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NINETY-SEVEN MEN IN THE NEW DRAFT CALLED FOR DUTY

Local Board Summons Ninety-Seven Men Before It For Induction Into the Army.

The Granville County Exemption Board are getting 97 men in line for Camp Jackson on May 25. This is the largest single draft ever received here.

Twenty-four men over and above the required number are called and listed as alternates. It leaves only two or three men in the first class in Granville qualified for full service in the army:

Norman A. Roycroft, Roy Galloway Jenkins, M. A. Good, R. W. Clay, Irvin S. Davis, Earley Lee West, Ernest Jackson Critcher, Robert Tombs Cozart, John Eastwood, Spergeon Oakley, A. W. Graham, Jr., Eric Amos Latta, Freddie L. Peed, Mark A. Landis, Gioochino Tola, Fred H. Daniel, Lewis D. Parham, L. E. Whitaker, Leo T. Norwood, Walter Bruce Sanderford, Marshall K. Pirvix, Benona P. Mays, Jarvis S. Floyd, Thurman Cash, George L. Cox, Wm. Norman Bobbitt, H. F. Peed, W. M. Arrington, Samuel Clyde Cannady, James Baily, James Roland Carrington, J. A. Bullock, Lucius Roberson, Fannie M. Wilkerson, Edgar J. Cook, Willie L. Dean, Claudie M. Chappell, Carrie Lawrence, Grady Blackley, Alvis B. Loyd, Luther Patrick Stroud, Geo. Lonnie Wright, Ed. R. Slaughter, Jonnie Herby Boyd, Thomas J. Knott, Rufus W. Algood, Robert Thomas Clark, Fred Newton, Samuel Hobgood, Charles Woodfield, Ruzhie Vance, Loyd John L. Sizemore, Elmos Beck, Norman S. Jones, Isaac N. Montague, Harvey Lee Curran, Raymond W. Parham, Ollie Burton Sanderfer, Fletcher Burnette, Harvey R. Harris, Fred C. Wilkins, O. T. Mangum, Augustus G. Roycroft, Hilory M. Bullock, Vance Allen, Thomas W. Allen, Robert Reamy, James Allen Wilkins, Alton S. Wagstaff, Fred Cox, Oscar Lee Loyd, William E. Winters, Roy Calvin Vaughn, Ollie Arrington, Gattis Luther Sherman, Graham J. W. Wilson, Wm. A. Daniel, Athie L. Overton, Wm. Jones, Harvey Jackson, Eugene Otis Harris, Samuel Lee Knott, Fred R. Morris, Jessie L. Pleasants, Elbert Buxton Hobgood, Richard W. Harris, Ollie L. Bowling, John C. Ellexon, Jessie W. Mitchell, Arthur Taylor Pittard, Ollie Chaplin, Sam Jones Pleasants, Rubin Greenway, Alfred B. Dean, Hubert J. Knight, Thomas Mathews.

Alternates.

Samuel Joseph Pittard, Alvis Allen Nelson, Alvis Sterling Clack, Arnie L. Longmire, Neol J. Tally, James Adeock, James T. Thaxton, Roy Sharp Umstead, M. H. Hunt, Hallie Marsh Puckett, William Culbreth, Eddie H. Horton, Otho Averette, N. C. Brummitt, George E. Fitts, Jubah Otis Jones, James P. Blackwell, Phocian Fred Frazier, Corbett L. Meadows, R. D. Harris, Andrew F. Dickerson, George L. Mathews, Arvid Frazier, Nathaniel L. Adeock, Roy Cresham.

THE DEAD COMES TO LIFE.

Amusing Incident in the Office of the Granville County Exemption Board.

Last Friday afternoon Macon Overby, a colored registrant of the county, walked into the office of the local exemption board and informed them that he was not dead.

"I see that you are not dead," said Dr. White. "what is your name?"

"Macon Overby, the negro that was shot and killed by a soldier in Virginia a few months ago," replied the colored boy.

"I know better," said Dr. White. "Macon Overby is dead and we have an affidavit of his death on file."

"I surely is Macon Overby and stand right here in front of you and the Lord to be judged whether I am dead or alive," responded the colored boy.

Dr. White procured the affidavit, signed and sealed by a justice of the peace, which stated that Macon Overby, a negro of low mentality was shot and killed by a soldier at a railroad bridge near Norfolk last February.

After hearing the affidavit read, the negro said: "I am the man, and I come to tell you that I am not dead."

At this juncture Gen. Royster came in, and seeing the commotion, asked the negro how it happened.

"It didn't happen at all" answered the negro.

"There must have been some cause leading to the issuance of the affidavit," inquired General Royster.

"That's what they say," answered the boy, "but I would rather be in the army than to walk about as a dead man."

On account of the low mentality of the boy, and the affidavit of his death, the board has the case under advisement.

A LETTER FROM A TRUE SOLDIER TO HIS FATHER

Lieutenant B. S. Royster W. Gen. Royster On His Departure From an American Port. The letter that Gen. Royster received last week from his son, tenant Beverly S. Royster, Jr., ten on the eve of his departure from an American port, breathes the spirit of a true soldier. That impelling force in the mind and heart that leads Lieutenant Royster into battle is the noblest trait that God has been pleased to plant in the human breast. We asked General Royster's permission to publish the letter because it cannot fail to stimulate others to do their whole duty.

The Letter

My precious Father: In the midst of our preparation to leave tomorrow, I'm going to steal a few minutes to write you a short note of goodbye for a little while. I want you to know exactly how I feel about going. I am not fool enough to think I'm going on a pleasure trip, and I know that I'm going on the most serious mission that I shall ever set out upon. Now, just as I am leaving, I realize more and more how serious it is and what I am giving up, at least for some time.

