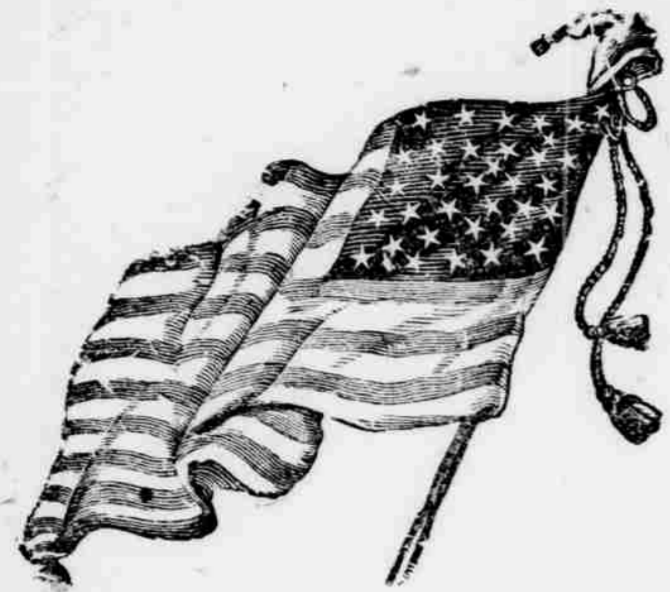


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A SHOCK FOR THE VAIN

Listen for another wail from the conscientious objector. In the interest of conservation, fancy shirts, fancy ties, fancy socks and other glad articles dedicated to the adornment of the male sex may be considerably pruned by the official tax at Washington.

Vanity for long years has called for many colors and styles in masculine habilitment. Fashion in numerous cases was so riotously that the aurore borealis blushed with envy. Consequently to be suddenly dimmed from man are light to an incandescence, toned down from a brass band to a hand organ, will be more than some of the most fastidious can early bear.

SUMMING IT UP.

How many past heads of the Department of the Interior can you recall? Many of them have been great and useful men, but few of them have been famous—while in office. Paraphrasing Henry Clay's great remark, someone has cried, "I'd rather be wrong than be Secretary of the Interior." To take the job has often been like taking the veil, politically, for four years.

All of which serves to introduce Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior, and second to none in the close counsels of President Wilson. Lane defies the traditional desuetude of his office and persists in being prominently mentioned for every new office about to be created to win the war.

Every member of the Cabinet believes heartily in the war, but few of them have Secretary Lane's ability to sum up our purpose in the struggle.

NATURAL HISTORY OF TASTE.

An interesting lesson in the natural history of public taste—or of individual taste, for that amounts in the long run to the same thing—is afforded by conditions in the motion-picture business.

A large producer of films complains that the public is not paying enough for the pictures it goes to see. The costs of production have gone up not only on account of the war, but also on account of the developing taste of patrons.

When moving pictures began taking the place, to a large extent, of the legitimate stage, there were lusty howls over the probable effect on the public taste. Film dramas were regarded as a debasement of art and a pandering to minds in a low state of cultivation. At first they were, many of them, pretty poor stuff. But they have grown better and better. Patrons have at the same time become more discriminating, and now they are not satisfied with anything less than the best that can be produced.

This bit of motion picture history is indicative of one of the strongest traits in human nature. Improvement in taste is a natural tendency of the mind. The evolution of the film industry is no more wonderful than the accompanying evolution in the likes and demands of the movie patrons.

TO THE END OF THE ROAD!

When Lloyd George said that there is no halfway house on the road to victory he spoke for all the

nations waging humanity's war against Kaiserism.

The length of that road we do not know, but we know there is no possibility of stopping or turning aside until the end is reached.

All the sign posts repeat the single legend: "Win the War!" Progress has been facilitated by the work of the House Commission by which America was represented at the Interallied Conference. The success of the conference in effecting close unity of action was due in large measure to the attitude of the American members.

Co-operation will shorten the road to victory. It will not make the going easier or permit any slackening of effort.

Co-operation, as we find in specific terms by the Paris Conference, imposes on America the obligation of putting additional energy into the task of building and launching ships—ships—ships.

It also necessitates the rushing of American troops to Europe in as large and constant a stream as is humanly possible. No longer are money and munitions and food supplies our sufficient contribution.

If costs money and material resources to travel this road to victory and peace. It is going to cost men.

But as the war comes nearer home to us, the end of the war advances into our clearer sight. We are now passing the last signposts on the road to victory, and still they all bear the same injunction: "Win the War!"

APPRECIATIVE LETTERS FROM OUR SOLDIER BOYS.

Major William Landis, who was instrumental in collecting the Christmas funds for our soldier boys, is in receipt of a large number of appreciative letters from them. From them the Public Ledger takes a few extracts as follows:

From Lieutenant Landis.

Suppose you will be deluged by letters expressing thanks to the people of Granville for their remembrance of the absent ones at Xmas Time, so if you make any statement of thanks through the Public Ledger please include my name as one who appreciates more than I am able to describe the wonderful spirit of the folks down home.

