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## LOCAL BOARD WANTS NAMES OF COUNTY BOYS WHO DIED

### Flag to Hang in the State Building As a Memorial.

The local board has received the following letter from the Adjutant General:

"It is the intention of this Department to prepare a large service flag on which to place a gold star and the name immediately thereunder for every selected man who has made the supreme sacrifice for his country while in the military service.

"It would be ideal to have a service flag for every selected man, but that is impossible as their numbers run into the many thousands, but those who have made the supreme sacrifice can be honored by having a service flag for them in the State Selective Service Headquarters.

"After this department is abolished, the flag will be turned over to the State Historical Commission and for years to come will hang in the State Building as a memorial to the brave North Carolina boys who died in the line of duty."

"To enable this office to prepare and keep this flag up to date it will be necessary that Local Boards furnish the names of such men who were within their respective jurisdictions. Your early attention to this matter will be appreciated."

It is requested that the relatives and friends of all selected men registered in Granville county, who have been killed in action or died in camp advise the Local Board, giving the full name of soldier, to what company he was attached, and date of death, in order that we may furnish the information requested.

## NO GRANVILLE COUNTY FAIR THIS YEAR

### Let Us Have a Festival to Celebrate the End of the War.

Now that the Granville County Fair has been called off, let us prepare for a big festival.

Any one who observed the sudden flare in Oxford when peace was declared, must realize that we have not yet celebrated the end of the war as it must and should be celebrated.

Oxford and Granville county should plan a week of fete and festival and pageantry adequate to reflect what was in the minds of the people while the whistles and bells were sounding.

Our peace jubilee should be in the spring, when the weather makes outdoor inviting. It should be a blaze of color, a tempest of music, a time of good cheer and it should give free play to all the arts of symbolism and all the forces of beauty. It should be made expressive of mass emotion and it should be enriched by all the charm and vitality and humor that flow endlessly from the American heart in its happier moods. We in Granville county do not lack imagination. We restrain and check it. That trick we have inherited from the Puritans. Now we ought to cut loose for once at least.

## DR. J. D. HARTE RESIGNS PASTORATE HERE

### He Has Probably Accepted a Call to Shelby.

At the midweek prayer meeting at the Oxford Baptist church last Wednesday night Dr. Harte handed in his resignation to take effect the last Sunday in the present year.

Dr. Harte came to the Oxford church from Hickory two years ago. He has done a great work here and is dearly beloved by his congregation and the entire community regardless of denominational lines. He is a fine preacher and above all a most noble citizen. Everybody regrets that he will leave Oxford.

Dr. Harte has had several calls recently. The leading church of Richmond has wanted him for sometime. While it is not definitely known at this writing, it is generally believed that he has accepted the call to Shelby. The mountain country appeals strongly to both Dr. and Mrs. Harte.

## MEN IN ENGLAND WILL GET HOME FIRST

### 18,000 American Troops Stationed in Great Britain—First Shipment of These to Be Started Homeward Next Week.

A London cablegram says that the first American troops to depart home ward as a result of the signing of the armistice will be 18,000 men stationed in England. The American army expects to start the first shipment of these soldiers homeward within a couple of days to have all the men on their way back to the United States 10 days later.

## Thanksgiving For Victory.

On Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock a service of thanksgiving for victory will be held in St. Stephen's church. The order followed is the one suggested by the Bishop of the Diocese. All are welcome, and cordially invited to be present.

## PRESIDENT WILSON WILL SAIL FOR FRANCE IN DECEMBER

### Who Will Act as President During Absence Is Mooted Question; Constitution Silent.

This official statement was issued at the White House:

The President expects to sail for France immediately after the opening of the regular session of Congress, for the purpose of taking part in the discussion and settlement of the main features of the treaty of peace. It is not likely that it will be possible for him to remain throughout the sessions of the formal peace conference, but his presence at the outset is necessary in order to obviate the manifest disadvantages of discussion by cable in determining the greater outlines of the final treaty about which he must necessarily be consulted. He will, of course, be accompanied by delegates who will sit as the representatives of the United States throughout the conference.

