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## OXFORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOLDS MEETING

Whole-time Secretary to Be Employed—Committee Reports. The Oxford Chamber of Commerce held an important meeting in the Court House last Friday night. The membership committee reported that the business men of Oxford are very enthusiastic and that sufficient funds have been pledged to carry on the work in good style. The committee was empowered to lease quarters for the Chamber, employ a whole-time secretary and get down to work as quick as possible.

In the course of the debate as to the latitude of the Chamber's line of work, Mr. T. Lanier, pointed to the fact that there are six hundred square miles of farm land in Granville county and that only seven thousand people do all of the farm work in the county; that the county has a population of 26,000, more than one-half of whom are non-producers. He thought that the proper thing to do was to reach out and induce people to settle in Granville county and double the output of the farms.

Col. H. G. Cooper pointed to the fact that Mr. Dove, our splendid county agent, is at work along the lines suggested by Mr. Lanier. Col. Cooper went on to state that the legitimate work of the Chamber is to secure a number of small, diversified manufacturing plants; that a good substantial pay-roll would have a decided tendency to increase the farming interests of the county.

The meeting was very enthusiastic and revealed a spirit of hearty cooperation. The next meeting is subject to the call of Mr. W. T. Yancey, president of the Chamber, who will be guided by reports of certain committees.

## RAILROADS ARE BUSY.

Troop Trains Have the Right-Of-Way.

Washington, June 16.—Drastic reductions in summer and holiday excursions were ordered Saturday by railroad Director Hines to make way for the biggest troop movement in the history of the country. Hine's order was issued at the request of Secretary of War Baker who informed the railroad administration that 375,000 troops will have to be moved from debarkation ports to demobilization camps during June and nearly as large a number during July.

The previous record in troop movements for one month was last fall when 306,000 men were carried to eastern ports to be rushed overseas.

## WILL NOT BE OUT UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1

The Last American Troops Will Not Be Out of France Until This Date.

Washington, June 14.—Demobilization will not be technically complete until the last emergency man now serving in the A. E. F. and elsewhere is discharged, according to Secretary of War Baker.

If an army of occupation is required after the signing of the peace treaty demobilization will be still longer delayed.

## HUNS PAID TWO FOR ONE IN AIRPLANES

Americans Brought Down Twice As Many Hun Planes as Germans Destroyed

Washington, June 16.—The Germans paid two airplanes for every American plane brought down, according to figures revealed by General March, Chief of Staff.

American losses were 357 airplanes and 43 balloons. The Americans brought down 755 German planes and 71 of their balloons.

## GOOD JOB OF ROAD WORK.

The Oxford-Stovall Road Is In Fine Condition.

That stretch of the National Highway leading from Oxford north to the Virginia state line, was never in better shape than it is now. Roadmen during the past few weeks have succeeded in eliminating the bumps, and it is now one of the smoothest roads in the county.

People at Stovall and along the road told the Public Ledger that Commissioner B. I. Breedlove had given much of his personal attention and time to this stretch of the road during the past few weeks.

## DR. CHASE ELECTED HEAD OF STATE UNIVERSITY

Dr. H. W. Chase, chairman of the faculty of the University of North Carolina, was Monday night elected to the presidency to succeed the late Dr. E. K. Graham.

## AMERICAN TROOPS CROSS MEXICAN BORDER IN PURSUIT OF VILLA

Troops Cross Boundary to Stop Indiscriminate Firing From Mexican Side—Battle Is Fought At 2 a. m. With Many Rebels Taken Prisoners.

El Paso, Texas, June 16.—American troops who were sent into Mexico last night to stop the indiscriminate firing across the border, fought their first engagement with Villa forces at Jaurez race track at 2 o'clock this morning and the Americans were victorious. Villa's troops were driven from the race track by rifle and machine gun fire and many prisoners were reported taken by the United States cavalry which took up positions east and south of the track.

