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## OXFORD IS THE DUMPING GROUND FOR GYPSIES

### Expelled From Other Places They Find Refuge in Oxford.

A week or ten days ago a small band of Gypsies appeared in Oxford and rented a place on Main street and another place on Hillsboro street and hung up their signs, claiming to be fortune tellers.

As soon as the first band became settled in their quarters another band made its appearance and now the town and woods around about are full of them. For the privilege of telling fortunes they pay a tax of \$100 to the State and county and \$5.00 to the town of Oxford. This gives them one whole year on our midst if their license are not revoked. This same band of Gypsies, it is said, were run out of Henderson and other places.

The question is often asked "how do these people make a living?" There are some strong bucks in the crowd, but they seem not to live by the sweat of the brow. There are several women in the band. They are quiet during the day, but as soon as the night comes they are out in search of stars—a peculiar characteristic of their race.

Our people have read so much about the doings of Gypsies elsewhere that they are afraid of the band that has taken up here, and they lock and bar their doors tighter than ever before. Some go so far as to say that there is always an epidemic of thievery and highway robbery in the wake of a band of Gypsies. We know nothing about the band that has taken up here beyond the fact that they are none too clean in their personal appearance, but every one of them have money and can change a hundred dollar bill in the twinkling of an eye. They have a faculty of making the ignorant negroes believe that they possess supernatural powers; that they can read the stars and can interpret the sounds of the wind. Only a few white people of low intellect have been seen to patronize the fortune-telling booths.

The Gypsies are here and what are we going to do about it? They have paid their tax for one year and it is up to the Mayor and the Sheriff to say whether or not they can remain here against the will of the people. If they must remain here, the men should go to work, the curtains should be raised and an extra policeman employed in accordance with the increased population by virtue of their presence.

## HAIG SAYS THIRTIETH DIVISION BROKE HINDENBURG LINE

### Southern Troops Given Credit by British Field Marshal For Crowning Feat of the War.

American troops were the first to break the Hindenburg line, according to London News in its comment on the report of Field Marshal Haig on the operations from the end of April last, to the close of hostilities. The News points out that at least the first mention of a break-through contained in the Field Marshal's report was in the course of his description of the day's work on September 29, in which he wrote:

"North of Bellengise, the Thirtieth North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and District of Columbia, troops, American Division, having broken the deep defenses of the Hindenburg line, stormed Bellincourt, and seized Nouroy. On their left the 27th American Division met with very heavy enflading machine gun fire but pressed on with great gallantry as far as Jouy, where a bitter struggle took place for possession of the village. The fighting on the whole front of the second American army corps was severe, and at Bellincourt, Nouroy, Gillemont, farm and a number of other points amid the intricate defenses of the Hindenburg line strong bodies of the enemy held out with great obstinacy for many hours."

## WAS ABOUT TO BOMB BERLIN.

### Aviators Were Ready When the Armistice Was Signed.

Maj. Gen. Trenchard, commander of the independent air force, in his report on the work of that body, makes an interesting revelation of how Berlin narrowly escaped being bombed by a squadron under the Canadian aviator, Commander R. H. Mulock, of Winnipeg.

"The 27th group was established in England," says Gen. Trenchard, "under the command of Commander Mulock for the purpose of bombing Berlin and other centers. This group only received machines capable of carrying out this work at the end of October, although all ranks worked night and day to get the machines ready before the signing of the armistice.

## Fine Horses and Mules.

The Creedmoor Supply Company announce on the third page of this paper the arrival of another car load of fine horses and mules.

## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD MEETING

### Bronze Tablet to the Memory of Our Soldiers to Be Placed in the Wall of the Court House.

The honorable Board of County Commissioners met on Monday, January 6, the following members being present: Messrs. J. E. Davis, Chairman, W. E. Cannady, J. T. Averett, B. I. Breedlove, J. L. Peed.

### Land Involved.

The county attorney was instructed to look into the land of Miss Dolly Kinton, who died at the Home of the Aged and Infirm, and ascertain if the same should go to the county.

### Former Sheriff Settles.

Mr. W. H. Walters, who was appointed to make settlement between former Sheriff Hobgood and John R. Hall, treasurer, rendered his report and the same was ordered on the record.

