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## GEN. ROYSTER URGES MEDAL FOR MEN WHO SERVED

### Adjutant General Also Recommends Monument in Raleigh to World War Soldiers.

After urging that the general assembly provide for the erection to the soldiers and sailors Adjutant General Beverly S. Royster, in his annual report submitted to Governor Bickett, goes a step further and asks that concrete personal recognition of these men's service in the world war also take the form of a suitable medal for each one of them.

Referring to the loyal efforts of these North Carolinians, General Royster says that "each one of them should receive from the state a personal recognition of his distinguished service, something which those who come after him and bear his name will prize as a sacred family jewel. I therefore, recommend and urge that the general assembly of 1919 appropriate a sufficient sum of money to have made suitable medals for each soldier and sailor from North Carolina who served in the world war, whether such services were rendered on foreign fields, on seas, in training camps, officers' training schools, or students' army training corps, and that a committee to be named by the governor, be appointed to adopt a design for such medals and to arrange for their presentation to our soldiers and sailors through the boards of county commissioners in the several counties of the state. Other states will do this. Let North Carolina lead in this simple act of justice for the heroes of 1917-1918."

That the present reserve militia organizations be continued in the service "until the return of the national guard troops now in the federal service," is one of the recommendations of the adjutant general.

General Royster recommends "that a permanent record or roster of every man who served in the world war be prepared as soon as it is possible to do so. The importance of this work and the necessity for immediate action are apparent."

With reference to the selective draft act, the adjutant general reports that "North Carolina stands very close to the head of the lists of the states in efficiency, promptness and accuracy in the administration of this great work." He tells of the drafting into federal service of 90 organizations from the North Carolina national guard, embracing 7,731 officers and enlisted men.

Organization of the reserve militia, composed of men between the ages of 31 and 45, numbering 5,000, is chronicled in the report. During the year the war department furnished these reserve militiamen 2,307 rifles which were issued to 42 of the 60 companies. "It is regretted," says General Royster, "that a sufficient number of rifles could not be procured for issue to every company. Several cities of the state have wisely purchased rifles for issue to their respective companies."

After furnishing an itemized list of military expenditures, General Royster says, "It will be noted that only \$24,403.31 of the annual appropriation for 1918 for military purposes was expended. The coming year will require the expenditure of a larger amount than above stated to meet the needs of the reserve militia, and the probable reorganization of the national guard."

Appended to General Royster's report is a roster of officers of the North Carolina reserve militia.

## BETTER MAIL SYSTEM PROMISED ON OXFORD ROUTE FIVE

### Mr. M. F. Adcock Takes the Question To Washington.

For some cause or other the people on a portion of Oxford Rural Route 5 have not been getting their mail for some time. They got up a petition and sent it to the Fourth Assistant Postmaster at Washington and here is what that official wrote to Mr. M. F. Adcock, one of the signers of the petition:

"With reference to the petition you forwarded to this Bureau requesting the original service restored on Oxford rural route No. 5, you are advised that the petition has been referred to the Oxford Postmaster instructing him to inform the petitioners that when the roads are properly worked the proposition for restoring the service will be given careful consideration."

### Figures Talk.

One of the most convincing things of this life is a bunch of figures arranged along with the name of men who can testify as to their correctness. Mr. B. E. Parham, of the Farmers' Warehouse picked a few names of men at random who can testify as to high averages. See the announcement elsewhere in this paper.

## ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF S. A. L. TRAINS AT OXFORD

### Schedules Effective On and After Sunday, January 19, 1919.

Important changes in the schedule of the arrival and departure of passenger trains on the Seaboard Air Line were announced Saturday to become effective one minute after midnight. Most of them affect local trains which do not run on Sunday.

One of the most important changes in schedule, however, is that between Oxford and Durham and Henderson and Oxford, which makes possible the connections with the Southern, both eastbound and westbound in Durham, both morning and afternoon. It provides for a far more convenient schedule between Oxford and Henderson, making better connections in Henderson with main line local and through trains. In the new order the shoo-fly will be known as No. 19, southbound, and No. 20, going north in the evening. There is a change in the schedule of No. 2, fast through train, which arrives in Henderson going north at 1:41 a. m., instead of 2:30 a. m. as at the present.

