

## OUR CHANCES GOOD FOR THE BANKHEAD HIGHWAY

The Route Selected Will Probably Be Made Known Next Week.

The Public Ledger learns on the very best authority that if the Bankhead Highway Commission does not select the route through the Valley of Virginia by Lynchburg, Danville and Greensboro, it will without a doubt pass through Oxford, Fairport, Franklinton and to Raleigh. This emphatic statement comes as an offset of the little flurry in Henderson caused by the pathfinders giving our neighboring city the goby last week on their trip south.

Always enthusiastic to the point of bursting, it seems that the Henderson people have worried the Commission more or less with statements that have to be taken with a grain of salt. "If you will diverge at LaCrosse and come by Henderson, cutting out Oxford entirely, we will build a \$60,000 bridge across the Roanoke at Cannon's Ferry," was one of the statements that impressed the Commission as being unwarranted and born in jealousy. But to appease the people of our ambitious neighbors, they suggested to Congressman Webb on their trip south last week that he and one or two others in the party to go by Henderson. "To ignore Oxford is to ignore the very best town in the State," is the exact words that a member of the Commission used at LaCrosse when Congressman Webb left the party. And the commissioners also observed that the Granville route passed through five live towns, while it passed through only three on the LaCrosse turnout.

Despite the fact that the roads south of LaCrosse to the Roanoke, at a point where the proposed Cannon bridge is to be built, is in a deplorable condition, so much so that Congressman Webb's car broke down, delaying him half a day, he arrived in Henderson with a smile on his face, as all good Congressmen do smile occasionally, and bless goodness they took the smile voyaging the road from Henderson to be a wink, and now they are sure LaCrosse and state that the route is shorter by more than forty miles than the route by Oxford. The truth is, the road from LaCrosse by Oxford and Fairport to Raleigh is two miles shorter than the Henderson route, and the fact that the road through Granville is mostly on a ridge seems to please the Commission.

In the face of the fact that the good people of Granville gave Vance a piece of good rich territory several years ago, it does seem that the people of Henderson could not say such things about their confiding neighbors.

## BRITISH SINK ELEVEN SHIPS.

Torpedo Destroyer Invaded German Mine Regions and Bagged Germans.

Eleven German ships, perhaps twelve, one of them an auxiliary cruiser armed with six-inch guns were sent to the bottom of the Categat, the large North Sea arm between Sweden and Denmark, by a British mosquito flotilla sometime during the last week. Ten of the sunken vessels were patrol crafts.

## PRISONERS TAKEN BY TEUTON ARMIES TOTALS 100,000

Berlin Reports New Captures of Men and Also 1,800 Guns Together.

The Berlin War Office reports that more than 200,000 prisoners have been taken in the Austro-German campaign on the Italian front. The official statement says: "There have been no further important military operations. "Up to the present more than 200,000 prisoners and more than 1,800 guns have been enumerated. Other material cannot be estimated approximately."

## SECOND SERIES OF OFFICERS.

Graduates of Officer's Training Camp Will Be Assigned Without Delay.

Washington, Nov. 4.—Under plans completed by the war department for disposition of the graduates of the second series of officers' training camps, which close this month, every man of the 19,000 who is recommended for a commission either will be commissioned at once or placed on an eligible list subject to call.

## SPECIAL TAX NOTICE

Tax payers will please not forget that on and after December 1st there will be a penalty of 1 per cent added for each month taxes remain unpaid.

R. B. HINES, Town Tax Collector.

## MAJOR THAD G. STEM GOES TO FORT SILL.

It Is Thought That He Will Go To France in the Next Two Weeks.

Major Stem, of the North Carolina Battery, was last week ordered to report at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Mrs. Stem, who has been residing in Greenville ever since the Major went to Camp Sevier, returned to the parental home in Stem last week. She is under the impression that Major Stem will go to France at an early date, possibly in two weeks.

## DELINQUENT IS WORTH \$50 TO HIS CAPTORS.

Local Board Believes Spread of Information About the Reward Will Round Them Up.

Under the conscription regulations there are a few men in Granville county with "a price on their heads." The government offers a reward of \$50 for the delivery of the nearest army camp of a deserter, and the term is applied to any young man who fails to appear when ordered to show up by the local board. Should it eventuate upon examination that the young man was not a willful deserter that may help him, for he would be sent to camp for training and there it would end, but the reward would be paid to the person who brought him up, nevertheless.

