

## DELIVERY SERVICE MUST AND SHOULD BE CURTAILED

That is the Opinion of Food Administrator Page.

As the war progresses, the demand for labor becomes greater and greater. Non-essential labor is being greatly curtailed. Delivery service by retail groceries is classed as less essential labor. It is recognized that some delivery service is necessary, but it is very clear that the labor used in the delivery service by the retail dealers of the country could be curtailed 50 per cent without working any hardship upon any consumer or any dealer. Such a curtailment in delivery service will release for productive work tens of thousands of men and youths.

In view of this situation, merchants are requested to begin immediately an adjustment of their business, so that by September 15 they will be able to confine their deliveries to one delivery per day to each section or community they serve. In every instance where it is possible, the labor used in such delivery service should be reduced. Some of the men and boys engaged being released for other work.

In many towns and cities merchants could reduce their delivery cost from 50 to 75 per cent by organizing a co-operative delivery service under the management of a capable superintendent. Such a co-operative service could take over the delivery service not only of grocers but also of dry goods merchants and other dealers. The co-operative service is recommended for the consideration of patriotic and far-seeing merchants.

## PROFOUND MYSTERY SOLVED.

Chief I. H. Hobgood Had Remarkable Dream.

Three or four years ago, while Mayor Thad G. Stem was mayor of Oxford, the town Board purchased a number of galvanized trash cans and distributed them at convenient places along the streets in the business section of the town.

A few days ago Chief Hobgood discovered that one of the cans was missing and he immediately started on a still hunt, hoping to locate it in some body's back lot.

"Those cans were highly treasured by Mayor Stem and the Oxford Woman's Club," said Chief Hobgood, "and I was almost on the point of despair when I found that one of them was missing. It worried me so much I could hardly sleep for two or three nights. However, on Sunday night I went to sleep and as I slumbered I saw a man take the can and set it in his wagon and drive away with it, and set it down at a cool spring about five miles from Oxford. I saw him in my sleep fashion the can into a boiler and fill it with sour mash and build a fire under it.

"I didn't think much about my dream on Monday, but when I had practically the same dream Tuesday night I made up my mind to visit the spot and investigate. After explaining the matter to Uncle Ned Booth he consented to go with me, and we found the can on the identical spot where I saw it in my dreams. They had fashioned it into a distilling kettle and filled it with sour mash and everything was in readiness to make whiskey as soon as the night came upon them."

The officers brought the outfit to Oxford and locked it up in the county jail. Another remarkable thing is the fact that Chief Hobgood knew the man that he saw in his sleep take the can and lift it into his wagon, but he has no evidence to that effect.

## THE SOLDIER'S LETTER.

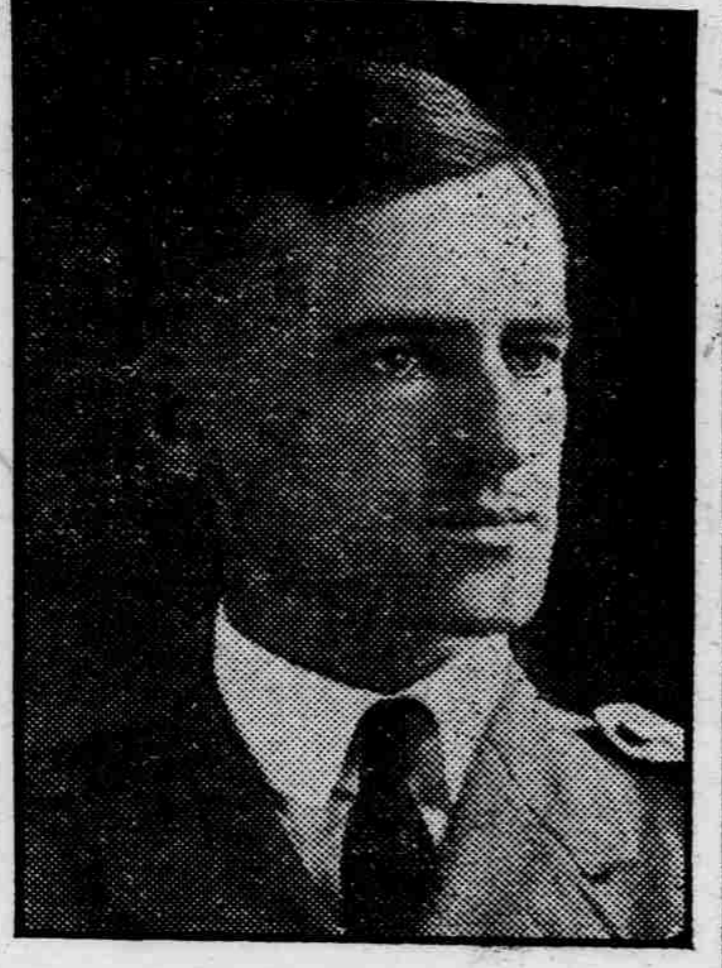
Be Sure That the Address Is Right. To insure the delivery of letters to soldiers the matter of the address is of vital importance.

