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CITY AND COUNTRY CLASH— SHORT HOURS HIT CROPS

The Farmer Has Precipitated a Sharp Issue Between the Coun- try and the City.

The farmers of the country met to-
gether in Washington the other day
and resolved that the cities of the
land must cease from luring or they
would starve.

Above all, they said "Work or
starve."

They said they, if it is all work and
no play on the farms and all play and
no work in the cities, soon the only
thing that will be done will be done
in the country.

"I will be damned," says the farmer,
"I will work fourteen hours a day
and I will see that every man who
will work will work only six!"

There is a country-against-city is-
sue in the United States, and it is a
sharp one.

It is not itself when the farmer
says the daylight-saving law last
year was so bad that even the
country's vote was overridden.

It is not a long evening to play
in the city, but it is a long day for
the farmer.

The farmer's town may quit work at
4 o'clock in the afternoon, but the
farmer will not quit work at 4 o'clock
in the afternoon, with his hired man
and his boy.

The farmer is not thinking of prin-
ciple. He is thinking of his hired
man and his boy.

"The war was a great edu-
cation for the boys who survived it.
They saw the world.

The farmer's minds opened."
The farmer is not so much against
the city as he is against the kind
of civilization that opens his boy's
eyes to the world.

The farmer makes the hired-man prob-
lem more difficult than it is.

So, thinks the farmer, will military
training.

And so in Congress he crushes
President Wilson again just as he
crushed daylight-saving.

You may tell the city dweller that
military training would do a lot for
the boys physically.

It may be to him an open question
just how much real difference four
months of physical training will
make in a man's life.

But it is not an open question to
the farmer.

The opportunities for physical
training are right at home on a farm,
with the hoe, with the ax, with the
plow.

You may say to the city dweller
that four months' physical training
would be just a nice vacation for his
boy at the expense of the government.

But the farmer hasn't the vacation
habit.

The argument does not appeal to
the farmer, especially as the vacation
might be the boy where he would fall a
victim to the lure of the city and not
come back to work the farm.

Organized labor in the person of
Mr. Compers has just announced that
it will vote for its friends in
Congress.

Organized labor in the city.
The country, in the person of the
organized farmers meeting in Wash-
ington a few days earlier, said that
the nation had gone as far as it could
in concessions to labor.

It isn't that the farmer is a hard-
hearted old reactionary.

It is not that his sympathies go out
to the capitalist.

But as he sees it men must work in
the cities in order that men may
work on the farms.

You can't have a thirty-hour week
in the cities and a sixty-hour week on
the farms.

REMAINS OF A. B. KIMBALL LAID TO REST IN ELM- WOOD CEMETERY, OXFORD

Noted Greensboro Attorney Passes Away Victim of Bright's Disease.

Ashbell Brown Kimball, of Greens-
boro, known as one of the leading
attorneys not only of his home city,
but of the State, died early Tuesday
at Sarah Elizabeth hospital, Hender-
son, after a protracted illness of
Bright's disease.

Recently Mr. Kimball had been
under the care of eminent specialists
at Johns Hopkins hospital, Balti-
more. Less than a month ago he
was removed from that institution to
his country home, Kimball farms,
near Oxford. His condition then
again became serious and he was
taken to the hospital in Henderson,
where for several weeks he had been
making a valiant but losing fight
for recovery.

A. B. Kimball was born at Kimball
farms, Granville county, 46 years
ago. After attending the public
schools he pursued a course at Oak
Ridge institute and later entered the
University of North Carolina, where
he graduated with high honors. Sub-
sequently he went to Charlotte,
where for a short while he was one
of the publishers of a newspaper.

Then he became a member of the
Faculty at Oak Ridge, at the same
time reading law under Judge Dick.
After securing his license Mr. Kim-
ball moved to Greensboro and be-
came associated with R. R. King in
the practice of law. That association
had continued uninterruptedly for
22 years, the style of the firm being
King and Kimball.

