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## THE LIBERTY LOAN CAMPAIGN IN GRANVILLE CO. GOES MERRILY ON

The General Chairman, Mr. W. T. Yancey, Has Secured Strong Speakers to Present the Issue

No man in Granville county is working harder for the success of the Third Liberty Loan than is Mr. W. T. Yancey, the general chairman. He has succeeded in procuring strong speakers to present the strong points of the issue to the people in all of the common centers of the county. The times and places of some of the meetings will be announced in the next issue of the Public Ledger.

Mrs. Candace Brown, general chairman of the Woman's Committee, will have a pleasant story to relate when all is in. There is no better investment than the Third Liberty Loan Bond, and you should keep in touch with the various workers and let them explain to you the things that all Americans must know.

The Public Ledger will thank the heads of the publicity committees to keep us well informed as to what is being accomplished in old Granville county. It is quite necessary for the county to furnish its quota. The Public Ledger will gladly publish the names of all subscribers to the loan if the list is furnished us through the heads of the publicity committee. Let us see what is being accomplished in Granville to back up the boys at the front.

## GRANVILLE COUNTY AVIATOR MET GERMAN SPY.

Took the Hun to Dinner and Treated Him Like a Gentleman.

Writing from Washington City to the Granville County Exemption Board, Aviator Allen B. Cozart, a son of former Sheriff Cozart, of Granville, relates his experience with a German spy. Young Cozart was recently in Oxford, enroute from the aviation field in Texas to Washington. The following is an extract from his letter to the Exemption Board:

"I thought you would be interested in knowing that while waiting for a commission I was doing some special work for the Government here in the way of testing out new machines.

A little funny coincidence happened to me while here in the way of a secret spy. One afternoon after being up in the air, coming down I took a French flyer with me to dinner, and while at this meal, some one gave us a good strong dose of stricknine and in the meantime it was found out later this was a German spy, and that he had been watching our station for some time. However, the stricknine did not get me or the Frenchman, but it meant that I had to have two doctors one whole night and part of a day, but with the good assistance of those faithful doctors I finally revived, and am getting along very nicely now and will leave here tomorrow for Champayne, Illinois, where I will attend the Bombing School for about three weeks. From there will go Mineola, L. I."

## VOCATIONAL TRAINING.

Course Prepared to Train Men for Technical Employment.

A war emergency course to train selected men for machine-shop occupations, blacksmithing, sheet-metal working, and pipe fitting has been prepared by the Federal Board for Vocational Education and will be distributed to the schools throughout the county. It is known as bulletin No. 8. The board is acting with the War Department in preparing these courses of study and in dealing with the State authorities in charge of the school work.

## HAWAIIAN MUSICIANS.

The Musical Treat of the Season Coming to the Orpheum Theatre.

The people of Oxford will have an opportunity on Thursday night, April 18th, to hear the world famous Hawaiian musicians in an evening's entertainment of instrumental and vocal Hawaiian and popular American numbers.

Mr. J. B. Young and family are at home on Front street, in the residence formerly occupied by Mrs. H. J. Robards.

## LOCAL MEN ATTEND THE STATE CONVENTION.

The Suffrage Resolution Was Defeated—Eight Hundred Delegates Present.

A number of citizens of Oxford and Granville county were in Raleigh Wednesday in attendance upon the Democratic State Convention, which convened in the capital city at noon. A large number of delegates were named at the county convention held here last Saturday, and many of these elected went to the State meeting.

### Suffrage Amendment Defeated

There was no particular business of interest to come before the convention, so far as the minutes of the meeting show, except the question of endorsement of a woman suffrage plank for the party's platform. Party leaders had discussed this proposition at length prior to the convention of the meeting, and the endorsement of suffrage by the Republicans at Greensboro Tuesday was expected to have spurred the Democrats, but the following resolution, which was the only one before the convention, was overwhelmingly defeated:

"Resolved that the question of equal suffrage be submitted to the women of North Carolina under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Democratic executive committee at the election of 1918."

The opposition to the suffrage plank was not based on opposition to suffrage as a principle, as Cameron Morrison explained, but because it is fighting point, a matter over which North Carolinians are divided and as such ought not to be allowed to become an issue now and distract attention of men from their duties toward the nation in the war.

### Against Partisan Strife.

Mr. Victor Bryant urged that his party resolve against partisan strife for subordination of internal policies in State and nation for the continuation of support to the cause of public education, for the maintenance of worthy charities, and for the loyal backing of the administration for the winning of the war.

### The Committees.

The platform committee as announced consisted of Col. Wilson G. Lamb, Williamson, first district; Senator W. H. S. Burgwyn, Northampton, second district; R. A. Nunn, Craven, third district; Walter Siler, Chatham, fourth district; Gen. B. S. Royster, Granville, fifth district; Frank Gough, Robeson, sixth district; R. E. Little, Anson, seventh district; J. A. Hartness, Iredell, eighth district; Cameron Morrison, Mecklenburg, ninth district; Walter E. Moore, Jackson, tenth district.

