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HOUSING PUBLIC MEETING HELD IN THE COURT HOUSE LAST FRIDAY NIGHT

The Farmers of Granville County are Urged To Raise More Foodstuffs.

At the instance of the business men of Oxford and Granville County a public meeting was held in the court house last Friday night for the purpose of urging the farmers of the county to produce more corn, hay and foodstuffs. Ben D. G. Brummitt presided over the meeting.

In discussing the momentous question it was pointed out that the entire country faces a serious problem.

Mr. J. W. Horner moved that a committee be appointed to raise funds to be used for the purpose of advertising the food shortage in connection with the services of Messrs. Jones and J. E. Jackson. The motion was carried.

The chair appointed the following steering committee: Col. W. B. Ballou, Chairman; J. S. King, J. B. Powell, W. T. Yancey, J. W. Horner, Mr. J. E. Jackson was appointed to raise funds.

Contributors.

The following is a list of those at the meeting who subscribed, and Mr. Jackson will solicit subscriptions to the amount of \$1500 to carry on the "Raise More Foodstuffs" campaign:

W. B. Ballou	10
C. D. Ray	10
Harner Bros.	50
Lyons - Winston	50
C. S. Garman	10
Nat. B. of Granville	50
First Nat. Bk.	50
Farmers Warehouse	10
I. W. Mangum	10
S. M. Watkins	10
Jeffrey-Myers Co.	10
B. K. Lassiter	50
Parkinson-Greer Co.	25
Oxford Loan & R. Est.	25
John W. Hester	5
Moore Lumber Co.	25

The Star In The East.

There was not a word said at the meeting about cutting down the tobacco acreage. With the scarcity of labor, the farmers will naturally reduce the tobacco acreage if they produce more foodstuffs. There are quite a number of farmers in Granville who have seen the "Star in the East" and will naturally reduce their tobacco acreage, but there are a lot of farmers who need to be told again and again that North Carolina for its market depends to a considerable extent on the export trade just now struggling with a depreciated foreign currency. This situation is so bad that it takes several dollars in European currency to buy one dollar of American money and that means that tobacco that sells for fifty cents of our money calls for four or five times its American price by the time it is converted into European figures. Seven years ago the German mark was worth almost a quarter in our money. Now a quarter buys just about twelve marks. If tobacco is worth two quarters in our money, it is worth about twenty-four marks in German money instead of two as would be the case if German exchange had held its normal relation. Seven years ago one mark would buy a pound of good bright tobacco. Now to buy the same grade of tobacco takes about twenty-five marks. France is not in quite such a bad plight, Italy is in bad shape. Austria and Russia are worse, and they find it difficult to pay for what they want from America.

Tobacco is like everything else. If it is too abundant the price will be low.

SECRETARY MEREDITH IS COMING TO FARM CONVENTION

The Convention To Be The Largest
Even Held In The State.

The North Carolina Farmers' and Farm Women's Convention will be held at Raleigh August 24, 25, and 26 according to an announcement just issued by Clarence Poe, President, and W. F. Pate, secretary, who say that the program as already arranged promises to make this year's convention the greatest ever held in the State. The list of speakers soon to be announced is headed by Hon. Edwin T. Meredith, Secretary of Agriculture, and includes other men of national prominence.

Preliminary plans for the women's program, made by Mrs. A. L. Capehart, President, and Mrs. Cornelia C. Morris, Secretary, include a series of events and speakers that are said to eclipse any program of previous conventions.

At the coming convention, special emphasis will be given to demonstrations and exhibits, according to the officers.

Reduced rates are expected to be in effect for the convention on all railroads leading to Raleigh.

MANY WAR BRIDES ARE RETURNING TO FRANCE

They Can't Adapt Themselves To
American Modes of Living and are
Going Home.

Pittsburgh, May 1.—Incompatibility of American and French customs has caused 12,000 of approximately 50,000 French war brides to return to France, according to Mrs. Reginald H. Johnson, president of the recently organized "Les Epouses Franco-Americaines" club here.

The Greatest Bargain.

In a time when prices are soaring out of reach, it is fitting, nay, even a pleasure, to call attention to the fact that April 30 marked the 117th anniversary of the day the United States bought a vast empire from France for only \$15,000,000. This comprises what is now the States of Louisiana, Missouri, Arkansas, Iowa, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and the largest parts of Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming and Montana.

