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OUR SHEEP KILLING DOGS

THREE DOGS TO EVERY SHEEP IN GRANVILLE.

If It Was Not For the Dogs the Sheep Industry in Granville Would More Than Double the Value of the Tobacco Crop.

One of the wonders of the world is the influence of the dog as a domestic animal. On a recent trip to the interior of the county we saw a negro man, his wife and three children in abject want, and on the hearth of their cabin home lay a worthless cur dog, which gazed up into their faces with love and admiration.

On returning to Oxford we went to the Court House and Mr James B. Powell, the efficient and obliging clerk, kindly furnished us the record that we desired to consult, from which we learn that there are 1,867 worthless dogs listed in Granville county, and upon further investigation we learned that there are three dogs to every sheep in the county. The dog is as much superior to the Sheep in Granville as the Kaiser is to his subject in Germany. Of the 4,000 dogs in Granville only 1,867 are listed, as against 1,050 sheep.

The population of Granville county is 26,000, split up into 5,200 families of five each.

Dog vs Schools.

Estimating the feed of a dog at \$12, their consumption at the lowest possible estimate is \$62,400 per year. While the school revenue of Granville county is only \$45,618.88. Thus it will be seen that the people of Granville county think more of their dogs than they do of their children. Yes, sir; the dog is absolute master of the situation in Granville county and no man, or set of men, can dethrone him. If the cost of feeding all the dogs in Granville county was converted into negotiable notes and set aside for school purposes we would have next year \$108,018.88, as against \$46,618.88 this year.

Dog vs Sheep

Any one at all familiar with the lay of the land in Granville will tell you that a quarter of a million sheep can graze nine months every year on the fields and valleys of the county. Here we would have a revenue twice that of the tobacco crop if old Col. Dog would permit his subjects to raise sheep in such large numbers.

Dog vs. Man

The Public Ledger is not sure that it is in a position to take its stand against old Col. Dog, but we do say that he is a very severe master in a majority of the homes of the county. But we do say that the Public Ledger will not support any candidate for the Legislature who is not man enough to vote to expell the dogs in such numbers as to guarantee the safety of sheep raising in Granville county.

Encourage Sheep Raising

Here is a conservative estimate taken from the Farm Journal: "There are more than three times as many dogs as sheep in Montgomery county, Kans. It is estimated that it costs \$34 to feed a dog one year. On this basis some farmers could keep two more cows or ten more sheep with no more general expense to the farm, if they dispensed with their dogs, as it only cost about \$60 or \$70 to feed a good cow, and the sheep can be kept on the same amount of food as one cow. If a neighbor's sheep would be safe from Major Landis

of Granville: We are training and preparing the boys of our country? Is it to be a every day with no word from home? Of course, the families of these boys are sending Xmas boxes to them. But we want them to know that those who have no boys and loved ones at the front know and love and appreciate their sacrifices and are with them in heart and spirit.

Let us make the Xmas of the soldier and sailor boys of Granville county a community affair, and let every one participate—men, women, little boys and little girls—each one can give a small portion. Let this Christmas be a Soldiers' and Sailors' Xmas. The Granville County Boys' Xmas Fund will make this possible. Send your contribution today and watch the amount grow. It is going to take a neat sum, for no boy from Granville county is to be forgotten. Let us all help. WM. LANDIS.

The sale at Victor Kaplon's store at the head of Main street, next door to the National Bank of Granville, is in full blast. See advertisement on third page of this paper.

LOSSES OF BRITISH DURING SEPTEMBER TOTALS 104,598

London, Oct. 1.—British casualties reported during the month of September totalled 104,598, divided as follows:

Officers, killed or died of wounds, 636; men, 18,302.

Officers, wounded or missing, 2,151; men, 83,509.

The severity of the fighting in which the British have been engaged during September is indicated not only by the total of casualties of more than 104,000, but by comparison with the August figures, which were 59,811. The total compares favorably, however, with the figures for 1916, the third month of the battle of the Somme, when the casualties were 119,549.

YOUR ATTENTION

Just For Four Minutes, If You Please.

Speaking under the auspices of the National Defense Council, Gen. B. S. Royster in a four minute's speech at the Orpheum Theatre last Friday night, told the audience how best to win the world war.

