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## THE PATRIOTIC FARMERS OF GRANVILLE NEED HELP.

There Are Entirely Too Many Able-bodied Shirkers in Town—There Was Never a Better Time Than the Present to Enforce the Vagrant Laws.

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\* The importance of an adequate food supply, especially for the present year, is superlative. Without abundant food, alike for the armies and the people now at war, the whole great enterprise upon which we have embarked will break down and fall. I call upon young men and old alike and upon the able-bodied boys of the land to turn in hosts to the farms and make certain that no pains and no labor is lacking in this matter.—PRESIDENT WOODROW WILSON.  
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The Granville county farmers as a class seldom complain, but the Public Ledger has heard a number of them express deep concern as to the scarcity of labor. This is the question uppermost in their minds, and it is the question which should be the immediate concern of the Government. It is known that the exodus caused a great shortage in labor on the Granville farms. Better wages at shop, factory, camp and munition plant was responsible for another part of the shortage, but what the farmers feel most directly is the shortage imposed by the draft—for that has entailed the most serious of all inconveniences, because of the character of the help thus withdrawn. Granville farmers, whether justly or not, are quite outspoken in their discontent over some of the decisions in the drafting of farm labor, but without going into a discussion on that point the fact must be admitted that the farmers have been badly crippled through response to the draft law. It is for the Government to devise some plan by which this labor shortage may be relieved, and while the Government is very properly giving "first aid" to the munitions and shipbuilding plants, it seems to be overlooking the more urgent necessities of the producers of the country's food supplies.

We could not too urgently call the attention of the Government to the situation on the farms, nor could the fact be too strongly impressed that the time when the farmers must have help is fast drawing near. The year's crop of corn, wheat and other products which may be expected this year is going to depend upon the labor equipment of the farms at the time when the crops are cast.

The Granville county farmers, who are as patriotic as any other class of men, and in many instances more, may be depended upon to grow bumper crops if they can find the labor to do it with, but it is certain that the country's pile of farm products the coming season is going to be measured by the amount of labor the farmers were able to muster in its production.

Oxford is full of able-bodied farm shirkers and the same may be said of almost every town in the State. This labor might not be driven to the farms, but it could be made to forego the luxury of idle life in town. It could be put on the move and kept going until it made up its mind to return to honest work or some kind. There never was a better time than the present for an enforcement of the vagrancy laws, and quite so good a time may never come again. It should be the determination of every town to rout out the shirkers. In this day and time there should be employment for everybody and every man should be employed.

For Oriana Guano.  
W. H. Hargrett & Company, at Hargrett's sole agents of the celebrated Oriana Guano for Granville County. There is an interesting statement in reference to this brand on the second page of this paper.

**NOTICE TAXPAYERS.**  
If you have not paid your 1917 State and County Taxes please call at office and do so now. I must collect now to meet demands being made upon me daily.  
Statements will be mailed you, upon request. S. C. HOBGOOD,  
Sheriff Granville County.

## CONSERVATION OF FUEL.

General Royster Has The Situation in Hand.

Dr. Garfield's fuel conservation order was strictly observed in Oxford Monday. General B. S. Royster, fuel administrator for Granville county, set a good example by closing his office in the Odd Fellow's Temple. As fuel administrator he could have had a fire all day; as county treasurer he could have had another fire all day, and for other public service in which he is engaged he could have had the third fire all day. Finding him out in the cold, Judge Cam Hunt called him into the Clerk's office and gave him a table.

General Royster views the fuel situation of the country seriously. He not only insists that Dr. Garfield's Monday closing order must be complied with, but he says that it is the duty of every one to conserve as much fuel as possible not only on Monday but every other day.

General Royster and Mayor Mitchell were again in consultation as to the fuel situation in our midst.

## NECESSARY FARM SUPPLIES.

State Food Administrator Henry A. Page Issues Statement.

Raleigh, Jan. 28.—State Food Administrator Henry A. Page announced today that exceptions to the Monday afternoon closing order as applied to food stores will be made by his organization only upon proof of pressing necessity for such exceptions. Exceptions allowing supply stores to remain open will likewise be made only where pressing necessity is shown even then the exception will apply only to the handling of fertilizers, seed and other necessary farm supplies. Under no circumstances is a dealer supposed to assume that he is privileged to stay open without the direct and definite permission by County Food Administrators or County Fuel Administrator.

## WORTHY POOR RECEIVE HELP.

Colored Woman Burns Bed Slats to Keep From Freezing.

In his rounds last week Chief Hobgood found a family of colored people in destitute circumstances. The mother of the family of children burned the bed slats to keep from freezing (and there was not a speck of food in the house). Upon investigation Mayor Mitchell learned that the family was worthy of help and he accordingly directed Chief Hobgood to supply them with a limited amount of fuel and food.

## THE OXFORD TOBACCO MARKET

There Will Be Several Good Breaks Before the Colsing Date.

It is estimated that there is at least 600,000 pounds of tobacco of the 1917 crop yet to be sold on the Oxford market. The indications are that there will be two or three big sales when the weather will permit the farmers to place their tobacco on the market. The buyers are eager for the remainder of the crop at good figures. The market will close for the season February 28th.

