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GRANVILLE COUNTY MAN WITH A NATIONAL REPUTATION.

Mr. H. H. Eatman Leads the United States in Yield of Seed Cotton Per Acre.

The United States Department of Agriculture, credits Mr. H. H. Eatman a farmer in Granville county as one of four farmers in the United States to produce the largest yield of cotton to the acre during 1916, says the Washington correspondent of the News and Observer. The Department of Agriculture made a country-wide survey among 50,000 correspondent on this query:

"What are the largest known yields of a given crop that have been obtained in the United States," potatoes, tobacco, cotton, corn, wheat, barley, flaxseed and rye were the crops incorporated in the survey.

Mr. Eatman grew an average of 2,000 pounds of cotton in the seed to the acre on three acres. The average yield of cotton for Granville county in that year 570 pounds of cotton; the average yield for the State of North Carolina was 602 pounds to the acre, while the average production for the United States in 1916 was 447.4 pounds.

How He Did It.

The Department of Agriculture incorporates the testimonial of the Granville county farmer into its official records from which this paragraph is gathered:

"The Granville county, North Carolina, grower writes that the land was 'manured in drill with good stable manure.' 'I gave the crop, I think, the correct cultivation and was assisted by very favorable weather. I am sure the report you have been favored with is not exaggerated. I stood and picked out with my mouth nice white cotton which was five feet, 2 1/2 inches from the ground. In conclusion will state that I am 75 years old, have made cotton ever since the civil war and I never made a better crop in my experience."

Granville county is strictly a tobacco growing region. The bright leaf grown around Creedmoor, Hester, Stem and Oxford is world-famous for its quality. The county has never heretofore been credited as especially adaptable to record yields of cotton.

The Tobacco Record.

The record yield of tobacco, rated in pounds, goes to Franklin county, Illinois. This county produced 3,000 pounds of tobacco on one acre. Cleveland county, Arkansas, produced the record yield of sweet potatoes—1,000 bushels on two acres. Norfolk county, Virginia, led the United States in per acre production of corn—174 bushels, whereas the average yield for the State was only 28 bushels. Eagle county, Colorado, produced the greatest quantity of oats to the acre—142 bushels, while the average production was only 33 bushels.

Sweet Potato Record.

The Arkansas grower who raised 1,000 bushels of sweet potatoes to the two acres writes that he did fully as well in 1917. His methods are:

"I broadcast the land with barnyard manure and applied cottonseed meal at the rate of 800 pounds an acre. Cultivation was with a one-horse harrow."

BROAD POWERS TO FIX THE FOOD PRICES.

Wilson Tells Congressmen He Believes Such Legislation is Immediately Necessary.

Washington, Jan. 25.—A draft of a bill giving the President broad power to fix prices of food and other products essential to the conduct of the war for domestic consumption was laid before members of the house agriculture committee by President Wilson with the request that it be pressed for passage.

GOVERNMENT IS TO SEEK TYPISTS HERE.

Civil Service Commission Agent Expected Here Within Few Days.

Stenographers and typewriters from Oxford and this section of the State are to be sought by an agent of the Civil Service Commission who is expected to come here during the next few weeks, according to information just received by the Public Ledger.

PROVIDENCE ORGANIZES FOR IMPORTANT WAR WORK.

Mrs. W. R. Kimball Elected Chairman of the Auxiliary.

The Auxiliary Committee of the Granville Chapter of Red Cross organized an Auxiliary at Providence on Friday last. Mrs. W. R. Kimball was elected Chairman and Mrs. Willie Lee Currin Secretary and Treasurer. This Auxiliary will begin work at an early date and splendid results are anticipated from this organization.

At Headquarters.

The Knitting Committee at the headquarters of the Granville County Chapter of the American Red Cross made another shipment on Saturday last of the following garments:

Sweaters	28
Mufflers	11
Wristlets (pair)	4
Socks (pair)	19
Ambulance Robe	1

Donations Received.