### Main Line Trains.

On the main line the shoo-fly is extended on to Weldon, as announced several weeks ago, and will arrive at Henderson in the morning on its way south two hours later than at the present time. In the evening it will return, passing Henderson about ten minutes later than at the present time.

### Oxford Trains.

For Henderson—7:55 a. m.; 12:20 p. m.; 5:15 p. m.  
From Henderson—10:10 a. m.; 3:40 p. m.; 8:15 p. m.  
For Durham—7:55 a. m.—change at Dickerson; 3:00 p. m.  
From Durham—1 p. m.; 8:15 p. m.—change at Dickerson.

The new arrangement allows ample time for business trips to persons in Henderson to spend all or part of the day in Oxford and return in the evening, and the same holds true of persons in Oxford going to Henderson. Excellent connections both ways are made on the main line. There is a wide margin of nearly an hour between the arrival of the shoo-fly at Henderson in the evening and the departure of the train for Oxford at 7:25 p. m. The connection at Durham east and west is close.

## CLOSING UP THE WORK OF DRAFT BOARDS

### Within the Next 30 Days the Work of the 109 Boards Will Have Been Completed.

Within the next 30 days the work of the 109 draft boards of North Carolina will have been completed. During the past month the members of these bodies have been steadily engaged in closing the records and these will soon find their way to Provost Marshal General Crowder's office where they will become a permanent part of the department's war documents.

Mr. Walter Stradley, clerk of the Granville county exemption board, has everything in tip top order. He is ready at a moment's notice to seal the eleven big steel cases that contain the records and send them to their destination.

These records will be of incalculable benefit in the future particularly from a historical standpoint. However, certain information obtained through selective draft administration will be treated with strict confidence and efforts to injure any of the former soldiers as a result of these records will not be tolerated, says Provost Marshal General Crowder.

## THE BATTLE FLAGS.

### They Are to Be in the Custody of Home States.

When national guard and national army organizations have been disbanded their battle flags will be given into the custody of the States from which the majority of the men came when the organizations were formed. The war department announces that title to the colors will be retained by the federal government.

## FARMERS CAN GET PHOSPHATE

### Agents At Oxford, Stovall and Creedmoor Will Accommodate You.

Dr. Morris, county agent, states that the farmers in the central part of the county can make arrangements to get phosphate by calling on W. T. Yancey, at the National Bank of Granville, who will act for the central part of the county. Dr. W. L. Taylor, of Stovall, will take care of Northern Granville, and Mr. N. J. Bodie, of Creedmoor, will attend to the Southern part of the county.

## STOCKHOLDERS OF THE GRANVILLE COUNTY FAIR

### Proposition On Foot to Dispose of the Property.

A number of the stockholders of the Granville County Fair met last week for the purpose of determining whether it is advisable to continue the fair or to sell the property. After much discussion, Prof. J. F. Webb, acting secretary of the fair association, was requested to send the following notice to each and every stockholder:

"An important meeting of the stockholders of the Fair Association is called for next Wednesday, January 22nd. There is urgent need to make some provision to continue the fair, or to sell the property. A proposition will be made at this meeting to sell. If you are interested, do not fail to be present. The meeting will be held at 11 o'clock in the Court House."

One of the questions debated at the meeting last week was the possibility of securing the services of a good secretary in the event stockholders elect to continue the fair. One of the stockholders present remarked, "Good secretaries are born and not made," which, of course, implies that the services of a well qualified secretary is hard to procure during the planting and harvest season.

The Public Ledger finds quite a number of stockholders and patrons of the fair adverse to selling the property. Mr. P. L. Thomasson, proprietor of Water Line Farm, told the Public Ledger that he knows a man who could take hold of the fair and make it a success. This particular man, he said, is Mr. W. S. Gooch, of Stem, who is in the insurance business and is popular with all classes of people in Granville and adjoining counties.

## TRI-STATE CELEBRATION ON ARRIVAL OF THIRTIETH DIVISION FROM FRANCE

### Approved by Resolution Adopted by Palmetto State House of Representatives.

The South Carolina House of Representatives, at Columbia last week, went on record as approving a tri-State celebration, to be participated in by North and South Carolina and Tennessee, on the arrival of the Thirtieth division from France, when it adopted a concurrent resolution to that effect and sent it to the senate. The only thing lacking to make the idea of complete acceptance is the designation of Raleigh as the "psychological" place for the celebration.