REGISTRATION BOOKS FOR THE PRIMARY OPEN

All Persons Who Are Required To Register Must Do So By May 22.

Under the provisions of the primary act, the registration books for the June primaries, for both the Democratic and Republican parties were opened early Saturday morning, April 30, and will close on Saturday, May 22.

The law requires that the books shall close two weeks prior to the date of the primary, which makes that time May 22, and that they shall be open for twenty days, not counting Sundays, prior to the date of the closing.

Citizens who are registered in other counties of the State and who have moved here since the last time they voted, are to be allowed to vote in June provided they receive a certificate from those places showing that they were registered there and that they have moved.

The books at all of the precincts of the County were opened last Saturday and will be open on Saturdays as follows: The 8th, 15th and 22nd, Saturday May 29th the books will be open for challenge.

The registrars are:

Beil Town—W. W. Brummitt.
Dement—W. S. Howell.
Wilton—J. R. Gooch.
Grison—E. P. Davis.
Wilkins—H. G. Aiken.
Crescent—V. C. Peed.
Stem—W. S. Gooch.
Geneva—O. A. Daniel.
Berea—L. S. Russell.
Howard—P. G. Pruitt.
Buchanan—W. L. Clark.
Oak Hill—C. A. Stovall.
Stovall—F. H. Gregory.
Bullock—T. A. Royster.
Salmon—L. G. Breedlove.
N. Oxford—W. W. Fuller.
So. Oxford—F. W. Hancock, Sr.
Buchanan precinct will register and vote at Wilburn's store.

BUSINESS EXPERT WILL LECTURE TO MERCHANTS HERE

Program Includes Showing of Motion Picture Films and Stereoscopic View Illustrating Efficiency in Conduct of Business—Invitation Extended to Everybody.

The Public Ledger learns that W. H. Farley, one of America's most noted business lecturers and organizers, will speak in Oxford at an early date.

Mr. Farley's lecture will be illustrated by motion picture films and stereoscopic views. He will discuss the various questions that are sources of serious loss and trouble to merchants and will point the way to correcting these evils.

He will show practical improvements in service and store organization that will please the general public and draw trade. How friendly cooperation and organization among business men instead of petty jealousies and narrowness will aid in bringing prosperity to all.

Every merchant or wife of a merchant, every salesman or clerk, every business man, and all those who are interested in seeing Oxford become a better business center should not fail to hear Mr. Farley when he comes.

A glance at this outline of the lecture is sufficient to show its great value:

Retail failures and their causes.
Store organization.
Newspaper advertising.
Window displays.
The business of clerks.
Credits and accounts.
Salesmanship.
System.

PASS DEATH SENTENCE UPON BANK OVERDRAFT

The Day of the Bank Overdraft In
Greensboro Are Numbered.
(Greensboro News.)

Financial institutions composing the clearing house association of this city have entered into an agreement to pay no check which will overdraft the balance of a customer after May 10, which is next Monday. The banks declare there will be no exceptions to this rule. In other words, no matter how well-to-do a person may be, his or her "pay to the order" will not be honored unless a sufficient amount is on deposit to meet it.

In passing the death sentence on the overdraft the banks declare that their stand is taken at the request of the comptroller of the currency of the United States and also because the policy is in line with good banking. They are satisfied that after the no overdraft rule is established it will work a hardship upon no one, but will bring about more satisfactory relations between banks and customers.

MASS MEETING

There will be a mass meeting of the citizens of Granville county in the court house at 2:30 Saturday afternoon, May 8th. The best speakers of the town and county will discuss the food situation.

PRICES SHOW MARKED TENDENCY TO RESUME THEIR UPWARD SWING

Washington, May 3.—Reports from federal reserve agents throughout the country showed a marked tendency of prices to resume their upward movement, the federal reserve board reported in its summary of business conditions for April.

But the board noted the hopeful sign, from the consumer's viewpoint, of "anxiety concerning the overstrained situation resulting from excessively high prices and wages," which it believed forecast a slowing down in the skyrocketing of prices.

A famous English skin specialist of London who recently died gave \$450,000 to feed homeless domestic animals and protect them from harm at the hands of men.

STATE LIBRARY. LIEON MORRISON STIRS MUCH ENTHUSIASM IN GRANVILLE COUNTY

Big Crowd Cheers When He Answers Charge of Being Machine Politician; Adopts Revaluation Act and Is Opposed to Woman Suffrage.

