

OXFORD PUBLIC LEDGER

PUBLISHED SEMI-WEEKLY—TOWN AND COUNTY OFFER BRILLIANT OPPORTUNITIES—ALL HOME PRINT.

VOLUME XXXIV.

OXFORD, NORTH CAROLINA.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 1919.

NUMBER 21.

MIGHTIEST SHIP BUILT CAN SINK A SQUADRON

What New Warship Can Do and What It Can Do With.
(Washington Special.)

The battleships Nevada, Utah, Florida, Delaware, Wyoming, Arkansas, Oklahoma and North Dakota are considered first-class fighting ships. Only a few years ago they were launched and America acclaimed them the last word in warship construction and the best ships afloat, but if that entire grand fleet met the Idaho, Uncle Sam's latest fighting craft, and gave battle there would be nothing left of them except wreckage and a few surviving sailors.

The Idaho is the largest and most powerful ship afloat.

Twelve fourteen-inch guns have the longest range of any naval guns in the world and can sink hostile craft at a distance of fifteen miles.

Each of the guns hurls a 1500-pound steel projectile through the air at the rate of 2800 feet a second.

Nine tons of steel can be hurled from the big guns every twenty seconds.

GRANVILLE COUNTY SOLDIER WAS KILLED IN ACTION

Private Charles Woodley Was Popular With His Company.

Private John A. Bullock, Company F, 322 Infantry, A. P. O. 791, A. E. F., in a letter to Mr. Lewis Woodley February 8, confirms the report that Charlie Woodley was killed in action He says:

"Your son was killed on November 11, 1918. The telegram notifying you of his death was correct. He was a good boy and made many friends in his company. We miss him very much. I was wounded in the mouth November 10th and was sent to a hospital. Two of my teeth were shot out, but I am getting along nicely. We are having some very cold weather over here just now, and we are anxious to get home as soon as possible."

MEN TO PARADE IN RALEIGH.

Granville County Boys Coming Home From France.

At least one regiment of the North Carolina troops, according to the promise of Secretary Baker, will be paraded at Raleigh before demobilization at Camp Jackson.

The news that the Thirtieth is coming home from France is glad news to many people in this section. Many Granville county boys are in the famous Thirtieth and we want to see them home and hear them tell of the great work they did in breaking the Hindenburg line. In the days from September until the armistice was signed the Thirtieth Division covered itself with undying glory. No more desperate fighting was done by any of the divisions than was done by the boys of North and South Carolina and Tennessee. They fought side by side with Twenty-seventh Division, composed of the New Yorkers and while they did not have as many casualties as did the Twenty-seventh, they did some as fine fighting.

CAMOUFLAGE HER ANKLES.

New York Supreme Court Builds a Four-Foot Board Fence.

New York, March 14.—Because Mrs. Betty Inch was too generous in the display of her ankles to jurors when she failed a month ago to agree on a verdict in her trial on a charge of extortion, she found the witness stand surrounded by a four-foot board fence when she appeared yesterday in the Supreme Court for a second hearing of the case.

LT. COOPER IS CONVOYING THIRTIETH DIVISION

Col. Henry G. Cooper received a cablegram this week from his son, Lt. Henry G. Cooper, battleship South Carolina, United States Navy, stating that he will arrive in Hampton Roads next Tuesday with 1,000 officers and men of the Thirtieth Division.

POSTER CARRYING WARNING TO WAR STAMP OWNERS

Here is the "warning poster" which will be scattered broadcast throughout the country by the war savings stamp division to protect stamp holders:

"You are being cheated if anybody offers you less than \$4.26 for a 1918 war savings stamp.

"We urge you not to cash it.

"If you must, take it to your post-office or war loan organization."

Read the advertisement of R. A. Wiggins elsewhere in this paper and see how easily it is to put your faithful old car in readiness for "The Spring Drive" that is soon to take place.

THE LAST DAYS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Silver Service Is Presented To Speaker D. G. Brummitt, and His Friends Urge Him To Run For Congress.

(Raleigh Special.)

Completely relaxing from the tension of work of the past 62 days the Senate of the 1919 session North Carolina general assembly came to a close with glowing colors early Tuesday morning. Adjournment sine die was taken at 1:55 o'clock by the joint session of the house and senate meeting in the senate chamber.