"Faith in the goodness of things and personal sacrifice," said General Royster, "count for most."

Hon. A. A. Hicks.

Between shows at the Orpheum this Tuesday night, Hon. A. A. Hicks will deliver a four minute's speech under the auspices of the National Defense Council.

Hon. D. G. Brummitt.

Hon. D. G. Brummitt will deliver a four minute's speech at the Orpheum one night next week entitled the "Perils of the Government in Times of War."

AN OLD SPORT

Times Must Be Good When Farmers Smoke Dollar Cigars.

Our friend Mr. Wes Brummitt was in the office of Horner Bros. Co. one day in August at a time when the complaint of the tobacco crop was so great and when so many farmers were saying that they would not make enough off their tobacco to pay for the guano. Upon being asked about his crop, he stated that his prospects were good. Mr. Horner said to him—"Mr. Brummitt, it certainly does sound good to hear that some will make a good crop. We expected that you would have a good one if any body did, but from the talk we feared that no one would have even a fair crop. You smoke cigars. Well, here on the desk is a dollar cigar sent me by a friend in New York, and I have never felt like smoking it. When you sell a barn of tobacco this fall for as much as two hundred dollars come by the office and get this cigar and smoke it."

Mr. Brummitt made a fine crop and will have many barns to sell for two hundred dollars and over each. However, at that time in August he did not expect to see but a few barns sell at this price. Mr. Brummitt will be on the market this week and if you see him smoking a fine Havana about ten inches long you will know that he has sold one of his good barns of tobacco.

Since writing the above we found our friend, Wes Brummitt on the market with a load today and for which load he pulled down a check for \$480.00.

THE FAIR PARADE

Chief Marshall Grady Harris Appointing Aids.

Chief Marshall Grady Harris wishes to secure the names of all young ladies who wish to take part in the Granville County Fair parade. A number have already signified their desire to take part, but the chief marshal desires a large number of those who can ride the noble steed gracefully. Each lady will be provided with a beautiful rosette.

OFFERS \$50 REWARD FOR EACH SLACKER.

(Washington Special)

With a reward of \$50 for the delivery of each deserter, the Provost Marshal General's office has inaugurated a drive to round up all drafted men who have not reported to their local boards as directed, and all who have not reported to the Adjutant General of their States. Where delinquency is shown to be not wilful, they will be sent to their proper camps.

Something For the Ladies

The ladies will find something to interest them in the announcement of the Perkinson-Green Company elsewhere in this paper. Anything worn in ready-to-wear, and at inviting figures can be found at the "Store of Quality."

HIGHEST AVERAGES OF SEASON

HALF MILLION POUNDS SOLD ON THE OXFORD MARKET LAST WEEK.

The Average For the Past Week Was \$28.16—Prices For All Grades Are Still Advancing.

Figures for the sales of the five days of the past week, made public Saturday, shows that a half million pounds were sold, the average being \$28.16 per hundred. The average during the previous week was \$27.13. The average per pound during the past week was more than a cent higher than any week during the season.

Strong Market.

The high prices are causing the farmers to rush their tobacco to market as fast as they can get it ready. They are pleased with the present prices and there does not appear to be any inclination on the part of the farmers to hold back for higher prices.

At the rate the weed is being marketed there will be a very small per centage of the crop unsold on January 1, 1918.

The Business Outlook

The question is frequently asked, "what will the early marketing of the crop mean in a business sense?" In analyzing this question it should be remembered that the farmers received a very hard jolt in 1914 and 1915, from which they have not recovered. They are now settling their debts and banking their money, and their acts spell prosperity throughout this section. There are numerous cases in the county where the farmers did not expect to realize more than \$1,000 for their crop now rejoice at finding \$1,800 to their credit. They will spend their money for the needed things, but they will not be in a hurry about it. We conclude that the outlook for business was never brighter.

THINGS TO BE REMEMBERED

A CHAPTER WRITTEN BY AN OXFORD FAME.

The Importance of Producing Human Energy in the Most Critical Hour of Our Nation.

Editor Public Ledger:

I wish to congratulate you on the editorial in the last issue of the Public Ledger entitled "Gnarled and Twisted boys." The preparation of food plays a very important part in producing human energy and the preservation of a nation.

