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## 104 PHYSICALLY SOUND MEN

**THE GRANVILLE COUNTY EXEMPTION BOARD BUSY.**

List of Persons Called Into the Service of the United States Not Exempted or Discharged.

Of the four hundred registrants cited to appear before the Granville County Exemption Board, 104 qualified physically and waved claims for exemption. The following is a list of Granville county persons thus called into the service of the United States not exempted or discharged:

Serial No.	Order No.	Name	Age
15		Aiken, Lee	151
17		Blackley, Willis Herbert	110
122		Blanchard, Abram W.	314
128		Blackwell, Francis	249
191		Branch, James E.	379
163		Bridges, Thomas W.	386
218		Bullock, B. Garland	164
222		Bullock, Charles L.	319
232		Champion, James Albert	365
298		Chavis, Cornelius	139
327		Clark, Geo. Washington	260
309		Clark, Thomas	53
320		Clement, Jesse L.	338
350		Cobb, Lon Ellen	195
363		Collins, Russell	255
373		Comer, James	41
341		Cooper, Thomas	226
345		Cozart, Ira	269
406		Critchler, Earle B.	294
391		Crews, Elijah	229
424		Curran, Vivian D.	390
486		Daniel, Dock	46
477		Daniel, R. Garland	380
458		Davis, Collie Vasco	2
549		Eakes, Bennie A.	200
548		Eakes, Ernest O.	29
552		Eastwood, Henry	135
564		Elliot, Geo. G.	22
574		Emory, Lee Andrew	169
606		Fleming, Fred G.	98
620		Franklin, Edward A.	165
642		Garner, Ben	316
645		Garrett, Eddie	163
652		Glover, Ike	88
657		Gooch, Roland L.	395
875		Green, Eugene Gibson	140
692		Green, Henry	47
679		Green, Thomas	250
685		Green, Ulie Lee	215
741		Harris, Thomas D.	205
772		Harrie, Robert	115
738		Harris, Ronnie	350
733		Hart, Robert H.	150
848		Hicks, Clarence Elmos	357
837		Hicks, John Shaw	16
840		Hight, Hubert Andrew	391
841		Hight, Robert Benton	210
868		Hobgood, Addie Banks	128
905		Hobgood, Crawford N.	152
900		Hobgood, Joshua	253
882		Howard, Frank	178
870		Howard, Maud	198
874		Howard, Samuel	134
924		Hunt, Daniel	62
950		Johnson, Ed.	339
972		Jones, Otis	124
966		Jones, Samuel	127
1032		Latta, Eugene	212
1031		Latta, Dorsey F.	71
1023		Lawrence, Graham T.	387

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## GOES TO EASTERN COUNTIES.

**Judge Devin's vacation is About Ended.**

The indications are that Hon. W. A. Devin's brief vacation, the most of it spent in Oxford, has been beneficial to him. He will go to Southport, Brunswick county, and hold court next week. The following week will find him presiding over Columbus county court, and thence to Wilmington for a two week's term of court.

## FAREWELL TO SOLDIERS

**There Should Be a Patriotic Demonstration in Oxford.**

Other towns are preparing to inaugurate elaborate patriotic demonstrations, which is to be the formal farewell to their military organizations.

The people of Oxford should get busy and celebrate their departure in a befitting manner. Fourth of July oratory is not needed at this time, but we think it was Dr. J. D. Harte, pastor of the Oxford Baptist church, that we heard say that a pound party and prayer would avail much. Dr. Harte's proposition seems to appeal to a large number of citizens.

## Handsome Gift.

Handy Wilder, colored, of Franklin county, has made through Judge Crawford Biggs, of Raleigh, a cash donation of \$2,000 to the Oxford Colored Orphanage.

## JUDGE CONNOR DISPOSES OF THE TAX LEVY CASE.

The suit brought by the Granville County Board of Education against the Commissioners of the County, asking for a five cent levy, has been disposed of.

In rendering a decision in favor of the County Commissioners, Judge Connor covered six closely type written pages of legal cap.

The Judge touched several fine points in his decision that would be well for the people of Granville to ponder. We trust that the Commissioners will decide to have it published in full.

