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MONEY FOR THE OLD VETERANS AND WIDOWS

Now Being Paid Out By the Clerk of the Court.

Judge Cam Hunt, Clerk of the Court, is now paying out \$5,405 to the survivors of the War Between the States and to the widows of the brave soldiers who fell in the bloody conflict. There are seventy-five pension veterans and forty-four widows. One veteran's check calls for \$75.00; two veterans receive \$55.00 each and all the rest, including the widows, receive \$45.00.

"While this money comes in very nice just at this time when my head is bowed low with age," remarked a veteran to Judge Hunt, "it gives me unbounded pleasure to know that my country remembers me for the service rendered in those dark days when it tried men's souls."

Judge Hunt is anxious to place this money in the hands of the pensioners as early as possible. It comes to them at a time when the earth is covered with a mantle of snow, and to some of them it will be a great blessing.

The pensioners last year received only \$32.00. This year they receive \$45.00. In this connection it is interesting to know that the increase is due to the faithful service of Granville's able representative, Hon. D. G. Brummitt, who charmed the law-makers in the legislature when he stated that, "I love the old veterans with all my soul and body, and while we are contributing to other causes let us not forget those who offered their lives on the battlefield." Mr. Brummitt was highly complimented all over the state for the stand he took in the interest of the surviving veterans and the widows of those who perished in the conflict.

THE SOLDIERS' CHRISTMAS.

Young Manhood Awaiting Whatever Destiny May Bring.

This generation may never know another such Christmas as that which December will bring. A million men will be under arms. Nearly every home in the land will have been touched. On the sea in the fighting ships, on the battle lines of France, in the great training camps of America, the cream of the nation's young manhood will be awaiting whatever destiny may bring.

What sort of Christmas are these boys to enjoy? Is the glad day of days to offer them happy cheer? Are they to be made to feel that their country is thinking of them, of their welfare and comfort? But one answer is possible. The gallant hosts who so soberly and so willingly have set out upon the greatest of all crusades must be given the brightest, the merriest of all their Christmas days. Now is the time for making ready.

SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT HAS SLIM CHANCE OF PASSING.

Favorable Majority But Two-Thirds Vote Lacking.

Hone for the passage of the federal amendment granting suffrage to the women of the nation is slim. Both the senate and house reveal that while there is a majority, in both the necessary two-thirds is lacking. The question which the women suffragists must decide is whether they shall ask their friends in Congress to accept a vote this week as scheduled or postpone it until the situation is more favorable.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO GRANVILLE REGISTRANTS

Whose Order Numbers Are Between 527 and 626.

There has this day, December 15, 1917, been mailed to you a questionnaire which you are required by law to execute and return within seven days from date hereof.

Failure to do so constitutes a misdemeanor punishable by not to exceed one year's imprisonment; and such failure may also deprive you of valuable rights and result in your immediate induction into military service and trial by court-martial.

E. T. WHITE,
Member of Local Board.

WORTHY OF THE HONOR

Ability of Lieutenant James A Taylor Recognized.

The commanding officer at Camp Sevier has appointed Lieutenant James A. Taylor, an Oxford soldier in the volunteer army at Camp Sevier, a member of the regimental court-martial board.

Lieutenant Taylor, previous to entering the training camp at Fort Oglethorpe, practiced law in Oxford, and his friends here learn with pleasure that his ability as an advocate of military law has been recognized by his superior officers.

WEDDING BELLS

There Will Be Some Surprises in the Community, It Is Said.

There is more genuine hard courting and fewer marriages in Oxford than in any other town of the size in North Carolina. They do say, however, that there will be three marriages in the good old town within the next few days, "and it is a pleasure to note," remarked Madam Rumor, "that marriages in this day of Grace, runs more to age and wisdom."

AMERICAN OFFICER IS WOUNDED IN FRANCE.

The war department is advised by General Pershing that First Lieutenant E. W. Young, medical officers reserve corps, attached to the British forces, was severely wounded in action last week. His next kin is his wife, Mrs. E. W. Youngs, of McKenney, Virginia.

