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# NOW FIGHTING GIGANTIC REAR GUARD ACTION

Von Hindenburg Has His Back to Walt in Effort to Save His Armies.

(By J. W. T. Mason, War Expert.) There are indications that the Ger mans do not intend to halt their retreat permanently along the Hindenburg line but are planning to move still further eastward for the purpose of shortening their front and securing additional men for their new

reserve armies. Marshal Foch's continual hammering is sadly interfering with Von Hindenburg's pre-arranged retirement. Von Hindenbug must send back his slow moving heavy artillery before the infantry can retreat, yet by doing so he robs his infantry of adequate artillery protection against the allies' attacks. This is one of the reasons for the extra-ordinary small losses being suffered by the al-

In reality Von Hindenburg is now fighting a gigantic rear guard action. Hih retirement is a foregone conclusion because there is no other way for Germany to concentrate her man power to defend the Rhine against America's forthcoming offen-

But the paradox exists that by atburg is capable.

ners falling into the allies' hands, but also the possibility is always pres ent that during the German retirement Marshal Foch may be able at some point to break through the Ger

The danger of a break through is now occupying the major attention of the German general staff. It accounts largely for the slow faltering steps to the rear, and for the dogged back to the wall fighting now characteristic of the German retirement. Von Hindenburg is certainly losing more men by these operations than the allies but he cannot help himself. The war has seen many kinds of retirements. None however, has been denburg's attention.

### FIFTY-FIVE TOBACCO MARKETS IN NORTH CAROLINA

#### Oxford Stands Fifth in Number of Pounds Sold.

sold. According to this report, Wil- ing well. son can claim the distinction of being the largest strictly bright tobacco market in the world. Danville, Va., has claimed this distinction, and as to number of pounds sold, it still goes ahead of any other Southern market, but Danville sells more dark tobaccos, which Wilson does not.

# BOY IN SERIOUS TROUBLE

### Mayor Mitchell Orders Him Taken Away From Oxford.

Again the Public Ledger is requested by a parent to withhold the name of an erring son.

Early Sunday morning trainmen discovered a white boy, fifteen years old, in the freight office of the South ern Railway. Officers arrested the lad and placed him in jail overnight. Moved by compassion, Mayor Mitchell at the trial Monday morning ALLIES LOSE TWELVE HUNgave the boy a sound lecture and ordered the parent, a hardworking man, to take his son away from Oxford and see that he is engaged in a useful occupation.

## DR. TYREE WILL FILL PULPIT HERE NEXT SUNDAY

# The Distinguished Minister Is Spend-

ing Few Weeks In Oxford. Dr. J. D. Harte, pastor of the Oxford Baptist church, announced Sunday that Dr. Tyree will fill his pulpit next Sunday morning.

Dr. Tyree is well known and much beloved in North Carolina. He was Pastor of the First Baptist church in Raleigh for several years. He is now Pastor of a large congregation in spending a few weeks in Oxford, at compound comminuted fracture of the home of Mrs. J. M. Currin, the Tibia and Fibula. mother of Mrs. Tyree.

Three Men Called.

Carlton P. O'Brien, Crawford C. Satterwhite, and Monroe F. Moore, are ordered to appear before the lo-For to Camp Grant.

### LOANS TO ENTENTE REACH \$6,089,064,750 SINCE WAR BEGAN

Washington, August 26 .- Payments to the Allies since the United States entered the war today passed another billion mark, and today stood at \$6,089,064,750. This represents the aggregate of checks actually drawn on the Treasury and paid as distinguished by credits estab lished.

All credit accounts are open and are being drawn on periodically by extended, except to that of Russia, which has an unexpended balance of \$137,000,000 to Russia. Technically, this is still open, but the Bolsheviki government has never presented any demand for payment.

# SERGT. LUTHER DAVIS

## RECOVERING FROM WOUNDS Writes To His Parents From a Hos-

pital In Paris. Sergt. Luther Davis, who was wounded in the battle of the Marne, many will be forced to fight to the and sent to a Paris hospital, sends last, but they make no effort to concheering news to his parents, Mr. and ceal their impression of what this Mrs. J. C. Davis.