## A FORMER GRANVILLE MAN

Goes to Zebulon, Wake County and Gets Rich.

The Public Ledger had the pleasure of meeting Mr. J. D. Cox and some of his friends from Zebulon last week. Mr. Cox is a native of Granville, having moved to Zebulon some years ago and is now getting rich and don't know it. This year's crop of tobacco netted him \$6,000, which cost only \$32.75 to produce. And the best of all, Mr. Cox raised his home supplies in abundance and some to spare.

## AMERICAN TROOPS FALL INTO HANDS OF GERMANS.

The capturing of American soldiers by a German reconnoitering party is announced by the Berlin war office.

The statement says that on the Rhine-Marne canal as a result of a reconnoitering thrust North American soldiers were brought in.

The portion of the official statement making this announcement reads:

"At the Rhine-Marne canal, as the result of a reconnoitering thrust, North American soldiers were brought in."

The war department is inclined to doubt the capture by the Germans of any of the United States forces. It is admitted that such a capture is possible, however, as our men go on patrol in "no man's land" as a part of their trench work. It is pointed out that the Berlin dispatch refers to the capture of "North Americans" and that Canadians are included under this term.

## OVER 5,000,000 FAMILIES SIGN THE FOOD PLEDGE.

But Little More Than Half the Country Has Been Heard From in Official Figures.

Washington, Nov. 3.—With probably little more than half the country heard from, returns from the food pledge week campaign passed the 5,000,000 mark. The official tabulations here showed 5,000,402 families had been enrolled.

## NORMAL COLLEGE GIRLS PATRIOTIC.

Student Body Votes to Forego Thanksgiving Turkey.

Patriotic resolutions initiated by the self-governing Greensboro State Normal College student body Saturday put the college on record as favoring the strictest regime in the kitchen and dining room for food conservation. The students, 800 strong, young women from all counties of North Carolina, voted to forego the Thanksgiving turkey and give the money to war work.

## SOME RARE BARGAINS

At "Granville's Biggest and Best Store."

Major Will Landis, buyer for Landis & Easton, has returned from the northern markets, where he was successful in securing a line of the needed articles, which go on sale at practically the old-time prices. Some of the articles mentioned will be considerable higher six months hence than at the inviting figures quoted by Landis & Easton. See announcement on the fifth page of this paper.

Dr. Nelson Thomas will return from a trip to New York tomorrow.

## PEOPLE PAY WAR TAX WITHOUT GRUMBLE.

But Little Grumbling on Postage Increase and Movie Admissions

So far as has been learned, there has been but little grumbling and real displeasure noticed in Oxford over the increased taxes exacted from the general public for postage accounts and admissions into amusement places. The postage rates became effective at midnight Thursday, and virtually all letters deposited in the post office since that time have been properly posted.

All letters whose destination is out of the city, and not on a rural route out from the local postoffice have to bear three cents in postage, and all postal cards and the picture cards must have two cents. Communications going to destinations inside the county are carried at the same old rate.

If anything there has been an increase in the patronage at the Orpheum Theatre since the war tax was inaugurated, but that is accounted for by the fact that the management has arranged to show a still higher class of pictures.

## HEALTH WORK

Health Department of the Oxford Woman's Club Brings Exhibit Here.

The splendid health exhibit at Granville County Colored Fair last week was obtained from the State Board of Health and financed by the Health Department of the Oxford Woman's Club. The exhibit made a profound impression on the colored people and it is well calculated to do much good wherever shown.

## WEST-HOBGOOD MARRIAGE

The Bride Formerly Lived at Oxford College.

A quiet, but pretty marriage took place last Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mr. John T. White, in Norgolk, Virginia, when his niece, Miss Jessie Lee Hobgood, daughter of Mrs. Benjamin F. Hobgood, formerly of Oxford, North Carolina, became the bride of Mr. Andrew Jackson West. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. T. Riddick, of Park Avenue Baptist Church.

The bride wore a traveling suit of claret broadcloth, with hat and gloves to match. The maid of honor was Miss Aileen C. Jones, and Miss Margaret Hobgood, niece of the bride, was flower girl. The groom had for his best man Mr. Richard L. Gornton. The rooms were prettily decorated with palms and white and yellow chrysanthemums.

