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DR. GRAVES WILL DELIVER BACCALAUREATE SERMON

Preparations For the Finals at the Oxford College Have Been Completed.

The approaching finals at Oxford College is anticipated with much pleasure in this community. Much has been accomplished during the session, which, in the language of President Hobgood, is the most prosperous year of the long history of the college.

The Finals.

President Hobgood has issued the following:

On Friday evening, May 17th. the Voice and Expression pupils will give a recital.

On Sunday morning, May 19th. Rev. Clarence D. Graves, pastor of the Wake Forest Baptist church, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon, and in the evening of the same day at eight-thirty he will preach the sermon before the Young Woman's Christian Association.

On Monday, May 20th, the class and graduating exercises will take place and in the afternoon of the same day the Art and Home Economics exhibitions will be given.

The Diplomas.

The Graduating class, this year, will receive their Diplomas on printed paper such as is being used in all the colleges of the land and the Government. President Hobgood read a letter before the class from the engraving house, that for twenty-five years has furnished parchment for the diplomas for this College, saying that it is not possible for them this year to furnish the parchment. The class graciously accepted the situation, making it a virtue of necessity.

Many Will Return.

The good people of the community will regret to see the college women fold their tents and slip away for the summer months, but President Hobgood assures us that practically all of the student-body and faculty will return next session. The first indication of the revival of business here in the fall is the opening of Oxford College and the smile of the affable and courteous president.

SET YOUR CLOCK RIGHT.

Get in Harmony and Avoid the Confusion.

There are some people in Granville who have not yet quite grasped the Government's new Daylight Saving Plan. Their clocks are an hour late and they generally arrive at the church just as the minister is pronouncing the benediction. It doesn't occur to the slow-time man that he is out of harmony with all the world and the balance of mankind, and the same thing happens over and over again.

Since the last day of March all the railroads and government offices have been running on the new time which is now the standard time of the United States. It is one hour earlier than the old standard time. All the banks and schools and churches in Oxford are running on the new time. An appointment made for ten o'clock means the new time. The new law does not mean to force any one to change his dinner or bedtime hour. All the laws asks is that the time-pieces be run up one hour and if everybody will do this many cases of confusion will be avoided. As a rule the people are patriotically carrying out the provisions of the law by moving up their clocks and watches and in a short while the old time will be forgotten. The greatest thing in it all is the fact that the people are patriotically standing with their great government.

The Coal Situation.

Those who desire to know the real facts will profit by reading the letter of C. D. Ray & Son on the last page of this paper, which was written at the request of the Public Ledger.

The Store of Plenty.

We call attention to the adv of the Lyon-Winston Company on the last page of this paper. It is the store of plenty and the paradise of farmers.

Appropriate Gift.

If you have a friend that will graduate this spring, see the Oxford Jewelry Company and get an appropriate gift. See announcement elsewhere.

ISSUED FOR QUARTER MILLION OF MEN.

Movement To Cantonments Will Begin May 25. (Washington Special)

he call for a quarter of a million during May, goes to all es except California, Oregon and Nevada, which, with the District of Columbia already have supplied so large a part of their quota that it was decided not to include them this time. The movement in most states will begin May 25 and will be completed in five days.

Officials made it clear that it is now the purpose to mobilize all the men for whom equipment and training facilities can be provided.

In the apportionment among the States, North Carolina will furnish 8,114 men. The men called out this month will be mobilized generally at the cantonments to which the men from the same states have previously been sent. In many cases they will find the division originally created at those camps gone.

Granville is asked to furnish 97 white men.

PLENTY OF GASOLINE.

The More You Burn the More You Help Uncle Sam.

The United States Fuel Administration has sent out information of a reassuring character to the automobile people, who have been somewhat disturbed by the periodical talk of a coming gasoline shortage. To the possible ultimate deprivation of users of pleasure vehicles. The lack of gasoline in this section, wherever it may have occurred, has been on account of lack of transportation facilities and not because of any shortage in the supply. As a matter of fact, the Government encourages the largest possible consumption of gasoline. This is a by product of fuel oil that is used in the Navy, in merchant ships and in plants. Crude oil cannot be used for these purposes until the gasoline contained in it is disposed of, because the presence of this element would make it too dangerous. So that the greater production of gasoline, the more fuel oil the Government will have for use in the manufactures and industries. The automobile owner, therefore, who persists in "burning gasoline," is not only indulging in a wasteful practice, but is actually rendering his Government a service.

RED CROSS NEWS.

—The Granville Chapter Red Cross is authorized to give a comfort bag to each one of our drafted men, and volunteers are asked to make these comfort bags within the next month. A large number of these bags must be supplied on the 25th inst. The ladies of the Chapter Auxiliaries are asked to aid in this work.

—The Extension Committee organized two Auxiliaries, Grassy Creek with 81 members, paid in \$81. Wilton, 12 members, paid in \$12.

Information in regard to the work of the Auxiliaries can be obtained by communicating with the chairman of the Extension Committee, Mrs. John W. Webb, Oxford, N. C.