## ROYSTER-PAGE

**Solemnized at Christ Church, Raleigh, Friday Afternoon.** (Raleigh News and Observer)

A quiet wedding of unusual interest to North Carolinians was solemnized at Christ Church, Friday afternoon when, before a few friends, Miss Elizabeth Page, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Page, of Aberdeen, became the wife of Lieutenant Beverly S. Royster, Jr., son of Adjutant-general and Mrs. B. S. Royster, of Oxford. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Milton A. Barber. Those in attendance were Miss Pauline Moore, Asheville; Miss Nell Pender, Greenville; Mrs. L. R. Page, Aberdeen; Mr. Halbert Blue, Aberdeen; Mr. W. B. Crimes, Jr., Raleigh; Mr. William Page and Mr. Robert Page, Jr., of Aberdeen.

The engagement of the happy couple was announced a few days previous to the entrance of Lieutenant Royster at Fort Oglethorpe three months ago, where he won distinction and was commissioned and assigned to the Newbern Battery. The pretty and accomplished bride and Lieutenant Royster spent the week end at the home of General Royster.

When Lieutenant Royster goes to France, Mrs. Royster is likely to accompany him to London and be the guest of her distinguished uncle, Ambassador Page.

## THE FALL TRADE

**Oxford Merchants Are on the Northern Markets.**

Practically all of the merchants of Oxford will be on the northern markets by the end of the present week. Major Will Landis, buyer for Landis & Easton; Mr. Frank B. Blalock, buyer for the men's department of the Long Company, and Mr. Oscar Breedlove, buyer for the Perkinson-Green Company, have already gone north, and Mr. Josh King and other merchants will follow in a day or two.

Miss Lena Coble, the popular milliner for the Perkinson-Green Company, is in the north in the interest of her company and it is a pleasure to note that she will return to Oxford about the first of September. The other Oxford milliners have either gone or will go north this week.

The Public Ledger learns from the Oxford merchants that the war in no wise will be a bar to their purchasing. They realize that the business conditions of the country were never in better shape and that they will not hesitate to purchase staple goods and novelties in large quantities.

## THE STORY TELLING LEAGUE

**Young Ladies Engage in a Pleasant Work.**

Nothing is more impressive than a good story, painted in its true colors and related by a past master at the business. The Story Telling League of the Sunbeam Band of the Oxford Baptist Church is certainly dear to the hearts of the young people, and many adults regret that they are not privileged to be present at the meetings every Monday morning and listen to the stories and engage in the games. The leaders are: Misses Sadie Parham, Sallie Webb and Mary Royal Hancock. They are capable of devouring volumes of wholesome literature and converting it into interesting talks covering only a few minutes. Under the influence of these young ladies the minds of the children grow and glow like the sunflowers.

## The Canning Lady

Can, lady, can with care. Can today for next winter's fare.

There will be an examination for white teachers on the 23rd of August and for colored on the 27th.

J. F. WEBB.

## RULES CALLING FOR NEW ARMY

**LOCAL BOARDS TO MAKE OUT LISTS OF THE MEN—WITHIN THREE WEEKS FIRST DRAFT ARMY WILL BE IN TRAINING.**

Provost Marshal General Crowder Has Issued Regulations Governing Every Movement of the Selected Men—They Take the Man Up At the Time He Was Definitely Enrolled By the Local Boards, Carry Him Through the Waiting Period, Tell Him What To Do When the Time For Entrainment Comes and Finally Send Him Aboard the Train Bound For the Concentration Camp. There Army Officers Take Him In Charge—The Regulations Will Be Followed By Each Local Board in Carrying Out Its Concluding Work On the Draft.

(Official Bulletin)

Two hundred thousand of the first 687,000 men will be called September 1 and forwarded to their camps before September 5. The whole business of assembling the levies at entraining points, providing them with shelter, food and transportation and giving them their actual induction into military life is entrusted to the civilian local boards which selected them for service. Until the men reach the camps, they will not be in contact with uniformed officers. The civilian control is carried forward through every stage of the draft to the very gates of the military camps where the making of soldiers will begin, to be completed with sound of the guns in France.

