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BOARD TO OBSERVE DRAFT MEN EXCUSED.

District Board Asks Local Committee to Follow Up Claimants.

Following the request of the District Exemption Board for Eastern North Carolina, the County Exemption Board is to keep tab on men who have presented claims for release from army duty who have been excused. The statement just received from the District Board says that information has come to its chairmen to the effect that many men who were excused on the grounds of dependents have neglected or deserted their wives, mothers or sisters, or those for whose benefit they sought exemption from the army.

Attention is called to certain men who, before the draft law went into effect, were loafers, poker players, or members of the famous "pool room aristocracy," and who immediately got jobs, went back to their wives, and became "model" husbands, sons or brothers, as the case might be, when they found that they could escape service only by establishing the dependency of some one upon them. Now that these men have been exempted, the statement says, and are apparently free from immediate duty, they have gone back to their old practices, and have again neglected those whose dependency saved them from the service they sought to shun.

The District Board asks that all county boards make examples of men of this calibre and character, and says that it is not fair to permit such conduct on the part of some men who fell within the draft age, while others who were engaged in really useful occupations in their communities dropped their all and responded to their country's call.

The Orphan's Concert.

The Oxford Orphanage Singing Class gave its concert at the Graded School building Saturday night. The attendance was not as large as was expected, but the receipts were gratifying on account of the fact that many Masons took their assignment of tickets although they did not dispose of them.

The concert was greatly enjoyed by those present. It was made up of recitations, songs, etc., and reflected great credit upon the children and the management. The liberal applause accorded the performers testified to the appreciation of the auditors.

The committee from the local Masonic Lodge had the concert in charge and did everything possible to make it a success. The tickets sent out to several of the members of the Lodge have not been returned and the committee desires that it be done at once. The tickets or the money for them should be sent to Mr. Brummitt, chairman of the committee, who is anxious to make settlement of the fund.

GRANVILLE COUNTY HOGS.

Only One-Fourth of a Hog to Each Inhabitant.

There are 26,000 people in Granville county, and according to estimate there is only one-fourth of a hog to each individual. If it was not for the great West the people of Granville county would perish for the want of fats.

Statistics show that before war conditions prevailed, the number of hogs consumed annually per thousand people of each of the foreign countries mentioned, was as follows: Germany, 332; Ireland, 298; Serbia, 237; Austria, 225; Holland, 221; Belgium, 201; Sweden, 172; France, 164; Switzerland, 151; Norway, 138; Bulgaria, 122; Russia, 83; Italy 75; England, 63.

PASSENGER TRAFFIC HEAVY.

Standing Room Only on Some of the Trains.

"The eight per cent war tax on railroad tickets is going to bring in a good quantity of money," said Capt. S. H. Green, who is now conductor on one of the through passenger trains between Richmond and Columbia. "The revenue from tickets amounts to as much as \$40 or \$45 on one trip on my run," said he. The passenger traffic is so heavy that there is hardly standing room on trains a part of the time. "Standing room only on this train," was the announcement Capt. Green made on arrival at Henderson where twenty-seven passengers were waiting after midnight, which indicates that even the night trains are crowded.

Mr. Claude Allen, who for many years was identified with the dry goods establishments in Oxford, more recently with the Perkinson-Green Company, left Sunday last to enter upon his duties at the Treasury Department, Washington.

ADVISORY BOARD IS NAMED FOR COUNTY.

To Perform Legal Services for Exemption Boards in Connection With the Draft.

Governor Bickett has announced the names of the 300 lawyers, three to each county, who will serve as a legal advisory board to the county exemption boards for the national army draft. He names A. W. Graham, Jr., D. G. Brummitt and B. W. Parham for Granville. All of the other lawyers of Oxford will also assist the drafted men free. They expect to get together during the next few days to organize and prepare themselves for the duties that are to fall upon them.

One of the chief objects of the appointment of the attorneys to this work is to provide legal advice for men in the draft in filling out the papers which every man must turn in during the next few weeks to enable the county exemption board to place every man in his rightful place in the new classification ordered by the Provost Marshal General. The services of these lawyers will be free to any man seeking assistance in preparing his claims.

