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NO MEATLESS DAYS FOR SOME OXFORD PEOPLE

Nice Pork Roast and Choice Tenderloin Steak Finds Favor.

There are a number of conscientious ladies in Oxford who can properly be termed the "salt of the earth;" they signed the food cards and are living up to their promises by observing meatless and wheatless days on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

We are unwilling to believe that the showing of numerous food cards in Oxford is meaningless; now, after investigation and first hand information, we must admit that it is, that Oxford housewives are not keeping the pledge.

First suspicions were aroused by tables set on Tuesdays in the homes of two acquaintances. On one there was a boiled ham; on the other, a huge juicy steak that would have made a Sammy's mouth water and would have enabled him to "go over the top" without a tremor. We began to investigate.

Actors: A burly butcher. The telephone bell jingles. Mrs. X., in whose front parlor window a food conservation card is placed, begins:

"Send me a nice pork roast—Yes, six pounds of the best you have. And I want three pounds of choice tenderloin steak."

The food card had joined forces with powder and rouge and false hair and little social lies and what not—all camouflage.

Don't censure them. They aren't awake to the fact that this country has entered a war that will tax to the utmost the man power, the wealth, the industries, and the food supply of America; that a general observance of meatless day would supply our armies and the depleted stores of our allies with thousands of tons of foods necessary to the winning of a victory that alone can make the world secure against violence, murder, rape, and hell.

RURAL CARRIER EXAMINATION.

Good Position Open to a Good Man.

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination for the County of Granville, North Carolina, to be held at Oxford, on January 26, 1918, to fill the position of rural carrier at Stem, N. C. and vacancies that may later occur on rural routes from other post offices in the county. The examination will be open only to male citizens who are actually domiciled in the territory of a post office in the county and who meet the other requirements set forth in Form No. 1977. This form and application blanks may be obtained from Mr. Nelson Ferebee, at the Oxford post-office or from the United States Civil Service Commission at Washington, D. C. Applications should be forwarded to the Commission at Washington at the earliest practicable date.

GEN. ROYSTER DONATES FLAG

Judge Devin Received it on the Part of the Class.

Gen. B. S. Royster last Sunday morning presented to the Oxford Baraca Class, of which he is the teacher, a handsome United States flag. Judge Devin, who was present, was designated to receive the flag in the name of the class. He spoke of the great work the class is engaged in and eulogized General Royster for his talent and devotion. In speaking of our flag, Judge Devin declared that wherever it goes religion follows.

There is displayed in front of General Royster's residence a service flag denoting the two sons that he has contributed to the cause of democracy.

MR. J. B. EVANS WEDS MISS JONES, OF OXFORD.

Ceremony Performed in Henderson By Rev. A. T. Banks.

Mr. J. P. Evans, of Henderson, and Miss Avalea Jones, daughter of Mrs. J. W. Jones, of Oxford, were married Wednesday evening at seven o'clock at the Christian parsonage Rev. A. T. Banks officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Evans are spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Spruill in Henderson. The ride has been employed in the office of the Southern Gas Company at Oxford.

THE NAMES OF OUR SOLDIER BOYS WANTED.

We Wish to Publish All Their Names in a Special Edition of the Public Ledger.

The editor of the Public Ledger is very desirous of getting a complete list of the boys who have gone into the service of the United States Army and Navy for publication. Quite a number of boys were already in the service before war was declared with Germany and quite a number of others went in soon after the declaration was made. And then many others went in through the selective draft system.

We want to get a complete list of these boys, with the branch of the service they are connected with and where they are at present located. It is our desire to publish all their names in a special edition at an early date. In order to do this we must have the help of the relatives and friends of these young men who are now serving in the Army and Navy of their Country. We want ever reader of this paper who knows the whereabouts of any young man in the service to write us on a postal card, giving his name, present location, and the branch of the service he is connected with. In this way we can get a complete list. When we have gotten the names together we shall publish them complete in one issue of the Public Ledger. Such a paper will be a valuable one to keep.

Now we shall call on the relatives and friends of these soldier and sailor boys to give us these names at once.

ALBEMARLE PRESBYTERY MET THURSDAY IN HENDERSON

Rev. J. S. Kennison Was Returned to the Granville County Charge

The called meeting of the Albemarle Presbytery held in Henderson last Thursday was for the purpose of considering the resignation of Rev. J. S. Kennison, who is in charge of the Granville country churches, and who had been called to Wake county.

The Presbytery declined to accept Rev. Mr. Kennison's resignation on the grounds that his work in his present charge was too valuable to change him to another field, and he was returned to the Granville county charge.

The ministers attending the Presbytery meeting were Rev. S. K. Phillips, of Greenville; Rev. J. S. Kennison, of Stovall; Dr. McWhite, of Raleigh; Rev. Lewis Collins and Rev. R. A. White, of Henderson. Elders from the Granville county churches, from the Wake county charge and also from the Henderson church were present.

A PROFOUND MYSTERY.

Why Chief Hobgood Did Not Clean the Streets of Oxford.