### May Be Gone a Month.

How long the President will remain abroad he himself probably can not say now. The time for the convening of the peace conference has not yet been announced, but the general belief is that it cannot be assembled before late in December, at the earliest. If such proves the case, the President will be absent from the country for at least a month and probably longer.

### Accompanied by Mrs. Wilson.

It is undoubtedly will be accompanied by Mrs. Wilson and it is expected here that besides visiting Paris, where the peace congress probably will be held, he will go to London and possibly to Brussels and Rome.

### Rousing Reception.

Mr. Wilson is expected to receive abroad a reception such as has been accorded but few men in public life. He will be welcomed not only as the President of the United States and the commander-in-chief of its army and navy, but also as the champion of world democracy.

### Will Establish Two Precedents.

In visiting Europe the President will establish two precedents. He will be the first chief executive of the United States to participate in a peace conference for the settling of issues growing out of a war in which this country participated and likewise he will be the first President to leave North American soil during his tenure of office.

### The Mooted Question.

Since the suggestion that the President attend the peace conference first was made, there has been much discussion here as to whether, while absent from the country, he could continue to act as President. The constitution itself is silent on the question and generally the question is regarded as one which the President himself must decide.

There is ample precedent for the President to leave the territorial limits of the United States. President Harrison on one occasion went into Canada, while President Taft visited both that country and Mexico. President Roosevelt and also President Taft visited the Panama Canal zone.

### May Go On Battleship.

In all probability the President will cross the Atlantic on an American battleship probably on one of the navy's newest dreadnaughts. While on such a ship, it is claimed, he is on American territory and technically would be absent from the country only for such time as he actually is on foreign soil.

### The Road Is Clear.

Very little important business will be transacted by Congress in December under the program as now outlined. No pressing legislative matters now pending or in prospect are likely to be completed before the expected adjournment of Congress for the Christmas holidays. And if Congress does adjourn it will not reassemble until early in January and the President probably will return home soon afterward.

### President's Salary.

The salary of the President remained at \$25,000 from the administration of Washington to President Grant's second term in 1873. At that time it was increased to \$50,000, and in the administration of President Taft to \$75,000, where it remained. He has besides, an allowance of \$25,000 a year for traveling expenses, which he does not have to account for.

## DUPONT POWDER PLANT IS REDUCING ITS FORCE

### Reported That 30,000 To Be Released By January 1.

It was learned here last night thru a private telegram that orders had been issued at the Du Pont powder plant at Hopewell, to cut off 1,000 employes per week from this date. This means that 30,000 men will be displaced before January 1.

## THE ALLIES ARE MARCHING THROUGH EVACUATED TERRITORY

### Enormous Stores of Ammunition and Many Guns Abandoned by Germans Unimpaired.

The American Third army, commanded by Maj. Gen. Joseph T. Dickman, has started its memorable and to be famous march to the Rhine. Back behind the old battle line on their way to Rhineland, General Dickman reports a few isolated cases where surrendered materials have been damaged, but it is not thought such damage was wrought under orders of German commanders.

### Machine Shops in Order.

Enormous stores of ammunition and many guns left at Longuyon were little impaired. The electrical machinery in the machine shops was fully wired, and the tools were of the best.

The railway yards at Montmedy and other places along the line that served the Germans as one of their main arteries of communication were filled with locomotives and cars ready for use, while great quantities of general stores not mentioned in the terms of the armistice had been abandoned.

Undamaged stores left behind on every road over which the Americans advanced bear evidence of the great retreat.

At Virton was found a great salvage dump, where tons of clothing, gas masks and helmets had been thrown by the German troops, who had no further use for them.

A road near St. Leger over which the correspondent drove just behind the evacuating armies was so thickly covered with big iron German helmets that at times they interfered with the operation of his automobile.

### Foe Disheartened.

However, it was not the litter of a battlefield that one saw, or even that of a disorderly retreat under fire. It was merely the evidence of the passing of a tired, disheartened foe, who was going home.

The country generally presented a strong contrast to that fought over for so many years. The Americans camped in towns, most of which bear no trace of warfare. Here and there was one which showed evidence of the fighting at the time the French attempted to check the German march through Belgium. In most of the towns every house was intact.

