



BANKHEAD ROAD MAY NOT COME THIS WAY.

It Looks As If It Will Go Through Danville.

(Reidsville Review)
Mr. R. L. Watt, vice-president for North Carolina of the Bankhead National Highway Association, has returned from Birmingham where he attended an important meeting of the directors of that association.

Mr. Watt thinks that the Piedmont route will be the one finally adopted. It will be remembered that this route was formally adopted at the regular annual meeting of the association last spring, and Mr. Watt is of the opinion that this adoption will stand.

Three new directors were elected at Birmingham, including Mr. D. B. Ryland of Lynchburg, the hustling vice-president of the Piedmont branch of the Bankhead Highway Association. The other two new directors are said to be strongly in favor of the Piedmont route, via Reidsville, Danville and Lynchburg.

DRAFT RECORDS ARE PUBLIC.

Answers, However, Concerning Physical or Mental Condition or Dependency Must Not Be Revealed.

(Washington Special)
Provost Marshal General Crowder announced Saturday that all records kept by local and district boards, adjutant-generals, and other persons in connection with registration, examination, selection and mobilization of registrant under the selective law will be open to public inspection during usual business hours, except answers to questions concerning physical or mental condition and dependency.

General Crowder stated draft officials have no inclination to cause injustice or embarrassment to registrants, and the rules and regulations make it a misdemeanor to divulge any information regarding physical fitness or dependency of a registrant to persons other than those directly connected with the administration of the law, and a one-year imprisonment penalty will be imposed for violation.

THE RED CROSS FUND

It Costs Only One-Half of One Cent to Collect Each Dollar.

That the people may know how their donations to the Red Cross are handled, we publish the following from the Philadelphia Press:

"We could specify a big entertainment that was given in Philadelphia to raise money for a war purpose. Of every dollar collected 83 cents went to pay expenses. Compare that with the expense of raising \$100,000,000 for the Red Cross and you will see that direct giving is cheap giving. To collect that \$100,000,000 costs less than half a cent out of every dollar gathered. When charity goes by the ballroom route it levies a toll 186 times as great as when it travels by the short-cut route from your pocket into the charity's treasury. Let's eliminate the middleman in all war-time giving."

SOLDIER'S CHRISTMAS FUND.

Packages to Cantonments Will Go Forward December 16.

I now have in hand \$212 collected for Christmas presents for the Granville county soldiers and sailors. Some of the presents will go forward this week, but those for the boys at Camp Jackson, Camp Sevier and Camp Lee will be held until December 16th in order to make the contribution as large as possible. It was our intention to close the collection on December 1st, but being assured that the presents sent as late as December 16th will reach their destination on or before Christmas Eve we have decided to extend the time until December 15th in order to give all the people of the county an opportunity to contribute to this worthy cause.

In my humble opinion there is nothing the soldiers will appreciate more on Christmas day than a package given by the combined efforts of the people back home. To be remembered by the mass of people is to put patriotism in their breast.

I have the address of every Granville boy in the service and it will take a little more money than is in hand to remember them in a fitting style. Send in your contribution as early as possible and let us make them feel proud of the old home town and county. WILL LANDIS.

"The Hamilton Times."
In this issue of the paper will be found a copy of the "Hamilton Times," as edited by Mr. R. L. Hamilton. His object is to make weak people strong and ugly people handsome.

The monthly meeting of the Woman's Committee of the National Defense will be held in the Library Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

THE COUNTY HOME.

The Aged and Infirm of the County Are Well Cared For.

The editor of the Public Ledger spent a few moments at the Home of the Aged and Infirm last Saturday in company with Dr. Hays, excellent health officer of Granville county. While the good doctor was in the sick ward, Mrs. Sam Daniel, the matron and angel of the Home led the editor about the grounds.

On the sunny side of the house we found a group of inmates shelling cornfield beans. This was a beautiful striped bean about the size of a peanut, and there must have been between two and three bushels of them, and some of the old ladies seemed to enjoy the task of removing them from the pods.

What took our eye was the big corn crib, which is 12 feet long, 10 feet wide and about 11 feet high and filled clear to the top with the finest ears of corn we ever saw. This corn is of a uniform size and each ear contains about eight hundred grains. The corn in the big crib only represents a portion of the corn raised on the farm this year. The pile of shucks from the corn was half as big as the court house, and Mrs. Daniels said that it would be cut up and stored away.

In one pen were four of five big hogs, some of them too fat to stand up, each weighing more than 400 pounds and in another pen were several shoats weighing over 100 pounds each, we judge.

