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A VALUABLE PROPERTY STANDS IDLE IN OXFORD.

And Hundreds of People, Including School Children, Could Not See or Hear Gov. Bickett.

"Well, I saw him, anyway," was the remark of one girl who couldn't get into the court room Monday to hear Governor Bickett. She like several hundreds others had to be content with a "peep" at the State's chief executive because Oxford lacks an auditorium.

The very flower of our land are the school children; yet when they came down to the court house Monday to see and hear the great Governor of North Carolina they were pushed aside. Some of these days one of the disappointed boys who could not see the Governor will be large enough and strong enough to pull down the old idle market house and convert it into an auditorium.

Some of these days Oxford is going to have an auditorium and a court house that is not cut after the pattern of the ark and a union station where more than a half dozen folks can get in out of the rain.

And then in the course of human event Oxford may add some other needed things to round out her perfection. They are all coming some of these days.

WE FEEL SLIGHTED.

What Has Become of Mr. Wilson, State Highway Engineer?

Some time ago the State took over that part of the National Highway that traverses Granville county and linked up ten counties, of which Granville is one, and placed them under the supervision of Mr. Wilson, State Highway engineer. Where is Mr. Wilson? The papers say that he moved his office from Henderson to Rocky Mount.

After taking over Granville county, Mr. Wilson requested the county commissioners to scrape and soil the Oxford-Henderson road from Oxford to the Vance county line, intimating that if this was done the road would be kept in good repair ever afterwards by the State. But the State has not touched this part of the road. The other end of the road, leading from the county line to Henderson, is in fine condition, which, it is said, is kept up by the State. Evidently the State voted as much money for the up-keep of this end of the road as it did for the other end.

USE OF FLOUR FOR STARCH IS PROHIBITED.

Punishable By Fine of \$5000 or Two Years Imprisonment.

It has been called to the attention of the food administration that thousands of pounds of flour are being used by housewives of North Carolina in making starch for clothes. This flour is used in small units but it is being used in a vast majority of the homes of the State and at least once a week during the entire year. Thus the aggregate amounts to several million pounds of flour.

The use of flour for any commercial purpose is prohibited by the Food Control Act and is punishable by a fine of \$5,000 of two years imprisonment, or both.

LIEUTENANT GRANT WILL TAKE A NEEDED REST.

Temporarily Disqualified on Account of Sickness.

Lieutenant William J. Grant, who entered the service at Fort Oglethorpe and was commissioned a lieutenant and assigned to duty at Camp Jackson, is now taking a needed rest following a severe spell of sickness.

Lieutenant Grant was honorably discharged for physical disability, but he wishes to continue in the service and go to France. The officers noted his earnest appeal and told him to take a rest and report for duty as soon as possible. He will take a recuperating trip to the western part of the State with a view of joining his company in thirty or forty days.

An Established Idea.

Your Spring suit—the one you know you will pick out as the best one for you—is a Hart-Schaffner & Marx, and you should get it before Easter. Horner Bros. Co., are the exclusive agents. See adv. on the second page of this paper.

EARLY EASTER THIS YEAR.

This Year It Falls on March 31st.

Easter will fall on March 31st this year, which is earlier than the average. Easter, as we know, is a movable feast, having little to do with our secular calendar of months and dates. It is based on the pascal moon, which is the first full moon after the vernal equinox. The pascal moon is not the actual astronomical moon, but a kind of arbitrary or theoretical one. However, the reckoning almost always coincides with the astronomical one.

The vernal equinox, when the sun in his northward course crosses the equator, comes this year on March 21 at 5:18 a. m., Washington time. The first full moon after that comes March 27, and this makes the following Sunday Easter.

Easter may fall anywhere from March 21st to April 25th. Last year it was April 8th. In 1916 it was almost as late as it ever comes—April 23rd. This year it is March 31st, and next year it will jump three weeks ahead and fall on April 20th.

FREIGHT IS TIED UP.

