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THE BANKHEAD HIGHWAY—REPORT MADE SOON.

The Indications Are That It Will Miss Oxford About Eighty Miles to the West.

When the pathfinders of the Bankhead National Highway Association was here a few months ago Senator Bankhead in a speech at the court house said he did not see how in the world the road could possibly miss Oxford. According to the report sent out from the headquarters of the Association in Birmingham this week it would seem that it will miss Oxford about eighty miles to the west.

Several days ago, President Plowman and Secretary Rountree, of the Bankhead National Highway Association, wrote to the various probate judges, county commissioners, road officials and local officers of the Bankhead National Highway Association, in regard to definitely locating the lines in their respective counties, also making the road with the specially designed marker of the Bankhead Highway.

The replies show that these officials as well as the people are anxious to co-operate in this work and every assistance will be rendered to build, maintain and mark this highway.

A Report Soon.

The pathfinding committee reports on the route from Greensboro to Washington on the Eastern and Piedmont route will be made very soon. In order that every detail in regard to their decision will be clear, they have traversed these routes again and gone into details more extensively than ever. They will make their report to President Plowman, when he will call a meeting of the board of directors at Charlotte to receive the same.

Thirty days' notice will be given to this meeting so that a full attendance of the meeting will take place and all parties interested in the route will be present and contest the report, if they see proper, or approve the same.

Will Go Over the Route.

Secretary Rountree, in accordance with the agreement and resolutions adopted at the annual meeting of the Bankhead National Highway at Little Rock, April 18 and 19 has commenced to arrange the details of the pathfinding committee that will go over the contesting routes of the Bankhead Highway National Association. This tour promises to be the most successful and important one that has ever been made in the United States. It will be an epoch making one. It will be the realization of a dream connecting Washington City with Los Angeles, Calif., is that the tourists will have an all-year road.

TWO HUNDRED AND TWO BUSHELS OF ABRUZZE RYE

Messrs R. L. Knowles and C. L. Faulk Win Prize.

Dr. E. T. White's fourteen acres of Abruzzo rye, on his farm two miles west of Oxford, was threshed this week, the yield on the entire acreage being 262 3/4 bushels.

To stimulate interest in the production, Dr. White early in the season offered a prize of ten dollars to the person estimating closest to the actual yield. There were 56 estimates placed, ranging from 100 to 420 bushels. Messrs R. L. Knowles, of Oxford and Mr. C. L. Faulk, of Route 7, estimated the yield at 203 bushels, missing the actual yield only one peck. Some of the next nearest estimates were: J. R. Daniel, 200 1/2; D. M. Bragg, 204; Commissioner E. C. Harris, 199 bushels. Messrs Ira Day and Luther Blackwell kept the tally sheet.

Dr. White and the farmers in particular are highly pleased with the yield. It speaks volumes for the productivity of Granville county soil of one of the best serals at a minimum cost, there being no fertilizer or manure used. In a later issue of the Public Ledger Dr. White will tell just how he did it.

GRANVILLE COLORED SOLDIER.

Private John M. Parker, of Stem, Severely Wounded With Infantry.

The overseas casualty list Wednesday contained the name of Private Joe M. Parker, of Stem, N. C., among the severely wounded.

The name does not appear in the muster rolls of Granville county, therefore it is thought that he belonged to the regular army. A message from Stem states that his home was on the rural route near the Durham county line and that he was colored.

Intercessory Prayer.

The Intercessory Prayer Service will be held in the Methodist church Monday, June 24, at six o'clock conducted by Mrs. A. H. Powell.

GRANVILLE COUNTY BOY CAUGHT IN NET SET BY DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Soldier, Formerly of Berea, Among The Quartet Indicted.

Washington, June 19.—Employees of the War and Navy Departments today were drawn into the net set by the Department of Justice for war contract brokers, through indictments returned by a Federal grand jury charging four men with trying to collect on a duplicate bill for \$187,000 submitted by a dry dock company for repairs to a government vessel. The case does not involve contingent fee profiteering, but grew out of the investigation into their practices.

The four indicated are Clyde C. Waitman, a yeoman in the Navy Department's bureau of supplies and accounts; Charles E. Waitman, his brother, a business man of Victoria, Va.; Benjamin W. Peake, a soldier stationed at Fort Meigs, Wash., formerly of Berea, N. C., and D. Malvin Mowery, a stenographer employed in the signal corps office formerly of Lancaster, Pa.

