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THE SOLDIERS STACK ARMS

MANY TAKE UP JOBS LEFT WHEN CALL CAME LAST SUMMER.

Captain Stem is a Busy Man—Lieutenant Stegall is Back at the Post-office Window—Captain Fuller and Lieutenant Taylor Will Probably Accept Commissions.

The members of the Granville Gray, officially known as Company E, Third North Carolina Infantry, were last week formerly released by Captain E. E. Fuller, and are now back into civil life again.

Some fell into the gaps left open when they vacated their positions with various firms when the order came to them June 19, 1916, to muster into the service of the United States. Others who did not live in Oxford, nor even in the State, have gone to their respective homes.

Captain Thad G. Stem, who left business interests of his own and won promotion in his regiment, is back in his law office, and this same popular lawyer-soldier is as busy as a bee in a tar bucket.

The handsome Jas. I. Stegall (we speak purely from a military standpoint) has taken his old position in the Oxford postoffice.

Captain Fuller and Lieutenant Vernon Taylor will probably accept commissions in the new and greater army now being formed.

It is stated that two of the members of the company, whose homes are not in the State, have addressed letters to the Secretary of the Navy Daniels with a view of entering the submarine service of the Government, this service paying the highest salary to enlisted men on account of the dangers and the hardships encountered.

HOT DEBATES

Oxford Wins One and Loses One to Normal High School.

All over the State of North Carolina on last Friday night there was held a most notable series of debates on the question of Government Ownership of the Railways. It was a great day in the life of the State to have the three hundred and thirty schools represented by four pupils talking on this great subject and causing at least 75,000 people to think about it and want the home team to win. Communities that have been lifeless throughout the year have been made to rise up in celebration over the well-earned victory of the local pupils. Outside any information that was gained this community thus engendered would justify the contests.

In a dual debate with the Normal High Schools an eleven graded schools, won one and lost one in this great state series. At home Miss Nina Cooper and Robt. Parham won a unanimous decision over the visitors. The home team upheld the affirmative side of the contest. The argument of the affirmative was that the present bad conditions prevailing in the Railway industry are due to private ownership and that the federal ownership will remedy and had better regulation to offer. Mr. Jas. Taylor, of Oxford, Rev. Lewis N. Taylor, of Roanoke Rapids, and Rev. J. D. Harte who recently came here from Hickory were the judges.

The representatives at Greensboro, William Webb and George Hunt, lost by two to one decision. Two girls upheld the affirmative at Greensboro.

The work of the student in debate this year has meant much in the development of self-expression for the efforts have been original as they all should be.

THE MAN WHO VOLUNTEERS

Some of Them are Without Positions.

One of the deterrent or discouraging features to enlistment is the fear of returning home and find the old job filled and none other available. That has been the experience of some Oxford soldiers, and it is the case in other cities where organized effort is not made to secure employment for the returned soldiers.

Will Move to Durham.

(Durham Herald)
Mrs. L. B. Turner of Oxford purchased from C. C. Gurley yesterday a lot on Chapel Hill street for \$3,500. A handsome residence will be erected on the plot 65x211 feet. Mrs. Turner will move to Durham where her sons will be educated in Trinity College.

Club Meeting.

The Woman's Club will hold its annual meeting Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 in the Library. The reports of the officers will be heard and the election of officers will take place at this time.

Patriotism is much more than singing "My Country 'Tis Of Thee" on the Fourth of July.

THIRTY-SIX PRESSING CLUBS.

Road Man Failed to Secure Needed Laborers.

Editor Public Ledger:
With a white voting population of 457, Oxford has thirty-six pressing clubs. At least a recent census shows this. In the mean time it is almost impossible to secure help on the roads. As most of the pressing is done at night, the pressmen rest chiefly during the daylight hours.

The pressing needs just now can well be devoted to the roads, even if the pool rooms suffer a little. There is no objection to the tired pressman taking needed recreation at shooting pool after his day's work, but when these pressmen loaf all day, when there is plenty of work in sight, and then appeal to charity to support them and their families it does not go well.

If a man is engaged in the pressing clubs, he should at least have some of his earning in sight as evidence that he is in business, and not just his word for it. Let some one call the bluff.

ANON.

CAMP GLENN MAY BE USED

Guard Officers Will See What the Utmost Capacity of Camps.

Officers of the North Carolina National Guard and Colonel Slocum for the war department are investigating conditions and utmost capacity of Camp Glenn. It is likely, says a Raleigh special, that the Second and Third and probably other principal units of the guard will be concentrated there for regular training very soon. Also the guard officers will investigate other available locations for permanent mobilization quarters for training and seasoning troops for service.

