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## THE RED CROSS CHAPTER

### DISTINGUISHED VISITOR INSPIRES LOCAL ORGANIZATION.

#### Patriotic Ladies in Charge of Recruiting Station on Main Street—Names are Being Enrolled.

Major General George W. Davis, United States Army, retired, for many years chairman of the Central Committee of the Red Cross at Washington, is in Oxford, the guest of his daughter, Mrs. R. C. M. Calvert.

At the meeting of the committee on organization at the home of Mrs. Calvert last Friday, General Davis talked informally on Red Cross methods with special reference to our local requirements.

#### Gen. Davis at Auditorium.

General Davis, retired, for many years Chairman of the Central Committee of the Red Cross, has consented to talk this Tuesday night in the Graded School auditorium. No one is better qualified to explain the noble work carried on by the Red Cross than is General Davis. Former President Taft is now the chairman of the Central Committee of the Red Cross, the position formerly held by Gen. Davis.

#### Recruiting Station.

The ladies have opened a recruiting station in the vestibule of Mr. A. H. Powell's office on Main street. Quite a number have handed in the fee of \$1.00 and enlisted in the noble work.

## BELIEVED TO BE INFANTICIDE

### Susie Allen, Colored, Faces Serious Charge.

The remains of a colored infant found in the woods in Tally Ho Township last Friday led to the arrest and detention of one Susie Allen, colored.

Dr. W. N. Thomas, the very able coroner of Granville county, took up the thread and wove it so tightly about the woman that she confessed to the concealment of the child's birth.

The woman was brought to Oxford and lodged in the county jail, and at the preliminary trial Saturday morning she confessed to the concealment and coroner Thomas bound her over to the July term of court on the charge of committing a crime contrary to the statute and against the peace and dignity of the state of North Carolina.

Concealment of the birth of a child is a serious offense, approaching that of infanticide.

## OXFORD HARD HIT

### Southern Railway Asks Permission To Discontinue Certain Trains.

The Southern Railway Saturday filed with the Corporation Commission request for permission to take off a number of passenger trains on many sections of its lines in this state and consolidate and "mix" numbers of other trains with a view of reducing the consumption of fuel and coal and getting in position to more fully co-operate with the Federal Government in the "war time problems and demands."

The petition makes this statement of the reasons:

"In order that the Southern Railway System may meet its obligations to the National Government now in a state of war and toward conservation of fuel coal." An accompanying letter sets out that the proposed curtailments are in compliance with resolutions adopted by the associated railroads of the whole country as set out in resolutions recently adopted in preparation for meeting the National crisis.

Trains included in the proposed discontinuances, as affecting Oxford, is the Durham, Oxford and Henderson train service for Sunday as to 116 and 117; and the readjustment of the Keyville line and schedule.

## FIRST TO QUALIFY.

### Mr. N. E. Cannady, of Raleigh, Appears Before Judge Hunt.

Mr. N. E. Cannady, a native of Oxford, who is now in the office of the State Insurance Commission at Raleigh, was the first to apply at the office of Judge Cam Hunt, clerk of the court, and supply the answers to the questions on the registration cards provided for that purpose.

Judge Hunt is a member of the Granville County Board of Registration and all former citizens who now reside elsewhere must qualify through him.

## BUILDING NOTES.

### The Sound of the Hammer is Heard in Many Places in Oxford.

—Mr. Walter Crews is building a modern home on Williamsboro street.

—The materials are being placed for the handsome home of Dr. Watkins on the west corner of Main and Front streets.

—Ground has been broken at the east corner of Front and Main streets for the modern home of Dr. Ferebee.

—The home of Mr. Pritchard on Hancock street is nearing completion. Mr. Pritchard is a new comer to Oxford and will represent the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company on the local market.

—The old Stradley home on Hancock street is being moved a few yards south to make room for a handsome new residence.

—The modern home of Mr. F. W. Hancock, Jr., at the foot of Main street, and that of Mr. Ira Howard, on Hancock street, are nearing completion. The Hancock home is an architectural beauty. Mr. Campbell is the contractor.