The letter received last Saturday was written in a Paris hospital August 4th and mailed four days later, tiate for the retention or evacuation tacking the German through inces- in which he states that he was wound of Alsace-Lorraine. sant local drives, Marshal Foch is ac ed in the leg; that the pieces of mally retarding the maximum speed shrapnel had been extracted and of retirement of which Von Hinden- that he was keeping them as souve- The Four Warehouses Ready for the nirs. He told his parents that he is This action by Marshal Foch, how- on the road to recovery and asked ever, makes Von Hindenburg's re- them not to worry about him as he the floor and getting everyhing in treat a far more perilous enterprise hoped to be out and at it again in ket next week a few days. than it would otherwise be. Not on- a few days. He spoke of the fine than it would other wise of ammuni- treatment of all wounded soldiers on baskets. The prices are sure to ly are extensive stores of the prices are sure to tions and large numbers of priso- in the Paris hospital and the deli- be high and a large number of tocious ice cream brought in by the bacco growers from Granville and ad

#### GRANVILLE CO. COWS KILLED BY EATING GREEN CANE

#### Two Drop Dead In Their Tracks and The Third Is Rescued.

Startling is the announcement that two valuable cows were poisoned and died and a third one badly damaged last week by eating green

lost one of the cows in this mysterious manner, states that he and his field in which there was some green a fat check. See the announcement neighbors turned their cows into a like the one now engaging Von Hin- cane about waist high. The cows soon found the cane and began to munch it in good style. The first cow that died had not gone down the readers of the Public Ledger to the row more than fifteen yards when it fell and expired almost instantly. The per of Mr. B. E. Parham, proprietor second cow fell a moment later and expired without a struggle. third cow, which was also suffering According to the report of leaf to- from poison, become alarmed at see- ers' Warehouse. bacco sales in North Carolina last ing her companions fall and die, tobacco year, there are in the State broke and ran, and in her effort to 55 markets. Wilson leads with to- leave the pasture fell across the tal sales last season of 32,557,213 fence, where she was a few minutes pounds. Winston-Salem was second later found in a dying condition. A with 28,857,465 pounds, and Oxford dose of sulphur was administered stands fifth in number of pounds and the cow soon revived and is do-

# LABOR OFFICE IN OXFORD.

#### All Idlers Will Be Reported to the Exemption Board.

The United States Public Service has opened an office in Oxford, and all males in the draft age who are not engaged in essential work, will be reported to the local exemption The drive in Granville county will board to be reclassified and sent to the army camp. No evasion, such September 2nd. as working a few hours or days per week will be tolerated.

The non-essential worker must go to work in earnest and save trouble. All good citizens are requested to report idlers and non-essential workers to the Granville County Board. A. A. CHAPMAN, Chm.

C. S. GARMAN, J. M. FAGAN.

# DRED AIRPLANES IN JUNE

The Second Highest Monthly Losses

Since War Began. London, Aug. 26.—The official air reports for June from all the theaters of war give a total of 1235 airplanes destroyed or put out of action, the second highest monthly total of losses since the war began.

### SAM PARHAM KILLED IN MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT

While riding a motorcycle Sunday afternoon, Sam Parham collided with an auto near Bank's Chapel and sustained injuries from which he died a few hours later in Rex hospital, Raleigh, where he was taken for treat-

In the accident the boy suffered ment. Mississippi. He and Mrs. Tyree are two broken bones in his right leg, a

He was the son of Mr. Sandy Parham. The remains reached Oxford Monday and were taken to Mt. Creek church for interment.

Meeting of King's Daughters. The King's Daughters will meet in cal board. Two of the number will the Oxford Library at five o'clock Thursday afternoon.

### VICTORIOUS PROGRESS EVERY-WHERE ALONG BATTLE FRONT BY THE ALLIED FORCES

British Have Taken More Than Thirty Thousand Prisoners and One Thousand Guns Since Last Friday -German Officers Taken Prisoners Are Anxious and Depressed.
(Associated Press Report.)

The British continue smashing the Germans toward the old Hindenburg line, which has almost been reached in the northern battle zone. The Sam H. Hicks, Ralph Currin, Jr., Authe war. While the sons and rela-German dead on the thirty mile Brit- gustus R. Bullock, Ossie Cunningham tions of our citizenship are making ish front is enormous. During the past four days the British have cap. the governments to which they are tured more than thirty thousand prisoners and one thousand guns and large stores of ammunition.

sides and the fall of this strategic ming Ellis, Garlan Daniel Currin, position is close at hand.

The German officer prisoners admit that Germany is practically in a hopeless condition, both economically and from the manpower point of dangerous trade rival or whether the don Edward Dalby. allies intend to crush her altogether. In the latter case, they say, Germeans for the fatherland.

They say they believe there is every disposition to evacuate Belgium and northern France and even nego-

# OXFORD TOBACCO MARKET.

Opening Wednesday, Sept. 4.

The warehousemen are sweeping ket next week. A new feature this year will be the handling of tobacco joining counties are expected to be present.

The Johnson Warehouse. Mr. Sam Watkins did not get the announcement of the opening of the Johnson next Wednesday in this issue if the paper, but he authorizes the Public Ledger to state that everything is in readiness and that he hopes to see his friends.

