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## HARD FOUGHT BATTLE ON OLD GRANVILLE SOIL.

The Farmers Have Concentrated Their Reserve For the Attack.

Sedition is rife in the fields and gardens of old Granville. The summer offensive of the bugs and beetles is on. The rains of the past week and the warm weather have given the weeds the breathing spell they most require and allowed the concentration of their reserves. They are impatient to battle for the sustenance afforded by the well-prepared garden plot. Now is the physiological moment to go over the top with the hoe. Give no quarter; take no prisoners. Extermination is the only applicable remedy.

Battalions upon battalions of cabbage worms, blister beetles, cut worms and plant lice are waiting their chance to strike. Make their positions untenable by the application of the proper sprays and dustings. Were there ever greater atrocities than those committed yearly by the pestiferous potato bugs, who rear their young under the defenceless, non-combatant leaves they plan to destroy? Spray their ranks with poison at their first appearance, and leave no leaf uncoated.

Down on the sweet corn salient the weeds are attempting a flanking movement. Now is the time to start your counter offensive with the cultivator, rooting them out between the rows, smashing them back by a hand-to-hand hoe engagement between the tender plants.

A clean war garden is a thing of beauty and a joy through the summer; a weedy one is an abomination unto your neighbor, and one beridden with insects and fungi is a direct insult to Nature.

## ON HISTORICAL GROUND.

Our Boys Are Few Miles Northeast of Paris.

There is no other spot on the earth where so many world-important battles were fought as in that very region of the Marne where our boys are today combating the murderous Hun.

Napoleon Bonaparte was first dethroned in 1814 and made an exile largely by the efforts of the Huns under Blucher in that land where the tall poplar trees stand like giant soldiers guarding every roadway.

It was there that the Huns under von Moltke came crashing through upon Paris 47 years ago this summer, from the tyrannous and savage results of which onslaught France is still bleeding.

Away back, nearly 1,500 years ago, at Chalons, what Creasy describes as one of the fifteen decisive battles of the world was also fought right among "the long rows of poplars through which the river Marne winds its way."

It was then civilization against the father of Huns, the scourge of God, Attila himself.

Local French tradition still gives to the little mounds around there the name of "Attila's Camp."

## GRAPEVINE STORIES TRAVEL FAST IN GRANVILLE.

There Are Only a Few Here Who Believe Everything They Hear.

The story brought to Oxford last week by a traveling man to the effect that the Crown Prince and 40,000 of his men had been captured, turned out to be a wild rumor. Several farmers quite work and come to town to see if there was any foundation to the report.

The Government cautions the public not to circulate wild rumors. The idea of catching the Crown Prince or the kaiser is all bosh. They have men on the battle line to personate them, but the crown heads are never exposed to danger.

## NATIONAL FLAG DAY.

Will Be Observed Next Friday, June 14.

Next Friday is set apart as National Flag Day, and Old Glory should float from every private residence, church, public building and vehicle. If you can not get a flag sing the "Star Spangled Banner" over and over again.

Miss Francis Abbott and Master Billy Abbott, of Appomattox, Va., are the guests of Mrs. R. L. Brown.

## GENERAL REVISION CLASSIFICATIONS IN DRAFT CONSIDERED.

Investigation Intended Put Some Class IV Men in Class 1—New 1918 Registrar Can't Enlist in Navy or Marines.

(Washington Special)

A general revision of classification under the selective service act has instituted by Provost Marshal General Crowder to determine the reason for the small number of registrants in Class 1 in some local boards.

Thousands of men in Class IV should be put in Classes I and II, the Provost Marshal said. The order also instructs local boards to look over the status of a number of men in Class 1 who ought to be in Class IV.

Provost Marshal General Crowder announced that the class of 1918 registrants will not be allowed to enlist in the Navy or Marine Corps, and that no voluntary inductions will be granted until order and serial numbers have been assigned. After numbers are assigned registrants may enlist if they obtain certificates from the local boards stating that they are not in the board's current quota.

It is expected the rearrangement will bring into Class 1 more than 500,000 men.

