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THE OXFORD-HENDERSON HIGHWAY SHOULD BE BEST IN THE STATE

It Should Be Thirty Feet Wide and As Smooth As the Streets of Oxford.

Now that Granville and Vance counties will share in Federal and State aid, sentiment in favor of a high class road between Oxford and Henderson is growing.

The Granville-Vance line is midway between Oxford and Henderson—the two best towns in North Carolina—and it is understood that Vance county will meet Granville county at the half way point with any kind of a good road proposition.

The best stretch of road in the state lays between Greensboro and High Point, and it was built by the R. G. Lassiter Construction Company of Oxford. That is the kind of a road that is needed between Oxford and Henderson, and we are going to have it. Mr. B. Y. Cooper and other leading men of Henderson are for it, and the leading citizens of Oxford and everybody who lives between Oxford and Henderson are in favor of a high class road.

When the high class road between High Point and Greensboro was first proposed, the merchants of High Point kicked like steers against the proposition. They were afraid that the good road would lead their customers to Greensboro to make purchases, but when the road was completed it was found that about as many Greensboro people went to High Point to make purchases as there were High Point people who went to Greensboro to buy goods. The merchants of Oxford and Henderson carry the same line of goods and the prices are practically the same, or should be. If there any difference in the style and prices of goods in Oxford and Henderson a good, quick, easy-going road between the two towns would soon adjust the style and prices to the satisfaction of the consumers. Neither town has anything to lose and all to gain by the high class road.

There are 36 passenger trains every day between Greensboro and High Point, but the people up there don't have time to wait for trains. The distance between the two cities is about fifteen miles and an auto car can cover the distance in 20 minutes with perfect safety.

Here we are, situated twelve miles from the main line of railway travel! Think of it, ladies and gentlemen, it takes all day to get in and out of Oxford if we depend on the railways. What is more aggravating than to arrive in Henderson on a fast train from the north or south and have to wait there for the Oxford "dinky" to get up steam and bring us home?

When we get the new high class, easy going highway built there will be a car every hour in the day ready to bring you to Oxford, and take you to Henderson for a few pennies.

We don't know of anything that would bring more sunshine to the people of Oxford and Henderson than to link up the two thriving towns with the best highway in the State.

Just because it was his old home town, R. G. Lassiter laid the streets of Oxford with an everlasting foundation. He also has county pride, and should he build the new road between Oxford and Henderson he would make Greensboro and High Point ashamed of themselves.

OXFORD TOBACCO MARKET

The Season Closed With Cutters Selling at \$55.00 Per Hundred.

The last pile of tobacco of the season was sold at the Farmers' warehouse last Friday morning at 11:15 o'clock. Several piles of good cutters brought \$55 per hundred.

The Public Ledger has tried to get the exact figures of total numbers of pounds sold on the Oxford market this year and the general average, but no one seems to be in a position to furnish the information at present.

SECRETARY OF THE NAVY SAILS FOR EUROPE

He Will Be Absent About Two Months.

Secretary Daniels and a party of Navy experts, sailed from New York Saturday for France on the transport Leviathan to study naval and aviation problems. They will visit Great Britain and Italy and also will be absent until about May 12. Secretary Daniels was accompanied by Mrs. Daniels.

SHOWING OF TRIMMED HATS.

THE PERKINSON-GREEN CO. WILL HAVE ON DISPLAY THURSDAY AND FRIDAY A SHOWING OF TRIMMED HATS. THE LADIES OF TOWN AND COUNTY ARE cordially invited to be present at this showing.

HOW PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES STAND ON THE STATE LIBRARY

Presidential candidates, past, present, and future have so lined up on the league of nations—that no matter what American public opinion decides the major parties will have a candidate who stood for that very thing.

The Democrats.

Among the democrats: President Wilson favors ratification of his league of nations plan without amendment.

Bryan favors a league of nations which safeguards the Monroe Doctrine, gives the United States more votes and each nation the right to reject the council's decrees.

While Champ Clark has not made public his position his opponents credit him with intimating that the present league of nations plan has little chance of adoption.

The Republicans.