The actual call for men will go in each case from the provost marshal general to the state adjutant general, stating the number of men to be supplied at a specified time by the state. Each local board will be promptly informed of its proportion in the call, and the adjutant general will fix the date when the men from his state shall entrain for the camps.

Immediately the local board will make out the list of men to fill the call, fix the place of entrainment and time of departure.

**Will Post Orders.**

Orders to the men will be posted and also be sent them by mail. They will be directed to report to the local board at its headquarters not less than twelve hours or more than twenty-four hours before the time of departure.

Prior to the arrival of the men at the board headquarters members are instructed to make arrangements for their accommodations, to find clean and sanitary sleeping places at hotels (Continued On Page Four)

## THE OXFORD TOBACCO MARKET

**WILL OPEN MONDAY, THE THIRD OF SEPTEMBER.**

**The Buyers and Warehousemen are Making Preparations to Handle the Big Crop.**

According to the statement of the tobacco men of Oxford every thing will be in readiness on Monday, September 3.

The failure on the part of the tobacco men two years ago to be ready to handle the crop on opening day was disastrous to the market and it was well along in the season before it retrieved its good name. In the opinion of well informed tobacco men such a state of affairs will never again exist in Oxford. We take it for granted that opening day this season means preparedness to handle the crop.

## Four Big Warehouses

Four mammoth, modern warehouses, well lighted and thoroughly equipped are operated in Oxford by the most experienced warehousemen to be found in any market. These trained men know tobacco and will see to it that it brings full value. (Continued On Page Eight)

## LEE COUNTY IN BAD

**Only Fifteen Men Are Physically Fit.**

Sanford, Aug. 13.—Lee County Exemption Board have completed examination of those called first. Out of 170, four asked to be examined elsewhere and nine have failed to report. Out of the 167 examined only 34 did not ask for exemptions and only 15 of these passed a perfect physical examination.

The board have called 150 more to complete the county's quota.

## DRASTIC POWERS GIVEN IN FOOD CONTROL BILL

Here are some of the outstanding features of the Food Control bill, finally passed by the Senate last week and received the President's signature and became a law:

**Government control of foods, feeds, fuels, fertilizers and tools, implements and equipment used in food production.**

A one man food administration. Drastic penalties against hoarding and speculation.

A licensing system giving the President complete power over dealers in necessities.

Enormous requisitioning powers for the President in obtaining war supplies.

Presidential authority to close exchange and boards of trade if necessary to stop speculation in necessities.

Presidential authority to buy and sell wheat, flour, meal, beans and potatoes at reasonable prices.

A guarantee of \$2 a bushel as the minimum price for No. 1 Northern wheat at the primary interior markets until May 1, 1918.

Prohibition against the use of foods in whiskey making and authority to the President, if he sees fit, to impose similar prohibition on beer and wine making.

Presidential authority to commandeer distilled spirits in stock and bond for redistillation for war purposes.

An appropriation of \$10,000,000 to enable the President to buy and sell fertilizers to farmers.

An appropriation of \$152,000,000 to enable the Food Administrator to carry out the purpose of the bill.

## NAMES GRANVILLE MAN.

**Senator A. A. Hicks Will Represent Government Claims.**

By direction of President Wilson, the attorneys for the city and county governments have been appointed by Governor Bickett to represent the United States government in taking appeals from the decisions of the local exemption board for Eastern North Carolina. Senator A. A. Hicks, county attorney, will act as attorney, in this capacity.

It became known several weeks ago that the government intended to appeal every case that was passed upon by all local exemption boards where the local boards granted the claims for exemption and excused the registrant from military service in the new national army. Until announcement was made that city and county attorneys were to represent the government in these cases there was some uncertainty as to just how the appeals would be made.

In addition to appealing adverse decisions by the local boards, the attorneys will investigate all claims as presented by the registrant, and learn the exact facts in each case. It is pointed out that this does not mean that any man will be denied any just claims he may present, but that the government merely desires to have the plain truth in every instance.

## Sunset News Items.

(Correspondence Public Ledger) Mr. M. F. Caroway, of Norfolk, is the guest of Mr. W. R. Nelson for a few days.

Rev. Geo. B. Tunstall filled his regular appointment at Hester Sunday, and a large crowd was present.

