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## GRANVILLE BOY WAS ON BOARD OF THE TUSCANIA TORPEDOED LAST WEEK

Three Officers and Four Enlisted From North Carolina on the Ill-Fated Ship.

## MACY EVANS PROBABLY LOST.

Corporal Loomis M. Hales, Brother of Mrs. Joe Pittman, Was One Time Clerk at J. G. Hall's Drug Store.

The following North Carolinians are shown on the list of commissioned officers and enlisted men on board the ill-fated army transport Tuscania which was torpedoed off the Irish coast last week:

Private Macy Evans, brother of Perry Evans, of Route 1, Stem, Granville county. He was before enlisting engaged in marketing cross-ties to the Southern railway. Probably lost.

Corporal Loomis M. Hales, a brother of Mrs. Joe N. Pittman, of Oxford, and Mrs. Blanch Turney, of Clayton. Reported among the survivors.

Second Lieutenant James Osburn, New Bern; First Lieutenant Milton Pittman, Wilmington; First Lieutenant William C. Bushmann, Greensboro; Corporal Wesley Shell, son of John W. Shell, Sugar Grove; Private James W. Logan, son of John F. Logan, Uree.

There were 117 American officers and 2,060 men aboard the Tuscania. The bodies of 126 American troops have been recovered.

## A DANGEROUS CUSTOM

Don't Jump On and Off the Fire Truck.

Mr. J. Robt. Wood, chief of the Oxford Fire Department, has been worried considerable by persons jumping on the fire truck, especially when it is on its way to a fire. There is an ordinance prohibiting everybody, excepting the members of the company, from riding on the fire truck, unless by authority of the proper officials.

Wishing to avoid insulting or hurting the feelings of any one, Chief Wood states that the ordinance must be enforced. Firemen—trained and experienced and seasoned—are expected to jump on the running board of the truck when it is in motion, but the greenhorn is expected to give it a wide berth. If these very same fellows, who are causing the fire company much worry and concern for their safety, should happen to slip and fall they would cry long and loud for damages.

The ordinance is all right so far as it goes, but the police should be empowered to arrest any one who they see on the truck unless armed with the proper credentials.

## BITTEN BY RABID DOG.

Messrs. Alex Williams and Wesley Bryan Taking Pasteur Treatment

Mr. Alex Williams, letter carrier on Oxford Route 4, and Mr. Wesley Bryan, clerk in the Oxford Water Company's office, were bitten last week by a rabid dog. Mr. Williams was badly bitten through his hand while attempting to release his own dog from the rabid dog. Mr. Bryan was not so badly wounded but was advised to take the treatment.

They hastened to Raleigh to take the pasteur treatment and will remain there the remainder of the month. The dog escaped and has not been seen since biting the two men.

## THE PROHIBITION AMENDMENT

To Prohibit the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicants Nationally.

Dr. Lambreth, a noted Presbyterian divine, of Nashville, Tenn., spoke to a large audience at the Oxford Baptist church Monday night in behalf of the amendment to be submitted to the State Legislature to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicants throughout the United States. He made a profound impression on the vast audience.

## Corrected Notice.

The first cottage meeting in the congregation of the Episcopal church for Lent will be held at the residence of Mrs. H. G. Cooper Thursday evening next at 7:45.

## "SINKING WITHOUT TRACE"

Of a Truth, the Decrees of God are Just.

There came to us yesterday in the daily routine of news a story of less than fifty lines. Five years ago such a story would have been called the fanciful dream of a poet. But the vast, astounding changes in the mechanism of destruction that comes to us daily compels the ready acceptance of such a tale, even had it not borne the stamp of "official" from the British Admiralty.

Briefly and without adjectives, the story told of a British seaplane discovering a German submarine lying on the water watching for its prey. The seaplane witnessed the location of the submarine with scientific exactness to four trawlers and a destroyer. The trawlers ran out their wire for sweeping the sea, and stealthily as a living animal in a forest crawled toward the submarine from four angles. The sweeps of two of them entangled the submerged U-boat, an undersea bomb sent along a guide wire—and the submarine and the men within were no more.