Among the republicans: Former President Taft favors adoption of the present covenant unamended, if necessary amended slightly if possible.

Republican Senatorial leader Lodge favors a league which would preserve the Monroe Doctrine and maintain the sovereignty of the U. S.

Senator Knox has offered a substitute plan which would declare war an international crime and establish a court to administer an international code.

Senator Harding signed the "Round robin" as opposed to the Wilson covenant.

The "Progressives."

As to the "Progressives." Senator Borah demands a referendum on the league to determine what the people want and would abide by the decision.

Senator Johnson, California, signed the "Round Robin" as opposed to the Wilson covenant.

TERMS OF JUSTICE OF PEACE EXPIRE APRIL 1

There are about forty justices of the peace in Granville county. Their term of office will expire April 1st, and it is incumbent upon them, says Judge Cam Hunt, Clerk of the Court, to qualify on or before that date. The clerk of the court will administer the oath to all justices who call at his office.

A marriage ceremony performed by a justice of the peace one minute after his term expires on April 1st, is illegal unless he takes the oath of office on or before that date.

THE LEGISLATURE NAMES JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Usual Batch of Magistrates Appointed When Attorney General Manning Rules Amendments Not Prohibitive.

The News and Observer says that the heart of every legislator was made glad when Attorney General James S. Manning ruled, a few weeks before the session came to a close, that the recent constitutional amendments would not prohibit the General Assembly from making appointments of justices of the peace in the several counties.

The following justices of the peace for Granville county were named by the General Assembly:

Fishing Creek—L. T. Buchanan, C. R. Gordon, J. T. Gordon, J. T. Averette, A. J. Dickerson and J. T. Bobbitt.

Brassfield—E. J. Jenkins, G. L. Allen, Elwood P. Davis, M. W. Wheelless, Otis C. Jenkins, Samuel H. Mize, Dutchville—M. L. Coley, E. B. Cozart, J. N. Tilley, R. G. Stem, John H. Perry, Henry C. Aiken.

Tally Ho—W. S. Gooch, W. B. Horn, L. L. Crews, L. T. Williford.

Walnut Grove—E. D. Gooch, B. F. Hester, W. M. Thorpe, L. B. McFarland.

Oak Hill—J. S. Watkins, J. P. Stovall.

Sassafras Fork—D. A. Burwell, R. A. Norwood, T. A. Royster.

Salem—A. S. Green, E. A. Hunt, L. G. Breedlove.

Oxford—T. N. Burwell, C. H. Cheatham, R. B. Hines, J. L. Parham, W. A. Parham.

THE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD.

Mr. F. M. Pinnix Will Serve a Term of Six Years.

Members of boards of education for 93 counties in North Carolina were passed by the General Assembly. Fourteen counties increased their membership on boards from three to five months.

Mr. F. M. Pinnix, editor of the Orphans' Friend, was placed on the Granville county board of education for a term of six years from the first Monday in July, 1919.

Mr. Pinnix is well qualified to serve and his appointment gives general satisfaction here.

TO TURN CLOCKS FORWARD AT 2 A. M. ON MARCH 30

Washington, March 17.—Instructions for the setting forward of railroad clocks and time pieces on March 30 issued by the railroad administration is effective at 2 a. m. March 30. Efforts during the last congress to kill the daylight saving law failed.

COLONEL COX'S ARTILLERY WILL LAND AT NEW YORK

No Explanation For Sudden Switch In Plans of War Department.—Will Parade in Raleigh.

Advice from Col. Cox, commanding the 113th Field Artillery, sent from aboard the U. S. S. Santa Teresa, says:

"Regiment will arrive in New York on Santa Teresa Tuesday morning."

Supplemental advices to the same effect was received Monday by Gen. Royster from his son, Lt. B. S. Royster, who with Major Thad G. Stem, are on the Santa Teresa.

They will arrive in Raleigh about the 25th and parade. They will be entertained at the Fair Grounds with a sumptuous banquet during their ten or twelve hours' stay in Raleigh en route to Camp Jackson, where the regiment is to be demobilized.

EXEMPTION BOARD DISCHARGED

Government Will Soon Publish List of General Deserters.