All Available Sidings Between Henderson and Portsmouth Reported Full.

It is said that additional congestion in the handling of freight shipments on the Seaboard Air Line is in evidence.

Inability to unload the vast quantities of goods at Portsmouth as fast as they arrive at that terminal is understood to be the real cause of the piling up of consignments.

It is said that virtually every available siding between Henderson and Portsmouth is congested and that the traffic is getting beyond the carriers again in a degree similar to the situation with which the county was faced during the winter.

Lack of available tank cars is also believed to be the reason for the shortage of gasoline here and elsewhere.

MISSOURI LEADING NATION IN SELLING WAR STAMPS.

The State of North Carolina Yet Under the Million Dollar Mark.

Missouri, with a total of \$9,015,880, leads the country in the sale of war savings stamps, according to the first detailed statement of the campaign issued from Washington this week. The statement also shows Nebraska, Missouri and Kansas leading in the order named in per capita subscriptions.

The total and per capita sales of War Savings securities for the end of February includes:

North Carolina \$840,824.81; per capita, 34 cents.

A NOVEL FEATURE.

To Encourage the Growth of Rye in Granville.

One mile west of Oxford on Dr. E. T. White's farm, is a plot of 14 acres of Abruzzi Rye. The farmer making the nearest total estimate on yield will be given three bushels of rye or \$10.00 in gold.

Estimate received from April 15 to May 15, 1918. If more than one should be successful, the premium to be divided. Sealed estimates deposited at the National Bank of Granville.

SOLDIERS ARE TO HAVE CLEAN FACES.

Razor, Brush and Steel Mirror Provided Free.

Uncle Sam likes his soldiers clean shaven. Only among the older officers in the service are mustaches in fashion.

To leave no excuse for stubble, the enlisted man who goes to Europe, under special orders posted this week, will receive free and as part of his equipment: One razor, one small steel mirror and one shaving brush.

If any of these is lost it will be replaced free of charge. Also a shoe brush and clothes brush will go to each man.

Get in the Parade.

If it is a hat, or shoes, or a dress suit that you want, Perkinson-Green Company can fit you out from head to foot and place you well to the front in the Eastern parade. See their special announcement elsewhere in this paper.

DISTINGUISHED SON OF GRANVILLE COUNTY.

Allen B. Cozart, Brave Son of Ex-Sheriff W. S. Cozart.

Fresh from the stratas of air high above the State of Texas, Allen B. Cozart, of the Aviation Corps, spent a few days this week at the home of his father, former Sheriff W. S. Cozart of Stem.

This splendid young man spent Wednesday in Oxford, and when the ten young men were drawn up in a line in the office of the Exemption Board, ready to depart for Camp Jackson, Aviator Cozart made a short talk to the men. He told them not to feel as if the Government had laid a heavy hand on them and pulled them into service, but to feel that it is a blessed privilege to fight the Huns.

Aviator Cozart is now in Washington preparing to take the final tests, that of discharging explosives high above the earth.

OFF TO CAMP JACKSON.

Granville County's Quota of White Men Depart.

The remainder of Granville's full quota, excepting two who were unavoidably delayed until next Saturday, departed for the cantonment at Camp Jackson Thursday morning. The names follow:

RUSSEL CARY,
WILEY L. LYON,
OLLIE B. MITCHELL,
SIDNEY L. COLEY,
EDDIE COZART,
SAM OAKLEY,
SIDNEY M. HOCKADAY,
CARL MOSS,
J. EARLY FRAZIER,
BEN R. LYON.

At the Red Cross Rooms Wednesday afternoon the ladies of the Womens Council National Defense presented each of the soldier boys a copy of the Bible.

REMAINS OF MRS. E. T. ALLEN LAID TO REST IN ELMWOOD

The remains of Mrs. E. T. Allen, who died in Raleigh last Monday afternoon were laid to rest in Elmwood cemetery at ten o'clock Wednesday morning. The funeral was held from the residence on Broad street, conducted by Dr. Willis, who was assisted by Rev. G. T. Tunstall.

