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THE FARMERS SHOULD TAKE AN INVENTORY

Farming is a business the same as banking or running a mercantile establishment.

Every farmer should ascertain at the beginning of the year just where he stands financially. During the year just closed property has been bought, sold, and exchanged. It is only by making an inventory that the farmer is able to determine whether he is worth more or less than he was a year ago. He should know whether he is conducting a losing or paying business and this can be determined only by comparing each year's possessions with those of the year before.

Keep Accounts.

Farming is a business the same as banking or running a mercantile establishment. There are products to be sold and articles to be bought. The keeping of a record of these and determining the relation of the output to the income are important considerations on every farm. The farmer should know what his income is and just how he is disposing of it. He can know this only by keeping books and the first of the new year is the proper time to begin.

Short Courses.

During the month of January many of the agricultural colleges are offering short courses, planned especially for farmers. These courses should be taken advantage of by every farmer who feels that he is at all financially able to make an investment in professional improvement. The demand the times and world conditions are making of the farmer, as well as his own personal interests, makes it necessary for him to equip himself professionally.

Purchase Seed.

The farmer's attention is called again to the importance and necessity of looking after the seed supply for spring crops. Orders should be sent to the seedsmen at once. Those in need of garden or truck crop seed can not afford to lose any time in placing orders.

The buying of seed may well be attended to during January, and it is advisable to secure samples and prices now. Seed, likely, will not be any cheaper in the spring. It is time now to determine how many acres will be seeded to clover and whether or not alsike will be mixed with the red.

Rounding Up Odd Jobs.

The really thrifty and industrious farmer never lacks for work, even in January. Ordinarily there is a greater number of days unfit for field work than in any other month of the year. But in Granville county there is rarely a day that some outside work can not be done. There is much need for repair work on fences, barns, tenant houses, etc., clearing of land, mending of old and constructing new terraces, oiling and repairing of tools, implements and harness, and various other odds and that can be taken care of and that will greatly help when the real spring work comes on. January is a good time to get out fence posts for use next summer and fall. It is well known that all posts should be seasoned before using.

Make Sure Water Supply Is Safe.
Water for domestic use should be clear, lustrous, odorless, colorless, wholesome, soft, neither strongly acid nor alkaline, and its temperature for general farm purposes should be about 50 degrees F. These characteristics, however, must never be deemed proof of purity, for a glass of water may possess them all and yet contain millions of disease-producing germs. Any suspicious water should be rejected until both the water and the surroundings where it is obtained are passed upon by competent sanitation authority.

THE STATE BAPTISTS.

Despite War and Influenza Work of the Church Has Gone Steadily Forward.

(Greensboro News.)
There are about 350 delegates in attendance upon the State Baptist Convention here this week.

The reports of the various departments, as submitted Wednesday show that the work the past year has gone steadily forward, despite war and influenza, and all pledges have been paid and additional sums paid in.

The feature of the evening session was the convention sermon, preached by Rev. J. D. Harte. He took for his text Hebrews, 4:14, and delivered a stirring discourse on the necessity of looking to Jesus for forgiveness and for strength in the performance of the tasks he has set before us. In addition to the delegates a large number of visitors from the various denominations in the city were present the gallery being well filled.

THE GYPSIES HAVE LEFT FOR PARTS UNKNOWN

High Tax Caused Them to Fold Their Tents and Sneak Away.

The large band of Gypsies that arrived in Oxford a few days ago left at noon Thursday for parts unknown. They are traveling in autos; one band left in the direction of Roxboro; another band have pitched tent at Soudan, and the rest of them took a bee-line for Hillsboro.

The town, county and State tax was raised to \$600 and the Gypsies were told to get out by Thursday at noon. All were ready to leave at that hour excepting two women who asked permission to remain a few hours longer to await the arrival of their husbands from a foraging expedition.

OLD BILL HOHENZOLLERN GROWS LONG BEARD

Former Emperor Seeks It As Protection To His Ear, Which is Affected.

(Paris Special.)

William Hohenzollern is growing a beard to protect his ear which was recently operated upon. The former Emperor's facial appearance, therefore is undergoing a radical change. Herr Hohenzollern's ear is badly influenced by the climate here. The former Emperor's beard is iron gray. The distinguished fugitive shows improvement in health, and is able to continue his walks in the garden of the chateau where he is living.