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER MAKES SEVENTY MILLION WAR GIFT.

John D. Rockefeller, Standard Oil magnate, has personally given \$70,000,000 toward war relief exclusive of the large sums appropriated by the Rockefeller foundation. The \$70,000,000 it was asserted, went to the Red Cross, Belgian relief, the liberty loan, the Y. M. C. A. and other war measures.

RECRUITING IS BEHIND IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Only Half of State's Quota Has Been Secured.

According to a statement issued by the war department North Carolina is far behind in recruiting volunteers for the regular army. The figures show that while the regular army war quota fixed for North Carolina is 4,412, the young men of the State have only responded to the number of 2,151.

THE BIG SHOPPING WEEK.

The Merchants Report Reasonable Sales.

This will perhaps be the big shopping week for Christmas. Merchants report reasonable sales, and it is expected that while the presents this year will be more on the order of service, no greater holiday trade will be recorded. Everybody has some money; Christmas has been universally observed as the gift-giving season for so many years it will be hard for even those who consistently preach conservation in other seasons to draw their purse strings. Perhaps a couple more years of war and we would better understand what is on in the world.

Big Land Sale To Be Held Soon.

Mr. J. W. Pugh, advertising representative of the Atlantic Coast Realty Co., of Petersburg, Va., is in Oxford arranging for what bids fair to be one of, if not the biggest real estate deals of its kind ever pulled off in this section.

The property to be sold consists of 537 acres, located just 5 miles from Oxford, and known as the Knott Place, this farm has been subdivided into 9 tracts ranging in from 50 to 125 acres each, located on improved highway, and considered one of the most attractive farms in this section.

This proposition will appeal to both home-seekers and investors. And a quick, snappy sale is anticipated.

The Red Cross has asked for pumps to be used in France, to take the place of those destroyed by retreating Germans.

EMPEROR WILLIAM TO MAKE NEW PEACE OF STATE LIBERALS

Responsibility for War in 1918 Will Then Rest Solely Upon Them, He Says.

NEWS COME BY WAY GENEVA

If Entente Reject Proposals, He Figures, They Will Then Be Solely Responsible For the Hostilities.

London, Dec. 18.—Emperor William in his Christmas message will make a new peace proposal to the Allies, "on whom, in case of rejection, will fall to the responsibility of bloodshed in 1918," according to an unofficial Berlin telegram forwarded from Geneva by the Exchange Telegraph Company today.

POOR OLD RUSSIA

It Is the Darkest Spot On Earth Excepting Germany.

The organized aims of the Russian bolsheviki Government are somewhat after this order of things: The confiscation as National property of all lands, with their living and slaughtered stock, all buildings and produce of the lands, all private ownership in lands being abolished, schools, theatres, public buildings and all estates to be taken over by a landed committee. The landowners, bankers, merchants—everybody fortunate enough to have acquired homes and property—are regarded as enemies of the Government and must be brought under Government control. It is against such a proposition that the counter revolution has been organized. The situation is pretty much the same as if the anarchists in the United States were to organize a party like that composed of the bolsheviki crowd and undertake to put the same policy into effect in America. There could be small doubt as to how such an undertaking would pan out in this country. There is but little less doubt as to the ultimate result in Russia.

DRAFT CASE LAWYER IS REBUKED IN OPEN COURT.

Unpatriotic Utterance Riles Chief Justice White.

(Washington Special)
A scathing rebuke administered by Chief Justice White to one of the lawyers attacking to law enlivened argument before the Supreme court Friday in cases testing the constitutionality of the army draft act.

J. Gordon Jones, representing Albert Jones, convicted in Georgia of failing to register, declared the law unconstitutional because it required men to take part in a war which had never received the people's approval. His remarks were cut short.

"I don't think your statement has anything to do with the legal arguments," said the chief justice, sharply "and should not have been said to this court. It is a very unpatriotic statement to make."

The attorney apologized and continued his argument.

"THE FLAME OF THE YUKON," TO STAR DOROTHY DALTON.

And Douglas Fairbanks in the Latest Hit, "Wild and Woolly."

