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## SHORT SIDE TRIP OF TWENTY-FIVE MILES

Inferior Crops Predominate Everywhere And the Roads Are In Bad Shape.

Mr. George Thomas, who is compiling data for the "Honor Roll of Granville County," which is to be issued in book form at an early date, invited the editor of the Public Ledger to accompany him on a trip which took us through one of the best farming sections of the county. Old Darby Place.

We followed the Virginia road to a point about one mile north of Hester church, where we turned to the left and passed the old Darby place, one of the finest spots in Granville county. Ten or a dozen large, well-groomed oak trees and a velvety lawn are all that is left to mark the ancient dwelling spot of the Darbys. The oaks and the lawn would be a credit to the Capitol Square in Raleigh, and we could but feel that they are silently awaiting for some rich man to come along and adopt them.

### The Home of Mr. B. F. Dean.

Three-quarters of a mile to the south of the old Darby place we arrived at the elegant home of Mr. B. F. Dean, situated in a magnificent elm grove. The first thing we did on reaching this most delightful spot was to unwind about forty-five feet of rope to get a cool drink from the well, the water from which we found to be about as cool as one gallon of Oxford water with a five pound chunk of ice in it. Mr. Dean is one of the good, wise men of the county who uses much labor-saving machinery, raises his own supplies, lives at home and boards at the same place. The large dwelling, surrounded by neat outbuildings, reminds one of a small village, and the private road which passes through his property, and which is kept up exclusively by himself, is one of the best one-mile stretches of road that we have seen in the county.

### In Morton's Bailiwick.

Turning sharply to the west at Mr. Dean's, we soon found ourselves in Morton Bailiwick. The Morton's seemed to have inherited from their ancestors about five square miles of the most choice Granville county earth. Mr. John Morton, Jr., lives in a handsome home overlooking the eastern boundary of the reserve. We saw his very pretty wife on the broad veranda and merely inquired our way to the Morton's beyond.

Out in the forest, just where we should delight to live the balance of our days, we arrived at the elegant home place of Mr. J. T. Morton and found everybody on the place as busy as bees, cutting and hauling tobacco and getting it ready for the barn. After passing the time of day we passed on.

### Home of Mr. J. W. Morton.

As we approached the home of Mr. J. W. Morton, which is reached through a shady lane of oaks, our hearts were sad when we realized that the boyhood days of his fine son, who fell in France, were passed there. The old sage of "Whippoorwill Rest," which we will hereafter call the home of Mr. J. W. Morton, is a most delightful spot. No wonder his fine sons and daughters are always so bright and cheerful.

### The Crops.

In reaching the home of Mr. J. W. Morton, which is exactly ten miles northwest of Oxford, we saw a very limited amount of good tobacco, a lot of common tobacco and much that is inferior. The corn crop along the road we traveled did not come up to our expectations.

On leaving Mr. Morton's we drove direct south to the Oxford-Berea road. Along this road, some five miles in length, we saw some very promising fields of corn and tobacco, but taken as a whole there is not more than a fifty per cent crop in the section we covered, and it is regarded as the best farming section of the county.

## CONFEDERATE VETERANS WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

Report At the Court House Next Monday Morning.

Capt. W. H. White, adjutant, requests the veterans of the county to assemble at the Court House next Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

The city of Rocky Mount has extended a cordial invitation to every Confederate soldier in the State to attend the 1919 reunion to be held there August 5th, 6th and 7th.

Quite a number of the veterans from Granville have expressed a desire to attend.

—Dr. C. W. Bacon, chief chemist of the tobacco office of the United States Department of Agriculture, is spending a few days at the Granville branch of the Experiment Station, doing some laboratory work on tobacco.

## CHICAGO IS GETTING A GOOD STRONG TASTE OF THE COLORED MAN

Victims of the Race Riots in Chicago to Date Number Fifty Dead and Five Hundred Wounded.

