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WRANGLE OVER APPOINTMENTS

DURHAM CITIZENS WILL PROTEST TO GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

They Feel That Governor Bickett Overstepped the Bounds of Reason When He Named Royster and Gattis Lieutenants of the Battery.

The people all over the state are watching with a great deal of interest the row now going on in Durham in the form of a determined protest to government authorities against the appointment of outsiders to command the new unit of artillery which has just been organized and recruited to war strength in the Bull City.

Both Durham papers, The Sun, in the afternoon field, and the Herald issued in the morning, are taking an active part in the fight. The dissatisfaction arose, it seems, over the appointment of Samuel M. Gattis, Jr., of Hillsboro, and Beverly S. Royster, Jr., of Oxford, as lieutenants in the company.

The city board of aldermen, the Rotary Club, and the Merchant's Association have all held meetings to protest against the appointments, and petitions have been placed in half a dozen or more stores for citizens to read and sign, urging the War Department at Washington to rescind the appointments made by Governor Bickett. A separate petition is being circulated among the volunteer members of the company.

Young Gattis is the son of the solicitor of the judicial district in which Durham county is located, and Royster is the son of the Adjutant-General. The Durham Herald came out a few days ago in a bitter attack against the Governor, and The Sun is spreading its protest all over its front page, while the citizens are recording their "amends" in various ways and hurrahing for their public spokesman.

Durham people resent the appointment of the so-called "aliens" to officer and command a company of their own boys, declaring it something of a slam at their volunteers.

Capt. McLendon's Statement.
The following is a partial statement of Capt. McLendon, which we find in the Durham Herald:

"Here is the correct total of the men furnished by each county to date: Durham 77, Orange 38, Person 11, Pitt 1, Johnson 2, South Carolina 1, Chatham 7, Carbarus 1, Alamanance 2, Wake 1, Granville 1, total 142. Is 77 a majority of 142? Of course these figures do not include the men who have been rejected on physical examination but if these were counted the proportion would doubtless be practically the same.

"Now as to the appointment of Lieutenants Royster and Gattis. Not more than a week after it was announced by the adjutant general's office that a regiment of light field artillery was going to be organized in this state I was in the adjutant general's office in Raleigh on business connected with the local battery. My recollection now is that General Royster was not present. Major George Peterson, who is acting as assistant adjutant general and property and distributing officer for the United States, told me that the militia bureau chief had suggested that the governor draw upon Fort Oglethorpe and other training camps for the lieutenants for the regiment. He told me that later, I don't remember which, that Beverly S. Royster, Jr., of Oxford wanted to get in the North Carolina National Guard. I told Major Peterson I would be glad to have him in the Durham battery as one of my lieutenants if he could get transferred. He then suggested that I take the matter up with Royster through Col. H. J. Slocum, commanding officer of Fort Oglethorpe training camp. Either the same day or the next I learned that S. M. Gattis, Jr., has filed application with the adjutant general's office for a transfer from Fort Oglethorpe to the Durham battery. I then requested the adjutant general's office to conduct the correspondence and stated that I would recommend the appointment of both men in the event they could be transferred. Several days later I learned that both men had secured permission to be transferred. I was directed to wire them whenever I wanted them to report for duty. I thought that both of them ought to stay there as long as possible. I wired Gattis about June 25 to come

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GROWTH OF SCHOOLS IN GRANVILLE COUNTY.

The following are the school buildings that have been constructed in Granville County since 1906:

1906
White—Lyons, Tar River, Cozart, Cornwall.

1907
White—Tally Ho, Williford, Berea, Dexter, Stovall, Hester (room added).
Colored—Chetham's Mill.

1908
White—Bethel, Pleasant Grove, Creedmoor, Cornel, Hart, Royster, Oak Hill.
Colored—Knott's Grove, Stovall, Creedmoor.

1909
White—Currin, Grissom, Brassfield, Peace, Stem, Enon, Penny Hill, Salem, Burnett, Benehan (room added).
Colored—Williford.