Orders issued by Adjutant General B. S. Royster, provide for the demobilization of all draft boards in this State March 31.

All boards were instructed to box and ship to Washington as soon as possible, and not later than March 27, all records of the respective boards.

Action against draft deserters by local boards after March 31 is forbidden by the order, which explained that such men would be dealt with after that date in much the same manner as soldiers deserting after acceptance at a camp. The order stated that the adjutant general of the army would publish as soon as possible lists of general deserters, but until such list is published it was declared that persons desiring information regarding these men should apply to the State draft executive of the State in which the man is registered.

HOW TIMES DO CHANGE.

An Old-Time Democrat Would Vote For William Howard Taft For President.

When such men as Col. R. O. Gregory, a life-long Democrat, comes out flat-footed for Hon. William Howard Taft for President of the United States, you may know that party lines are being smashed to smithereens.

Col Gregory has voted the Democrat ticket ever since the party was organized. He has followed the leaders thru all their ramifications, but the time has come, he says, to vote for the man and not the party. He has kept an eye on former President William Howard Taft, and he is now of the opinion that Taft is one of the biggest and best men of the age.

"Mr. Taft has met all the requirements of a noble statesman," said Col. Gregory, "and if we can't get Wilson we want Taft, so as to head off the destructive tendency of the Republican party."

THE MONEY CENTERS OF THE UNITED STATES

Wall Street Furnishes One-Sixth of The Revenue.

New York, March 16.—A single payment of \$20,000,000 for income taxes yesterday, was the largest single payment made this year. Millions of additional dollars rolled in to the office which takes in the Wall Street section. The district, one of the smallest in point of area, is the country's biggest income tax producing offices. Last year the office collected about \$500,000,000. This year it is expected to collect close to \$1,000,000,000 or one-sixth the sum the country is to realize under the new revenue bill.

THEY WERE READY FOR ANY EVENTUALITY

3,018 Liberty Motors at the Front When Truce Came.

The American Expeditionary Forces had 3,018 Liberty motors at the front when the armistice was signed.

Major Bates, who flew the first complete American airplane at the front, said that the Liberty motors were being assembled, tested and turned over for action at the rate of forty a day on November 11.

DR. T. W. O'KELLEY WILL PREACH SERIES OF SERMONS IN OXFORD

Rev. Charles C. Smith Will Have Charge of the Mobile School To Be Held in Oxford Monday, March 31st to Friday, April 4.

Dr. J. D. Harte, pastor of the Oxford Baptist church, announced from his pulpit last Sunday morning the outline of the "mobile school" to be held in Oxford six days, beginning Monday, March 31.

Dr. T. W. O'Kelley, pastor of the First Baptist church, Raleigh, who is one of the great preachers of the South, will deliver a sermon at the Oxford Baptist church at 7:30 o'clock each evening during the denominational school week.

Perfecting Arrangements.

Rev. Charles C. Smith, pastor of Edgemont Baptist church, Durham, was in Oxford last week arranging for the school. Mr. Smith will be the Dean of the school to be held here. Mission, B. Y. P. U. and Sunday school manuals will be used for the short study course.

The term "Mobile" is used because "they can be moved anywhere and because they are the hope of mobilizing our Baptist forces in North Carolina."

"Nine of these schools are to be held March 31st to April 4th. Here are the places where they are to be held: Waynesville, Hickory, Reidsville, Sandford, Oxford, Wilson and Wilmington.

"The sessions will be short, covering just a week. The attendance is limited to about fifty. The subjects to be taught are the practical work of a church, and the text books are standard works by authors of experience and ability.

"A Dean is appointed to have charge of each of the schools, and capable teachers are selected to give instruction. The schools will be run simultaneously and each will be kept in touch with the others by wire.

"Then from July 21st to 25th there will be a second series of mobile schools. There will be sixty-two or three of these. Those who attend the first series will furnish the faculties for the second series. Their object will be to train workers in the local churches, and in this way it is hoped the great mass of idlers in our churches will be reached.

"Of the nearly 300,000 white church members in the denomination in this state, only one third are at work. The remainder are indifferent, idle and useless. They are drones in the hive. Their names are on the church roll, but if they are called they do not respond.