Chicago has always been a slaughter pen, and when they can't get hogs and cows they turn their attention to the negro race, whom they petted and fattened for the occasion. An editorial in the Charlotte Observer points the way:

### THE NEGRO'S HAVEN.

The drifting of a negro boy into the "white section" at a Chicago bathing beach was but a pretext for the war the white people of that city have been waging against the negroes. The real cause was animosity of the Chicago white man against the negro. For a long time the negro was welcomed to Chicago as a refuge from "persecution" in the South. He was assured of friendly treatment in the Windy City, even to the point of social equality. But the negroes congregated there to themselves, as they have a habit of doing, and selected a fine residential section on the South side as their colonization base, and this they lived there were impelled to move elsewhere and property values depreciated at a rapid rate. The negroes took charge of that part of the town, and there should have been a riot. The parks that had been the favorite recreation places of the whites and making themselves officiously assertive, in their character. Then, as the negro population increased smaller colonies were settled in other parts of the city and "the negro problem" was in full bloom for Chicago. The enmity between whites and blacks has been in demonstration for months and there was needed only occasion for a visitation of the Washington riots upon the negro. The negro reciprocated the feeling. There was an open reign of race hatred and it was the most natural thing in the world that there should have been an outbreak following the Washington incidents. Chicago did not realize the tremendous proportions its negro population has assumed until that population spontaneously lined itself up in one of the hundred thousand excited and maddened negroes swarming the streets at the height of the trouble. Many of these did not wait for an attack but themselves turned their guns loose at any white people they might see. An automobile full of white people speeding along the streets was a favorite target. Goaded to savagery, the negroes turned to firing and looting and breaking into stores, while the whites made unusual exertions to kill every negro in sight. "Kill the coons!" was the slogan, and "lynch him" was a popular cry. And scenes of this sort were enacted in a city supposed to be another of the negro havens in America, in a city whose newspapers have viciously assailed the South for alleged persecution of the negro and invited the negro to see there for peace and safety. The supposed City of Refuge the negro is today being hunted and shot as if he were a mad dog.

## SURL NEWS NOTES.

Some Fine Person County Tobacco Will Find Its Way to the Oxford Market.

—Quite a number of farmers in this section have cured primings and the color is fine.

—Protracted meeting is on at Mt. Harmony this week and much interest is manifested.

—The association will begin at Shilo Saturday and a large attendance is expected.

—This section was also visited by the recent heavy rains. We are glad to say that the Surl section is very "hilly, which accounts for good tobacco crops and some fine fields of corn as we have seen in many years.

THOMAS FRAZIER.

## A GOOD DAY'S WORK

Our County Health Officer Visited Amis Chapel Wednesday

Dr. Cannady motored to Amis Chapel Wednesday and found a large number present and ready and willing to take the vaccine treatment against typhoid fever. Seventy-five people bared their arms to the good doctor.

Dr. Cannady tried to reach Amis Chapel some time ago, but the roads were in bad shape and he postponed the trip until a more convenient season.

The vaccine treatment is the outcome of the best scientific knowledge and Dr. Cannady was highly pleased with the interest manifested by the good people at Amis Chapel, so much so that he will either go or send some one at an early date to complete the job.

## THE GRANVILLE WAREHOUSE

The Big Structure Is Nearing Completion.

The Granville Warehouse, which is going up on Hillsboro street west of the Exchange Hotel, is nearing completion. It is the largest warehouse in this section of the state and it will be well lighted. The roof is now being put in place and Mr. Bullock, who is giving close attention to the work, says that everything will be in apple pie order when the market opens.

## MAY REINSTATE POLICIERS

Discharged service men who let their government insurance lapse are given the privilege of reinstating their policies within 18 months without paying of back premiums, under an order signed by Secretary Glass.

## GRANVILLE COUNTY'S HONORABLE RECORD GOES DOWN IN HISTORY

The Uncollected War Pledges Are Comparatively Small.

A letter was recently sent to the press of the State saying that the uncollected pledges to the amount of several thousand dollars are still outstanding in the United War Work Fund given in the various counties of the State last fall, in which Granville county was included.

Seeing the item in the last issue of the Public Ledger, Mr. R. H. Lewis, the able chairman of the War Work Fund campaign in Granville, called the attention of the Public Ledger to the fact that Granville county's uncollected pledge is only \$279.55.

The entire transaction, as figured out by Mr. Lewis, is as follows: Granville's pledge . . . \$12,027.95 Paid cash . . . . . 11,748.40

Uncollected . . . . . \$279.55

It is stated that only three counties in the State has an absolute clear sheet, which implies that Granville stands near the top of the column.

## MAKING STRONG MEN OUT OF WAYWARD BOYS

The Son of the Late J. T. Poythress Is Growing in Grace and Knowledge.