Mrs. Harris was the daughter of Isaac Harris and is survived by numerous relatives in Granville. She was about thirty-five years of age and joined the church in early life and was diligent in the Lord's work.

The pallbearers were:

Honorary—R. S. Usry, Dr. Watkins, W. Landis, T. G. Taylor, Dr. Davis, C. S. Garman, C. W. Bryan and Russell Larran. Active—E. L. Smith, M. E. Green, Oscar Breedlove, E. M. Bragg, H. M. Turner, C. H. Landis and Roy Furgeson.

KEEP HISTORY STRAIGHT.

Transposition of Linotype Slug Plays Havoc.

In correcting a proof sheet in our last issue a linotype slug line was inserted at the wrong place. Here is what the editor tried to say: "Granville county as you know, is entitled to a senator this year and it is rumored that neither Hon. B. W. Parham, John W. Hester or W. A. Graham, Jr., have any desire to wear the toga this year."

Each of these gentlemen have been prominently mentioned for the senate, but it is understood that the senator from the Granville-Person district this year will be a farmer.

CHANGED THE COLORS.

The Posts Along the Highway Have Been Marked Red, White and Green.

The posts along the National Highway that were marked red, white and blue—the National colors—have undergone a slight change. Since taking over the highway the State put a green coat of paint where the blue was. Red, white and green are the State colors.

Spring Styles For Men.

When you buy Kirschbaum clothing you are protected by a guarantee. The Long Company is the exclusive agent in Oxford for the high-grade all-wool clothing of the Kirschbaum tailors. See their announcement on the fourth page of this paper.

MAJOR PETERSON ACQUITTED.

The Jury Was Out Only Twenty Minutes.

The trial of Major George L. Peterson for the embezzlement of \$7,600 North Carolina National Guard funds as paymaster, came to a close at two o'clock Thursday, the jury acquitting him in less than twenty minutes.

MOVEMENT LAUNCHED TO SAVE SIXTY MILLION EGGS.

Plan Is To Have Country-Wide Observance of Eggless Easter.

A movement to save some sixty million eggs for food this year by country-observance of an eggless Easter was launched this week in Washington by prominent women headed by Mrs. Herbert Hoover, Mrs. Newton D. Baker, Mrs. Medill McCormick and Mrs. P. P. Claxton. It was announced recently that the annual egg rolling on the White House grounds Easter Monday would be abandoned.

RED CROSS NEWS.

Dependents of Soldiers.

The Civilian Relief Committee, or Home Service Committee, of the Granville County Chapter of the American Red Cross, wants to render assistance to the dependents of enlisted and commissioned men in the armed service of this Country, who may need it.

This Committee will greatly appreciate any information as to where their services may be needed. If you know of any dependents of soldiers or sailors who need aid or assistance of any kind, please, communicate promptly with Mr. J. Robt. Wood, Chairman of the Civilian Relief Committee, Oxford, N. C.

Garments For Belgium People.

The Committee in charge of collecting used and worn garments to be sent by the Red Cross to the Commission on Belgium Relief urges the necessity of the people of this town and community responding to this call as generously as possible. These garments are to be used by Belgium men, women and children who are now living in territory captured and held by the Germans. Only such garments as can be of service are asked for. Donations to this cause are asked to be sent to the Red Cross Work Room by Friday of this week.

A Valuable Servant.

Rev. G. T. Tunstall, who has rendered such valuable services to the Red Cross work in Granville County was unanimously elected a member of the Executive Committee of the Granville County Chapter at a meeting held on Monday evening, March 18th. Mr. Tunstall has made a number of Red Cross addresses in the county and has aided in organizing several Auxiliaries.

ON LOOKOUT FOR AGENTS WHO DISTRIBUTED BOOK.

Copies of "The Finished Mystery Have Been Distributed Here.