### Road Supervisors.

The Board appointed the following road supervisors:

Fishing Creek—W. E. Dorsey, R. R. Pitts, J. N. Watkins.  
Brassfield—G. L. Allen, C. W. Floyd, W. H. Garner.  
Dutchville—Dr. J. L. Bullock, S. A. Fleming, Ralph Currin.  
Tally Ho.—W. S. Gooch, E. M. Clement, L. L. Crews.

Walnut Grove—B. F. Dean, W. A. Sherman, W. M. Thorp.  
Oak Hill—J. S. Watkins, C. A. Stovall, H. S. Hart.  
Sassafras Fork—R. T. Gregory, J. G. Morton, H. Gregory.  
Salem—J. G. Breedlove, E. A. Hunt, N. G. Bragg.  
Oxford—V. T. Cheatham, H. H. Eatman, Terry Howard.

### Bronze Tablet.

Gen. B. S. Royster was before the Board and in a very impressive talk requested the Board to have inserted in the walls of the Court House certain suitable bronze tablet with the names of all Granville county's men who served in the recent war. The chairman of the Board was requested to attend to this at once.

### Our Home Demonstrator.

Mrs. Lillian Capehart was elected Home Demonstrator for the year 1919 at present salary, and the Board appointed a committee to draw suitable resolutions, expressing their appreciation of her untiring efforts in connection with this valuable work.

### Juror Drawn.

The following jurors were drawn for the February term of Granville Superior Court.

### First Week.

Ollie T. Barker, J. E. King, Elvis Ross, S. B. Currin, C. T. O'Brien, C. I. Cohn, E. C. Connell, D. S. Howard, W. R. Greenway, J. P. Mize, R. W. Tiltson, N. J. Jones, J. T. Overton, S. T. Hunt, B. P. Woodlief, A. P. Hobgood, Geo. Ross, Ira Meadows, J. E. Howard, Canon Johnson, Barnam Dickerson, L. S. Dean, S. G. Currin, W. J. Duncan, J. F. Webb, Aubrey Jenkins, T. Usry, F. C. Harris, J. N. Adcock, E. D. Gooch, R. E. Sadler, B. D. Johnson, B. D. Umstead, J. H. Berry, J. D. Beck, S. G. Royster.

### Second Week.

W. B. Mitchell, J. H. Oakes, H. B. Blackley, M. Oakley, J. T. Bobbitt, E. L. Suit, Harry Royster, G. S. Wilson, L. G. Strother, B. M. Currin, Jr., L. O. Goss, J. C. Watkins, Wm. Culbreth, J. E. Adkins, W. W. Roberts, A. M. Daniel, Johnnie Allen, L. E. Clement.

## INTENDS TO LEAVE EUROPE ABOUT 12TH OF FEBRUARY

### President Wilson Will Deliver Several Addresses Concerning Settlement of the War.

(Paris Special.) President Wilson, according to present plans, intends to leave Europe about February 12 for the United States.

The President not only intends to be in Washington for the closing sessions of the present Congress, but to deliver several addresses concerning the settlement of the war and the establishment of a peace which it is hoped will be durable.

## PRESIDENT OF FRANCE WILL VISIT AMERICA IN JULY

(Paris Special.) President Poincare will probably visit the United States late in June or early in July. This announcement was made by the President himself to the Associated Press this evening.

When it was suggested that the greatest reception ever accorded a foreign ruler was awaiting him, the President said: "I must return President Wilson's visit. I am not looking for the honors of a reception. I simply wish to thank America and Americans for what they have done for the cause of liberty and France."

## OXFORD GETTING READY TO GREET RETURNING SOLDIERS

### Announcement of Early Sailing of Thirtieth Division Brings Joy—Mayor Mitchell Will Appoint Committee With a View of Receiving and Entertaining Company E on Its Arrival From Demobilization Camp.

News that the Thirtieth Division, in which Company E, of the 120th infantry, is included, would sail for home at an early date brought joy to the hearts of the people of Oxford and the county.

Mayor Mitchell, moved by a patriotic impulse, is determined that the home company shall be received with open arms by the people of Oxford and Granville county. He will name a committee to map out a program. There will necessarily be some expenses attached to the undertaking, and subscriptions will soon be sought by a soliciting committee for defraying the cost of the undertaking. It is believed that Oxford business men will respond liberally to the appeal of the committee.

