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BANKHEAD HIGHWAY HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY LOCATED THROUGH OXFORD

It Enters Granville County on the North At Soudan, Thence Via Bullock, Stovall, Oxford, Dement, Fairport, Thence Via Capehart Farm to Franklinton and Raleigh.

The National Highway Association in session at Charlotte last week decided to locate the Bankhead Highway from Washington to Atlanta through Granville county. It is to be built of concrete, sixteen feet wide and the bridges capable of holding a train of army trucks loaded with heavy artillery.

The Official Route.
When the path-finding committee was in Oxford a few months ago, senator Bankhead said that he did not see how in the world the highway could miss Oxford. On the evening of their arrival here they were rather late in leaving Oxford. A big supper and banquet was awaiting them in Raleigh. They had been on the road all day and were hungry. Mr. R. A. Norwood was requested to pilot the path-finders from Oxford to Raleigh, and knowing that they desired to get there as soon as possible he selected the shortest and best route. "Follow me" said Mr. Norwood, "and I will show you the shortest and best path." and off he went via Dement, Fairport, Capehart's Farm, thence to Franklinton and Raleigh, which has been officially adopted as the route from Oxford to Raleigh.

The Map of the Route.
The map of the route selected by the board of directors of the Bankhead Highway Association in Charlotte last week, whose action was final, shows that the road will pass through the following named towns and cities between Atlanta and Washington:

In Georgia.
Stone Mountain, Lawrenceville, Auburn, Winder, Stratham, Bogart, Athens, Royston, Hartwell.

In South Carolina.
Anderson, Williamston, Piedmont, Greenville, Greer, Spartanburg, Drawton, Gaffney, Blackburg.

In North Carolina.
Gastonia, Charlotte, Newell, Concord, Kannapolis, Jamestown, High Point, Greensboro, Gibsonville, Burlington, Graham, Mebane, Hillsboro, Durham, Cary, Raleigh, Neuse, Franklinton, Oxford, Stovall, Bullock.

In Virginia.
Soudan, Clarksville, Baskerville, Bowdon, South Hill, Skelton, Grandy, Lawrenceville, Warfield, Dinwiddie, Petersburg, Richmond, Solomon's Store, Ashland, Oliver, Mantico, Partlow, Mount Pleasant, Spotsylvania, Fredericksburg, Dumfries, Occoquan, Accotink, Alexandria, all in Virginia.

Congress To Act.
Secretary J. A. Rountree, of Birmingham, and Col. Rountree, of Birmingham, and Col. Benham Cameron, of Durham, were designated a committee to Congress in an effort to obtain the designation of the route as a military road.

SUBMARINE LURKING IN NORTH CAROLINA WATERS

Sinks the British Tank Mirlo and Is Awaiting the Appearance of Others.

Nine members of the crew of the British oil tanker Mirlo were drowned when the vessel was torpedoed by a German submarine Friday night off Cape Hatteras.

As the Mirlo was torpedoed only a few miles off shore the crew from Coast Guard Station at Cape Hatteras reached the scene in a short time and picked up the survivors. All except nine men were accounted for. The surface of the sea for five miles around was covered with burning gasoline.

OXFORD COLLEGE

Fall Session Begins Wednesday, September 11th.

Dr. Hobgood, President of Oxford College, has about completed his summer campaign in interest of the college and is now busily engaged in getting things in readiness for the opening Wednesday, September 11th.

It is always a glad day in Oxford when the college opens. There will be more than one hundred pretty girls in attendance this season.

AN OXFORD BOY WOUNDED

Sergeant Luther Davis in a Paris Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Davis, received a card Monday advising them that their son Luther was slightly wounded Aug. 8th. The exact wording of the brief message follows:

In hospital in Paris slightly wounded; no bones broken; best of attention; wounded July 8th. LUTHER DAVIS.

A letter from Sergt Davis to his parents, received a few days ago, advised them that he was in the thick of the fight on the Marne.