"Our general meetings such as the associations and convention have failed to enlist this vast army of the unenlisted. We have protracted meetings, baptize thousands of people every year, shake hands with them and let them go. The real recruits to the Lord's army from this multitude can be numbered only by hundreds. They are out of touch with the current of the denominational life. These mobile schools are designed to remedy this evil."

ALLIES TO END FINANCIAL BLOCKADE OF GERMANY

Paris, March 17.—The financial blockade against Germany is expected to be lifted as a result of negotiations going on at Brussels. This blockade was applied at the same time as the commercial blockade, all neutral money centers being informed that any loans to Germany would result in the termination of their financial relations with the Allies. Neutral bankers furnishing funds to Germany were blacklisted.

By raising the blockade, neutral money markets will be opened to Germany as a means of obtaining loans for payments for food. The Scandinavian countries, particularly Denmark, are said to have such exceptional resources that further importations of gold have been prohibited. These large resources will be opened to Germany.

GOLDEN BELT MFG. CO.

Distribute Two Thousand Dollars Weekly In Oxford.

It takes all kinds of manufacturing plants, great and small, to make a city. The Oxford branch of the Golden Belt Manufacturing Company located on College street, has a weekly payroll ranging between \$1,500 and \$2,000.

Mr. L. D. O'Brien, the local manager, is a very pleasant young man. What Oxford needs is a number of great and small enterprises and a few young, energetic business men like Mr. O'Brien.

THE MAYOR OF OXFORD ISSUES PROCLAMATION

Whereas, the week of March 24th to March 29th has been designated as Clean Up and Fire-Prevention Week for North Carolina; and

Whereas, the Health and Property of the community demand that closer attention be given to conditions which are prejudicial to sanitation and feeders of conflagrations;

Therefore, I, W. Z. Mitchell, Mayor of the City of Oxford, do call upon all of our people, our manufacturing plants, business houses and householders, to join in this most worthy effort, and to respond with diligence and determination, to this urgent call.

W. Z. MITCHELL, Mayor.

A GOOD SCHEDULE FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS

Mr. W. L. Peale Suggests A Few Things For Oxford.

Editor Public Ledger:

An era of great prosperity is just ahead of us. Suppose our citizens establish some or all of the below named industries in Oxford this year.

- A fertilizer factory.
- A wagon factory.
- A steam laundry.
- A high school buildings.
- A memorial hospital.
- A brick hotel, as already proposed, with an up-to-date cafe.
- Any of the above would be a paying proposition. W. L. PEACE.

THERE ARE ABUNDANT REASONS FOR BUILDING RIGHT NOW

There Will Be A Shortage of Material Later On.

Again the Manufacturers Record desires to drive home with all the energy it possesses the urgent necessity of the widest possible application of the "build now" spirit.

"As pointed out, the chief factor in the high price of construction materials of every kind is labor. No intelligent man believes today that the price of labor can be or should be appreciably reduced at this time. It is clear, therefore, that there is no advantage to be gained by delay and that in many lines of trade there may be a greater shortage of materials in six months' time than there is today.

"Public improvements, the building of schoolhouses, the erection of hotels, apartment houses, and churches, municipal improvements of every character, including, of course, street and road building, should proceed with all possible vigor. All of the materials required for this work can be secured now, and within a brief time there will undoubtedly be a shortage in certain lines that will result in a further setback to new construction."

THE "17-YEAR LOCUSTS"

What You Should Do When They Come.

The United States Department of Agriculture says that the year 1919 is likely to be one of the worst "locust years" on record. The periodical cicada, the real name of the insect commonly called "locust," will appear this year in this section of the State.

Young fruit trees are sometimes killed by the cicada. The precautionary measures are: Defer putting out young fruit trees till next year; postpone budding operations; do not pruning this winter or spring.

When the insects begin coming out hand pick them from young fruit trees or spray them with pyrethrum powder, kerosene emulsions, or a solution of carbolic acid or acetic acid.

ARMENIAN-SYRIAN RELIEF.

Only About One-Fourth of Our Quota Pledged.

