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## THE FAIR PRICE COMMITTEE FOR GRANVILLE IS BUSY

Established Price For Various Grades of Flour—No Profit—In the County.

The Fair Price Committee for Granville county appointed by Mr. W. Parham, food administrator, has recently made an investigation of price conditions in Oxford, and finds but little if any evidence of profiteering. In the matter of flour, the committee finds prices a little high in some quarters, and recommends a fair price for flour to the retailer not exceeding \$1.70 per sack of 24 pounds for the best grade of patent flour, \$3.35 for 48 pounds, and \$6.60 for 96 pounds, and on self-rising flour not exceeding \$1.75 for 24 pounds, \$3.45 for 48 pounds, and \$6.80 for 96 pounds.

This Fair Price Committee is a legal body, and has legal rights, and its duty is to investigate excessive profits asked or secured on the necessities of life by any of our merchants, with the purpose of adjusting same and reducing the high cost of living. This can be done to a certain extent by avoiding extravagances of all kinds, and by the purchase of only necessary articles of food and clothing while prices are so high, and the committee urges everyone to be careful in these respects.

The committee is further investigating certain articles of food and clothing which may be a little high, and in the meantime invites the public to report to it any evidence of overcharging in Granville county on food, clothing, or fuel, by mailing such evidence to the Fair Price Committee, P. O. Box 607, Oxford, N. C., or in person to the secretary of the committee, Mr. J. J. Medford, and such evidence will be promptly and carefully investigated, and if necessary reported to the Federal authorities.

## JUST A LITTLE LESSON

IN REGARD TO THRIFT

Now Is The Time To Work And Save.

In front of the banks and in many other places you will see pieces of cardboard on which is printed the words: "Work and Save." That is the best advice that can be handed out, especially at this time. In fact such advice was never so important before. Why should we work hard now? Because there is so much work needing to be done and because there are so few to do this work and because there can be greater pay had for work now than ever before. Why are we called upon to save now? Because it is important to save and now is a time we could save if we would try to do so. If we do not save now, which is the best time to lay by some thing ever known, then when could we save? It should be apparent to all that the best time to work is when work pays best and the best time to save is when we can really lay by something. Now is such a time and we should make use of it. Are we doing it? Some are trying to do their best but a large number of the people have not woken up to the importance of pushing work and saving during this season of the greatest prosperity ever known in America. Work while it pays to work and save and save while there is something worth while to save. We shall likely never have such opportunities again and all who do not use them will regret it.

## KAISER'S FIELD KITCHEN EN ROUTE TO WASHINGTON

The Trophy Will Be Placed In The Smithsonian Institute.

Washington, Sept. 22.—The field kitchen which was extensively used by William Hohenzollern, emperor of Germany, is on its way to Washington, where it will be stored with other war trophies in the Smithsonian Institute. The kitchen was captured north of Metz during the last days of the fighting.

German prisoners of war last week loaded the kitchen—which is said to be the most elaborate affair of the kind—aboard a transport at St. Nazaire, France; and it is on its way to Washington with a large collection of war material of different kinds. The kitchen followed the Kaiser all over Europe while the war was on, and all of the fighting fronts which he visited, but shows no signs of damage, which is taken to indicate that it kept as far to the rear as did its imperial owner.

## THE LAW HAS TEETH.

Tom Hunter Given 12 Months For Contributing to Delinquency of His Children.

(Greensboro News.)

Sufficient proof that the law recently enacted by the general assembly of North Carolina concerning the delinquency of juveniles is of direct concern to parents of erring children was given in Municipal court yesterday morning. The demonstration came after the evidence was heard in the case charging Tom and Dora Hunter, negroes, with contributing to the delinquency of their two largest children, Roosevelt and Taft. The father received a sentence of 12 months on the roads of the county while the mother, adjudged guilty, was not sentenced, judgment being continued by Judge Jones.

## DR. G. S. WATKINS ADVOCATES HOSPITAL FOR OXFORD

Sets Forth the Reasons Why It Should Be Established.

The Question of a Hospital For Granville County:

1st.—Do we need one? Yes, because the time has come when the people as a whole, cannot get adequate nursing at home. Because domestic help as well as trained nurses, are not obtainable in 50 per cent of the cases where it is needed. Because there is increasing scarcity of physicians all over the country. Which is being felt in the towns and villages as well as in the rural districts.

