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FOOD ADMINISTRATOR DRAWS TIGHT LINE IN GRANVILLE.

Mr. B. W. Parham Will Enforce the Law.

County Food Administrator B. W. Parham, has been instructed by State Food Administrator Henry A. Page to take prompt and vigorous action to the end that all purchasers of excessive quantities of foodstuffs, particularly flour, in Granville county shall return their surplus above one barrel to the dealers without delay.

Mr. Page evidently means business and Mr. Parham means business too, for he announces that the State Food Administrator's instructions will be carried out to the letter. Mr. Page's letter is of the straight-from-the-shoulder type that is characteristic of the man. He demands action and action right away. In writing to the County Food Administrator Mr. Page instructs him as follows:

(1). That you demand of each retailer in your county a complete list of consumers who have purchased flour in excess of one barrel during the past three months.

(2). That you immediately notify the purchasers whose names are submitted to you or whose names you can secure that they must return all flour in their possession in excess of one barrel to the dealers from whom they purchased, those dealers being required to take it back at the price they received for it.

(3). That you take every means within your command to remedy this situation just as promptly as possible.

(4). That you submit to us promptly for indictment and prosecution the names of any merchants who withhold information and any consumers who retain in their possession more than one barrel of flour after they have been given an opportunity to return it to dealers."

NEW GROCERY STORE WILL BE OPENED IN OXFORD.

Three Live and Energetic Young Men Form Organization.

On investigation we find that the often repeated rumor that Oxford will have another large grocery store is a "reality fact." Three young men of broad experience will launch the enterprise at an early date.

"Write anything you please" said a member of the concern to the Public Ledger, "but don't mention our names at present. Everything is practically in readiness for the start, except a few minor details, and upon these we are practically agreed."

It is understood that the grocery store will be located in a handsome building on the corner and that nothing in the State will surpass it in point of sanitary equipment and service. The close prices inaugurated in Henderson and Durham will prevail here on a cash basis.

FORT SILL.

The Place That Tries Men's Souls.

Major Thad G. Stem was in Oxford this week and talked freely as to the conditions at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. It is a desolate place, said the Major, and then he went on to tell how a young and inexperienced doctor tried to disqualify him for service.

Major Stem was slightly sick and reported to the post hospital for treatment. A young doctor was assigned to the case. He placed his ear on Major Stem's chest and heard a slight wheezing sound, and after treating him nine days pronounced it a case of tuberculosis.

This riled Major Stem's good nature and he demanded that another doctor be called, and called he was, and told Major Stem that he was as sound as a dollar and to report for duty at once.

Major Stem lost nine days of valuable time by the Tom Foolery and then graduated at the head of his class.

NOTICE TAX PAYERS.

If you have not paid your 1917 State and County Taxes please call at office and to 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.

THIS IS OUR WINTER OF TEST

Serving food is a local problem for each community. Prices and definite rules for every one cannot be formulated. It is a duty for each one to eat only so much as is necessary to maintain the human body healthy and strong. This winter of 1918 is the period when it is to be tested here in America whether our people are capable of voluntary individual sacrifice to save the world. That is the purpose of the organization of the United States Food Administration—by voluntary effort to provide the food that the world needs.

DESIRABLE NORTHERN FARMER SETTLES IN GRANVILLE.

Mr. C. L. Faulk and Family Come From Crawford County, Pa.

Mr. C. L. Faulk, a typical Pennsylvania farmer, arrived in Oxford last Saturday with his family and will work a section of Mr. Knowl's big farm on the National Highway one mile north of Oxford.

Mr. Faulk learned much about the Sunny South through the publicity department of the Southern Railway. He made a trip to Oxford one year ago and was highly pleased with our climate and the farming conditions here. When he left Crawford county, Pennsylvania, last week the snow was fourteen inches deep, and on his arrival in Oxford he was agreeably surprised to find that it had snowed here just enough to "lay the dust."

Mr. Faulk and his excellent family are very desirable settlers, and all good people will extend to them a hearty welcome. Although Mr. Faulk has engaged to till the soil and raise hogs and cows on the old de la Croix farm, now the property of Mr. Knowles, he expects to purchase a farm in the near future.

Mr. Faulk is what you might term a "Pennsylvania Dutchman," the most industrious and best farmers in America. They eat their breakfast and supper by candle-light 365 days in the year, and you never see them loafing around the court house square so long as there is a sprig of grass in the "tuber patch."

A SPLENDID ROAD MAN.

Mr. G. W. Royster, of Bullock is the Man.

Mr. George W. Royster, of Bullock, patrolman on the National Highway between Stovall and the Virginia State line, is one of the best road men in the State according to the report of the State Highway Commission. Mr. Royster not only knows how the work should be done, but he is willing to do it like it should be done. During the recent forty days of severe weather he kept the road bed of his section clear of ice and snow, and the result was that he had the best seven mile stretch of road between Richmond and Fayetteville.