Rev. E. G. Usry, pastor of the West Oxford Baptist church, who attended the mobile school at Concord N. C. last week, has a good word for the Jackson Training School, near Concord, which he visited and inspected and noted the methods employed to make wayward boys strong men and respectable citizens.

There are about 125 boys at the institution at present, said Mr. Usry; they are well fed and properly housed and they move with clock-like precision. They wear a neat uniform of cotton blue at this season of the year and, said Mr. Usry. Every thing impressed him as being scrupulously clean and the moral atmosphere wholesome and pure.

### The Poythress Boy.

The little Poythress boy, who it will be remembered was frequently in trouble here, is at the Jackson Training School, where a half dozen other Oxford boys should be if their parents expect to make anything out of them. Regarding the Poythress boy, Mr. Usry said that he never saw in all of his life anything to equal the great transformation that has taken place. The superintendent told Mr. Usry that Poythress is obedient, studious and kind to his companions.

### More Buildings Needed.

Mr. Usry said that there should be more buildings erected at the Jackson Training School to admit the hundred or more boys of the State who are knocking at the door. On account of the great work accomplished by the institution, Mr. Usry is of the opinion that it would be a wise move on the part of the Legislature to provide more funds for the institution. He went so far as to advocate the withdrawal of some of the funds so lavishly expended at some of the colleges of the State to be used in the enlargement of the Jackson Training School.

## 8,000 AMERICAN TROOPS WILL REMAIN IN GERMANY

Will Probably Be Composed of Eighth Infantry, Company of Engineers, One of Military Police and Artillery.

Washington, July 31.—After September 1, the Allied army of occupation in Germany will be composed largely of French and Belgian troops.

The first division of the American army will begin entraining for Brest about August 15. This would leave a total of 8,000 troops in the Army of Occupation. This force would be composed of the eighth infantry, a company of engineers, a company of military police and a company of artillery.

## THREE THOUSAND TONS OF BARB WIRE TO BE SOLD

The War Department will offer at public auction here September 3 more than 3,000 tons of barbed wire purchased to form entanglements and stockades in France, but which is now advertised as being particularly adapted for the needs of stockmen. The minimum amount to be sold in one lot will be two tons.

## GEORGIA WON'T RATIFY.

The Georgia Legislature, following the example of the Alabama body has refused to ratify the Federal suffrage amendment. The Senate vote against the ratifying of the amendment was 39 to 10 and the House vote 132 to 24.

## SENATOR CUMMINGS PREDICTS OVERWHELMING DEMOCRATIC VICTORY IN 1920 ELECTIONS

Claims People at Large Out of Sympathy With Actions of Republicans in Washington

(Washington Special.)

Homer S. Cummings, chairman of the Democratic national committee, who has returned to Washington after a two months' tour of the States west of the Mississippi river, said in his opinion the great mass of the people, regardless of party affiliations, favor a speedy ratification of the peace treaty.

Regarding the political outlook for 1920, Mr. Cummings said:

### Republican Incapacity.

"There is every reason for believing that the Democrats will be successful in 1920. We are just now passing through an interlude of Republican incapacity on Capitol Hill, which the people will not care to repeat.

"My sincere belief, based upon personal observation, is that the people are overwhelmingly in favor of the league of nations," said Mr. Cummings "I believe further that they are satisfied with the covenant as it stands and are not impressed with the alleged necessity for senatorial reservations or interpretations.

### A Hearty Response.

"They see in the league covenant not a political issue but a great humanitarian association created to prevent future war. One who has traversed this great country, as I have, cannot fail to note that the people will respond to the appeal of the President for the ratification of the treaty, and that the senate, taking its cue from public sentiment, will give official sanction to the great work of the President and his colleagues in the peace conference.

"Here in Washington, where partisanship is strong, one finds bitter opponents of the league and of everything else proposed by the administration, but that is not true of the country at large. On the Pacific coast, in the inter-mountain region and in the middle states most of the great Republican newspapers are earnestly advocating the adoption of the treaty as are the Democratic and independent newspapers.