1910
White—Browning, Peace (replaced burnt building).

1911
White—Willow Branch, Stovall (room added), Penny Hill (room added), Robert's Chapel (old building removed).

1912
White—Knott's Grove, Mountain Creek, Knap of Reeds, Clark (room added).
Colored—Providence, Knap of Reeds (enlarged).

1913
White—Gray Rock, Culbreth, Grassy Creek, Bullock, Sharon, Cornwall (room added), Mt. Carmel (room added), Bailey (room added).
Colored—Benehan, Grissom, Mountain Creek.

1914
White—Hester, Providence, Howard, Stovall, Sunset, Vaughan, Stem (room added), Enon (room added), Grassy Creek (room added).
Colored—Mountain School, Enon, Bullock, Vaughan.

1915
Colored—Kinton Fork.

1916
White—Wilton, Robert's Chapel, Clark, Woody, Culbreth (room added), Knott's Grove (room added), Caltonlina (Built by Mr. Calton).

SCARCITY OF LABOR.

Oxford Concerns Need Several Hundred

When the great Imperial Tobacco plant and the Adams Tobacco Company gets under full steam there will be a need of more than 600 negro laborers in Oxford. Just where the labor is to come from is up until the present time an unknown quantity. Some of the tobacco plants in nearby towns are planning newspaper advertising campaigns. Good wages will be offered, and that alone will catch many of the Granville county negroes.

Some of the towns in this section of the State have been asked by the tobacco people to aid by making it warm for all negro loafers in the city, compelling them to either work or vacate.

LIEUTENANT OF ENGINEERS.

Second Son of General B. S. Royster Qualifies.

The following interesting news item was announced from the Adjutant-Generals office Tuesday:

"Engineer Train, Infantry Division Wilmington—Ira A. Hines, first lieutenant; Louis E. Whitfield, second lieutenant; Royal H. Royster, second lieutenant."

Lieutenant Royal H. Royster is the second son of General B. S. Royster. He enlisted as a private in the Engineer Train about a month ago. He is one of the fine young men of the State and is the recipient of hearty congratulation by his many friends here. General Royster contributes two sons to the army, Beverly S. being a lieutenant in the newly formed artillery company at Durham.

HAUL TROOPS IN DAY CARS.

Shortage of Pullman Cars Makes This Necessary Officials Declare.

Washington, July 19.—Day coaches will be used for moving the greater part of the National Guard to the concentration camps in the South. When the troops were moved to the border, tourist sleeping cars were used, but it has been found that a shortage of cars now exists. It was believed that the moving of troops would be well under way by the first of the month.

Night Officer

The Town Commissioners have appointed Detective J. A. Hutchins special night officer. He will patrol the business section of the town.

That Familiar Line.

Be it the sea of mountain way, Where summer rest they're reaping, On the post cards they all now say, "I'm under blankets sleeping."

THE NATIONAL LOTTERY

TO SELECT MEN FOR THE ARMY THIS FRIDAY MORNING.

Drawing Will Start at Half-Past Nine O'Clock—Provost Marshal General Crowder Expects to Have Job Over in Hour—Scheme For Drawing Has Been Stated.

Washington, July 19.—Nine-thirty o'clock tomorrow morning in a committee room of the Senate office building have been fixed as the time and place for the war army drawing. Secretary Baker and other cabinet members and officers of the Senate and House Military Committees will witness the drawing.

Provost Marshal General Crowder counts upon finishing in little more than an hour the big task, after which the numerals will immediately be given to the public.

Who Will Go First

Just how the drawing is to be conducted to establish the order for appearance before the local exemption boards for each of the 10,000,000 men was disclosed today for the first time by Provost Marshal General Crowder. There will be two drawings, one of numbers from 1 to 1,000 and another from a cipher to 10 to form a so-called master key by which the thousand numbers drawn will reach every man in all the districts.

The Details of the Drawing

"One group of numbers, from 1 to 1,000, and a second group, from 0 to 9, have been carefully imprinted on opaque slip of paper, black on one side, counted and checked. These slips have been rolled up and each put inside a gelatin capsule with the black side out. To insure absolute accuracy of count, the capsules containing numbers from 1 to 1,000 have been counted into glass jars in groups of 100 each; the glass jars have been sealed and kept in a safe awaiting the day of drawing.