Last spring the section of road from the Virginia line on to Clarksville was in a deplorable condition, but we learn that it is now in fine shape, which is accounted for by the fact that the Virginia patrolman copies after Mr. Royster.

Patrolman Royster being such a splendid road man, we wish the Highway Commission would transfer him to one of the sections a little closer to Oxford.

PAN-GERMAN PAPER OPENLY CALLS FOR REVOLT.

London, Jan. 30.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Amsterdam says the Deutches Tages Zeitung openly calls on the German people to revolt against the present regime.

"We, too," says this pan-German organ, "have a Judas among us today. He appears in the red coat and mantle of Germany's hangman. Who will save Germany from these traitors but the German people? It is now 'Germans help yourself, and God will help you.'"

Although Emperor William is not named in the article, the expression "German hangman" is meant for the kaiser, says the correspondent.

GERMAN EMPIRE APPARENTLY IN THROES OF TREMENDOUS LABOR UPHEAVAL.

Thousands Upon Thousands of Working Classes on Strike—Nearly Half a Million in Berlin Reported Idle.

THE SOCIALISTS IN CONTROL.

Ultimatum Is Delivered and Conclusion of General Peace Without Annexations or Indemnities Demanded.

(Condensed Press Report)

Transcending in interest even the great victory of the Italians over the Austrians on the northern Italian battle front is the political and economic situation in Germany. Here, apparently, a large part of the country is in the throes of a great labor upheaval, due to dissatisfaction by the working classes over the progress of the peace negotiations and over internal political conditions generally. Throughout the country thousands upon thousands of the working classes—both men and women—have struck and industries are affected.

In Berlin alone nearly half a million persons are reported on strike, and hourly those who have quit work are receiving reinforcements. Likewise, in Kiel, the great shipyard center, at the Hamburg Iron works, and in the Rhenish Westphalian mine region workers have thrown down their tools and left their jobs.

Led by Socialists.

Leaders of the Socialists—both of the independent and the majority factions—evidently are in control of the movement and for their pains a number of the independents have been ordered imprisoned.

Ultimatum Delivered

The socialist paper Vorwärts announces that the Berlin strikers have now become more numerous and threatening. They have addressed to the government an ultimatum of eight clauses, the last of which calls for the institution of equal suffrage by direct secret ballot.

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* MEAL, HOMINY, GRITS, OAT-
* MEAL, RICE, BARLEY
* FLOUR, EDIBLE WHEAT
* SHORTS OR MIDDINGS,
* CORN FLOUR, CORN
* STARCH, SOY BEAN FLOUR.
* HENRY A. PAGE.

KNITTING MILL FOR OXFORD.

Plant Will Be Located on Williamsboro Street.

Mr. H. M. Shaw has leased for a term of years the one-story brick building on Williamsboro street west of the Oxford Buggy Company and immediately in front of the old market house, which will be converted into an up-to-date knitting mill.

Mr. Shaw has already placed an order for the necessary machinery for a good daily output. It is his intention to enlarge the plant as the business expands.

URGENT CALL.

Issued to the Patriotic Women of Oxford.

There will be a meeting of the Oxford Unit of the Woman's Committee of the National Defense on Thursday the 7th of February at 3 o'clock in the Library. Every patriotic woman of Oxford is a member of this unit. The chairman of the different departments are asked to be ready with their reports.

Ask the Farmers.

The farmers say that there is nothing better than Ober's. It is a household word in Granville. The price, too, is right. See Horner Brothers Company.

WHY NOT SEND CORN TO EUROPE

We cannot send them corn because they have not enough mills to grind it and are not familiar with its use as food. Even if they knew how to use corn meal, it is not suitable for shipment because it is so liable to spoiling. The oats, rye, barley, etc., that we send them will not support them unless mixed with wheat. We must send them more wheat and to do this we must eat less wheat bread.

WOMEN'S BIG MEETING IN HENDERSON FEB. 6.

District Meeting Including Granville County, Louisburg, Macon, Weldon and Other Places.

Mrs. C. A. Johnson, president of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, has accepted an invitation to make one of the principal addresses at the district meeting of Women's Clubs to be held in the Chamber of Commerce in Henderson on Wednesday, February 6th.

Another address of much importance and great interest will be that of Mrs. J. R. Chamberlain, of Raleigh, who is chairman of the Wake county Council of National Defense. Her subject is Women and War work.

The district includes the clubs of Oxford and Granville county, Louisburg, Macon and Weldon together with the Henderson and Vance county community clubs, and the attendants will be representatives from these organizations. The meeting, however, will be open to the public and all women are invited to attend.

One feature of the program will be a talk by Mrs. A. H. Powell, of Oxford, who will represent the North Carolina Children's Home, she being a member of the State Social Service Department committee.

