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## SERMON TO GRADUATES

FINALS AT OXFORD COLLEGE NOTABLE EVENT.

End of Most Successful Session—Many Friends of the College Visit Oxford and Witness the Finals.

The commencement exercises at Oxford College were ushered in Sunday morning at eleven o'clock when Rev. Baylus Cade, of Lenior, delivered the baccalaureate sermon at the Oxford Baptist church. Large of statue and broad of vision, the man of God held the vast audience spell-bound as he developed a most logical and consoling sermon from the eight chapter of St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans. There was no attempt at oratory, no striking of the pulpit, but a quiet, simple message, framed with beautiful language, that sank deep in the soul of the audience.

Again, at the evening hour, the church was crowded to hear Rev. Baylus Cade's message to the Young Women's Christian Association of Oxford College. Taking his text from the Twenty-seventh Chapter of St. Mathews, he pictured the attributes of woman in all her splendor. He told the young women that he enjoyed good music and suggested that he could get along without the music, but a good dinner was indispensable. Following up the thought he said that it is not a sin to milk a cow, and cited the names of many noble women in history who endeared themselves to the world by attention to household duties. Woman is the queen and councillor of home, he said.

Mrs. Graham Davidson, of the School of Expression, occupied the choir loft with twenty-five or thirty of the student body, all dressed in beautiful white. The Graduating Class wearing caps and gowns of black, occupied seats immediately in front of the pulpit. The music at both the morning and evening hour was greatly enjoyed by the vast throng and reflected great credit upon Mrs. Davidson, who we are glad to state, will return to the College next session.

The concert took place at ten o'clock Monday morning, and the chapel of the College was taxed to its capacity by the friends of the institution.

### "The Lady of Lyons"

Lord Lytton's drama, entitled "The Lady of Lyons," was presented in the College chapel Monday night by the school of Expression. Under the guiding hand of Mrs. Graham Davidson the young women in the cast sustained their parts equal to the professionals. The chapel was crowded and the play was appreciated.

The graduating exercises take place this Tuesday morning at the hour the Public Ledger goes to press. Much interest is manifested in the literary address of Mr. Archibald Johnson, editor of *Charity and Children*. The annual concert takes place at 5:45 this afternoon.

### Fine Opportunities.

We invite the attention of the readers of the Public Ledger to the announcement of Mr. I. W. Mangum on the last page of this paper. He is placing some handsome real estate on the market, and now is the time to grab it. After the war is over this real estate will double in value. Thousands upon thousands of farmers from across the sea, backed by American dollars, will be looking for home in the South, and Granville is going to get her quota.

### A Substantial Citizen—

Mr. B. F. Dean, of Route 4, assured the Public Ledger that the farmers all over the county realized that they must produce the necessities of life and that the majority will respond to the best of their ability. Mr. Dean, who is one of the best men in the county, is meeting the situation by the enrichment of his land and a slight curtailment of tobacco acreage. This will give Mr. Dean a handsome surplus of the necessities. He sold on the local market last Saturday a load of corn, for which he received \$10 a barrel.

—It is reported on the streets this Tuesday morning that Dr. I. H. Davis, who was last week taken to Richmond for medical treatment, is somewhat improved, but it is admitted that he is a very sick man.

—For automobile bargains see J. N. Norwood at once.

## NATIONAL GUARD CALLED.

The War Department issued the following:

All National Guard organizations will be called into Federal service between July 15 and August 5. The dates of assembly follows:

July 15—Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, West Virginia, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska.

July 25—New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Virginia, North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Illinois, Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Washington and Oregon.

August 5—Indiana, Kentucky, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, California and Alabama. May Get War Outfit.

Arrangements for formally incorporating the guard into the armies of the United States terminating for the war period their status, as militia or State troops, are understood to be based upon the possibility of supplying full war strength for the troops.

It is understood also that the sixteen divisional cantonment camps of the Guard will all be in the southeastern, southern and western departments. Dates upon which various units are to be moved to the big camps from State mobilization points will depend upon completion of the quarters and water supply system at the cantonment camps.

## CARD FROM SENATOR CURRIN.

The Public Ledger is Pleased to Note Correction.

The editor of the Public Ledger misunderstood my statement which he publish in a recent issue in regard to the price of flour.

He quoted me as saying that I wished flour would sell for \$20 per barrel until every farmer should raise wheat as a money crop.

I said that I wished flour would stay at \$20 per barrel until every farmer should be forced to raise enough wheat for his own consumption. But until we improve our lands the yield is too small to raise wheat as a money crop. T. G. CURRIN.

## GRANVILLE BOY LANDS IN PEN

Took Everything He Could Get His Hands on.

Wilson, May 21.—In the Superior Court here last week Judge Whedbee sentenced Willie Hays, an intelligent young white man, originally from Granville, who came to Wilson several months ago from Rocky Mount as a horse dealer, to three years in the penitentiary.

A boy by the name of Hays flashed checks in Oxford sometime ago and disappeared owing several of our merchants neat little sums. This is thought to be the same man wanted here for forgery.