Mr. Kimball was married to Miss
Cora Donnell, of Oak Ridge, a daugh-
ter of the late W. O. Donnell and Mrs.
Donnell, the latter now residing at
Oak Ridge. Mrs. Kimball survives,
with an adopted son, Hurdley. His
parents are not living. He is sur-
vived by a brother, W. R. Kimball, of
Oxford, and three sisters, Mrs. J. J.
Renn, of Oxford; Mrs. J. B. Allen,
of Henderson; and Miss Alice Kimball,
of Norfolk, Va. The members of
his family were with him when the
end came.

It was first announced that the in-
terment would be at Kimball farm,
but the family later decided to lay
the remains to rest in Elmwood Ce-
metery, Oxford.

Rev. C. L. Whitaker, pastor of the
M. P. Church at Mebane, assisted by
Rev. R. C. Craven, pastor of the
Oxford Methodist Church, conducted a
brief service at the Kimball farm,
where the remains of Mr. Kimball
rested over night. At the conclusion
of the services at the Kimball home,
the remains were conveyed to Ox-
ford and laid to rest in Elmwood Ce-
metery at 5:30 o'clock Wednesday
evening. The pallbearers were:

Active—Messrs. J. W. Hester, R. C.
Kelly, D. G. Brummitt, L. F.
Smith, Graham Daniel, W. M. Thax-
ton, J. B. Powell, B. W. Parham,
Honorary—R. R. King, J. E. Whit-
aker, Walter Averett, Sterling Smith,
Mason Gant, J. R. Renn, F. P. Hob-
good, C. H. Easton, D. H. Currin, J.
F. White, J. T. Averett, Carl Piper,
W. W. Devin. The ladies took
charge of the flowers. The floral
designs were numerous and beautiful.

Teachers Pay. (New York Post)

If there are still people in New
York inclined to resent the demand
of the impudent teachers for more
pay, they should look at Chicago,
which has just granted increases of
\$400 a year at a stroke. Elementary
teachers there are now to be paid a
minimum of \$1,200; such
teachers here receive \$1,005 to begin
with. The high-school teachers in
Chicago are now to be started at \$1,
600, with a maximum of \$3,400.
Here the minimum salary is \$1,350
and the maximum is \$3,150. Prin-
ciples in the Chicago grammar school
are to be paid as much as \$4,250,
and here the maximum is \$4,000.
Yet if there is any difference be-
tween the cities in living costs, it
favors Chicago, where rents are low-
er.

way and cut the working week for
union labor to forty hours, that
would be a new, a formidable bid,
which the farmers will fight just as
they fought the competition under
the daylight saving of the long, idle
evening in the city against the long,
laborious morning on the farm, and
just as they resisted exposure of the
farm boy to the city's lure under
military training.

The farmer cannot permit to hap-
pen to him what happened to the city
householder.

The city householder has been vot-
ing for years to legislate into the
factory his domestic servant. She
is there now and he is servantless.

An accidental upset in the labor
supply hastened the result, which
was bound to come anyway.

The whole world cries "Produce!
Produce! Production is our only
salvation!"

Yet we know not how to begin.
And the farmer says, "If you are
not careful you will even cut-off pro-
duction at its source."

Labor, which has been lessening
its productivity for years, on the the-
ory that it has been flogged all along
by capital and given of the sweat of
its brow too freely, is in a mood for
politics, not for production.

Was this crisis in the world's pro-
duction brought on by the war or
was it merely revealed by the war?

TOMORROW'S BRIDES WILL BAKE BETTER BISCUITS

Mrs. Lillian W. Capehart, Our Home Demonstration Agent, Is Start- ing Something That Will Echo Down the Years.

What cooks there will be in a few
years, and how popular the girls of
Granville County will be among the
young fellows with everlasting appet-
ites! The Home Demonstration
Agent, Lillian W. Capehart, has
started something that will echo
down the years and take away one
more subject from the jokesmiths.
No more can they make fun of the
bride's baking failures, for a "Better
Biscuit Contest" is going to bring out
a new generation of cooks.