RED CROSS NEWS.

The Red Cross Extension Committee organized two auxiliaries the past week, Knotts Grove Auxiliary with a membership of forty four, and Tabbs Creek Auxiliary with a membership of fifty nine with donation of \$27.95, being proceeds from an ice cream supper served by the ladies of Tabbs Creek Community.

The Granville County Chapter acknowledges the following donations:

Knotts Grove Aux.	\$10.45
Tabbs Creek Aux.	27.95
C. C. Adcock	1.00
Willford School Aux.	15.00
Raglands Store S. S.	3.61
Cash	8.43
Colored school, Brassfield.	4.17

THE GREENWOOD BOYS.

Decendants of An Old Granville County Family.

The Public Ledger is in receipt of a marked copy of the Chicago Daily News and a letter of explanation.

The Letter.

"I enclose a clipping from the Chicago Daily News which may be of interest to many of your readers. The Greenwood boys are decendants of an old Granville County family and have many relatives still there. The Roysters, Beasleys, Philpots, Puyeurs and others, and also many in Person county. It is good to know that the decendants of the heroes of Lee and Jackson are now side by side with the North."

The Clipping.

"That the valor of the bold warriors of yore is inspiring now to the American boys on the historic battlegrounds of France is indicated in a letter from Lieut. Walter Greenwood, United States signal corps, to his mother, Mrs. W. B. Greenwood, 309 South Hamilton avenue, Chicago. Lieut. Greenwood has two brothers, Robert and Raymond, who are also officers 'over there.'"

The letter of Lt. Greenwood to his mother, referred to above and printed in the News, is indeed a tender, noble message, but it is so long, however much we appreciate it, to publish it at this time.

STREET CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

Auto Driver Disregarded Red Light Suspended From Rope.

The block on Front street between Main and Gilliam streets is closed to traffic on account of the serious illness of the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Cam Hunt.

A red light by night is suspended from the rope that stretches across Front street. Wednesday night a man driving a car ran into the rope and broke his windshield. He said that he saw the light but thought that it was the light on the rear end of an auto.

To the W. S. S. Canvassers.

As a last message before entering the campaign next week I wish to urge you to act as if you were the personal trustee of the success of the undertaking. Nothing less than your utmost is worthy of the great cause in which you are enlisted. Saturate your heart with the spirit of the ancient pilot, who shouted out to the storms of Neptune, "You may sink me, you may save me, but I'll hold my rudder true."

JOHN WEBB, Co. Chm., W. S. S.

To Thresh Wheat July the 1st.

Owing to the weather conditions the date for the beginning of wheat threshing in Granville County has been changed from July the 8th to July the 1st. All owners of threshing machines are hereby notified that they may begin operations on Monday, July 1st.

B. W. PARHAM, County Food Administrator.

FOURTH GERMAN OFFENSIVE FALLS FAR SHORT.

The last German drive was the least successful of the four the Germans have launched this year. By every measure of the success of a military offensive, the effort which has just closed falls far below its predecessors, as the following show:

Picardy.
Maximum advance35 miles
Territory won975 miles
Prisoners taken90,000
Guns captured1,300

Flanders—April 9.
Maximum advance10 miles
Territory won90 sq. miles
Prisoners taken20,000
Guns captured200

Marne—May 27.
Maximum advance32 miles
Territory won950 sq. miles
Prisoners taken65,000
Guns captured900

Oise—June 9.
Maximum advance6 miles
Territory won80 sq. miles
Prisoners taken5,000
Guns captured150

VON HINDENBURG HAS FAILED MOST MISERABLY

Stroke Stated by Germans Against Rheims Broken Down Without Gain of Ground.

(Associated Press)
The Teutonic allies apparently have lost their spirit of do-or-die. Their attacks everywhere have lacked the tenaciousness of days gone by.

The stroke started by the Germans against Rheims broke down in its inception without the enemy taking a yard of territory.

Clogged With Dead.

And in these various attempted enterprises the high commands of the German and Austro-Hungarian armies have seen their men literally mown down until battlefields have been clogged with dead or wounded as recompense to the allied troops for the small bits of terrain they yield.

American Soldiers in Germany.