Another duty of the attorneys will be to look after the interests of families of men in the service, and to assist them in securing the allowances of the men. It is pointed out that such procedure involves much so called "red tape" and the average citizen is not sufficiently acquainted with the routine necessary to secure the prompt settlement of moneys due to persons entitled to it.

CORN WHISKEY FOR SALE.

They Say the Stuff Sells for \$8.00 Per Gallon.

Some of our good friends tell the Public Ledger that they can get a gallon of corn whiskey any time of day or night within gun shot of Oxford. They tell us that the stuff comes high—\$8.00 the gallon for an inferior article and \$10.00 the gallon for the better grades.

The Public Ledger has not seen a drink of whiskey in twelve months, and doubt that it is as plentiful in this section as our friend intimates. Nor have we seen a drunk man on the streets of Oxford during the present year. If whiskey was as plentiful here as intimated there would be more drunk bumping into you.

They tell us that the lowest grade of liquor that finds its way to Oxford is called "monkey rum," which is retailed to the colored people for \$1.00 the pint. They tell us that one drink of "monkey rum" will keep a fellow sitting on the stool of remorse for several days.

There are a lot of people who say that prohibition does not prohibit, but a traveling man just in from New York tells us that he paid 35 cents for a little mixed drink, the like of which sold for 15 cents a few months ago. He further averred that the visible supply of whiskey in the United States could not last longer than 18 months at most, and that it would advance 25 per cent a month until it had all been consumed.

The knowing ones may talk all they please, but the fact is there will be less whiskey in Oxford next Christmas than ever before.

A GOOD CLEAN SHOW

Town Visited by the Crescent City Shows.

The Crescent City Shows left our quite little city Monday for Franklin and we feel quite certain that the town was not harmed by the visit. The show is a clean moral show from beginning to end. The pretty girls being the main feature of the show. We have seen lots of pretty girls but these are the best in a long time. The people of Oxford are to be congratulated on securing such wholesome amusement.

CRIPPLES FIGHTING WITH THE GERMANS.

(London Special)
The Germans have been drawing troops from other sectors and rushing them to the Cambrai region. Among them were two companies of cripples and convalescents, some of whom were captured exhausted and helpless from valiant attempts to fight under the whips of the officers.

DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS

Absorbing Love Story at the Orpheum Thanksgiving Day.

The management of the Orpheum Theatre has booked for Thanksgiving day an absorbing love story entitled "In Again—Out Again," titled "Douglas Fairbanks is in the title role and the play goes with that easy swing that pleases every one. Matinee and night. See announcement on the fifth page of this paper."

* * * * * THE WAR IN A NUTSHELL * * * * *

The War News Continues to Hold Good

The successes of the Allies on the western line grow in importance and in extent. This success has developed into an event of such consequence as to call for the ringing of bells in London and the British Provinces, this being the first time there was a victory of sufficient portent to justify such a proceeding. The bells were rung not only in celebration of the Allied smashing of the Hindenburg lines, but in rejoicing over another event that has not made much impression upon the American mind—the British victories in Palestine. The London bells might have pealed also in rejoicing over the successful operation the Italians have been able to make to the invading Germans and their hordes of reinforcements. The successful resistance by the Italian Army indicates a reasonable hope that the German campaign into Italy is destined to failure, for each day the Italians are able to hold them back, the stronger the possibility for aid coming to them through Allied reinforcements, and once this aid reaches the Italians, the day may be regarded as saved for Italy. It is likely that Venice itself may escape a fate that had seemed impending. The Italians are adding mightily to their record as fighters. Things were never going better for the Allies.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

Will be Held at the Oxford Baptist Church

It has been a custom in Oxford to close up the business houses and go hunting, or sit around home all day. Dr. J. D. Harte, pastor of the Oxford Baptist church, said if there ever was a time in the history of the world that the people should assemble and extend thanks to the Creator it is now.

He announced from the pulpit Sunday that there will be services in the Oxford Baptist church at ten o'clock on the morning of Thanksgiving Day. There will be a collection taken for the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage.

The other churches of Oxford are invited to worship at the Baptist church on this occasion. The Oxford Presbyterian congregation is at present without a pastor. Dr. Harte stated that they were invited to be present at the Thanksgiving service and take up a collection for their orphans if they elect to do so.