A PLAY FOR PATRIOTS

With Victor Herbert's Accompanying Music

"The Fall of a Nation" is sure to stir patriotic enthusiasm when presented for the first time here on Monday and Tuesday, April 9 and 10, matinee and night at the Orpheum Theatre. In New York and Chicago the great spectacle was the mecca of many thousands of patriotic Americans who cheered the big scenes to the echo. Thomas Dixon's play (as likewise Victor Herbert's accompanying music) vibrates with genuine Americanism. The author describes it as "a bugle call to arms for the national defence!" The story is of an imaginary invasion of the United States by a foreign power. After the defeat of our puny army and the subsequent usurpation of authority at Washington, the women of the country come to the rescue and by means of a secret oathbound conspiracy contrive to expel the invaders.

Tickets at popular prices, are now on sale at F. F. Lyon's Drug store.

GRANVILLE COUNTY VETS.

Commissioners Authorized to Pay Transportation.

An act of the recent Legislature authorizes the commissioners in a number of counties to pay the expenses of Confederate veterans to reunions and in others to contribute to the transportation. A general bill was passed which allows the county commissioners of any county to pay the expenses of an indigent Confederate veteran to the coming reunion at Washington.

Separate acts were passed allowing Montgomery, Stanly, Rutherford, Robeson and Union county to pay the expenses of the veterans to reunions.

The following were included in which permits the county commissioners to pay actual expenses: Alamance, Perquimans, Bertie, Richmond, Northampton, Orange, Durham, Person, Nash, Cumberland, Brunswick, Lenior.

Another act passed to pay transportation expenses to State and general reunions included the following counties: Lenior, Onslow, Yancey, Pitt, Greene, Craven, Hyde, Buncombe, Jones, Rutherford, Transylvania, Scotland, Guilford, Forsyth, Macon, Northampton, Gaston, Watauga, Polk, Perquimans, Person, Granville, Cleveland, Johnson, Chatham, Pamlico, Vance, Warren, Caswell, Chowan, Wake, Bertie, Lee, Beaufort, Carteret.

CIVIL SERVICE ORDER.

All Good Postmasters Will be Retained.

President Wilson took a long step towards eliminating patronage in politics Saturday when he signed the executive order placing all first, second and third class postmasters under civil services. The order, however, does not necessarily affect those postmasters now in the service, who are giving "exceptional service," because Postmaster-General Burleson says such men will be retained in the service and that civil services examinations will only be held in case of resignation, death or removal from office.

STATE OF WAR EXISTS

PRESIDENT WILSON APPEALS TO THE CONGRESS

Asks that Steps be Taken Not Only to Put Nation in More Thorough State of Defense, But That All Possible Power be Exerted to Bring the Government of the German Empire to Terms and to End the War.

Washington, April 2.—President Wilson tonight urged Congress, assembled in joint session, to declare a state of war existing between the United States and Germany.

In a dispassionate, but unmeasurable, denunciation of the course of the Imperial Government, which he characterized as a challenge to all mankind and a warfare against all nations, the President declared that neutrality no longer was feasible or desirable where peace of the world was involved; that armed neutrality had become ineffectual enough at best, and was likely to produce what it was meant to prevent, and urged that Congress accept the gauntlet of battle with all the resources of the nation.

WHAT PRESIDENT RECOMMENDS

Utmost practical co-operation in counsel and action with the governments already at war with Germany. Extension of liberal financial credits to the governments so that the resources of America may be added so far as possible to theirs.

Organization and mobilization of all the material resources of the country. Full equipment of the Navy, particularly for means of dealing with submarine warfare.

An army of at least 500,000 men, based on the principle of universal liability to service, and the authorization of additional increments of 500,000 each as they are needed or can be handled in training.

Raising necessary money for the United States Government, so far as possible without borrowing and on the basis of equitable taxation.

Clark Elected Speaker.

Champ Clark, of Missouri, was elected speaker of the House of Representatives of the Sixty-fifth Congress by a vote of 217 to 205, over James R. Mann, of Illinois, the Republican candidate.

MONEY IN BOTTLE

A Citizen Who Stays at Home and Attends to His Business.

In his rounds the other day, Mr. L. Hunter saw a lady place a silver quarter of a dollar in a cut glass bottle. Taking the lady to task for hoarding the money, she told Mr. Hunter that it was her intention to fill the gallon bottle with quarters.