## TOTAL ARMY CASUALTIES.

### Near the End of the Long List

Total number of casualties to date Killed in action (including 381 at sea) . . . . . 30,388  
Died of wounds . . . . . 12,586  
Died of disease . . . . . 18,136  
Died of accident, and other causes . . . . . 2,546  
Missing in action (including prisoners) . . . . . 13,374  
Total . . . . . 211,003

## THE HOUSE PASSES WHISKEY BILL FOR PENALIZING OWNERS

### Means Year in Prison and Fine Varying According To The Manufacture Or Purchase.

The North Carolina House of Representatives has adopted the measure making mandatory prison terms and fines of \$50 for owning a quart of liquor self-made and \$25, equal imprisonment, if bought, today amended to give court discretion in the first offense.

Which means that the possessor of a quart may dodge prison sentence on his first offense, but no longer. Thereafter, if he owns a quart, he must prove that he did not make it or pay \$25 more for being convicted than if he bought the booze or received it as a Christmas present. The bill as amended was passed unanimously by the House and has gone to the Senate.

## A KIND WORD FOR THE OXFORD PUBLIC LEDGER

We have received many compliments and congratulations during the past week from the people in Oxford and the county, and some of the editors of the big state papers have said kind things about the Public Ledger, which are greatly appreciated by their humble brother. We think it very kind in the News and Observer to stop long enough to say: "The Oxford Public Ledger comes to us now with a new heading and in enlarged form. It is one of the brightest and most useful of the weeklies."

## CLEMENCEAU NAMED PRESIDENT OF PEACE CONFERENCE

### President Wilson Names the French Tiger, and Lloyd George Seconde the Motion—Addresses Characterized by Apparent Determination of Representatives of Various Nations to Come to an Amicable Understanding With Respect to Problems to Be Decided by the Conference—Clemenceau Gives Definite Outline of Great Questions Directly Ahead.

(Paris Special.)

The peace conference, destined to be historic, and on which the eyes of the world are now centered, was opened Saturday afternoon in the great Salle de La Parix. The proceedings which were confined to the election of Georges Clemenceau, the French premier, as permanent chairman of the conference, an address of welcome by the president of the French republic, Raymond Poincare, and speeches by President Wilson, Premier Lloyd George and Baron Sonnine were characterized by the expressions of lasting friendship and the apparent determination of the representatives of the various nations to come to an amicable understanding with respect to the problems to be decided by the conference.

When President Poincare spoke, the entire assembly stood, and the fact that, according to custom, no applause greeted his utterance gave greater solemnity to the scene.

### Wilson Names Clemenceau.

President Wilson rose as M. Poincare made his exit. "It gives me great pleasure," he said, "to propose as permanent chairman of the conference Mr. Clemenceau."

President Wilson spoke in conversational voice, which, however, carried throughout the chamber, as he paid eloquent tribute to the French Premier.

### Lloyd George's "Second."

Premier Lloyd George seconded the nomination of Mr. Clemenceau, speaking earnestly of the distinguished services the French Premier had rendered in war and peace.

"Our ambition is a great and noble one," said M. Clemenceau, "we wish to avoid a repetition of the catastrophe, which bathed the world in blood. If the league of nations is to be practical we must all remain united. Let us carry our program quickly and in an effective manner."

Referring to the authors of the war, he said he had consulted two eminent jurists on the penal responsibility of the former German emperor, and each delegate would receive a copy of that report.

Referring to the league of nations M. Clemenceau declared it was already in the way of being achieved by the gathering of this conference.

### Main Subjects General Order.

He then turned to the program of the conference, which he said covered the following main subjects of general order:

First—Responsibility of the authors of the war.

Second—Responsibility for the crimes committed during the war.

Third—Legislation in regard to international labor.

All the powers represented would be invited to present memoirs on these three questions. The powers having particular interests, M. Clemenceau continued, would be asked to present further memoirs upon territorial, financial and economical questions.