Honorable Mention. The Banner Warehouse has always carried the banner very high, and there will be no exception to the Mr. Tom Daniel, on Route 1, who rule this year. Everything is ready for the opning next week. And the cordial greetings of Mr. Mitchell, the dean of the market, is equivalent to of the Banner elsewhere in this pa-

Ready for the Opening. We invite the attention of the announcement elsewhere in this paof the Farmers' Warehouse. hearty reception and a lot of new money await those who place a load of tobacco on the floor of the Farm-

The New Mangum. It will be seen elsewhere in this paper that the Mangum Warehouse with its elegant appointments is ready for the opening next Wednesday. It will afford the tobacco growers much pleasure to visit the new warehouse on opening day whether they bring a load of tobacco or not.

#### STATEMENT WAR SAVINGS SUB-SCRIPTIONS IN GRANVILLE CO.

The total allotment for Granville county was \$552,000 in the War Savings Drive last June. Thus far a total of only \$410,858.00 has been subscribed. The plan over the state per month 20 cents per 1,000 galis to make up any deficiency by another drive before September 15th be held during the week bginning

A statement is given here to show the standing of all the townships in the alloted amount. Any township that is behind should determine that during this week the full amount will be raised. Those that are over the top ought to take advantage of this opportunity to invest wisely. Subscribed Allotted

Township \$124,567 \$117,326 Oxford 68,618 59,994 Dutchfield Fishing Creek 53,130 30,505 Oak Hill 24,530 Salem 45,518 Sassafras Fork 66,902 Tally Ho 42.570 Walnut Grove 73,656 Brassfield

\$410,858 \$552,244 Totals JOHN WEBB. ALLIES CAPTURE 100,000 GER-

### MANS SINCE JULY 18 Paris, Aug. 26.—Since the start of the counter-offensive

July 18, the Allies have taken 100,000 prisoners, according to estimates published today by the Echo De Paris. REVIVAL SERVICES CONTINUED

# Large Congregations Greet Dr.

Courtney At the Oxford Methodist Church.

The revival at the Oxford Methodist church reached its second week on Sunday last. The meetings are largely attended and Dr. Courtney keeps up his sledge hammer blows

on the evil one. There will be an hour's service at nine o'clock every morning; at eight o'clock every evening until further notice.

### FIFTY-TWO YOUNG MEN REGISTERED HERE SATURDAY

The following is a list of the young men of Garnville county who have attained their twenty-first year since June 5th, last.

White. Humphreys, William Robt. Frazier, portunity of the farmers of this com-Joe H. Daniel, Dexter Nance, Julius munity to cooperate with the Govern-G. Ellis, Braughton Parker Wilson, ment in the great task of winning gustus R. Bullock, Ossie Cunningham tions of our citizenship are making Glennie Wheelons Frank Herbert the supreme sacrifice in the offering Brummitt, Rial Broughton Locnam, of themselves at the front, certainly Francis Earl Hunt, George Sunnie the people at home should stand be-Owen, Joseph Herbert Newton, hind them with all the suport with-Bapaume is surrounded on three Ralph Campbell Allen, Charles Flem in their power.

> Colored. William Henry Taylor, Jr., Johnie and do our whole duty. Jones, Charles Davis, Leonard Scott, Archer Daniel, William Burwell Mar row, Junius Tuck, Joe Smith, Riley Cozart, Sam Lyon, John Wilkins, county for the news to go to Wash-James Holloway, Shepherd Smith, ington that not only are we falling to Allie Downey, Cartez Allen, John raise surplus food for our boys and Hurd, John W. Crews, Preston Junius Wilkinson, John Norman,

## THE CASUALTY LIST.

The Total List to Date Is 20,444

Killed in action (including Died of wounds ..... 1,260 have received little recognition in the Died of disease ........... 1,594 face of such poor showings of the Died of accident and other causes ..... Wounded in action .......10,476 Missing in action, including prisoners ..... 2,187

### TOWN BOARD APPROVES INCREASE IN WATER RATES

Total to date ..........20,444

# About Thirty Per Cent. Over the Old

Rate. Office of Mayor,

Oxford, August 16, 1918. At a call meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Oxford, held this day, there were present: W. Z. Mitchell, Mayor: Commissioners Ray, Yancey, Parham, Williams, and Per-After due consideration and on motion of Mr. Yancey it was resolved prescribes. that the Board hereby approves of petition to the North Carolina Cor- pay in advance. poration Commission, viz:

per month, \$1.50.

For excess of 3,300 gallons and up renewed and paid for. to 5,000 gallons per month 40 cents

per 1,000 gallons. For excess of 5,000 gallons and up to 10,000 gallons per months, 30

cents per 1,000 gallons. For excess of 10,000 gallons and up to 100,000 gallons per month, 26 cents per 1,000 gallons.

R. B. HINES, Clerk.

### THE REGISTRARS OF GRANVILLE ARE REQUESTED TO REPORT

#### The Local Exemption Board Seeks Information.

The registrars in each precinct in Granville county are requested to report to the Local Board the probable number of registrants in their respec tive precincts for the September registration.