## ORPHEUM THEATRE.

Fine Bill and Orchestra for Entire Week.

With many strong features, the orchestra and the electric fans, the Orpheum this week makes a strong appeal to its patrons:

This Tuesday Dustin Farnum in "A Son of Erin," a five act feature will instruct and amuse.

Wednesday, Ruth Roland in "Red Circle"; Beatrice Fairfax in detective series, and Pathe News.

Thursday, Mae Murry will be seen at her best in "The Plow Girl" a Paramount picture in five acts.

Friday, Billie Burk. in "Gloria's Romance" series 16; "The Film Spoilers" Fox Comedy in 2 acts, and Hearst-Pathe News.

Saturday, Francis Ford and Grace Cunard in "Purple Mask," episode 5; "The Hand of Peril," World Feature in Five Acts.

## An Old Relict—

Mr. J. W. Kinton, of Kinton Fork, was exhibiting on the streets of Oxford Monday a relict of the War Between the States. It was an old sulphur match with a head on each end of the wooden stick about three times the size of the present day parlor match.

## PROCLAIMING THE DRAFT

JUNE FIVE IS MILITARY REGISTRATION DAY.

On That Day Ten Million Americans Will Salute the Flag Anew and Register Their Names for Such Service as the Government May Designate.

President Wilson's proclamation setting June 5 as the day for military registration for all men between the years of 21 and 30 must be given the widest circulation and closest attention by all citizens. It constitutes an inspiring appeal to patriotic sentiment, no less than a formal discharge of the President's duty as prescribed in the law.

The keynote of the selective draft statute is sounded by the President when he declares: "It is in no sense a conscription of the unwilling; it is, rather, a selection from a nation which has volunteered in mass." On June 5 the eligible young men of America will simply salute the flag anew and register their names for such services as the Government may designate.

June 5 will go down in history as the day on which America took a first solemn step to resist an evil Power which has "sought to impose its will upon the world by force." The country has recognized that armies in the old sense no longer exist, having been displaced by "entire nations armed." To meet and overcome the menace to human freedom, America, too, must become an entire nation armed.

Yet all may not carry rifles or swords. Many, the great majority, must continue the business of production and distribution. June 5 is merely the day on which America begins the process of deciding who shall serve at the front and who at the rear. The whole nation, not only men between 21 and 30, is being mobilized, must be mobilized.

It is right that this day of registration should be given the atmosphere of a holiday. In defence of right and to procure a lasting peace on earth, the American people are girding their loins for battle. Ours is the will to victory. Let the whole land rejoice.

## LOUD CALL TO BUSINESS

DON'T SIT DOWN AND WAIT TO SEE WHAT THE WAR IS GOING TO DO FOR US

Better Worry Because We Are Not Heavy Enough To Take Care of the Big Business That is Coming.

Here is a circular letter sent out by a concern which rings with true spirit of patriotism:—

ENLIST

or  
BUY A LIBERTY BOND  
or PLANT A GARDEN  
or BOOST FOR BUSINESS

Do something for our country. Don't sit down and wait to see what the war is going to do to us.

Let us help our country by doing more business, talk property and show our faith in our country by boosting for all we are worth.

The man who doesn't believe in the present and future of our country is not fit to vote.

Don't worry about lack of business. Better worry because we are not heavy enough to take care of the big business that is coming.

Seven billion dollars will soon be placed in circulation in this country. Those who hustle now will get their share.

The whole world is buying from Uncle Sam's big store and you and I are part of that great store. Let us get busy.

Advertise, sell, reach out aggressively for more business. Buy the goods you need, hire the help you need, but cut out the waste.

Economy is patriotism. Hoarding is cowardice. "Conservatism" is too often a polite name for business cowardice. And this country has no place for business slackers.

Let us be patriotic in the true meaning of the word.

### Mrs. J. G. Hall Improves.

The host of friends of Mrs. John G. Hall will be delighted to know that she is improving in a Richmond hospital, where she is under medical treatment.

## POINTS IN ARMY DRAFT BILL.

The War Army bill's chief provisions are:

Raising of forces by the selective draft system, imposed upon all males between the ages of 21 and 30 years, both inclusive, subject to registration and certain exemptions from service.

Increasing the Regular Army to maximum war strength.

Drafting into the Federal Service of National Guard units.

Raising of an initial force by conscription of 500,000 men, with addition of 50,000 if deemed necessary.

Increasing the pay of all enlisted men as follows: \$15 additional monthly for those now receiving less than \$21, comprising the bulk of the Army, graduated downward to \$6 additional monthly for those receiving \$45 or more.

Prohibiting the sale of liquor at or near Army training camps and otherwise protecting the morals of the soldiers.

## THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY LINK

Subscription Being Secured for Granville County Link of Road. (Henderson Daily Dispatch.)

Subscription blanks for pledges of money to the work of building the National Highway between the town of Bullock, in Granville County and the Vance county line were being circulated here Thursday by local business men, and with what they considered a satisfactory degree of success.