"Cut down your supply of sugar," orders Herbert C. Hoover. He touches the fifth part of our food fuel when he takes hold of the sugar tongs.

Each of us consume just about his own weight in sugar in a year.

Were you to offer a hungry workman a couple of lumps of sugar, he would tell you to send them to the girl's boarding school. Just the same, those two lumps of sugar would do more actually to allay his hunger than a large slice of bread.

The sugar and cream which you put on your oatmeal are much more nutritious than the cereal itself.

Four fifths of all the food value in peaches and cream belong to the sugar and cream. The peach is mostly useful for flavor.

Little Jonnie's cookie keeps him going longer than an equal amount of wheat bread—more essential food units in it.

Fads order many of our meals and Fashion bunco nearly every dinner table shamelessly. Here we are in an "R" month, so Fashion cries out:

"Serve oysters."

All right, serve them, but just remember that \$10 spent for codfish will purchase twenty-two times as much real nutriment as the same "buck" expended for oysters.

Fashion also created not long ago a new breakfast necessity—grapefruit. Refreshing and all that, but when it comes to just plain life-sustaining food, the same money will buy five times as much if invested in apples.

I presume all her dinner guests would fall in a faint were a hostess to serve army soup beans instead of the aristocratic and tender variety. But the old dried soup bean has the string beans beaten just three to one for nourishment.

And that goes with a lima bean, too. Not only three times nutritious is the dried bean, but only a fraction as expensive.

Mistress Fashion would cut you off her calling list were you to dare substitute dried fruits, such as apples, peaches and cherries, for the nifty fresh "fruits in season."

Barring flavor and order, the

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A LOVING MESSAGE TO OUR SOLDIER BOYS.

A Question That Calls For Serious Consideration.

"How much have I done, how much am I going to do, to give our Granville soldiers a happy Christmas? That is a question which we wish every reader of the Public Ledger would put to himself or herself today. We are sure no one can ask that question of himself without putting his hand in his pocket and making the largest contribution in his power to the fund that is being raised for this purpose.

This appeal is not addressed principally to those who have given their boys, their husbands or their fathers to the country. They will all, according to their means, remember their absent ones. But the moral value of the gifts purchased with the general fund is that they will not come simply for relatives and acquaintances, but will represent the love and pride of the people of Granville for those who are rendering the greatest service which men can render.

When you contribute to this fund you are saying to the Granville boys in American camps and to Granville boys abroad at Christmas: "We are all thinking of you at home; not merely the members of your own household are thinking of you, but we who never saw you, perhaps. We are thinking of you lovingly and tenderly; you are in our minds and hearts and hopes. No ties of family kinship bind you to us, but you are of our blood nevertheless. You are not our boys in flesh, but you are ours in the spirit. We love you as our own; in all your sorrows we suffer and in all your triumphs we rejoice. Our prayers and our praises, our smiles and our tears go with you, wherever you may be."

This is the sort of message we want to send to those brave boys at the front. Every man, woman and child in Granville should enlist in this Christmas fund army. It is the finest army of Kriss Kringles that any Christmas has ever known.

Send all funds to Major Will Landis, Oxford, who will acknowledge the receipt of the same through the Public Ledger.

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

CHANGE IN LYCEUM DATE.

Ralph Bingham Coming Tuesday Night, October 9th.

There has been a change in the dating of the Lyceum Courses given under the auspices of the Graded Schools. The Rob Roy Quartet was advertised as first. A telegram Saturday and a letter Monday stated that the famous Ralph Bingham would come first on Tuesday night, October 9th.

Ralph Bingham is a humorist of the highest order. He has given more than seven thousand performances and filled more return dates than any other humorist. He has missed but two engagements in twenty years. He has been with the Redpath Bureau for fifteen years. He is America's foremost platform humorist.

The Season tickets will be delivered this week. If you have subscribed for tickets, be ready to pay for them by the middle of the week. If you have not subscribed, do so at once, for you will get this fine entertainment for thirty cents in a season ticket when it will cost you fifty cents at the door. You cannot afford to miss this or any of the courses. Place — Oxford Graded School Auditorium next Tuesday night at seven thirty o'clock.

Cramped Quarters

We notice in the Red Cross Note on another page of this paper that the local Chapter of the American Red Cross are cramped for room in their present quarters. It occurs to the Public Ledger that it would be a patriotic act on the part of the Granville Commercial Club to share their rooms with the local chapter.