The Chapter acknowledges donations of wood from Mrs. Aubrey Moore and Mr. R. L. Knowles, also the following cash donations:

For Wool	\$3.50
Mrs. A. W. Graham	2.00
Miss Susan Graham	2.00
Mr. A. W. Graham, Jr.	2.00
Mr. Charley Speed	1.00
Primary Room Providence	1.00

Also a donation of \$7.12 from the Colored School. This amount was received at a "North Carolina Rally Day" held at the school under the leadership of Margaret Pittard, teacher.

Instructor Coming.

The Granville County Chapter of Red Cross has secured the services of an Instructor in Surgical Dressings, who will begin the Class on Monday, January 28th. Each student is expected to provide for herself the following equipment. Scrap basket, shears, common pins, thimbles, needles, whisk-broom and white apron with sleeves to wrist.

New Members.

Miss Filma Hunt, Miss Sue W. Hall, Mrs. Kate White, Mrs. W. C. Currin, Mrs. W. H. Walters, Mr. J. U. Okey, Mr. Hazel Webb, Mr. E. C. Mangum, Mrs. R. I. Daniel, Mrs. H. H. Murray, Miss Virginia Carroll, Mrs. F. W. Hancock, Jr., Mrs. J. G. Shotwell, Mr. Walter Fleming, Benham.

The Banner Day.

Wednesday afternoon was a "banner day" at the Red Cross work room, during the afternoon 9 Bed, Shirts and a countless number of bandages were made.

SANDY GREGORY CONVICTED.

Waylaid Colored Boy and Hit Him With an Iron Pipe.

Sandy Gregory, a colored boy of unsavory reputation, took his stand in front of a colored church last Sunday night, and as the congregation was leaving he selected out one of the students at Mary Potter School and struck him on the head with a piece of iron pipe.

Mayor Mitchell heard the case in Municipal Court Wednesday. Andy's troubles seemed to be imaginary. He was ably represented by Mr. A. W. Graham, Jr.; and the student retained Gen. Royster and Senator Hicks to represent him. Andy's character would not stand the X-ray of the able court, and Mayor Mitchell sentenced him to the roads for six months.

In his remarks to the Court, Gen. Royster characterized Andy's act, that of creeping up behind the student in the dark and hitting him with an iron pipe, as being in the class of the highwayman, and all such, he said, should receive severe punishment.

TWO CHIEF AIMS OF GARFIELD'S ORDER ACHIEVED

Fuel Moving to Seaboard in Sufficient Volume to Supply Trans-Atlantic Shipping.

Washington, Jan. 25.—Two of the chief accomplishments sought by the government in closing down industry by cutting off fuel supplies have been achieved.

Homes throughout the east are receiving coal in larger quantities than has been reported for weeks and bunker coal is again moving to Seaboard in sufficient volume to supply trans-Atlantic shipping.

AUSTRIAN CABINET HAS RESIGNED AS RESULT OF INTERNAL WAR-WEARINESS.

People Beg For Peace; Emperor Getting Away From Pan-German Policy of Berlin's Government.

The situation in Austro-Hungary is so complex, so inextricable interwoven with national aspirations and intrigues, that it is well nigh impossible to make an accurate estimate of true conditions at this distance and with only censored rumors upon which to construct theories. But the fact remains that Austro-Hungary is tired of German domination and that it is only a question of a short time now that the break between the Teuton empires must and will come. And when that day arrives, world peace will knock at the doors of civilization and democracy.

(Associated Press)

The peace situation in Austria-Hungary is receiving a great deal of attention in Germany. The Socialist organ Vorwaerts, of Berlin, emphatically declares the solidarity of the German proletariat with Austrian labor in the peace struggle and maintains that event in the dual monarchy must have a deep reaction in Germany.

"We have been walking on the edge of a precipice in the last few days," it says, and goes on to demand that the German Government resolutely take its place by the side of its Austrian ally.

"As the fruit of Pan-German propaganda," it continues, "we are menaced not only with the wrecking of the peace negotiations with Russia, but also with complete political isolation. This danger can be averted only if the German Government declares itself in agreement with Foreign Czernin's declaration (respecting adherence to the principles of no annexations and no indemnities) and draws therefrom all practical conclusions which must be drawn honestly."

MISS HELEN HOLMES.