Silver Service.

Interspersed with the musical concert came the customary felicitations and distributions of gifts. President Max Gardner was laden with many beautiful gifts, including a gold-headed cane from the pages and a handsome silver pitcher from the members of the senate. The silver service to Speaker Brummitt was presented by former Lieutenant Governor R. A. Doughton, of Alleghany county, while Representative McCoy presented. Mr. Brummitt responded in terms of appreciation and expressions of the pleasure it had been to him in presiding over the lower house, and of the harmony that had prevailed during the sixty days of the meeting.

Brummitt For Congress.

It happened in this, namely, viz: Just before adjournment, Doughton, of Alleghany, and Brummitt, of Granville, said that they would never again return to the legislature. Whereupon Ellis Gardner nominated Doughton for Governor in 1920 and Brummitt for Congress. The twain had not explained the object of their retirement, but one could shut his eyes and write what it all meant. Mr. Doughton who has been coming here for three decades, quits after an almost unbroken service and leaves his case with the people of the state. Brummitt after three times, climaxed by the speakership, is in line for promotion in the Fifth District which is ready for a young man when Major Stedman retires. Incidentally the president of the senate was boomed for governor and F. C. Harding, the senator from Pitt, was nominated for Lieutenant Governor.

COMING THROUGH THE RYE.

Dr. E. T. White Will Cultivate Several Acres This Year.

The farmers of Granville county will call to mind the remarkable field of Abruzzi rye grown on Dr. E. T. White's place one mile west of Oxford last year. We don't remember at this writing just how many bushels there were to the acre, but we do know that Dr. White was highly pleased with the result. He has three or four fine farms in the county and it is his intention to plant five times as much as he planted last year.

Here are a few figures that sustain the good judgment of Dr. White, as handed down by the United States Department of Agriculture:

"From 1849 to 1909 rye production in the United States was practically stationary. From 1909 to 1918 the production was almost tripled, the greatest increase coming in 1917 and 1918.

"Five years ago there was approximately 1 acre of rye for each 21 acres of wheat in the United States. In 1918 there was approximately 1 acre of rye for each 10 acres of wheat.

"The 1918 rye crop was more than 76,000,000 bushels.

"The world production of rye amounts to about one and two-thirds billion bushels, somewhat less than half the annual wheat production.

"The United States Department of Agriculture thinks it probable, now that farmers are becoming familiar with the crop and its advantages, that rye will have a permanently larger place in American agriculture, and that from an agricultural point of view there should be a further considerable increase in production."

118TH EXPECTED TO LAND AT NEWPORT NEWS MAR. 18

Major Thad G. Stem Will Reach Home Port Next Week.
(Washington Special.)

The 113th field artillery, commanded by Colonel Cox, which sailed for home March 5, will debark at Newport News March 18. It is to be sent to Camp Jackson for demobilization.

THE BALANCE IN HAND.

A Few Barrels of Sauer Kraut Will Settle the Difference

It is said our bill against Germany totals \$750,000,000, and we are holding \$300,000,000,000 worth of German stuff.

THE TOWN BOARD WILL APPOINT KEEPER OF ELMWOOD CEMETERY

The Sacred Grounds Will Be Kept In Good Condition.

At a meeting of the Town Board of Commissioners Tuesday night, Commissioner W. T. Yancey offered the following resolution:

"That it is the sense of this Board that Elmwood Cemetery should be kept in good order; that a keeper be appointed who will give his whole time to keeping the sacred enclosure in good condition; that a fair wage be paid said keeper, who will dig graves at a minimum charge, the funds to revert to the town treasury and the same expended in the upkeep of the cemetery."

Present at the meeting were: Commissioners Yancey, Ray, McFarland, Parham, Williams, Perkinson. The resolution to appoint a whole-time keeper of the cemetery was adopted by a unanimous vote.

In the discussion of the question the commissioners practically agreed that owners of plots in the cemetery would be permitted to confer with the keeper as to the manner in which they desire to have plots kept in order.

Heretofore the gates of the cemetery have stood open and the avenues used as a public highway, this in violation of the law. This practice must be stopped, said Mayor Mitchell, and the keeper will be empowered to arrest all such parties.