Mr. Hunter estimated that the bottle would hold at least \$1000 in silver quarters. He later measured a pint of quarters at the National Bank of Granville and learned that the measure contained \$100; therefore the cut glass bottle of the lady will hold \$800.00. That is a lot of money to hoard. Besides losing two or three hundred dollars interest, it is a dangerous precedent.

Mr. Hunter also relates another instance that is worthy of note. On his return from Durham the other night, while waiting for the Oxford train at Dickerson he met a well-to-do farmer of Granville, fifty-five years of age, who acknowledged to Mr. Hunter that he had never been to Durham; that he had only been to Raleigh one time; that he seldom goes to Henderson and that he makes it a rule to come to Oxford to sell his tobacco and do a little trading. That is what we call a good loyal citizen and we should be glad to have his photograph for a first page, top of column news item. But Mr. Hunter would not divulge his name for publication.

The Spring Bird

(By A. P. Hobgood)
What does the spring bird say
When he chirps the livelong day
In twitter sweet and fine;
What can there be in his refrain
To the angler but words plain:
"Get out your fishing line!"

BIG LEAGUE GAME

East Durham Baseball Park, Thursday Afternoon.

Thousands of enthusiastic baseball fans are expected to be present at the East Durham baseball park on Thursday afternoon, April 5, at 4 o'clock, to witness the only big league game of the season, to be staged by the Durham Bulls and Philadelphia Nationals, former National league champions. Hundreds of fans are expected from the towns along the roads leading to Durham to be present to see fast ball. See announcement of the game elsewhere in this paper.

DR. MARSH IMPROVES

Filled His Appointment at Bullock Last Sunday.

After a spell of sickness covering several weeks, Dr. R. H. Marsh was able to go to Bullock last Sunday and fill his appointment. The faithful old servant is not very strong as yet, but it is hoped that the balmy weather will have a tendency to build him up. We regret to announce that the condition of Mrs. Marsh's health does not improve.

ACCEPTS FOREIGN POSITION

Oxford Boy Will go to Cape Town, South Africa.

We learn that Mr. Wilbur Smith has resigned his position with the local branch of the Imperial Tobacco Company and accepted a position with the British-American Tobacco Company abroad. He will enter the manufacturing department, and has been assigned to a large cigarette factory at Cape Town, South Africa.

Mr. Smith has been instructed to prepare to leave on short notice, and will sail from New York as soon as his transportation can be arranged and passports secured. He will be accompanied by Mr. William Sumner, of Petersburg.

Mr. Smith is a graduate of Washington-Lee University, and is a nephew of Dr. E. T. White.

SENIOR CLASS PLAY

"All on Account of Polly" Will be Presented To-night at the Orpheum.

The Senior Class play presented by the young ladies of Oxford College ten days ago will be staged by the same cast at the Orpheum this Tuesday evening. These young ladies are under the direction of Mrs. Graham Davidson, who is in charge of the School of Expression. The play as presented by these young ladies in the Chapel of the college was received with hearty applause. The young ladies in the cast are very lovely in appearance and are well up in stagecraft.

ROGERS-GENTRY

Oxford Couple Wed in Chatham, Virginia.

(Danville special, April 2)
Miss Carrie D. Rogers, of Oxford, N. C., but who has been teaching school at Lone Oak not far from here, closed her school for the session on Saturday and meeting her fiancé, W. L. Gentry, of Oxford, motored over to Chatham and were married there by Rev. Kearfoot. They left yesterday afternoon for Greensboro and will in a few days be at home at Oxford, where Mr. Gentry is established in business. Luke Ligon accompanied the bridal couple to the county seat and witnessed the marriage.

The bride is the attractive daughter of Mrs. Olivia Rogers. Mr. Gentry holds a responsible position in the grocery store of Mr. L. Thomas. They arrived in Oxford Sunday and are making their home with the bride's mother on College street.

PROGRAM AT PROVIDENCE

"Back to the Farm" Will be Presented Thursday Night.

We wish to state there will be no charge to see "Back to the Farm," which will be presented here Friday night free of charge. The play is copyrighted by the extension division of the University of Minnesota, and we are required to pay a royalty for its use, but the amount has been revised and the play will be presented absolutely free.

The primary part of the school collection will follow on Friday night and the public is cordially invited.

BIG DAY AT KINTON FORK

General Royster, Senator Hicks and Dr. Hays on the Program.