Here in the land of the far-famed
biscuit they're out to make better
biscuits! It's enough to make one
wish to live beyond the threescore
and ten, or at least to be young again.

Mrs. Capehart says that one-third,
by weight, of all food eaten by the
average person consists of cereals,
and the largest part of this is bread,
which makes it important from a
health standpoint to see that the
bread is of good quality. Before the
contest she offers to talk to Schools
and women's clubs on breadmaking,
and there is a big list of premiums
for the winners in the contest, which
will be decided on March 27. Mean-
while a preliminary contest is to be
held with two premiums given to
Home Demonstration Clubs for ex-
hibits at their own schools.

The premiums for the big contest,
includes sacks of flour, cash prizes,
and cooking utensils donated by deal-
ers, banks and individuals.

STOVALL NEWS LETTER (L. C. WILKERSON)

—Messrs. C. E. Earl and W. C.
Taylor have returned from Charlotte
with a new Buick car for Dr. W. L.
Taylor.

—Mrs. Lewis Wilson and Miss
Pattie Cullum are attending the mar-
riage of Miss Selma Cullum in Wil-
son this week.

—The vote for the \$25,000 bond
issue last Saturday stood 57 for and
10 against. It looks as if the citizens
might vote a good sum to mend our
streets.

—We are glad to note that there
has been very little flu here, the few
cases being confined almost exclu-
sively to the colored people.

—The Stovall Boy Scouts observed
February 8th taking sick people
things that they enjoyed, nor did they
forget the three old heroic veterans
of the community.

—The car of our good doctor got
sick on the road and he left it for
dead. A man came along without
headlights and ran into the sick car
and smashed badly. No car should
be run after dark without lights, and
such is the state law.

—Miss Ida Jackson, who teaches
at Creedmoor; Miss Alice Taylor,
who teaches at Sanford and Miss Ju-
lia Burwell, who teaches near Mt.
Creek, are at home on account of
their schools having closed as a pre-
cautionary measure.

—I stated last week that the case
of smallpox which was quarantined
here cost the community \$65.00, but
it only cost \$31.80. One other case
has developed. The man refused to
be vaccinated, but the remainder of
his family was successfully vaccinat-
ed. This particular case has not
been quarantined, but there is very
little danger of him spreading the
disease.

—On Wednesday morning, February
1, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wilson were
made sad by the death of their bright
little baby girl Hazel Viola. She
was taken with measles which was
followed by pneumonia.

—Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wilson desire
to thank their friends through the
Public Ledger for the kindness shown
them during the sickness and death
of their baby.

FIVE DEATHS IN ONE HOME FROM INFLUENZA

A sad story comes from the home
of Mr. Osborn Hinshaw, who lived
at Snow Camp, Chatham County.
Mr. Hinshaw's family of seven, father,
mother and five children, were
suffering with the flu for about
eight days. On last Friday evening
at 6 o'clock Mr. Hinshaw died; Sat-
urday morning about 9 o'clock the
youngest child, Catherine, aged 2
years, died; at 12 o'clock another
child, a boy, Frank, aged 5 years;
and at 6 o'clock the oldest child,
Melvin, aged 9 years, died. Some
time during Saturday night Mrs.
Hinshaw's mother (Mrs. Martha
Thompson) died. This made a to-
tal of five deaths in one home in less
than 36 hours.

Send For the Doctor A doctor who was superintendent of the Sunday-school in a small vil- lage asked one of the boys this ques- tion:

"Willie, will you tell me what we
must do in order to get to heav-
en?"

"Very true," replied the doctor,
"but tell me what we must do be-
fore we die."

"We must get sick," said Willie,
"and send for you."

—It is understood now that churches
can be closed in the interest of
public health. Judge Connor says
he never decided adversely on the
point that the only question was one
of evidence that officials can close
any institution.

BOARD OF HEALTH ANNOUNCE THAT PUBLIC MEETINGS ARE STILL PROHIBITED

Searching investigation of the influ-
enza situation in Oxford justifies
the County Board of Health in con-
cluding that public meetings of any
sort should not yet be allowed in
the town. This included the open-
ing of schools, churches, places of
amusement, clubs, societies or other
meetings.