For the first time, American soldiers are holding firm a part of the western front—on German soil. They are located near Hartmannsweilerkopf, east of Thann. They made a rush into Alasce and captured the eminence, holding it against all Hun attempts to recapture.

WAR-TIME CONSERVATION OF WOOL AND LEATHER.

Height of Woman's Shoes and "Spats" to Be Reduced and Bob-Tailed Coats for Men.

Restrictions on manufacturers announced by the war industries board are expected to effect a substantial saving of leather and cloth.

Necessity for war-time conservation of wool and leather will be reflected in civilian footwear and men's clothing for next spring trade.

The height of women's shoes is to be reduced to a maximum of eight inches from heel to top, with the same maximum for over-gaiters or "spats."

All shoes both leather and fabric will be restricted to black, white and two colors of tan. Patent leather will be black only.

Marked changes are prescribed for men's clothing. Sack coats will be shorter with a minimum of 30 inches for 36-sizes and one and one-half inches added for "longs." Double-breasted coats will be eliminated and the length of the coats will be a minimum of 43 inches for 36-sizes and two inches to be added for "longs."

SHIPPING BOARD RECRUITING STATION.

Mr. John G. Hall Appointed Enrolling Agent for Granville.

Mr. John G. Hall, the druggist, has been appointed recruiting agent for the United States Shipping Board to enroll young men in Granville county for service in the Merchant Marine, and this week received and executed his official oath of office. He will use his store as a recruiting station, and will "sign on" husky young Americans between 21 and 30 for training on a squadron of school ships maintained by the Shipping Board. The training is preliminary to service on merchant vessels for the duration of the war, and the men enrolled for it are exempt from the draft.

A Cordial Welcome.

On the fifth page of this paper the Perkinson-Green Company extend a cordial welcome to all the visitors to Oxford on St. John's Day.

Mr. Wes. Brummitt, of Bell Town, come to town Thursday in his shirtsleeves.

OUR STEM NEWS LETTER.

Judge Devin Speaks—Happy Couple Wed—Autos Collide and Those Who Go and Come.

(W. R. MANGUM.)

Roberts-Batts.

Mr. J. A. Batts and Miss Francis Roberts, both of Hopewell, Va., were united in marriage in the Methodist church in Hopewell Wednesday evening, June 12th, this being the first church marriage in Hopewell. Following the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Batts left by rail for Stem, arriving here Thursday morning where they spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Hall. Mrs. Hall being a sister of Mr. Batts. On Sunday they left on automobile for Wilson, the native home of Mr. Batts, where they will spend a few days on their way back to Hopewell, their future home, where Mr. Batts holds a responsible Government position.

Judge Devin Speaks.

A number of the citizens of Stem and surrounding community gathered at the Masonic Hall Tuesday afternoon at a meeting held for the purpose of organizing and getting in operation the War Savings Campaign.

Judge Devin delivered a stirring address and inspired his hearers with greater zeal for this patriotic cause. The work will be pushed with energy by those appointed to look after same.

Autos Crash.

Sunday afternoon two automobiles collided where the roads cross between the public well and the old stand of the Stem Merchantile Company. Both cars were running at a moderate rate of speed. The front wheel of one car was completely demolished and the left fender on the other machine was slightly damaged, one tire being punctured and the water tank broken. The collision was entirely accidental, no blame being imputed to either party.

Personal Mentions.

Mr. W. C. O'Briant of our town purchased an 8 cylinder Oldsmobile Monday.

Mr. J. H. Bowling has just completed a new stable built on the site of the one which was burned last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hester of Tally Ho moved to Oxford Tuesday where Mr. Hester holds a responsible position as head mechanic in Crenshaw's garage.

Mr. A. B. Cozart, who is now in government service in Detroit, arrived in Stem Tuesday and will spend ten days vacation with his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Cozart.

We regret to note the serious illness of Mrs. W. C. O'Briant of our town and wish her a speedy recovery.

We regret to note the serious illness and hope he will soon be out again.

PATRIOTIC MESSAGES.

Much Space is Given to the War Savings Campaign.

The Public Ledger greatly appreciates the patriotic announcements of our business men in this issue of the paper. They were gotten up by Mr. Andrew Jamieson, who kindly assisted us with the work. Other patriotic announcements will appear in our next issue.