RED CROSS NOTES OF VITAL INTEREST

The Granville County Chapter of the American Red Cross is prepared, through its home service section to give friendly personal help, comfort, aid and sympathy to the families of our soldiers and sailors. It is the purpose of the home service to play the "good neighbor" and staunch friend to the families when there is ill health or sudden changes in their way of living, and to help maintain good standards of health, education and industry.

Home service also undertakes to supply emergent needs. Yet the Home Service is neither a charity organization to give money to families of the soldiers, nor is it a loan institution.

One of the important needs of soldiers and sailors families, is for information on every subject affecting their interests. Information about allotments and allowances, war risk insurance, etc. is vital to these families. The home service section has already saved untold anxiety and infrequent suffering on the part of the families of the enlisted men, by furnishing information on matters of interest to the family.

Home service is true neighborliness. No family is intruded upon, no home is entered without a definite invitation from some one competent to give it. Every record is confidential and every effort is made to protect the family from idle curiosity and gossip. Home service is a work for the future as well as the present. It is a life-time opportunity for every patriotic American who has at heart the interest of his country and who has a supreme faith in her future.

The Granville County Chapter is very fortunate in having been able to secure from Southern Division Mrs. Benjamin Van Riper, who for several weeks will have charge of the Red Cross home service and civilian relief work of this chapter. Mrs. Van Riper is splendidly equipped for this work. She was in France nine months in the Red Cross canteen work and has lectured extensively for the Y. M. C. A. She is a graduate of Boston University and has had some teaching experience in several universities. The office of the Home service committee is in the Brown uBuilding, second floor. Office hours 9 to 12, 2 to 5.

THE SOLDIERS' FEET

Bunions, Corns and Ingrowing Nails.

An inspection of the feet and shoes of the soldiers of the Thirtieth Division after it crossed the Hindenburg line showed: Corns, 750; callosities 1,059; toes jammed or crowded, 636; hammer toes, 16; ingrowing nails, 762; bunions, 613; good feet, 290; men wearing shoes one or more sizes too large, 476; men wearing shoes too large, 131.

The Creedmoor Supply Company announce on another page that they have received their last car of horses and mules for the season, so if you desire to have good stock to plant and harvest this year's crop you had better see this lot of horses and mules before they are picked over.

LEGISLATURE MADE ABOVE THE AVERAGE RECORD

Whole Session Compares Favorably With the Best of Recent Predecessors.

The 1919 session of the general assembly passed into history early Tuesday morning with a record of achievement behind it that is probably as good if not better than the record of any previous general assembly. A good many things, of course, which should have been done were left without the statute books, but taken on the whole a constructive legislative program which was in keeping with the most progressive thought of the state has been enacted into laws.

Perhaps the biggest work of the 1919 session of the general assembly was the provision for a revaluation of the real and personal property on a basis of real value in money. This will do more to equalize the taxing system in the state than anything else could have done. It is really the only fair and just basis for taxation. The work will be done under the direction of the tax commission with A. J. Maxwell at its head. It will take about 15 to 18 months. In view of this the general understanding is that the extra session of the legislature, which will be called by the governor for the purpose of working out a different tax rate, will be held probably in July 1920.

The State papers and numbers of public men who are well versed in parliamentary law, say that Hon. D. G. Brummitt, speaker of the House, was the best presiding officer in the recollection of the present generation. Absolutely fair and impartial, there was not the semblance of an appeal from his rulings.

STEM NEWS LETTER.

Bullock and Day Will Conduct Warehouse At Smithfield.

—Miss Bessie Daniel, of Tally Ho, is spending the week with friends in Oxford.

—Mr. J. H. Gooch spent the week-end with his sister, Mrs. D. S. Reid, in Winston-Salem.

—Mr. Ralph G. Taylor, formerly of Stem, but now with headquarters in Durham, was on our streets Tuesday.

—Mayor J. M. Bullock, who is clerk of Camp No. 347, Stem, is attending the annual convention of the Woodmen of the World at Salisbury this week.

—We are sorry to note the serious illness of Mrs. J. W. Stem, one of the excellent women of Tally Ho. Her sister, Mrs. Lynch, of Oxford, is at her bedside.

Miss Mamie Spencer who has been on an extended visit to her sister, Mrs. L. F. Cotton, of Oxford, Route 6, left Monday for her home near Swan Quarter. For the past year she has been acting as a trained nurse in a Norfolk hospital and expects to follow this vocation.