The roads over which the Americans traveled are in excellent condition, due to their distance back of the former German lines and the limited use made by the enemy of motor trucks. The retreating army left on the roads dozens of steam rollers which had been working almost to the day of its departure.

### Provisions Plentiful.

When the American army entered Virton, restaurants were being operated, and demands for coffee brought not only this commodity, but also sugar and cream to go with it. Meat was scarce. One meat dealer told how the Germans entered his shop on the night they left and threw part of his stock into the street. But he had some left including smoked ham when the Americans entered.

The shops are better stocked than those in French towns the same distance back of the line. Women's clothing, ranging from the lacy and befrilled, to smartly tailored garments, is prominently displayed in the windows, while tobaccoists have their show cases well filled. The wine shops have not such varied stocks in France but just as abundant; much of it is champagne.

### Girls on Parade.

When the Americans began pouring into Vitron, the largest of the reoccupied towns, the population had nothing too good for them. Flags of the allied nations flew from almost every house front, side by side with the Belgian colors, while women, especially the young ones, appeared in their Sunday finery in honor of the occasion. The mayor had a busy role as official host.

## IMMENSE QUANTITIES FOOD ON WAY TO EUROPE

### Bound For British Ports There To Await Orders From Hoover.

Washington, Nov. 21.—Ships carrying two hundred thousand tons of food for the populations of Northern France, Belgium and Austria now are en route to Europe. They are proceeding under sealed orders to Gibraltar and Bristol Channel ports and on arrival will await word from Food Administrator Hoover as to their final destination. Those going to Gibraltar are expected to proceed to Adriatic and Mediterranean ports and the others to French and Belgian ports.

### At Oak Hill and Hebron.

Rev. A. J. Crane, evangelist, will fill the pulpit at Oak Hill Presbyterian church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, and at Hebron in the afternoon at 3 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

## REAL ESTATE IS A BUSINESS BAROMETER

### Growing Confidence That Real Estate Will Soon Come Back Into Its Own.

Real estate men everywhere in America have had a season of discouragement which has lasted through four years. When the war came the first instance of the bottom dropping out was in real estate, which is invariably first to feel the effects of any depressing condition and last to recover. It has been noticed, however, that with the signing of the armistice and before peace is "officially" established, the real estate market has been "looking up" at an encouraging rate. While no "boom" is to be anticipated the real estate interests have abundant reason to expect an active revival in transactions not only in home-buying, but in the field of investment. This is forecast in the reports of transactions the past few days. New York is generally taken as the country's business barometer, and it will be interesting to note the upward trend of real estate in that city. The Post reports that "everywhere there is talk of optimism and general revival, while expectant progress is the byword of broker operator, builder and owner." It is even anticipated in New York that "coming as a ground swell is the growing confidence that real estate will soon come back into its own."

The Public Ledger is anticipating a revival in building operations and real estate transactions of every kind in Oxford and Granville county of instant beginning.

## TO PUBLISH KAISER'S DECREE OF ABDICATION

### Part of It as Quoted by Correspondent Says: "I Renounce the Throne."

Paris, Nov. 21.—In order to end the discussion as to whether William Hohenzollern has really abdicated as German emperor, it is understood the German government intends to publish his decree of abdication. This consists of an attempt to justify the war on the ground of Germany's isolation.

The abdication decree, according to the correspondent at Zurich of L'Information, concludes with these words:

"To avoid difficulties and to put an end to the mourning and suffering of my people, I renounce the throne and leave my faithful subjects free to choose a government which seems to them most compatible with honor and to their interest."

## DIVISION OF NEGRO ECONOMIES

### Organization Meeting Held in Oxford This Week.

Winfield S. Young, division of Negro Economies United States Department of Labor, met here Thursday with Rev. G. C. Shaw, Dr. Cheatham and other prominent colored men of the county for the purpose of effecting an organization in relation to pointing out to the colored people the necessity of 100 per cent production. The heads of the work here are planning to hold a big mass meeting in Oxford in the near future. They hope to organize the county and push the work as much as possible.

## BRITISH SOLDIERS KILLED IN WAR OVER 3 MILLION

London, Nov. 21.—British casualties during the war, including all the theatres of activities, totalled 3,049,991, it was announced in the House of Commons today by James Ian MacPherson, Parliamentary Secretary of the War Office. Of this number officers killed, wounded or missing aggregated 142,634, and the men 2,907,357. The total losses in the fighting on the France-Belgian front were 2,719,642.

