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DELEGATES ATTENDING CONVOCAION OF RALEIGH

Public Services and Business Meetings At St. Stephen's Church. The Convocation of Raleigh began a three day's session in St. Stephen's Church Monday afternoon. The citizens of Oxford are welcomed at any of the services or business meetings. The following is a list of delegates in attendance:

Rev. N. C. Duncan, with Mrs. R. H. Lewis.
Rev. S. S. Bost, with Mrs. R. O. Gregory.
Rev. Marriesson, with Mrs. Will Landis.
Dr. J. K. Henry, with Mrs. A. L. Capehart.
Rev. R. M. Marshall, with Mrs. T. Lanier.
Rev. H. O. Nast, with Mrs. J. B. Powell.
Rev. N. C. Hughes, with Mrs. J. B. Powell.
Rev. L. N. Taylor, with Mrs. T. G. Taylor.
Rev. Reuben Meredith, with Mrs. T. G. Taylor.
Mr. W. H. Raffin, with Mrs. Kate White.
R. H. Joyner, with Miss Jeanette Biggs.
Rev. Francis Joyner, with Mrs. Prichard.
Rev. Francis Osborn, with Mrs. H. G. Cooper.
Rev. F. S. Walker, with Mrs. H. G. Cooper.
Mr. Gus Moore, with Mrs. J. G. Hall.
Mr. Henry, with Mrs. J. G. Hall.
Rev. R. B. Owen, with Mrs. T. L. Booth.
Walter G. Rogers, with Mrs. T. L. Booth.
Bishop J. B. Cheshire, with Mrs. R. G. Lassiter.
Archdeacon Lawrence, with Mrs. R. G. Lassiter.
Rev. I. W. Hughes, with Mrs. B. K. Lassiter.
Rev. I. Pittinger, with Mrs. T. W. Winston.
Rev. Lay, with Mrs. Cahs. Landis.
Mr. Wall, with Mrs. Bonitz.
Mr. T. W. Mullen, with Mrs. de la Croix.
Mr. D. B. Kimball and Mrs. Kimball, with Mrs. Graham.
Rev. Milton Barber, with Mrs. J. C. Robards.
Mr. G. C. Lamb, with Mrs. J. A. Taylor.
Rev. Lewis Morrison, with Mrs. Cam Easton.
Rev. B. F. Tinchnor, with Mrs. J. T. Britt.

FOY BLACK RUN DOWN BY UNITED STATES DETECTIVES

Captured Last Saturday in Front of the Oxford Postoffice. One of the human blood-hounds of the United States Postal service last week notified the local postal authorities that Foy F. Black, of Birmingham, Alabama, for more than a year a fugitive from justice, was headed toward Oxford. He directed the local authorities to be on their lookout for the young man. Saturday afternoon, a good-looking young man, neatly dressed, appeared at the postoffice window and called for a letter, giving his correct name. The clerk fumbled though the mail slowly in order to gain time and to attract the attention of Assistant Postmaster Critcher and notify him by a secret sign that the man they were looking for was at the window. Mr. Critcher hastened out of the back entrance and went around to the front and waited for the young man to come out, in the mean time sending word to Officer Hutchings to hurry to the postoffice. Mr. Critcher engaged the young man in conversation and as soon as Hutchins arrived he admitted that he was complicated and had been dodging the postal authorities for several months. We visited the young man in the county jail Monday and learned from him that four other men much older than him are implicated in the crime, the nature of which we are not fully advised. He stated that he was not twenty-one years of age when the crime against the government was committed and that he is anxious to return to Alabama and testify against the instigator. The postal authorities will no doubt take him to Alabama at an early date.

GOES TO GREENVILLE.

Rev. S. K. Phillips, pastor of the Oxford Presbyterian Church, delivered his farewell sermon last Sunday night. The Sunday night services at the Oxford Baptist church were omitted in order to afford the congregation to attend the farewell service at the Presbyterian church. Dr. Harte spoke at some length in reference to the good works of Mr. Phillips during his six years of labor in Oxford. Mr. Phillips leaves this week for his new charge in Greenville. The Christian people of the entire community regret the departure of this good man.