There are three or four fine cows belonging to the Home, but they were grazing in the low grounds and we did not see them.

We regret that Mr. Sam Daniels, superintendent of the Home, was busy elsewhere and that we could not see him, but we found his good wife deeply interested in the welfare of the inmates and well versed in every phase of the great work.

She smiles where others would frown and concedes where others would scold. It is the best managed institution of the kind in the State. The superintendent is a fine provider and a close observer. He has a heart as big as a pumpkin, but when an inmate oversteps the bounds of reason he has just enough grit in his craw to speak with firmness. If there is anything lacking in the management of the Home it is that some of the inmates are humored instead of being scolded. We were very favorably impressed with the discipline. The inmates are required to keep themselves and the premises clean at all times, and there are few private homes in North Carolina better kept, and there are many families in the State that do not get the wholesome food that is served to the aged and infirm of Granville county, and best of all, the great bulk of it is produced on the county's magnificent farm.

When Gabriel blows his horn there are going to be two Granville county people in heaven, for the thousands of kind deeds done at the County Home of the Aged and Infirm that the public knows little about.

PROMINENT CITIZEN DEAD.

Mr. Stephen T. Daniel Laid to Rest Sunday.

Mr. Stephen T. Daniel, a highly esteemed citizen of Granville county died at his home at Tar River Saturday, in the sixty-third year of his age. He was for many years a member of Shady Grove Methodist church and did much to spread the gospel.

The remains were laid to rest in Hunt burying grounds Sunday afternoon, Rev. G. B. Thompson, pastor of Shady Grove church, conducting the last sad rites. The large number of sorrowing relatives and friends at the funeral and burial testified to the high esteem of the deceased.

The deceased is survived by a devoted wife and several children.

The pallbearers were: Messrs Will Crews, E. L. Smith, E. N. Bragg, W. D. Dixon, Tim Thaxton, Graham Smith, Will Thaxton, S. H. Usry.

HANDSOME SHOWING.

Christmas Goods Are Now on Display at J. G. Hall's.

Realizing that there would be a freight congestion, J. G. Hall began to prepare for Christmas several months ago, with the result that they now have on display a handsome line of Christmas presents, French ivory goods, stationery, kofaks, cigars, fountain pens, etc., for the adults, and toys for the children are included in the handsome display.

Toys this season are mostly of an educational nature and were made in America. You may talk about your meatless and wheatless days, but we draw the line on a toyless day. Read the announcement of J. G. Hall on the last page of this paper.

AMERICA'S HORN OF PLENTY HAS NEW FULLNESS.

Greater Than in 1916 and More Than Any Two Previous Years.

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* THE FOUR CROPS EXCEEDED BILLION MARK. *
* American farmers have produced \$21,000,000,000 worth of farm products, breaking all records. Corn production is estimated at \$4,659,000,000. *
* Cotton is valued at \$1,981,000,000. Hay production for the year totals \$3,390,000,000. *
* Wheat, the fourth crop in point of value, is worth \$1,320,000,000. *
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Responding faithfully to President Wilson's appeal and the needs of a war-torn world, American farmers produced a gross total of \$21,000,000,000 worth of farm products, equaling in value the nation's total expenditure in one year of war.

That great total, being the value of all crops, animals and animal products, was \$6,500,000,000 greater than last year's and more than the combined value of any two previous years. There were record crops of corn, oats, rye, white and sweet potatoes, tobacco and beans.

The principal farm crops will reach more than \$12,000,000,000 in value, minor crops \$2,500,000,000 and animals and animal products, including butter, cheese and eggs, about \$6,500,000,000. This year's values are based on preliminary production estimates and prices paid to producers November 1 as reported by the Department of Agriculture. An official estimate of the principal farm crop values will be made by the Bureau of Crop Estimates on December 11.

Corn Tops List.

Corn, the country's greatest crop, accounts for about one-third of the increase total farm products value of this year. It is estimated at about \$4,659,000,000, compared with \$2,296,000,000 last year, \$1,723,000,000 in 1915 and \$1,577,000,000, the average for the five years, 1910-14. In point of quality corn this year saw its largest production, being 66,000,000 bushels more than the 1912 record crop, 608,000,000 bushels more than last year and 459,000,000 bushels more than the 1910-14 five-year average.

Next in point of value comes cotton, with a crop valued at about \$1,981,000,000, accounting for more than one-tenth of the year's total increase. Of that amount \$1,645,000,000 is estimated for lint and \$336,000,000 for seed. Cotton lint last year was valued at \$1,080,000,000, and seed at \$278,000,000, while the five years, 1911-14, average value was: Lint, \$715,000,000; seed, \$128,000,000. Production this year is about 600,000 bales larger than last year and 2,840,000 bales smaller than the 1910-14 five-year average.