No more—but their destruction told the reason for the desperate strikes among the sailors at Kiel. It clearly marked the limitations of German thoroughness in contract with the mechanical ingenuity of our own people. It set forth that the policy of "frightfulness" of "sinking without trace" had not won the war, but had reacted upon those who created it.

Of truth, they that live by the sword shall perish by the sword. The decrees of God are just.

## TABLET WILL ADORN THE SANCTUARY OF CHURCH.

The Names of the Brave Soldier Boys Who Were Shipped at the Oxford Baptist Church.

A pretty and unique tablet on which appears in Old English the names of twenty soldiers who worshipped at the Oxford Baptist church, has been completed by the deft fingers of Miss Mary Royal Hancock. The work is done on heavy card linen. It represents an arch, over which floats the United States flag, and on the pillars and base are engraved the names of the states and territorial possessions of the United States. The twenty names, engraved in India ink, double pica Old English, adorn the archway of the tablet. There is room for other names to be added.

## OUR NATIONAL DEFENDERS.

Members Oxford Baptist Church.

WALTER BOWLING  
JAMES M. ELLINGTON  
LEE C. GOOCH  
ALBERT H. PARHAM  
WILLIAM H. PARHAM  
WILLIAM C. ROBERTS  
BEVERLY S. ROYSTER, Jr.  
ROYAL H. ROYSTER  
JAMES L. WALTERS  
LUTHER A. LIGON  
LUTHER C. CRITCHER  
FRED L. CLARK  
J. FRANK GOOCH  
W. FRED PARHAM  
JOE F. FRAZIER  
ROY WILLIFORD  
GUY WHEELER  
ROY D. HOWARD  
NICK B. CANNADY  
A. G. OAKEY  
A. W. BLANCHARD.

## NEW AUTOMOBILE CO. FORMED

Parham, Pritchard and Parham Will Sell the Overland Cars.

Messrs. B. E. Parham, Dr. S. H. Pritchard and W. P. Parham have entered into a copartnership under the name and style of the Overland Oxford Company to sell Overland cars. The sales rooms are in the Farmers' Warehouse, where a car load of the latest models are now being demonstrated. The "Country Club" is one of the handsomest cars seen here in many days. Like all of the overland cars, the outlines are graceful; the body of the car is brown, and the open-wire cream colored wheels is a thing of beauty. Another handsome car is the Model 90.

## DEMobilIZATION OF RUSS ARMY UPON ALL OF THE FRONTS IS ORDERED.

Demobilization of Russian Armies Clears the Way For Use of All Teutonic Troops on the French and Other Fronts.

Amsterdam, Feb. 11.—Russia has declared the state of war to be at an end, and has ordered the demobilization of Russian forces on all fronts, according to a dispatch received here today from Brest-Litovsk, dated Sunday.

The dispatch follows: "The President of the Russian Delegation at today's (Sunday) sitting stated that while Russia was desisting from signing a formal peace treaty, it declared the state of war to be ended with Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey and Bulgaria, simultaneously giving orders for complete demobilization of all Russian forces on all fronts."

## GRANVILLE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT NOW IN SESSION.

Judge W. A. Devin Delivers Strong Address to the Grand Jury.

Granville County Superior Court began a two week's term Monday morning, Hon. W. A. Devin, a native of Granville, presiding, and Hon. S. M. Gattis solicitor, of Orange, on hand to hold up the dignity and integrity of the State.

Judge Devin's address to the grand jury covered fifty-five minutes and was delivered without notes. The court room was well crowded and as soon as the Judge finished his able charge the most of them departed from the room.