### League of Nations First.

"The league of nations will be placed at the head of the order of the day of the next full session," M. Clemenceau announced, as he concluded his address. He paused for further suggestions of business, and as none was made he declared the session adjourned.

## MR. H. M. LANIER CRITICALLY ILL IN CHARLOTTE

### Former Citizen of Oxford Not Expected to Live Many Hours.

Mr. H. M. Lanier, first son of the late Mark Lanier, of Oxford, is critically ill at his home in Charlotte. Mr. T. Lanier, who was called to the bedside of his brother last Friday, informs members of the family that his death is expected at any moment.

Mr. Lanier for many years traveled for a Baltimore house. He seldom had the time to come to Oxford, but it was always a great pleasure to him to visit his old home town and meet his many friends here.

It is the wish of Mr. Lanier that when he is called to his reward his remains will be laid to rest in Oxford.

### Mrs. Clayton Dead.

Mrs. George Clayton, aged 26 years, died at her home near Culbreth Monday. She is survived by a devoted husband and three children. Interment today six miles west of Berea.

## OLD JOHN BARLEYCORN IS CRUSHED TO EARTH

### Church Bells Throughout the Land Toll Old Booze's Death.

The death of Old John Barleycorn which occurred last Thursday, is to be celebrated throughout the United States. There was never a more popular corpse than that of Old John, the arch enemy of mankind; he caused more trouble in the world than did Old Bill Hohenzollern, but of the two fiends, the old devil loves Bill the most.

When the news was flashed over the wire that the ratification of the Federal Constitution amendment by the Nebraska legislature completed the necessary three-fourths majority, and assured the enforcement of the bone dry law one year from the date of this ratification, the church bells in many places throughout this broad land tolled the death knell of Old John Barleycorn.

Old John has many devout friends and there was great sadness and wailing and gnashing of teeth as his remains were consigned to the grave and covered with a hundred million tons of earth and stone. But do you know, good people, that there are a few shrewd politicians who say that though Old John Barleycorn is crushed to earth, dead and buried, he will rise again and claim his own?

But there will be no resurrection. The black political imp who tries to open the grave, he himself will fall into the pit!

## FORGED BONDS AGAINST THREE CAROLINA TOWNS

### The Forger Is Now in the Illinois State Pen.

(Chicago Special.)

Millard H. Cutter, head of a Chicago bond firm, who confessed several days ago that he had disposed of forged municipal and school bonds aggregating \$600,000, including \$221,000 bonds in the name of Chilton county, Alabama, was sent to the penitentiary Saturday last.

Among the cities and counties against which the forged bond were issued the following:

Hamlet, N. C., \$50,000.  
Rocky Mount, N. C., \$50,000.  
Statesville, N. C., \$13,000.

## THE DEATH RECORD.

### Four Or Five People Die Every Day in Granville.

There are no statistics available at present as to the number of deaths in Granville since the epidemic of influenza broke out here in September, but it is estimated by those who supply coffins that more than two hundred have died of influenza-pneumonia in the last three months.

There is no doubt that the dreadful disease is on the increase in the county at the present time. The doctors estimate that four or five people have died in Granville every day for the past ten days. The doctors state that the disease is milder than when it first made its appearance in our midst, and they attribute the heavy death rate during the past ten days to the increased number of people who have contracted the disease.

The following is a partial list of those who died on Oxford Route 4 within the past ten days:

Miss Evans, daughter of Mr. J. H. Evans, age 15 years, died January 12th. Interment at home place.

Sarah Francis Currin, daughter of Mr. Lucius Currin, age 7 years, died January 8. Burial at Hester church.

Cobard C. Currin, aged 9 years, died January 16. Buried at Hester church.

Mrs. Annie Harris Hobgood, wife of Walter Hobgood, died January 14; interment at Hester church; funeral by Dr. Marsh.

## "THE GREEKS"

### Where the Gleaming Jewels Are Always On Display.

Has any poet of Oxford ever done justice to the fruit stand on College street operated by the "Greeks?" What a glowing spot of color! After all, the Greeks are Greeks and the greatest lovers of color and beauty. How carefully they polish nature's gleaming jewels, how cunningly they arrange them in pyramids and rows. And on a nipping cold day the apples and oranges seem to shine with a more brilliant lustre. The snows swirl, but the bright scarlet and yellow globes on his stand are a perpetual pledge of sunnier days to come. In summertime the law makes him cover them over, with netting against the flies; but now his sweet mer chandise shines in naked color. Blue and red and orange and green—all a feast to the eye. One need never despair of a world where beauty lurks on the fruit stand.