2nd.—Are we going to have a hospital? Yes, because the people of Granville county are awakening to the fact that they cannot furnish their sick with proper nursing and in a good many instances they cannot secure proper medical attention. Because the people realize that they are spending too much money and too much time in taking their sick to distant hospitals and looking after them while there. Because the people realize that they had rather be under the care of their family physician, which is impossible in distant hospitals.

3rd.—Will it succeed? Yes, because the people want it to succeed. Come out tonight and see it succeed from the beginning.

DR. G. S. WATKINS.

## MESSRS. B. I. BREEDLOVE AND HOWARD DORSEY WILL DANCE

Will Vie With Youth and Beauty on Ball Room Floor at Confederate Remmon.

It is officially announced that the old-fashioned polka and minuet will share honors with the Liberty waltz at the Confederate reunion in Atlanta, October 7-10.

For the first time in the history of the reunions, arrangements will be made at the grand balls for the veterans and their ladies to have the floor to themselves at certain intervals during the evening.

Two balls will be given at Atlanta's city auditorium, the vast hall capable of seating 10,000 people. The rows of chairs will be removed from the arena, the floor will be polished until it shines like diamonds, and on the big stage will be seated an orchestra second only in size to that of the Metropolitan Opera company.

It would be worth the time of any man in Granville county to go to Atlanta and see Capt. W. H. White, B. I. Breedlove and Howard Dorsey on the polished floor. We are glad to know Judge Graham will be there to see that the young men don't get too gay.

## SHIP GOES DOWN OFF COAST OF FLORIDA

Carried a Crew of 88 Persons and Four Hundred Passengers.

Key-West, Fla., Sept. 22.—The Spanish steamer Valbanera, wrecked off Key West, ten days ago, carried a crew of 88 persons and four hundred passengers.

Rear Admiral Decker, commander of the seventh naval district, after returning from an inspection of the vessel which was lost between this port and Havana in the recent hurricane, declared that they had no doubt the ship was the Spanish steamer Valbanera.

Admiral Decker said that the waters about the ship were so rough as to make diving impossible. No bodies were seen on the surface of the sea, but an odor arose from the decomposed corpses inside the ship. The vessel carried a general cargo including wines and liquors.

## YOU CAN ALWAYS TRUST GRANVILLE COUNTY PEOPLE

There Is Not a Rogue In the Whole Bunch.

Mr. Eugene Moss, manager of the Granville County Experiment Station one mile south of Oxford, on the State Highway, can speak for the honor and integrity of all the people, both white and black, who pass the test farm by day and by night.

Desiring to realize something on the apples grown on the test farm, Mr. Moss procured a number of paper bags and filled them with apples and placed them by the roadside and put up a sign, on which was written in large letters, the following words: "These bags are 25 cents each."

One by one the bags disappeared and in their stead was twenty-five cents in silver. Mr. Moss had so much confidence in the people that pass his place he did not take the trouble to remove the bags at night, and strange to relate that there were more sales at night than there were during the day.

## MANY ENJOY SPEAKING AND BARBECUE AT HESTER CHURCH

The entertainment in honor of returned soldiers at Hester church last Saturday was largely attended. More than five hundred enjoyed the speeches of Rev. R. C. Craven and Mr. B. W. Parham. Barbecue and Brunswick stew was served, which were pronounced excellent.

## CHEAPER BEEF.

This is good news. The representative of the Swift Packing Company, of Chicago, was in Oxford last week, and was offering beef—fore-quarters at 9c., hind-quarters at 22c. f. o. b. Richmond; or by the side at 14c. Perhaps the retail prices will now be lower.

## SEVERAL OXFORD PEOPLE WANT TO GO UP IN AIRPLANE

Lt. H. J. Runser Will Accommodate All Such During the County Fair.

Lt. Harry J. Runser, aviator, will make daily flights over Oxford Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, October 14, 15, 16th. All who wish to go up with him can do so by paying one dollar a minute for 15 minutes.

Several well-known men about town have expressed a desire to avail themselves of the opportunity of looking down on the surrounding country from an altitude of one or two miles.

Lt. Runser will cut all kinds of ditches in the air when he is alone, but it is understood that when he has a passenger aboard he soars aloft and volplanes downward at a rate of not more than one mile a minute.

While there are several who have expressed a willingness to pay \$15 to go up, quite a number have said that there is not enough money in all the banks of Oxford to induce them to leave the ground. Former Commissioner Thomas G. Taylor remarked that he did not have enough insurance on his life to tempt him to go up in an aeroplane.