Cameron Morrison of Charlotte, candidate for the democratic gubernatorial nomination, was cheered by an audience that filled the Granville county courthouse Saturday as he pleaded for old time democracy, denounced the false doctrines and degenerating practices of the republican party and presented his claims for the high office he seeks. The crowd was with him from the start, but the enthusiasm increased as the speaker progressed.

That Morrison's speech made votes there is no doubt. Many who went to the meeting avowed supporters of other candidates declared that they could not resist the wavings of old time democracy and felt constrained not only to vote but to work for the Charlotte candidate.

Mr. Morrison was introduced by his county manager in Granville, Mr. Frank W. Hancock, Jr., who referred to him as one of the men who are responsible for the great state of today, as a man of the people, a former plowman who by toil and study has made himself one of North Carolina's greatest statesmen, and who after January, 1920, will reside on Blount street in Raleigh. He declared that when Cameron Morrison gets into the governor's office it will be a case of "from the plow handle to the mansion."

"Machine Politician."

After reviewing the record of republican party in the state and nation, Mr. Morrison laughed out of court the charge made against him that he is "machine politician," and the crowd was with him. He declared that if a record of 28 years of fighting for the democratic party is being for "machine politician," then he pleads guilty to the charge and glories in it. He declared he had stood ready to follow the flag of democracy and to fight for it, whether it was borne by Simmons of Kitchen forces.

"No man can pronounce any eulogy upon Robert N. Page or upon O. Max Gardner to which I cannot subscribe," he declared. "In the kindness of spirits, though, let us examine the facts." He said that Gardner's supporters did not want a "politician for governor and then pointed out that members of the Gardner family have had a monopoly on offices so long that they don't know how to turn loose. Judge James L. Webb, he pointed out, was made superior court judge in 1900; then, recently, Edwin Yates Webb, Gardner's wife's uncle, who has been many years in Congress was elected to the federal judgeship for life. Later on, when Judge Webb was elevated Gardner's brother-in-law, Clyde Hoey, was elected to the Congress of the United States. To campaign for him Mr. Morrison got out of a bed of sickness. And now, went on the speaker, after having been lieutenant governor for four years, Gardner would occupy the governor's chair.

"And they call me a politician," said Mr. Morrison, and the crowd laughed.

But One Rival.

"The Gardner family has only one rival," said Mr. Morrison, "and that is the noble house of Page." He told the audience that Robert N. Page was elected to Congress, beating him by a fraction of a vote and, like a good democrat, he shook hands with him, congratulated him and challenged him to carry the banner of democracy farther than he would carry it.

Then Mr. Walter H. Page was made ambassador to Great Britain, said Mr. Morrison, and as a North Carolinian I am proud of his service to our country and to humanity.

"They say that I am a machine politician," laughed Mr. Morrison, "but I do not believe that any alleged control of the Governor by Senator Simmons, who was chosen unanimously by North Carolina democrats as their candidate for President, would be more dangerous to the State than the Clament Manly of J. Crawford Biggs supporters of Mr. Gardner, one of my opponents."

"How long, O men of justice, will it take the rich man to become a politician?" asked Mr. Morrison. "Twenty years ago Mr. Page beat me for Congress and I have had no office in the meantime and he is a 'business man' and I am 'an old machine politician.'"

"I will tell you," continued Mr. Morrison, "I am worth as much as was Vance or Aycock when they were elected Governor, and either one of them had more sense than all three of the present candidates." And again the crowd was with him on the proposition and the remark was greeted with loud cheers.

No Split On Suffrage.

On closing his speech Mr. Morrison touched on suffrage, which is bitterly opposed in Granville by the majority of Democrats. He stated that he had never believed in suffrage and had never yielded his principles in this matter; but he urged that this question cause no split in the party.

He declared that the white women of this state must stand solidly with the white men to see that the negro women do not vote any more than the negro women vote. He declared that back in the nineties stalwart democrats of North Carolina, blessed by the benediction of wife, sweetheart and mother, had taken stringent measures to restore white supremacy and that white supremacy, once restored, must forever remain the heritage of North Carolina democrats and must not be yielded.

Guest of Mr. A. H. Powell.

Mr. Morrison was the guest of Mr. A. H. Powell at lunch. Late in the afternoon he motored to Wake Forest and delivered an address Saturday night.

