious for only a short time, Mr. W. H. Weatherspoon, retired business man and prominent church worker, died at the Watts hospital in Durham Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock.

He was the father of Dr. J. B. Weatherspoon, of Fort Worth, Texas, former pastor of the Oxford Baptist church.

## High Averages

We would invite the tobacco growers to turn to the sixth page of this paper and note the big figures "30" in black type. The figures denote the average of all tobacco sold on the Banner Warehouse floor last Tuesday. Still higher prices are in store for those who sell at the Banner.

## A Typographical Error

In correcting the proof of Cohn & Son's adv. in the last issue of the Public Ledger the printer got the figures in the wrong place. Table of cloth, worth 30 cents the yard should have been 22½c, and curtain goods, plain and cream border, should have been quoted at 12½c, Cohn & Son's price.

## An Aviation Age

With prices high in every biz, Prices soaring all the rage; There is no doubt this surely is An aviation age.

## STOVALL NEWS LETTER

(Correspondence Public Ledger)

Stovall School

Our school has opened up with a very good attendance. We have four teachers, namely: W. H. River, of Virginia, principal; Miss Sallie Davis, of Louisburg, music teacher; Miss Bessie Mangum, of Stem, and Miss Lula Duffin, of Fredericksburg, Va. The outlook for a fine session is very promising.

## Mrs. McDonough Improves

Mrs. J. T. McDonough who went to the Hygenia Hospital, Richmond, is improving very fast and will soon be home again to the pleasure of her many friends.

## Settling Old Debts

Tobacco is still high and our friends are enjoying the high prices and banking money and paying old debts. They are doing the right thing when they settle a just and honest debt. It makes any one feel good.

## Boy Scouts Coming

The Boy Scouts will attend the Fair at Oxford and will have an exhibit. They will have fancy needle work and some old relics, some knots tied by the boys, some can goods, some mechanical work, corn, tobacco, potatoes, etc. Ladies, get busy as we have some Scouts that can do fancy work. Don't let them get first prize on needle work.

## A Sick Family

We are sorry to report that Mr. Elijah Frazier and six more members of the family have typhoid fever. They are getting along as well could be expected.

## The Chataugua.

Stovall will have a Chataugua October 4-6.

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## ONLY GOOD MEN WANTED

They Must Represent "Intelligence, Character and Courage of the Community."

Governor Bickett directed Adjutant General Young Wednesday to proceed with the immediate appointment of three men in each county in the state whose duty it shall be to select the men who will be asked to serve as members of the state militia companies that are to be formed for each county. The men to be chosen are to "represent the intelligence, character and courage of the communities" as the governor expresses it. They must be "God fearing men who strive to keep his commandments; men of fortitude willing to face danger without complaint, quiet and careful of human life, but willing, when necessity demands, to shoot straight to protect the helpless and preserve the peace and order." "If any man declines the honor," the governor directs, "it will not be thrust upon him, but unwillingness to serve will indicate that the committee has made a mistake in selecting that man."

## Patriotic Citizens

The governor directs that in selecting the special advisory committee to choose the militiamen, those be appointed who themselves are patriotic, unselfish and unafraid.

Directing the Adjutant General to proceed to organize state militia companies in the several counties of the state, beginning in the counties having the largest population, the governor says:

"I insist that the men selected shall be:

"1. Men who fear God, and make a decent effort to help his commandments.

"2. Men of fortitude who are able and willing, for the public weal, to face danger and endure hardships without complaint.

"3. Men with quiet minds who will be very careful of human life, but will, when stern necessity demands it, shoot straight to protect the helpless and preserve the peace and order of the State.

## Plan Worked Out.

At the meeting held in Raleigh this week Governor Bickett made arrangements for the formation of the State's reserve militia, otherwise known as the home guard.

The three officers commissioned to make the plans for the home guards were Major-General F. A. Macon, Brigadier-General Lawrence Young, now Adjutant-General; and Major J. J. Bernard, of the Quartermaster corps.

Dr. Macon was made president, and Major Bernard was chosen recorder.

Quotas Apportioned All Counties  
The quotas were apportioned to counties throughout the State, a certain number being given to each county to form the organization.

The Board assigned 50 men to Granville county and the adjutant-general can add thirteen more if he so desires.

## The Price of Eggs.

Eggs are retailing in Oxford this Friday morning at 40c.

## TOBACCO PRICES ADVANCING

THE OXFORD MARKET IS ON THE BIGGEST BOOM IN ITS HISTORY

It Is Truly a Runaway Bull Market — Tobacco Is Out Of Sight and Is Still Going Higher.

The Oxford tobacco market is on the biggest boom in its history. It is truly a runaway bull market. Prices on all grades of leaf seem to be advancing every day and were higher yesterday than ever. Green tips and dark lugs are sensationally high. Lugs which used to sell for \$3 to \$4 now sell for from \$20 to \$25 per hundred. Green tips that in olden times went begging for \$2 and \$3 now sell for \$20 to \$27. The oldest inhabitant never say anything like it before.