Among the out of town guests were the bride's uncle, President F. P. Hobgood, of Oxford College; Miss Margaret Hobgood, of Durham; Mr. and Mrs. W. L. West, of Princess Anne, Virginia, and Misses Willa McLeod and Virginia Montague, of Crozet, Virginia.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. West left for a northern trip.

"Miss Jessie," as everybody knew her, was for several years President Hobgood's private secretary and a valuable aid to the college. Everybody here loved Miss Jessie and she had thousands of friends throughout this section of the State, especially the young women who knew her at Oxford College.

## THE POLLS ARE OPEN—WOMEN SIGN PLEDGE CARDS

Committees in Granville Working For Council National Defense.

The polls are open at all the schools of the county where the women can register their names for Council Defense work. Some of the townships of the county registered in goodly numbers last week, but there were entirely too many slackers in some places, and the time of registration has been lengthened up to next Saturday evening with the hope that they will redeem the enviable name that all good women of Granville bear.

As soon as all of the cards have been turned in, Miss Lela Routin, chairman of registration in Granville, will make out a tabulated statement for publication. Be sure your name is on the list, good and patriotic women.

## Donations Appreciated.

The Granville County Chapter of the American Red Cross acknowledges with thanks the receipt of a donation of \$2.00 from Mr. W. C. Pleasants, through Mrs. S. M. Watkins. It is hoped that other citizens of the county will follow the example of Mr. Pleasants and help the Red Cross Chapter meet the demands being made upon it for the comfort and relief of the soldiers and sailors who will represent us in the Army and Navy.

## CHANGE OF SCHEDULE ON THE SEABOARD RAILWAY.

Effective November 4—All Trains Daily Except Sunday.

(Trains Arrive in Oxford)  
No. 419—From Henderson 8 a. m.  
No. 429—From Durham 11:30 a. m.  
No. 411—From Henderson 3:10 p. m.  
No. 413—From Durham 4:30 a. m.  
(Trains Depart)  
No. 418—For Durham 8:25 a. m.  
No. 412—For Henderson 11:59 a. m., making connection for north and south.  
No. 422—For Durham 3:20 p. m.  
No. 420—For Henderson 5:00 p. m., making connection for north and south.

## MAJOR STEDMAN IN OXFORD.

Came By Merey to Shake Hands With His Many Friends.

Major Chas. M. Stedman, representative from this Congressional District, spent Monday night in Oxford. There was no political significance connected with his visit. He was on his way to eastern Carolina to visit his sister, and came over to Oxford to spend the night and be among his friends. He stopped at the Exchange hotel and as soon as it was learned that he was in our midst the hotel was besieged by friends of the distinguished congressman.

Major Stedman is hale and hearty and looks at least twenty years younger than he did when we last saw him.

## DISTINGUISHED VISITOR HERE.

Col. Osborn Spends Day and Night in Oxford.

Former United States Commissioner of Revenue Osborn spent Friday night in Oxford. In former years he stopped with Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Osborn, but they having passed over the river, he drove to the Exchange Hotel, where the genial proprietor killed the fatted calf for the distinguished son of old Granville.

We regret to say that Col. Osborn shows some sign of broken health; in fact that is what compelled him to resign from office. He has lost considerable weight, but the quiet rest is bringing the bloom back to his handsome face.

Col. Osborn, who has been in close touch with the administration ever since the war broke out in Europe, expresses a conviction that the worst is yet to come. He stands in mortal dread of foreign complications and a prolongation of the war; our people, especially those who live in the rural districts, said Col. Osborn, do not seem to comprehend the great import of the war; it means, he said, unlimited sacrifice upon the rich and the poor alike.

Col. Osborn came down from his home in Greensboro and left for Washington at noon Saturday. He was the recipient of many hearty handshakes while in Oxford.

## THE ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW A SUCCESS.

Many Lovely Flowers Were on Exhibition.

The annual Chrysanthemum show, under the auspices of the Woman's club, was held in the armory Friday and Saturday of last week. Many gorgeous flowers were on exhibition and a number of premiums awarded. The fancy work booth was a special feature and a number of useful Christmas articles were displayed. This proved quite a financial success as well as social event.