MR. LONG LAID TO REST IN ELMWOOD CEMETERY

Large Crowds Attend the Funeral of the Noble Citizen. The funeral services of Mr. W. J. Long, held from the residence on Gilliam street Saturday afternoon, conducted by Rev. J. D. Harte, the beloved pastor of the deceased, was a most solemn and impressive hour. People from all the walks of life were present in large numbers and followed the bier to Elmwood Cemetery where it was laid to rest amid a profusion of flowers contributed by loving hands. The Long Company, of which Mr. Long was the founder, but in no wise connected with the firm for the past eight years, closed their doors during the afternoon in recognition of the name which the company bears. The Oxford Buggy Company, of which Mr. Long was president, also closed their doors in honor of his memory. A number of relatives from Seaboard, the boyhood home of Mr. Long, attended the funeral. Lieutenant William Grant, a nephew of the deceased, arrived from Camp Jackson too late to see his Uncle breathe his last. The other surviving relatives in Oxford are his devoted wife and child and his niece, Mrs. J. Pierson Harris, nee Miss Irma Grant. The pallbearers were: Active. J. F. Veasey, A. H. Powell, W. W. Devin, M. E. Green, B. F. Taylor. Honorary. L. W. Stark, P. H. Montgomery, H. J. Council, Albert Crews, Prof. Hobbard, Lennie Smith, Dick Taylor, Tom Winston, Capt. White, Dr. Hays, I. N. Howard, Dr. Cannady, D. C. Hunt, W. S. Parker, General Royster, Dr. Daniel, Jim Powell, J. M. Farris, Dr. Booth, A. L. Capehart, Z. W. Lyon, B. K. Lassiter, F. B. Blalock, W. T. Yancey, Henry Hunt, A. Morris, Dee Hunt, John R. Hall.

MOVING PICTURES COST MORE.

War Tax Forces Up Price of Admission. The management of the Orpheum Theatre make the following announcement: The average price of admission to motion picture theatres in the principal cities of the United States fall from 40 to 60 per cent below prices charged in the principal cities of Europe. The motion picture has made giant strides in progress and development from the old nickelodeon to the present motion picture palace. The cost of the motion picture has constantly increased. The public demand stars who in turn demand fabulous salaries. Thousands upon thousands of dollars are paid for the filming rights of the best modern fiction; vast amounts are expended every year in striving after quality and building wonderful studios. Indeed, everything has progressed rapidly in the industry, only the price of admission has remained more or less normal. With the taxation put by the Government upon every branch of the motion picture business and with the increased cost of film, the slight increase in the admission has become a question of life or death with the management of this theatre. We beg to assure our patrons that this slight increase in the admission has been forced upon us by stern necessity. As soon as the war is over we will be glad to go back to our original prices.

THE AVIATOR IS HERE.

For the benefit and edification of the many people who came to the Granville County Fair last week to see the aviator fly, and were doomed to disappointment, we will state that he is still here pecking away on his old machine. Mr. Hancock, secretary of the Fair, has promised to let the Public Ledger have a copy of the contract that the Fair had with this man so that we can publish the same.

WILL CALL THE ROLL

Some of the Boys Have Answered the Call. A committee of the Oxford Baptist Baraca class is devising a plan by which each of the members of the class who are in the Army and Navy will be a distinct feature of the class exercises each Sunday morning.

General Royster, teacher of the class, is seldom absent. A few members became "slackers" while he was away during the summer. They are urged to return and cast their influence for the good of the community. Next Sunday morning is general muster of the class and the long roll will be called.

The date of the Flower Show has been changed. It will be held in the Armory next Friday and Saturday.

AMERICAN TROOPS AND TEUTONS FACE TO FACE

Several Battalions of Infantry Are in Front Line Trenches.

We gather from the reports of the Associated Press that the American troops at last are face to face with the Germans across No Man's Land. Announcement by General Pershing that several battalions of his infantry were in the front line trenches, supported by American batteries which had already gone in action against the enemy fanned a new flame of patriotism throughout the country.

At the stroke of six of a recent morning a red haired Irish-American sent America's first shell sizzling across No Man's Land at a German battery position, heralding to the world the grim triumphant message that the American are on the firing line.

What the feelings of these men were in that moment is a chapter for them alone to tell. Fact is, as officers who saw them have since testified, that no finer set of men have ever gone into action. A holy fire seemed to sparkle in their eyes and their features were set with an iron resolve.

