

## THE CAMPAIGN IS DRAWING TO A CLOSE

### The Friends of All Candidates Are Very Active This Week.

It was generally believed two or three months ago that there would be very little interest manifested in the June primaries, but the people have become so interested all of a sudden that it threatens to reach fever heat in Granville county before the polls close next Saturday evening.

Friends of both Morrison and Gardner are claiming Granville county for their man. No one is able to say with any degree of assurance which will win in Granville county. Both men have a large number of strong friends who are doing their utmost to carry their candidates to victory on June 5. Up to this time there has been no bitterness in this county, with the contest a warm but friendly one. Then there is Mr. Page who is gaining ground all the time. He has quite a number of very strong friends in the county who are standing faithfully by their man. The race made by the other candidates for the several positions on the ticket is a tame one compared with the interest in the race for Governor.

Only three more campaigning days after today, and then the balloting. A great many people think that there will be a second primary to decide the contest for Governor, and reports from all over the State indicate that Page will be in the running.

The contest between Parham and Watkins for the House of Representatives has precipitated a red hot campaign in every township in the county. Friends of both candidates are claiming a walkover.

Practically all of the candidates for county commissioners were in Oxford last Saturday looking after their political fenses. There are nine candidates and the general trend is to select five of the best men.

Geographical location may, in the estimation of some, play an important part in the selection of the board. It is forty miles from the home of J. Ennis Davis, the present chairman of the board, who lives in the southeastern part of the county, to the home of Candidate W. L. Clark, who lives in the northwestern part of the county. The other candidates are scattered over the county as follows: J. L. Peed, 15 miles south of Oxford; B. I. Breedlove, 8 miles north-east of Oxford; T. G. Taylor, 2 miles south of Oxford; Wyatt E. Canady, in Oxford; Rom Averette, at Providence, 5 miles south of Oxford; Graham Daniel, 8 miles southwest of Oxford, and B. F. Currin, 8 miles west of Oxford.

## GRANVILLE LAND VALUES

### Average Valuation Per Acre in Each Township.

Now that the revaluation of lands in the county has been practically completed it is interesting to note the comparative valuations per acre in each township. The average valuations per acre for cash Township under the new assessment are as follows:

Gak Hill	21.20
Sassafras Fork	24.05
Walnut Grove	26.65
Brassfield	36.20
Salem	41.50
Tally Ho	41.78
Duchville	49.86
Fishing Creek	46.19

We do not have the figures for Oxford Township for the reason that a large part of the property here is in town and it is difficult to get the average per acre for town lots.

When one considers the prices at which lands are now being sold in the County it will be seen that the assessments as above given are very moderate.

## FINE DOG MURDERED

### Arrest and Prosecution Expected to Follow.

Trip, the beautiful Shepherd dog belonging to Mr. James W. Horner, that made her home at Oxford College during the session, but in vacation time went home to her mistress, repeating this year after year, was foully murdered on last Tuesday night just after the close of the college.

The dog was a pet of the young ladies and Mrs. Horner is very much grieved at her loss. It is said that the dog was led from the college campus, shot to death and her tail severed from her body, which was found hanging from the veranda at the college on the following day, evidently for the purpose of letting interested parties know the fate of the dog.

It is generally regarded as the foulest act committed in Oxford in years. A half dozen prominent men remarked that they will pay \$100 each for the arrest and conviction of the murderer or murderers.

The following veterans left Tuesday for the Confederate Reunion in Fayetteville: Messrs H. H. Eastman, B. I. Breedlove, T. J. Smith, Howard Dorsey, W. H. White, H. T. Cole, Peter Slaughter, D. W. Harte, W. A. Beck, Joseph Morris, John C. Turner, L. C. Wilkerson.

**W. O. W. MEETING**  
Meeting of W. O. W. Thursday night. Business of importance, all members requested to be present.  
J. J. MEDFORD, Clerks.

Your battery should have water about every two weeks. Stop at Wild Service Station.