Since it was reported that Lt. Runser said that he would not take on a passenger who weighs more than two hundred pounds, several fat men, who said they want to fly heavenward, are grieved to know that they are overweight and cannot take the trip. If Lt. Runser decides to take on men who weigh not more than one-eighth of a ton, there will be three or four fat men around town so small you can't find them.

## NEGRO SNATCHES \$79 FROM FARMER IN HENDERSON

Willie Grissom, of Near Kittrell, Minus Part of Returns Brought By His Tobacco Sale.

Farmers cannot be too careful with their money. The Henderson Daily Dispatch relates the following: "While parleying with a negro over the purchase of something to drink, according to the tale the police say he told them, Willie Grissom, a white farmer living near Kittrell, was relieved of approximately \$79 in cool cash in a local warehouse Thursday, and the negro who made away with the greenbacks has not been heard from since that time."

"It is related that Grissom had already entrusted another negro with \$4, and that he went away and didn't come back, and that the discussion was under way with the negro in question, when the latter snatched the roll of bills from Grissom's pocket, and he and several other negroes in the crowd ran and made good their escape."

## CASE AGAINST THE KAISER.

The Time and Place Not Mentioned. (London Special.)

The Attorney-General Sir Gordon Hewart has completed the case for the prosecution of the German Emperor, according to the Mirror. The place for the trial has not been settled.

## LIVING EXPENSES ARE AT HIGHEST PINNACLE IN HISTORY OF NATION

Advanced One Per Cent During August Despite Efforts of Government to Force Decline

Retail prices of food increased one per cent in August, as compared with July, and reached the highest point in the nation's history, despite the government's campaign to reduce the cost of living.

The increase—probably already apparent in the consumer—was revealed tonight when the department of labor's bureau of labor statistics made public its monthly report.

The foodstuffs increasing in price were eggs, rice, potatoes, milk, pork chops, butter, cheese, coffee, sugar, dry beans and bread. Prices declined for sirloin and round steak, rib and chuck roasts, onions, bacon, flour, cabbage and canned peas, corn, beans and tomatoes.

## ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE WILL ENTER POLITICS IN CAMPAIGN OF 1920

Chicago, Sept. 21.—The Anti-Saloon League of America will enter national politics immediately to enforce the demand that the national parties next year elect candidates who are openly favorable to the enforcement of the national prohibition law.

## MR. WEST KNOTT BUYS RESIDENCE IN OXFORD

Mr. P. W. Knott, of Enon, has purchased the residence of Mrs. J. W. Brown on High street and will make it his home. The good people of Oxford extend a hearty welcome to Mr. Knott and his excellent family. Mr. Knott is with the Mangum warehouse this season.

## INCREASED SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IN GRANVILLE CO.

Transportation of the Pupils to Larger, Better Graded Schools Is Growing Rapidly.

The schools are all opening with increased attendance. Providence has an enrollment of over a hundred. Hester opened with ninety. Tar River, Creedmoor, Stem, and Culbreth all report an increase. Several of these schools are calling for more desks and more teachers.

This enlarged interest is no more than was expected. The whole world is waking up to the importance of more education. Not only all of the public schools but all the boarding schools and colleges are overflowing. The call everywhere is for more room to accommodate the larger number of students who are seeking the advantages of the schools.

The Concord school is trying out a new feature this year. For a number of years this school has had two teachers. It is so near Creedmoor that most of the larger children wanted to go to the high school, and so it was decided to buy a truck and take all the children in the upper grades to the Creedmoor school. The truck was started last week and the people are well pleased with the new arrangement. They still have one teacher at Concord for the smaller children.

The idea of consolidation and transportation of the pupils to the larger, better graded school is growing rapidly. It is the only practical way to develop the rural school and give the country child equal advantages with the town child. Edgecombe county is planning to use twelve trucks this year. It is possible that several others will be used this year in Granville county.

J. F. WEBB, Supt. of County Schools.

## THERE ARE MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED BACHELORS IN GRANVILLE COUNTY

Five Thousand Well-To-Do British Women America-Bound Bent On Getting Husbands.

Five thousand well-to-do British women determined to obtain American husbands will soon arrive in the United States, according to a warning issued to bachelors by Mrs. S. C. Seymour, of Camden, N. J., who has just returned from Europe. Mrs. Seymour was employed to supervise the transportation of American war brides from various parts of Europe. She announced that the invasion of the army of matrimony-inclined would begin as soon as the blockade on passenger travel is lifted, which is October 1.