I am sure that I speak for every man in the service when I say that just such things, coming as it did from every one, strikes a responsive chord, like no amount of attention from other sources could. You might compare this war to a football game in which we are the players and those at home the student body. And the Navy Team could fight like hell when it was backed up by the regiment of midshipmen, and as Walker Camp once said when we licked the Army with a greatly inferior team "It was simply Navy spirit that won." Well Walker Camp's, or perhaps I should say Woodrow Wilson's, all American team has again even chosen and with the proper backing from the bleachers, I can't see why we should not make a touch down on Fritz.

I am enclosing the check which I wish you to give to the local Red Cross for me or to any other patriotic society as you see fit.

Am now on a destroyer and of course have big hopes for the future. Have had very interesting duty since the war began but this promises to be the best of all.

Have received two promotions due to the big increase of the Navy and am now Lieutenant (senior grade), the same rank as Captain in the Army.

There is no news that I could tell that would be of interest to you, but on the other hand I think you could tell me lots of interesting news about Oxford, in particular, relative to the fellows of my crowd who are now in the service and I sincerely trust that there is not a single member of the Landis family, who possibly can be, who is not in some branch of the service. I was very proud to learn that Billy had won a commission.

Love to sister May and the rest.
ARTHUR LANDIS.
U. S. S. Maymont.

From Lt. Mayes.

Your token of kind remembrance have been received and highly appreciated by the boys from Oxford. It is indeed gratifying to know that the boys are not forgotten back home. The spirit of a gift from home fills the boys with pride for

the town which so well lives up to the reputation of Old North Carolina of remembering those who go.

Christmas was a glorious season in camp and the appetites of all were more than satisfied. Plenty of time was given for celebration of the day and the time was well taken up, for if ever there was a sufficiently celebrated Christmas it was in Camp Sevier this year. Everybody joined in and made the day one to be remembered for some time to come.

Again thanking you in behalf of the Oxford boys of this Company and myself for the kind remembrance, and wishing you a Happy and Prosperous New Year,

JOHN B. MAYES, JR.,
1st Lieut. M. G. Co. 120th Inf.

From Lt. B. S. Royster.

It made me very happy to know that at Christmas Time there were people in Oxford who were thinking of those of us who were less fortunate than they, and so could not be in Oxford for Christmas, and I want to thank you most sincerely for the Christmas gift you sent me. It gave me a pleasure and a feeling that I shall not soon forget. Thanking you again and with best wishes for the happy and prosperous year.

BEV ROYSTER,
Camp Sevier.

From Sergt. Chas. Powell.

The check's received today, and I gave them out to the boys at dinner.

I am sure that I express their feelings when I say, that each and every one of them appreciate your efforts in our behalf. I can assure you, than I for one will always remember what you have done. I guess some one will write you a letter and let you publish it, thanking the dear people back home; but I wish it was so that I could write to each man, woman and child that contributed to that fund and thank them myself, because they are the ones that will never know how much we appreciated the gifts.

We also received a box for every man in the Company from Raleigh.

I'll tell you Mr. Landis how it makes we boys feel getting all these nice things from home. It just makes you wish you were over in France in the trenches and could hear the command "Over the Top" and give them hell. Believe me we are going to give them hell when we go over.

We had a nice dinner today, and it would have been a joyful Christmas, if you dear people had been with us; but we were without you all, so therefore it was not joyful.

Again thanking you and the dear people back home, and hoping some day to come back, I am,

Your friend,
CHAS. POWELL.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE BANK OF STOVALL

At Stovall in the State of N. C. at the close of business Dec. 31, 1917.

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$59,624.41
Overdrafts unsecured	38.75
Furniture and fixtures	500.00
Due from Nat. Banks	14,054.34
Cold coin	230.00
Silver coin, including all minor coin currency	619.40
National bank notes and other U. S. Notes	3,286.00
Total	\$78,352.90

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$ 5,000.00
Surplus fund	2,500.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	1,838.34
Deposits subject to check	48,648.60
Time Certificates of deposits	20,365.87
Cashier's checks outstanding	09
Total	\$78,352.90

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State of North Carolina, County of Granville, Jan. 9th, 1918.
I, C. L. Lewis, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

C. L. LEWIS, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 9th day of January 1918.
R. T. GREGORY, Notary Public.
CORRECT—Attest:
R. C. PUCKETT,
W. N. TAYLOR,
W. L. TAYLOR,
Directors.

