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**EXCEEDED THE SPEED LIMIT.**  
Chief Hobgood Makes Arrest Under New Law.

Chief Hobgood made his first arrest under the new automobile law a few hours after it became operative on July 1.

He was at the foot of Main street when a prominent business man of Henderson came whizzing down the street. The Chief stepped out in front of him and commanded him to stop.

"I have got you this time," said the chief.

"Yes, I see you have," answered the Henderson man, "what is the cost?"

"You can take your choice of three things," said the chief, "either go with me to see the mayor, or if you prefer I can issue a warrant for your arrest, or you can pay me \$7.50 right now and go free."

The Henderson man reached in his pocket and withdrew a handful of change and counted out \$7.50 and handed it to the chief and wished him many happy returns.

**CAN USE OLD NUMBERS.**  
Scarcity of Iron Delays Auto License Tags.

Raleigh, June 30.—War times have told in the office of Secretary Bryan Grimes who was today forced to issue cards to automobile owners instructing them to continue the use of their present automobile display numbers.

"Owing to the unavoidable conditions the manufacturers have been unable to deliver all automobile display numbers on time," the card says.

## CAPT. STEM'S FINE GUNS

THREE MEN CAN DO THE WORK  
OF A COMPANY OF INFANTRY.

Capt. Stem Will Give a Public Demonstration of the Gun in Action Before He Leaves for the Concentration Camp.

Capt. Thad G. Stem has on exhibition in the Armory one of the latest and most improved machine guns. The gun is very artistic in design, but it requires an unlimited amount of skill to dismount and reassemble the parts as a whole. Dismounting and reassembling is a part of the daily drill, and Capt. Stem informs the Public Ledger that Mr. John Mitchell, son of Mayor W. Z. Mitchell, is an expert along this line.

**Description of Gun.**  
A large number of people have a mistaken idea that the machine gun is a small cannon, or a piece of artillery. The bore of the gun is very little larger than that of the regulation army rifle, but when we take into consideration the fact that it hurls 1,000 steel projectiles a distance of five miles in one minute we perceive that it is a gigantic gun. We are willing to wager that if Capt. Stem and his company located on Bowling Mountain with a half dozen machine guns not a single soldier of the entire infantry of the National Guard would ever reach the top of the mountain. It is a terrible gun. If the first shot hits a man between the eyes the second shot will hit him in the center of the forehead before he falls. The shots are arranged in a reel and when you pull the trigger the noise sounds like that of the long roll of a kettle drum, only much quicker and louder.

**Will Give Demonstration**  
It is Capt. Stem's intention to give a public demonstration of the gun before he leaves for the concentration camp. A large field near Oxford will be used for the demonstration and a guard thrown around it to prevent anyone from being hurt.

**Where Love Predominates.**  
There is a love existing between Capt. Stem and his men that is beautiful to behold. To say that they would die for each other is putting it very mild. It may at times be necessary for Capt. Stem to give a quick and positive command, but a harsh command is never necessary.

**PHYSICALLY FIT**  
Granville Can Furnish 1,000 Such Men If Needed.

The war department has determined in a large measure the physical requirements of men who will be drafted into the national army for service abroad. If you do not answer these requirements you will probably be exempted from the coming draft: Be not less than five feet four inches; having lungs and heart well nigh perfect; any heart "murmurs" disqualify; have good hearing and sight, although color blindness is not necessarily a disqualification; have no chronic or mental disorders; must possess all your fingers, toes and both ears; have near perfect feet, "flat" or otherwise deformed feet being sufficient cause for rejection; have at least four molar teeth; have no affections of the kidneys or chest.