THE NORTH CAROLINA CROP ACREAGE SURVEY

Not Enough Acreage In Granville County Under Cultivation.

The following, taken from the North Carolina Crop Reporting Service, was compiled April 1, 1920, and applies to conditions in Granville County:

Townships.	
No. reporting	8
Total number	9
No. farms reporting	1,525
Farm area p. c. reported	56
Farm Divisions.	
Entire farm area	214,053
Reported acres	177,368
Plowed area, census 1910	143,420
acres	
General Crops.	
P. C. 1920 of 1919	105
Cotton acres	3690
Tobacco acres	22,130
Cane acres	465
Grain Acreage.	
P. C. 1920 of 1919	84
Wheat acres	8,460
Rye and Hay acres	2,324
Oats acres	2,390
Legum Crops.	
P. C. 1920 of 1919	101
Peanuts acres	34
Cowpeas acres	860
Soybeans acres	101
Velvet bean acres	61
Clover acres	1,610
Potatoes.	
Irish acres	406
Sweet acres	1,002
Specials.	
Fruit bearing trees	74,000
Home garden acres	1,365

STEM NEWS NOTES

—Miss Lela Collins of Henderson was the guest of her cousin, Miss Odell Nelson Thursday night.

—Messrs. Pervin and Raymond Bullock, of Richmond, are spending a few days with their parents here.

—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bursack, a newly married couple of Baltimore, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hluzek of Oxford Route 6.

—The many friends of Mr. R. G. Taylor, formerly a resident of our town, but now of Durham, were glad to meet him during his stay in Stem Thursday.

—The remains of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Peed, who died in Oxford last Thursday, were brought through the country and buried in the family plot on Betsy Green Hill Friday, the services being conducted by Rev. E. G. Usry.

—Mr. J. C. Winters who lives on Sunset street, had the misfortune to have his Overland roadster burned Thursday night. The car caught fire on the road and spread so rapidly he could not extinguish the blaze.

—Mr. E. C. Saunders, dry goods travelling salesman, fell from an upper window in the company's building in Richmond, last week and was instantly killed. He was well known throughout this section and had been coming here for twenty-five years and was well liked by all who knew him.

The Juniors of Stem High School gave the Seniors a delightful reception in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Carrington Friday night. Refreshments, cake and block cream was served and many interesting games played and a most pleasant time reported.

—Sheriff Hunt a few days ago had the remains of his infant child which was buried in the William Stem burying ground fifteen years ago, taken up and moved to Oxford and buried in Elmwood cemetery. The casket was found intact and in good condition.

—Mrs. M. E. Crymes, mother of Mr. L. M. Crymes, agent at Southern depot here, died at the home of her son Mr. H. D. Crymes, in Climax, Wednesday after a week's illness with pneumonia. She was 88 years old and was a most excellent woman in every respect. Highly educated, refined, sympathetic, gentle disposition and a strong christian character. She was a devoted member of the International Bible Students Association which doctrine she loved and never missed an opportunity of hearing expounded. During her visits to her son here, she had endeared herself to the people of this community where she always received a hearty welcome. The remains were taken Thursday to the old family burying ground in Lunenburg county, near Victoria Va., and laid to rest, the funeral services being conducted by Rev. Bristo of Richmond. She leaves of her immediate family two daughters, Mrs. R. G. Stem of Route 3, and Mrs. W. Y. Fowlke, and three sons, Mr. N. L. Crymes of Keyville, Mr. H. D. Crymes of Climax and Mr. L. M. Crymes of Stem, her sons all being at her bedside when she died.

NORTH CAROLINA TOWNS SHOW LARGE INCREASE

Wilson Gained 3,936 During Last Ten Years.

Durham, N. C., 21,719, increase 3,478.
Census figures given out included: Wilson, N. C., 10,653; increase 3,936.
Faxton, N. C., 1,397; increase 76
Lumber Bridge, N. C., 202; increase 37.
Parkton, N. C., 382; increase 163.
St. Pauls, N. C., 1,147; increase 728.

LABOR IS VERY SCARCE

The Farmers Are Up Against a Tough Proposition.

A traveling man who was in Oxford last week told the Public Ledger something of what he heard in Nashville, Tenn., recently. A farmer near there advertised for a week in a daily paper offering \$25.00 per week and all expenses for a man to help him on the farm. Not a single reply did he get. This gives some idea of the scarcity of help in that section. People are clamoring for lower farm products but who is willing to help produce more? A larger production is all that will cheapen anything.