Hay is the next most valuable crop with a total of \$1,390,000,000 compared with \$1,162,000,000 last year and \$1,056,000,000 in 1915.

Wheat Comes Forth.

Wheat, the fourth crop in point of value, is worth more than a billion dollars for the second time in American farming history. Its value is estimated at \$1,320,000,000 compared with \$1,025,765,000 last year \$943,303,000 in 1915 and \$629,000,000, the average value of 1910-14 crops.

No other crop has reached the billion-dollar total, although oats come within \$25,000,000, compared with \$656,000,000 last year and the 1910-14 average of \$442,909,000.

Potatoes passed the half billion dollar mark with a total of \$562,000,000 as compared with \$417,000,000 last year, \$221,992,000 in 1915 and \$213,651,000, the 1910-14 average.

Record Crop of Tobacco.

Tobacco, a record crop, is valued at \$499,000,000, compared with \$169,000,000 last year and \$103,061,000, the 1910-14 average.

Crops Compared

Beans are estimated at \$120,000,000 compared with \$45,000,000 last year and \$27,000,000 in 1915; onions at \$19,341,000, compared with \$9,882,600 last year and \$7,281,000 in 1915; kaffirs at \$128,000,000 compared with \$53,269,000 last year and \$51,157,000 in 1915, and broom corn at \$13,500,000 compared with \$6,549,000 last year and \$4,789,000 in 1915.

Handsome and Durable Cars.

On account of the automobile plants being at the disposal of the government during the period of the war, there will be a scarcity of cars, and according to the supply and demand the prices will advance. The Blalock Motor Company is indeed fortunate to receive a dozen handsome and durable Chevrolet cars before the scarcity of cars, high prices and uncertainty of delivery is felt the country over. See their announcement elsewhere in this paper.

THE QUARANTINE LAW

Dr. Hays Reports Communicable Disease in Granville.

Editor Public Ledger:
In accordance with the requirements of the new State Quarantine law I hand you herewith the names of the persons in Granville county reported during the past month with communicable diseases.

Typhoid Fever.
Mrs. Dorah Averette, Oxford, Route 6.

Diphtheria.
Glover Durham, Stem; Claud Chavis, Creedmoor, Route 3; Vernon Winters, Stem; Katherine Yeagers, Hester; Irene Dixon, Oxford, Route 2; D. Kinton's child, Oxford.

BENJ. K. HAYS,
Health Officer.

Dec. 1, 1917.

LET US FLY BIG SERVICE FLAG.

A Star to Represent Each Soldier Gone From Granville.

The Public Ledger should like to see a large service flag floating from the pole on top of the Court House. And there should be upon it a star representing every brave Granville soldier in the service.

LONGEST BRIDGE IN GRANVILLE

Superintendent of Construction Sam Wheeler Is a Busy Man.

Mr. Sam Wheeler, who was recently elected superintendent of roads and construction in Granville county, is now having a hard time of it. He is building a bridge across Tar River at a point near where the Culbreth-Berea road crosses that turbulent stream.

Superintendent Wheeler spent Sunday in Oxford with his family, and while here we learned that he is greatly handicapped for the want of labor, and not being able to secure it, he is doing double duty. The bridge that he is throwing across the Tar is perhaps the longest bridge in the county. It is situated about three hundred yards below Meadow's mill.

Mr. Wheeler lives in a tent, does his own cooking, and when it gets too dark to work he goes fishing, and manages to keep his table well supplied with the finny tribe.

We move that our friend Mr. A. P. Hobgood, who is very fond of fishing, go out and spend a couple of weeks on the job.

THE FOUR MINUTE MEN.

Strong Men Selected for Strong Subject.

Mr. B. W. Parham was scheduled to deliver a four minutes' address at the Orpheum last Thursday night, but the weather was so very inclement his address was postponed until this Tuesday night. In his speech on National Defense Mr. Parham will hit the Kaiser between his two eyes, and it will not take him only four minutes to do it.

Madame Petrova will divide the honors of the evening with Mr. Parham.

A BRIGHT LIGHT.

It Ever Shines From the Hills At Caltolina Farm.