**BEAUTIFUL CANTATA COMING.**  
Rev. S. K. Phillips Will Direct the Chorus.

The Oxford Choral Club will sing Bradbury's beautiful Cantata, "Esther," at the Orpheum Theatre next Monday night at 8:30. The chorus of 35 voices will be assisted by soloists, among them being Mr. Edgar Howerton, of Durham who has a wonderfully rich and flexible baritone voice. The proceeds will go to the Granville County Chapter of the Red Cross and the citizens of Oxford and the county ought to pack the theater to its limit. Tickets will be 35c and 25c. Rev. S. K. Phillips will direct the chorus and Miss Mary Webb will preside at the piano.

Those who heard the rendition of "Esther" last year pronounced it superior to anything presented in Oxford in many years. The price of admission is placed at a low figure to enable everybody to attend. The good people of the community should get behind it and make the receipts as large as possible.

**RUSSIANS BEGIN OFFENSIVE.**  
Capture More Than 10,000 German Soldiers.

Petrograd, July 2.—Russian troops have captured Koniuchy on the Galician front, together with 164 officers and 8,400 men, the war office announced today.

The Russian official announcement says that the Russians have advanced to the Koniuchy stream, and also have captured seven heavy guns. Teuton prisoners continue to be brought in.

The number of prisoners taken in the various sectors on Sunday is more than 10,000.

## DRAFT EXEMPTIONS GIVEN

ALL MEN WITH DEPENDENTS  
MUST FILE AFFIDAVITS  
WITH CLAIMS

Certificates of Exemption Will Not Necessarily be Permanent, But May Be Revoked With Changing Conditions of the Time.

WASHINGTON, July 2.  
Regulations to govern the next step toward selecting the national war army from the millions who signed up on registration day were announced today.

**Those Who Are Exempt.**  
Officers of the United States, of the States, territories and the District of Columbia, ministers of religion, students of divinity, persons in the military or naval service of the United States, subject to Germany, all other aliens who have not taken out first papers, county or municipal officers, custom house clerks, workmen in Federal armories, arsenals, and naval yards, persons in the Federal service designated by the President for exemption, pilots, merchant marine sailors, those with a status with respect to dependents which render their exclusion desirable (married man with dependent wife or child, son of a dependent widow, son of a dependent aged or infirm father, or brother of dependent orphan child under 16 years of age), those found morally deficient, and any member of any well-recognized religious sect existing May 18, 1917, whose creed forbids participation in war and whose religious convictions accord with the creed.

**Affidavits to Accompany Claims.**  
Claim for exemption because of dependents may be made by the man himself, his wife or other dependents or by a third party who has personally investigated the case. A claim made by the husband must be accompanied by supporting affidavits signed by the wife.

**CONDITIONS OF BUSINESS**  
IN THE FIFTH FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT.

**Tobacco is at High Water Prices**  
With an Assured Demand for all That Can Be Raised.

(Federal Reserve Bulletin, July, Naval Base.)  
The District counts itself fortunate in having two points within its borders—Columbia, S. C., and Petersburg, Va., selected as camp sites for the training of the first troops called to the colors. The Jamestown property at Norfolk, Va., has been acquired for the use of the Navy, insuring the development at that port of the greatest naval bast in this country.

**Demand For Tobacco.**  
The season has been backward from an agricultural standpoint, but a material improvement in crop prospects is universally reported from the District, with satisfactory prices apparently assured for everything that is being produced. The truck crops already sent to market have brought prosperous returns. The Irish potato crop along the Seaboard has been below normal in quantity and has brought \$8.00 to \$10.00 per barrel, a veritable golden harvest. Cotton and tobacco are at high water prices, with an assured demand for all that can be raised. Peanuts are also bringing high prices and their extensive planting is being particularly urged there being a growing demand for them from the oil mills. The planting of soy beans also promises to be profitable for crushing purposes.

**GOES TO CAPE TOWN.**  
Mr. Wilbur Smith Sails From New York Wednesday.

Mr. Wilbur Smith, one of Oxford's finest young men, and for two years holding a responsible position with the Imperial Tobacco Company, left for New York today and will embark for Cape Town, South Africa, this week.