The misspelling of a name or the use of initials where a word should be spelled out may not only retard the delivery of a letter but may prevent its being delivered at all. Many thousands of letters are being constantly received which cannot be promptly delivered, if delivered at all, on account of the manner in which they are addressed. The initials "A. C." may mean "Ambulance Corps," or "Administrative Company" or "Aviation Clearance-Office" while "A. C. C." means "Aero Construction Company," "A. R. R." "American Red Cross," "A. I. C.," means "Aviation Instruction Center," etc.

The name of the soldier addressed should be written in full with the designation of company and regiment or battery and regiment, as well as that of the branch of the service to which he belongs. There are more than ten thousand soldiers named Jones with the same initials, but all of them are not in the same regiment or division. It is therefore necessary to give both designation of the company and the number of the battalion as well as of the regiment. A majority of the improperly addressed mail shows carelessness rather than a lack of knowledge of the proper address.

## NATIONAL WAR WORK COUNCIL.

Mr. R. H. Lewis Elected Chairman of the Work in Granville. Col. W. K. Ervin, of Durham, Capt. Dunlap, of Nashville, Tenn., and Mr. Ralph Runyon, publicity manager, with headquarters in Durham, motor



Z. D. DUNLAP, ed to Oxford Tuesday evening and were met at the Granville Commercial Club rooms by a large number of the citizens.

The object of their visit was to organize the county for the approaching campaign of the National War Work Council.

Col. Ervin, who is the district chairman, made the following statement:

"President Wilson has ordered that the Young Men's Christian Association, the Young Women's Christian Association, the War Camp Community Service, the American Library Association, the Knights of Columbus, the Jewish Welfare, and the Salvation Army join hands in the campaign to raise a war work fund.

"This is not to be a Y. M. C. A. campaign, nor a Knights of Columbus campaign, nor a Salvation Army campaign. It is to be a campaign for the men over there in France and in the cantonments on this side and on our brave ships everywhere, a campaign for the maintenance or increase of morale. The dollars given to the common funds will reach the men through seven different channels, but every dollar will be made to do the maximum of work, and no matter what sign is painted over the door of any hut and any hostess house, its doors will be open to everybody equally.

"The total amount, one hundred and seventy millions, is tremendous, the largest single gift for which any people has ever been asked at one time, yet, compared with the figures to which the war has accustomed us, it is not large.

Mr. George Watts, of Durham, heads the work in North Carolina, and Col. Ervin's territory embraces seven counties, of which Granville is one.

Mr. R. H. Lewis was elected chairman of the work in Granville county. In accepting the honor, Mr. Lewis stated to the meeting that he is willing to shoulder any responsibility that will lead to the winning of the war. He said that he hoped the people of Granville will rally to his support and aid in every way possible to secure the county's quota, whatever the amount may be.

Mr. Lewis will publish a letter at an early date, explaining the work fully. The coming campaign for \$170,000,000 will be launched in November.

Major Z. D. Dunlap, State Director of the United War Work Campaign for the North Carolina Division, and Mr. W. A. Ervin, district director, will speak in the Court House at 8:30 o'clock next Monday evening.