## POINTS FOR REGISTRATION.

### There is only One Registration Day, June 5, and all Men 21 to 31 Must Register.

In its campaign to stimulate interest in registration June 5 for the army and navy the War Department has issued a memorandum emphasizing the seven cardinal points to be remembered, particularly by the men who must register. The memorandum follows:

First, there is only one day for registration, June 5, 1917.

Second, every male resident of the United States who has reached his twenty-first and has not reached his thirty-first birthday must register on the day set, June 5, 1917.

The only exceptions are persons in the military or naval service of the United States.

Third, registration is distinct from draft. No matter what just claim you have, you must register.

Fourth, Registration is a public duty. For those not responsive to the sense of this duty the penalty of imprisonment, not fine, is provided in the act.

Fifth, Those who through sickness would not be able to register should apply to county clerk for a copy of the registration card. The clerk will give instructions as to how it should be filled out.

Sixth, Any person who expects to be absent from his voting precinct on registration day shall apply as soon as possible to the registrar in the county where he may be stopping, or if he is in a city of over 30,000 to the city clerk. The clerk will record the answers on the card and turn it over to the absentee. The absentee should mail this card to the registrar of his home district by registration day.

Seventh, Registration booths will be open from 7 a. m. to 9 p. m. on registration day, June 5, 1917.

## THE MOVIE CALANDAR.

### George M. Cohan in "Broadway Jones" Fills the House.

Those who saw "Broadway Jones" at the Orpheum Monday night testified that it was a great show. It will be repeated this Tuesday, matinee and night. Special music by the Italian orchestra.

Wednesday, Ruth Roland and Frank Mayo in "Red Circle" series; Harry Fox and Grace Darling in "Beatrice Fairfax" series; Hearst-Pathe News.

Thursday, Margurite Clark in "Miss George Washington," a five act Paramount picture.

Friday, Pretty Billie Burke in "Gloria's Romance" series, followed by a Fox two act comedy, "An Aerial Joy Ride" and Hearst-Pathe News.

Saturday, matinee and night, William A. Brady Presents Joe Colton in "The Imposter." Francis Ford, Grace Cunard in "Purple Mask" episode.

—The Equal Suffrage League will hold their annual business meeting and election of officers on Friday afternoon at five o'clock in the Library. A full attendance is expected.

—Those who pay as they go at the present time are not likely to exceed the speed limit.

## SERMON TO ODD FELLOWS

### REV. S. K. PHILLIPS SPEAKS OF GOD'S DECREES.

In accordance with a time honored custom the Oxford Odd Fellows observed last Sunday as the day for their annual sermon. These strong men marched under regalia to the Presbyterian church and heard Rev. S. K. Phillips, a member of the local lodge, preach a sermon of wonderful power, setting forth the decrees of God as applied to the present day troubles of the world.

Mr. Phillips took his text from Matt. 25: 28—the words of Christ who said, "Whosoever the carcass is the vultures will gather together."

He declared that the words were prophetic; that Jesus was rolling up the curtain of the future and looking clear through to the end of history; that He was seeing certain points in human life utterly destitute of the life of God—national carcasses, corrupt and dead; and hovering over these points in history, had been and always would be, the vultures of God's Judgement. "And I believe," he said, "that Jesus saw this very day of ours as one of those gathering spots for God's vultures."

He declared that the words of the text were "a terse statement of a Divine Law which has operated with unerring certainty through all the course of history." "We can station ourselves," he said "at particular points in human events and watch the dial of time. Then comes that moment when even the line of God's mercy is crossed, the bell of time tolls an hour of doom and the crash comes with the gathering of the vultures."

He cited the destruction of the Canaanites, the captivities and sufferings of Israel, the fall of Jerusalem, the doom of Rome, and the crash that came with the French Revolution. And then he turned to Europe today.

"I have said all the time that this has been fundamentally a religious war, and by that I mean that it cannot be understood apart from religion; and our text reveals the real purpose of Jehovah God in this struggle.