PLANS FORMULATED FOR BIG GRANVILLE COUNTY FAIR IN OCTOBER

Mrs. Lillian W. Capehart Elected Secretary of the Fair.

At an enthusiastic meeting of the stockholders and directors of the Granville County Fair Association, held in the court house last Thursday evening, much interest was manifested.

The proposition to make the fair next October the largest ever held in the county met with hearty approval on all sides.

It is a well known fact that everybody must be directly interested in the fair to make it a success, and with that end in view Mrs. Lillian W. Capehart, who is in close touch with the people of the county, was elected secretary, and Mr. J. E. Jackson will assist her in the work. The secretary and her assistant will leave no stones unturned to get all of the communities of the county interested in the fair.

Mr. Eugene Moss, who served as president of the Fair Association last year, was again elected president. He is very enthusiastic over the ultimate success of the fair this fall.

DEATH OF PRETTY LITTLE VASELEKA MAYDANIS

Remains Laid to Rest in Elmwood Cemetery.

The pretty little four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Maydanis died at the residence of her parents on College street last Sunday morning.

The sickness and death of the sweet little child brought forth sympathy from every one in this community. The father, who is the proprietor of the Candy Kitchen, had not seen his wife since the beginning of the World War and he worked and saved with the hope of bringing them from their home in Archova, Sparta, Greece. He often said that the union would be the happiest day of his life. The mother and little child embarked for America early in the present year. They should have made the trip in fifteen days, but the ship was over-due several days when it landed in New York with a damaged propeller and short of rations. The trip of five thousand miles under the trying circumstances weakened the dear little child and she wasted away like a tender flower.

Ten days ago her condition became serious and the doctors did all that was in their power to save her. Mrs. T. L. Booth, Mrs. E. L. Booth, Mrs. H. G. Cooper, Miss Gregory, the professional nurse and other good ladies of the community tendered their sympathy and their services. There were many callers at the residence Sunday who left words of condolence with the grief-stricken parents.

The remains were taken in hand by four pallbearers at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon and conveyed to St. Stephen's Episcopal church, where a most solemn and impressive service was conducted in Greek language by Father Rappavliou Theodorou, of Guanaeopolis, a visiting friend of the bereaved family.

The active pallbearers were: Messrs. A. G. Mandamis, John Caralichonis, Sydney Harris and Leon O'Brien. The interment was in Elmwood cemetery.

The ceremony at the grave was very impressive. Father Theodorou sprinkled a handful of earth in the casket and anointed the remains with holy oil as the coffin rested amid a bower of the season's flowers, a tender tribute by the numerous good people of the community. A photograph of the remains, the casket and the bank of flowers were taken so that the grief-stricken parents could send the picture to loved ones over the sea.

Mr. and Mrs. Maydanis requests the Public Ledger to say that their hearts were deeply touched by the sympathy manifested for them by the good people of the community in the hour of sad bereavement.

Announcement.

Mrs. Sam H. Jones announces the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter Gertrude to Mr. Guy Elliott of Kinston, N. C. Miss Jones is now a member of the faculty of Mt. Airy Graded School. Mr. Elliott is a young lawyer of Kinston. The marriage will take place in the early summer.

Up Or Down.

Jenkins was sitting down to breakfast one morning, when he was astounded to see in the paper an announcement of his own death. He rang up his friend Smith at once. "Hallo, Smith!" he said. "Have you seen the announcement of my death in the paper?"

"Yes," replied Smith, "but I didn't know the devil had a telephone. Is it very warm down there?"

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Lt. Gov. O. Max Gardner, Democratic candidate for Governor, will address the people of Granville county in the court house at 2:30 o'clock Saturday, May 15th.

First Meeting of New Year. The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Club will be held in the Oxford Library Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. This is the first meeting of the new year, and every member is urged to be present.

Rogers-Hodges. Mrs. O. S. Rogers announces the marriage of her daughter Olivia Hepzibah to Mr. I. P. Hodges on May 1st. Mr. and Mrs. Hodges will be at home at Washington N. C., after May 8th.

—Did you ever wonder which one of the animals with which you are familiar you most resemble? There's the lion, the lamb, the bear—but we refrain further suggestions.