### People Demand Action.

"My view is that the people want the treaty quickly disposed of so that congress may turn its attention to important domestic and economic subjects. There are many related questions of reconstruction which ought to have immediate attention. The people have no patience with those attending statesmen who waste time in useless investigations of the conduct of a war which has been won and won gloriously, nor with those 'bitter partisans who seem to think they were elected to make lengthy speeches attacking the President. 'What the people want is constructive action, not destructive criticism."

## MARKET PRICE FOR BUTTER IN THE STATE VARIES

North Carolina records a great variety of prices for butter, eggs, poultry, and cheese according to the market reports of the agricultural extension service.

While Scotland Neck is selling home made butter for 40 cents per pound, Asheville is paying 45 cents. Raleigh, Durham and Charlotte are in the 50 cent class, while Fayetteville and Salisbury top the list with 60 cent butter.

Those prices paid by merchants for farm products, that is, wholesale quotations. In other lines differences are also found, though not as pronounced as in the butter market.

Eggs gravitate between 40 and 45 cents in the State markets, while chickens run from 30 cents in Fayetteville to 45 cents in Goldsboro, and hens from 25 to 30 cents throughout the State. Hogs bring from \$20 to \$25 a hundredweight, and country hame 38 to 50 cents a pound.

## REWARD FOR PONCHO VILLA

Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars For His Capture, Dead or Alive.

El Paso, Texas, July 29.—Governor Andres Ortiz, of the State of Chihuahua, has offered a reward of \$25,000 gold for the capture, dead or alive, of Francisco Villa, according to a Mexican merchant who was here today from Chihuahua City. He said the offer appeared in an advertisement in one of the Chihuahua newspapers.

The United States government spent twenty-one million dollars in the attempt to capture Villa and failed. The reward of \$25,000 for his arrest is small in comparison, but it is a plenty and you may expect to hear of his being shot at any moment.

## THE WAR DEPARTMENT IS OFFERING FOODS DIRECT TO THE PEOPLE

At Least \$125,000,000 Worth Bacon, Corned Beef, Roast Beef, Hashed Beef, Fresh Meats and Poultry to Be Sold At Once.

Washington, Aug. 1.—With every postmaster and carrier throughout the country acting as a salesman, the War and the Postoffice Departments have got under way the Government plan to help the Nation drive from its doors the high-cost-of-living through the distribution of foodstuffs.

The foodstuffs will be distributed by parcel post, and the prices to be quoted at each postoffice will represent the original cost of the foodstuffs to the government and the parcel post transportation charges from the nearest War Department depot having the foodstuffs in storage. The prices quoted, officials said, would be considerably below the prevailing market prices.

## COLORED ORPHAN DAY.

Large Number of the Best Colored People Assemble Here.

An orderly crowd of the best colored people of this section of the State, numbering three or four thousand, gathered in Oxford and at the colored orphanage on the outskirts of town Wednesday to celebrate Colored Orphan Day.

The annual event was marked by good behavior and an enthusiasm for the success of the orphan work as it is being conducted by Dr. Cheatham, superintendent of the orphanage.

Several of the colored people drove to town in automobiles they purchased during the period of high prices. The horses and horse-drawn vehicles which they drove, showed a remarkable improvement over previous years.

### Negro Comes to Grief.

The only disorderly conduct noticeable during the day made its appearance on the orphanage grounds, which was soon quelled by order of Dr. Cheatham. A negro appeared on the grounds slightly under the influence of liquor. Special officer Hobgood, of the county constabulary arrested the negro, and upon examination found seven pints of liquor in his possession. The hearing was before Justice Buchanan, who bound the prisoner over to court in default of \$250 bond.

### Automobiles Busy.

A large number of automobiles, labeled for hire, made frequent trips from the business section of Oxford to the orphanage grounds. There was some fear of a collision on the highway, but the event passed off without a single mishap.

### The Modern Dance.

Mr. B. E. Parham tendered the use of the Farmers' Warehouse for uptown headquarters. The floor was swept and made ready for the dance. Rag-time music floated from the doors and windows from early morn until dewy eve and then some more. The "serpent dance," something entirely new in these parts, seemed to have been one of the special features of the occasion. Only a slim, supple girl can go through the "serpentine," for it is necessary for her to cling to her partner like an ivy vine clings to an old chimney, but there was the slow "dead clutch" dance that suited those who were not quite so quick and supple, but had the same clinging propensities.