Thief Captured

Recently Flem Hester, a hard working farmer, was robbed in Oxford. Ira Davis, colored, has been connected with the crime, and now lingers in the county jail under failure to furnish a \$200 bond.

Drafted Men Notified.

Twenty-six drafted men have been notified to appear in Oxford Thursday ready to depart for Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C., next Friday.

It Pays To Be A Fore Fronter.

Our readers will be highly entertained by turning to the last page of this paper and consulting the figures in the Long Company's announcement. It pays to be a fore fronter and it is costly to be a season ender.

DR. VANN AT PEACE CHAPEL

TWO THOUSAND PEOPLE WITHIN RANGE OF HIS VOICE.

Fine Dinner Served in the Old Oak Grove—the Afternoon Was Devoted to Singing.

Last Sunday was a glorious day at Peace Chapel. More than two thousand people gathered there to hear the address of Dr. Vann, Secretary of the Board of Education of the State Baptist Convention. Central, Southern and Northern Granville and the west side of Vance county was well represented in the gathering. As many as could crowded into the chapel, and the windows were thrown open so that the vast throng outside of the sanctuary could hear the inspiring message and the sacred songs.

After a short song service Mr. W. S. Howell, a prominent member of Peace Chapel, delivered the address of welcome. Then followed the timely introduction of Dr. Vann by the pastor, Rev. E. G. Usry.

The Value of a Teacher.

Dr. Vann is one of the most lovable of men—a man moulded by God's supernal grace. His silvery voice instantly catches the attention of his audience. He takes them from the exciting scenes of life and leads them to the still waters for prayer and supplication.

Dr. Vann's theme was "Education," and he went down to the very roots of things. The soil, he said, must be properly tilled to produce abundant harvest; the colt must be properly groomed to make a valuable horse, and children must be properly taught and inspired in order to produce valuable men and women. It was a great message and it was a great day for the Lord and the schools in Granville.

The Singing.

The afternoon was devoted to singing Gospel hymns. The choirs of West Oxford, Concord and Dexter churches were there in all their glory, and we must confess that the choirs of Rev. E. G. Usry's four churches are a singing aggregation when all of them assemble under one roof. There was just enough friendly rivalry to make the singing doubly interesting. Former Commissioner J. L. Peed led the Concord choir; Mr. H. G. Blackley led the West Oxford Choir; Mr. Lucius Graham led the Peace Chapel choir, and if we are not mistaken Mrs. Matt Nelson led the Dexter choir.

Good Reports.

The reports read at the afternoon session revealed a steady and satisfactory upbuilding of the four churches under the charge of Rev. E. G. Usry.

Dinner Served Picnic Style.

We actually counted 104 automobiles on the ground—some of them coming as far away as Durham and Clarksville. It reminded one of the Flat River Baptist Association. The dinner, consisting of all the good things, was spread upon long tables and there was an abundance and to spare.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT OF ARMY

Dr. W. N. Thomas Is Now a Lieutenant.

The War Department last week named 46 doctors of North Carolina for the medical reserve corps. In the list we find Dr. William Nelson Thomas and William J. H. Booher, Oxford.

TIRED OF LIVING.

Col. John Nichols Takes Own Life in Despondent Mood.

Col. John Nichols, former member of Congress and for nearly twenty years a United States commissioner in Raleigh, shot himself through the head with a 32-calibre pistol at fifteen minutes to six o'clock last Friday afternoon. A message on his desk said: "poor, old and blind; what is the use of living?"

Handsome Car.

Messrs. Crawford Knott, J. S. Bradsher and Frank Youngs, motor-ed to Richmond last week and Mr. Knott returned with a handsome new Kline car, of which Mr. Frank Youngs is the local agent. It is one of the best cars made. Watch for further announcement in the Public Ledger this week.

Big Sale Now Going On.

The big sale at Cohn & Son continued with unabated interest. See announcement on the fourth page of this paper.

Misses Naomi Crews, of Washington City, and Miss Ruth, of Durham, the two pretty and talented twin daughters of Mr. Herbert Crews, are spending some time at home to the delight of their many friends. They are graduate nurses and hold important positions in leading hospitals in the above named cities.