Sensational Heroine Will Be Seen at the Orpheum in "The Lost Express"

Helen Holmes' latest and most thrilling photoplay, "The Lost Express," fifteen chapter Mutual-Signal production, has been booked at the Orpheum Theatre. The first chapter will be shown Saturday, January 26, and the succeeding episodes on each Saturday of each week.

"The Lost Express" is a mystery drama in which Miss Holmes is said to outdo the sensational performances for which she won world wide fame as the most adventurous actress on the screen.

"We have booked Helen Holmes' new picture," announced Managers Harris and Crews, "because we realize the popularity of Miss Holmes with the picture going public and because we believe that it is the most absorbing serial that was ever offered in pictures."

FOOD HIGHER AND HIGHER.

Cost of Living in One Year Increases 23 Per Cent.

According to the bureau of labor statistics of the Department of Labor, in the year from November 15, 1916, to November 15, 1917, prices of food as a whole advanced 23 per cent. Potatoes are the only article that show a decline in price. Corn meal advanced 87 per cent.; bacon 62 per cent.; pork chops, 48 per cent.; beans, 39 per cent.; salmon, 38 per cent.; milk, 33 per cent.; and lard, 27 per cent.

Food as a whole was 48 per cent. higher on November 15, 1917, than on November 15, 1913, and 46 per cent. higher than on November 15, 1914. During this four-year period corn meal advanced 127 per cent.; flour, 109 per cent.; lard, 104 per cent.; bacon, 77 per cent.; sugar, 75 per cent.; and potatoes, 72 per cent. No article declined in price.

MR. L. F. SMITH'S CONDITION.

Dr. Daniel Admits That His Patient Is Very Sick.

The condition of Mr. L. F. Smith, proprietor of the Exchange Hotel, has not improved. Dr. Daniel, who has charge of the case, admits that his patient is very sick. The prayers of the community is that the life of the good man will be prolonged.

FROM THE CAPITOL OF STEM. Marriages, Deaths and a Batch of Personal Items.

(Correspondence Public Ledger)

Mrs. Battle Moss Dead.

Mrs. Battle Moss, wife of a prominent merchant of Creedmoor died at her home in that place last Tuesday morning after a lingering illness. She was a consecrated follower of the Saviour and a member of the Creedmoor Methodist church. She is survived by a devoted husband and five children.

May-Nance.

Miss Sallie May, of Route 5, and Mr. Robert Nance, of Knap of Reeds, were united in marriage at the home of Mr. J. N. Tilley, Route 1, Sunday afternoon last, Esquire Tilley performing the ceremony. Mr. Nance is in the army at Camp Sevier and his bride will accompany him to Greenville, where she will reside until he goes to France.

Popular Hotel Clerk.

Mr. W. T. Thomasson was a Durham visitor this week, and we are glad to learn that his son Denny, who accepted a position in Greenville some time ago is back at the Melbourn at an advanced salary.

Mr. Mayer Improves.

We are glad to learn that Mr. J. B. Mayer, who underwent a severe operation in a Richmond hospital last week, is getting along nicely at this writing.

Joins the National Army.

Lieutenant D. L. Hardee, who enlisted in the army and later entered the officers' training camp at Oglethorpe, is spending a few days with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Hardee, before joining his regiment at Camp Green, Charlotte.

Mr. Brooks Hurt.

Mr. W. C. Brooks, an aged farmer on Route 1, was painfully hurt last week while carrying a stick of wood to the saw. He stumbled and fell against the wheel of the engine, breaking one rib and sustaining other injuries.

Personal Mentions.

Mr. R. D. Holeman attended the funeral of his brother, Mr. James Holeman, in Raleigh Tuesday.

Mr. Roy C. Daniel, of Oxford, spent the week end with his parents in Tally Ho.

Mr. W. A. Gooch lost a fine milk cow Monday.

Mr. Ewell Farabow, of Richmond, spent the week end with his aunt, Mrs. J. M. Bullock. He has just finished taking a business course in Richmond and has accepted a position in Durham.

Mr. J. B. Thomasson, of Tally Ho, spent the week end with his daughter, Mrs. J. W. Woodlief, at Youngsville.

DECEMBER AND MAY.