General March said the men of the Thirtieth, especially the Tar Heels, would be demobilized at Camp Green or Camp Lee. He is inclined to favor Camp Greene.

The date of the landing of the Thirtieth has not been fixed, but it has been ordered home. Raleigh has asked that the North Carolina soldiers of the Thirtieth division, be permitted to parade there. Senators Overman and Simmons and Representative Pou took the matter up with General March. They were told that such permission might be granted.

## HIGH PRICES WILL OBTAIN

### It All Depends on the Law of Supply and Demand.

There will be those who insist that prices will not fall very much below what they now appear, for at least six months of the year. Builders think that materials will get back a little, but it is the consensus of opinion that for many years high prices and high wage scales will obtain. It all depends alone on the law of supply and demand. That must determine. When Uncle Sam wanted laborers and materials there was no limit to the price. Demand was imperative and the supply wasn't at hand, but by working over time, and paying any old price the demand was finally met. Just what part we are to play in the rebuilding of the stricken countries shot to pieces by the war will determine, in a great measure, the prices of things consumed here.

## SALE OF WAR SAVINGS STAMPS

### Covering a Period of Thirteen Months.

Assistant Postmaster Henry Critcher states that the Oxford post office sold \$235,679.42 worth of War Savings stamps from December 17, 1917 to the close of December, 1918. The figures for each month follows:

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| Dec., 1917    | 4,395.40  |
| Jan., 1918    | 6,699.65  |
| Feb., 1918    | 11,499.68 |
| March, 1918   | 12,739.41 |
| April, 1918   | 18,063.20 |
| May, 1918     | 3,532.08  |
| June, 1918    | 36,995.80 |
| July, 1918    | 18,126.02 |
| August, 1918  | 9,082.45  |
| Sept., 1918   | 9,764.15  |
| October, 1918 | 14,025.27 |
| Nov., 1918    | 33,894.67 |
| Dec., 1918    | 56,860.61 |

Total \$235,679.42. The maturity value on the above is more than \$40,000 which in due time will be returned to the people of the county, with their original investment. The war saving stamp, more than anything else, has taught the young people how to save.

## FORMER SCHEDULE OF LOCAL TRAINS TO BE RESTORED

### Better Passenger and Mail Facilities On And After Jan. 19.

Acting upon the request of many citizens and their own initiative, Gen. B. S. Royster and Mr. A. H. Powell this week called upon high officials of the Seaboard Railway with a view of securing better mail and passenger service. They presented Oxford's claims in such a manner that the officials promised them to restore the old schedule on or about the 19th of the present month.

## Two Pounds of Tobacco.

Amos Satterwhite, a good old colored man, came into the Public Ledger office this week and asked the editor in a jovial manner if he would send the paper to him one year for the price of two pounds of tobacco. We said "yes," and he counted out \$1.50, the exact price of the Public Ledger for one year, and then he told us that he sold a pile at the Banner warehouse that averaged 75 cents the pound.

## HON. D. G. BRUMMITT OF GRANVILLE CHOSEN SPEAKER

### Was the Choice of the Democratic Party Without Opposition—The Raleigh Paper Praise the Oxford Man.

(Raleigh Special.) Nominated in the democratic caucus of house members Tuesday night for speaker, Dennis G. Brummitt of Granville, declared that while he has sought the place for the honor and also desired the speakership for the opportunity it afforded to accomplish something for the common good in this crisis in the development of the state. He urged a broad vision in dealing with the affairs of State.

Brummitt was nominated by Representative Gold, of Guilford, and seconded by Stanley Winborne, who withdrew this morning as his opposing candidate.

Alex Lassiter, of Bertie, was elected principal clerk without opposition. D. P. Bellinger, of Cherryville, as sergeant at arms, and O. P. Shell, as engrossing clerk. The only contest was for sergeant at arms, when Mooring received 51, S. D. Moore 30 and M. W. Hines 3.