Sergt. Davis was with the Union Bank of Oxford for two years or more. He was drafted into the federal army four months ago and was sent to Camp Jackson. After a stay of three weeks at Camp Jackson he was sent overseas.

THREE GRANVILLE COLORED WOMEN JOIN THE COLORS

Mrs. Annie Brannon (colored) Is the Enlisting Agent.

In order that the colored women may be given another opportunity to enroll as student nurses, the recruiting agent, Mrs. Annie Brannon (colored) will be in the right corridor of the Court House Thursday, August 22, and Friday, August 23, from 10 to 12 a.m. Three patriotic women have volunteered and we hope that many more will offer their services to their country.

TOTAL GERMAN LOSSES REACHES SIX MILLION

Paris, Aug. 18.—The total of German losses from the beginning of the war to the end of July, 1918, are understood to be 6,000,000, according to morning newspapers.

The figures include 1,400,000 killed up to the beginning of the German offensive last March. 27 to June 17 the German are said to have lost 120,000 killed alone.

HON. BENEHAN CAMERON.

The Staunch Old Frieid of the County Spends Night in Oxford.

Hon. Benehan Cameron, the champion good road advocate, arrived in Oxford Saturday and spent the night at the Exchange Hotel. He attended the meeting of the National Highway Association in Charlotte last week and showed some fatigue. The people of Granville county are indebted to Col. Cameron for his untiring energy in locating the Bankhead Highway through here. He stuck to it first, last and all the time that Oxford was on the logical route from Richmond to Raleigh.

COLORED GRANVILLE BOYS TO GO TO CAMP GREEN

List of colored Granville county men, eleven of whom will be inducted into the military service August 24th, and sent to Camp Green, Charlotte, N. C.:

Robert Lee Daniel, Wm. Andrew Fields, Collie Lyon, Sam Geasley, Gabriel Taylor, Spurgeon Royster, Dudley White, Cleveland Howell, Connie Green, Huly Mitchell, Eddie Gill, Robert Clark, Otis Lyon, Elmos Day, Chester Cooper, Lee Lyon, Lonnie Tharp, John Howell.

IF YOU ARE JUST 21 REGISTER BY AUG. 24

"All male persons who have reached their 21st birthday since June 5, 1918, and on or before August 24, 1918, must register on August 24, 1918.

"These men should consult with local draft boards as to how and when they should register."

HUN ROYALTY SELLS ITSELF FOR FRENCH HOMES

Crown Prince Buys Castle in Alsace To Strengthen German Morale Geneva, Switzerland, August 18.—

Under forced conditions and at nominal prices the Germans are selling many beautiful French chateaux and homes in Alsace. Prince William of Hohenzollern has just bought the Chateau of Baron du Brussiere, near Mulhausen.

The German Crown Prince already has bought two places at ridiculously low prices and is said to be negotiating for another.

GERMAN OFFICERS AND MEN TAKEN PRISONERS EXPRESS THEIR OPINION

Both Officers and Men Agree That the German Submarine Has Been a Failure.

(Paris Special.)

In addition to continued intensive bombing and shelling of vital points within the enemy lines since Saturday, the British have begun gas projectiles at various places in the hope of getting at Germans hiding in cellars and dugouts from the avalanche of shells which now and then fall there. This harassing apparently is serving to lower the already low German morale.

German Prisoners Talk.

German officers and men taken prisoner seem unanimous in the opinion that a decision cannot be won on the battlefield, but that peace must be arrived at by negotiation. They expressed belief that it would be impossible for the allies to break down a nation with Germany's resources and organization skill. The officers for the most part have dropped their blustering attitude.

Want the War to End.

As far as the men are concerned all the prisoners express a desire that the war should come to an end as quickly as possible, even if peace should have to be a "patched up" one. None of them consider, they say, that Germany can win, but at the same time believe she cannot be beaten.

The Submarine Is a Failure.