30TH AND 81ST ARE NOT COMING SOON

Only Two Divisions of Southern Troops Overseas To Return Early—Recent Reports About N. C. Troops Erroneous—Tar Heels Among Those Retained By Gen. Pershing; Where Located Now.

(Washington Special.)
Of the Southern troops overseas, men of only two divisions the 31st and 39th, are to be returned to the United States in the near future. Part of the 31st division, composed of Georgia, Alabama and Florida soldiers, already have sailed and the remainder have been placed on priority for early return.

The 30th division, composed of N. C., S. C. and Tennessee troops, had been assigned to fight with the British and was located at Querrien, France, when the armistice was signed. It is now located at Ballou.

The 81st division composed of North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida and Porto Rican troops was located at Somme Dieue and Is-Sur-Tille when hostilities ceased, being at that time unassigned. At present it is at Mussy Sur Seine.

STOVALL NEWS LETTER.

Mr. Oscar Culbreth has opened a new store and grist mill.

Miss Annie Gregory, who has had flu, is on our streets again.

Stovall has eight stores, and three mills that grind corn.

Mr. C. C. Hegie, has sold his two story house on Main street to Mr. Winslow.

Mr. Ferris Wilson and wife, of Keysville, were pleasant visitors here last week.

Miss Sallie Twisdale, who has been clerking for Messrs. Puckett, is spending some time in Richmond.

Mr. L. C. Wilkerson and mother and Mrs. J. L. McDonough were numbered with the sick last week.

Mr. Jim B. Norwood, of Canada, is spending several weeks here with home folks.

Miss Lillie Dixon, who spent the holidays with parents here returned to Durham.

We extend a hearty welcome to Mr. Walton Cutts and family and Mr. Lewis Houston and family, who have recently moved to Stovall.

Miss Helen Moore who has been clerking for her uncle, Mr. R. T. Moore, has accepted a position as clerk with Mr. G. Martin of Monroe, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Williams, of Virginia, are visiting relatives here. Mr. Williams sold a load of tobacco in Oxford Monday that averaged \$54 clear check.

Miss Bertha Earl, who has been on an extended visit to Wylesburg, Va., has returned home accompanied by Miss Katherine Wilmoth, of Chase City.

The Stovall Boy Scouts, who were active in securing walnut trees for the Government, have been notified that in all more than five thousand car loads were secured by the organization throughout the country. The Government informs them with thanks that it is no longer necessary to continue the black walnut census and the work of collecting carbon materials for gas masks.

THE INFLUENZA ORGANIZATION A BONE DRY NATION ONE COMPLETE IN OXFORD

Ready to Assist in the Homes Where It Is Necessary.

At a meeting Wednesday morning in the Oxford Library a large number of interested citizens completed an organization to assist in handling situations that may arise in homes where sickness makes the condition serious. At present there are many homes that need help and it is the purpose of this plan to see that all attention possible is given.

The following officers and committees have been appointed:

The Officers.

Chairman—G. B. Phillips.
General Sec.—Mrs. A. L. Capehart
Assistant Sec.—Miss Jeannette Biggs.

Chairman of Committees.

Food Supplies—Mrs. J. D. Brooks
Nursing—Mrs. Candace Brown.
Transportation—Prof. I. H. Butt.
Finance—Mr. A. H. Powell.

Store Houses.

Mrs. Brooks has selected the following places as central store houses for the four wards:

- 1—Mrs. T. L. Booth.
- 2—Mrs. E. K. Howard.
- 3—Mrs. Hilman Cannady.
- 4—Mrs. W. I. Howell.

Supplies will be placed at these places and when the women who are asked to prepare food need any provisions for that food they can be secured at the store room for that ward. All supplies should go thru these places so that all bills can be kept correct. Mrs. Capehart has appointed the following as ward chairmen on information as to the needs. All information should go to these ladies who will immediately call on Mrs. Capehart for the needed assistance.

Ward Chairmen.

- 1—Mrs. H. M. Shaw.
- 2—Mrs. John Bullock.
- 3—Mrs. John Webb.
- 4—Miss Sadie Parham.