Senator Scales, of Guilford, nominated Senator Lindsay Warren, of Beaufort, for president pro tem, of the senate and he was chosen by the caucus by acclamation. R. O. Self was named without opposition for reading clerk; I. W. Hughes, as engrossing clerk; W. D. Gaster, for sergeant at arms, and J. A. Bryson, of Hendersonville, as assistant sergeant at arms.

The Raleigh papers speak in the highest terms of Mr. Brummitt as a presiding officer.

## THEODORE ROOSEVELT IS BURIED IN OLD CEMETERY ABOVE LONG ISLAND SOUND

### Many Wreaths Sent, One From President Wilson—Casket Borne To Altar By Porters of The Estate.

The body of Theodore Roosevelt was laid to rest Wednesday at Oyster Bay, New York, at 1:45 o'clock in a family plot overlooking Long Island Sound. The body was carried into Christ Episcopal church shortly before 1 o'clock and the simple funeral services was immediately begun.

The morning's snow storm had given away to brilliant sunshine as the automobile cortege started from Sagamore Hill to the church. Thousands of persons viewed the procession.

The church services, beginning at 12:25 o'clock, were concluded in eighteen minutes. The Episcopal ritual was followed, and the only mention of the ex-President's name was when the rector spoke the word, "Theodore" in the final prayer.

The casket was borne to the altar rail by porters.

Draped in an American flag, it was covered also with two battleflags of the Rough Rider's regiment, upon which rested a large wreath of acacias. Near the casket were the Colonel's comrades of the famous unit of Spanish-American war days.

Among the flowers banked against the altar rails were wreaths from President Wilson, Vice-President Marshall, the Senate and House, Secretary Daniels and officers and men from the battleship Indiana.

Back of the altar were hung two battleflags, while another floated from the entrance to the church.

The guests were received personally by Captain Archibald Roosevelt, assisted by William Loeb, Jr., who was Mr. Roosevelt's secretary during his Presidency.

High in the air over Sagamore Hill army airplanes from Hazelhurst field maintained a ceaseless vigil, occasionally sweeping toward the earth to drop a wreath of laurel among the elms near the mansion and the grave.

## SAY THE SOLDIERS WASTE THEIR TRANSPORTATION FARE

### Money Spent Seeing East Instead of Going Home, Authorities Declare.

(New York Special.) Authorities are considering the advisability of urging the War Department to give released soldiers and sailors railroad tickets rather than money—which is now given—to pay transportation to their homes.

The problem of stranded soldiers and sailors is increasing with the rapid demobilization of men. At every conference of employers and managers of the peace-time employment committee the problem has been introduced.

Eight out of ten men who have applied for positions here are men who live in the West and who were demobilized in eastern camps. They were given money enough to pay their transportation home, but they decided to see the East first.

They have been taken pretty good care of by Uncle Sam, and so long as they are in uniform they have a hunch some kind providence will continue to be good to them till they are ready to go to work. When they have blown in all their money they come to the employment service for jobs. A few of them really want to remain in the East because they feel industrial opportunities at present are greater here. But employers are just a little skittish of them because they feel the men will stay on the job only long enough to earn money enough to take them home.

The sixteen welfare organizations cooperating with the United States employment service in obtaining jobs for returning men have their representatives in the various demobilization camps, and they are using moral suasion to get the men to go directly to their own homes. If this fails and the men continue in great numbers to become stranded in the cities, the labor authorities will urge a change of demobilization plans. A psychological reason for general cooperation of employers in obtaining jobs for the men has been introduced by some of the leaders of the employment drive. They have been taking orders so long they have lost their initiative and thousands of them are in absolute need of the most hearty co-operation of employers in order to readjust themselves to civilian life. It will take patience and thought on the part of the employers if they do their part in reconstruction work.

## THE DODGE CAR.

One of the best cars on the market is made by Dodge Brothers. Mr. Frank E. Youngs is the agent in this section. Note what he has to say on the 6th page of this paper.

The best lot of horses and mules seen in Oxford for many days was received this week by Dick Watkins.

## THE OLD RELIABLE.

The warehouse that you are looking for is the house of high average. The old reliable Johnson is paying record breaking prices for all grades. See the announcement on the seventh page of this paper. Watkins & Flemings wish you a happy and prosperous New Year.

Mr. Josh King, buyer for the Long Company, is in New York.