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THE VISITORS ENJOY THE DAY

PRETTIEST TOWN IN THE STATE, SAYS GENERAL CARR.

Curtailment of Trains Reduces the Number of Visitors From a Distance, But Granville and the Adjoining Counties Furnished the Usual Number—Only One Accident Reported.

In many respect St. John's Day, which was celebrated in Oxford last Saturday, surpassed all previous records. The crowds from a distance were not so great, but the shortage caused by the curtailment of trains was made up largely by the number of automobiles from a radius of forty and fifty miles.

Shortly after eleven o'clock, perhaps the most active hour of the day, 486 automobiles were counted on College street between the business section and the entrance of the Orphanage grounds, and at the same hour 163 cars were counted on Main and Hillsboro streets, making a total of 649 cars, representing something like a half million dollar investment. The faithful old Granville county horses of former days were conspicuous by their absence.

The weather was ideal and if the railroads had put on excursion trains there would have been not less than five thousand people here, but the four thousand that were here moved about with greater ease while looking for their old friends who make it a rule to gather in Oxford annually on St. John's Day.

The jolly good crowd enjoyed all of the exercises at the Orphanage. The address of Mr. Frank W. Hancock, Jr., was one of the best ever heard here.

Dr. Hay's Address.

The address of the day was made by Dr. Benjamin K. Hays, of Oxford, who was presented by General Royster. Dr. Hays dealt with America's duty in the present war. His speech gave a general review of the reactions of American life to the changing conditions which now are faced. The speaker drew the conclusion that in this war America is better united than in any preceding conflict. He traced the development of American civil liberty as the outgrowth of English liberty. In emphatic manner he declared that we are not fighting for any European country but for our own, that the Belgians, French and English are holding the first line of America's defense. He declared the highest privilege that could come to any man would be to participate in the sure victory that must come to America's arms in this conflict.

The Children.

It may just be a fancy, but it was often remarked that the children looked sweeter this year than on former occasions. It is really one of the finest body of children in the State, and they always wear a smile for the big hearted superintendent of the institution and those who administer to them. Their songs were beautiful.

The Barbecue Dinner.

If the crowd was not as large this year as in former years, the usual number of pigs were served at the barbecue dinner, and those who partook of the barbecue pronounced it fine.

Compliments Oxford Streets.

Talking to a crowd of friends, General Julian S. Carr, of Durham, remarked that Oxford is one of the prettiest towns in the State. He was very favorably impressed with our handsome streets and elegant homes. "All we need here is a few men like General Carr to make it the largest and most progressive towns in the State," he was told.

One Accident Reported.

Where there are a large number of people assembled the chances are that some one will get hurt. But the fact is, the crowd that gathers here every year to celebrate the great day is composed of the best people in the whole country. Even in the days when whiskey was sold Oxford a drunken man was seldom seen on St. John's Day, and of course there were none seen this year. That is the reason why St. John's Day is not prolific of accidents. The only fatality that has happened here in the history of the annual celebration occurred two years ago when the Ellis children were killed at the Southern Railway crossing late in the evening when they were departing for home. The only accident noted this year befell

COULD END THE WAR NOW.

Ten Thousand Aviators Could Turn the Trick.

After an inspection of the Army aviation field at Mineola, Long Island, the delegation of French aviators who arrived in this country to train American airmen, issued a statement last week in which they said: "The United States could end the war at once, making possible a decisive victory over Germany for the allies, if it could supply 10,000 aviators now."

BUILDS FIRE UNDER MULE.

Mule Leaves the State In Utter Disgust.

The Public Ledger learns that a farmer residing in northern Granville built a fire under a mule last week to break the monotony of its balkiness.

It is related that the mule did all that the farmer expected him to do, and yet more, for the rather warm expression in the equine's eye as he hastily moved away, leaving the wagon and harness, touched the sympathetic heart of the aforesaid farmer, to say nothing of his surprise at the mule's agility.

