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## ASKED TO DEDICATE ACRES TO VICTORY—THE BEST ACRE.

Colonel F. H. Fries Calls on Planters to Plant Extra Acres or Dedicate Acres Already Planted to Win War.

While it is yet planting time, Col. F. H. Fries, on whose shoulders rests the responsibility of raising North Carolina's quota of \$50,000,000 of war savings, is asking the planters of the State to do one of two things, either plant an extra acre for the cause of victory or dedicate to this cause an acre that has already been planted. While it cannot be said that Col. Fries is choice as to the kind of acre that he wishes set apart for victory, he feels that every farmer's patriotism should be sufficiently strong as to direct him to make one of his best acres his "victory acre."

**Victory Acre Committee.**  
Colonel Fries is appealing to his one hundred county chairmen to take immediate action in regard to securing as many farmers and their tenants in their respective counties as possible to plant the most profitable grain, while it is yet the planting season. He suggests that a "victory committee" be appointed in every school district to encourage this work and that this committee keep a list of the farmers co-operating in the movement, which list with the amount received and invested in war savings stamps when the crop is harvested, will be forwarded to State headquarters.

**Fly a Flag.**  
Colonel Fries goes a step further and suggests that farmers adopt some way of designating their "victory acres," as by having a flag waving over them, or in some other way that will make known their purpose. He says this will be the means of not only raising better and bigger victory acres, but it will stimulate them to cultivate as they should be. "It would be a sorry sight," he says, "for a poorly cultivated acre to be pointed out as 'Uncle Sam's Acre,' particularly at this time, when his needs are the greatest."

**Two Reasons Given.**  
Colonel Fries advocates the planting of extra acres for two reasons. The first is because the country is greatly in need of food. The second is, there are people who have no other way of securing the means of buying Thrift and War Savings Stamps. The Victory Acre will not only increase the food supplies supply; it will afford many people their only opportunity for rendering their country a needed service at a most imperative time.

## PASTOR OF THE OXFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Stewart Oglesby Comes From Hope, Arkansas.

The Presbyterian manse is being made ready for the reception of Rev. Stewart Oglesby, who will preach his first sermon in Oxford, May 12. The congregation, which has been without a pastor for several months anticipate with much pleasure the arrival of their pastor, his good wife and sweet little child.

Rev. Caldwell, of Roanoke Rapids, who accepted the call two months ago, as announced in the Public Ledger, declined the call, and Mr. Oglesby comes to the charge at the solicitation and prayers of the congregation. He preached here once or twice last fall and he is regarded as a strong exponent of the Gospel.

## RUSSIA IS TO RE-ENTER WAR.

Expected to Yield a Large Army Within Ten Months.

Petrograd, May 1.—Russia is preparing in the most serious manner to re-enter the war, so far as possible under the present circumstances. The pan-executive council at Moscow, on the eve of the receipt of the "forty-second ultimatum" from Germany, adopted War Commissaire Trotsky's plan for universal military training for all men from 16 to 40 and conscription of all workers and peasants.

The new plan is expected to yield a large army within ten months.

If the allies hold until next spring Russia will be able to strike with fresh minions—and the doom of Germany will be sealed.

Women will take jobs as street car conductors in Wilmington.

## TWO NEW AUXILIARIES ORGANIZED IN GRANVILLE

Oxford Chapter Makes Another Shipment—Helpers Are Badly Needed

The Granville County Chapter American Red Cross made a shipment to Headquarters on April 29, of the following garments:  
25 suits pajamas,  
9 operating helmets,  
12 pairs of shirts (summer),  
12 pairs of shirts (winter),  
2 baby outfits.

Helpers are Needed  
Our Chapter is being organized to provide at the earliest possible date large quantities of help and to enable us to meet the demands helpers are being made. We are certain that the patriotic women of Oxford will respond to this urgent call when they realize the necessity. We cannot too strongly urge the imperative need of a large number of helpers in this work, and we ask every woman who is willing to help to come to the rooms of the Chapter at once.