Judge Devin began his charge by stating that the truth must be known before justice can be done; his ideal jury is the one that enters upon their deliberations with prayer; the highest order of liberty is that which is procured by law; the good citizen is the one who obeys the State, county and municipal laws; a man may spit upon the sidewalks and not violate the law, but at the same time violate a principal. He laid particular stress upon the close observance of the prohibition laws and a safeguard of the women. He spoke of the thrift stamps, which was issued through necessity, backed by the government and draws four per cent interest; you can also aid the government by conservation of food and the production of more food; this cannot be done if the farmers sit upon a dry goods box and whittle the live-long day; it may be for days or for years before the war is ended, and we may groan under the burdens imposed by the war, but some day it will end and a brighter world will dawn upon us.

In the course of his charge, Judge Devin said that there were six people mobbed in Granville during his boyhood, and stated that he was glad that the people of his native county in more recent years are classed as the most law-abiding in the State. He stated that the most violations of the law is caused by an excessive use of liquor. He referred to the State educational laws; that a parent commits a grave crime when he failed to give his child the benefit of the provisions of the law.

## The Grand Jury.

The following grand jurors were drawn:

W. B. Hobgood, J. L. Garrett, G. E. Pleasants, R. I. Daniel, Tom Faucett, W. T. Murray, Dave Meddlin, G. L. Downey, A. L. Morris, W. D. Adcock, R. C. Puckett, G. H. Dorsey, W. R. Currin, G. T. Elliott, C. B. Haskins, L. A. Wilson, Joe Bailey, R. C. Puckett was elected foreman.

Several of the jurymen asked to be relieved from jury duty, but their excuses were not satisfactory to Judge Devin, and he would not relieve them of the great responsibility.

## AT THE ORPHEUM.

Will Be Open This Tuesday Night With Interesting Story.

Owing to the suspension of the fuel order, the Orpheum will resume this Tuesday night with an interesting story concerning a girl, a man and a million dollars. Special feature every night this week, and every time you attend the movies you help win the war.

## HAVE YOU MORE THAN ONE BARREL OF FLOUR.

If You Have You Violate the Food Law.

This is to notify all persons who have in their possession more than (1) one barrel of flour that such flour is held in violation of Section 6 of the Food Control Law, passed by Congress August 10th, 1917.

Such holders are hereby notified to return the flour so held on or before the twenty-fifth (25th) day of February, 1918, to the dealer from whom it was purchased.

B. W. PARHAM,  
County Food Administrator.

## OXFORD SOLDIER IN THE FLYING SQUADRON.

Lieutenant Roy Hobgood Royster Is Now at San Diego.

Having qualified in the ground tests at the aviation fields in Texas, Lt. Roy H. Royster, the second son General and Mrs. B. S. Royster, is now taking the finishing course at the San Diego, Cal., aviation field.

The government is sending the aviators abroad as fast as they qualify, and Lt. Royster's chances of being in the big spring drive is considered good.

During Lt. Royster's stay at San Diego, Mrs. Royster is visiting her parents in New York. It is known that this excellent and brave young woman would gladly accompany her husband to France if the Government will permit.

## "MY INDIVIDUAL SOLDIER."

A Practice That Threatens to Choke the Mail Service.

The American expeditionary force wishes to discourage the budding practice of American women in "adopting" individual soldiers in France for the period of the war, says General Pershing. The practice already threaten to choke the congested mail service and result in delay in the transmission of important matter. Moreover the censorship regulations forbid the men to correspond with strangers, and, as this rule is being enforced rigidly, it is desired that the people at home refrain from putting the men in embarrassing position, as they feel under obligation to answer such communications.

An example of the interest certain women at home are taking in "adoptions" is an advertisement which has reached headquarters showing the picture of a pretty girl and urging soldiers without godmothers to write to a girl's address.

## ALL BUSINESS WAS RESUMED HERE MONDAY.

Industries Which Have Been Idle Three Successive Mondays Released From Fuel Administrator's Order.

The suspension of the heatless Monday order by the National Fuel Administration, as announced in press dispatches applying to all states south of Virginia, means the resumption of operation by all local industries and the reopening of all stores and business houses here that have been closed for the last three Mondays under the regulations promulgated by Fuel Administrator Garfield.