Both officers and men agree that the German submarine offensive since the early spring has been a failure, when the number of American troops that have arrived in France is considered. They express the belief that the tide definitely turned against the Germans when they retreated toward the Aisne.

German Deserters.

German deserters who came over to the British lines say that just before they left their line volunteers to go on a raid for the purpose of obtaining identifications were called for. They were offered 150 marks, four days' leave and iron crosses, but not a single man volunteered, the deserters assert.

Activity of Airplanes

From other sources it is learned that an order has gone the rounds in the rear of the German lines, that rations and roll calls must not be held in the open when visibility is good, because of the activities of the allied airplanes.

LIEUT. PAUL VENABLE IS KILLED IN FRANCE

Young Durham Man Was Popular in Oxford.

We see it announced in some of the state papers that Lt. Paul Venable, of Durham, has been killed in France. In answer to a phone message late Monday evening, Mr. S. W. Venable, a prominent tobacco man in Durham, said that he had not been advised of his son's death.

Lt. Venable spent two seasons in Oxford and while here kept books for one of the big tobacco companies. He volunteered for the first officers training camp at Fort Oglethorpe, and was commissioned as a lieutenant. He was among the first troops to go to France.

VESSELS ARRIVE AND DEPART EVERY SIX MINUTES

U. S. Shipping Board Has Fleet of 1,500 Vessels Under Its Control (Washington Special.)

Every six minutes a merchant vessel arrives and another departs from American ports. From North Atlantic seaports, there is a departure every eleven minutes, and one for Europe every forty minutes. This rate of operation does not include vessels in the service of the Army or Navy. The merchant fleet of 1,500 ships under the control of the Shipping Board are run as railroads on a time schedule.

Dr. J. E. Hobgood, the most beloved physician at Thomasville with a large practice, spent Sunday in Oxford with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Frank P. Hobgood, of Oxford College.

DR. COURTNEY AT THE OXFORD METHODIST CHURCH

Much Interest Manifested In the Revival Services—The Hours of Service.

Great interest is already being manifested in the revival services held in the Methodist church. The preparatory prayer services held last week in different parts of the town were well attended, and on Sunday night all the other churches in town were closed, their congregations worshipping with the Methodists. The cooperation of the other denominations is very greatly gratifying, and it looks now as if this will be to all purposes a union meeting from which the whole town should derive great benefit.

The first three sermons of the meeting were preached by the pastor Rev. R. H. Willis, but Rev. R. M. Courtney, of Hickory, N. C., arrived Monday night and conducted his first service Tuesday morning. He will do the preaching from this time on. Mr. Courtney was pastor of the West End Methodist church in Winston-Salem for the past four years, but was sent to Hickory at the last session of the Western North Carolina Conference. He is a pastor who has been very successful in revival work and Oxford is fortunate in having secured his services.

At present the day services is being held at nine o'clock in the morning, and the night service at half-past eight. These hours may be changed later.

THE GRANVILLE COUNTY FAIR.

Secretary W. L. Peace Busy Compiling Premium List.

Secretary W. L. Peace is highly pleased at the interest manifested in the Granville County Fair which will be held October 29-30.

From all over the county comes assurances of hearty co-operation, and quite a number of the farmers have informed Secretary Peace that they will have exhibits.

Mr. P. L. Thomasson, proprietor of the Water Line Farm, is among those who will have some pigs and shoats on exhibition. Mr. Mangum, the chicken farmer in Salem township, who never fails to capture the blue ribbon, will have a number of choice birds on exhibition.

Secretary Peace is very busy this week compiling the premium list and corresponding with owners of high class attractions of an educational feature. He has a desk in the office of Prof. Webb, Superintendent of Granville county schools, where he will be glad to talk with those who desire information regarding the fair.

THE PROFITEERS SPECIALIZE IN FOOD AND CLOTHING

Most Numerous In Business Devoted to Food Production. (Washington Special.)