Active work in the campaign for the destitute Armenians is on in Granville. Dr. F. P. Hobgood, president of Oxford College, is the chairman of the work. He has been asked to raise \$4,000 in Granville county.

Sergt. Alex. T. Coubrough, who was with the Australian army at the battle of Gallipoli, spoke to a large audience at the Oxford Baptist church Sunday afternoon, after which pledge cards were distributed. It is not known at this writing just how much has been pledged, as the schools of the county are yet to be heard from. It is thought that only about one-fourth of the county's quota has been pledged.

Something Nice.

Turn to the fifth page of this paper and read the attractive announcement of the Anchor Store. The line is complete.

APRIL TWENTY-FIRST IS THE DATE OF THE VICTORY LOAN CAMPAIGN

Issue to Be Short Term Notes; Not Long Term Bonds.—Amount to Be Offered Not Disclosed, But Understood to Be Five Billion Minimum.

The Victory Liberty loan campaign will open Monday, April 21, and close three weeks later—Saturday, May 10.

Short term notes maturing in not over five years will be issued instead of longer term bonds. The amount of notes to be offered was not disclosed, but it has been generally understood the loan will be for a minimum of \$5,000,000,000 with the treasury reserving the right to accept all oversubscriptions.

Mr. Glass said the interest rate on the notes and the amounts to be exempted from taxation would not be determined until a week or two before the campaign. It was intimated, however, that the notes might bear interest in excess of 4-1/4 per cent, the interest rate on the third and fourth loans.

THE "SLEEPING SICKNESS" IS ON A RAMPAGE

Disease Said to Be an Aftermath of Influenza and First Cousin of Infantile Paralysis.

"Sleeping sickness," now believed by physicians to be an aftermath of influenza and first cousin of infantile paralysis, has appeared in many sections of the country.

Five cases of this "epidemic somnolence" have been carefully segregated and are being investigated in hospitals in Richmond, Va.

Of the five cases under suspicion one is from South Richmond, two from North Carolina and the remaining two from points in Virginia.

At Kansas City many persons are reported to be suffering from the disease. Among noteworthy cases there are Mirlam Johnson, 14, who has been sleeping for five weeks; Adelaide Odwood, asleep for 47 days, and Emanuel Machovec, who has been unconscious for 120 days.

Public health officers have issued statements warning the public against a possible visitation of the disease. They point out that the symptoms of the disease are marked by dizziness, aching and drooping of the eyelids and drowsiness and sore throat. In addition to these symptoms, it is said, the patient seems to lose every particle of strength, sometimes is unable to make any voluntary movement and resembles a wax figure in expression.

LASSITER COMPANY WILL PAVE DURHAM COUNTY ROAD

Just the Kind of a Road That Is Needed Between Oxford and Henderson.

The Durham Herald says: "Laying of a high grade bitulithic paving on the Roxboro road from Bragtown to the home of J. B. Mason, between five and six miles north, will take place within the next three months. Contract for the work was last week awarded by the county commissioners to the R. G. Lassiter Construction Company of Oxford. The road when completed will be the finest in the entire county and will be a sample of better grade paving decided upon at a recent meeting by the county commissioners. The bitulithic paving is to be placed on top of the macadam foundation now on the Roxboro road. The work is contracted for by the Lassiter Company for approximately \$12,000 a mile, making a total of more than \$60,000."

Thus it will be seen that it would cost about \$120,000 to build a high-class road from Oxford to Henderson. Granville and Vance counties would share equal in the expense of building the road. With State and Federal aid available, our county commissioners can handle the proposition right now.

NOTICE.—All members I. O. O. F. are requested to meet at the Lodge Hall Tuesday night from 7:30 to 8:30 for important business. A smoker and refreshments after the session. Please come promptly.
J. F. MEADOWS, N. G.,
H. M. SHAW, V. G.,
J. S. BRADSHAW, Sec.

Cohn & Son's Spring Showing. The beginning of a new season finds Cohn & Son splendidly prepared to meet the needs of men, women and children, in quality, style and price. This is bargain week at Cohn & Son's. Some of the prices are quoted in their adv. on the last page of this paper.