SOLDIER'S MEMORIALS

Wilmington Will Plant Memorial Trees in New Hanover County.

(Statesville Landmark.)

There has been much discussion in many communities of the proper form of memorial that should be erected in honor of the soldiers who fought and died for world liberty. Many contend for some practicable form of memorial, such as hospitals or other public buildings, that will render a real service while at the same time they stand as a memorial to our heroes—the quick and the dead. Others contend for an artistic form of memorial, such as statues, granite shafts, etc. Some communities will adopt one form, some another. The city council of Wilmington has decided to plant memorial trees for New Hanover county men who died in service, each tree to be dedicated to a soldier and a tablet to be affixed on the tree bearing his name. That is a simple but appropriate form of memorial which might be adopted in communities generally. Later more imposing general memorials will of course be erected, either in the form of marble and granite monuments public buildings, parks, etc. But in the meantime the name of each soldier could be placed on record in some such simple and appropriate manner as suggested by the Wilmington plan.

SHERIFF HUNT CAPTURES BIG STILL IN TALLY HO

It was Fired Up and Ready For Business.

Sheriff Dee Hunt and former Sheriff Sam Wheeler left Oxford before the crack of day Wednesday morning. They were joined at Stem by Deputy Whitaker and the three men made their way to the foothills of Bowling mountain, where they found one of the largest stills ever captured in Granville county. It would hold at least 100 gallons and it was full of beer and there was a fire beneath it when the officers arrived upon the scene. There were several large tanks of sour mash near at hand, which was ready to be converted into liquor, and which would have turned out at least two hundred gallons of the stuff that makes mad and kills.

As the officers approached the still a signal was given by some one on the lookout and the moonshiners fled to the brush. The sour mash was turned down stream and the sheriff arrived in Oxford with his trophy early in the forenoon and locked it up in the jail yard to be in evidence at the February term of court.

Sheriff Hunt is doing a good work. He has captured fourteen stills since the first of December. He has demonstrated that he is not in sympathy with lawbreakers.

A BONE DRY NATION ONE YEAR HENCE IS ASSURED

Sufficient Number of States Have Ratified the Amendment to Stop Whiskey Business.

(Washington Special.)
The United States has completed the legislative process of voting itself dry. Thirty-six States have ratified the amendment. It is regarded as the greatest piece of moral legislation in the history of the world.

The amendment to the federal constitution prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating beverages becomes effective one year after the date of its final ratification. Meanwhile the nation goes dry July 1 next, by presidential proclamation as a war measure unless the President rescinds it before that date.

Congress passed the resolution submitting the amendment to the various state legislatures in the midst of the seething preparations for war in 1917. The Senate adopted the resolution August 1, by a vote of 65 to 20, and the lower house on December 17, by 282 to 128.

SCHOOLS' CHURCHES AND PICTURE SHOWS CLOSED

Influenza On the Increase in Town and County.

On account of so many of the teachers being down with the influenza the schools were automatically closed and was announced from the pulpit last Sunday that there will be only one hour's service a day until further notice. On Thursday the picture houses in Oxford were ordered to close until further orders.

The Board of Health is under the impression where there is a crowd influenza lurks, and they closed the picture houses as a precautionary measure.

If it was positively known that the disease is spread by virtue of people assembling in large numbers it would be the part of wisdom to close up everything in sight, but the doctors throughout the county are not agreed on this point. Many of them claim that the deadly germ lurks in the homes and the best thing that the people can do is to get out in the open. But the doctors all agree that fresh air is the best preventative of influenza.

While there are at the present time more cases of influenza in the county than there were in the October epidemic, it is gratifying to note that it is not so deadly as it was when it first broke out. The local doctors claim that there will be a change for the better as soon as warm weather arrives and not before.

GOODBYE OLD BOOZE; FOUR MORE STATES RATIFY PROHIBITION

The North Carolina Legislature ratified the Federal prohibition amendment when the House of Representatives by a vote of 93 to 10 passed the resolution. The amendment was adopted by the Senate last Friday.

HOME DEMONSTRATION WORK

Meeting At Tally Ho This Afternoon At 2:30.