War profiteers in 1917 were most numerous in business devoted to food production and distribution, cotton and woolen manufacturing and dealing, coal mining, iron, copper, aluminum and other metal production, and oil production and distribution according to a treasury analysis of income tax returns in hand.

In addition, thousands of small concerns in a great variety of industrial and commercial classifications made profits ranging from 100 to 3,000 per cent above their normal profits for pre-war years, which even then were considered high.

WILSON TO WRITE ADS.

Watch the Result and You Will See That Advertising Pays.

President Wilson will try his hand at ad writing for the next Liberty Loan.

He is producing what he believes will be a money getting advertisement for the Government and as a result Secretary Daniels, Baker and others in the government are doing likewise.

The Liberty Loan officials have the President's "copy" photographed as originally penned and distributed for publication throughout the United States.

Other cabinet ad writers will be supplemented by the leading ad artists in the country as well as prominent writers—a new wrinkle in Liberty Loan advertising.

THREE MILLION AMERICAN SOLDIERS ARE UNDER ARMS HERE AND ABROAD

1,500,000 Are Overseas and 1,555,000 are in Cantonments Here—America Plans to Have 3,000,000 Over By July Next.

At his semi-weekly talk to newspaper men in Washington Saturday, General March chief of staff, said that more than 1,450,000 American soldiers have been embarked from the United States. This includes men sent to Italy and Siberia as well as to France.

Army Over 3,000,000

General March told the Senators that the American army now under arms numbered slightly more than 3,000,000, with 1,450,000 men now in France or on the way, and approximately 1,550,000 in cantonment at home.

Russian Situation Bad.

Senators were also informed that the Russian situation is very bad because of the general complexity of affairs there. They were given to understand that there was not much chance of establishing a real offensive on the eastern front, because of the great number of men that would be required.

Treatment of American Prisoners

General March said that official reports through the Spanish Embassy give no evidence that American prisoners in Germany are singled out for mistreatment, as has been reported. Very detailed reports, including the daily menus, are received and show that the question of the treatment of prisoners has largely become standardized.

Germans Voluntarily Surrender

Discussing the battle situation in France, the chief of staff drew attention to the fact that the Germans have now voluntarily surrendered portions of their line at four different places. He placed no construction of his own on this, but it was taken as an indication of further executed withdrawals by the enemy. In a general way, the line is now established on a front closely resembling the 1916-1917 positions in Picardy and along the Aisne-Vesle positions to the south.

The American Program.

Speaking of the American program, General March said it is proposed to put eighty divisions into France by June 30, 1919, if it is possible to do so, as is shown in the man-power bill.

Virginia Soldiers at Toul.

General March said the eighteenth division, composed of Virginia and Pennsylvania troops, was training with the British in Flanders, while the eighty-second division, composed of Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee troops, was in the battle line north of Toul.

HIGH PRICES PAID FOR TOBACCO AT DANVILLE

Warehousemen Surprised At the Large Volume of Sales on Opening Day.

Danville, Va., Aug. 19.—Predictions as to prices made by tobacco men were fully sustained last Thursday when the market opened for the 1918-19 season. Primings brought from \$16 to \$43 per hundred pounds, an unheard of price for that particular grade, and there seemed to be very keen demand for almost any kind. Warehousemen were surprised at the size of the opening sales, more than 30,000 pounds being disposed of.

Before sales began, the Danville Tobacco Association took generous action. Every buyer on the market willingly agreed to let the Danville Red Cross Chapter have one bundle of tobacco from every pile of tobacco bought one day in the week throughout the entire season. This means that the Chapter will receive a sum which may well be reckoned in the thousands.

A Message to Farmers.

When you come to Oxford with a load of tobacco on the opening date, September 4, it would be well to call at Horner Bros. Co. See announcement on the fourth page of this paper.

Judge McCoy's Son Killed.

Lt. G. B. McCoy, son of Judge W. I. McCoy, was recently killed in France. He spent some time at the Granville County Experiment Station and made many friends here.