## DON O. MITCHELL DEAD.

Former Oxford Citizen Dies in Seattle, Wash.

Mr. Don O. Mitchell, son of the late Col. R. J. Mitchell, died in Seattle, Wash., last Friday. The news of his death reached Oxford Saturday through a telegram to his sister, Mrs. John T. Britt, who now resides in Washington City, where Col. John T. Britt holds a government position.

Though Mr. Don Mitchell has been away from Oxford for twenty-five years, the older citizens remember him well and speak kindly of him.

## MR. P. L. PARHAM DEAD.

Funeral and Burial This Tuesday Afternoon.

Mr. P. L. Parham, an esteemed citizen of Providence section died Monday, aged about 60 years. The funeral and interment will take place this Tuesday afternoon.

## Judge Devin in Durham.

Hon. W. A. Devin spent the week end in Oxford and left Monday for Durham where he is holding a one week's term of court.

## THE NATION WAS PLACED ON WAR DIET MONDAY.

Rationing System Prescribed by President Wilson and the Food Administration Outlined.

## "VICTORY BREAD" IS THE WORD

Reduced Food Consumption Asked For Purpose of Creating Larger Surplus for European Allies—Two Wheatless, One Meatless and Two Porkless Days a Week Effective Last Monday—Curtailed to Be Accomplished Largely by Voluntary Effort, But Law Will Be Used Where Applicable.

The American people were placed on a war bread diet Monday as part of a war rationing system prescribed by President Wilson and the food administration. "Victory bread," the administration calls it.

The rationing system as presented by the President in proclamation and Food Administrator Hoover in a list of regulations, forms the food administration's 1918 food conservation program, of which the chief features are:

A baker's bread of mixed flours, beginning Monday with a five per cent. substitute of other cereals for wheat until a 20 per cent. substitution is reached February 24.

Sale by retailers to householders of an equal amount of substitute flours for every pound of wheat flour purchased at the time the wheat flour is bought.

Sale by millers to wholesalers and retailers of only 70 per cent. of the amount of wheat flour sold last year.

Two wheatless days a week—Monday and Wednesday—and one wheatless meal a day.

One meatless day a week—Tuesday—and one meatless meal a day.

Two porkless days a week—Tuesday and Saturday.

## GRANVILLE COUNTY'S FIGHTING STRENGTH

Six Hundred Men Placed in Class One, the Fighting Wing of the Army.

According to the records of the Exemption Board about 600 men have been placed in Class 1. These men are selected from the 1960 registrants of the county. At this writing we are unable to ascertain what proportion of the registrants are distributed in each of the other classes.

The fighting strength of Granville county during the war between the States was about 2,400. Survivors of the war tell us that there was a great scarcity of provisions in the county at that time.

It is well at this juncture to remind the farmers of Granville that there will also be a great scarcity of provisions here long before we transport half that number across the sea, unless they get busy and plan to produce the food.

## "THE LOST EXPRESS."

The Orphanum Will Be Closed Tuesday—Fine Bill All the Rest of the Week.

As per order of the fuel administrator the Orphanum will be closed Tuesday night, but the bill for the remainder of the week is of unusual interest. "The Fatal Ring," in which Pearl White is seen at her best, and Helen Holmes in the "Lost Express," are some of the leading features.

## MARRIED MEN DRAFTED.

Seventy-One Have Married in Granville Since Registering.

In compliance with a new ruling of the Provost-Marshal General, the Granville County Exemption Board on Friday last mailed out 71 letters to the men in the county who have married since registering. These men must show cause why they could not be placed in Class 1, the fighting wing of the army.

## Club Asked to Participate.

The Oxford Woman's Club has received an invitation to attend the Seventh District meeting of Federated Clubs to be held in Henedrson February 6th. All members of the Oxford Club who will attend this meeting please notify Mrs. John Webb at once, so that she may let the Henderson ladies know how many to expect. The meeting will be one of interest and profit.

## CHAMPION OF THE WORLD.

Mr. Eatman, a Granville County Farmer, Wears the Honor With Becoming Modesty.

Mr. H. H. Eatman, who is credited by the United States Department of Agriculture as producing the largest yield of cotton to the acre in the United States during the year 1916, as explained in the Public Ledger last week, wears the distinction with becoming modesty.

## His Pleasing Personality

Mr. Eatman is an easy-going farmer, about 60 years of age, we judge, and is typical of the old Southern gentelman. As he passed along the streets of Oxford Saturday he was approached by such men as Dr. White, Col. Cooper, Senator Currin, Mr. James W. Horner, and others with uncovered heads, who were anxious to congratulate him for bringing the great honor to Granville county.

## Congratulatory Letters

Simultaneous with the announcement of the public press throughout the country, congratulatory letters and inquiries began to shower upon the modest Granville county farmer, who the government selected from among the millions of farmers and placed him before their vision as a model for future generations.