The meeting will be called to order at 10:30 o'clock. The Henderson Woman's Club will be hostess to the visitors, and dinner will be served at the Vance Hotel.

The afternoon session will open at 2 o'clock, and will include Mrs. Chamberlain's address, closing at 4:30 o'clock with a luncheon served by the Home Economics Department.

TWO FARMER'S INSTITUTES IN GRANVILLE NEXT WEEK.

Large Attendance Expected at Enon and Wilton.

Two Farmer's Institutes have been advertised to take place in Granville county next week—at Enon on Tuesday, February 5, and Wilton on Wednesday, February 6.

At each of these places a special program for women has been arranged by Mrs. A. L. Capehart, County Home Demonstration Agent and we hope a large crowd will be present to show their appreciation. Mrs. Capehart will be assisted by Mrs. M. M. Davis, City Agent, in charge of Home Demonstration work in Raleigh and Durham. Mrs. Davis will give a talk on the food situation in general and will give special advice as to food for children. War recipes and practical demonstrations in cooking will be given.

The Food Administration tells us that the word "save" has been over-emphasized in the public mind and the word "substitute" over-looked. We all know that we cannot with safety to the health, especially where children are concerned, cut out certain articles of diet unless we substitute those of equal food value in its place of same. One of the main objects of this meeting is to study this subject, in which all women should be particularly interested at present.

The meeting opens at 10:30 a. m. Come early, bring your lunch and attend both sessions. X.

Of Interest to Farmers.

The farmers will profit by reading the special announcement of the Lyon-Winston Company on the 4th page of this paper.

Mrs. W. J. Long and pretty little daughter, Wilmer, have returned from an extended visit to Greensboro.

THEIR HEARTS ARE IN THE RIGHT PLACE.

The Call of the Soil Appeals Strongly to Prominent Oxford Citizens.

Prominent citizens of Oxford either own or recently purchased or rented farms and will this summer devote their time, talent and means to cultivate them to their full capacity. The call of mother earth has appealed to these gentlemen since early childhood, and now, backed by a patriotic impulse, they are determined to redouble their energies and help feed the starving world.

Mr. J. F. Meadows, the popular tobaccoist, recently purchased a handsome farm out beyond the Fair Grounds and will give much of his valuable time to its cultivation. He has also purchased a couple of fine, strong mules and engaged sufficient reliable labor to make the venture a thing of absolute pleasure and profit. Mr. Meadows will produce those things which the starving world calls loudest for.

Mayor Mitchell also has a fine farm near Oxford and has contracted with reliable labor to produce a good yield of the needed articles of food. The chief executive of Oxford will roll back his sleeves and give much of his personal attention to the farm, thereby dignifying labor and setting a noble example.

General Royster also owns a couple of farms in the county and he will see that his lands will yield more this year than ever before, or will know the reason why.

Mr. I. W. Mangum, the popular warehouseman, owns several valuable tracts of land in Granville and he is now arranging to concentrate his energies and labor to cultivate them to their full capacity. "Every acre in Granville should be made to produce something for the next five years," said Mr. Mangum.

Dr. E. T. White, popular member of the Granville County Exemption Board, is what you might term an "agriculturist." An agriculturist is one who never takes off his collar, but this summer he will remove his collar and make frequent trips to the interior of the county and insist that his farming operations are carried on according to the needs of the starving world.

Mr. John Webb, whose good opinion we always court, is a good farmer. He has organized his forces and will insist that his lands yield more than ever before.

The greatest and most surprising item of news was sprung upon the community this week when Breedlove & McFarland announced that they had leased a handsome farm and that one of the members of the popular grocery firm would give his undivided attention this summer to its cultivation.

Capt. Will Fleming is the owner of two good farms, and he will redouble his energies this spring and summer to their cultivation. Capt. Fleming has been very successful in growing hogs and cattle, and it will be his aim this summer to eclipse his record.

Mr. Sam Watkins, the popular warehouseman, owns several farms. He is a worker and things always move when he places his big honest hands on the helm.

There are other gentlemen in Oxford who either own or are in the market for a farm. It is stated that all the reliable help that is needed for their cultivation will be available when the tobacco season closes.

OXFORD MERCHANTS AGREE TO CONSERVE FUEL.

Will Open Stores at Nine O'Clock A. M. and Close at Five P. M.

Besides closing their stores all day each Monday for the next eight weeks, the leading dry goods merchants of Oxford have agreed not to open their stores until nine o'clock on the mornings of other business days, and to close at five o'clock in the evening, except on Saturday, at which time the closing hour will be later.

A Handsome Display.

Although the weather has been very inclement, the big store of Landis & Easton is radiant with the touch of spring. Ladies will read with interest the special announcement on the fifth page of this paper.