There will be a meeting of the Home Demonstration Club of Tally Ho at the school building at 2:30 p. m. on Friday, January 17th. Subject to be taken up: Pine Needle and Rafia Basketry. Practical demonstration in pine needle basketry. Those wishing to make baskets will please bring scissors and thimbles. Other materials will be provided. By Mrs. L. W. Capehart. Meeting to be presided over by Miss Ettie Washington, President.

There was a meeting of the Home Demonstration Club at the home of Mrs. W. K. Long at Corinth Thursday afternoon. Subject for the program: Schol Lunches and food for children." Mrs. Tunstall, Mrs. C. R. Gordon and Mrs. L. W. Capehart took part.

Mrs. Capehart kindly furnished us the above information for the last issue of the Public Ledger, but the machinery of the Gas Company broke down and we could not operate our Linotype machine.

The Thirtieth Division.

The War Department announced that the Thirtieth Division was stationed at Bellau on December 19th.

Mr. B. F. Taylor and daughter, Miss Pearl have returned from Alabamie, where they attended the funeral of Rev. A. T. Taylor, the beloved brother of our townsman, Mr. B. F. Taylor.

BANKS AND BUGGY COMPANIES ELECT OFFICERS

Oxford's Business Institutions In Fine Shape.

First National Bank
The stockholders of the First National Bank held their annual meeting in the banking rooms January 14th. The meeting was well attended and the year was a successful one. Two new directors were elected, namely, Senator Titus G. Curran, and Mr. M. P. Chamblee. The directors Z. W. Lyon, W. H. Hunt, J. H. Gooch, C. G. Royster, W. G. Pace, J. W. Horner, A. H. Powell, R. S. Usry, M. P. Chamblee, T. G. Curran.

Oxford Buggy Company.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Oxford Buggy Company was held January 9th. The meeting was well attended and the stockholders were well pleased with the showing and voted to continue pushing the celebrated Oxford Chase which grows in popularity throughout the entire country.

The following directors were elected: Z. W. Lyon, B. S. Royster, W. G. Pace, I. N. Howard, A. H. Powell, B. F. Taylor, B. L. Breen.

Union Bank & Trust Co.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Union Bank & Trust Company was held in the banking rooms January 14. The new bank had a most successful year. Two new directors were elected, namely: J. S. King and H. E. Crews.

Directors—H. E. Crews, W. H. Hunt, J. W. Horner, J. S. King, J. M. Baird, J. F. Meadows, W. H. Fleming, Dr. I. H. Davis.

Taylor-Cannady Buggy Co.

The stockholders of the Taylor-Cannady Buggy Company held their annual meeting in the office of the plant January 12th. The meeting was well attended and the stockholders were gratified at the splendid showing and surplus of the year's work. Mr. N. H. Cannady is the president and Mr. W. H. Evans is the secretary and treasurer of the company. All of the old directors were elected.

AUTOMOBILE THIEVES ARE REAPING A HARVEST

Chief Hobgood Gets Word From Many Cities To Look Out For Them.

Presuming that the National highway is a good road to travel Chief I. H. Hobgood is receiving notices nearly every day from nearby big cities of automobiles having been stolen and asking him to be on the lookout for the cars should the drivers make their appearance here with them. Particularly is this true of the cities of Richmond and Norfolk.

One of the favorite methods of "swiping" cars, the report said, was that the thieves would pretend themselves to be garage employees. Two men would come along in one automobile, find a car of fine appearance and one that was very attractive and desirable. One would get out, hitch the parked car to the one he came in, hop into the vacant car, release the brakes, and go trailing off behind the other. Officers seeing the performance would never suspect any intention of robbery, particularly in a big city, where the officers do not know the employees of garages and repair shops. The car would be driven for several blocks until beyond the point of observation where the automobile was seized, the rope would then be cut loose, and away the driver would go with the machine.

DR. NICK CANNADY HOME

Spending His Furlough With His Mother.

Dr. Nick Cannady, of the medical corps, American Expeditionary Forces, arrived in Oxford this week and is spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. M. C. Cannady on College street.

Dr. Cannady went abroad about one year ago and saw much active service until he contracted the "trench fever" and was sent to a base hospital in France. He returned to the States one month ago and was sent to the hospital at Camp Lee to recuperate and be mustered out.