Dorothy Dalton's new starring vehicle, "The Flame of the Yukon," a Triangle play by Monte M. Katterjohn, produced under the supervision of Thomas H. Ince, will be shown at the Orpheum Theatre on Wednesday, December 19.

It is during the period of '98, when the gold man crowds pack the little town of Hope City, Alaska. Dorothy Dalton appears as the "Flame," a harpy of the dance hall. Many thrilling episodes are enacted in the ball, where gamblers, miners and all types of men meet to try their luck with the roulette wheel. In one exciting scene "the Flame" succeeds in breaking the bank.

With the wide open plains and rolling hills of the West as the unlimited stage space in which to display his own particular talents, the energetic Douglas Fairbanks appears at his best in "Wild and Woolly," will be seen at the Orpheum Theatre Thursday.

Patriotic Speech.

Mr. John W. Hester has been selected by the Four Minute Men to address the audience at the Orpheum Theatre this Tuesday night. Mr. Hester is a most interesting speaker, and every word has a true patriotic sound.

Among the speakers to be heard in the war conferences which are to be held in every State in the Union during the next few months, are Secretary McAdoo, Secretary Baker, Vice President Marshall, Henry J. Allen, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, Bishop Charles D. Williams, and Lieut. Paul Perigord, of the French Army.

NATIONAL RED CROSS MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN.

Granville County Must Do Its Share of the Great Work.

Ten million members in a week! That is the goal the American Red Cross has set for itself in its Christmas membership campaign—that was launched last Sunday and will close Christmas Eve. Throughout the United States Red Cross chapters are preparing for the enrollment of the new army which is to stand as the organized support of the boys in the trenches.

Mr. B. K. Lassiter is the chairman of the membership campaign in Granville and members are being enrolled in large numbers. The campaign committees are as follows:

- A. H. POWELL,
Chm. Granville Co. Chapter.
- B. K. LASSITER,
Chm. Campaign Work.
- Merchants.
- J. ROBT. WOOD,
JOHN A. WILLIAMS,
Lawyers.
- A. A. HICKS,
FRANK W. HANCOCK, JR.,
Manufacturers.
- C. O. MANOR,
R. H. LEWIS, JR.,
Education.
- PROF. J. F. WEBB,
DR. F. P. HOBGOOD,
PROF. G. B. PHILLIPS,
Tobaccoists
- Z. W. LYON,
J. M. FARRISH,
S. M. WATKINS,
Bankers.
- H. G. COOPER,
J. P. HARRIS,
Doctors.
- DR. B. K. HAYS,
DR. C. D. H. FORT,
Farmers.
- Hon. TITUS G. CURRIN,
CRAWFORD M. KNOTT,
W. W. BRUMMITT,
Ministers.
- Rev. R. H. WILLIS,
Rev. G. T. TUNSTALL,
Druggists.
- J. G. HALL,
F. F. LYON,
The Ladies Are Helping.

Miss Esther Mitchell is heading the ladies, and those who know her fine record on the warehouse floor in obtaining tobacco for the Red Cross regard the selection a most happy one for the success of the Christmas drive.

The Proclamation.

No man is more deeply concerned in the world war than President Wilson—who is also president of the Red Cross—and this is his proclamation:

To the people of the U. S.:
The million Americans are invited to join the American Red Cross during the week ending with Christmas Eve. The time requires that every branch of our great national efforts shall be loyally upheld, and it is peculiarly fitting that at the Christmas season the Red Cross should be the branch through which your willingness to help is expressed.

You should join the American Red Cross, because it alone can carry the pledges of Christmas good will to those who are bearing for us the real burdens of the world war, both in our own Army and Navy and in the nations upon whose territory the issues of the world war are being fought out. Your evidence of faith in this work is necessary for their hearening and cheer.

You should join the Red Cross because this arm of the National Service is steadily and efficiently maintaining its overseas relief in every suffering land, administering our millions wisely and well and awakenings the gratitude of every people.

Our consciences will not let us enjoy the Christmas season if this pledge of support to our cause and the world's weal is left unfulfilled. Red Cross membership is the Christmas spirit in terms of action.