## MEXICAN GOVERNMENT AGREED TO CROSSING.

Washington, June 16.—There can be no misunderstanding between the governments of the United States and Mexico regarding the movement of troops across the border at El Paso, Secretary Baker said today. The sole purpose, he said, was protection of the American side of the border, and there is a distinct understanding between the governments for that purpose.

## TO THE PATRONS OF THE OXFORD GRADED SCHOOL

If there is any matter that any person wants attended to regarding school work it should be done this week as the superintendent will be out of the city for six weeks attending the Chapel Hill Summer School, where he will have work in the new department of high school subjects. In this department work will be given to pupils from all over the state who desire to make up work or to do extra work for college entrance. If there are any pupils in Oxford who would like to take advantage of this school they should get in touch with the proper authorities.

The superintendent will be in the office from nine until twelve in the morning and from three to four-thirty in the afternoon every day this week except Wednesday. Please attend to all matters now if possible. G. B. PHILLIPS.

## FRIENDS OF KAISER TRY TO 'BUY' DUTCH

Berlin, June 15.—Letters exchanged between officials for the league for protection of William II, one of which concerns the remittance of 20,000 marks for the purpose of cultivating the Dutch press is printing by the Vorwaerts. The newspaper fears that the league must spend considerably more than this on its propaganda, "in view of the intention of the Entente to have the ex-Emperor surrendered."

## WILL BE TRIED FOR MURDER OF MISS CAVELL

Gaston Quin, also known as Lute, who is believed played a prominent part in the betrayal of Miss Edith Cavell, English nurse, who was executed by the Germans at Brussels in October, 1915, will be tried next month.

It is said he entered the German service as a spy and got employment in Miss Cavell's hospital at Brussels. Soon after he began to work there it is alleged Miss Cavell was arrested and executed. Quin was afterwards sent to Switzerland as an invalid.

## MYSTERIOUS "CITIZEN'S" MASK IS TORN AWAY

Senator Lodge, on June 5: "I was shown a copy of the treaty with Germany by a friend of mine who is connected with no interests, entirely a private citizen. How it came into his hands I did not inquire. He is a man of the utmost uprightness of character. If I were at liberty to mention his name—which I am not—the whole country would know that there never was a more outrageous suggestion than anything could have come into his hands by corruption." Senator Lodge, today: "As a matter of fact, the copy I saw was the one shown me by Mr. Root."

## WILSON TO STUMP THE COUNTRY FOR SUPPORT OF PEACE LEAGUE

Washington, June 16.—President Wilson on his return to the United States will make a tour of the country in support of the League of Nations.

## NON-STOP FLIGHT ACROSS THE ATLANTIC HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED

First Continuous Trip By Air To Irish Coast In Sixteen Hours—Landing Made At Clifden, Ireland After Perilous Flight Through the Fog. (London Special.)

The final goal of all the ambitions which flying men have ventured to dream since the Wright Brothers first rose from the earth in a heavier-than-air machine, was realized when two young British officers, Captain John Alcock and Lieut. Arthur W. Brown, landed on the Irish coast after the first non-stop flight across the Atlantic ocean.

Distance of 1,900 Miles. Their voyage was without accident and without unforeseen incident, so far as can be learned. It was a straightway clean cut flight achieved in sixteen hours and twelve minutes—from Newfoundland to Clifden, Ireland, a distance of more than 1,900 miles.

But the brief and modest description which comes from the airmen at Clifden tells of an adventurous and amazing hazardous enterprise. Fog and mists hung over the North Atlantic, and the Vickers Vimy biplane climbed and dove, struggling to extricate herself from the fogs of the airplane's worst enemy.

Flying Upside Down. She rose to 11,000 feet, swooped down almost to the surface of the sea, and at times the two navigators found themselves flying upside down only ten feet above the water.

Before coming to earth near the Clifden wireless station, Alcock circled the wireless aerials, seeking the best spot to reach the earth, but no suitable ground was found, so he chanced it in a bog.