## THE CALL OF THE GREAT OUTDOORS.

### A Grave Food Shortage Is Predicted—An Announcement of Critical Importance to the Whole United States—Various Authorities Are Quoted.

"The abandonment of farm life by men and boys during the past year, for the city, has left more than 24,000 habitable farm-houses in New York State vacant," said Prof. G. F. Warren in a Farmers' Week address at Cornell University, while the dispatches were telling of people camping out in tents in the overcrowded cities. As we have a letter from a Pennsylvania farmer who sees his fields going to weeds for lack of help, but has counted as high as "578 new automobiles in one day being driven from Michigan through to their destination." The result of this, according to one farm journal, is a shortage of 24,000,000 acres of wheat this year, with a corresponding reduction of other food products. As The Wall Street Journal says, "the automobile factories of Michigan and the Middle West are calling the young men from the farms, and the spinning-mills are doing the same in the South, leaving the land that once produced food and textiles to bring forth weeds and thistles."

Mr. Richard H. Edmonds, editor of The Manufacturers' Record (Baltimore), says:

"The decreasing food supply is a very alarming situation. It endangers our Government itself. The most serious question before America—infringingly more so than the League of Nations or Democratic or Republican supremacy—is the salvation of our agricultural interests and the production of an adequate food supply."

"Never has the agricultural situation been so serious," agrees Mr. C. W. Burkett, editor of The American Agriculturist (New York), who gives us his view of conditions in the following vigorous sentences:

"There will be decreased acreage of most crops for the year 1920. The spring is very late, little farm labor is available and 'farm swatting' continues among administrative, State, and municipal authorities. The drive made last fall by government officials, forcing a loss on every milk, beef, and dairy producer, has had its reaction in driving meat and dairy animals from the farms. The volume of food that will be produced during the coming season will total many hundreds of millions of bushels less than last year. Prices are certain to be higher at the farm end."

"Government officials have done little but talk about hitting the food-producers. Their actions have resulted in 'swatting' farmers, and has led to a decrease of farm-production of every sort."

"Furthermore, the high prices of food are caused directly by the greed of food-speculators and food-retailers. Last week farmers sold potatoes for \$1 to \$9 a barrel. These same potatoes were retained at twenty cents a pound, or \$12 a bushel. Retailers charged consumers \$35 for what they had paid farmers not over \$9! And not a government official uttered a word."

"There can be no question about the fact that we are approaching a great shortage of food," declares Mr. H. W. Collingwood, editor of The Rural New Yorker (New York). Some of the factors in the situation he writes:

"Next winter there will be less food in the country than any time during the war, unless we have the most favorable season and better conditions for farming. Our reports here are all one way. Farmers are not hiring labor largely, because they are absolutely unable to obtain help. The hired men have all left and have gone to town, where they are able to obtain about twice as much as they can earn on the farm. The average farmer is planning to do what he can with his own labor and with the labor of his family, and stop there."

"It is impossible that prices of food, in view of general conditions, can be lowered," writes Mr. M. N. Beeler, editor of Farmer and Stockman (Kansas City), because "there are too many mouths to feed and too few producers." To quote him further:

"The farmers of this country can not produce the food that is needed even though they have all the labor that they need. There is an acute farm-labor shortage. Farmers are curtailing production to the acreage which they can sow and harvest themselves. They can not obtain labor at a price which will enable them to employ labor at a profit. The food shortage instead of being relieved is certain to become more acute as long as industrial conditions are as they are. The labor which farmers ordinarily use. The prices of farm products are not high enough to enable farmers to bid against manufacturers for labor."