Important Meeting.

An important meeting of the Granville Commercial Club will be held in the club rooms on Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock. All members are urged to attend, and all business men of the town who have the interests of Oxford at heart will be welcomed. A. W. GRAHAM, Jr., Secretary.

Mrs. Roger Newton Dead.

Mrs. Roger Newton, an esteemed christian lady passed to her reward last Sunday morning after a long illness. She is survived by a devoted husband and two small children. The funeral and burial services were conducted by Rev. G. T. Tunstall Monday afternoon and the interment was at Knotts Grove.

A Generous Offer.

Mr. J. S. Bradsher, notary public, authorizes the Public Ledger to state that he will give his services free of charge to all drafted men.

SOME ADVICE TO REGISTRANTS—HELP THE LAWYER

The questionnaires to the registrants under the Selective Service Act is now being sent out by the local Exemption Board. About one hundred of these are being sent each day. The registrant must answer and mail the questionnaires back to the Board within seven days.

The Legal Advisory Board appointed by the Governor and consisting of Mr. Graham, Chariman, Mr. Brummitt and Mr. Parham, has organized for the purpose of providing the proper legal service to the registrants. All the lawyers of the town have signified their willingness to engage in this work and we are quite sure that the Creedmoor lawyers will do likewise. The work is not limited to the members of the Legal Advisory Board but every lawyer is expected to do his part.

The task of assisting the registrants in answering the questions is a stupendous one and means fully a month's work for every lawyer in the county. It is therefore very necessary that the men give the lawyers all the aid possible. They should carefully study the questionnaires before taking it to a lawyer and be prepared to answer all questions as promptly as possible. The registrant should go to the lawyer he prefers but should he find him engaged in assisting others he should then seek another lawyer who may not be so engaged at that particular time.

It should be remembered too that the lawyers are acting officially in doing this work. None of them will try to get any man out of the service. Their duties are limited to assisting the registrant in answering the questions truthfully and in compliance with the regulations of the War Department. The registrant should as soon as possible after the questionnaire is received by him take it to some lawyer and get the needed assistance. In this way the work will be done promptly and without piling it up on the lawyers at one time.

CAPT. GEO. H. COBLE DIES.

Was the Beloved Brother of the Editor of the Public Ledger.

The editor of the Public Ledger was called to Richmond Sunday by the death of his brother, Capt. Geo. H. Coble, for 42 years in the transportation department of the Southern Railway. In point of service he was the oldest conductor on the main line, running between Washington and Charlotte. For many years he ran between Richmond and Charlotte, and the only accident of a serious nature that befel him in his long career, occurred eight years ago when his train plunged into Reedy Fork, a few miles north of Greensboro, causing several fatalities. The morning was bitter cold and Capt. Coble, drenched to the skin and covered with ice, crawled to the nearest telegraph office and summoned aid. He was never again the strong man physically that he was previous to the accident. As a reward of faithful service the company transferred him to the Washington-Charlotte division and placed him in charge of their finest train—the Southwestern Limited.

Capt. Coble was popular with the railway officials and the traveling public. His remains were laid to rest in Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, Monday, the funeral and burial being conducted by Dr. James Y. Fair, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian church.

A noble brother has gone from us, and he will be generally missed by his many friends and the loved ones.

GRADED SCHOOLS CLOSE UNTIL AFTER CHRISTMAS.

During the past week it has been hard to keep the buildings comfortable even though a large amount of coal has been used. It does not seem wise to use so much fuel in this critical time when the maximum amount of value cannot be derived from it. Only about half of the students attend during such unusual weather.

The schools will reopen on Jan. 2 unless further notice is given. If at that time it should seem wise not to open, notice will be given.

The parents are requested to do all in their power to keep the pupils in touch with their work during this time. It is so easy to put aside all thought of school work that teachers dread a long vacation. It means that there is a lot of wasted time when work is resumed. Let the child have a good time but remind him of his work as often as possible. In this critical time when every parent should be very anxious about the development of child life, this request should meet with hearty approval.