For years Germany has been adorning herself for the vultures and now they are upon her. She has forgotten God and deliberately tried to put herself upon the throne of the universe which belongs to Him. She has cried science without reference to where man ends and God begins. She has cut God's word to suit her pattern. Her preachers and writers have denied its miracles and laughed its inspirations to scorn. Her scientific theories have made Jesus Christ a bastard impostor, by denying His claim that His mother's conception was immaculate, and His Father was the Holy Spirit. Her philosophers have not only killed the God of our Bible but have dug His grave and called upon the world to pay their last respects to Him. He was once good enough to worship but is now a mere relic of antiquity, too out of date for the shrine of a mighty German culture. Her society is honey-combed with vice. Her cruelty has never been matched. Her exploits have all been selfish. Her government has robbed the individuals of his God-given freedom and injected the venom of its plots into the heart of practically every nation worth considering. She has stopped at nothing and stooped to everything blood-curdling and base in character. Such is Germany; and when she planted her wicked feet in little Belgium, God saw it was time for the vultures to gather. Never in all history has He permitted a nation to stand who has thus vaunted her achievements and stood for the things that Germany represents. And there's no doubt as to the issue of this struggle. It will continue until the carcass is devoured, and Wilhelm with his assumed divine-partnership and all its hell-born intrigues are hurled back to the pit from whence they have come. After peace has come the air will be purer, and the world atroph with the Spirit of that Christ whose Brotherhood is marching onward to triumph."

Mr. Phillips pointed out in conclusion that America and her allies have deep lessons to learn. "There are many things within our own nation that must go, if we too are not to see someday the gathering hosts of God's vultures upon our own horizon," he said. "We must turn back to God as never before and start within our own borders a great constructive warfare against the forces of evil that have the power to crush us. Drunkenness, commercial dishonesty, skepticism, luxury, Sabbath-breaking and sexual impurity,—these must go, if the vultures are to be kept away from our shores."

## SAINT JOHN'S DAY

### Will Be Observed This Year on Saturday, June 23d.

St. John's Day will be observed at the Oxford Orphanage this year on Saturday, June 23rd.

The Grand Master made a happy selection when he appointed Dr. B. K. Hays, of Oxford to deliver the oration on this occasion. He is one of the most interesting speakers in the State and whether in or out of doors, he never fails to hold the audience. Gen. B. S. Royster will introduce the speaker.

Everything is being made ready for the glad occasion, and as usual the barbecue dinner will be a feature.

Mr. R. L. Brown, Superintendent of the Orphanage, is corresponding with the railroads with a view of handling the usual large crowd.

## HOW MANY WILL REGISTER.

### Estimates of Eligibles For Selective Draft Vary by Small Odds.

Probably 1,800 men will register in Granville county for the government's selective draft registration on Tuesday, June 5, according to the best estimates of the county officials and others who are familiar with the population of Oxford and the county combined. Estimates run from 1,500 to 1,800, including Oxford.

While these estimates are based primarily upon the voting strength of the county, this is not regarded as an absolutely reliable barometer.

There are those liable to register for conscription who do not vote, and many who do not vote are not liable to the duty of registration for the draft measure. For instance, the draft law requires that every man between the ages of 21 and 30, both inclusive, or up to the day of the 31st birthday shall register, be he married, single, Jew, Gentile, white, black, single, natural-born, naturalized, or alien, sick or in good health. All men of every race, class and color within the prescribed age limits is affected by the government's draft requirements.

Many negroes and aliens who for one reason or another do not and are not entitled to vote in an election will not escape liability to register. Men above 31 years of age who do vote will not be affected.

Registration does not necessarily mean that the man registering will be drafted into the army, according to a War Department announcement. It merely means that is the government's methods of providing a way for ascertaining the number of men within those age limits.

## METAL THIEVES

### Four Negro Boys Land in the County Jail.

Gus Lewis, Lewis White, Peter Harris and Joe Gooch, colored, were arrayed before Mayor Mitchell on Friday last charged with stealing 150 pounds of brass from Mr. J. E. Jackson, the well known saw-mill man of Granville.

Chief Hobgood was able to get a confession from one of the boys, which implicated the other three. The evidence was so strong against them, Mayor Mitchell sent the bunch to jail to await the July term of court.