## DISTRIBUTION OF SOIL

Patrolman C. G. Sandford Speaks of the Difference in Men.

We were somewhat surprised to learn from Patrolman Sandford of the southern end of the State Highway in Granville, that some people are averse to giving a shovelfull of soil to mend the public highway. Some men, says Mr. Sandford, are willing to give a few shovelfulls to willing to give a few shovelfulls to mend the road through their place, and some will not do even that much. Those who are willing to give soil to be used to the best advantage, here, there or somewhere else, are hard to find, but such men do actually exist, said Mr. Sandford, and he named Mr. J. B. Mays, of Stem, landlord, and Rodger Aiken, renter, as being in that class.

Mr. Sandford needed some soil and he wanted it bad. He applied to Messrs. Mays and Aikens and got it. The ground had already been plowed and was ready for the grain, but they told Mr. Sandford to help himself and place the soil wherever he thought it would do the most good. "That's what I call patriotism," said Mr. Sandford.

Fall Millinery. The Oxford merchants have decided to have their millinery opening within the next few days. Formal announcement of the opening date will be made in the next issue of the Public Ledger.

## HINDENBURG LINE HAS BEEN VIRTUALLY REACHED ALLIES FACING NEW PROBLEM

Famous American Military Critic Says General Foch's Problem Now Is to Drive Germans Out of Hindenburg Defense System Either by Frontal Attacks, or by Flanking Attacks From Flanders and Lorraine.

Now that the Germans are behind the old Hindenburg system defense, a new problem presents itself to the Allied commander in chief.

### Foch Must Choose.

It is perfectly plain that Foch has to choose between two courses. He must seek to follow up his partial successes, which have produced a wide swinging German retreat, either by a front attack upon the Germans in their new position, or he must again resort to partial blows with the purpose to turn the German out of their present positions by the threat of envelopment and capture. If Foch chooses the former method, we shall have one or a series of great frontal attacks aking place.

### May Start Double Thrust.

If Foch, attacking on the flanks, can get Cambrai and Douai on the north, can reach Vouiers in the east, we shall see a prompt resumption of the German retreat to the frontier.

### Heavy Rains.

A heavy rain still is falling over the whole area and many of the smaller streams have been flooded. In the Flanders lowlands the ground has become almost impassable. There are no signs of the weather clearing. Luckily in the Somme region the ground made most difficult by heavy rain is behind the British.

## PRELIMINARY WORK OF LAUNCHING THE Y. W. C. A. DRIVE

Entertainment at the Home of Mrs. A. H. Powell Nets Twenty-five Dollars.

As a preliminary to launching the Y. W. C. A. Drive in Granville later, and desiring some funds for organization purposes, Mrs. A. H. Powell, active in all good work, arranged for an entertainment at her home last Tuesday evening from 8:30 to 10:30 o'clock. The event brought together a large and enthusiastic audience, and the program was indeed unusually well arranged.

Now and then newspaper men are confronted with propositions that they cannot get through with in a satisfactory manner, and this is one of them. Mrs. Powell made her guests comfortable and at perfect ease while Miss Grace Jean Salls, assisted by Miss Helen Royster and Miss Shamburger charmed them.

Miss Salls is indeed a charming personality. She recited a group of seven poems, through which ran a golden cord that unites and "makes us all akin," and several other group of poems. With her soft dove-like voice she brought a tear or a smile at will. It was indeed the finest piece of work seen here. She seldom looks at her notes and keeps her hearers spell bound from start to finish, and above all seems not to exert any effort.

The people of Oxford are justly proud of Miss Grace Jean Salls, she is at the head of the department of oratory, Bernan School, Gainesville, Ga.

Misses Helen Royster and Shamburger were indeed able assistants. The soldier boys who read this will please remember that they were foremost in the thoughts of those who were present at this most delightful entertainment.

## 75,000 PRISONERS TAKEN BY BRITISH IN A MONTH

London, Sept. 12.—The Capture by the British of 75,000 prisoners and 750 guns in four weeks is announced by Field Marshal Haig, in an order of the day.

## THE REGISTRATION.

Heavier in Granville Than Was Expected.