## FRANKLINTON SCHOOLS HAVE ANNUAL EXERCISES

Maj. Thad G. Stem, of Oxford Delivered Literary Address  
Franklinton, May 31.—What many consider the most successful year in the history of the local graded school came to an end last Friday night with an excellent address by Major Thad G. Stem, of Oxford, the award-

"There is no present prospect of more food per capita of consumption nor of lowered food prices," writes Mr. Carl Williams, editor of The Oklahoma Farmer-Stockman (Oklahoma City) in an informing letter Mr. Williams goes on to say:

"The price of food must keep pace with the cost of production of food or farmers will quit the job. A steady drain of labor to the cities during the last few years has left the farm unprovided for. Twelve million acres less of wheat were planted in the fall of 1919 than in the fall of 1918, one million acres less in Oklahoma. As much as twelve million acres more will be left unplanted this spring in the United States on account of late seasonal conditions and no labor."

"Here is an estimated decrease of 250,000,000 bushels of wheat in the United States alone compared with a year ago. Every indication received from foreign crop reports confirms the prospect of a world shortage of wheat and a world-wide increase in the demand."

"Farm labor will run this season at about \$7 a day with board. The price of a man with team is running as high as \$12 a day. Farmers would pay even these prices in the effort to feed the world; but they can not get the men. Food prices can not decline except under manipulative pressure, and then only for short periods so long as present labor shortage and present labor prices continue. Food prices must indeed, continue to raise until the profits from farming approximate those received by city men and so reverse the present drift from the farms to the cities. The farms must be repopulated or the world will go hungry."

There will be restricted production of foodstuffs "because of lack of labor, inability to get supplies for spring planting on account of railroad strikes, and lesser acreage and poor condition of winter wheat and cotton," writes Mr. Edwin C. Powell editor of Farm and Home (Springfield, Mass., and Chicago, Ill.) who adds: "As long as the people prefer to pay ten dollars a day or more for automobile mechanics they must expect to pay corresponding prices for food and other necessities."

"Inadequate farm-labor supply and lack of confidence that high-production costs will be followed by proportionate high prices are operating to cut down production on the farms," agrees Mr. Chester C. Davis, editor of The Montana Farmer (Bozeman), and he adds a warning that "if farm prices should fall without a corresponding general decline, then production on the farms will fall to the famine point." "Reckless spending, slowing up of production on the part of workers, and continued demands for higher wages" make for food shortage and higher prices says The Ohio Farmer (Cleveland). "Farm products must go up," avers Mr. F. F. Gilmore, managing editor of The Inland Farmer (Louisville), who adds this information concerning the farmers of the Central West and South:

"They are in favor of the law of demand and supply governing prices, and are sick and tired of growing food products for others to profiteer in—for instance, corn, wheat, hogs, cattle. Farmers never set the price of their commodities, but are compelled to accept what the big interests call the market."

Dearer bread is predicted by Mr. E. F. Whitecar, editor of The National Baker (Philadelphia), who names as the causes "increasing demands of labor, reduced wheat acreage, and the general advance in all raw materials used by the baker." "Nothing short of industrial upheaval can prevent prices of food produced on the farm from going higher," writes Mr. L. E. Troeger, managing editor of The Daily Drivers' Journal (Chicago), who says that his word "will reflect the opinion of the other three cornbelt-farm dailies located respectively at Omaha, Kansas City, and St. Louis." Depleted stocks and underproduction mean higher prices, agree Mr. C. A. Patterson, editor of The American Food Journal (Chicago).

"Indications point to lessened acreage of food crops," rites Mr. I. R. Waterbury, editor of The Michigan Farmer (Detroit); and Mr. W. G. Martin, Jr., editor of The Western Grain Journal (Kansas City), emphasizes "the world shortage of wheat," and reminds us that millions of people in Central Europe are still looking to the United States to save them from starvation. Mr. Henry C. Wallace, editor of Wallace's Farmer (Des Moines), predicts higher prices for grain, hogs, and cattle.

ing of diplomas, medals and prizes. Miss Susie Robinson was awarded the Felix-Joyner Scholarship medal, the most coveted prize of the school.

## Woman's Club Notice.

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Club will be held in the Library Wednesday afternoon, June 2, at four o'clock.