Of course the winning of the war is paramount—and we are going to win it. Never doubt that, no matter how hard and long the struggle be. But every man, woman and child in America has a solemn and compelling duty resting upon them—to earn, to save, and to loan their money to the Government to help in the winning of the war. No matter what you have already done, there's more to do. The fighting men—who stand between us and the horrors of German fensidness and oppression—are giving their all, and we are called upon to loan our money for securing our own safety. The response should be eager and overwhelming—and it will be if the people realize the true significance of their opportunity for patriotic service.

MOMENTARY PRAYER AT NOON.

The Fire Bell Will Remind You of the Hour.

The other day when the fire bell sounded the noon hour, Judge Devin remarked that it would be well for everybody within hearing to momentarily engage in silent prayer. Prayer travels fast, said Judge Devin, and so much is accomplished in a fractional part of a minute!

The first bell rings at twelve o'clock sharp every day, and we are sure that many will remember what Judge Devin suggests. If you only close your eyes for a moment and ask God to bless the young men who have gone from among us, much will be accomplished in silent momentary prayer.

GRANVILLE COUNTY WILL GO OVER THE TOP.

As will be seen from the list of appointments appearing elsewhere in this paper, it is proposed to have war savings talks made in all the churches of the county next Sunday. This is one way in which the churches are fulfilling the pledges they made last year to do all in their power to support the government in this most just and righteous war. The Christian Church has more at stake in the war than any other organization, and it should not allow any other organization or institution to surpass it in loyalty to the government. Let no one, therefore, put any obstacle in the way of the work the churches are trying to do at the present time in the campaign for War Savings Stamps.

It is no small undertaking to raise in Granville County a half-million dollars for the government in War Savings Stamps but it can be done if every one will do his part. This is a work in which every one will do his part. This is a work in which every one can have a part, and it is the patriotic duty of every one to take some part in it. Not every one could buy a Liberty Bond, but every one can buy a Thrift Stamp. Not every one can get into the thousand dollar class, but there is no one in the county who cannot lend the government as much as twenty-five cents, and there are few who cannot do more than that. He who does not invest something in War Savings Stamps during the year is showing a lack of patriotism. It is confidently expected that the entire amount expected from Granville county will be pledged next week.

THE CALL TO SERVICE.

County Chairmen National Defense Issues Appeal to Women.

My dear Madam Chairman:

We have been a year creating relations, and organizing the women of Granville for War Service and not without results. Today we have eighteen organized Units of National Defense. Think of our opportunities and possibilities!

The women of Granville have responded nobly! You have been at work with Red Cross, Food Production, Food Conservation, Liberty Loan, etc., but the time has come now for even greater sacrifice and greater service, and definite work on the part of each and every one of us.

There are plenty of things to choose from and I appeal to you as the chosen leader in your community in this work to call the women together, study your special community's needs and opportunities for service, and what your organization can and will do in this great war program.

As you have been informed, there will be given you from time to time, by the Government, definite duties to perform. At present, the urgent call from your Government for your service is to aid in the drive for the sale of Thrift Stamps and War Savings securities. The week beginning Sunday, 23rd of June and ending Saturday, 29th of June has been set aside for this specific work, and at the request of Mr. John Webb, County Chairman of War Savings Stamps, I do earnestly appeal to you to give your every effort to this work during the period named.

You doubtless have a Community Chairman of War Savings other than in your Unit, and if so, will you not co-operate with him in every way possible? If not, will you not take such action as is necessary to influence and interest and encourage the sales wherever and whenever possible?

We believe you will not fail in making every effort.

Cordially yours in Service,

MRS. A. H. POWELL, Chm.
Granville Co. Woman's Com.

ST. JOHN'S DAY.

A Cordial Invitation Extended to You.

Next Tuesday, June 25, is the celebration of St. John's Day at the Oxford Orphanage. It will do you good to come to Oxford and spend the day amid splendid surroundings. The good people of Oxford extend to you a most cordial invitation to come and enjoy the day.

Lemonade stands will not be permitted on the streets of Oxford on St. John's Day on account of the scarcity of sugar.

GEN. ROYSTER IN RALEIGH

Sitting With the State Board of Elections.

Gen. B. S. Royster, who was recently appointed by Gov. Bickett as a member of the State Board of Elections, saw his first service on the board this week. Irregularities in the third Congressional District held his attention.