At St. Stephen's

There will be held the usual Thanksgiving Service in St. Stephen's Church on Thursday morning at 11 o'clock. Morning Prayer and Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, the Scriptural Thanksgiving Service and Sermon. Offering for the Thompson Orphanage at Charlotte. All are welcome and cordially invited.

At M. E. Church.

Thanksgiving service will be held at the Methodist Church next Thursday morning at eleven o'clock. The service will be conducted by the Pastor, Rev. R. H. Willis, and the Thanksgiving address will be delivered by Dr. B. K. Hays. Special music will be rendered by the choir. The offering received on this occasion will be for the Methodist Orphanage in Raleigh.

THE FOUR MINUTE MEN

Hon. B. W. Parham Will Deliver Address.

Mr. B. W. Parham will deliver a four minutes' speech at the Orpheum Thursday night.

Mr. Parham is a most pleasant speaker, and he will discuss a subject of vital importance.

Granville's Big Store.

Landis & Easton announce on the fourth page of this paper specials for next week. Early buying is urged by this old reliable firm. Cloak suits, shoes, millinery, ladies' waists and housekeeping specials are enumerated in the list of goods that go on sale at a saving to immediate purchasers.

If You are Sick

If your system is run down read the advertisement of F. F. Lyon, the druggist, on the 6th page of this paper.

Thanksgiving Specials.

See the adv. of Victor Kaplon on the fifth page of this paper for Thanksgiving.

SAD NEWS TO THE HOLIDAY TRAVELERS.

All Roads Obligated to Conserve Equipment for the War Service.

No special Christmas holiday rates will be offered to the public this season by the Southern railway, although some additional equipment will be put in service for the accommodation of holiday travelers.

The explanation comes out from railroad men that this policy in regard to Christmas passenger traffic is a war measure, adopted by all the railroads of the country. The roads are under the necessity of conserving fuel, rolling stock and crews for the service of the government in moving an enormous volume of supplies and large bodies of men and the heads of the roads realize that it is useless to offer rates intended to increase travel when the lines are worked almost to their capacity to handle freight and passenger traffic already unprecedentedly large.

With transportation facilities only very slightly increased in proportion to the increased amount of service performed by the roads, the railways have this year made a record that has surprised even governmental officials who were familiar with traffic matters.

The Southern will do its best to take care of the holiday passenger travel, but it is felt that the people should be reminded that the roads are in no position this season to place extra cars without limit at the disposal of the traveling public.

THE EASTERN RAILROADS POOL THEIR INTERESTS

War Board Orders That All Roads East of Chicago Pool Business. (Washington Special)

To relieve the tremendous freight congestion all railroads east of Chicago will pool their facilities. This action was decided upon Saturday at a conference between the railroad's war boards and heads of government departments.

At once the following reforms will be put into effect:

1. All facilities including shops and supplies east of Chicago will be pooled.

2. All "open top" freight cars "at home" on eastern lines will be pooled and redistributed prorata on a basis of the tonnage carrying capacity of the pool.

3. All freight that can be handled by an open route will be diverted from congestion lines.

4. All coal supplies will be pooled wherever practicable.

5. The fuel administration will be asked to supply coal markets from the nearest lines instead of from longer distances.

6. Request will be made that the demands for preferential shipments be reduced.

The program to relieve congestion will be conducted by a committee of operating vice-presidents of the eastern lines.

The report also says: "The eastern railroads are in serious need of more men and special measures may be necessary to provide them."

There is no doubt the railroad war board knows what it is undertaking. It terms its measures "drastic" and "revolutionary." Its report says that the roads will be "operated as a unit," entirely regardless of their ownership and individual interests, and that the operating committee may adopt "all measures necessary to relieve the present situation and assure the maximum amount of transportation."

SLIGHT BLAZE SUNDAY NIGHT.

A Wild Ford Car Crashes Into the Crowd.

The fire bell sounded at nine o'clock Sunday night and off rushed the firemen to the residence of Mr. C. A. Carroll, on Broad street. The usual number of excited people that generally rush to a fire were on hand to impede the progress of the firemen, and along came W. C. Starns, driving a Ford, and in the car with him was Private Paul Hicks, U. S. N. Their car struck the fender of the big fire fighting truck and glanced over to the Hook and Ladder wagon and tore it to smithomines. The obstruction in the way of the wild Ford saved the lives of a dozen people, more or less.