There are more than one hundred bachelors in Granville who claim that they cannot find any woman who wants them. In that event we hope that the women bound for this country will settle in all parts of Granville. They can find at least a half dozen good old bachelors out Enon way.

## COL. SIDNEY MINOR RETIRES FROM MILITARY SERVICE

Colonel Who Commanded 120th Infantry Will Devote Time To Business.

It is announced from Durham that Col. Sidney W. Minor, who led the 120th Infantry in its history-making smash against the Hindenburg line will retire from military service. The colonel made this fact plain in explaining why he refused the colonelship of the first national guard regiment in North Carolina, in favor of Col. Don Scott.

Col. Minor declares that he will give up military life in its entirety with genuine regret, but feels that home life and business necessarily neglected during the war, demand his attention. Just as he felt it his duty to command the 120th in France, he now feels that he should devote his time to his family and his business.

## BAPTIST MINISTERS MAY GO ON STRIKE

Proposal Has Been Made In Northern Church But Scouted In South.

(Richmond Times-Dispatch.) Baptists generally here were inclined to discount the reports of proposed strike of ministers in the Northern Baptist church.

When informed of the strike suggestion, the Rev. T. B. Ray, associate secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, said:

"Our people are paying no attention to such a silly thought as that. It is all foolishness. I am inclined to take the whole matter as a joke. Baptist ministers in the South, where their congregations could afford it—have had their salaries raised to meet the increased cost of living. Besides, the \$75,000,000 campaign to be waged November 30 to December 7, will carry a large pension and annuity fund whereby ministers when they are too old to have active charges, will be protected against want."

## NORTH GRANVILLE FAIR.

Will Be Held At Stovall October 9th.

The management of the North Granville Fair has decided not to postpone the fair as was announced. Everything is in readiness to be held at Stovall on Thursday, October 9th, rain or shine.

## DR. DANIEL SAYS THAT WE MUST HAVE A HOSPITAL

He Asks and Answers Important Questions

What are you going to do about a hospital for Granville county?

Do you know that we have the largest population of any county in the State without a hospital?

Do you know that Oxford is about the only town in the State of its size that has no hospital?

Do you know that our rural population is more intelligent than that of any other county in the State; but we have no hospital?

Do you know that we are spending thousands of dollars in maintaining hospitals in other towns? Why not one of our own?

The time has come when we must have one. The time has come when we will have one. Come out tonight and let's talk it over.

DR. N. C. DANIEL.

## THE FARMERS ARE NOT BEING IMPOSED UPON

They Are Perfectly Willing For Their Land to Be Assessed At Actual Value.

There is a report in circulation in Granville to the effect that an injustice is being imposed upon the farmers in the matter of assessing their property. Some of the disgruntled ones, merely to bring the law into contempt, has said that the farmers must pay more taxes in proportion than the owner of town property.

The Public Ledger can readily see how this report got into circulation, namely: The property in Oxford has been taxed nearly at its true value for many years and the owners of town property have paid more in proportion than the county outside of the corporate limits. The new assessors have not assessed the value of property in Oxford as yet. When they start in on Oxford they will find that most of the property here is valued almost at the correct figure. In the county the increase is about four times, while in Oxford it may not be over two times. Thus it will be seen that what appears to be an injustice is not an injustice.

There are a lot of people kicking the new valuation law because they think they are on the popular side of the question, but the farmers are perfectly willing for their holdings to be assessed at actual value. They want their lands, dwelling houses, tenement houses, old feed barns and tobacco barns assessed at actual value, and they want the same thing to happen to their neighbors and all over the county.

What the Granville county farmer wants to know is that when the revaluation of real estate and improvements is finished that every foot of land in every city and town and village and every taxable building, small as well as great, has been assessed at its true value for tax. He wants to feel that if his land is assessed at \$50,000 that the land would bring \$50,000 if it was put upon the market.

## DEMOLIZING WILL END AT CAMP LEE SEPT. 25

The War Department announces that the demolishing group at Camp Lee is to be dispensed with on Sept. 25, and, therefore, there will be no more mustering out of men at that cantonment where hundreds of thousands of men were trained for service in the United States army in the war against Germany.

There are several Granville county boys on duty at Camp Lee, who will be released.

## ABSORPTION AMERICAN TOBACCO CO. REPORTED

New York, Sept. 22.—Negotiations looking toward absorption of the American Tobacco Company by the United Retail Stores Corporation, formed last June by George J. Whelan, reported to be well under way, according to rumors in the financial district. The deal would involve at least the amount of the American Tobacco Company's capital, which is \$50,000,000.