Mr. James B. Pruitt has returned from the Durham hospital and is doing well. W. D. B.

**Oxford Man Breaks World Record**

Mr. Frank E. Youngs, district agent for the Bull Tractor, with headquarters in Oxford, last week broke the world's record in plowing an acre of ground in North Carolina. See next Saturday's issue of the Public Ledger and learn something about the world famous Bull Tractor. Mr. Youngs is on a business trip to the Shenandoah Valley this week and will return to Oxford Thursday.

## The Mar-Hof Middy Suits.

For the benefit of those going off to school and wanting early suits, Perkinson-Green, the "Quality Store," are displaying the Mar-Hof Middy Suits, which comes in both storm and French navy blue serges. The Mar-Hof Middy Suits are pictured in the Perkinson-Green announcement on the fifth page of this paper.

## OXFORD MAN HAD CLOSE CALL

**MR. WILBUR SMITH HAD SAD EXPERIENCE OFF THE COAST OF AFRICA.**

Five American Passengers Were Lost When the American Steamer The City of Athens Struck a Mine Near Cape Town, South Africa, on August 10th.

Mr. Wilbur Smith, who left Oxford about four weeks ago for Cape Town, South Africa, had a close call off the African coast when the American steamer City of Athens, on which he was voyaging, struck a mine and carrying five American passengers to its watery grave.

The first information to reach Oxford was a telegram from Mr. Smith received by Dr. E. T. White at one o'clock Monday afternoon. The telegram was dated at Cape Town August 13th and signed by Mr. Smith, as follows:

"The steamer on which I was voyaging was wrecked yesterday. I landed at Cape Town this morning. Regret that Sumner was drowned. Advise family and friends."

The Mr. Sumner of whom he speaks of in the telegram was from Hertford, N. C. The two young men were on their way to Cape Town to fill important positions with the British-American Tobacco Company.

Mr. Smith is a fine young man and his many friends here will rejoice to know that he escaped the perils of the sea.

## Associated Press Report.

Washington, Aug. 13.—Five American passengers were lost when the American steamer, City of Athens struck a mine and went down near Cape Town, South Africa, on August 10, according to today's State Department dispatches.

The dispatches say four of the Americans were missionaries, and name Mr. and Mrs. Naygard, Miss Robinson, and Caroline Thompson, the latter of the Methodist Mission Board. A Mr. Pointer, of that mission was saved. Nineteen other missionaries with headquarters at Brooklyn, were saved. The fifth American who was lost a Mr. Sumner address not given.

In addition to those five an Englishman named Duckworth with his American wife and six children also lost their lives. Mrs. Duckworth's father lives in Denver, Col. Among the saved were Mr. Sumner and wife, apparently from Meadows, Ill.; Mr. Ritchie, Chicago; Mr. Pritchett, Philadelphia; David Lovas, Castoria, S. D.; X. F. Braaten, Minneapolis; Mr. Denham, an Austrian with an American wife and two children, and a Mr. Smith, no address given.

## A Long Journey

Cape Town, a commercial city the size of Baltimore, is 9,300 miles from New York City. A telegram costs 93 cents a word from Oxford. Little did the Oxford friends of Mr. Smith think that the voyage to Cape Town was a perilous one when he exhibited his passport and bade them farewell. He did not know the routing of his ship, but the authorities at Washington informed him that it would not pass through the war zone. At the time Mr. Smith sailed from New York, the Germans claimed that the waters along the African coast were open to the world. The Germans, however, later learned that considerable supplies were being shipped to the Allies from African ports. The sinking of the City of Athens goes to prove that the Germans are operating in the waters of the entire world, and no one need be surprised to hear at any time of an explosion in New York harbor.

## The Whirlwind Sale.

Landis & Easton have put on a remnant and summer clearance sale in all departments that will greatly reduce the high cost of living in so far as it applies to ladies', men's and children's wearing apparel. The very articles that will be much higher in prices go on sale at greatly reduced prices and in some instances at actual cost. This applies to everything in the two big stores. See the announcement on the back page of this paper.

## Successful Meeting.

The recent protracted meeting at Concord church, conducted by Rev. E. G. Usry was very successful and resulted in thirteen baptisms last Sunday.