THE PHYSICAL CONNECTION

THE RAILWAYS WILL DO THE RIGHT THING

Mr. T. Lanier Lays the Question Before the Corporation Commission—the Commission Will Probably Hold Meeting in Oxford.

The question of a physical connection of the Seaboard and Southern railway tracks is again the absorbing talk of the business men of Oxford. The question has been debated four or five years with little encouragement held out by the railway companies, until Mr. Lanier, acting for the business interests of Oxford, took the matter up with the commission this week.

A meeting will be held either in Oxford or Raleigh within the next ten days, says Mr. Lanier, and he feels that the Seaboard and Southern will do the right thing.

The physical connection does not signify a union passenger station at this time, but it is doubtless a step in that direction. With the link established, cars from each of the two lines can be set out and picked up at points most convenient to the business houses.

Under the present trackage arrangement, freight arriving via Seaboard consigned to firms located along the Southern railway tracks in the western part of Oxford must be carted across town at great expense, and the same condition exists as applied to the Southern placing cars on most convenient Seaboard sidings.

There are more than one-hundred and fifty sites touched by the proposed physical connection, which have laid dormant for years on account of their isolation.

The establishment of the physical connection removes an obstacle and creates an incentive to industrial growth.

LAST NOTICE TO DELINQUENTS.

You will be allowed to list your taxes during July 1917 by applying to J. B. Powell, Register of Deeds. After that date, all delinquents will be ascertained and charged with 25 per cent additional taxes. This is according to law, and we must enforce it. Don't impose this burden on the board. E. C. HARRIS, Chm.

EXEMPTION CLAIM CANNOT BE ARGUED.

Affidavits Only to Be Allowed, and Council Will Only Cause Delay. All claims for exemption from the operation of the selective draft must be presented before the county boards in the form of an affidavit, and legal council, is not to be permitted, according to instructions received by the county board Wednesday from the War Department, and forwarded by the Adjutant-General at Raleigh.

No oral argument will be tolerated, the statement says, and the employment of council by any person claiming exemption will serve only to delay the decision of the board. Bar Association in some parts of the country have gone on record as opposing the employment of council to represent any person.

MRS. MEDFORD DEAD.

Passed Away Suddenly Thursday Night.

The community was shocked this Friday morning to learn of the sudden death of Mrs. J. J. Medford at her home on Gilliam street.

Mrs. Medford with some of her children visited a neighbor early Thursday night, returning about 9:30 in perfect health. She was later attacked with a sinking spell and a physician hastily summoned, but she was beyond recovery and passed away at 11:30.

The funeral arrangements have not been completed at the hour of going to press, but it announced that the interment will be in Elmwood Cemetery Saturday afternoon.

THE FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION.

Two New Pastors Strengthen the Pastoral Force. (Biblical Recorder.)

The meeting of the Flat River Association convened at Olive Branch church, Granville county, on July 11, 12.

Judge W. A. Devin, who had been Moderator for several years, declined to be re-elected, and Mr. C. D. Ray was elected Moderator, and Rev. T. G. Ursy, of Oxford, Clerk.

The ingathering and reports of the work in the churches for the past year were very encouraging. The budget system and every member canvassed was discussed, and by vote was adopted by the Association to be carried out in all the churches of the Association.

With the exception of several reports not having been prepared, the sessions of the Association were good and the attendance also good.

The visitors representing the various departments of our work, were Archibald Johnson, Dr. R. T. Vann, Secretary Johnson, E. L. Middleton, and the writer for the Recorder.

All object were presented, and several addresses were of high order—that of D. Branson, Walter Johnson's address on Missions, and that of Rev. J. D. Harte on Foreign Missions, etc.

IN "HER GREATEST LOVE"

Theda Bara Will Be Seen Not As a Vampire.

Theatre goers will have an opportunity next Monday, matinee and night, of seeing the great Russian actress, Theda Bara, in "Her Greatest Love." The New York World says: "When an actress has become identified with a certain kind or part it is rather unusual to see her in a role entirely different and have her more than make good in it. You will be surprised and pleased at the way in which Theda Bara portrays the part of an unsophisticated girl in "Her Greatest Love." This Fox feature will interest and entertain."