## THE COURT HOUSE SINGING

Our plans for the contest singing at the court house are about complete. Mr. Andrew Kittrell will furnish us a nice new organ for the occasion. The singing will begin promptly at 3 o'clock p. m., next Sunday. A number of choirs are expected to take part. We invite all to be on time. We hope to make this occasion interesting and profitable for all who are present. We will try and have the court-room in good shape. For further particulars call on Mr. W. M. Moser at City Barber Shop.

D. N. HUNT.

## A DAY OF PRAYER.

The 5,844 churches of the Southern Baptist convention are asked to meet on Wednesday, September 24, to join in prayer for victory in this great campaign.

G. T. TUNSTALL, J. D. HART, Associational Directors.

## THE SCHOOLS OF THE COUNTY AND WHAT THEY ARE FOR

Illiteracy Is the Greatest Danger That Can Threaten a Democracy

Elsewhere on this page is a letter from Prof. J. F. Webb, superintendent of the county schools, presenting a brief outline of the school work. The Public Ledger is deeply interested in the success of the schools and we are always glad to publish news items concerning the great work.

It is well periodically to remind ourselves why we educate our children at public expense. There is no better time for considering this matter than when the public schools reopen for the work of the year.

We have popular government in the United States. The majority rules. It is of the first importance that it be an intelligent majority, with some knowledge of the principles of government. Illiteracy is the source of the greatest danger that can threaten a democracy. So we set up the public school system primarily to qualify our citizens for intelligent participation in the art of government.

In recent years a group of propagandists has arisen, the members of which have been trying to convince us that it is the first duty of the state to teach the children the art of self-support. Vocational training has been urged in season and out of season as though it were more important than the teaching of history and geography and the elements of economics. We are asked "If you don't teach a boy to earn his living what good is it to him to know the Declaration of Independence?" as though an unanswerable conundrum had been propounded.

The question might be answered by asking another: "What good is it to a boy to know how to earn his living if bolshevism flourishes and deprives him of the proceeds of his toil by seizing it to give to some indolent agitator?" The cure for the evils of democracy lies in making that democracy more intelligent with a broader conception of the rights of man.

If the persons in charge of our public schools will keep in mind the primary purpose for which the schools were established they will find it easier to decide what changes should be made in the course of study than in the past.

## THE OXFORD TOBACCO MARKET TAKES ON NEW LIFE

Sales Each Warehouse Show a Strong Demand For Weed—Farmers Well Pleased.

Although the Oxford tobacco market sold 140,000 on opening day at an average of \$35.10 per hundred, the prices each day following the opening showed a substantial advance on all grades.

If there was any dissatisfaction on the opening day it has been dispelled and all of the farmers that we have talked with admit that prices are high.

Oxford is leading the markets in this territory in high prices, and our warehousemen are lending every effort to help the patrons of this market. Get a load ready and come to Oxford. A welcome awaits you.

## MORE HOUSES NEEDED.

Many People Here Are Looking For Permanent Homes.

Every home built now and for many months to come will find a family ready to occupy that—anybody who doubts the truth of this might ask the real estate men who also handle rentals. Not one will remain idle. There is a rush nowadays for each home that becomes vacant for any reason and the price charged doesn't figure as once it figured. There is plenty of evidence that the population could be increased by several hundred in a few weeks if the houses were available. With the war over, the folks of this country are getting settled down and many are looking for permanent homes and new opportunities. To these a town of the characteristics of Oxford could appeal strongly—provided she had the homes to offer.

## HOME ECONOMICS OF THE OXFORD WOMAN'S CLUB

To Meet In the Oxford Library Thursday Afternoon.

There will be a meeting of the home economics department of the Woman's Club in the Oxford Library on Thursday afternoon at 3:30 Subject: basketry. Any one interested in making baskets is asked to attend. Materials, reed, raffa, needles, etc., will be supplied at a small cost. Bring scissors and thimble. These classes are intended not for the members of the Home Economics Department alone but for any one who wishes to learn to make baskets.

LILLIAN W. CAPEHART, Chmn, Home Economics Dept.

## DISTINGUISHED LADIES COMING TO OXFORD WEDNESDAY

Mrs. Bickett and Mrs. Jackson Will Speak In the Episcopal Church. Mr. J. L. Jackson, of Charlotte, and Mrs. T. W. Bickett, of Raleigh, will speak in the Episcopal church Wednesday night at eight o'clock on the Nation-Wide Campaign.