In speaking of the incident a friend remarked to the Public Ledger that ordinarily a Granville county mule is not an animal that invites love or sentimentality. Neither is it an animal to have around if one yearns to lead a sweet and beautiful life unfrescoed by the aurora borealis brand of oratory.

The last thing that was seen or heard of the mule was that it passed over the Carolina-Virginia State line and was headed toward Dan River.

DEATH OF YOUNG MAN

Burial in Elmwood Cemetary Sunday Afternoon

*Mr. Carl Sizemore, the fine son of Mr. J. T. Sizemore, passed to his reward Saturday morning in the 18th year of his age.

Mr. Sizemore's health began to fail him some time ago and he visited some of the best resorts in the State with a view of combatting the terrible white plague that was knawing at his vitals. He recently returned from Asheville and took to his bed and his passing was like that of one falling to sleep. He accepted Christ early in life and was a member of the Oxford Presbyterian Church.

The funeral, conducted by Rev. S. K. Phillips, took place from the home of the deceased Sunday afternoon and the interment was in Elmwood cemetery. The following were the pallbearers: Messrs L. A. Ligon, Lewis Smith, O. V. Murray, Jessie Carroll, Earl Hunt, Willie Ellington.

BUSY BOY SCOUTS.

Thousands Work on Eastern Shore to Save Crop Negroes Wouldn't Dig.

The Norfolk papers announce that 1,000 Boy Scouts began work last week on the eastern shore of Virginia digging potatoes because 15,000 negroes have migrated to the North. The negroes demanded 25 cent a barrel. The boys are working for 15 cents a barrel. The boys are under supervision of scout executive Chas. Weaver, of Richmond, and a health officer from the Virginia State Board of Health. The boys range in age from 12 to 18 years.

RESIDENCE CONTEMPLATED

To Be Built on the Oxford Orphanage Grounds.

It was announced Saturday that among the improvements to be made at the Oxford Orphanage this summer is a residence on the premises for the superintendent. It will be a two-story brick building of modern design and furnishings, and will cost in the neighborhood of \$10,000.

Recital at Browning School.

Miss Pearl Fishel, a graduate from Western Maryland College, Westminster, Md., will give a recital at Browning school Saturday, June 30th, 8 o'clock p. m. A good Victrola with select records will also help make up the program. Ice cream for sale. Admission 15 and 10 cents. Proceeds for piano fund. J272t

the little son of Mr. Poythress, the painter, who was hit in the mouth by a stray ball at Horner Park, knocking out three of his teeth.

COUNTY EXEMPTION BOARD

GOVERNOR BICKETT NAMES THREE GRANVILLE MEN

All Men Who Join Guard By June 30 Will Be Deducted From State's Part as Required by the Draft.

Governor Bickett's nominees for 107 exemption boards to serve during the period of the selective draft have been accepted by the Federal authorities and the men named are being notified by the registration authorities.

The Granville Board

Dr. E. T. White, Senator Titus Currin and Dr. Benj. K. Hays received notification of their appointment Monday.

Enlistments to be Continued

Adjutant General Royster advises the press of the State that all persons enlisting up to and including June 30 will be deducted from the number to be required from this State.

MEN TO BE CHOSEN BY NUMBER

POLITICS CUT OUT OF DRAFT ENTIRELY.

First Increment of 625,000 Men Will Be Selected During Next Few Weeks, and Others to Come as Needed—Actual Drafting Will Be in Charge of Federal Government Itself.

(Washington Special)

The War Department gave out the official complete registration by States Saturday, the figures showing a total of 9,649,938 men having signed for service, with nearly half of this number claiming exemption. Slackers in the West.

In the registration of 9,649,938 is included 6,0001 Indians reported by the Department of Interior. An investigation has been ordered to determine the reason for the small registration on the Pacific coast, where barely more than 50 per cent of the estimated figures show in the registration. On the whole, Provost-Marshal-Marshall Crowder considers the registration 100 per cent, as, including the eligibles already in the Federal service, the figures would be within a few thousands of the census estimate of 10,298,104.

