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## THE COUNTY BOARD SHOULD SELL THE MULES.

**They Eat Their Heads Off—Some Rambling Thoughts on the Subject.**

There are four people in the United States for every horse, but it requires more acres of ground to satisfy our stables than to appease our tables.

The horse is a noble and useful beast and deserves all the encomiums ever handed out to him, but he is expensive.

Every hour of every work-day our horses wear out \$40,000 worth of leather harness.

Edison says a horse is the poorest motor ever built—costs most to produce a given amount of work.

Year in and out a farm horse works only one hour in seven—so says Uncle Sam's census enumerators.

It takes about five acres to support a horse for a year and the average horse eats five times his own weight in grain and hay.

A locomotive is a better motor than either the horse or the auto.

It can pull a load of 3,000 tons from here to New York in ten hours. A fifty dollar bill would pay for all the fuel for the trip.

To haul the same load with horsepower would require two days and three thousand horses, and the fuel for them in the form of hay and grain would cost fifty times as much as the coal for the engine.

Besides that the horses would cost ten times as much as a fine locomotive and the average life of the horse would not exceed that of the iron steed, although the latter would require some repairs.

But the horse works over a rougher and cheaper road than the locomotive. The latter needs a highway that costs today, many times as much per mile as we pay for the horse's path.

## PROMOTION FOR MR. BAILEY.

**Mr. R. M. Berry, of Cheraw, Comes to Oxford.**

Mr. W. J. Bailey, for more than two years manager of the Oxford office of the Carolina Power and Light Company, has been promoted to manager of the Raleigh office with enlarged responsibility. During his stay in Oxford, Mr. Bailey has made many warm friends, who regret that he will leave here.

Mr. Bailey will be succeeded by Mr. R. M. Berry, of Cheraw, S. C., who comes to the Oxford office as manager the first of March. Mr. Berry formerly held a position with the Carolina Power and Light Company here, at which time he wooed and won the heart of one of Oxford's social favorites, Miss Louie, the pretty daughter of Mayor W. Z. Mitchell.

Regretting that Mr. Bailey leaves Oxford, the good people extend a hearty welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Berry and the fine baby born to them last week.

## THE BOY SCOUTS.

**Camp From Stovall Captures Oxford.**

Scout Master Luther Wilkerson and five handsome scouts of Stovall, invaded Oxford Thursday and captured the town by their courteous bearing and pleasant smiles. They visited Oxford under the auspices of National Committee on Public Information and distributed large quantities of patriotic literature.

## OUR WONDERFUL CLIMATE

**Beneath the Snow the Violets Sleep.**

In shady nooks and corners where the noonday sun seldom penetrates, the snow-drifts heaped up by the severe winter storms, are still with us. Underneath the grass on the elegant lawn and in the sunshine garden of Mrs. R. G. Lassister the violets are smiling in their sleep. Another un-falling sign of spring is the flash of the blue birds wing in the morning sunlight.

## Pay Your Taxes Now.

Please settle your 1917 State and County Taxes at once. All real estate upon which taxes is not paid will be advertised soon and collection forced on personal property.

Please settle now and save me trouble and yourself the cost. If S. C. HOBGOOD, Sheriff Gran. Co.

## JUSTICE MUST BE THE BASIS OF LASTING PEACE.

The test of whether it is possible for the belligerents to go on comparing views, the President said in his address to Congress Monday, was simple and obvious, and the principles to be applied were as follows:

1—Each part of the final settlement must be based on essential justice to bring a permanent peace.

2—Peoples and provinces are not to be battered about like chattels to establish a balance of power.

3—Territorial settlements must be for the benefit of the people concerned and not merely adjustment of States' claims.

4—Well-defined national aspirations must be accorded all possible satisfaction. "A general peace on such foundations can be discussed," said the President, "until such a peace can be secured we have no choice but to go on."

These general principles, the President said, have been accepted by everyone except the military autocrats in Germany.