Happy Couple Pledge Their Troth in the Register of Deed's Office.

Mr. Oscar F. Hughes, 64 years old and a follower of Lee, and Mrs. Maranda Wagstaff, both of Southern Granville and well-to-do and highly esteemed, motored to Oxford Wednesday and were married in the Register of Deed's Office, Justice L. T. Buchana pronouncing them man and wife.

Asked if they would go to Florida to spend their honeymoon, the blushing bride stated that old Granville was good enough for her and that a good fire at home far preferable to a long railway journey just at this time.

Some people criticize those who marry after the pate becomes bald, but veteran Hughes is an exception. He has the cash and a happy bride, and may their path be strewn with flowers.

Shipment of Mules.

Capt. Will Fleming has returned from Kentucky with a shipment of the best mules seen in Oxford for some time. The mules are on exhibition at the stables in rear of Owen Warehouse. See adv in this paper.

In the Front Ranks.

Keep step with the finest and go over the top in society with a tailor-made suit. See the announcement of Wm. Cheerkaas, the tailor, elsewhere in this paper.

—We cannot see the wisdom of "Tag-Your-Shovel Day" in these diggings when coal cannot be had for love nor money.

FUEL SITUATION IN OXFORD VERY SERIOUS.

Gen. Royster, Fuel Administrator, and Mayor Mitchell in Consultation.

Gen. B. S. Royster, Fuel Administrator of Granville county, this week apprised Mayor Mitchell of the immediate necessity of taking steps to avert suffering and death in this community on account of the scarcity of fuel.

General Royster suggested that everybody affected by the Monday closing order secure an axe and go to work. He stated that a great deal could be accomplished by an organization along this line.

If the worst comes, said Mayor Mitchell, he would be compelled to confiscate fuel for the saving of life. There are several families in Oxford entirely without fuel and there are other families with not more than a week's supply.

Gen. Royster and Mayor Mitchell have the question in hand and something will be done looking toward relief within the next few days.

TO BEGIN EXAMINATION OF CLASS ONE MEN.

As Soon as Weather Opens Up, Registrants Will Be Summoned.

Physical examination of all men placed in Class 1 of the new draft arrangement has been ordered by the War Department, under the terms of a ruling just received by the County Exemption Board, and as soon as the weather improves so as to permit travel by men living in the rural sections of the county the work will begin. This process of elimination is to prepare the entire division for immediate call for duty and to place permanently in Class V all men who are not in condition to do military duty.

Every man in Class 1 will be summoned, and the examination will proceed as rapidly as the corps of doctors can inspect the registrants. Those who are pronounced fit will be enrolled on a list that will stand ready for immediate induction into the National Army without further ado, and those who go down under the scrutiny of the medical men will be given their final classification card showing them permanently discharged from all obligation to service.

It is considered likely that the first batch of men to be inducted into the new army after the new classification will be called for about the middle or latter part of February of the first part of March. The method of procedure as to making up for the deficiency of last summer, when only a few more than half of the first draft quota for Granville county was sent away, has not been announced. It is presumed that this will have to be reckoned with as well as the county's share under the new levy that is to come.

NOTHING NEW UNDER THE SUN

Messrs J. Robt. Wood and Commissioner W. A. Parham Having Good Time.

Fifty-two years ago James river was frozen over and the people of Richmond got out their sleighs and enjoyed the situation. The same here today and Messrs Wood and Parham are a pleasing sight as they glide past in their sleigh drawn by black horses. The Times-Dispatch paints the following picture:

"Richmond has been attacked before. Exactly fifty-two years ago the James and the Potomac rivers were frozen over and no freights could be moved over them—the James river and Kanawha Canal was one long block of ice extending from here to Lynchburg, and packet boats were at a standstill, and three rickety railroads entering the city were snowbound. In addition the country roads were impassable, and for two weeks or more the markets were bare. Factories were idle and the streets were full of loafers, but the people got out their old-fashioned sleighs and enjoyed the situation not a little. There is nothing new under the sun."

Marriage Licenses.

Mr. J. B. Powell, Register of Deeds, issued 59 marriage licenses in Granville county during the month of December. Twenty-four were issued to whites and 35 to colored.