Local Boards Recommended.

Throughout the country the local boards were organizing to carry out the provisions of the conscription act as instructed by the President. There are approximately 4,000 of these boards, each of three members. They were appointed by the President largely on the recommendation of the State authorities. The boards are expected by Tuesday at the latest to have every registrant numbered, as the draft will be done by number instead of by name. The local boards will number the men registered there and send the numbered cards to the Adjutant-General of the State in which they are located. Each States numerals will be from No. 1 upward. Numbers to correspond with the numbers in the States will be located at the provost-marshal-general's office in Washington.

Second Week of July.

When the drafting begins—and it is expected to begin not later than the second week of July—the numbers will be drawn from a jury wheel in Washington. There will be a separate draft for each State, so that each State may be called upon for its quota, and one State may not be forced to supply more men proportionately than another. President Wilson will proclaim during the coming week the number of men each State must supply. The president also will state a day for the drafting.

The numbers drawn then will be telegraphed from Washington to the Governors of the various States. They will notify the Adjutant-General, who holds the corresponding numbered cards, and the Adjutant-General will notify the local boards under whose jurisdiction the drafted men are.

Questions of Exemptions.

Then the question of exemptions

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THREE MILLION DOLLARS

Liberty Loan Surpassed All Expectations.

It is announced from Washington that subscriptions to the Liberty Loan have surpassed the highest estimate of Treasury officials, and exceed \$3,000,000,000.

MORE VANDALISM.

A Bad Man is Operating in the County.

While traveling over the Oxford-Henderson highway in an automobile a few weeks ago, Mr. Graham Daniel, of Providence, discovered a handful of spikes so arranged in the road near Cheatham's Mill as to make it impossible to pass that point without a puncture. The Public Ledger called attention to the incident at the time and quoted the law, hoping that it would have a tendency to scare the scoundrel off, but the same thing has happened almost in the same place twice since Mr. Daniel found the spikes.

Last week Ned Chatham, an honest old colored man from over in Vance, driving a one-horse wagon, found a handful of spikes in the roadway on the red hill east of the mill and brought them to the Public Ledger office. They were the same kind of spikes found a few weeks before by Mr. Graham Daniel.

Last week while the car of an Oxford gentleman was standing by the roadside near Cheatham's Mill some one slipped up in the absence of the occupants and inflicted damages to the amount of fifty dollars. Among the deeds of devilry they removed the screws for the purpose of taking the clock, but the approach of the occupants eventually scared them away before they accomplished their desired ends.

Two Oxford gentlemen authorized the Public Ledger to state that they will contribute \$20.00 towards a fund to bring the fiend or fiends to the bar of justice.

"THANKS FOR LONG REST"

Germans Tell Russ They Are New Ready to Battle.

Petrograd, June 25.—Along the Russian northern front south of Smorgon German airplanes have dropped leaflets which read:

"Thanks for the long rest during which fraternization enabled us to transfer troops to the western front to hold back the attack of the French and English. Now enough are transferred. We are going to fight, and will fire on fraternizers."

RULES FOR DRAFT READY

Registration Returns Complete Show 9,649,938 Signed up on June 5. (Washington Special)

Following receipt of registration figures from Kentucky and Wyoming, completing the returns to a total of 9,649,938, Provost-Marshal-General Crowder announced Saturday that draft regulations will be ready for publication by July 1, two months before final call to the colors. Details were not disclosed.

General Crowder foresees no more complication than was experienced with the registration. Secretary Baker has repeatedly given assurance that the selection system shall be as fair as possible.

The New Automobile Law.

Remember that the new automobile law goes into effect July 1. You must have a dimmer. The Blalock Motor Car Company have them. See announcement on the fourth page of this paper.