What Brown Said, After Breakfast. The wireless staff rushed to the aid of the aviators. They found Brown dazed and Alcock temporarily deafened by the force of the impact. As soon as they were able to be escorted to the wireless station they telegraphed the news to their friends; then had breakfast.

"That is the best way to cross the Atlantic," said Lieut. Brown, after he had eaten.

Wireless Propeller Blew Off. Captain Alcock explained the silence of his radio instrument during the trip by saying that the wireless propeller blew off soon after the airplane left Newfoundland.

"We were much jammed by strong wireless signals not intended for us," he added.

## ALL O FSENATOR LODGE'S EFFORTS ARE FRUITLESS

New Text of Treaty Will Make One Published in the United States Obsolete.

Paris, June 15.—The peace treaty with Germany will be entirely rewritten and reprinted, for the incorporation textually of the explanations and clarifications contained in the Allied reply to the German counter-proposals.

While unchanged in principle, virtually a new document will be presented to the Germans.

It is understood that the new treaty will be made public on the day of its delivery or the day after.

## THE WAR WILL BE OVER WHEN PERSHING RETURNS

It is given out in Washington that General Pershing will probably return to America in July or August.

It might be set down as a fact that this officer would not be considering a home-coming under any circumstances with unsettled conditions in Germany. When Pershing packs up over there it may be said for a fact that the jig is up for the Germans.

## KNOX RESOLUTION TO BE CONSIDERED BY SENATE

Washington, June 16.—The resolution of Senator Knox, of Pennsylvania, a former republican secretary of state, to have the senate declare definitely it cannot accept the league of nations interwoven with the peace treaty, will be considered early this week.

When the measure comes up its supporters will try to press it to an early vote so that if adopted it will reach the Versailles conference before the signing of the treaty.

## JUDGE DEVIN AT HOME.

Will Spend the Summer in Oxford. Judge Devin arrived at home last Friday from the eastern part of the State where he has been holding court for several months. He will spend the better part of two months in Oxford. Injunction cases and other court matters will engage his attention while here.

## PRESIDENT WILSON EXPECTER TO SAIL FOR U. S. NEXT WEEK

Paris, June 16.—President Wilson probably will remain in Paris only three or four days after his return from Belgium next Friday. He will then embark at a French port for the United States.

## WONDERFUL CAPACITY OF A GRANVILLE COUNTY SOLDIER

Devour's Enough Food to Feed a Dozen Hooverites.

Epicures may be only a memory and miracles few and far between, but the appetites of ex-soldiers wax exceedingly strong at intervals, as is evidenced by the fact that a big raw-boned Granville county soldier just landed from overseas, entered a restaurant on Hillsboro street the other evening and devoured the following delicacies:

6 cans of chipped beef	90c.
2 cans of Vienna sausage	20c.
2 cans potted ham	10c.
2 cans sardines	10c.
Crackers	10c.
Drank 3 bottles of "pop"	25c.

Total \$1.75. The young man paid the bill and deliberately walked out and the miracle is that he is still alive and apparently in good health.

## MANY TAR HEEL TROOPS ARE NOW AT CAMP LEE

Most of the Men Will Reach Home This Week.

There arrived at Camp Lee last week from overseas for demobilization two regiments of artillery and one ammunition train company of the Eighty-first division, all three units being composed chiefly of men from North Carolina. These commands are 316th field artillery, consisting of 680 men; the 317th field artillery, of 468 men, and the 306th ammunition truck company, of about 200 men. The 316th regiment arrived at the camp Friday morning, as did also the ammunition truck company. The 317th regiment reached the camp Thursday.

The Petersburg Index-Appeal says that these are the best looking set of men that ever struck Camp Lee. A large number of them are from North Carolina.

The men of the 81st are coming home with a splendid record. They won the highest praise from General John J. Pershing and many of them have been the recipients of decorations.

## GRANVILLE COUNTY FARMERS BUY CABBAGE AND BUTTER

A Transaction That Took Place On a County Road.