The returns from all of the precincts of Granville county will not reach Oxford before late Friday afternoon, but it is definitely known that the registration throughout the county is heavier than was expected. In North and South Oxford 613 registered—about thirty more than was expected.

As soon as the local Exemption Board fits the draft numbers to the registrants the Public Ledger will publish the entire list.

## Tobacco Selling High.

Mr. I. W. Mangum, owner of the New Mangum Warehouse, is more than sustaining his reputation for high averages. On the second page of this paper the farmers will find the interesting announcement of Mr. Mangum.

—Will give 25 cents cash for first person bringing me last years annual Fair Premium List, W. L. PEACE.

## EXPECT GREAT U. S. ARMY HURLED AT ENEMY SOON

Washington, Sept. 11.—The hour when General Pershing's army will be thrown into the battle is rapidly approaching, in the opinion of many officers and officials at the War Department. The German withdrawal is declared to be nearing the point when Marshal Foch will make use of every available weapon to prevent the enemy from making a stand in his old positions along the Hindenburg line.

## MRS. CARRINGTON DEAD.

Sister of Dr. G. S. Watkins Dies in Asheville.

Mrs. Luther Carrington, highly esteemed Christian lady, died in Asheville Wednesday last. She had been in ill health for some time and was under medical treatment at Asheville when the summons came.

Mrs. Carrington was a native of Granville county and lived practically all of her life in Mountain Creek section. The remains reached Oxford Thursday at noon and were conveyed to the home of Dr. G. S. Watkins, a brother of the deceased.

The funeral and interment, conducted by Dr. J. D. Harter, were held at Mt. Creek church Thursday afternoon.

The deceased is survived by a devoted husband, four brothers and three sisters, namely: Dr. G. S. Dick, Robert and John Watkins; Mrs. Probus Wilkerson, Mrs. Milton Hobgood and Mrs. Burch, of Edenton.

## COL. OSBORN IN OXFORD.

His Health Has Greatly Improved.

Col. W. H. Osborn, former commissioner of Internal Revenue, is spending a few days in Oxford, shaking hands with old friends and incidentally looking after his business interests here, said that he had been in all parts of the Union within the past few years, and that there is not to be found anywhere in the United States a more congenial and upright people than right here in his old home town and county. He said that whenever he heard the names of the old families pronounced—Currin, Hobgood, Lassiter, Landis and others—it always thrilled him.

Col. Osborn has the happy faculty of knowing every body in Granville by the family resemblance as for instance when he shakes the hand of a young man whom he has never before met, he searches his face and says: "You are the grandson of William and the son of Sam."

Col. Osborn is looking real well, and he is just fat enough to be jovial.

## LOWER GASOLINE IN SIGHT.

Soon to Be Fixed, Fuel Administrator Announces.

Fuel Administrator Garfield announced that he expects soon to fix a price for gasoline for domestic consumer as well as for the government and the allies at a figure lower than the present market price. He is awaiting further reports on the situation before taking definite action.

No intimation was made as to what the fixed price will be.

## MOONSHINE FOR SALE.

Is It The Real Stuff, Made in Kentucky?

Cards reading as follows have been distributed in Oxford: "Moonshine for sale; made in Kentucky; get wise ask your friend. It is the real stuff." It has got the public guessing.

## Appointments to Give Typhoid Vaccine.

Bullock, Wednesday, September 18 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.; Tar River, Thursday, Sept. 19, 2 to 4 p.m.; Cornwall, Friday, Sept. 20, 2 to 3 p.m.; Oak Hill, Friday Sept. 20, 4 to 5 p.m.; I earnestly urge all who have not taken the vaccine and who are accessible to these points, to be present at the dates and hours designated.

SAM, L. H. CANNADY, M. D., County Physician.

## CUT OUT THE CAP "G."

It Would Be Well to Make It "germany."

It would be most appropriate to cease the use of the capital "G" in connection with Germany, which country may cease to exist geographically if America pours three or four millions more into France.

## CULBRETH COMMUNITY FAIR.

To Be Held at the School House Wednesday, October 16.