Canning Demonstration.

There will be a canning demonstration, under the auspices of the Home Demonstration Club of Enon on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Dr. G. T. Lumpkin Here.

Dr. G. T. Lumpkin, former pastor of the Oxford Baptist Church, and Mrs. Lumpkin and the children motored from Suffolk, Virginia, Monday and are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Taylor for a few days.

Her Sweater

Prettily dressed, you will agree, Every time you've met her; But no more charming tog has she Than her dainty sweater.

Col. J. C. Horner, of Charlotte, is spending a few days in Oxford.

MERCY MAKES STRONG APPEAL

THE GRIM BUT NECESSARY WORK OF THE WAR.

There is no Heart so Stern and None So Tender as to Escape a Conscientious Pleasure in Administering to Suffering.

Mercy makes an appeal from which none can escape. It is the appeal of men desperately wounded in battle, whose suffering must be prolonged or whose unnecessary deaths be made certain if medical attendance it delayed or insufficient.

The appeal of the Red Cross for funds with which to carry on its work during the great war that has been forced on America should provoke a prompt and overwhelming response throughout the entire nation. Granville county must make it a point of special pride and privilege to "oversubscribe" its quota of the \$10,000 it is aimed to procure.

Our local share amount to a paltry \$10,000, a fraction of our overflowing abundance. And in return the contributors will experience the profound and enduring satisfaction which comes to all who share in this quality which "is twice blest" since "it blesseth him that gives and him that takes."

Through this agency of the Red Cross alone, perhaps, a way is opened for the participation of all men and women in the grim but necessary work of war. There is no heart so stern and none so tender as to escape a conscientious pleasure in giving to a fund devoted wholly to the relief of suffering mankind. Far more than a duty imposed, this appeal of the Red Cross constitute a precious privilege for every man and woman.

THE MOVIE CALNDAR.

"A Poor Little Rich Girl" Captures Large Audience.

The people of Oxford know a good thing when they see it, and having seen Mary Pickford in "A Poor Little Rich Girl" at the Orpheum Monday night, they are loud in their praise of the world's most pleasing movie star. She will appear in the same cast again this Tuesday afternoon and night.

Wednesday night will witness the closing chapter of the "Red Circle," and the final episode of "Beatrice Fairfax," but the management has booked a number of high-class pictures for the immediate future, many of them embracing the happenings in Europe, as portrayed by Pathe-News.

Thursday night Pauline Fredrick will be seen in Daudet's immortal "Sapho" in five acts.

Friday night is Red Cross Day and by patronizing the Orpheum on that day you will help the Red Cross. The management announces a strong bill for the occasion, namely: Mrs. Vernon Castle in "Patria," "Magie's First False Step," and Pathe News.

The patrons anticipate with pleasure the arrival of Pearl White Saturday matinee and night in "Pearl of the Army," and Charlotte Walker in the "Seven Deadly Sins" series.

GETS GOVERNMENT CONTRACT.

Ex-Sheriff Wheeler Will Work on Army Cantonment

Mr. S. M. Wheeler, the well known contractor and former sheriff of Granville county, has been awarded a sub-contract to build a portion of the army cantonment at Petersburg. He will enter upon his duties at Petersburg next Monday and the job will last about three months. He will take much of his help from this section.

THE TOWN BUDGET.

Can be Seen on File at the Mayor's Office.

At a meeting of the Mayor and Finance Committee of Oxford, held June 19, 1917, a budget for current expenses for the town of Oxford for the year ending May 31, 1918 was prepared. A copy of this budget is on file in the Mayor's office for the inspection of all parties interested and the Board of Commissioners will meet on Monday, the 2nd day of July, to hear any objections to the adoption of these appropriations, as required by act of the last General Assembly. R. B. HINES, Clerk.

Miss Irene Sullivan, of Lynchburg, is the guest of Mrs. K. L. Street.