## EMPLOYMENT AGENCY OPENED IN OXFORD.

**Registration Books For Cooks, Servants and Laborers.**

John Young, a highly respected colored man, has opened an employment agency at his place of business on Hillsboro street. He is in close touch with the colored people of the community and is in a position to select the "goats from the sheep." Cooks and servants for the home must be clean and honest before John will register their names. He will also place colored laborers. If you will tell John the kind of help you want he will supply you from the names of those registered at his office. He will also keep a black list for his own convenience, and unless the applicant is clean in character he will not recommend them. After the employment agency gets settled down, Young will announce from time to time the help he can supply and also advertise positions open.

## OUR MANY IDLE ACRES.

**A Call to the Farmers of Old Granville.**

Nearly every farmer has some portion of it that is either not used at all or is used in such a way as to produce very little. On many farms there are patches of low ground which cannot be tilled because they are too wet. Usually when drained these wet areas are the richest land on the farm.

Just at present, when the world is engaged in the most gigantic struggle in its history, the forces of democracy against those of autocracy, the product of these idle acres is needed. This is an excellent time to put them into use. Small patches of wet land can be drained at small expense. Between now and the opening of spring work here is ample time to do the work. This year the farmer has been able to sell his products at a fair price and has the money with which to buy the tile.

Every farmer, part of whose farm is unproductive because it needs drainage, should take advantage of the present opportunity to add to his cropping area by supplying the necessary drainage. These lands will produce more than average farm lands. Every product will help to win the war.

## THE OXFORD TOBACCO MARKET

**The Date of Closing the Market Will Probably Be Extended.**

Owing to the long spell of bad weather and the inability of the farmers to market their tobacco, many of them state that it will be impossible to get the remainder of their crop on the market by February 28th, the day set for the closing of the Oxford market. It is understood that the Oxford Tobacco Board of Trade will hold a meeting this Saturday morning and consider the advisability of setting a later date for the closing of the market.

## New Draft Quota Delayed.

Washington, Feb. 14.—Movements of men to complete the first draft beginning on February 23 will not be completed within the following five days as originally planned, but will extend over into March.

## TOTAL OF TUSCANIA DEAD PLACED AT LEAST 171.

**Thus Far 171 Bodies Buried.—Fourteen Others Washed Ashore—Almost All Identified.**

A Scotch Seaport, Feb. 12.—The American dead as a result of the sinking of the steamer Tuscania apparently is at least 171.

Thus far 171 bodies have been buried along the Scotch coast.

These are divided as follows: American: 131 identified, and 33 unidentified.

Crew, 4 identified, and 3 unidentified.

The Associated Press correspondent aided the officials in securing these names, which are being sent to Washington as the best news available.

## National Anthems.

At the grave sides of the funerals the American soldiers sang "The Star Spangled Banner," while the natives sang "God Save the King."

Temporary fences have been built around the graves to be replaced by a permanent enclosure as soon as the material can be brought to these desolate shores.

## Means of Identification.

The bodies of a majority of the American soldiers were identified by means of metal disks which the men wore, and in the case of about 20 others, which bore blank tags, identification was effected of most of them by a general description of the bodies or by letters found in the pockets of the men.

**Every Soldier Carried Insurance.**

Washington, Feb. 13.—Every American soldier lost on the Tuscania, having dependents, was protected by government insurance. Many had applied for voluntary insurance, which is issued in amounts up to \$10,000 and all are covered by government compensation payable to widow, child or widowed mother. This automatic insurance aggregates about \$4,300 and is paid at the rate of about \$25 a month for 20 years.

## AT THE CAPITOL OF STEM

**Enters Aviation Service.**

Mr. A. B. Cozart left Tuesday for Austin, Texas, to enter the aviation service, having enlisted as a volunteer.

**Sunday School Resumes.**

Sunday school was held at Tally Ho last Sunday after a suspension of two months on account of rough weather.