## VOTE FOR BEN PARHAM FOR HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The friends of Benj. W. Parham present him to the Democratic voters of Granville county as a candidate for Representative in the primary of next Saturday, June 5. They believe that he has those qualifications which naturally attract the vo-



HON. B. W. PARHAM.

ters of Democrats, and that his experience, training and life fit him for the position.

He knows what real work is. Born and raised on a farm, by hard work and close economy he secured an education and prepared himself for his profession. It is charged that he is a lawyer. His friends admit this and say that he is a good one and withal a honest man.

No man in Granville county has rendered his community more public service without compensation than Ben Parham. He took an active part in every war activity, aided in the first efforts for the relief of soldiers and their dependants, was Chairman of the Council of National Defense, member of Legal Advisory Board, and Food Administrator for the county. In the latter capacity, in his efforts to administer the office in accordance with the requirements of the Government and for the good of all, he aroused animosities, some of which are not yet fully allayed.

His sympathies are with the great mass of the people. He believes in North Carolina and Granville county. He believes in the public schools; in the right of every child to have an equal chance "to burgeon out all that is within him." The passion of his life is to do his part in making this county a better place in which men and women may live, the best possible place in which little children may grow up, and no act of his life betrays this statement made for him. Not for this office, nor for any other, would Ben Parham profess a belief which he does not feel; nor for any man's vote would he join the forces which would take from any child that equal chance for an education which the State owes as a duty.

And Ben Parham is a MAN AND A DEMOCRAT. The greatest test of MANHOOD is as to whether a man can be a good loser as well as a good winner. Ben Parham meets that test. He is true, a square and a loyal Democrat. He believes that the best way to advance Democracy is to stand by its principles and to vote its ticket. He never foraged between the lines. He never gave aid and comfort to the enemy. He never bolted. He can always be counted on to vote the ticket, unswayed by personal friendships or personal prejudices.

Such is the man whom his friends present to the Democrats of Granville county. They believe that by reason of his training, his experience, his past record and his unshaken Democracy, he will make a fit and capable Representative and reflect credit and honor on the county. And more than that, they know the best interests of Granville county will be safe in his hands, and that from his hand no hidden blow will be struck at the Democratic party or the children of North Carolina.

This MAN AND THIS DEMOCRAT his friends present for the suffrages of the people next Saturday.

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## MORRISON AND PAGE ENTER EXPENSE ACCOUNT

Latest expense accounts filed by candidates include those of Cameron Morrison and Robert N. Page, seeking the democratic gubernatorial nomination.

Mr. Morrison reports the expenditure of \$6,050.06 and Mr. Page \$5,263.50.

Other amounts reported are \$817 by F. C. Harding, candidate for lieutenant governor, and \$837 by Homer Lyon, candidate for Congress from the sixth congressional district.

## DR. HARTE WILL CONDUCT REVIVAL IN CLEVELAND CO.

Dr. J. D. Harte, pastor of the Oxford Baptist Church, will be absent from his pulpit next Sunday. Rev. M. L. Kessler, Superintendent of the Thomsville Orphanage, will fill Dr. Harte's pulpit at the morning and evening hours next Sunday.

Dr. Harte will conduct a ten days' revival at one of the churches in Cleveland county.

## CLOSING EXERCISES AT THE OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL

The Address Will Be Delivered By Prof. Knight, of Chapel Hill, Tonight.

The class exercises of the senior class of the Oxford High School took place Monday night in the graded school auditorium. The building was packed by admiring friends of the promising young people.

Order of Exercises.  
Invocation . . . . . Rev. J. D. Harte.  
Piano Duet . . . . . John Perry Hall  
Old Mother Hubbard . . . . . Lula Hunt  
Faust . . . . . Faust Carolyn Booth and Mary Powell.

Mother Goose's Farewell Party (Three Acts)  
Old Woman in the Shoe . . . Ruth Howard  
Little Bo Peep . . . Lillian Cheatham  
Little Miss Muffet . . . Olive Webb  
Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary . . Char-lotte Carroll.