The handsome picture of Mr. Smith is fastened in the upper right hand corner of the passport and beneath is his characteristic signature, making it almost impossible for any one in the whole world to counterfeit it.

With seven thousand miles of travel ahead of him, Mr. Smith enters upon the long journey with a light heart. He does not know the route he will travel, but it is understood that his ship will not pass through the submarine war zone. Everybody in Oxford has a tender spot in their heart for Mr. Smith and he carries with him the best wishes and prayers of all good people. He goes to Cape Town, a modern city of a quarter million people to accept a flattering position.

## WILL ENFORCE THE LAW

IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT ON  
AND AFTER JULY 1.

Chief Hobgood Will Use a Snap-Watch to Catch Speed Deacons—All Violators Are to be Arrested and Tried.

The new automobile law is now in full force and effect. Chief Hobgood now has in his possession a time-piece that will register the speed of any passing automobile that he has reason to believe is running faster than the law specifies. "You may state in the Public Ledger that I shall enforce the law to the fullest extent," said Chief Hobgood, "and I shall do it," continued the Chief, "without favor or partiality. If I should excuse one violator I should excuse all, and if I arrest one it is up to me to arrest all."

**Give Him Your Support**  
If the Chief is in dead earnest and desires to enforce the law he should have the sympathy and cooperation of the entire community. We believe that his greatest trouble will arise over the clause that makes it a misdemeanor for children under sixteen years of age to operate cars. Here he will come in contact with a few fond parents that would be willing to curtail his usefulness rather than disappoint the ambition of the children.

**Invoke the Law.**  
Several serious and near-serious automobile accidents have been reported.

**INVEST IN REALTY.**  
A Merchant's Idea of Farming Conditions.

An Oxford business man, who has long experience as a merchant dealing with farmers, says this is the very best time and the best year he has ever known for the farmers. With eggs at 30 cents per dozen at a season of the year when they are usually cheap, and all other farm produce at high prices the farmer is having his inning. His idea is that the submarines have dumped enough provisions into the seas to help much in carrying prices up. He considers buying a farm one of the very best investments which can be made. But he is sure that the farmers will feel the high prices for what they will buy from now on more than ever before. He observes that nitrate of soda is up twenty dollars per ton and 8-2-2 guano eight dollars per ton. Value on steel beam plows which sold for \$4.50 are now nine dollars each. He says that the time has come for the farmer not only to get better prices for his produce, but he must pay more for his implements and fertilizers and other things needed on the farm.

**NATIONAL GUARD WEEK.**  
Effort Made to Bring the Units of National Guard to Maximum Strength.

The Secretary of War has directed that all organizations of the National Guard, both in and out of Federal Service be immediately recruited to maximum strength. By direction of the Governor, the week beginning July 2nd and ending July 7th has been designated as "National Guard Week" for North Carolina. During this week, it is the purpose of the military authorities of the State to enlist the services of all the citizens in the movement toward securing the necessary enlistments to bring all units of the National Guard to maximum strength.

The Guard at present needs about four thousand men to supply the deficit. There are several new units being organized at present. A battery of Artillery is being organized at each of the following named towns:

New Bern, Durham, Washington, Mooresville, Rocky Mount, Wadesboro-Monroe.

An Engineer Train is being organized at Wilmington. In addition to the above mentioned units, men are needed for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Regiments of Infantry. Men are also needed for Companies A, B and C Engineers.

**B. S. ROYSTER,**  
Adjutant General.

**Canning Club Meeting.**  
There will be a meeting of the Canning Club in Mrs. C. G. Elliot's back yard on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. All members are urged to attend.

Special attention will be given to sealing tin cans for the benefit of those who are not accustomed to using tin. Any member who wishes to have practical help in canning, is asked to bring two or three glass jars, or tin cans, with fruits or vegetables for filling and the utensils with which to do her own work. Canners and tables will be in place for the use of all present.