**Auxiliaries Organized.**  
The Auxiliary Committee organized two Auxiliaries the past week, one at Northside with 19 members with Miss Nannie Roycroft as chairman, and Mrs. W. H. Fleming as secretary and treasurer; also one at Wilton with ten members with Mrs. T. C. Rogers as chairman and Miss Elizabeth Morris as Secretary and Treasurer.

These Auxiliaries have made a good beginning and the Chapter is looking forward to splendid results.

## STEM GOES OVER THE TOP IN LIBERTY LOAN.

The Capital of Tally Ho Will Get an Honor Flag.

The hustling little city of Stem, the capital of Tally Ho, over subscribed its quota to the Third Liberty Loan through the Bank of Stem early this week. They went over the top by about \$1000 and the end is not yet.

Stem is the first, and perhaps the only town in Granville to furnish its quota. In honor of the event the Federal Reserve Bank has forwarded an honor flag.

## OXFORD WOMAN'S CLUB.

First Business Meeting of the Year.

The first business meeting of the year is always of much importance. The first meeting for the year 1918-1919, marking the induction into office of a new administration, with Mrs. Robert G. Lasister at its head, was held Wednesday afternoon at the Oxford Library. A large number of enthusiastic women attended and enjoyed the interesting meeting.

## NEGRO BEATS FARMER AND BURIES HIM.

One of Caswell County's Most Cold Blooded Assaults.

Nat Wilson, 21, prominent tobacco farmer of the Cedar Grove section of Caswell county, Tuesday afternoon was the victim of one of the most cold blooded and deliberate assaults in the history of this section. The assault was made upon him by a negro whose name is said to be Jake Jones and whose motive was the theft of an automobile he had agreed to purchase from the young farmer.

He threw his body into the water and covered it with planks and huge rocks.

## Old Factory is to Be Moved.

Mr. Palmer Gill, an employee of the American Tobacco Company, arrived in Oxford this week to tear down the old Kimball factory and move it to Kentucky.

## The Overland Cars.

If you are in the market for a good car it is to your interest to read the announcement of the Overland Oxford Company in this paper and go to the Farmers Warehouse and examine the Overland cars.

## Donation.

The Granville County Chapter acknowledges a donation of \$25.00 from Miss Lela Routon.

Those wishing the town cart to call for trash, notify Mayor W. Z. Mitchell or Chief Hobgood.

There are now four times as many vessels in the naval service as a year ago.

## HINDENBURG STAGGERING BEFORE MOST STUPENDOUS FAILURE SINCE WAR BEGAN

General Foch's Enticements of Death More Terrible Than Kaiser Can Pay For—The German Power By Order of The German High Command Has Come to an Abrupt End—The Allies Successful Stand Before The Last Defenses of Ypres Is Enormous.

The most encouraging news as conveyed by the Associated Press, is to the effect that Hindenburg is staggering before the most stupendous German failure since the battle of the Marne.

General Foch's enticements of death are proving more terrible than ever the Kaiser can pay for.

## SLAUGHTER ENDED.

The slaughter of German man power by order of the German high command has come to an abrupt end; but a renewal of the panting effort to break through the allied lines is inevitable. The victorious German spirit, however, has been extinguished, and von Hindenburg can no longer progress except at an even more ghastly cost than he has previously paid.

The morale effort of the allies's successful stand before the last defenses of Ypres is enormous. After having won the most difficult parts of the approach to Ypres, the Germans have been batted practically on Sommits of the hills they paid so dearly to capture. The collapse of von Hindenburg offensive under this circumstance the British and the French exacted far heavier toll from the Germans for possession of Messines range and Mont Kemmel than von Hindenburg could afford to pay.