Thieves also invaded the Public Ledger office a few days ago and carried away 100 pounds of linotype metal. We have a detective on the case and the chances are that the thief will be apprehended and brought to justice.

## JUDGE DEVIN IN OXFORD.

### His Pockets are Full of Legal Documents.

This is Judge Devin's week between courts and he is enjoying the short interval of rest immensely in the embracing atmosphere of his home town. However, we notice that a large batch of letter mail follows him, and possibly he hears the old court house bell ringing all the time. He will hold court in Raleigh next week.

## Club Will Present Play.

The Culbreth Community Club will give a play to the public Saturday night, June 2d, at 8 o'clock. There will be no charge for admission and everybody is cordially invited. Ice cream will be served after the play.

—Mighty hard for the angler to backyard farm. As soon as he unearth a worm it is down with the hoe and up with the fishing rod.

## NEGRO CONFESSES CRIME

### LEE EDWARDS ACKNOWLEDGES THAT HE KILLED HIS WIFE.

#### Shot Her in The Face, at Close Range and Threw a Lighted Lamp Against The Wall.

The Bell Town tragedy a few months ago, in which Lee Edwards was charged with the murder of his wife and setting fire to the bed on which she slept, is fully explained in the confession which Edwards made to Mr. Hunneycut, warden of the State Prison, where he is confined for thirty years.

When the trial came on at Oxford a few months ago, the circumstantial evidence was so great Edwards drew a death sentence at the hands of Judge Kerr. Every one who was familiar with the evidence in the case had no doubt in their minds as to the guilt of the negro.

Special Officers Hutchings, of Granville, who attended Federal Court in Raleigh last week, states that Mr. Hunneycut, warden of the State Prison, told him that Lee Edwards had confessed to the killing of his wife. The warden told Mr. Hutchings that the negro told him that he and his wife quarreled on the night previous to the morning of the murder; that he got up early and lit the lamp; that the sight of her lying on the bed still further enraged him and that he reached up and got the gun and shot her in the face at close range; then, he said, he threw the lamp; then, he said, he threw the left the burning building.

If our memory serves us right, a charred piece of skull bone with the semblance of lead in it, was placed in evidence at the trial.

Two weeks ago Governor Bickett commuted the sentence of Lee Edwards to thirty years hard labor in the State Prison.

## CRIME ON THE INCREASE.

### Farmers in the County Want to Import Blood-hounds.

Mr. T. W. Burch, of Route 1, made a hasty trip to Oxford last Saturday morning to invoke the aid of blood-hounds to run down the thieves who invaded his chicken house in the wee small hours of the morning and took therefrom five of his finest white leg-horn hens.

This was the second visitation of the thieves and in each instance they pinched off the heads of the chickens and threw them on the ground, taking the chickens with them and by the stream of blood that flowed from the necks of the chickens, Mr. Burch was enabled to trace the thieves in the direction of Oxford.

Mr. Burch is very indignant and alarmed at the frequency of the thieves. Those who commit similar crimes would also burn a man's home or his barn.

There being no blood-hounds nearer Oxford than Greensboro, and the expense of bringing them here is so great, Mr. Burch abandoned the idea, preferring as it were to use a double barrel shot gun loaded with buck shot.

## NEGRO SHOT FROM AMBUSH.

### Tragedy Near Lewis Station Early Sunday Morning.

In response to a telephone message early Sunday morning, Dr. Nelson Thomas hastened to the old Babcock place near Lewis station, a few miles north of Oxford, and found Titus Daniel, colored, suffering from a gun-shot wound.

Dr. Thomas administered heroic treatment and stayed the negroe's life, and from last accounts his chances of recovery are about even.

The negro was hit in the back by a pistol ball, which was imbedded in the vital parts. It is not known who fired the shot. Arrests will probably be made later.

## SENT TO THE ROAD.

### Sim Elkerson Caught With the Goods on Him.

On Saturday last Detective Hutchings saw a white man by the name of Dean under the influence of whiskey, and learned through him that Sim Elkerson, colored, was the preambulating blind tiger. In Municipal Court Monday morning Mayor Mitchell sent Elkerson to the roads for six months, and Dean was taxed to the amount of \$20 and costs.