In the role of a school girl lifted from the gray walls of an English school to marry a member of the fashionable colony, the changes of character as the sordidness of the world impressed itself upon her virgin heart are depicted with remarkable vividness by Miss Bara, in the role of the girl who finally won happiness after passing through the crucible of disillusionment.

BIG SALE NOW GOING ON.

Crowds Drawn to the Big Store of Landis & Easton.

The big ten day's sale inaugurated by Landis & Easton has a tendency to draw a large number of people from all over the county. The people of Granville county know a good thing when they see it, and when this old reliable merchantile firm speaks they know that the time has come to act. It is doubtful if some of the goods and the prices offered by this firm can be duplicated. See announcement on fourth page of this paper.

ORDERS REACH LOCAL COMPANY

CAPT. FULLER BUSY WITH THE DETAILS

In Close Touch With All of His Men—Will Arrange Board For the Boys.

Company E has been officially instructed to report at the armory on July 25 at 9 o'clock, as that has been the hour designated for the organization to be mustered into service.

The announcement of the date on which the local militia would be called into service was received with gleeful shouts of the young recruits and the appreciative smile on the faces of the men who have seen service on the border and other places, together with fire in the eyes or both, evidenced the ting of enthusiasm in every man.

Though the men will be called into the service on July 25, they will not go to the training camp at Greenville until a week or two after that date. It is thought at the present time that the organization from this state will go to the encampment on August 5.

The men will be expected to report at the armory every day, however, and will be put through a course in close order drilling. There is little possibility that much extended order drill will be attempted before the men go to camp, but the fundamental principles of close order can be perfected and this will be very beneficial to the organization when it reaches the training camp.

Capt. Fuller has been in Raleigh much of the past week, but he is now in Oxford and will make sleeping and boarding arrangements for all of his men who live out of Oxford. If no sleeping arrangements can be made it will be necessary for the men to stay at the armory.

Men living out of the city or boarding and wishing to give up their boarding place will be provided for by the company. Sleeping quarters can be obtained at the armory and the men will be furnished their meals at cafes and other places in the city.

Capt. Fuller will urge all men who are able to live at home to do so, both on their account and for the company. He states that by staying at home they could in most cases receive better food than would be furnished by the cafes and at night they would not be forced to sleep in the hot and crowded armory.

Under instructions from the War Department, the Adjutant-General's office has also notified Captain Fuller that he may enlist men five feet and one inch in height, and weighing as little as 110 pounds. This is a considerable reduction from the previous ruling, but was not unexpected on the part of the military men, as the former regulations kept out many men for enlistment, and many men who otherwise were physically perfect and who would have been enlisted.

The Red Cross Fund.

Latest reports show the total contributions to the Red Cross war fund during the recent campaign week were \$118,121,370. North Carolina is credited with \$314,439, of which and that they do not know how long Granville county contributed about \$3,500.

Short Prayer Services.

There will be a short prayer service this afternoon at 6 o'clock at the Episcopal church for the present crisis of our Nation's Welfare, and especially for those who will be drafted. Every man, woman and child is urged to come and join in this intercession. Similar services will be held next week at the same hour, on Monday at the Baptist church, on Wednesday afternoon at the Presbyterian church and on Thursday afternoon at the Methodist church.

A Great Saving.

By purchasing this week from the Carolina Powe & Light Company you will save considerable money. Electric irons have nearly doubled since January 1st. They sell them now at \$3.00. Mr. William Bailey, the manager, announces that the price after July 1st will be \$4.50; one six pound electric iron and one \$2.00 ironing board toad yells for \$3.95, which represents a saving of \$2.55.

Patriotic Announcement

The announcement of Upchurch & Currin on the second page of this paper has a decided patriotic sound. It will do you good to read it.

Gone to Hospital

Mrs. J. P. Pruitt, of Route 4, has gone to a hospital in Durham for medical treatment. She was accompanied by Dr. Nelson Thomas.