Cases where registrants were married after the passage of the draft act will be carefully considered, and, if evidence warrants classification in Class 1, boards will proceed to reclassify them. Married men whose wives have sustaining incomes probably will be reclassified.

## LANGUAGE UNBECOMING AN OFFICER OF THE ARMY.

Charges Lodged By Local Officials Against Officers at Camp Lee.

Officers from Oxford and Henderson who have recently taken deserters to Camp Lee complain of the manner in which a lieutenant at that post has frequently insulted them.

"You fellows down in North Carolina," said the lieutenant, "hatch up all kinds of schemes and bring men here on the charge of desertion merely to get the reward."

A captain, who was near at hand, heard this and other insulting remarks of the lieutenant, assured the officials that the lieutenant would be duly censured, but the local officials have made affidavit and filed it with the Adjutant General.

## ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY REGISTER IN GRANVILLE FOR SERVICE IN ARMY.

Young Men Express Willingness to Get to the Front and Wipe Out the Huns.

A big percentage of young men who registered at the second draft registration June 5 expressed a willingness and desire to get into action as soon as possible. About 180 registered in all.

The draft officials say the men appear to be in much better physical condition than did those who registered last June. This, of course, is largely due to the fact that the men are younger and more interested athletics and other forms of physical endeavor.

The Exemption Board has arranged the names of the drafted men and their order numbers as follows:

22 Adcock, Wm. Benj.	wh.
98 Allen, Chas.	col.
43 Allen, Willie	col.
151 Allen, George	col.
105 Arrington, Ed. D.	wh.
124 Averett, Elijah M.	wh.
170 Averett, Frank Hester	wh.
163 Averett, Lee	wh.
162 Avrett, Ellis T.	wh.
87 Baily, John M.	col.
89 Barker, Elick	col.
90 Bagby, Tommie	col.
110 Baily, Paul Fredrick	wh.
137 Barker, Charley M.	wh.
126 Battle, James	col.
52 Bennett, Marshal W.	wh.
91 Blackley, Alex Minnis	wh.
132 Bowling, Roy Thos.	wh.
32 Blalock, Wallace Allen	wh.
77 Blackwell, Henry L.	wh.
76 Blackwell, W. L.	col.
179 Bradsher, Jas. Sid, Jr.	wh.
21 Bryan, Henry B.	wh.
46 Breedlove, Jas. L.	wh.
45 Bullock, Jas. H.	col.
95 Burwell, Quincy	col.
143 Branch, Oscar	col.
100 Bridges, Lee	col.
96 Brandom, Wm.	col.
133 Bullock, Jesse Jas.	wh.
172 Bynum, Lenwood	col.

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## BLOODIEST BATTLE PRESENT WAR NOW BEING FOUGHT.

The Allies Are Prepared For Any Eventuality and the Enemy Charge Into the Sepulcher That Awaits Them—Germans Gain Some Additional Ground in the Center and Capture Three Unimportant Villages, But On the Wings the Allies Are Holding the Enemy Back and Inflicting Appalling Losses in His Ranks; Nowhere Have the Germans Pierced the Front. Enemy Reckless in Wasting Life and French Exact the Highest Price He Can Pay. The Americans Take More Ground.

With the French Army in France, June 10.—Fighting in this war probably never has been more severe than that going on today in the great battle of French and German armies between Montdidier and Noyon. DENSE MASSES ENCOUNTER HOT FIRE.

When the German infantry began coming over in the densest masses they encountered immediately an extremely hot fire from both machine guns and artillery which mowed them down.

THE TWENTY DIVISIONS. The Germans knew when they opened the attack that their task would be difficult. Therefore, they sent into the fray only chosen divisions, which had been specially trained for the assault. It is estimated that they engaged approximately twenty divisions on the front line for the first shock, while behind these, ready to take the place of the exhausted divisions, there probably were similar numbers, perhaps even greater.