Mr. W. H. Sears, who lives on the Cannady mill road, about nine miles from Oxford, is one of our farmers who lives at home and eats at the same place. He makes more of some things than he needs and has them for sale. Saturday he started to town with ten pounds of butter and a lot of cabbage for sale. He sold out before he got within three miles of Oxford and did not pass through a single town.

Mr. Sears remarked that times have changed; that a wagon load of hay passing you now on the road is not a sure sign that a saw mill is in the neighborhood, meaning of course that the farmers are buying the things they should raise.

## THE STANDARD ELECTRIC AND PLUMBING CO.

Will Open Up Business in Oxford This Week.

Mr. E. C. Hunt, a former resident of Oxford, and Mr. W. D. Micheaux, of Henderson, have leased the house next door to Mrs. Walters' boarding house on Main street and will open up business this week. The name of the new concern is "The Standard Electric and Plumbing Co."

## DISTRICT SUPERVISOR WILL BE IN OXFORD WEDNESDAY

Will Explain the Revaluation Act At Mass Meeting In Court House. Mr. C. M. Vanstony of Greensboro, district supervisor, requests Mr. W. A. Parham, county supervisor, to arrange for a meeting in the Court House at 1:30 o'clock Wednesday, June 18th.

The tax payers of the county are urged to be present and hear the distinguished visitor explain the workings of the new revaluation act. No tax payer can afford to neglect this opportunity to become thoroughly posted as to the new law.

## THE FIRST DUTY OF THE OXFORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

To Form An Organization To Build More Houses Here.

It is a well-known fact that Oxford cannot grow one iota until more homes are built here. This one fact should haunt the newly-created Oxford Chamber of Commerce in its night and day dreams.

It is understood that the chamber will reach out and invite great and small industrial plants to locate here.

The Chamber is pledged to expend \$18,000 during the next three years in an effort to land numerous diversified industries here. We hope it will work out allright in the end but, nevertheless, Oxford cannot grow one iota until more homes are built here.

In the last three months we have turned away three or four small manufacturing plants because there are no empty houses here.

Hickory, an enterprising city up the State, found itself in the same condition as Oxford. According to the Hickory Record they met the emergency thus:

"Thirty or more business men met at the chamber of commerce Thursday night and formed the nucleus of a \$50,000 corporation to build and sell homes in Hickory this year at a price within reach of the average citizen. The demand for renting houses has been so great in Hickory that it was expected some action might be taken to remedy the condition. Business men said they stood ready to begin construction and contractors admitted that labor conditions are bad, but the high cost of materials do not worry anybody very much."

## THE LABORING MEN ASK FOR WINE AND BEER

Making Appeal to a Prejudiced Republican—Controlled Congress

Washington, June 16.—Samuel Gompers was at the head of the labor delegation which made public demonstration in Washington Saturday, in behalf of President Wilson's recommendation for suspension of the clause in the war-time prohibition bill affecting the sale of wine and beer. These representatives of labor "called the attention" of Congress to the established fact that labor had proved loyal to the President and the Nation throughout the war and they wanted Congress to prove loyal to the President in his attitude on wine and beer of a nature that will not intoxicate. Labor is now making appeal to a prejudiced Republican-controlled Congress—and if it does not get what it wants, blame be on the Republicans.

## PLAN TO REINFORCE DEFENSES ON COAST

Big Guns on Railway Mounts Will Be Put Into The Service Soon.

Washington, June 16.—The War Department experts are making a special study of the defenses of the Chesapeake Bay district for the purpose of putting into service big guns on railway mounts to supplement the fortifications. Coast artillery officers are now conferring with railroad officials whose lines run to Norfolk and Wilmington with the view of having permanent spurs built to the cost fortifications.

## NINETY-SIX NURSES GET STATE LICENSE

Miss Rosa McCorkle of Alexia, Made Highest Average.

Ninety-six nurses, graduating by hospital training schools of North Carolina, successfully stood examinations at Raleigh, May 26, 27 and 28, before the state board of examiners. One hundred and five nurses took the examination. Miss Rosa McCorkle, of Alexia, N. C., graduate of Watts hospital, of Durham, made the highest average, 95 1-2 per cent.