—Mr. J. M. Bullock, of our town, and Mr. L. F. Day, of Oxford have made arrangements to run a warehouse in Smithfield this fall. Mr. Bullock is an experienced tobacco man and has been with Mr. I. W. Mangum, of Oxford, the past two seasons. Buck Stem, formerly in the tobacco business in Oxford, pronounced Mr. Bullock "the best judge of tobacco in the county."

—At a recent meeting of the Victorian Literary Society, the following members were selected: Stem High school in the State Triangle with Creedmoor and Knap of Reeds: Miss Pauline Stem, and Edward Jones will defend the affirmative, and Miss May Barker and Wesley Veazey will defend the negative. We are attaching great faith to these debaters. It has not been definitely arranged with the other high schools yet where our negative will debate; we hope to debate on neutral ground however, with both teams.

Otho T. Mangum arrived at home Sunday after undergoing the trying experiences of real war for several long months in the war zones in France. It will be recalled that he was severely wounded in action Nov. 10th, and for long time much anxiety was felt by his relatives and friends. On this bloody day, his company while charging the Germans in one of the Verdun sectors was ordered to fall on ground and to protect themselves as best they could. Mangum happened to be in a low piece of ground and fell face foremost to the earth. The German bullets were playing a tune above him. Finally one struck him in the right leg above the thigh, inflicting a severe flesh wound.

The big sale at Victor Kaplon's is on in full blast. Mr. J. R. Avery, the popular salesman, will be glad to see his many friends at this sale.

THE COUNTY FAIR WILL BE CONTINUED

All Indebtedness Against the Property Will Be Wiped Out.

The fair grounds property which was to be sold last Monday at the Court House door was withdrawn.

It is understood that arrangements have been made to lift the indebtedness against the property.

In that event the biggest fair ever held in the county will be staged next October.

If they are successful in getting the young man whom they have an eye on to run the fair it will be a grand success in every particular. Definite plans are being worked out and will be announced later.

BUYING AND SELLING FARMS.

Several Granville County Farms Changed Hands During Past Fall and Winter.

The Public Ledger asked a farmer the other day if it was the attractive price that induced him to sell his farm, or was it for some other cause?

In answer to the inquiry, he said that it was next to impossible to hire labor and carry on his farm like it should be. During the past two years he said, farming was profitable for all concerned, but the time is coming, he said, when there will be a slump in prices of everything grown on a farm.

Another farmer told the Public Ledger that he sold his farm because it was too large; that it was impossible to get labor to work it, and the best thing that he could do, he said, was to sell and buy a smaller farm.

A few weeks ago a prominent Granville county farmer sold his farm with a view of moving to Virginia and taking a couple of dozen families with him and establishing a colony of Granville county people near Petersburg and Richmond. His idea in selling his farm, he said, was to get near the markets.

There is no doubt about it, the farmer is up against a tough proposition. The scarcity of labor is his chief discouragement, but this will adjust itself in a very short time, it is hoped. There will be no slump in prices for several years to come, and the best thing that a farmer can do is to keep everlastingly at it.

HESTER NEWS NOTES.

—Mr. McCullen Tunstall spent Tuesday in Oxford.

—Mr. Edgar Crews' new house is nearing completion. We'll be glad when he moves in.

—The farmers of this section have been busy for the last few days hauling fertilizer.

—Tobacco beds are sown and most every one has his wood cut. All seem ready to welcome the busy days of spring once more.

—Misses Kena and Ethel Crews, Clyde Haskins and Florence Green spent the week end in Durham. They report a lively time while gone.

—Miss Isabel Fleming has returned from Richmond after quite an extended visit with her brother, Lawrence. Mr. and Mrs. Fleming and children accompanied her home.

—Misses Janie Clayton, Flossie McLean Annie Fleming, Emma Royal Tunstall, and Helen Stem, accompanied by Messrs. McCullen and Sprague Tunstall, Weldon, Dalby and Frank Stem, attended the play given at Oxford College Friday night. They pronounced the play a success.