A moment later there was a click on the field telephone. A young artillery officer took up the receiver. Those nearby could hear a clear brisk voice giving the range of the enemy positions. The guns were trained. The gun squad chief swung his arm sharply downward. It was the signal "fire!"

The gunners pulled the lanyard. There was a puff of smoke and a crash. The first of the projectile by Uncle Sam's gunners was on its way. It had been fired from one of France's "75s."

Casualties among the American forces are to be expected. Reports from the front already show intermittent artillery firing and a well aimed shell may claim American victims at any moment. There is nothing to indicate however that an offensive operation by the Americans and their French associates is to be expected, outside of possible trench raiding. The sector where the front line training school has been established is described as one of the quietest on the front.

INCREASE IN POSTAGE EFFECTIVE NEXT FRIDAY

Letters Will Be Three Cents and Cards Two Cents.

If you have letters to write, write them now, if you would save the extra postage, which your Uncle Samuel will put into full force and effect on and after Friday, November 2. Uncle Sam is charging that extra penny postage as a war measure. The date of November 2d will give the folks who mail bills on the 1st a chance to get their reminders out under the present rate.

Letters will cost 3 cents postage and postal cards and all other sort of cards 2 cents, except "drop" letters and cards, which remain the same as now. That is to say, letters mailed in Oxford to persons in Oxford, or to persons on any of the rural mail routes going out from Oxford will cost only two cents, as now, and postal cards one cent. To all other points, 3 and 2 cents.

Letter postage was reduced from one to two cents in 1883, 34 years ago, and many people have a clear recollection of the green 3-cent stamps in use when the change was made. Some of them didn't fancy the "brick-dust" color of the 2-cent stamps when they were put on, and the general public was rather indifferent about the saving in postage, as correspondence was small in 1883 compared with that of 1917. The one-cent additional means now a material increase in cost to the average business establishments and ways and means will probably be devised to curtail the output of first class mail.

PRICES SHAKE THE RAFTER

The sale of all tobacco sold on the Banner Warehouse floor Monday averaged 39c the pound. The Banner will do the same thing to-day and tomorrow. See the announcement of Mr. Mitchell on the second page of this paper.

Granville County Court. Granville County Superior Court, Judge Connor presiding, will convene Monday, November 12th for a two week's term.

SECOND LIBERTY LOAN REACHES FIVE BILLION

Secretary Baker Announces That Loan Was Largely Over Subscribed (Washington Special)

Up to the close of business Saturday it was estimated unofficially that \$4,555,000,000 had been subscribed, but that the returns on the final count would possibly go as much as \$1,000,000 above this large sum.

So confusing are the figures from the various federal reserve districts that the officials were almost swamped in the closing hours of the loan. There are hundreds and thousands of banks yet far behind in their reports to the central agencies. No one would hazard a guess at the amount subscribed in the last day, but the estimates given out by the liberty loan officials were:

New York	\$1,500,000,000
Boston	500,000,000
Philadelphia	425,000,000
Cleveland	450,000,000
Richmond	180,000,000
Atlanta	100,000,000
Chicago	550,000,000
St. Louis	200,000,000
Minneapolis	130,000,000
Kansas City	160,000,000
Dallas	85,000,000
San Francisco	275,000,000

Total \$4,555,000,000
At least 8,000,000 persons throughout the country wrote their names on application blanks. How many more did so will not be known until the final count several days hence. The number may go as high as 10,000,000.

PENNIES ARE NOW IN GREAT DEMAND

The War Tax Brings Out the Old Rusty "Coppers."

The much abused and sometimes despised "copper" which in the past has only been in demand by the laundry man, bids fair to once again become a very popular division of the national monetary system. The war tax is bringing the penny back into its own, and making it more than a mere means of satisfying the small child's ambition to see how a slot machine works. Smokes of various kinds have abandoned the time honored and very popular five cent prices. The extra penny now has to be added to help Uncle Sam pay for the privilege of aiding the allies in the tremendous job of whipping the Germans. Now comes the announcement that in the future a ten per cent tax must be paid on all theatre tickets from the movies to the grand opera. A penny will have to be added in many other places on the first of November and the probabilities are that the babies will find fewer of them in their "banks" for from this time on through an indefinite period the brownie will form an important contribution of more than a hundred million people to the war fund of Uncle Sam.