## PLAN TO KEEP THE BEST OFFICERS IN THE ARMY

### Plans for Demobilization of Officers Being Shaped With This End in View.

Washington, Nov. 21.—Steps to retain permanently in the army officers commissioned from civil life who have displayed marked ability in the service are being considered by the general staff. Plans for the demobilization of officers, it was learned today are being shaped with this end in view.

### Clerk-Carrier.

The Civil Service Commission announce that on November 30, 1918, an examination will be held to fill the position of clerk-carrier at the Oxford post office. Applicants can get full particulars by calling on Mr. Nelson M. Ferebee at the Oxford post office.

### Horses and Mules.

Mr. R. C. Watkins received this week a car load of unusually fine horses and mules.

## THANKSGIVING DAY NOV. 28 PROCLAIMED BY THE PRESIDENT

### Says the American People Have Special and Moving Cause This Year to Be Grateful and Peace; Complete Victory Has Brought Not Only Peace But Confident Promises of a New Day as Well, a Day in Which Justice Shall Replace Force

A PROCLAMATION.

It has long been our custom to turn in the autumn of the year in praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for His many blessings and mercies to us as a nation. This year we have special and moving cause to be grateful and to rejoice. God has in His good pleasure given us peace, it has not come as a mere cessation of arms, a mere relief from the strain and tragedy of war. It has come as a great triumph of right. Complete victory has brought us, not peace alone, but the confident promise of a new day as well, in which justice shall replace force and jealous intrigue among the nations. Our gallant armies have participated in a triumph which is not marred or stained by any purpose of selfish aggression. In a righteous cause they have won immortal glory and have nobly served their nation in serving mankind. God has indeed been gracious. We have cause for such rejoicing as revives and strengthens in us all the best traditions of our national history. A new day shines about us, in which our hearts take new courage and look forward with new hope to new and greater duties.

While we render thanks for these things, let us not forget to seek the divine guidance in the performance of those duties, and divine mercy and forgiveness for all errors of act or purpose, and pray that in all we do we shall strengthen the ties of friendship and mutual respect upon which we must assist to build the new structure of peace and good will among the nations.

Wherefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Thursday, the twenty-eighth day of November next, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer, and invite the people throughout the land to cease upon that day from their ordinary occupations and in their several homes and places of worship to render thanks to God, the ruler of nations.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done in the district of Columbia, this sixteenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand, nine hundred and eighteen and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and forty-third.

WOODROW WILSON.

By the President:  
ROBERT LANSING, Sec. of State.

## OXFORD TOBACCO MARKET

### Prices On All Grades On the Increase.

Tobacco men here state that the prices for all grades of tobacco is on the increase and that the farmers are highly pleased with the prevailing prices.

The sales were comparatively light during the first part of the week, but the warehouses have all they can do this Friday, and the prospects are that the weed from now on will be placed upon the market as soon as the farmers get it in shape.

## WAR WORK CAMPAIGN.

### Granville County Goes Over the Top Again.

Granville county was asked to contribute \$7,339 to the war work, and later the county's quota was moved up to \$11,000. At the close of the campaign Tuesday, Mr. R. H. Lewis, the chairman, announced that the county has gone over the top. "When all of the returns are in", said Mr. Lewis, "we will have about \$12,000."

## THE SUPREME COURT HANDS DOWN DECISION

### There Is No Error in the Tillotson-Currin Case.

The Supreme Court Wednesday handed down the following opinion: "Tillotson vs. Currin, from Granville county, no error."

## PRIVATE TAZEWELL M. MORTON DIES IN FRANCE

### Mr. J. W. Morton, Oxford Route 4, received a telegram Wednesday stating that his son Tazewell recently died of pneumonia at a base hospital in France. He was a member of Battery B, 52nd Artillery, C. A. C.

### Automobile News.

The three automobile concerns in Oxford have agreed on certain fundamental principles, one of which is to do a cash business on and after January 1, 1919. See the announcement elsewhere in this paper.