—Hester school is going to have an old time fiddlers' convention Friday night, March 21st. Music beginning at 8 o'clock. All old fiddlers are invited to attend, also other string instrument players. Cash prizes will be offered to the winners. Their will be love letters for sale at the post office also your fortune in a "nut shell." Admission fee 25 cents for adults, 15 cents for children. The proceeds are to go to the school.

DEATH NOTICE OF JOHN BARLEYCORN PUBLISHED

Remains May Be Viewed After July 1, 1919.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 15.—The following death notice of a "notorious citizen" has been sent to the local press by Mrs. Bessie F. Thatcher, of Yardville, N. J.

"Barley Corn—After a long illness, due to a fall from public favor John Barleycorn, at an advanced age. Relatives and friends also the W. C. T. U., Anti-Saloon League, all temperance societies, and the general public are respectfully invited to attend the funeral. Services will be held in every public meeting house January 16, 1920. Remains may be viewed after July 1, 1919. Interment in Oblivion cemetery. Kindly omit flowers. Papers everywhere please copy."

COLORED SOLDIERS BRING HONOR TO GRANVILLE

Lieutenant Cheatham Holds the Croix de Guerre and Distinguished Service Cross For Gallantry In Action.

Two interesting soldiers just arrived from overseas are Lt. Henry P. Cheatham, Jr., son of Dr. Cheatham superintendent of the colored Oxford Orphanage, and Dr. E. T. Ransom.

Lt. Cheatham was with the Fifty-ninth Division of infantry and was brigaded with the French. He volunteered in New York soon after war was declared, and on reaching the war zone was placed with "seasoned" troops of France. He faced the Crown Prince's army in its palmy days and he was in line of battle when his command broke the Hindenburg line at Soissons.

Dr. Ransom is the son of a preacher, well known here. He was with the medical department of the army and was attached to the 161st New York infantry, the insignia of his division being the rattlesnake, coiled and ready to strike.

Lt. Cheatham wears on his breast the "Croix de Guerre and Distinguished Service Cross for gallantry in action," which was bestowed by the Legion of Honor of France.

Dr. Ransom and Lt. Cheatham wear their honors with becoming dignity. They are colored men of broad intellect and have been commissioned by the government to travel and lecture. They will visit the schools and churches in the rural districts.

ARMENIAN-SYRIAN RELIEF

The Oxford Orphanage Children Do the Handsome Thing.

The Armenian-Syrian Relief Fund association is now before the people of our county in a campaign for funds to save the people in the near east from starvation. Last week Miss McCormick was in our town in the interest of this cause and besides speaking to the people of the town, she went up to the Oxford Orphanage to speak to the children and workers there upon the subject.

The children were very much impressed, as were all who heard her, with what Miss McCormick told of the terrible conditions, the people are now living under, as well as the barbarous manner in which they have been treated by the Turks. Miss McCormick asked the children to try and raise a fund to keep the little boys and girls over there from starving and it was decided to do the best we could to help out.

During the next few days a canvass was had, and on Sunday the report was made that \$151.00 had been raised, with the prospect of more later. The children were very sympathetic and one little boy said he did not have a cent but did have an orange and wished to send that. The teacher said she would buy the orange for five cents, so he sold it and put that in the collection. Another girl had \$8.00 and put it all in and a good many children put in every penny they had.

I am writing this that the people of the county may know what our children and workers have done for this most worthy cause that it may be the means of stimulating those who read it to a fuller realization of their duty to the very destitute people of Armenia, and the near east.

TO BRAND THE KAISER.

He Is To Be Officially Designated As the Arch Criminal.

The Peace Conference having in charge investigations into responsibility for the war have arrived at the conclusion that the burden shall be placed on the shoulders of the Kaiser. He is to be officially designated as "the arch criminal," and as the declaration is to be embodied in the treaties, his own people will find themselves under necessity of subscribing to it. Full details of the committee report will be forthcoming shortly and the public may then see the arrival of the day when the Kaiser shall be taken in hand and made to give an accounting.

UNITS OF THE 81ST EN ROUTE TO HOME

306th Trench Mortar Battery From Carolinas and Florida Sail.

Washington, March 12.—Five transports bringing about 500 officers and 7,000 men were announced by the War Department as having sailed from France.

On board the transport Princess Matoika, due at Newport News March 21, is the 306th Trench Mortar Battery of the Eighty-first Division, composed of North and South Carolina and Florida troops.