## TAKEN NO VITAL POSITION

Nevertheless von Hindenburg must risk still further gambles for he has not yet taken a single position that is vital. He can't turn to the German people and claim a decisive victory which even they will be deluded into accepting. To be along the present line indefinitely must in the end prove the undoing of von Hindenburg's reputation; and the collapse of Kaiserism. The people at last are beginning to realize that an enormously powerful American Army is piling into France. The Americans may not be fully prepared to strike before next Autumn or next Spring, but if Hindenburg is blocked this summer he will stay blocked until America's major offensive is ready to start. That means defeat for von Hindenburg. That is why each German halt such as the present one before Ypres is a terrifying nightmare for the Hohenzollern absolutists.

## GRANVILLE COUNTY WILL GO OVER THE TOP.

We Are Sure to get an Honor Flag.

We are reasonably sure that Granville county will subscribe its quota of the Third Liberty Loan Bonds before sun down Saturday. We are advised that something over \$200,000 is in hand and all of the workers have not as yet reported. The committees are very much encouraged with the work, and state that Granville will go over the top and get an honor flag.

A few more practical heart-to-heart talks like the one of Senator Hicks delivered at the Orpheum Thursday night will do the job.

## PATRIOTIC TOBACCO MEN.

Oxford Tobacco Board Address Letter to

We call attention to the patriotic announcement of the Oxford Tobacco Board of Trade on the second page of this paper. Every farmer in this section will profit by reading it.

Nice chance for a pleasant trip through the land of sunshine. See the announcement of E. H. Crenshaw in this paper.

## TOBACCO WILDFIRE IN TOBACCO PLANT BEDS.

Great Care Should Be Taken to Avoid Carrying the Disease on One's Hands.  
(Extension Service, B. W. Kilgore, Director.)

The tobacco disease called wildfire, which was so destructive in many sections of the State last year, has already appeared in the plant beds. It can be recognized by the presence, particularly on the lower leaves, of small, light brown spots. The tissues surrounding these spots are yellowish green in color. Affected plants may either remain stunted, or may die in the plant bed. Last year's experience has shown conclusively that plants will not recover. If they are set into the field many will perish within a few days, and those which survive will bear a diseased crop. If, therefore, diseased plants are transplanted, and if several rainy periods occur during the growing season, the crop can be expected to be, at best, injured to the extent of 30 to 50 per cent., and may even be a total failure.

Growers should carefully examine their plant beds now. The presence of brown spots is not to be regarded as frost injury, but as certain evidence of wildfire. Plant beds, where diseased plants occur throughout the bed, should be abandoned. Great care should be taken to avoid carrying the disease on one's hands, shoes, or otherwise from diseased beds to healthy ones.

It is advisable, where only a few plants diseased, to dig them out immediately, with all nearby plants, in the hope that by so doing one may prevent the spread of wildfire over the entire bed. Subsequent examinations will show whether or not it is safe to use plants from such beds.

It is believed, but time has not yet been afforded to establish proof, that one can grow a crop free from wildfire if he starts with healthy plants. Many farmers have such healthy plants, sufficient perhaps for our entire crop. See if they can be had from a neighbor. Even if he refuses early plants get those from a later drawing. The danger of failure is too great to risk planting diseased plants.

## OLD GLORY SHOULD FLY OVER OUR PUBLIC BUILDINGS

The Schools, the Banks, Armory and the Court House.

Here and there one will see the American flag flying in Oxford, but they are scarce and far between. The flag should fly over the schools, banks and public buildings every day in the week and Sunday, too.

We see it stated that some of the churches in some of the cities of the South and Eastern States have adopted "Old Glory."

A flag on the National Bank of Granville would be an inspiration viewed from Main street; on the First National Bank, viewed from College street, and on the Court House, viewed from all directions.

It wouldn't be a bad idea to ask Mrs. W. H. White's consent to put a flag on the Soldier's monument at the head of Main street.

Nothing like the presence of Old Glory floating in the breeze will enkindle quite as much patriotism in the breast of the average man.