Little Boy Blue . . . . . James White  
Mother Goose . . . . . Thelma Lou Hester  
Simple Simon . . . . . John Perry Hall  
Old Mother Hubbard . . . . . Lula Hunt  
Jack Spratt and His Wife . . . . . Viola Hester, Will Howell.

Old King Cole . . . . . Fred Hall  
Tom, Tom, the Piper's Son . . . Bransford Ballou.  
Daffy Down Dilly . . . Elizabeth Hunt  
Milk Maid . . . . . Bedford Rountree  
Curly Locks . . . . . Eva Moore Pagan  
Witch . . . . . Rives Taylor

Class Officers.  
Thelma Lou Hester . . . . . President  
John Perry Hall . . . . . Vice-President  
Bedford Rountree . . . . . Secretary  
Rives Taylor . . . . . Prophet  
Bedford Rountree . . . . . Poet  
Will Howell . . . . . Orator  
Eva Moore Pagan . . . . . Musician  
Thelma Lou Hester . . . . . Testator

Members.  
Bransford Ballou, Fred Hall, James White, Elizabeth Hunt, Lula Hunt, Lillian Cheatham, Viola Hester, Charlotte Carroll, Olive Webb.

## Special Mention.

Much credit is due Miss Helen Harper, the English teacher of the High School who trained the Class for this creditable performance. Each member deserved special mention and it was indeed thoroughly enjoyed by the appreciative audience.

The Address.  
Prof. Knight, of Chapel Hill will deliver annual address tonight in the school auditorium, and the seniors will be awarded their diplomas.

The public is invited to see exercises.

## TOBACCO ACREAGE IS CUT IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Several tobaccoists of this section of the State who have been to Roberson county this State and in Dillon, Marion and Harry counties in South Carolina, recently, state that the acreage is cut about 50 per cent, partly on account of the scarcity of plants, but mainly on account of the low prices paid in that section for tobacco last fall. The South Carolina crop is sold earlier than our people sell. Last fall the tobacco there was marketed before the tobacco companies found out the crop was so short and they took the tobacco at very low prices.

It is said that a boy bought three hogheads of tobacco early in the season last year in Conway, S. C. He shipped this tobacco to Wallace, N. C., and sold it late in the season and made a fine profit. He bought the tobacco at 6 cents per pound or \$180 for the three hogheads. He sold it for \$1,710 and made clear of expenses \$1,100.

## MR. MINOR PREPARING CHART FOR ST. STEPHENS' CHURCH

To Be Presented to Congregation Next Monday.

A chart, under the Church Service League, showing the proposed and actual organization of St. Stephen's Parish, is being prepared by Mr. Marvin Minor, and will be presented to the congregation at the meeting immediately after the Services on Monday next, June 7th. The chart will show at a glance the present organization, and the proposed additions. The call for renewal of organization comes from the Church at large, and every parish is being searched by it, and it is by no means a local trouble.

It is hoped that every member of the congregation will arrange to be present, and to assist in the deliberations, which may mean so much for the common life of the parish.

## FRIDAY IS EITHER THE FAIREST OR FOULEST DAY OF THE WEEK

It Rained Twelve Fridays In Succession.

The ancient tradition of ill luck that has always hung heavy over the reputation of Friday among the days of the week seems to be accepted even by the elements themselves, as last Friday was the twelfth successive day of that name upon which it has rained.

Thus Friday has established a new bad record, not only for herself, but for any other day of the week. However, if it must rain regularly on one day of the week, Friday, with its already sinister reputation, is probably as good a day as any upon which to have it occur.

There would be wild thoughts and probably ill chosen words among the joy riders if Jupiter Pluvius had selected Sunday for this dubious honor, and perhaps a strike among the school children had Saturday been the day.

—Judge Devin is presiding at Halifax court this week. He will arrive at home in time to cast his vote in the primary.