The dancing feature was separate and distinct from the orphan work and it is not endorsed by the old heads, and if they had their way the dance would be regulated the same as it is in Raleigh and some other places in the State.

## HONOR BUTTONS READY FOR ALL IN WORLD WAR

Can Be Obtained Upon Presentation of Honorable Discharge.

Washington, July 31.—The victory buttons commemorating service in the world war is now being distributed by the War Department to every man enlisted in the American force since April 6, 1917. Two hundred thousand silver buttons have been manufactured for distribution to men wounded in the war. Approximately 500,000 bronze buttons for men who served abroad but who were not wounded, have already been manufactured. Manufacture of the bronze buttons will be continued at the rate of 250,000 a week until all the demands are supplied.

These buttons can be obtained at the various army posts, recruiting stations and zone supply offices upon presentation of honorable discharge.

## FROM CAPITAL OF TALLY HO

(W. R. MANGUM.)

Stem, N. C., July 31.

—Essie Jones, a young colored man, met with a tragic death Monday afternoon about four o'clock. He commenced work at Bowman's saw mill near Knap of Reeds Monday and was engaged in carrying away lumber from the saw when his pant leg caught in a piece of timber which threw him against the saw which cut open his leg from the bottom of foot upwards above the knee joint where it was almost completely severed from his body. Dr. P. R. Hardee was rushed to the scene and found the negro in such serious condition that he hastened with him to Lincoln hospital, Durham, where despite all that could be done for him, death resulted in about 30 minutes. The body was taken out to Bahama and buried Tuesday.

—Dr. W. S. Cozart and wife were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Cozart of our town Thursday night. This is the first visit Dr. Cozart has made to his parents since his return from France where he has been for the past year. He returned to his practice at Holly Springs Friday, but expects to take a special medical course in some northern city at an early date.

—Farmers are run over with work mainly housing tobacco. The most optimistic estimate we have heard placed upon the damage to corn and tobacco, especially tobacco, is one third loss. It is the general belief that there will be the lightest crop saved in many years and of a very inferior quality. Wildfire and disease is rapidly spreading.

—A protracted meeting will commence at Tally Ho church Monday after the third Sunday in September with two services a day and dinner on the grounds after Monday.

—Regular quarterly meeting was held a Robert's Chapel church last Saturday and Sunday. Presiding Elder Underwood was on hand and delivered excellent sermons both days.

—Mr. Bacon Hardee left Thursday for a visit to Linhurst, Va. We suspect that he has a lady friend in that section.

—Mr. W. L. Umstead of Route 1, purchased a new car last week and is in the list of joy riders.

## FARMERS' CONVENTION THIS YEAR TO OFFER INTERESTING PROGRAM

Noted Agricultural Authority and Demonstrator Has Been Secured For August Meet.

Sam Jordan, famous missionary of better farming in Pettis county, Missouri, will be one of the chief attractions on the program of the farmers' convention which will be in session in Raleigh on August 27, 28 and 29. Jordan is considered one of the most successful county demonstration agents in the United States, and those in charge of the program believed they were unusually fortunate in being able to get him to come to North Carolina during the session of the farmers' convention.

Few men in the United States have made such a record for the introduction of better farming methods and better community spirit than has Mr. Jordan, and it will be along these lines that he will speak in a lecture which he calls "The Crimson Trail of a New Idea."

## IT IS ALL A MISTAKE ABOUT OVERMAN BEING CONVERT TO SUFFRAGE

Senator Never Authorized Article Forum Published.

Washington, July 31.—Senator Lee S. Overman is not a "convert" to the cause of woman suffrage, and he wants it known in North Carolina as soon as the correction can be made. Reports to that effect are quite erroneous, says the senator, and there has been a distressing mistake, for which a magazine is primarily responsible.

## A PERPETUAL ROW.

The row over the management of the Soldiers' Home at Raleigh is continuous. The inmates seem to be chronic complainers. At a meeting of the directors last week the superintendent, Dave Milton, was excoriated and defended. The veterans want a "comrade" as superintendent. The directors appointed a committee to consider a change.

## LUDENDORFF BLAMES KAISER FOR CLAIMS REGARDING BELGIUM

Berlin, Tuesday, July 30.—Responsibility for the crown council's decision in 1917 that Belgian territory must be held was placed upon the former German Emperor by General Ludendorff, in a letter published today by a Berlin newspaper.