JUDGE CONNOR LOWERS BOND OF OXFORD MAN CHARGED WITH BLOCKADING

Moonshiner Boone Is Held For May Term Federal Court.

(Raleigh Times)

Revenue agents and investigators who are inclined to suggest the amount of bonds for blockaders to commissioners will find that Judge Connor is bitterly opposed to any such conduct in the trial of defendants in any Federal court.

Activities of revenue agents in connection with the fixing of bonds were brought to Judge Connor's attention here Monday afternoon. It was during habeas corpus proceedings instituted by J. D. Boone, of Oxford, for the purpose of having a \$2,500 bond decreased. Boone, through his attorneys, showed that the bond was excessive, upon the ground that the defendant was already under \$1,000 bond for his appearance in the state court. Federal Court Judge Connor lowered the \$2,500 bond to \$1,000.

Judge Connor, during the examination of witnesses, learned that a revenue agent suggested to the commissioner at Oxford that Boone's bond be fixed to \$2,500. Instructions to revenue agents in reference to suggestions about bonds may be sent out through the eastern part of the State.

Boone was arrested one month ago on a charge of blockading after a still was found in his place of business at Oxford.

Mr. Boone was also indicted in the State Courts for the same offense and was carried before Judge Calver at Durham on Saturday upon a Writ of Habeas Corpus. Mr. Lanier appeared for Mr. Boone and moved for his discharge upon the ground that the Prohibition Amendment to the United States Constitution nullified all existing State prohibitory laws and gave to the State the concurrent right to enforce this amendment by appropriate legislation. The old laws being nullified by the amendment and the State not having exercised its right to legislate under the amendment, the defendant contended that there was no State law under which he could be held. Judge Calver refused to discharge the defendant on this ground, but upon a motion to reduce his bond on account of its being excessive very promptly reduced the bond to \$500 which we are informed Boone has given.

THE ROCKEFELLERS GIVE —STRONG TO BAPTIST

Various Members of the Family Past Few Days Have Promised \$6,000,000 In Drive.

Those among us who are accustomed to keep tap on Rockefeller's money and throw stones, asserting that every time the old magnate makes a gift of a million dollars gasoline jumps one cent per gallon, let us hope that such is really not the case.

It was announced from New York last week that an outright gift of \$2,000,000 and conditional pledges of an additional \$2,000,000 from the Laura Spellman Rockefeller Memorial Fund to the \$100,000,000 fund being raised by the New World Movement of Northern Baptist is proposed.

Added to the personal contributions announced from John D. Rockefeller, Jr., the Baptist have received gifts and pledges last totalling \$6,000,000 from the Rockefeller family. Of the Laura Spellman Rockefeller pledges \$1,000,000 is conditional upon the raising of \$62,500,000 by the Baptist, and a second million is conditioned upon the funds reaching \$87,500,000.

THE SOUTH IN THE SADDLE

Some of the Things Performed By
Southerners.

(James Hay Southern Review)

The director of the world's peace terms at Versailles was once a Georgian lawyer. The first woman elected to the British House of Commons was a Virginian. The master mind of the American navy during the great war was a North Carolinian. Every dollar appropriated by Congress for war use was authorized by bills prepared by a Senator from Virginia. The law curbing the greed of the profiteer during and after hostilities was written by a South Carolinian who, in preparing that statute, gave the other nations of the world a model for their legislation on similar lines. The greatest Congressional authority today on federal aid for education is a Georgian. Louisiana has given the nation its most eminent worker for better waterways. From the South have come two of the country's leaders in the movement for an immense merchant marine. And the American ambassadors to Italy and England, the two men whose superb diplomacy hastened the triumph of the allies were Southerners.

THE ANGLICAN CHURCHES MAY STOP SERMONS

Too Much Strain On Preacher and
Those Who Listen, Unless By Gifted Speaker.

(London Special)

Are sermons indispensable? This is one of the questions on which a decision may be taken by the bishops of the Anglican churches at their meeting in Lambeth in July.

A section of the churchmen are declared to be of the opinion that the day of the sermon has passed. They hold that if a man has not the gift of preaching, it would be better for every one that he should not preach. The "two sermons each Sunday" custom, they say, imposes a great strain on the clergy—a strain equally if not more heavily felt by the laity who are required to listen to those effusions. The unpopularity of published volumes of sermons, once in great demand, is cited by this faction as evidence of the sermon's warning effectiveness.