Last week's sales broke all records on this market in the amount of money paid out by the local warehouses though probably more pounds have been handled before in a like period. Farmers are elated over prices and are selling the weed as fast as they can strip and get it in marketable condition.

## BIG ATTRACTION FOR THE FAIR

AEROPLANE WILL MAKE FOUR FLIGHTS AT THE GRANVILLE COUNTY FAIR.

Secretary Hancock is Now Distributing the Premium List—Much Interest Manifested in the Success of the Fair.

Secretary Hancock has succeeded in booking a high-class bird man for the Fair. He will make two flights over the grounds each day of the two days. He will loop the-loop, cut a figure eight in the sky and other blood-curdling stunts. Of course, half of Granville county can stay at home and see him circling around in the heaven, but is that right? Certainly not.

Many people in Granville county have never seen an aeroplane, and not one out of every hundred of us have seen the latest stunts pulled off by the latest improved fighting machine. Its possibilities are great. The flyer is engaged for the amusement and edification of the people of Granville county, and they should purchase a ticket to the fair and witness the flights from inside the Fair grounds. Any person who will stand outside and gaze into the heavens on this occasion will be considered a "tightwad."

Mr. Frank Hancock, secretary of the Fair, is now busily engaged in distributing the premium list over the county. See that you get a copy. Turn through the fifty odd pages of the book and note the handsome sums of money to be awarded in each of the departments.

## BRITISH CASUALTIES FOR WEEK TOTALS 23,035.

London, Sept. 26.—Total casualties of all British ranks in all the war theaters for the week ending today are reported officially to have been 23,035. The casualty lists are sub-divided as follows:

Officers killed or died of wounds, 103; men killed or died of wounds, 430; officers wounded or missing, 432; men wounded or missing, 18,070.

## THE FARMER'S FRIEND

Why You Should Sell Tobacco With Parham at the Farmers Warehouse.

Mr. B. E. Parham, proprietor of the Farmers Warehouse, makes a strong bid for tobacco in his announcement on the back page of this paper. There can be no doubt about Mr. Parham's ability to sell tobacco for the most money. Long experience in the warehouse business has equipped him for the work and this knowledge is backed by experienced and competent help. Results are what count, and Mr. Parham is always ready and willing to be judged by the tobacco growers.

## HIGH TOBACCO SALES

Averages For the Week At the Minor is About 30c.

You will see many pleasant smiles among the farmers who sell at the Minor these days. The average for the past five days ranges around thirty cents. Test this fact with your next load and you will go home with a smile on your face. The Minor will have the second sale next Monday, October 1st, and the first sale Tuesday, October 2nd.

## May Come to Pass.

Unlike the actor's fond farewell Often to which we've tured; Some day we really may hear tell That Congress has adjourned.

## STEM NEWS ITEMS

(Correspondence Public Ledger)  
Tally Ho Church

Rev. J. L. McNeer, a Methodist minister, recently located in this community, will preach at Tally Ho Church next Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Sunday school will be held immediately preceding the preaching service.

## Accepts Call.

Rev. H. G. Bryant has accepted a call to preach at Tally Ho., Beulah and Fellowship Baptist churches.

## Mr. Parrott Recovering

We are glad to learn that Mr. James Parrott, who was accidentally shot at his home near Lyons last week, has returned from the hospital and is rapidly recovering.

## At Home From Navy.

Midshipman H. G. O'Brian who has been in the U. S. Navy for a year, spent the week end with relatives in this community, returning to the New York Navy Yard, Tuesday. He expects to [Censored]—Editor.

## Testaments For Soldiers.

Mr. P. L. Thomasson, of Tally Ho, is collecting a fund for the purpose of buying a pocket testament for each of the soldier boys who go from this section. Any other person or organization desiring to purchase testament for this purpose, will have the privilege of ordering with Mr. Thomasson and will please see him before making order.

## Personal Mentions

Mr. A. M. Daniel, purchased a farm in the Enon section last week. We are glad to note that Mr. J. H. Blackley, of Route 3, who is in a Richmond hospital for treatment (Continued On Page Eight)

## National Defense

General B. S. Royster will make a four minutes speech between curtains at the Orpheum Theatre this Friday night. He will speak upon a subject of vast importance in winning the world war.

## CAMP SEVIER NOTES

Granville Boys All in Good Health and Faring Well.

Editor Public Ledger:  
There are now at Camp Sevier 22,000 troops, of all branches of the service.

It is expected that about 8,000 drafted men will arrive here this week, these men will be used to fill up the ranks of the different companies that are now below war strength. The new war strength for infantry, engineers is 240 men and there are many companies here that are not over one-half of that strength.