FASHION'S LATEST CREATION.

Discriminating ladies' who have seen the new assortment of suits and dresses just received by the Long Company, pronounce them to be fashion's latest creation. See announcement on the fifth page of this paper.

BROWNING SCHOOL SENDS CHECK FOR SOLDIERS' FUND

Editor Public Ledger: I am enclosing Mr. Cheatham's check for ten dollars. Please add this to the Soldier's Christmas Fund. The donation is from Browning school, with best wishes for the success of your plan.

Yours truly,
MISS KATE FERGUSON,
Principal.

KLING KARS ARE POPULAR.

Mr. Youngs Has Placed Several in Granville. We notice that the most conservative buyers are purchasing Kling Kars. Mr. Youngs has placed several with discriminate buyers in the county. We refer you to his adv on the third page of this paper.

COHN'S SALE NOW ON

The values at Cohn & Son's sale, which has been going on for some time, are as good as on the first day. This is made possible by the daily arrival of new and up-to-date goods. The hundreds of bargains offered embrace everything for the entire family. See their adv. on the last page of this paper.

THINK WAR, TALK WAR, WAGE WAR.

The Only Plausible Way to Win the War.

Visions of peace are like mirages, in nothing so much as in the deception of the traveler regarding the distance he still must go to reach his journey's end. Some Americans are seeing too many mirages. There is a long, hard road ahead before we come to our destination and peace.

The cause of these frequent mirages are partly in our own peaceable psychology and partly in the artificial fog so skillfully made in Germany. One day we see the mirage; the next, it is dissipated by the thought of what an early peace would have to be, as the military situation stands now, or by the destruction of American lives on an American transport. One day we think of peace; the next we think of war. We fluctuate when we ought to concentrate. We should think of war first and peace afterwards as inseparable.

Why not abolish the mirage entirely? We know the war road. It leads to peace because it lead to victory. It is full of obstacles, difficulties, dangers. The mirage is empty of comfort and truth, and wastes our time to look at it.

We must think war, wage war, morning, noon and night, and then we can have a good long time for the enjoyment of peace, when we get there.

SPECIAL MOVING PICTURES.

State Board of Health Will Have Picture Exhibit at the Colored Fair.

It has been arranged for the State Board of Health to send its special moving picture health exhibit for the Colored Granville County Fair, which will be held in Oxford on Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

The exhibit will be in charge of Rev. Jas. E. Holder, a colored minister of Kinston, who represented the State Health Department at the Colored Fair at Raleigh last week, and who is doing considerable amount of health instruction work among colored people.

THE MEN'S STORE.

In these days of high cost it is a pleasure to visit the men's department of the Long Company's store and note the reasonable prices that obtain. Schloss Bros. & Company's nobby and durable suits range from \$18 to \$27.50. Their line of shoes made by the leading manufacturers and backed by a guarantee, are not as costly as one would suppose. Underwear and novelties are also within the reach of all who desire to dress up and feel comfortable. See announcement on the 2nd page of this paper.

PATRIOTIC PREACHER.

Dr. J. D. Harte, pastor of the Oxford Baptist Church, is a patriot. In his remarks last Sunday morning, the same being food conservation day in all the churches, remarked that he could get along very well one day a week on corn bread and sweet milk.

RETURNS FROM NORTH.

Major Will Landis, buyer for Landis & Easton, made a flying trip north in the last few days where he selected a stock of coats for Misses and children. He was able to secure for immediate delivery many elegant bargains. Watch for special announcement in the Public Ledger at an early date.

PATRIOTIC SPEAKERS

Capt. Allen and Mr. John W. Hester Talk to Large Audiences.

Capt. John S. Allen of the Princess Patricia's Royal Canadian Light Infantry, hero of the battles of Vimy Ridge and the Somme, now drill master at the University of North Carolina, told a large audience at the Graded School last Saturday night what the war really is.

Mr. John W. Hester, in a four minute's speech at the Orpheum Friday night, scored for Liberty Bonds.

The Four Minute Men hope to announce Judge Connor for a four minute's address at the Orpheum one night during court week.

Mr. E. L. Smith has gone to Richmond to buy a car load of horses and mules for Lyon-Winston Company.