The State Executive committee members of the fifth District were named as follows:

S. M. Gattis, Orange; S. C. Brawley, Durham; J. H. Vernon, Alamance; D. G. Brummitt, Granville; C. A. Hines, Guilford; N. L. Cranford, Forsyth.

### General Royster at Creedmoor.

It is announced that General B. S. Royster, and perhaps others, will speak at the High School Auditorium in Creedmoor, Saturday night, April 13th. The topic for discussion will be the war. Don't fail to be there, the speaking will begin at 8:00 o'clock.

—We read in an exchange about a printer who started in business twenty years ago with nothing but a Canadian half dollar and is now worth \$100,000. His accumulation of wealth was the result of frugality, good habits, hard work, strict attention to business, and the fact that an uncle died and left him \$99,999.50.

### Active Red Cross Workers.

Hester, Bullock, Enon and Corinth churches, of which Rev. G. T. Tunstall is pastor are very active in Red Cross work. The four auxiliaries formed in these are doing splendid work. A more lengthy account of the activities of these enthusiastic workers will be given later.

### Annual Meeting.

The stockholders of the Oxford Building & Loan Association will hold their annual meeting in the court house this Friday night at 8:30. You are urged to be present.

## HAPPY LOT OF AMERICAN TROOPS ARE NOW RE-ENFORCING BRITISH LINE

Deep Salients Driven By the Germans on Several Sectors of the New 20-Mile Battle Line—Furious Assaults Going Around Chauny, Which Has Changed Hands Several Times.

Maintaining their powerful attacks in the northern part of the British line, the Germans continued to gain ground today. The official report from Field Marshal Haig says that the British troops were forced back to the line of Wilschaete.

On several sectors of the new 20-mile battle line a few deep salients have been driven by the enemy, but in the process the Germans nowhere have been able to break through, the line merely bending back under the great pressure.

American troops are now reinforcing the British line in France, along the greater portion of which the Germans are keeping up their strong attacks with hordes of men and great concentrations of artillery in assaults that now apparently have their objective in the penetrating of the battle front in northern France and Belgium. It was a happy lot of men that swung into the sector chosen for them, and they were greeted with enthusiasm.

## TALK LESS AND DON'T BELIEVE ALL YOU HEAR.

Some of the Wild Rumors That Float Upon the Air.

It does not require a great amount of ingenuity in these exciting days of the world conflict to concoct a wild story that will gain momentum as it floats upon the wind to all parts of the country. In searching for the originator of the story you will generally find that "a traveling man told me so."

The latest report handed out in Oxford by "a traveling man" is the most absurd story of them all. It is whispered in great secrecy that the allies have captured the Crown Prince and Hindenburg and are exhibiting them in an iron cage in London and Paris. The capture of these two men, it is said, accounts for the Kaiser taking personal charge of the German army on the western front.

It was recently reported here by "a traveling man" that an aviator was shot down on the Mexican frontier, and on investigation it was found that the aviator thus shot was none other than Ruth Law, who proved to be a man attired in women's clothing.

It is well to remember that very little authentic news comes out of Germany, and it is equally as certain that the allies, too, have their secrets; therefore it is not the part of wisdom to talk too much or believe one-half you hear.

## SPEEDY COURT WORK.

Judge Bond Gains One Day in Two.

Learning that members of the bar desired to attend the State Convention held in Raleigh Wednesday, Judge Bond, who is presiding at the Granville Court cut out all of the unnecessary frills of court work and completed the criminal docket Tuesday evening—just one day ahead of schedule time.

Judge Bond had considerable legal work ahead of him that needed attention and he remained in his apartments at the Exchange Hotel nearly all of Wednesday while the members of the bar were attending the convention in Raleigh.

The civil docket was taken up Thursday morning on schedule time. This is a two week's term of court, and we would not be surprised if Judge Bond gains a couple of days more during the term.

## THE GRAND JURY'S REPORT Institutions of the County Are in Good Condition.

The Grand Jury at the April term of the Granville county Superior Court made the following report Tuesday evening, April 9th, and were dismissed with thanks by Judge Bond.

### The Report.

Hon. W. M. Bond, Judge Presiding: We, the Grand Jury, have visited the several county offices and find them to be in excellent condition.

We also visited the county jail and found that also in excellent condition.

We visited the county home and found there the following:

Number of inmates 30; number of white males, 5; females, 9; number of colored males, 7; females, 9; number of convicts, males 3; females, 1; three mules, one horse, sixteen hogs, four cows, one calf, 50 barrels of corn, plenty of dry feed, eight hundred pounds of meat, one barrel of molasses.

We recommend that the roof of the colored home be covered or patched, as it is very leaky; and has caused the plastering to fall off. We found other things in good condition.

There are 34 Justice of Peace in Granville county, 13 of whom have reported; 20 have not reported.

Very respt. Submitted,

THE GRAND JURY,

M. S. Mayes, Foreman.

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## EXEMPTION OF FARMER BOYS.