They are going to have a big time at Kinton Forks on Easter Monday, April 9th, that being the day on which the annual basket picnic is held. A large crowd is expected to attend and everybody is urged to bring a basket.

The exercises will begin at 11 o'clock, at which hour General Royster will deliver an address of welcome. Hon. A. A. Hicks will follow General Royster in a short talk on "Education." At the conclusion of Mr. Hick's remarks dinner will be served from your own baskets. After the noon hour, Dr. Hays will talk of health conditions in the county.

The athletic events, including a foot race and walking race, etc., is to begin at two o'clock.

It is stated that measles have made their appearance at Kinton Forks, but this will in no wise interfere with the picnic.

Cake Sale.

The ladies of the Methodist church will have a sale of cakes Saturday, April the 7th at Taylor Brothers. Come and buy your cakes for Easter.

GERMAN WILL O'THE WISP

NEWEST RAIDER HAS CAPTURED AND DESTROYED ELEVEN SHIPS.

Is Equipped With Powerful Wireless and Has Sufficient Supplies to Last Eighteen Months.

Rio de Janeiro, April 2.—The new German raider haunting the Atlantic, though scarcely half as large as her predecessors, the Emen and Mowie, and not nearly as well equipped, is more than upholding the record of destruction set by them. Already she has sent to the bottom eleven ships, aggregating a tonnage of 27,858 tons and captured one.

The latter, the French bark Cambronne put into this port Saturday bringing 263 members of the raider's victims and two women, wives of officers, whose ships were destroyed. She also brought the first news of the new sea rover. From the stories told by the survivors who had the raiders upon the latter's order twenty-two days ago, one March 1 in latitude 1, south longitude 7 west, the following details were given regarding the new commerce destroyer:

The raider's name is Seeadler which is German for sea eagle. Some say she is the American ship Pass of Bahama, captured by a German submarine and taken to Cuahuaca by a prize crew in August in 1915, after having previously been seized by a British cruiser.

Description of Craft.

This vessel is of the 1,700 tons class and was launched in 1892 at Danzig. She belongs to the Gier class and her speed is given at 15.8 nautical miles and her armament as consisting of eight 10.5 centimeter guns and five 3.7 centimeter rapid fires and two torpedo tubes. She is 79.6 meters long and 10 width. Her complement consists of six officers, one engineer, one doctor, a purser, seven non-commissioned officers and 144 men, a total of 160. From description of the raider it is probable that she is the ship in question.

The raider has three masts and is equipped with a powerful wireless cleverly concealed in the rigging. She is loaded with mines and is armed with two guns of 10.7 millimeters and 16 machine guns. She carried a great supply of munitions and explosives. She has two concealed military gasoline engines. Her supplies are said to be sufficient for 18 months. The raider left her German base on December 22. She is commanded by Count von Luckner.

Americans Aboard.

There are many Americans among the survivors brought here by the Cambronne. Among them are: Roy Clark, of Virginia; and John Rondoni, of California, from the British vessel Yoeman; Luther Leaters, of Ohio; Ernest Ray Gilbert, of Washington, from the British sailing vessel Pinmore; Manuel Gurro, of Manila.

Off Trinidad.

The survivors said they were treated well while aboard the raider. Practically all the vessels sunk by the Seeadler were sent to the bottom off Trinidad and the coast of Venezuela.

Cohn & Son's Easter Sale.

Sale starts Saturday, April 7, and will last 15 days only. Wonderful in its scope, unrivaled in its saving opportunities—the greatest sale of Cohn & Son's career. For months this reliable firm have been preparing for this sale. Armed with the power of cash they have scoured the markets of the north, purchasing thousands of dollars worth of latest up-to-date spring and summer goods at remarkably low prices; that will enable them to offer prices at this sale never before heard of. No sale they have even had was planned along these lines. And while the lots in most instances are big enough to last several days, it is to your advantage to get there the first days of the sale. Cohn & Son's motto is "When its Advertised or Sold Elsewhere it is cheaper at Cohn & Son's." Their Easter sale is now but another proof of their old established motto. Read their advertisement on the fifth and eight pages of this paper. We advise you to walk through their two big stores on Main street and get your share of the Easter bargains. (Adv)

Special Ten Day Sale.

Mr. Sid H. Gross, of the Gross Sales Promotion Company of Durham, is conducting the ten day sale at the Kaplon store. See announcement of this special sale on the second page of this paper.

Change in Date.

The date of the corset demonstration at Long Company's store by Miss Gertrude King has been changed to April 16th, 17th and 18th inclusive. See announcement elsewhere in this paper.