The hardships endured during the campaign of the Marne reduced Dr. Cannady's weight considerably, but it gave him stronger features. He says that he is feeling as well as he ever did and he hopes to be mustered out of service at an early date.

Dr. Cannady gave up a lucrative practice at Laurinburg, enlisted in the medical service and was commissioned lieutenant at the officers' training camp.

Senator Curran.

The president of the Senate selected a good level headed man when he named Senator Titus Curran, of Granville, as chairman of the migration committee.

WAKE FOREST IS PROUD OF REPRESENTATIVE BRUMMITT

Speaker of House Was Noted Athlete in College—Received Degree Bachelor of Laws.

Wake Forest, Jan. 13.—Wake Forest and the Baptists of the state are gratified with the recent achievement of two worthy sons of the college, namely: Mr. D. G. Brummitt, of Granville county, who, on January 7, was unanimously nominated by democrats as candidate for speaker of the house of representatives for the present session of the house of representatives for the present session of the general assembly, and Lieutenant D. S. Kennedy, of Warsaw, with the American air service in France, who has been cited for bravery in action, and recommended for promotion.

Speaker Brummitt entered Wake Forest college in 1906 and in 1907 received the degree of bachelor of laws. He was licensed to practice law at the August session of the supreme court of 1907, and immediately began his work in Oxford, North Carolina. Ten years later he became a member of the general assembly. His last achievement is an indication of the success with which he met while there.

Lieutenant Kennedy was a member of the graduating class of 1912 and received the bachelor of arts degree. While in school he distinguished himself as the best athlete and student combined and received the Royster medal as a reward. After leaving college he became connected with the editorial department of The Journal of Commerce, in New York city. While in service in France he became detached from his squadron and alone few across the lines, securing valuable information, regarding enemy movements, and in return was cited for bravery.

RELICS FROM THE WAR ZONE

Gunner's Mate Frank Gooch Lands In Philadelphia.

As soon as war was declared, Frank Gooch, the fine son of Mr. John Gooch, enlisted in the Navy. After receiving his training at the Philadelphia and Brooklyn Navy Yards he was assigned to the transport service and crossed the Atlantic thirty or forty times. Being a fine gunner, he was selected to handle one of the big guns with a range of 22 miles. There were only six of these guns used in the great American offensive. They were mounted on flat cars, and Frank's big siege gun was instrumental in opening the way for the boys to cross the Marne and surround the Huns in the drive north of Verdun.

On landing at Legue Island, Philadelphia, last Sunday, Frank sent his father a box of relics from the battle fields. In the lot is a German helmet, pierced on the right side with a bullet as large as a lead pencil, a saber, made in Frankfort-on-the-Main; a German hand grenade and a German bayonet, or trench trowel. We are glad to learn that our young friend returns to the States practically unharmed. There is a slight buzzing sound in one of his ears, caused by the constant roar of the big guns, but this in time will pass away. As his services are very much in demand he may elect to remain in the navy for a while at least.

WANT TO VOTE IN THE PARTY PRIMARIES

Hon. W. J. Bryan was the guest of the North Carolina suffrage league, in Raleigh Friday night. The league was in special conference and agreed to ask the Legislature to give woman the right to vote in the party primaries selecting State and county officers.

The league elected Miss Gertrude Well, Greensboro, president; Mrs. Palmer German, Raleigh, vice-president; Mrs. H. D. Conner, Wilson, recording secretary; Mrs. Cone, Greensboro, treasurer.

THE TOWN BOARD DOES THE RIGHT THING

Puts the Kibosh On the Gypsies and Closes the Pool Rooms.

At the regular meeting of the town Commissioners, held in the Mayor's office Tuesday night, the tax on fortune tellers was increased from \$5 annually to \$25.00 a day or fractional part of day.

The Board also gave the pool room a staggering blow. Hereafter no license will be granted to any individual or corporation in the town of Oxford to operate a pool room.

Creedmoor Auto Co.

Mr. I. E. Harris, owner and manager of the Creedmoor Auto Company handles the latest model Sedan and Coupelet cars. They are enclosed, heated and as comfortable as a parlor. See the announcement on the last page of this paper.