**LILLIAN W. CAPEHART,**  
Home Dem. Agent.

## CHARACTER IS ESSENTIAL

GREAT RESPONSIBILITY RESTS  
UPON THE CHRISTIAN PEOPLE.

Safeguarding the Morals of the Boys Sent to the Trenches is the Most Important and Grave Responsibility.

While the people of America are providing the means to furnish munitions to combat and destroy the enemy, and are being urged to produce and conserve larger food supplies for the sustenance of the fighting forces and non-combatants of this country and of a large part of the world, let us not be unmindful of the dangers of immorality and vice which are far more menacing than are the bullets of the enemy. More men are falling out of the army by the way-side sick unto death because of their immoral conduct than are being mowed down by German bullets.

The Public Ledger regards the safeguarding of the morals of American boys, sent to the trenches, is one of the most important and grave responsibilities confronting this country. We are not advised what definite and systematic plans are on foot for religious work at the various training camps where thousands, and perhaps millions, of America's finest young men are to be schooled in the rudiments of war, but no thinking man can discount the obligation nor responsibility resting upon Christian people of this country to see to it that the spiritual preparation in our training camps becomes a recognized and definite factor.

God's ambassadors must be sent in numbers to cope with the influences of evil which are reported to infest every camp, but the start should be made at home and in the training camps before the boys embark for actual participation at the front. The call is one that takes second place to none other that has been sounded.

Far better be it that the boys who answer the call to die upon the battle fields in honorable combat than to be returned to their homes diseased in mind and body, and unfitted for decent association.

**CRAIG-PHILLIPS**  
Mr. Guy B. Phillips Goes to Palmetto State for Bride.

Timmonsville, S. C., June 30.—A wedding of extreme beauty and impressiveness was that of Miss Annie Elizabeth Craig and Guy Berryman Phillips, which was solemnized June 27 at 7:30 o'clock at the Baptist church. The church was very prettily and effectively decorated with quantities of southern smilax, ferns and pink hydrangeas, thus carrying out the color scheme of pink and green. Just before the ceremony Mrs. C. L. Smith and Miss Edith Clements rendered a musical program.

To the familiar notes of Lohengrin's wedding march, the bridal party entered. First came the ushers, James B. Keith and C. Ray Smith. Then the bridesmaids and groomsmen, Miss Annadee Best and M. L. McNeal; Miss Carrie Phillips and E. R. Rankin; Miss Helen Brown and L. B. Askins. The maid of honor, Miss Naomi Hocutt, then entered, followed by the bride and her brother, T. G. Craig, who gave her away. The bride was met at the altar by the groom and his best man, C. K. Burgess. Rev. Braxton Craig, pastor of the Baptist church and father of the bride, performed the ceremony.

The bridesmaids wore dainty white organdy and carried baskets filled with pink and white sweet peas tied with white and pink chiffon. The maid of honor was charmingly gowned in white charmeuse and net and carried a large bouquet of pink roses tied with white tulle. The youthful bride never looked lovelier than on her wedding evening. She wore a grey traveling suit with grey accessories and carried a bouquet of bride's roses. The bridal party left the church while Mendelssohn's march was played.

Directly after the ceremony, the bridal party departed in automobiles for the station where the happy couple took the train for North Carolina.

After spending a few weeks in the mountains of North Carolina, Mr. and Mrs. Phillips will be at home to their friends after August 1st, Oxford, N. C.

A large number of the relatives and friends of the contracting parties from North Carolina were present. The bride received quite a number of lovely presents.

Mrs. Phillips is a native of North Carolina and a graduate of the 1917 class of Meredith college, Raleigh, N. C. Mr. Phillips, of Trinity, N. C., is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and is now superintendent of the graded schools at Oxford, N. C.

Mrs. S. H. Cannady and Misses Mary and Fannie Webb were Raleigh visitors Monday.