**Plant Beds.**

Farmers in this community have commenced burning plant beds, but are badly behind in all kinds of farm work.

**Mrs. Clayton Improves.**

We are glad to note that Mrs. Emma Clayton, of our town, who has been quite ill for two weeks, continues to improve. Her daughter, Miss Janie, who is teaching this winter near Knotts Grove has been at her bedside for the past week.

**Goes to Wilson.**

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Green and family of Route 3, moved to Wilson this week, where Mr. Green will take charge of fine tobacco farm near that city.

**Mrs. Mays Improves.**

Mrs. J. B. Mays, who has been under medical treatment at a hospital in Richmond several weeks, has returned home and is getting along nicely.

**Personal Mention.**

Mrs. O. S. Reid and little son Gooch, of Winston-Salem, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gooch.

We regret to note that Mr. T. J. Smith, of Oxford Route 6, who has been confined to her bed for eight weeks, continues very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Ramsey, left Wednesday morning for a visit to relatives in Lincolnton.

Mr. A. J. Honeycutt and little son, of Oxford Route 6, are on a visit to relatives in Greensboro.

**Oxford Overland Company.**

Parham, Pritchard and Parham, the new Oxford Overland Company, has a car load of handsome models on display at their sales room in the Farmer's Warehouse. See the graceful outlines of the car elsewhere in this paper.

**Will Deliver Address.**

Mr. J. C. Howard will address the B. Y. P. U., of Tally Ho, Sunday afternoon, the 17th at 3 o'clock. Everybody invited, especially the young people of the community.

## FOOD ADMINISTRATOR PAGE ANNOUNCES NEW RULING.

Raleigh, Feb. 13.—By a ruling just issued by State Food Administrator Henry A. Page, North Carolina farmers who have produced and are using their own corn meal, hominy, grits or other cereal substitutes will be allowed to purchase flour in quantities up to 24 pounds without purchasing an equal quantity of cereal substitutes. The ruling as announced by Mr. Page is as follows:

Retail merchants are hereby authorized to sell flour alone and in quantities not exceeding 24 pounds to farmer customers who sign a formal certificate stating that they have produced and are using corn meal, grits, hominy, or other cereal substitutes contained in the list included in the recent order of the Food Administration to the same extent as they use flour. Wholesalers, jobbers, millers and brokers are hereby authorized to sell to retailers flour alone in such quantities as said retailers have sold to farmers under the ruling above stated, balancing against such sale of flour the certificates received by the retailers from the farmer. These certificates in turn may be used by the wholesaler or other dealer to balance against purchases of flour from mills.

## Grand Jury's Report.

To His Honor Judge W. A. Devin, Judge Presiding:

We the Grand Jury of February term 1918, Granville County Superior Court beg leave to report as follows: We have passed upon all bills presented for our consideration.

We visited the Home of the Aged and Infirm through a committee and found as follows: Number of inmates 32; white males 4, females 8; Number colored males 7, females, 13; 3 mules, 1 horse, 4 cows, 16 hogs, 300 lbs. lard, 2 bbls, molasses, 100 bbls corn, 1 bushel snap beans, 2 bushels navy beans, 4 bushels dried fruit, 30 cans fruit, 15 bushels corn field peas, feed a plenty, 1500 pounds meat. We found the inmates well cared for and the management of the institution entirely satisfactory.

We visited the jail and found the prisoners well cared for, but suggest that the floors to jail cells be properly cleaned.

We visited the several offices of the Court House and found them satisfactorily conducted.

We wish to thank the Honorable Solicitor for assistance rendered us and respectfully submit the foregoing. R. C. PUCKETT, Foreman.

## HOOVERIZE THE HOG.

**Here is a Chance For Extra Pocket Money For Boys and Girls.**

Mr. Hoover tells our farmers that this year they should have eight head of cattle, sheep and pigs where they had seven head last year.

One extra steer, sheep or porker for every seven would put everybody here on full meat rations next winter, feed our army and leave a nice fat surplus for our allies, who have ten million soldiers fighting for us.