Federal agents are keeping a keen lookout for agents distributing "The Finished Mystery," a Russelite book that is considered dangerous propaganda and as violating the espionage act, and as persons found distributing it are likely to get in trouble, according to orders from the attorney general.

Copies of the book are known to have been distributed in this immediate territory.

In some cities in this state it is said advertisements regarding the sale of the book have been placed in the papers. These, it is declared, are being withdrawn rapidly, however.

DISPLAY OF MILLINERY.

Several Customers Here From Nearby Towns.

Notwithstanding the war times and inclement weather, the millinery opening in Oxford Thursday and Friday was a most pleasing event to the ladies of town and county, and indeed the sales were not confined to Oxford and Granville for there were several customers here from nearby towns who had awaited this opening to avail themselves of the styles, yes, and prices which they knew they would get at this opening sale.

According to the calendar Thursday, March 21st, was the first day of Spring.

MOVE UP THE CLOCK ONE HOUR APRIL 1ST.

Daylight Saving Bill Passed and We Proceed to Fool Ourselves For 7 Months.

The daylight saving bill under which the nation's clocks would be turned back an hour every spring and forwarded again in the fall is now the law. It passed the Senate last June, but as the House added two months to the period involved further action by the Senate was necessary.

HOW THE WAR WILL END.

Capt. W. H. Walters Has Inside Information.

Capt. W. H. Walters, clerk for the Granville County Exemption Board, draws a conclusion.

"One day a man went into the woods to maul rails," said Capt. Walters, "and after the big tree had been felled and the glut inserted and the ponderous blow administered to the wedge, the railsplitter heard a sound on the distant hill, which he took to be an echo of the maul. The same thing was repeated several times, with slight variation in sound. Not satisfied, the railsplitter stood his maul by the side of the stump and went to the distant hill to see what the trouble was, and found two old Billy Goats sending their heads together with terrific force. After watching the goats for some time, the rail splitter left them in deadly embrace. A year later, in passing the scene of the goat battle, the rail-splitter saw the two tails of the goats wiggling in the leaves."

"And that is the way the war will end," says Capt. Walters, "it will keep on until all of the nations are exhausted—and then it will wiggle out."

TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND WAR SAVERS IN THE STATE

Over 500 War Savings Societies representing approximately 25,000 members have been organized in North Carolina, according to information from State Headquarters at Winston-Salem. Miss Kate M. Herring, who is director of the work of organizing the War Savings Societies in the State, says that an average of fifteen organizations are reported daily to State Headquarters. This means that not only the schools are enrolling their pupils as War Savers but that various groups and existing organizations are being converted into War Savings Societies.

The schools so far have proved the best organizers. While many superintendents and teachers have not yet reported the names and the number of members of their different organizations as they are requested to do, it is known that they have organized and are actively at work.

Programs for the monthly or semi-monthly meetings of the societies have been prepared at State Headquarters and will be issued in a few days to the Secretaries of the Societies. These programs are especially suited to school use and commencement occasions.

Enroute From Toledo.

The fifteen Oxford men who left last Saturday for Toledo, Ohio, are expected to arrive in Oxford this Saturday morning, each driving a handsome Overland car for The Oxford Overland Company. The cars will be on exhibition at the Farmers Warehouse.

Before Easter Specials.

Landis & Easton's two big stores are radiant with Easter goods. In their announcement elsewhere in this paper they announce specials for the glad event.

Card of Thanks.

We thank the kind friends and neighbors for loving kindness showed us during the sickness and death of our sweet baby Nelson.—Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Brooks.

—The Germany peace treaty has been ratified at Moscow by a vote of 453 to 30. The date of the execution of the 30 for opposing the will of the Kaiser has not yet been fixed.

Mr. Sam Hobgood, of the Imperial Tobacco Company, Henderson, and his fine little son spent Wednesday in Oxford. If everybody had as warm a hand-shake as has the general Sam, Henderson would be on fire all the time.