This may be ascertained approximately by taking the number registered in your precinct June 5, 1917 and adding one-third of that number. It is estimated that the September registration will be one and one-third times larger than the registration of June 5, 1917.

### CROWDER ISSUES FOUR SEP-ARATE CALLS FOR MEN

186,773 to Entrain for Camps August 30-September 6.-North Carolina to Send 1,675 Men to Camps Jackson, Lee and Humphreys.

Washington, Aug. 24.-Four separate selective draft calls, constituting the first of the September calls and requiring 186,773 men to entrain for training camps between August 30 and September 6, were issued tonight by Provost Marshal General Crowder North Carolina's quota is as fol-

General military service: White: Entrainment September 3, 1918, to September 6. 1918, 700 to Camp

Jackson. General military service, colored: Entrainment September 1, 1918, 475 to Camp Lee.

Limited service, white: Entrainment September 3-6, 1918, 500 to Camp Humphreys.

#### GRANVILLE COUNTY AT LEAST SHOULD FEED HERSELF

Imperative Suggestions By the Coun-

ty Exemption Board. In view of the approaching grain seeding season, this Local Board wishes to impress the importance of Robert Williams, Early Thomas raising grain crops. This is the op-

This means that more grain crops Calloe Evans, James Crawford Willi- should be seeded than ever before. ford, James Henry Hobgood, Charles Let not the failure of the last wheat I. Hursta, Frank Morton Clark, crop discourage any one. Failures George W. Daniel, Burley R. Evans, are made in all crops at times, and view and ask whether Great Britain Talton Hughes, Edward Clifton Har- even though we knew the next crop cannot now consider Germany suffi- ris, Eugene Davis McGee, Eulis Leon would be a partial failure, it is ciently reduced to be no longer a Breedlove, William Hayes Dean, Wel- incumbent on all to dsiregard this and show by our efforts that our hearts and souls are with our boys

Let Granville at least feed herself. She has not done so heretofore. It would be a sad comment upon our our allies at the front, but actually failing to feed ourselves and making ourselves a dependency on other sections for food. The Government will have little trouble in the pasta, and The total number of casualties re- have little toleration of such condiported Saturday from Washington is tions. Indeed this has been our trouble in the past and claims for discharge of our registrants on account 291 at sea) ...... 4,212 of being engaged in agriculture. necessary food crops.

Farmers of Granville, you are called on to bestir yourselves, and raise food crops, stock, etc. Let there be no bickering about this matter on the part of any one. It is a necessity This is the proper thing also in view of the scarcity of labor. Iess labor is required for these crops. The government is counting on you. The boys are counting on you. Our allies are counting on you. We are counting on you. We shall expect and believe you will do your duty. LOCAL EXEMPTION BOARD.

#### THE PUBLIC LEDGER MUST GO ON CASH-IN-ADVANCE BASIS

The War Industries Board has list kinson. The meeting was called to ed newsprint paper mills on the prediscuss increases in water rates as ferred list, provided newspapers obey requested by Oxford Water Company all the rules and regulations as to paper consumption which the board

The War Board has decreed that the following schedules as set forth paper will be furnished to newspain paragraph nine of the Company's pers only to supply subscribers who

The Public Ledger does not want Minimum charge for 3,300 gallons to cut off any subscriber, but must do so unless the subscriptions are

> You will confer a kindness by send ing in your subscription or handing it to our agent, Rev. E. G. Usry, who will collect for the Public Ledger dur ing his spare time.

#### WILLIAMSBORO WEDNESDAY, AUG. 28

The Granville District of the Woman's Auxiliary will hold its annual meeting at Williamsboro on Wednesday, August 28th. Every member of the Episcopal church in Granville county is cordially invited to be pres ent. The meeting will begin promptly at eleven o'clock.

### BIBLE BEST TONIC, MARSHAL FOCH SAYS

New York, August 26.—"The Bible is certainly the best preparation that you can give an American soldier going into battle to sustain his morale and fighting spirit," writes Marshal Foch in a letter to the American Bible Society in appreciation of nearly a quarter of a million copies of the Scriptures which have been distributed among the American troops.

# A SERIOUS PROBLEM.

Girls, What Would You Do Under the Same Circumstances? Suppose you had the problem fac-

ing you that faced a pretty Granville girl, how would you solve it? She had two lovers. One went to war and the other didn't

Both were willing to go, but the one she felt she loved won exemption because of a slight physical disabil-

Later she began to wonder if her heart didn't belong to the one at the front. Will she go with her word or the

way her heart is turning? Solve it for yourselves.

Lt. Elliott Cooper Enlisting as a private a few months ago, Elliott, the fine son of Col Henry G. Cooper emerges from the officers' training camp at Atlanta with the rank of lieutenant. He arrived at home today and is waiting to be

assigned to his command.