## MEETING OF THE WAR SAVINGS TOWNSHIP CHAIRMEN.

On last Saturday morning the meeting for all the Township Chairmen for Granville County was held in the Court House. At this meeting the plans for the big War Savings Drive were explained and discussed. This drive is to be made during the week of June 23 to 28 and must result in an Over the Top Campaign for the County. Each Chairman was instructed to appoint sufficient members on his committee to make the house to house canvass possible during the early part of the week. Each family in the State at that time will be expected to do every thing possible to make this drive a success.

The members of the various committees appointed this week are urged to take the matter very seriously and determine to succeed. They are asked to be present at the meeting called at which they will be instructed as to what to do and how to do it.

The Township Chairmen are as follows:

Oxford—W. H. Fleming.
Tally Ho—Graham Daniels.
Oak Hill—W. C. Clark.
Salem—E. D. Hunt.
Dutchville—J. A. Pitts.
Fishing Creek—E. C. Harris.
Sassafras Fork—W. L. Taylor.
Walnut Grove—Graham Hobgood.
Brassfield—Odis Jenkins.

## REAL FEARS ARE FELT FOR PARIS SAFETY.

Bombardment Would Render Industrial Life Impossible.

(Paris Special) By another drive made without regard to sacrifice, the Germans, if they did not enter Paris, perhaps could approach near enough to hold the capital under the fire of long range guns.

"Such condition would render industrial life impossible, and the government's will must not be influenced by the fear of sacrificing the lives of non-combatants, or by fear of consequences with a cessation of the munitions factories which surround the capital would bring," says Frederick Bonnet, chairman Committee of Defense.

Drawing to a Close. The millinery business in Oxford is drawing to a close, and with that end in view The Long Company makes special announcement on the last page of this paper. Also elegant line of spring coat suits at exactly factory cost.

## THE BANKHEAD HIGHWAY WILL BE CONCRETE OR BRICK

The Official Sign Will Be Permanent, Unique and Famous the World Over.

Mr. J. A. Rountree, Secretary of the Bankhead Highway Association, gives out the following information:

A tour of the Bankhead National Highway will be made by President Plowman and Secretary Rountree. They expect to visit a number of principal towns to stir up interest in regard to the Bankhead Highway. Due notice of their visit will be given to the various officers and good roads boosters along the route.

Information reached headquarters that many miles of actual work are being done on the Bankhead Highway in Arkansas, Georgia, South Carolina and portions of Virginia. Every effort is being made to make a great success of this highway and have it ready to tender to the United States Government to maintain and build a permanent concrete or brick route from Washington to Los Angeles, Calif.

The Official signs of the Bankhead National Highway will be decided upon in the next few days. This sign will be erected from Washington to Los Angeles, Calif. It will be permanent, unique and famous the world over.

## LARGE STORAGE WAREHOUSE GOING UP IN OXFORD.

Will Be the Largest Building in This Section.

Ground has been broken and the material is being assembled for the big storage warehouse of the Imperial Tobacco Company, which is being erected on the newly acquired property adjoining the Imperial plant.

The structure will be one story high with a concrete floor.

Col. Ballou estimates that nearly one million bricks will be consumed in the building. The structure will cover more than twice as much ground as that of the old Owen Warehouse and Col. Ballou hopes to have it completed by the time the market opens next fall.

## FARMERS ARE TAKING CARE OF THE WHEAT CROP.

The Golden Grain is Being Cut and Bound into Sheaves.

Wheat is beginning to ripen in Granville and the farmers will have plenty to keep them busy for the next three weeks. "It is better to cut wheat with a binder," says a good farmer, "than with a cradle, but it is very disappointing to wait on a man who has a binder, who fails to show up at the right time."

A long season of wet weather will sometimes ruin wheat in shocks and it damages to some extent in stacks if a wet season lasts very long. After the wheat dries out well it should be threshed and the sooner the better.

## THE ECLIPSE OF THE SUN WAS VISIBLE HERE.

Entered at Aberdeen, Wash., 3:55 O'clock and Ended at 6:41 O'clock in Florida.

An eclipse of the sun was barely noticeable here Saturday evening about 7 o'clock as the shadows passed from the State of Washington to 3:35 over Oregon, Utah, Colorado, Kansas, Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and Florida.