News of the suspension of the order, which was expected early last week, was received here Friday with the heartiest approval because the improved conditions were such as to remove the restrictions which were imposed on business.

## YOUR INCOME TAX.

See the Inspector at the Court House at Once.

Mr. Spencer Taylor is at the court house, and will be there until the 23d, looking after the income tax. Inspector R. W. Morris is also present for a few days.

## Dr. Harte's Brother Hurt.

Dr. J. D. Harte, pastor of the Oxford Baptist church received the sad intelligence that his brother was badly hurt in a railway accident in Tennessee last week, necessitating the amputation of one of his legs last Friday. He survived the ordeal and it is hoped that he is on the road to recovery.

—Don't measure your respect to a person by the clothes he wears.

## SOUTHERN PASSENGER TRAINS TOUCHING OXFORD WILL UNDERGO RADICAL CHANGE.

One Train From Durham to Key-ville Will Be Taken Off Entirely—Better Schedule Promised on the Oxford Henderson Branch Line.

Through passenger service on the Southern Railway between Henderson and Durham is to be discontinued at an early date, and mixed trains between Oxford and Henderson, connecting there with important Seaboard trains north and south will be inaugurated. This was decided upon at a conference between General Passenger Agent Cary, of Washington, and Division Superintendent C. G. Arthur, of Richmond, with the business men of Oxford last week.

## The Durham Keyville Train.

The railroad officials explained that it was their desire to conserve at least forty tons of coal per day, which, they stated could be accomplished by taking off one train between Keyville and Durham, which would leave us one train a day in each direction over that line. If this arrangement is effected, said the officials of the road, the train would probably leave Richmond about six o'clock in the morning and arrive in Oxford about the noon hour, and the train from Durham to Richmond would probably pass Oxford about three o'clock in the afternoon. "Agree to this arrangement," said the officials, "and we will give you anything you may request on the Oxford-Henderson branch."

## Union Station.

Immediately following the conference, which was arranged by telegraph by Mr. Cary, the Henderson Chamber of Commerce began steps toward having the Southern trains operated into the Seaboard station at Henderson, and it does now appear that Henderson's long dream of a union station is about to be realized.

## The Short-Line Trains.

The two officials came here with the service will be discontinued. In their stead the Oxford short line service will be arranged for the departure of one train from Oxford at 5:50 a. m. The crew would lie over in Henderson and do yard work until 11 a. m., when return trip to Oxford would be made, carrying passengers to connect with No. 17, southbound from Richmond, which passes Oxford about the noon hour. This train would return from Henderson at 2:50 p. m., connecting with the northbound train from Durham to Richmond at 3 p. m. This same train will complete its second round trip of the day by arriving in Oxford from Henderson at 7:30 p. m. All of these are mixed trains, carrying passengers and freight.

No date has been named for the effectiveness of the change, nor is there certainty as to whether or not arrangements may be made with the Seaboard whereby the Southern trains will be operated into the Seaboard passenger station at Henderson.

## No Opposition.

The two trains each way now in an open mind, and presented their proposition to the business men, assuring them that the road wanted to consider the desires of the people and the best interests of the community, and stated, it is understood, that the change would not be made if opposed by the business men of the town.

## A Bushel of Peas.

Prices of almost everything are so high that people who have farm products to sell seem to think that they can get almost any price they ask. We hear that some folks are asking six dollars a bushel for cow peas. Those who happen to be so fortunate as to have more peas than they need should be willing to sell to their neighbors who are not so fortunate at a living price. Where would the price of sugar be today had it not been for the National Food Administrator? Some folks "cuss" Hoover, but a still greater number are blessing his name today for the good he has done in keeping down prices to reasonable levels.

## Visiting Minister.

Rev. J. M. Millard, of Littleton, filled the pulpit at the Oxford Presbyterian church Sunday night.