WE HAVE ROYSTERS, ZELLS and Patapsco, Guano for plant beds.—Lyon-Winston Co. J12tf

WANTED — TO RENT PIANO. Address A. B. C., Public Ledger Office. Jan 123tz

BUSINESS LOCALS

THE READERS OF THE PUBLIC LEDGER SCRUTINIZE THIS COLUMN VERY CLOSELY. THIS CLASS OF ADVERTISING IS A VERY EFFECTIVE WAY OF SECURING RESULTS. THE RATE IS 5 CENTS A LINE EACH INSERTION. AVERAGE SIX WORDS TO THE LINE. STRICTLY CASH WITH ORDER. UNLESS THE ADVERTISER RUNS A REGULAR ADVERTISEMENT WITH THIS PAPER, NON-PAID READING NOTICES AT BOTTOM OF COLUMN ON FRONT PAGE 10c. A LINE NO AD. TAKEN FOR LESS THAN 20 CENTS.

OXFORD ORPHANAGE SHOE SHOP will repair your shoes nicely. Will send for them and return them promptly. Call Phone 24 Jan 27tf

TO MY GRANVILLE COUNTY Friends, let me say that while goods are hard to get, yet we are prepared to fill your wants for most anything in the Hardware or implement line that we are accustomed to handling. Roofing of all kinds, wire of all kinds, Implements and buggies and wagons will all be my specialty for January. Samuel Davis, Clarksville, Va.

"SEED COTTON—WE WILL BUY or gin your seed cotton, delivered to Horner Brothers Co, Oxford or at C. W. Bryan's gin on his farm, Edgewood. Horner Bros. Co. Nov 14tf.

WE HAVE THE BEST GALVANIZED V Crimp in 6, 7, & 8 foot lengths, a big stock of Old Style 12 & 15 lb. coating, Old style squares of rubber roofing and we will guarantee our prices for the present while the stock lasts, to save you good money. Samuel Davis, Clarksville, Va.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF The National Bank of Granville AT OXFORD IN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON DECEMBER 31, 1917.

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$897,881.21	
Total loans	897,881.21	897,881.21
Overdrafts unsecured	1,506.11	1,506.11
U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation	15,000.00	
Total U. S. Bonds (other than Liberty Bonds) and certificates of indebtedness		15,000.00
Liberty Loan Bonds, 3 1/2 and 4 per cent, pledged to secure U. S. deposits	47,000.00	47,000.00
Securities other than U. S. bonds (not including stock) owned unpledged	6,175.00	
Total bonds, securities, etc		6,175.00
Stock other than Fed. Res. Bankstock		3,000.00
Stock of Fed. Res. Bnk. (50 per cent of sub)		3,600.00
Furniture and fixtures		4,256.24
Lawful reserve with Fed. Res. Bank		64,377.84
Cash in vaults and net amts due from nat. bnks., Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items		104,954.11
Total	\$1,178,596.53	

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$60,000.00
Surplus fund	60,000.00
Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid	33,352.29
Circulating notes outstanding	15,000.00
Net amounts due to National Banks	1,788.63
Net amounts due to banks, bankers and trust companies	2,335.67
Individual deposits subject to check	714,405.53
Cashier's checks outstanding	1,858.25
Total demand deposits (other than bank deposits, subject to Reserve	716,263.78
Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed)	79,595.14
Other time deposits	200,511.02
Total of time deposits subject to Reserve	280,106.16
War loan deposit account	9,750.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	750.00
Total	\$1,178,596.53

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF GRANVILLE, ss:
I, W. T. Yancey, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
W. T. YANCEY, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of Jan., 1918
CORRECT—Attest:
E. G. CREWS,
Notary Public.
H. G. COOPER,
W. Z. MITCHELL,
J. G. HALL, Directors

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF The Oxford Savings Bank and Trust Company AT OXFORD, IN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS DECEMBER 31, 1917.

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$272,783.56
All other Stocks, Bonds, and Mortgages	1,100.00
Due from National Banks	39,962.19
Total	\$313,845.75

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$ 16,300.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	26,512.27
Savings deposits	271,033.48
Total	\$313,845.75

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W. Z. MITCHELL,
J. G. HALL, Directors.

IF YOU WANT FIRE WOOD, CALL LEO E. BYRUM, the contractor, specifying the kind wanted and it will be supplied on short notice for cash. Phone 181-J. Dec 8tf

A BIG STOCK OF AVERY CORN planters, Walter A. Wood Mowers, Rakes, Penn Drills, Disc Harrows, Iron Drags, Land Rollers, Lime sowers, Wagons and buggies and harness is now in stock at Samuel Davis, and believe me the people are buying them. They are not going to last long, so the first comes here gets the plum. Samuel Davis, Clarksville, Va.

BUY YOUR FURNITURE NOW BEFORE any advance in price. We have full stock yet awhile. Upchurch & Currin. N24tf

FOR SALE—ONE 7-PASSENGER Studebaker car, in perfect condition. Price right, let me demonstrate it to you. LEO E. BYRUM. Dec 8tf

WANTED—150 CORDS OF OAK and pine wood. Either dry or green. Oxford Orphanage. J44tf

IF YOU CAN'T SEE RIGHT, TALK it over with Knight, he knows. 6 College Street, Oxford N. C. Dec 15tf

WE HAVE ROYSTERS, ZELLS and Patapsco, Guano for plant beds.—Lyon-Winston Co. J12tf

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