## JUDGE DEVIN WILL TEACH BARACA CLASS

Will Be in Oxford Every Sunday For Next Six Months.

General Royster having relinquished for the time being the teachership of the Oxford Baptist Baraca Class, the class is indeed fortunate in securing the service of Judge Devin, who will be within easy reach of Oxford every Sunday during the next six months, and who has consented to teach the class. Should Judge Devin be absent, Mr. Fagan will present the International Lesson.

The class is in a flourishing condition and it is hoped that there will be no let up during the summer months.

Chaplain W. W. Morton, of Camp Sevier is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Morton Route 4.

## OXFORD AND GRANVILLE ARE IN THE WAR.

The Spirit of Sacrifice Is Taking a Hold on the People.

The fact that Oxford and Granville county is in the war at last vivid. We struggled with two issues of Liberty Loan Bonds and sent a large number of boys to the ranks of the noble before we realized for sure that "We are in the War." But now it comes home to us. The third issue of Liberty Bonds carried a new tone, an "In the War" tone that the others lacked. The sky high drive our energetic people made in the recent Red Cross campaign made us wake up the more, and our recent gifts to the army and navy, human gifts, made the fact still the more apparent. Now, all over the town and county the spirit of sacrifice, the war spirit, prevails; the Red Cross working rooms are busier than ever before; we are shipping to our boys larger amounts of supplies than ever before; we are being more conservative with the luxuries, being more freely with the war gifts. And the cream of the town and county is in the ranks—enlisted men of Uncle Sam.

## HE SAID HE WOULD DO IT AND HE DID.

Harry F. Utley, Formerly of Chapel Hill, Hangs Himself in Cell at Richmond.

Harry F. Utley, twenty-four years old, member of Seventeenth Company, fifth training battalion, Camp Lee, committed suicide in the police station at Richmond last week where he was held for desertion.

According to his mother, Mrs. Delia Cheek Utley, of Petersburg, formerly of Chapel Hill, N. C. and Charlotte, N. C. Utley declared last winter before being drafted that he would kill himself before he would cross the Atlantic to fight the Germans.

## SERGEANT TAYLOR MEETS LT. COOPER IN THE TRENCH.

Lt. Cooper Censors Letter Written Sergeant Taylor.

Six months ago E. W. Taylor, son of Mr. Arch Taylor, of Oxford, enlisted in the Marines. Three months later he became a sharpshooter and was taken to France. In a letter to his father a few days ago he said that he had the pleasure of meeting in the trenches Lt. J. C. Cooper, of Fayetteville who is a nephew of Col. H. G. Cooper, of Oxford.

"This letter written in the trenches," said Sergt. Taylor, "will be censored by Lt. Cooper." And it was. When it reached its destination it bore the inscription: "Censored by Lt. J. C. Cooper."

## MR. R. L. BROWN, OXFORD ELECTED PRESIDENT.

State Orphan Association Urges Legislature to Take Steps Against Vile Diseases.

The North Carolina Orphan Association in session at Raleigh last week adopted resolutions urging upon the Legislature the passage of marriage laws which will take into consideration the known scientific facts regarding the degenerate diseases and particularly the feeble-mindedness.

Mr. R. L. Brown, superintendent of the Masonic Orphanage at Oxford, was elected president of the association to succeed Rev. Zadok Paris, of Concord, resigned.

The offices of secretary and treasurer were consolidated and Mr. M. L. Shipman was chosen for the office.

## MAJ. THORNTON YANCEY DEAD.

One of the Best Men in Person County Answers the Call

Major J. Thornton Yancey, highly esteemed citizen of Person county, died at his home in southeastern Person last Friday in the 84th year of his age. His grandson, Mr. W. T. Yancey and Mrs. Yancey, and son William, Col. H. G. Cooper, Mayor Mitchell, Major Will Landis, Charles Landis and S. M. Watkins attended the funeral Sunday.

Miss Betty Jordan, one of the sweetest and most cheerful ladies in Oxford, attained her 80th birthday last Sunday. Her many friends wish her many happy returns.