## THE AMERICAN FORCES IN FRANCE WILL BE CUT TO MINIMUM

### Will Be Reduced to Smallest Possible Army "Consistent With Our National Obligations."

American forces in France and in the occupied territory of Germany are to be reduced to the minimum strength "consistent with our national obligations," said General March at the week end interview with news paper men.

What strength is to be maintained is under discussion now by American military officials and the Allied military leaders. General March was positive in his statement that it would be less than the thirty divisions given in his report as the probable American military contribution.

The American force for the occupied zone was fixed by international agreement at the time the armistice was signed. General March said Marshal Poch would undoubtedly retain enough troops to safeguard himself in any emergency that could possibly arise.

Demobilization of the army units in the United States had been ordered, General March announced, with units necessary for camp guard duty. The total now listed for demobilization is 1,177,444. The number actually returned from France for demobilization is 104,000.

General March said while a great many men are being sent home now and the number will constantly increase, it is not believed the real homeward movement will be inaugurated before February 1. Whether then it will be on the suggested basis of 300,000 a month depends almost entirely upon decisions of the allied shipping conferences, which began soon after the armistice was signed.

## MRS. JULIA MINOR PASSED TO HER REWARD SUNDAY

### The End Came Peacefully After a Long Life of Usefulness.

Mrs. Julia Minor, the beloved wife of the late Col. K. V. Minor, died Sunday evening at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. A. Hicks, on College street. She had been in declining health for some time.

The passing of Mrs. Minor removes from our midst one of our most cherished landmarks. Practically all of her life was spent in the service of her Master, and she made her home the Christian abode of her children. She was a member of the Oxford Methodist church and made it a rule never to be absent when her health would permit her to be present at all of the services.

The surviving children are: Col. Sydney Minor, American Expeditionary Forces; Mr. W. T. Minor, of Durham; Mr. Marvin Minor, of Petersburg; Mrs. Skinner, of Granville; Mrs. A. A. Hicks, Misses Eva, Julia and Alline Minor, of Oxford.

The funeral services, conducted by Dr. Tyre, former pastor of the Oxford Methodist church, was held from the residence of Mr. A. A. Hicks at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon.

The pallbearers, as announced, were: Messrs. L. F. Smith, C. W. Bryan, Dr. E. T. White, Sam Morton, Dr. Booth, W. H. Hunt, Luther Stark, Frank Lyon.

Honorary—Gen. B. S. Royster, Z. W. Lyon, R. L. Brown, Ernest Howard, T. Lanier, A. H. Powell, R. G. Lassiter, B. K. Lassiter, Will Landis, Frank Pinnix, Dr. F. P. Hobgood, Josiah Cannady, R. H. Lewis, E. L. Smith, J. F. Meadows, N. H. Cannady, John Paris, J. W. Horner, H. M. Shaw, C. D. Ray, Col. H. G. Cooper, J. S. King, C. H. Breedlove, J. P. Hunt, Col. W. B. Ballou.

The flower bearers were: Mrs. E. T. White and Mrs. T. L. Booth.

## ALL GRADES OF TOBACCO CONTINUE AT HIGH MARK

### Sales For Week Ending Friday Averaged \$42.80. Hundred Pounds

Tobacco continues to sell at a very high mark on the Oxford market, figures made public Saturday show. Considering the quality of the tobacco brought in, the price is still about the highest ever known here.

For the season to the present time the market has sold about 9,000,000 pounds, which shows an average of about 40.50 for the season thus far. Tobacco men believe the market will reach the eleven million mark this year, and feel confident that the ten million point will be reached early in February under favorable conditions. Friday's sale was the largest of the week, totalling 80,000 pounds, the average being \$42.80 per hundred.

### Real Estate Transfer.

Mr. B. F. Frazier has purchased the nice home of Mr. J. Robert Wood on Hancock street and will move in to it later on.