In the county also where influen-
za is at all prevalent these rulings
should apply. Selfprotection de-
mands the refraining from meeting
where the infected might come.

J. A. MORRIS, Co. Health Officer.
By order Co. Board of Health.

VAST IMPROVEMENTS IN THE INFLUENZA SITUATION HERE

The Doctors Are Discharging Their Patients In Large Numbers.

Only six new cases of influen-
za have been reported in Oxford
this week. Our doctors are of the
opinion that the peak of the disease
was reached in the interior of the
county several days ago. Only a
few new cases in the county have
been reported since Tuesday, and
the doctors say that they are dis-
charging their patients in large
numbers.

CONDITIONS AT THE OXFORD ORPHANAGE MUCH IMPROVED

Two Little Boys Died of Pneumonia —Only Fifty Children Now on the Sick List.

The influenza situation at the Ox-
ford Orphanage has greatly improv-
ed during the last couple of days,
said Superintendent R. L. Brown
yesterday.

At the beginning of the present
week there were more than one
hundred children down with the flu
and two little boys died of pneumo-
nia.

There are now only about fifty
children on the sick list, said Mr.
Brown, and the most of these are
about well. Two of the children
are down with pneumonia, but they
are much better.

PRAYER BREAKS UP DANCE

The Young People Could Not Stand The Pressure.

A writer in the Charlotte Obser-
ver says that Mr. Mm. Puckett, a well
known and loved citizen of the Hope-
well section of that county, was an
elder in the church and an all round
good man 25 years ago; who at heart
was opposed to the old country dance,
even; but who allowed the young
people to over persuade him to allow
them to have a little dance at his
house. It was an honor to be a guest
in that home, and there was a fine
crowd of young people present, and
the dance had proceeded to the point
where one set had been danced out,
the music ceased, and all was com-
paratively quiet. Uncle Bill had
been a nervous spectator all the while
and right in the midst of a lull some
half-dozen rowdy drove up in the
front yard and yelled out: "Ain't
old Bill Puckett, a big elder in the
church, a nice man to be having a
dance at his house?"

Uncle Bill heard the benter, and
with a word came out in the floor
and said to Neal Williams who was
calling figures: "Neal, let's open
this next set with prayer." With
that Mr. Puckett fell on his knees
and began a prayer, such as is seldom
heard. It was as if a guilty con-
science was talking to its Master. It
was no few words and over with, but
a prayer pleading, and from the
heart. When at last he had finished,
he and Neal had arisen, they were
alone. All the dancers had
fled the room and most of them trudg-
ing homeward.

GEN. ROYSTER IS WELL AND STRONG AGAIN

Things never seem exactly right
to the people of Oxford and the
county unless they see Gen. B. S.
Royster often. He was confined to
his home several days recently and
many were the inquiries as to his
condition. He is now able to come
down to his office and things in this
community seem brighter by his pres-
ence.

MRS. BICKETT STRICKEN WITH FLU AFTER NURSING AT EMERGENCY HOSPITAL

(Raleigh News and Observer)

Mrs. T. W. Bickett, wife of the gov-
ernor, is ill at the mansion with in-
fluenza, which she supposed to have
contracted while nursing at the em-
ergency hospital.

Mrs. Bickett was the first woman
to volunteer her services, when it
was announced the hospital would be
opened.

Prizehouse For Sale

See the legal notice of A. A.
Hicks, commissioner, on the sixth
page of this paper announcing the
sale of the Dudley prizehouse at the
court house door next Monday at
noon.

THE GRANVILLE COUNTY SWEET POTATO ASSOCIATION

County Agent Dove Has Started the Ball To Roll.

County Agent Dove, who is a close
student of soils, climate and other
agencies that enter into successful
production, is fighting "tobacco wilt"
with a formidable weapon, and he is
going to win the battle if the farmers
will adopt his plans.