What is puzzling the people of Oxford at the present time is why Chief Hobgood did not sweep the snow from the sidewalks and otherwise improve the conditions that existed in Oxford for the past week. He had at his disposal sufficient man and mule power to have swept every sidewalk and street in Oxford. Why he did not do it will always remain a profound mystery. The fact that he is one of the most considerate of men, always planning for the comfort and safety of the people of Oxford leads his thousands of friends to believe that he has turned against them.

If he had only swiped the snow from the sidewalks and streets the morning after it came he would have averted many aches and pains caused by the continuous wearing of rubber overshoes.

OXFORD TOBACCO MARKET.

Sales Were Resumed Last Monday Morning.

After the close down for the holidays, the Oxford Tobacco Market opened last Monday morning, and despite the inclement weather a large delegation of tobacco growers from the county were present to note the state of the market. The only sale of the day was at the Banner, and the prices were slightly higher than at the close in December. All of the buyers were on hand and the bidding was lively on all grades.

MUST REPORT ON ALL 1917 INCOMES THAT REACH \$1,000

Government Demands Filing of Banks Even if Person is Exempt From Tax.

* You must make an income report to the Government before March 1, 1918, if you earned \$1,000 during the year 1917.

* If you are a single man or woman, and your income last year exceeded \$1,000, you are subject to an income tax of 2 percent on all in excess of \$1,000.

* If you are a married man your income is exempt from taxation to the extent of \$2,000, plus an added exemption of \$200 for each child under 18.

* All taxes are based on the income for the year 1917.

* In addition to the above normal tax, which amounts to 2 percent, there is a graduated super-tax on incomes exceeding \$5,000, starting at 1 percent, and grading to 50 percent on incomes exceeding one million a year.

* There is a graduated "excess profit" tax on both individuals and business concerns benefited by the prosperity, starting at 8 percent and graded up to 60 percent.

* All this is in addition to the old income tax, which is still in effect.

* All returns must be in the hands of the Government before March 1, 1918, and all taxes are due before June 15, 1918.

* Failure to comply with the tax law, which has heretofore constituted a misdemeanor, is now a crime, and dodgers will be prosecuted by the Federal Government.

The new years finds the millions who are affected by the new income tax in a state of mind that to call confused would be stating it mildly. The thousands and one questions that confront the taxpayers-to-be, and the difficulty experienced by those who have endeavored to answer them, have placed the famed questionnaire relatively in the kindergarten class.

Expert accountants in the employ of the Government for the purpose of explaining away the intricacies of the tax-return sheet are free to admit that there are involved depths which even their trained minds are unable to fathom.

"Capital," for instance, is defined by law, but the Government agents have not yet been able to interpret the definition. Just what constitutes capital is unknown. It is the X of the question.

This much, however, is known. If you are a citizen of the United States

LOCAL EXEMPTION BOARD POSTS BATCH OF NAMES.

Registrants Should Respond Without Delay.

The Granville County Exemption Board posted the following list of names Monday, January 8:

A list of the names whose questionnaires have been returned to the Local Board unclaimed. If your name appears in the following list, call at office and receive your questionnaire:

R. T. Hightower	Jno. Hunt
W. E. Woodlief	L. Anderson
H. R. Wilson	Jno. Winston
J. T. Smith	C. T. Faison
G. W. Wilson	Ed. Taylor
J. Satterwhite	E. Howell
F. C. Royster	G. W. Ferrell
Jessie Jones	D. A. Hicks
Alfred Clark	Robt. Smith
Carbin Taylor	J. N. Smith
Ollie Cozart	R. L. Taylor
Parham Jones	H. R. Harris
Otho Chavis	Charlie Crews
Floyd Cozart	Early Cooper
Wm. Parrish	Robt. Wilson
Fred Bowden	Will Waller
Ben Johnson	F. N. Sneed
R. D. Mangum	Andrew M. Jones
Walter Moss	Lonnie Harris
Geo. Pettway	Geo. Moss
	A. Henderson

—Three eclipses this year, one of the moon, one of the sun and one of the kaiser.

THE SERVICES OF COUNTY AGENT RETAINED.

Commissioner Hart Cast His Vote Against Retention.

A large delegation of prominent citizens of town and county appeared before the County Board of Commissioners at their regular meeting last Monday and vigorously opposed the abolition of the office of County Demonstrator. It had been previously noised abroad that the commissioners were opposed to continuing the work at this time, and the delegation of broad minded men were on hand, as might have been expected, to set them straight.

The fact is, the commissioners have at all times realized that the demonstration work as prosecuted by Dr. Morris, was of untold benefit to the county, but the question that agitated their minds was whether it was the part of wisdom at this time to borrow the money and continue the work or not. Commissioner Hart was the only member of the Board that registered his vote against continuing the demonstration work.

RED CROSS NOTES.