## SEEKING TO FIND RELATIVES OF DEAD MAN.

Efforts Being Made to Locate Relatives in North Carolina.

The Public Ledger is in receipt of a marked copy of the Globe, published at Garland City, Utah, containing an account of the death of H. C. Wilson, a well-to-do North Carolinian who died a few weeks ago in that city. The article goes on to say that Mr. Wilson often referred to relatives in Granville county. Mr. Wilson's body was embalmed and the authorities seek to find his relatives. The deceased was about 65 years of age.

## Ask the Men Who Sell.

Turn to the fifth page of this paper and notice the names and the amounts and high averages of those who sell their tobacco at the Minor Warehouse.

## Woman's Club Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Woman's Club will be held Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the Oxford Library. A full attendance is desired.

## PRICES WILL DROP SAYS MR. HOOVER.

Oxford people should begin to feel some slight effects from the workings of the food regulations, if Mr. Hoover's ideas work out, for on the first of November all of the regulations went into effect.

Both the farmers and the bigger dealers have co-operated with the government in every possible way, according to a statement by Mr. Hoover, which follows in part:

The food administration considers that, subject to cooperation from the farmers and the retailers, the corner has now been turned in high prices and that most of the essential commodities should one after another continue to show reduction between now and the end of the year. The food administration has no control of either the growing organizations, nor of the great majority of retailers. The foundations have been laid for regulation of the intermediate trades, and where these regulations have come into force the trades are cooperating finely, the millers especially, and considerable results are evident in the wholesale prices.

The current prices at which flour is being sold at the mill door in Jute bags vary somewhat with the locality and freight charges on wheat. Toledo showing the lowest prices at \$10 for first patent and \$9.70 for second patent, the highest being Buffalo at \$10.70 for first patent and \$10.70 for second patent; Minneapolis being \$10.50 for first patent and \$10.46 for second patent, and shows a large reduction under August prices.

The regulation on the distribution of wheat and the manufacture of flour were put into force the middle of September.

The average retail price on first patent in 796 cities on October 1st was \$13.77, or from \$1.50 to \$2 per barrel higher than is warranted by the price being made by the millers.

Dealers in fundamental foodstuffs who will be obliged to take out Federal licenses to do business after November 1, as indicated in the president's proclamation issued October 8, are required to make requisition at once for application forms without further notification by Federal authorities. These forms are being issued upon request by the law department, license division, United States food administration, Washington.

All wholesalers, brokers, and commission men handling the foodstuffs specified in the president's proclamation must be licensed, without regard to the volume of their business. Retailers whose gross sales do not exceed \$100,000 per annum are exempted by congress, but this exemption does not apply to wholesalers or to persons doing both a wholesale and retail business. There are certain other minor classes of exemptions set forth clearly in the proclamation.

## Relief Sale.

The big relief sale will start at Cohn & Son's next Friday morning, November 9th and continue for fifteen days only. These goods will be released at the old prices which prevailed before the war. Prices, attentive salepeople and Cohn & Son's fair dealings to all make their sales grow bigger in importance and power every time they put on a sale. For not only are new faces attracted, but all their old customers return. Because they know from experience that these sales are just what the application implies. It means that you can select anything from their vast stocks and save money. This is a sale of sales, for everybody. For men, women and children. No matter what you want. No matter how slender or how full your purse is. If you desire to save money on new, reliable, and desirable merchandise make it a point to attend this helpful relief sale.

We want the public to understand that this is no hot air nor paper talk, but plain facts which everybody knows, and we are putting it before you in as plain English as the writer of this advertisement knows. Read Cohn & Son's adv. on the last page of this paper. (adv)

## Noble Son of Granville.

Mr. Robert Walters, of Cardenas, who left Granville county some years ago and settled in the extreme southern part of Wake county, is spending a few days in Oxford, the guest of his brothers, Messrs. W. H. and Connie Walters. There is quite a colony of Granville people in and around Cardenas, Verona and Fuquay, one of the best farming sections of the State, and Mr. Walters is regarded as the earl of the colony. He is a farmer that does things, lives at home and entertains his friends.

Miss Bettie Mae Cheatham came home from Peace Institute Saturday to spend the week end with the home folks on Route 3.