The men are drilled and instructed for eight hours each day, except Saturday and Sunday. They have a half holiday Saturday and are free from duty on Sundays, except guard duty. Transportation from the city to the camp is very poor, many of the men have to walk back to camp, the distance being four miles.

No one is anticipating being here longer than January 1, 1918, and it is very probable that the engineer section will leave much sooner than that time.

There is no sickness among the men of the Oxford Company. Their health is exceptionally good. F.

## MR. W. H. BURWELL DIES

Prominent and Highly Esteemed Citizen Passes Away at Advanced Age

Mr. William Henry Burwell died Tuesday morning at his home, Berry Hill, Va. He was a brother-in-law of the late Rev. John N. Cole, of Raleigh, and was widely known in Warren and other of the northern counties of North Carolina. He was the father of Mrs. James W. Horner.

## Handsome Church Building

The Baptist denomination at Hester church have awarded a contract for a handsome brick and stone church edifice, a duplication of the new church at Grassy Creek. Mr. Leo Byrum is the contractor and it is his aim to complete the work in four or five months.

## Satisfied Customers.

The crucial test of a warehouse is the satisfaction of the customers. Ask farmers who sell at the Johnson. They sold last week more than a quarter of a million pounds and paid out nearly \$80,000, an average of \$27.60. See announcement on the fifth page of this paper.

Mrs. I. W. Mangum has been on the sick list for the past ten days. It was necessary to call in an experienced nurse. Mrs. Mangum's sister, Mrs. Boykins, of Richmond, is with her and it will be a pleasure to her many friends to learn that Mrs. Mangum is improving.

## GNARLED AND TWISTED BOYS

THEY ARE FOUND IN EVERY COMMUNITY

Much Depends Upon the School Teachers to Put Brains in the Heads of Boys and Take the Twist Out of Their Joints.

The fact that Uncle Sam has now rejected two-third of all the 1,399,000 men who volunteered for war service since April 6 shows that our country is wasting its man power in peace. It took a war to find it out.

Six million gnarled, crooked, torn, split, decaying apple trees cannot bear the fruit produced by as many straight, clean, well-sprayed, thoroughly sound apply trees.

The Public Ledger has a right to speak plain without giving offense to any one. Several thousand children will soon fill the school houses of Granville county.

Anything much done in schools to make those boys and girls really sound in body? Only a trifle. Now and then a deep-breathing exercise.

The multiplication table is pounded into them so that they won't forget it, but the fact that a close room will likely send them to an early grave may be mentioned casually just once and then forgotten.

Who tells these boys and girls just what foods to eat and what will surely make them dyspeptics? Unfortunately the parents of some of the children are not capable of advising them; therefore it falls to the lot of the school teachers.

Who forces them to observe hygienic knowledge as they are compelled to learn when the Battle of Bunker Hill was fought? No one, unless the teachers take it upon themselves.

Jennie Jones must "recite a piece" every Friday afternoon, but she is never told that her tendency to stoop will contract her breathing space and very likely lead to "quick consumption," unless the teachers assume the responsibility to impart the information.

We have seen school children positively and intentionally exposed to measles "because everybody has to have them."

The Public Ledger would like to see our school teachers dig early graves for such nonsense, and we would also like to see the parents take a lively interest in the scheme and aid the teachers as much as possible and see that they are paid a living wage for their services.

"Schools, schools, school" is the talk of Granville county. Some are for them and some are against them. The Public Ledger would remind the people that the only means of creating and maintaining an honorable name is through the school route.

## DON'T BE A ROAD HOG.

The Man That Drives a Lumber Wagon Is As Good As the Man Who Drives a Car.

It doesn't matter what you are driving, give the other fellow half the road and don't try to pass him at a dangerous speed. A man with sense enough to drive a car ought to know enough not to make a fool of himself when passing other vehicles, but it is not always the case. What is the use of taking a chance by passing everybody you meet at the highest speed your old car can make? It doesn't matter so much what happens to you, but it would be a pity for you to kill or cripple somebody who is really worth something to the world.

And while we are writing about these things, there is another class of people who deserve some space. That is drivers of wagons and other teams who seems to have a grudge against people who drive automobiles. The man who drives a lumber wagon is just as good as the man who drives a car, if he really wants to be. But we have heard recently of some who cut their wagons across the road in a manner which make it plain that they wish to give the other fellow some trouble. In some cases they refuse to let the person with the faster vehicle pass. Be fair, no matter how you ride. There is nothing personal in this, for we can usually spot the road hog and we never fail to give him a wide berth.

## Victor Kaplon's Big Sale.

The big special sale of Victor Kaplon—the store at the head of Main street next to the National Bank of Granville—will start next Saturday morning. A full stock of goods from which to select.

## Protracted Meeting Postponed.

Owing to sickness, crop conditions, etc., the revival services which were announced to begin at Stovall Baptist Church on the first Sunday in October have been postponed indefinitely.