Mrs. A. A. Chapman, who has been acting Chairman of the Knitting Committee during the absence of Mrs. Elliott, has been untiring in her efforts, and as a result this branch of Red Cross work is splendidly organized. The ladies of both the town and county are taking great interest in knitting, and the Granville County Chapter and its Stovall Branch and Enon and Creedmoor Auxiliaries are completing numbers of sweaters, mufflers, socks, helmets, and wristlets, which are being forwarded to Red Cross Headquarters at Atlanta, and under special permit direct to Red Cross Directors at the camps to be given to soldiers who have gone from this county. It is difficult to keep a supply of yarn so great is the interest in knitting.

Miss Nette Gregory, Chairman of Publicity Committee, is rendering valuable service in keeping the people informed as to the activities of the Granville County Chapter. The Public Ledger generously gives liberal space to the Red Cross and the Chapter is grateful for its ever ready willingness to publish Red Cross notes.

Important School Notice

Due to the condition of the furnace at the High School building it will be impossible to have school there until some work is done. The following plan will be adopted:

The High School grades will attend the Graded School building until 12:20 o'clock each day and then will leave so that the rooms may be occupied by the fifth and sixth grades until about four o'clock. In this way all the work of the school may go on in a very satisfactory manner. The first grade under Miss Haynes will use the first grade room on College street at 12:20 when the afternoon session will begin.

It is hoped that this plan will not be necessary very long but under the circumstances it seems the best. In a way it will save a lot of coal.

G. B. PHILLIPS, Supt.

QUESTIONNAIRES MAILED TO ALL GRANVILLE REGISTRANTS

Registrants Have Only Seven Days in Which to Return Questionnaires.

In the order of progression the highest draft number reached by the Granville County Exemption Board Monday was 1826, leaving only 100 men, to who the questionnaire was mailed Tuesday.

Quite a number of the questionnaires are being returned without being opened, which seems to imply that many of the registrants have changed their address since registering. It is the duty of the registrants to notify the exemption board of change of address, and there is a heavy penalty for such failure.

The lawyers have been busy assisting registrants in filling out the questionnaires. As all of the questionnaires must be returned to the Exemption Board within seven days after mailing, the lawyers will soon have a breathing spell.

—German peace terms at the present time are interesting but not important.

CREED OF DEMOCRACY IS SPOKEN BY PREMIER.

Acceptance of Proposal Depends Upon Sincerity of Germany and Readiness to Stop Fighting Before Her Own Economic Strangulation.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Premier Lloyd George has pronounced the creed of democracy—the terms under which the entente and the United States would be willing to make peace with Germany.

Within a single speech, carefully considered and explicitly phrased, the British premier has satisfied Russia's plea for a statement of war aims, has answered the growing demand of socialists and laboring classes in all the belligerent countries for a definition of allied purposes, and has told the German people that there is no intention to destroy them or to force upon them a form of government which they may not desire.

But, at the same time, the people of Germany are given to understand that the war cannot at this most critical hour be discontinued unless there is convincing evidence of sincerity—and such an evidence from the viewpoint of the allies, would be a democratization of the imperial constitution.

Presumably the British premier wishes to convey the impression that the allies are not interfering in the internal affairs of Germany, but from the outside must of necessity be influenced toward peace according as the Germans themselves show a desire to adopt a more responsible form of government. Obviously he has in mind making the imperial chancellor directly responsible to the reichstag and a limitation of the power of the bundesrath.

No Reverence to the Kaiser.

As for the overthrow of the kaiser, the British premier discreetly avoids the mistake which allied newspapers have made in the past by attacking a personality instead of a system. Attacks on the kaiser heretofore have only served to rally the German people just as foreign criticism of an American President would tend to solidify popular support of him. But changes in the German constitution, together with franchise reform, would greatly diminish the power of Emperor William, and sooner or later, bring about the downfall of the Hehenzollern dynasty.

In a general way Lloyd George has followed the principles laid down by President Wilson himself, but the British premier has developed the situation much further by giving an explicit statement on territorial questions, something which Mr. Wilson in the very nature of America's position could not with propriety discuss in detail. Yet whatever inferences or doubts may have been raised by the President's general statements have now been clearly expressed by the British leader and the allies have given to the world a formula for peace that is equitable and just. Its acceptance depends upon the sincerity of Germany and her readiness to stop fighting before drastic measures of trade discrimination by the allies lead to her economic strangulation no matter what the military outcome of the war.

MOOSE PARTY MAKING TOUR OF ARMY CAMPS.

Passed Through Oxford Last Week, Stopping at the Exchange Hotel.

National Director John H. Risbeck of the Loyal Order of Moose with his staff arrived one day last week from Pittsburg in a big brown automobile which he styles "The Chocolate Soldier," after a thrilling trip over the mountains in which he made the run from Pittsburg to Washington in less than 16 hours.

Mr. Risbeck is on a tour of all army camps between Washington and Florida, where he will hold Moose rallies, and he carries letters from secretaries of all Moose lodges in Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia, requesting him to take their greetings to their home boys.

Basket-Ball Friday Night at Armory

The first game of the new year will be played this week with the team from the Durham High School. That school always puts out a strong team and Oxford will have a hard contest. The team at home is putting in regular practice each day and hopes to get in good shape.

Be certain to be there.