Mr. Dove claims that Dutchville
township, where the wilt predomi-
nates more or less, can be made to
produce sweet potatoes worth more in
dollars and cents than the tobacco
crop grown on the same soil in its
most palmy days.

Mr. Dove has had the ear of the
farmers in the wilt section of the
county for some time, and quite a
number are enthusiastic over his
proposition to side-tract tobacco and
plant largely of sweet potatoes. Po-
tatoe houses, costing less than to-
bacco barns, will be built for the
safe-keeping of potatoes in all kinds
of weather.

The question of finding a market
for the sweet potatoes is not worry-
ing Mr. Dove one iota. His plan is
to form an association, known as
"The Granville County Sweet Potato
Association," and when the potato
houses are bulging with the speci-
mens, along comes the buyers from
the cities and inspect the potatoes in
bulk and place their bids. The po-
tatoes would be carted to the nearest
railroad siding and loaded into cars
and these cars would be made up in-
to trains and dispatched as a "potato
special."

"I am least concerned about the
question of marketing the potatoes
than any other feature of the work,"
said Mr. Dove. Continuing, Mr.
Dove said: "All that is necessary to
make the venture a success is the
willingness on the part of the farmers
to produce the potatoes. As fine a
specimen of sweet potatoes as I have
ever seen grown were produced in
Granville County south of Tar River.
The soil in Dutchville is peculiarly
adapted to a specimen of good size
and rare flavor. The potatoes can
be kept in excellent condition in the
potato houses for any length of time."

Mr. Dove is of the opinion that if
the farmers engage in producing po-
tatoes extensively they will never
again return to the cultivation of to-
bacco. He gave as his reason the
fact that there is less labor attached
to raising potatoes and that a good
crop is always sure.

Mr. Dove said that the improved
potato digger, owned by one man, or
several men as the case might be, is
equipped to dig all the potatoes of a
township at very little cost to the in-
dividual grower.

DUTCH TO WATCH KAISER BUT WON'T SURRENDER HIM

Holland, Replying to Allies, Will Promise to Guard Former Mon- arch Closely—The Allies Agree To Germany Proposal To Try War Criminals.

A London special says that Ger-
many has been informed she may try
men accused by the Allies, while
Holland may intern William Hohen-
zollern and satisfy the allied powers.
Notes to this effect were sent to Ber-
lin and The Hague by the supreme
allied council. The former Kaiser's
crimes as charged by the allies are:
Responsibility for the world war,
costing 10,000,000 lives.

Bombardment of hospitals and
other undefended places.

Destruction of merchant and pass-
enger ships without warning and
without examination.

Wanton destruction of religious,
charitable, educational and histor-
ical buildings and monuments.

Use of deleterious and asphyxiat-
ing gases, explosive, and expanding
bullets, poisoning of wells, directions
to give no quarter.

Abduction of girls and women for
immoral purposes and attacks on
women.

Putting hostages to death, pillage,
confiscation of property, wanton de-
vastation of property.

Deporting, torturing starving and
massacring civilians; also intern-
ing civilians under brutal conditions and
forcing civilians to labor in connec-
tion with military operations.

GRANVILLE COUNTY FARMERS NO LONGER TOBACCO FOOLS

They Are Going To Produce Some- thing To Eat.

Those who are disposed to be-
lieve that the Granville County farm-
ers will put all of their land and
their energies into the cultivation of
tobacco this year are badly mistaken.
The labor supply will be about the
same as last year; therefore no ad-
ditional tobacco acreage is contem-
plated. The farmers will have a
care for the production of foodstuffs,
in which endeavor they had such en-
couraging results in the past year,
and they are not deluded by the ap-
parently high figures of 60 cent to-
bacco, for they know that 60 cent
tobacco now is about the equivalent of
25 cents when compared with prices
of the necessities of life. They are
going to try to hold to their usual
tobacco acreage, but at the same time
they will go more largely into the
production of foodstuffs.

Sixty cent tobacco did not make
fools of the Granville County farm-
ers.