## Large Correspondence.

One of the penalties of popularity is a large correspondence, and to meet the demand Mr. Eatman will be compelled to install a couple of typewriters. A fortune is now within his grasp, but he is too modest to reach out and take it. He has on hand about 200 bushels of the best cotton seed ever grown. They are worth about \$50.00 a bushel to the planter, but Mr. Eatman is not the kind of a man to boast the prices and sell broadcast an inferior seed.

## Mr. Eatman's Record.

Mr. Eatman grew an average of 3,000 pounds of cotton in the seed to the acre on three acres. The average yield of cotton for Granville county in that year was 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.

## Mr. Eatman's Farm.

Mr. Eatman's farm, upon which grew the celebrated cotton, is situated on the outskirts of Oxford at a point where the Oxford and Henderson highway crosses the Seaboard railroad. It contains about 50 acres in all, and is very fertile.

## REDUCTION IN SUGAR.

Further Cut in the Maximum Price of Flour is Intimated.

Raleigh, Jan. 28th.—Notwithstanding the fact that the Food Administration has frankly and readily granted a few merchants permission to sell flour on hand at more than \$12.50 per barrel and sugar at more than 10c a pound where they have shown that the delivered cost of the product has approached the figures sent, a further reduction in sugar is announced as a certainty and a still further cut in the minimum price of flour is intimated as a possibility.

In very few instances have North Carolina jobbers been found to have exceeded the margin of 50c a barrel allowed them for the handling of the flour.

## PHYSICAL EXAMINATION IN GRANVILLE WILL BEGIN SAT.

Forty Men are Notified to Appear Daily on and After that Date.

The Granville County Exemption Board has designated Saturday next as the day on which the physical examination of all registrants will begin. The men will appear in groups of forty on and after that date, excepting Sundays. All in Class 1 will be examined before Class 2 is taken up. It will require about 18 days to examine the men. The examination will take place in the Court House and they will be examined by local physicians.

## The Blessed Day is Coming.

What a day that will be when the tidings are flashed over sea and land that peace has been declared! From ten thousand time ten thousand teapots what bells will ring out, as if they were human things, their wild delight at the long-hoped-for event! Never in the history of the world, will there have been such a day of universal joy.

## BEGIN NATION-WIDE CAMPAIGN AGAINST MOONSHINE LIQUOR.

Internal Revenue Department Places Granville County in the Drag Net.

Discovery that manufacture of moonshine whiskey is increasing rapidly in bone dry states, and that quantities have been sold illicitly to soldiers in Southern camps caused Internal Revenue Commissioner Roper to announce, a nation-wide campaign against illegal distillation in co-operation with state governments.

The military camps where moonshine liquor has been sold most, in spite of precautions of military and civil authorities are Camps Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C., Sevier, Greenville, S. C., and Oglethorpe, at Chattanooga.

State laws forbidding importation and the Federal tax of \$3.20 a gallon have driven the price of crude corn liquor about many camps to \$8 and \$12 per quart, according to evidence gathered by revenue agents.

Special effort will be made to clean out stills in the dry states.

Illegal manufacturing is thriving best in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Kansas, according to reports of revenue agents.

## BIG AUCTION RUMMAGE SALE FOR RED CROSS.

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A Committee has been appointed by the Granville County Chapter of Red Cross to ask for contributions from the people of Oxford and Granville county for any of the things named in this article, to be sold in February. The proceeds to be used for purchasing wool and other supplies needed by the Red Cross.

The exact date of the sale will be given later, but all who can and will contribute toward it, are requested to leave their names and state what articles they can give, at the Red Cross rooms, corner Main and College streets and they will be notified when and where to send the articles.

We hope and believe that this will give a great many who cannot give large cash contributions an opportunity to serve the Red Cross.

The following articles are desired: Clothing, shoes, hats, rugs, curtains, pictures, trunks, furniture, canned fruits and vegetables, meat, poultry, eggs, butter, etc.

## SEE POSTER IN WINDOW.

Grocerymen Become Members of the Food Administration.

A large number of North Carolina retailers are lining up with the Food Administration in fine shape. Approximately 2500 grocers in North Carolina have become members of the Food Administration, pledging themselves to give their customers the benefit of fair and moderate prices. All of those retailers will be supplied with posters to display in their windows to show to the public that there are members of the Food Administration and are co-operating. Something like 150,000 out of 350,000 grocers in the United States have signed the Food Administration pledge and the campaign is still on.

## Red Cross Work.

There will be a rook party in the Granville Commercial Club rooms Friday night, February 1st, at eight o'clock, for the benefit of the Red Cross. Men and women, boys and girls are most cordially invited to attend. The Red Cross is in need of funds with which to buy wool and other materials. Tickets may be secured and tables reserved by calling at the Red Cross rooms. Admission 25c. Come and help in a good cause and at the same time spend a pleasant evening with your friends. Y.

## Feed House Blown Down.

During a severe wind storm recently the big three-room feed house of Mr. Claude M. Grissom, near Fairport, blew down. The big timbers fell on one of his fine cows, but fortunately it was not killed.

In such an hour of national crisis as that which now confronts us every loyal citizen will cheerfully forego certain of the rights he might justly claim in times of peace.