It is estimated that \$3,600 will be required to build the two and a half miles of road from the county line to Bullocks, as a part of the link that is to connect the National Highway to the system of good roads in Vance county at a point at a short distance north of Williamsboro. The county of Granville is said to be declined to appropriate money for the construction of a highway that will divert tourists travel, as well as considerable business, from Oxford to Henderson. Vance county has already appropriated \$3,000 for the construction of the road between Williamsboro and the county line, and the government has awarded an equal amount for the work. The government will also give \$1,800, or half the amount necessary for the road on the Granville county side, and it is to raise the other half of this \$3,600 that subscriptions are being asked.

Nearly \$500 had been pledged Thursday at noon after a few hours work by the committee headed by W. T. Watkins and J. A. Kelly. One contribution was for \$200 and there were a number for \$50, while smaller subscriptions promised \$10 each for the new highway.

## BUYS HANDSOME FARM.

Mr. A. P. Hobgood Will Live in Clover.

A call to the country has smitten our old friend Mr. A. P. Hobgood good and strong. He has recently purchased from Messrs. C. W. and A. T. Knott their handsome farm in Salem Township. The farm contains 537 acres of land and it is regarded as one of the best farms in Granville. "Oh, yes, there is a running stream on it," said Mr. Hobgood, "and I propose to have one of the best fish ponds to be found in a day's travel."

## TRUCK GARDENER.

Mr. Babcock Goes to Claremont Virginia.

Some years ago Mr. A. L. Babcock, for several years employed in the mechanical department of the New York Tribune, came to Granville in search of health and with him came R. V. Bently, who informs the Public Ledger that Mr. Babcock has sold his property in Granville and purchased two tracts of land at Claremont, Va., and will engage extensively in truck gardening. Claremont is on James River, a few miles below Hopewell, and is an ideal location for raising and marketing truck.

These two men, Messrs. Babcock and Bently, are fine type of citizens, and we regret that Mr. Babcock has gone from among us. The Public Ledger will be mailed to his address for the next twelve months and as he turns its pages we trust that he will be smitten with the call to return to Granville, where he made many substantial friends and regained his health.

## SELECTIVE DRAFT BILL

GENERAL PERSHING WILL HEAD DIVISION IN FRANCE.

All Men Between Twenty-one and Thirty are Subject to Draft—Increased Pay For Enlisted Men.

The selective draft bill which has been so long before congress, reached the President last week and was signed by him without delay. The machinery for creating the Army which the measure authorizes will be set in motion at once.

All the provisions of the bill but one were planned by the Administration, and fulfill its requirements. The act provides for increasing the regular Army to maximum war strength; for drafting men into the National Guard units in the Federal service! for an army of 500,000 men immediately and an additional 500,000 at the discretion of the President; increases the pay of all enlisted men between 21 and 30, inclusive.

The President promptly announces that on expert military advice he cannot avail himself of the authority to create volunteer divisions to serve as an expeditionary force abroad. He speaks appreciatively and justly of Colonel Roosevelt, his patriotism and earnest desire to be of service to the country, but doubts the expediency of employing untrained men in immediate action.

This will accord with the sober judgement of the country, and upon calm reflection will be acceded to by the sincere friends of Colonel Roosevelt, and doubtless by the Colonel himself. The desirability of sending a force to the battle front as soon as possible is understood and appreciated by the President. This action will be sooner brought about by the decision to send a division of the regular army under General Pershing.

These troops are already trained as are their commanders, and will be ready for duty immediately upon their landing abroad. They will go with full confidence of the people of this nation who will be inspired by the quick and decisive steps the Administration has taken.

## FLAG ETIQUETTE.

All Men Should Stand at Attention When Flag Passes.

With the Stars and Strips flying everywhere—from homes, public buildings, business houses and all kinds of edifices—it is hardly to be expected that the strict rules of flag etiquette should be observed. Yet there are some simple fundamental rules that have been accepted of long usage.

In the first place, the flag should always be hauled down or in at sunset and flown again at sunrise—or as soon thereafter as the personnel habits of the owner make possible. Only in one place in the world is the Stars and Stripes never lowered and that is over the grave of Francis Scott Key, author of "The Star Spangled Banner." On the staff over his tomb, in Mt. Olive Cemetery, near Frederick, Md., the flag waves day and night. The rule was also officially broken when Germany started her submarine campaign against her enemies, but before she attacked neutrals. Then the United States Government ordered naval vessels running at night to keep the flag flying and play the searchlight upon it while under way.

One rule most frequently broken by civilians is that, while watching parades, all men should stand at attention and raise the hats when the flag passes.

On Memorial Day, the 30th of this month, strict etiquette requires that the flag be flown at half-mast until noon, afternoon, at full staff. To fly a flag half-mast, it should be first hoisted to the top of the pole and then lowered.

## NEGROES MAY GET REGIMENT.

Colored Men From Granville, Vance, Warren and Franklin Make Offer.

Raleigh, May 21.—Thomas P. Cheatham, former Congressman from the Second District, and now superintendent of the negro Orphanage at Oxford, today transmitted to the Adjutant-General here an offer of the negroes of Granville, Vance, Franklin, and Warren counties to raise a regiment for service in the war with Germany.