—Acknowledgement is made of the following donations:

Mrs. H. W. Morrisette	2.00
Mrs. Graham Royster	2.00
Mrs. W. L. Umstead	10.00

FOR FORT SCRIVEN.

Six Called and Five Will Be Detailed.

The following drafted men will entrain here Friday for Fort Scriven, Ga.: R. C. Daniel, Lewis H. Wilford, R. K. Taylor, Maynard M. Chappell, Leonard W. Cheatham, Norman A. Roycroft.

Card of Thanks.

Our neighbors and friends in town and in the country were very kind and attentive to me in my recent illness and Mrs. Hobgood and I take this means of expressing to them our most sincere thanks for the many acts and expressions of kindness and sympathy shown to both of us.

—The Daughters of the Confederacy will decorate the graves and the monument on the 10th of May. Ladies are requested to have the flowers ready.

THERE IS A LULL ON THE WESTERN FRONT.

The German offensive in Flanders has been held up now for virtually a week since the enemy waves last dashed against the rock-ribbed defense of the British and French early last week and the Ypres line stood firm under the attack. General von Armin evidently has been forced into this inactivity by the severity of his losses and the time necessary to marshal new forces of a fresh blow.

Concededly, however, the enemy has fresh troops for a thrust of even greater power, if he thinks it advisable to employ them here, and there have been indications for the last day or two that he was preparing to do so.

GENERAL ASSAULT EXPECTED.

Washington appears to believe that the plan of the German War Lords is for a general assault in an attempt to make good the promise to the German people for a definite decision during the present year.

The Kaiser, who was in evidence on the western front at the time the Germans were pushing back the British, but from whom little had been heard lately, is reported to have gone to the Austrian front in company with an imposing staff, for the purpose of giving inspiration to the attacking troops. The indications seem to promise that during the week the Allies will be in the midst of another period of severe fighting, but Germany will find them very much more advantageously positioned than when the "drive" was begun March 21.

"SIGN THERE."

The German peace propaganda still figures to some extent in the news reports, but it lacks edge. The Allies, however, have made it plain that peace talk is not going to be permitted to interfere in any way with the fighting of the present battle to a finish, and that they will not be interested in any sort of terms which do not impose the German War Lords obedient and unquestioned compliance with the command "Sign there!"

BRITISH-GERMAN LOSSES

Since the German offensive began March 21 the British losses in men killed, wounded, captured and missing on the western front are estimated by the British military mission, on the basis of information received today, at 250,000. While this number appears to be much smaller than the German losses heretofore estimated the indications conveyed are that if the German offensive is resumed immediately and the British are forced to bear the brunt of the fighting, the situation will be serious if sufficient reserves are not available.

Speaking of the German losses the Havas correspondent at the front says: "For the 186 divisions engaged, the losses must have been about 400,000. In counting but 350,000 our valuation would certainly be very moderate."

DR. HAYS GOES TO FORT OGLETHORPE, GA.

Will Probably Enter Medical Department United States Army.

Dr. B. K. Hays, County Health Officer, left Sunday for Fort Oglethorpe in response to an order from the Medical Department of the Army. It is not definitely known at this writing that Dr. Hays will be assigned to duty, but he expressed a desire to serve either at home or abroad.

In the event Dr. Hays enters the service, the chairman or the county board and the county medical board will appoint a successor to Dr Hays, county health officer.

Speaking at Providence.

Dr. J. H. Handford, Associate Professor of English at the University of North Carolina, will speak at the Providence School Wednesday night of this week. Dr. Handford is a good speaker and every person within reach of this school should hear this address.

GRANVILLE COUNTY GOES OVER THE TOP IN THE THIRD LIBERTY LOAN.

Master William Yancey Pulls the Halyard and Sends the Honor Flag Afloat on Top of the Court House.

Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, May 3rd, 1918.

W. T. Yancey, Esq., Chmn.:

My Dear Sir: I have your exceedingly gratifying telegram to the effect that Granville County had sold its allotment. I take the greatest pleasure in forwarding you a flag.

Permit us to offer you our most sincere congratulations.

North Carolina as a State has already gone "Over the top" and it appears that the district will over-subscribe to a very handsome sum.

Very truly yours,
GEO. J. SEAY,
Governor.

There was general rejoicing all over Granville Saturday when it became known that the county had over-subscribed its allotment of the Third Liberty Loan.

The Honor Flag.

Mr. W. T. Yancey, chairman of the campaign, received the flag from the Fifth Federal Reserve District Monday, and at 6:30 o'clock that evening it was unfurled on the top of the Court House, where it will remain for some time.

General B. S. Royster was master of ceremonies, and as Master William, the bright son of Mr. W. T. Yancey, dressed as a sailor, pulled the halyard, "America" was sung by the crowd that gathered in the street on the north side of the court house.

Hon. D. G. Brummitt presented the flag in a graceful five minutes' speech. He stated that he was proud of the county and thanked the people for the hearty response. He referred to the fact that the women's committee had secured the greater part of the loan.