In order to push along this game of more meat, would you like to adopt a little pig?

The National Bank of Granville has done much in the past to foster the live-stock industry in Granville, and the Public Ledger hopes the bank will continue the good work. There is one thing sure, Col. Cooper is fond of good boys and girls and registered pigs.

## REAL ESTATE RUMORS.

It is rumored on the streets that Mr. I. W. Mangum has purchased the home place of Mr. J. Robt. Wood at the corner of Hillsboro and Broad streets. When seen, Mr. Mangum would neither confirm or deny the report. It is also rumored that Mr. J. Robt. Wood has purchased the Hancock cottage on the south end of Hancock street, formerly occupied by Lieutenant Roy. H. Royster. Another unconfirmed rumor is to the effect that Mr. Marsh Ray has purchased a handsome residential property within a stone-throw of the postoffice.

## MACY E. EVANS AMONG THE LIST OF SURVIVORS.

**The Granville Boy Was Picked Up Along the Irish Coast.**

The patriotic people of Granville county rejoice to learn that Macy E. Evans, of Stem, is a survivor of the Tuscania horror.

The message from a Scotch port states that he was "picked up along the Irish coast," which seems to imply that he was among those who swam ashore and was found in exhausted condition. At any rate, Macy Evans is a hero and the people back home hope that he will live to tell them of his experience.

## GOODFELLOWSHIP MANIFESTED

**Commencing of the Oxford Congregations.**

Some weeks ago the pastors of the Oxford churches planned to unite for their Sunday evening services during February and a part of March. The action was taken primarily as a patriotic step to help in the fuel conservation campaign. The meetings so far have been carried out after a most encouraging and satisfactory fashion. It has been apparent to those who have attended the union services that the patriotic reasons, inspiring them, worthy as they were, are secondary considerations to the splendid spirit of good fellowship among the various church people that has been engendered and manifested. Those who went to the Presbyterian church last Sunday night and saw assembled the ministers of Oxford, and the representatives of the various church choirs, to say nothing of the same commingling of the respective congregations in the audience, could not but have been impressed with the thought that the conception of the union series, whatever may have been its inspiration, was worth while.

The one congregation brought together for the union services compares very favorably, the Public Ledger believes, in point of numbers with the combined congregations which would gather at this season of the year in the separate churches. The churches by their manifestation of good fellowship and the spirit of union are setting a fine example in these times when it is essential that the closest cooperation be practiced in every phase of our life. In union there is strength.

## NOVEL MUSICAL FEATURE.

**Coburn's Greater Minstrels At Orpheum, Wednesday Night Feb. 20th.**

The "Five Syncopated Saxonees," a novelty up to the minute musical feature specially appearing with J. A. Coburn's Greater Minstrels at the Orpheum Theatre Wednesday night, February 20, opens with musical and dancing cabaret melange act, original and pleasing, with this well known attraction this season. Opening with five saxophones and dressed in neat Tuxedos, two of the number as black face comedians and dancers, they proceed to exude musical numbers, dances and comedy steps all the way from the syncopated ragtime jingles to grand opera, without a minute's wait or cessation from action throughout the act, closing with four trombones and cornet in a melange overture number that would make the average darkey jazz soloist wild with envy. It is new ideas and departures from the old routines which makes this company and its members welcome visitors every season to Oxford.

## Letter Widely Read.

The interesting letter from one of the boys in France to Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Harte, as published in the Public Ledger last week, was copied in the Hickory Record and other papers and credited to the Public Ledger. The letter contained much valuable information and we had a call for several extra copies.

## School of Telegraphy.

Elsewhere in this paper it will be seen that Capt. Frank Spencer, manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company, has opened a school of telegraphy. A class of five young women is now forming.

## Look Up Sheriff's Tax Notice.

All real estate upon which taxes is not paid will soon be advertised for sale. Read the Sheriff's notice elsewhere in this paper.