Mr. W. T. Calton, the earl of Caltolina Farm, was in Oxford Monday, and brought with him the proverbial Calton smile. He is the man that donated a school building jointly to Granville and Person counties. That is the light that we speak about shining throughout the hills around about and no less a light is the splendid Community League. There are about three hundred people in the Caltolina community and if it had not been for the war there would have been five hundred there. The money is practically in hand for the extension of the Southern Railroad from Henderson via Oxford and Caltolina Farm to Greensboro as soon as labor again becomes normal.

Mr. Calton's big interests at Caltolina Farm is somewhat impeded by the scarcity of labor, but he is wearing the proverbial smile.

They Should Be Drafted

The young men who make it a habit to prowl up and down the sidewalks in front of the college should be drafted and sent to the front. Any young man able to stand as a picket in front of a college is able to do service in the trench. The sooner they are drafted and sent abroad the better it will be for the country.

Benefit of Red Cross.

Miss Katherine Coleman and Mrs. J. Graham Davidson will present their pupils in a joint recital Friday evening, November 7th, at 8 p. m. in the College Chapel. Public cordially invited. A silver offering will be taken at the door for the benefit of the Red Cross.

By all means get off the railroad track when the cars come, but don't step in front of an automobile when doing it.

THE WAR CERTIFICATES ARE NOW OBTAINABLE.

Cards For Sixteen Stamps are Furnished and Then Later Redeemed For \$5 Certificates.

War saving certificates issued by the United States Government, and by means of which it is hoped to raise \$2,000,000,000 in war revenue during the next few months are now on sale here.

A large shipment of the stamps and certificates have been received at the post office and unpacked and stored ready for delivery to all persons who desire to make purchases.

The local post office will send supplies to all the smaller post offices in Granville, including Creedmoor, Stem, Stovall, Hargrove, Berea, and Northside.

Announcement was made several weeks ago that the stamps would be offered for sale in banks, all government offices, in the department stores, and in hotels and other places where the proprietors of such establishments wish to extend this service to the government.

The issue is handled by means of stamps and certificates. When a person buys the first stamp, a small card folder on the order of a bank book is issued along with it. In this book are spaces for sixteen stamps. When it is filled with the stamps, each of which will cost 25c it may be taken back to the post office, where a larger certificate will be issued in the place of it.

During the month of January the book of sixteen stamps and twelve cents, making \$4.12 in all, will be exchanged for a certificate which will be due January 1, 1923, and be worth \$5.00 at that time. Books of stamps turned in in February will represent \$4.13, and one cent each month is added throughout 1918.

The certificates are in the form of a stamp, except that they are about six times the size of the ordinary postage stamp offered at stamp windows. It is also gummed, like the others of the twenty-five cent denomination, and may be attached to another card. These may be accumulated until they total \$100 in valuation, when a larger certificate will be issued. The idea is to place these stamps and certificates among the masses, and the law forbids any one person holding more than \$1,000 worth of the investment.

A STRONG BID.

Farmers Warehouse Wants a Quarter Million Pounds of Scrap and Wrappers.

Mr. B. E. Parham, proprietor of the Farmers Warehouse, makes a strong bid for the remainder of the crop. He announces elsewhere in this paper that he wants a quarter million pounds of scrap and \$100,000 pounds of wrappers. The market is strong and Mr. Parham guarantees satisfaction to his customers on all grades. There is about two million pounds of tobacco unsold in this section and Mr. Parham makes a strong bid for it.

ORDERED TO REPORT AT CAMP JACKSON.

Lieutenant and Mrs. R. C. M. Calvert Will Go to Columbia This Week.

Lieutenant Calvert, who has been in training at the engineers cadetment near Washington for the past few months, is spending a few days in Oxford with his family. He received orders Sunday to report at Camp Jackson, Columbia, for duty. Mrs. Calvert will accompany her husband to Columbia and make her home there as long as Lieutenant Calvert is stationed at Camp Jackson. It is also Mrs. Calvert's wish to accompany him to France or any other part of the earth where he may be called.

It begins to look as if Oxford will lose this excellent family. At the call of the President Lieutenant Calvert was one of the first to tender his services to the Government, and he will be in it when the Allies dictate the terms, and possibly longer.

Mail and Express Irregular.

By this time we have all learned to wait patiently for the arrival of the expected letter or express package. It now requires from four to five days to get a package or letter from points two or three hundred miles away. The picture houses possibly suffer more from the delay than any other business. Not only the proprietors of the picture houses but the public are disappointed when the films do not arrive on schedule time, but Harris & Crews, managers of the Orpheum has hit upon the best scheme, that of having good pictures every night. Every night at the Orpheum this week is "best night."

Ford Owners.

See the Briter-Lite at Crenshaw's Garage, particulars of which is fully explained on the fourth page of this paper.