## COM. B. I. BREEDLOVE WITH-DRAWS HIS NAME

Mr. B. I. Breedlove, who has served on the county board of commissioners for sixteen years, and whose name again appears on the ticket, requests the Public Ledger to say that he cannot accept the office on account of his advanced age. Thanking his friends for past favors, he urges them not to vote for him.

## HON. A. L. BROOKS WILL SPEAK HERE NEXT FRIDAY

Hon. A. L. Brooks, of Greensboro, Democratic candidate for the United States Senate, will speak in the court house next Friday afternoon at two o'clock.

## HARRIS & CREWS BUY THREE DURHAM PICTURE HOUSES

Mr. Elbert G. Crews Will Make His Headquarters in Durham  
Harris & Crews, proprietors of the Orpheum Theatre, closed a deal this week that has been pending for two or three months. They purchased the three leading moving picture houses in Durham—the Broadway, the Strand and the Paris.  
Mr. Elbert Crews, who has been with the First National Bank of Oxford for many years, will take charge of the Durham picture houses today. He will reside in Durham and devote his entire time to the business of the firm.

The Orpheum, run in conjunction with the three Durham picture shows, means better pictures all the time at the Oxford play house.

## PRESCRIPTION FOR WHISKEY LIMITED TO ALL PHYSICIANS

Cannot Write More Than 100 In Three Months Except On Government Permits.  
(Washington Special)

In an effort to defeat the "indiscriminate" sale of liquor on physician's prescriptions, Commission Williams, of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, issued a ruling today limiting the number of permits allowed each physician to 100 for each three months, except with "good cause."

The order, which Mr. Williams said was issued "after weeks of study and the investigation of records of scores of physicians," makes it obligatory on the part of the physicians to show where the liquor has gone before more prescription blanks will be issued from the Bureau.

"It may work some hardship," said Mr. Williams, "but we believe that reputable physicians will not object to advising agents of the government the nature of their requirement when more than 100 permits is needed for three months. Prohibition agents, of course, must use judgment in issuing new books of permits or withholding them. They will not refuse to issue them where a physician is dealing with an epidemic, or where his practice is that of a specialist."

## GOV. EDWARD I. EDWARDS, OF NEW JERSEY, FOR PRESIDENT

He Stands For Business Administration, For State Sovereignty and Personal Liberty.

The only Democrat that can be elected for President in November is the man that stands for the Constitution as laid down by the Founders of this Government. That man is Governor Edward I. Edwards of New Jersey, who stands firm for State Sovereignty and personal liberty, and without these we cease to be a Democracy.

I believe that our compulsory prohibitive and force legislation has done more to cause the present unrest than all the I. W. W.'s, Reds and Anarchist combined.

If we regard life and liberty these stringent laws should be repealed. The only redemption I see is back to the Constitution and the Golden Rule.

This Nation is looking for a strong man who believes in Personal Liberty and Constitutional rights. We hear the voice of our Shepherd in Governor Edwards of New Jersey.

Harken to his call all ye liberty loving people.

Most respectfully,  
J. F. WHITE.

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## JOHN S. WATKINS FOR HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Vote for John S. Watkins, a Farmer of Northern Granville for the House of Representatives. He wants to serve his county and serve her right.

Granville county has not been represented in the House of Representatives by a man from the county in 20 years.

Mr. Watkins is fit for the office—able, honorable and just. He is loyal to his friends and the Democratic party which he loves. He has a high conception of the duties and responsibilities of the office to which he aspires.

Mr. Watkins is opposed to Women Suffrage and the Revaluation Act as it now stands and is being enforced.

If elected to this office, Mr. Watkins will render a good account of himself and faithfully serve his constituency.

VOTE FOR JOHN WATKINS IN THE PRIMARY JUNE 5TH.

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—Mrs. A. A. Hicks attended the closing of the N. C. College for Women at Greensboro where her daughter Miss Alline was a member of the Senior Class.