The Man With the Hoe in This Day and Time is a Patriot.

Some criticism has been directed against the District Exemption Board in that it has not ruled altogether in favor of the exemption of farmer boys, but it would seem that any young man who has business on the farm and who leaves for the front is himself largely to blame. Perhaps many of these young men have refrained from asking exemption because they feared they might be looked upon as slackers, but the Government does not place them in any such classification. In fact, special measures have been taken for the protection of farmer help.

Young men who are needed on the farms should bear in mind that their desertion from the farm is but little less of a crime than desertion from the ranks. The Government looks at it in that light. They should sign the blanks which would bind them to the occupation of feeding the men who handle the guns. The man with the hoe in this day and time is as much of a patriot as the man with the gun.

## THE LONG RANGE GUN HAS BEEN LOCATED AT LAST.

French Aviators Are Bombarding it Constantly.

Paris, April 11.—The German long range gun which has been bombarding Paris, has been located in Crepy-En-Laonnois.

French artillery and aviators are bombarding it continuously.

Crepy-En-Laonnois is a village of 1500 population, 75 miles north-east of Paris. It is located just east of the eastern fringe of the St. Gobiann forest.

The village is noted as the place where Charles V. and Francis I. concluded peace in 1544.

### "Love Letters."

Be careful what you write. "Love letters," is a fascinating story of the love affairs of a very young girl, who had written some indiscreet love letters in her youth which are the cause of her first matrimonial misunderstanding after she becomes the wife of the District Attorney. You will be interested to see how cleverly she proves her innocence to her stern husband in her struggle to live down an early love affair.

In this production Miss Dalton will wear her smartest gowns, as well as a stunning riding costume, while riding her favorite horse—Lord Chesterfield.

Come to the theatre early and bring your family and friends. You will be charmed with the picture, we feel sure. Will be shown at the Orpheum Tuesday, April 16.

About 60,000 officers and men are engaged in coast patrol work of the Navy.

## A TRIP OVER OXFORD RURAL ROUTE NO. 7.

Things That Engaged the Attention of the Carrier on Route No. 5.

Recovering from a spell of gripp, I accompanied the carrier of Route 7 around his route one day last week. On a trip of 28 miles on any public road there are many things to attract your attention. First of all, good roads are very attractive and especially on a car. The most of the roads on this route are in fairly good condition (but most all need work). About 3 miles of road on this route between Gela and the Stovall and Mountain Creek road is in awful bad condition and needs work at once. People are required to keep the roads in good condition where the daily mail is brought to their homes. The people on Route 7 and in the Mountain Creek section are clever, honest and a prosperous people. We find many splendid farms and homes and many of the best people of the county live on this route.

We found nice school houses well painted on this route which speaks well for any community. The farmers were all busy getting ready for the planting time. We stopped at Mountain Creek church and accompanied by two young ladies, the Misses Newton, a small boy and a lady who came out for the mail, we were shown the out and inside of the beautiful new brick church which is nearly ready for service. We noticed there are seven Sunday school rooms beside the main auditorium. As you go in there are two rooms on the right and two on the left with folding doors. There are also 3 Sunday school rooms behind the platform or stand. This is fine for the good people of Mountain Creek. I have worshipped with you with great pleasure in the old church, and hope it will be my privilege to worship with you in the new one some time. On leaving the church I was conducted by these friends to the newly made grave where the three children of Mr. G. W. Hart were buried a few days before. The flowers were fresh but my heart was sad as I stood by the grave of loved ones who had come to a sudden and untimely death. We also noticed the grave of one Mrs. Eakes who was buried the same day as the others and whose grave was covered with beautiful flowers. To all the bereaved ones of this community we extend our heart felt sympathy. The Lord bless, comfort and save you all.

As a further evidence that the people are clever on Route 7, they subscribe for and read their county paper, The Public Ledger. One of the largest rolls of Ledgers going on any route from this office goes out on Route 7. The people also take their church paper which is mainly in this section. The Biblical Recorder in a Baptist family as I am to get the Christian Advocate in a Methodist family. It is indeed a sad sight to see a fellow riding in a new automobile and he cannot afford to take his county or his church paper.

Last but not least the people on Route 7 appreciate the service of a good mail carrier. There are many who would do anything they could to help lighten the burden of the mail man. This writer desires to thank the good people on Route 7 for their kindness and courtesy to the mail man, especially during the severe weather and bad roads of the past winter. With best wishes I am your friend.

D. N. HUNT, Carrier Route No. 5.

### In the Lapse of Summer.

About this season of the year our thoughts naturally turn to spring apparel. While the weather has been a little cool for the past few days summer is peeking around the corner and will be here before you know it. The Long Company has anticipated your summer needs and have laid in a most elegant line of men's and boys' spring and summer wear and are selling it at prices surprising low. Before you buy your summer outfit drop in and let these gentlemen show you the many good bargains they have to offer you. See their announcement on the last page of this paper.

Misses Lena and Annie Coble spent the week end with relatives in Greensboro.