Mrs. Candace Brown, chairman of the woman's committee, accepted the flag in a short speech that showed that she was grateful for the manner in which the people of the county had responded to the noble cause. She thanked the ladies of her committee for the interest they took in the campaign, and said that it would have been impossible to have accomplished so much without their aid.

At the conclusion the crowd, at the suggestion of General Royster, stood at attention while the "Star Spangled Banner" was being sung.

DESIGNATE UNIVERSITY MEN FOR NEXT OFFICERS CAMP.

Mr. Elliot Cooper, of Oxford is in the List.

The ten men designated by the government as the University battalion's quota to the next officer's reserve training camp, which opens May 15, have just been selected by Capt. J. Stuart Allen, of the British Army, who has been in close touch with the men at Chapel Hill for the past eighteen months. Elliot Cooper, Oxford; T. P. Harrison, Jr., Raleigh; C. G. Tennent, Asheville; Ray Armstrong, Belmont; William Bailey, Jr., Raleigh; R. J. Crowell, Acton; J. M. Gwynn, Leaksville; J. B. Linker, Salisbury; M. B. Fowler, Durham, and Francis Bradshaw, Hillsboro, compose the list.

Unlike the young men who received instructions at the officer's training camps, some of whom resigned and returned to civil life, these young men from the University, who are almost perfect in drill, enlist as privates and are promoted according to superior ability and knowledge of military affairs.

MODERN COUNTRY CHURCH.

Enon Baptists Subscribe Liberally For Church Improvement.

Practically everything is in readiness to begin work on the new church building at Enon. It is understood that the undertaking will entail an expenditure between ten and twelve thousand dollars. It is stated that money is in hand and that the edifice will be in readiness for the congregation in the early fall. There will be eight Sunday school rooms and other modern improvements.

DAILY PAPER PUBLISHED ON THE HIGH SEAS.

Interesting Letter From Our Young Friend Bradsher.

Our young friend Francis S. Bradsher, writes the Public Ledger from the High Seas and encloses a copy of "The Hatchet," a daily paper published aboard the U. S. S. George Washington.

The Letter.

"Am enclosing you a copy of our daily paper published aboard ship. Both our crew and the soldiers who we carry "over" think a lot of it as it is quite a distraction during the trip across.

"We have encountered no submarines on our trips across yet. We fired on a school of porpoises on the last trip taking them for one, and there was quite a large number of men who were relieved to find out that it was fish and not submarines we were firing at. I am in a gun crew aboard this ship. Have been on here for seven months. Previous to this was on the U. S. S. Connecticut," etc.

The Paper.

"The Hatchet" is a bright two page paper and pertains mostly to news aboard the ship. As for instance the following items:

"Personal and Social: Private Bill Jones is somewhat on the high seas en route for Postdam on a business trip. He hopes his delay in France will not be a long one."

"Will each member of the crew who can do anything in the way of entertaining his mates, kindly leave his name at the Chaplain's room?"

"The value of exchange in English money is: 1 Cent, 1 H'penny; 2 Cents, 1 Penny; 12 Cents 1 Six Pence; 24 Cents 1 Shilling; \$4.90, 1 Pound."

RED CROSS WEEK.

Special Edition of the Public Ledger Will be Issued.

In order that this tremendous work of humanity may be carried on President Wilson has designated the Week of May 20th, 1918 as Red Cross Week, during which the public will be appealed to contribute \$100,000,000 to keep the work going, so try to be able to contribute liberally to this cause when the time comes.

The chairman of the publicity committee of the local chapter will assist the Public Ledger in issuing a special Red Cross edition during Red Cross Week.

The Republic Truck.

The motor truck is today taking the place of men and teams, thereby reducing the cost of hauling from 20 to 60 per cent. Over 50 per cent. of the trucks in operation today are Republic trucks, which implies that they are the best trucks built. It is claimed that the Republic truck is from 40 to 60 per cent. less than any other truck built. Mr. Frank E. Youngs, local agent, is demonstrating the Republic truck. Read the specifications of this truck on the fifth page of this paper.

Recovers From Injuries.

Mr. J. I. Gordon, who was knocked down by an automobile in the streets of Oxford three or four weeks ago, was in Oxford a few hours Saturday, his first visit to town since the accident that came nearly costing him his life. The accident left a few scars on his leg, face and hands, but he is the same good old cheerful citizen.

Oxford Department Store.

In order to change the name and style of the Victor Kaplon store at the head of Main street to the Oxford Department Store, everything must be sold at once. The sale starts next Friday. See the announcement on the second page of this paper.

Miss Coleman Presents Pupils

Miss Katherine Coleman presents for graduation in piano Miss Julia Esther Kinney, Oxford College, Friday evening, May 10, at 8:30 o'clock. Friends of the college invited.

Auction Sale of Property.

On Saturday, May 11, F. W. Hancock, Jr., will sell at public auction some valuable property in west Oxford. See announcement elsewhere in this paper.