## OUR ENON LETTER

Son of Commissioner Daniel Enlists With Hospital Corps.

(Correspondence Public Ledger)  
Mr. A. T. Knott and wife motored over to Durham Monday to visit Mrs. E. K. Howard, Mrs. Knott's Mother, who is under treatment at Watts Hospital.

Sergeant Charlie Jones, of Camp Sevier, spent a few hours with his mother, Mrs. R. C. Jones, Sunday.

Mr. C. W. Knott has purchased a nice Chevrolet car.

Mr. Sam W. Daniel, son of Commissioner J. L. Daniel, has enlisted with the hospital corps, and left this week for Fort McPherson.

The play "Topsy Turvy" presented by the Caltolina community club at Enon April the 24th was a success.

Mr. Manning, of Palmilee, spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. O. A. Daniel.

Greek citizens of Charlotte subscribed for Liberty Bonds to the amount of \$11,200.

## OUR CHRISTIAN DUTY IN PRESENT NATIONAL EMERGENCY.

Speakers Invited to Assist Churches of the Country.

Plans are being worked out for the presentation of the above subject in the churches of Granville County during the month of May. It is proposed to have the messages which the efficient pastors have been delivering supplemented by addresses delivered by visiting speakers, some of them laymen and some of them ministers. This plan was recommended at a meeting of the Church Committee on War Savings Stamps held on last Monday at which a number of the pastors of the county were present. Mr. John Webb, Chairman of the Granville County War Savings Stamp Committee, wishes to provide means of conveying speakers out to the churches every Sunday, and owners of automobiles are asked to offer their cars for this service. All who are willing in this way to render a patriotic duty and aid in this worthy cause will please notify Mr. Webb at once.

R. H. WILLIS, chm. Church Com. on War Savings Stamps.

## ACREAGE NOT TAX PROBLEM.

Government Wants to Get Estimates Without Guessing.

Efforts of the State bureau of estimates to procure through official channels definite information as to crop acreage in North Carolina, has led to an unfounded rumor being spread to the effect that crops will be heavily taxed. Such rumors are absolutely false and without foundation, County and State officials let it be known. The listing of acreage is purely for the purpose of giving food officials and the bureau of estimates a clear conception of the part the state can play in preparedness.

It is stated that all the essential enterprises of the nation have furnished the government with figures showing their ability to do emergency work. County commissioners have nobly arranged for the securing of crop acreage at the time tax lists are made. This is purely an intelligence movement and will in no way effect taxes or the sales of farm products.

## TWO OF THE OLD GUARD.

They Speak of the Days That Tried Men's Souls.

It is always interesting to hear two old soldiers of the War Between the States, and two of the most interesting boys of the Old Guard met in Oxford Wednesday. They were Lieutenant Wilkins Stovall, who is now in his 82nd year, and Comrad S. R. Puckett, of Route 4. They were in the thick of the battle at Gettysburg when fourteen thousand dead men lay at their feet. A ball struck Lt. Stovall in the jaw and he was captured and taken to a prison in Ohio. Veteran Puckett came through the three day's scrap without a scratch. These old war horses know whereof they speak, and they have a very tender spot in their hearts for the boys over yonder.

There were not many more than 1,000 cannons and there certainly were not so many as 6,000 smaller pieces of artillery—which would represent machine guns—in the whole Confederate Army and the ammunition its factories would turn out in year would scarcely equal a three week's output of the British munition factories, and yet, within a month of battle, the British have lost that aggregate in guns and ammunition. Another feature of interesting comparison between war now and then, is the statement that all this loss in guns and ammunition has been replaced—made good as fast as it was sustained. The three days' battle at Gettysburg could be swallowed up in an hour on the Somme.

—There can be no harm in just criticism, but unfortunately there are too few critics who are able to differentiate between criticism and knocking.

—The navy has developed an American mine believed to combine all the good points of various types of mines, and is manufacturing them in quantities.