## RETAIL STORE CORPORATION.

To Operate Chain of Stores Throughout the World.

There is to be an effort on the part of the American business men to invade the world markets. The United Retail Store Corporation plan to operate a system of chain stores thru Europe, South America, and the Orient as well as in this country. The nucleus of the new concern lies with the tobacco interests.

## Young Devin Wins Medal.

William Devin, Jr., son of Judge and Mrs. W. A. Devin, returned last week from Woodberry Forest, Va., where he has been attending school the past session. He led his class during the session and was awarded a gold medal in recognition of his good work.

## ARE YOU READY TO CELEBRATE ST. JOHN'S DAY?

The Biggest Mid-Year Event In This Section of the State.

Superintendent R. L. Brown, of the Oxford Orphanage, is very much gratified in being able to announce that reduced rates will be given by the railroads on St. John's Day. The reduction from regular rates will be considerable and should have the effect of greatly increasing attendance on the 24th.

## The Speakers.

The information has been previously given that the oration will be delivered by Maj. Claude L. Pridgen, of Kinston, Past Grand Master. He is a man specially qualified to dignify such an occasion and may be relied upon for something to be remembered. The address of welcome will be made by Judge W. A. Devin of Oxford, as graceful a speaker as may be found in the State.

## Grand Lodge Memorial.

The presentation of the Grand Lodge Memorial to Past Grand Master B. S. Royster, of Oxford, will be an important addition to the program. General Royster, for many years a member of the Board of Directors of the Institution and its counsel as well, has given through the passing years time and attention to be estimated. Recognizing the extent and quality of this service, the Grand Lodge ordered the presentation to take place this St. John's day at the Orphanage, the natural time and scene for it.

## Plenty of Barbecue

There will be plenty of barbecue and refreshments. Provisions for supplying them have been made in advance. All the restrictions of wartime have been removed and we expect this to be the biggest occasion of years.

## THERE IS TOO MUCH SOCIETY ON THE FARM

Farm Hands And Tenants Are In the Social Whirl.

There visited the Public Ledger office last week a leading Granville county farmer who has made large success farming both as a farmer himself and as a land owner renting out farms. The question was asked him, "How is farming in your neighborhood?" The answer was short, but weighty. He said: "There is too much society to try to farm now. Farm hands and tenants have too much outside business. They have to attend too many public meetings and go to too many picnics and to too many social gatherings. They have to make too many visits. It is nothing uncommon now for a man to take part or all of his family and drive off fifteen or twenty miles on a visit during the week when work is badly needed on the farm at his home. Quite a large number of men now have so much outside matters to look after they do not really have time to attend to their own business. There is entirely too much going and coming. There is only one way to handle the conditions. Let every land owner build more houses and limit each family to ten acres. If they are required to haul no straw, and clear no ditch and shrub no hedge-rows or ditch-banks and clean out no ditches and build no fences and make no repairs on anything but can get everything furnished to their hands then maybe they could cultivate ten acres to each family, but that should be the limit. Let no family, however large, have over ten acres and cut the crops to less than ten acres for small families. Perhaps if the crops were cut to this size enough time could be found to work that much."

## HERO WILL APPEAR IN MOVING PICTURES

Alvin York, America's Greatest Hero Will Make a Fortune.

Nashville, Tenn., June 16.—Alvin York has made arrangements to appear in a moving picture entitled "The Divine Call," staged in France and the Hills of East Tennessee.

The Tennessee society of New York will lend York \$50,000 to pay for making the picture which he will own in its entirety. The film will depict the life of York at home and in the war. It will net him an independent fortune in a few months.

## ROAD CONTRACT TO BE LET JULY 7TH

To Build the Road to the Vance County Line.

The Government having adopted the old Oxford-Henderson road as the logical highway, Capt. W. H. Winslow, who was in Oxford last week, stated that the contracts to build the road will be let July 7th.