The fire was soon extinguished, the damage being slight, and in Municipal Court Monday afternoon Mayor Mitchell reduced the temperature of Starns when he assessed him with the damage, which was placed at \$50.

Handsome Contribution.

After General Royster explained to the Baptist Baraca class last Sunday morning the urgent needs of the orphan institutions of the State, a collection was taken for the Thomasville Orphanage. The class collection amounted to \$140.

DR. N. M. FEREBEE DIED SUDDENLY SUNDAY MORNING

Was For Many Years Surgeon in the United States Navy.

The community was shocked Sunday morning last to hear of the sudden death of Dr. Nelson M. Ferebee at his home on High street. He was on the streets Saturday passing in and among his friends in his usual jovial manner.

Dr. Ferebee had suffered from asthma for many years, and he frequently told his friends that the dreadful disease had come near suffocating him several times. An asthmatic attack and a weak heart was the cause of his death. He was in the 69th year of his age.

Dr. Ferebee's children having married and departed from the parental home, he died alone at his residence on Front street, save the presence of a colored man who waited on him and lived on the home place. About 4 o'clock Sunday morning he called the servant and advised him that he was sinking rapidly and told him to notify his daughter, Mrs. Lee Taylor, and his son, Mr. Nelson Ferebee. The low condition of Dr. Ferebee frightened the servant, and instead of using the phone he went in search of aid. When his daughter, son, doctor and friends arrived he had passed to his reward.

Dr. Ferebee was born in Camden county and came to Oxford with his father when a mere boy. He was educated at Horner's Military school and at the State University. Among his class-mates at Horner's were Prof. F. P. Hobgood, Col. H. G. Cooper and Mr. Sam Parker.

Soon after graduating at Chapel Hill, Dr. Ferebee married Miss Maggie Gregory, of Granville. Of this union five children survive, as follows: Mrs. Ruth Kennon, Norfolk; Mrs. Stamp Howard, Tarboro; Mrs. Lee Taylor, and Mr. Nelson Ferebee, of Oxford, and Mr. McPherson Ferebee, of California.

Dr. Ferebee was for many years a surgeon in the United States Navy. He had traveled extensively all over the world and was a most interesting conversationalist. He was placed upon the retired list about seven years ago, but was a member of the Naval Medical Board when death claimed him. He was a fine citizen, highly esteemed and much beloved by old and young in this community.

It was Dr. Ferebee's wish that his remains be cremated and the body was accordingly sent to Baltimore Monday accompanied by Mr. W. S. Howard, of Tarboro.

Don't Miss Cohn & Son's Sale

Beginning Friday morning November 30th, Cohn & Son's will place on sale one of the largest and finest assortments of fall and winter goods ever displayed in this city, any where near the price. This will undoubtedly mark the greatest saving opportunity ever offered to the bargain seeking public. Now, when the saving is the most important consideration in every home Cohn & Son are proving that they are giving values more than ever before.

During this sale they have cut prices deeper than ever in the face of rising cost.

Remember every thing in their two big stores on Main street are sharply reduced. They offer you the best opportunity of the year to buy your winter outfit at great savings. No sale they have ever had was planned along such liberal lines and while the lots in most instances are big enough to last several days it is to your advantage to get there the first days of Cohn & Son's sale.

See the big advertisement on the last page of this paper. (adv.)

A Vicious Rumor.

(Statement of Secretary McAdoo)
"Among the many absurd and vicious rumors put into circulation these days, probably through pro-German influences, is one that the United States proposes to confiscate money on deposit in banks. The absurdity of the statement is obvious on its face. These rumors are wholly without foundation and probably circulated for an evil purpose. The Government has no power to confiscate the money of depositors in banks."

A Substantial Farmer

The fact that Mr. E. T. Jones sold a load of tobacco at the Farmers warehouse last week, which weighed 2,262 pounds and brought him \$938.77, the public is apt to regard him as a tobacco grower of first importance. The truth is, tobacco is only a side line with Mr. Jones. His specialty is cattle, and he is doing as much in that line as any other man in the county. As a broad-minded, energetic farmer and good citizen we take our hat off to Mr. Jones.