SOME OF OXFORD'S SPLENDID ASSETS ENUMERATED

A List of the Things That Oxford Needs Most.

Let us for a moment ponder the
question as to what Oxford needs to
make it bigger and better.

We have some splendid assets.
Our first is citizenship, and that can-
not be exceeded in quality in any
town in the whole South. Our sec-
ond is climate. It is better than
the much vaunted climate of the
western part of our State, known as
the "Land of the Sky," and without
any desire to exaggerate it is the best
average climate in the whole country.
Those who have traveled, and ex-
perienced climatic conditions in Eu-
rope and North and South America,
are best qualified to attest to this,
and it is not challenged that the
Piedmont climate is without a peer
in the world.

Next, we have in succession, good
water, lighting system, and splendidly
paved streets, with modern com-
forts and conveniences in our homes,
and as good a health record as any
town in North Carolina, not excepting
Asheville, which claims to be the
healthiest town in the State. Our
school system, not only in Oxford,
but throughout the county, is splen-
did, and is steadily getting better.
There are no better churches in any
town in the State.

We are located on the Bankhead
Highway, a 3,000 mile military road
between the Pacific and Atlantic.

We are extending an equivalent of
around two hundred thousand dollar
on good roads in Granville County
this summer and by next winter we
hope to be linked up with good roads
in adjoining counties and make as
favorable a showing as any county
in the South.

Our farming population is waking
up to the value, and the imperative
need of diversification. The result
will be the beautifying of our county
by the laying down of grasses, and
the reduction of the present excessive
timber areas, and the erection of
more modern dwellings throughout
the country.

What Oxford needs most is a
Chamber of Commerce to act as a
balance wheel and give us prestige
in the world at large.

There are some improvements of
an absolutely essential nature that
we have not, and which we certainly
must provide before we can feel that
we are entitled to bring industries,
and a splendid class of labor to our
town.

We have not a laundry. We have
not a dairy. We have not a solitary
public park. We have no rendez-
vous where our country folks can of-
fer their produce for sale without
peddling in at private houses—which
they are extremely averse of doing.

Each one of these developments
could be made to pay—some of them
beyond computation in mere dollars
and cents.

If we had a real live Chamber of
Commerce we could present our
stock in trade to the world in such
glowing terms that we would cap-
ture everything that we went after.

DANVILLE TOBACCO BOARD PLANS NEW SALE REGULATION

The executive committee of the
Danville tobacco board of trade has
made several recommendations de-
signed to speed up the sales of leaf
tobacco in that city next season in
order that the market may be better
prepared to cope with a glut.

If the recommendations are adop-
ted, next season will open two weeks
earlier, on the first Monday in Sep-
tember, auctioneers will be allowed
to sell 260 piles per hour instead of
the present 210.

Buyers of tobacco who in the past
have been allowed to move their to-
bacco piles in order to get second
and third bids on the same floor, will
be prohibited from doing this more
than once. Several other technical
points in the mode of selling tobacco
are also urged in order that loss mo-
tion may be eliminated.

FIFTY DOLLAR BONUS FOR EACH MONTH IN SERVICE

Specific Settlement for Soldiers Which American Legion Will Ask for.

A Washington dispatch says that a
bonus for ex-service men and com-
pulsory military training were an-
nounced as the principal aims of the
legislative committee of the Ameri-
can Legion, members of which were
in-Washington for a series of confer-
ences with congressmen.

It is claimed that on account of
the dilatoriness of Congress, the leg-
ion was determined to press the mat-
ter by asking for a specific settle-
ment by the government of a \$50
bonus for each month of service per-
formed during the war. Such a bon-
us, it was estimated, would cost the
government approximately \$1,900,-
000,000.

The legion already has gone on re-
cord as favoring compulsory military
training.

THERE IS NO INFLUENZA AT OXFORD COLLEGE

The friends of Oxford College will
be glad to learn that there is not a
case of influenza in the institution.
On Wednesday last Dr. Hobgood,
president of the college, said that
the institution was enjoying the best
of health and that not a girl of the
large student body is in the college
infirmary.