Judging from the handsome premiums offered by the Culbreth Community Fair Association, which will be held at the Culbreth School house Wednesday, October 16th, the fair will be equal to any ever held in this section. The next edition of the Public Ledger will contain the premium list.

## Best By Test.

There is a best in everything. In gas and kerosene engines it is the Associated Line. Handled exclusively in this territory by the Oxford Hardware Co. See announcement on the third page of this paper.

## DR. WHITE AND THE WAR MAP.

Tracing the Germans On Their Retreat To the River Rhine.

No man in Oxford reads the war news with more intelligence than does Dr. E. T. White. After devouring the front page of the morning and evening paper, he resorts to a map of the war zone and carefully notes the changes of the battle-line. He is so well informed as to foretell where the next blow would fall.

Another well informed man about town is Mr. John G. Hall, who would rather do without his breakfast than miss seeing a war map.

There are some people who read the war news only in the most superficial way because they cannot pronounce the names of the French and Russian towns in which the world's greatest tragedy is staged.

They never study the war map showing the daily moves made by the allies and the central powers without which one can no more understand the progress made by either side than one could understand a game of checkers without studying the position of the "men" on the checkerboard—for the winning of this world war depends almost entirely upon the winning of territory—of getting "across the Rhine" to Berlin!

If we are to do our best work toward winning the war, we must be intelligent about the methods adopted and the progress made by our men at the front.

The newspapers of the country are spending a lot of money and putting a lot of work into the job of presenting to their readers the facts about the war—all the facts that may be printed by anybody.

There is no reason why even the average workman may not be as well informed about the problems of the war as the most learned high-brow.

## HIGH TAXES TO BE PERMANENT

The Burden of the War Debt Will Weigh Heavily For Many Years.

Mr. Kitchen has prophesied that the annual budget of the United States will be \$4,000,000,000 for many years after the war and that the Government will have to continue to levy heavy taxes on the wealth of the nation to meet its burdens.

It has been known that the burden of the war debt would weigh heavily for many years, but Mr. Kitchen is the first man in a position of authority to make a definite estimate of the tax bills of the future.

Here are his figures: Interest on the war debt, \$1,250,000,000; maintenance of the army and navy, \$1,000,000,000; pensions and insurance, \$1,000,000,000; ordinary expenses of the Government, \$750,000,000. Total, \$4,000,000,000.

Mr. Kitchen's figures may be a little too high, but if the war continues longer than is now expected they are more likely to be a little too low. We are doomed to an era of big tax bills. The necessity of raising enormous and unprecedented sums in times of peace ought to develop tax experts who will devise a way to raise the money by a more equitable distribution of the burdens than is provided for in the war-revenue bill now before Congress.

## STOVALL NEWS NOTES.

—Miss Dosy Cutts has returned from Virginia.

—Miss Emily Smith, of Oxford, Rt. 5, is the guest of Miss Bertha Earl. Miss Lythgo, of Richmond, is also the guest of Miss Earl.

—Mr. Zack Williams has entered the High School at Oxford.

—Mr. Reid Wilson left Wednesday to join the navy.

—Miss Lillie Wilkerson, accompanied by Mrs. J. T. McDonough, left for the north last week to buy her fall stock of millinery.

—The Radcliffe Chautauqua will be here Sept. 18-20th.

—Registration day caught some of the old bachelors in this section, and they all have long faces.

—Misses Lillie Wilkerson Ruth White, Ruth Norwood, Mollie Hester and L. C. Wilkerson motored to Durham last week.

—Mr. R. C. Puckett is sporting a new Buick 6.

—Miss Mollie Hester, Miss Ruth Norwood and Miss Ruth White visited Oxford last week.

—The following Boy Scouts have been awarded medals by the government for doing war service: Walter Taylor, Zack Williams, Allen Kenison, Joe Davis, Lex Davis, Gordon Spicer, Bert Spicer. These medals will be presented next Friday night at the Chautauqua.

Something For the Family.

Landis & Easton is showing a very attractive stock of fall goods. It would be well to read their ad on the fourth page of this paper and purchase before there is an absolute scarcity of cotton and woolen goods. This old reliable firm is sharing liberally with their customers.