No boy ever left dearer, sweeter parents, and no husband ever left a dearer, sweeter wife than I am leaving; and nobody ever left a dearer, sweeter family than I am leaving. Because they are each one so dear to me is the reason I am leaving. Just because I love each one of them so much I am going to do my best to protect them against the barbarism of the Huns and to help make the world safe for every dear one to live in. I don't want to go, but I have the satisfaction of knowing that I am performing a duty that my conscience would not let me fail to do. I'm coming back some day feeling that I have at least tried to do my small part to preserve civilization.

My love and prayers for all.
BEVERLY.

"GO THOU AND DO LIKEWISE."

C. Braxton Taylor, an Oxford Boy, Catches the Step.

The people of Granville county congratulate Commissioner Thomas G. Taylor on the noble stand his son, C. Braxton Taylor, has taken. He expresses himself in a letter to the Granville County Exemption Board as follows:

Louisburg N. C., May 10. The Local Board for the County of Granville, Mr. T. G. Currin, Chm.: Gentlemen—I have this day given up my position as manager of the farm for Mr. R. P. Taylor. Louisburg, N. C.

I am taking this method of notifying you, that my classification may be changed as you see fit. My address is now, Oxford, N. C., care T. G. Taylor. Yours very truly,
C. BRAXTON TAYLOR.

EXCAVATING FOR FOUNDATION OF MANGUM WAREHOUSE.

Mr. Mangum Is Giving Away Large Pile of Dirt.

By the time the fires are kindled in the tobacco barns, the Mangum Warehouse will be a thing of beauty. The dwelling at the corner of Hillsboro and Broad street has been moved back to Penn street and the workmen are now excavating for the broad foundation of the warehouse. Despite the scarcity of labor the work goes merrily on.

Mr. Mangum is spending a whole lot of money on his vast undertaking, but he is doing it with the same pleasant smile on his face. In excavating for the foundation a lot of dirt will have to be removed, and Mr. Mangum authorizes the Public Ledger to state that he will give the dirt free of charge to those who will obligate to haul it away.

A Chance For Bargains.

The big sale of Victor Kaplon is now in full blast.

THE MEANING OF OUR RED CROSS

(T. N. MACCRACKEN)

The red in our cross stands for sacrifice, for giving, as the warm, crimson blood gives life to the body. The cross has the same length on all four sides of its arm, to signify that it gives life equally to all, high or low, east or west. It stands alone always, no words or markings on it, to show that the Red Cross workers have only one thought—to serve. They ask no questions, they care not whether the wounded be ours or of another people—their duty is to give, and to give quickly.

The Red Cross stands on a white ground, because real sacrifice can come only from pure hearts. Service must come, not from hate, but from love; from the noblest thoughts and wishes of the heart, or it will fail. That is why children love this flag. It is drawing them by millions in the schools of our land, in a wonderful army of rescue under the President, to make, to save, to give for others. And some day the children of all lands, under the Red Cross, will teach the day-grown people the ways of understanding and of friendship; the beautiful meaning of the Red Cross which is echoed in their lives.

THE BANKHEAD HIGHWAY WILL PROBABLY PASS THROUGH OLD GRANVILLE

W. R. Lynch Says the Piedmont Division Was Denied a Square Deal — Denounces Some of the Officials of the Bankhead Association.

(Reidsville Review)

Mr. W. R. Lynch, one of the several representatives of the Piedmont Division to the meeting of the Bankhead highway association which was held at Little Rock on April 18 and 19 tells of the sad story of the dashing of the Piedmont division's most rosy hopes at being selected as the route through Reidsville, Danville and Lynchburg of the National Bankhead highway, which is being exploited notably by Senator Bankhead of the association. He roundly assailed the attitude of Mr. Rountree and exposed the so-called truculence of T. S. Plowman, president of the association and presiding officer of the convention.

As the matter now stands, a board of directors named by the convention (the personnel of which is hardly favorable from the Piedmont division standpoint), was nominated, and these gentlemen will at a later meeting settle once and for all the question of route.

When the voting strength of the different States were read out, Piedmont division adherents felt proud for a moment when they had a voting strength of 1,960, but their hopes went to zero when it was announced that the Eastern division had 4,400 votes.

With Mr. Plowman ruling heavily against the Piedmont division and with no report of the pathfinding committees, which might have shed a favorable light on their claims, Mr. Lynch and other delegates from the Piedmont division fought a losing fight.

One point which weighed against them heavily was the fact that the Eastern route would link up so many of the big government camps and naval plants.

SUNDAY IN OXFORD.

Whiskey, Brass Knucks and Pistol In Evidence.

Oxford is a law abiding town, but like all other good towns it has its bad element. Last Sunday while the good people were attending divine worship, a white man reported to Chief Hobgood that a vicious negro held him up on Wall street. The chief accompanied the man to Wall street, found the negro and in his pocket was a pistol. The negro was arrested and on his way to the lock-up he told the officer that the white man had a pair of brass knucks in his pocket. The officers searched the white man and found the brass knucks and arrested him for carrying deadly weapons. To give tone to the occasion Arthur Chavis, colored was arrested for selling liquor.

An Open Letter.

To the voters of Granville County: This is not an announcement, but a reminder to the voters of Granville County that I am a candidate for the Office of County Treasurer, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries. I feel that I am well qualified to fill this office and if elected will of course give the County my best services.

Respectfully,
JOHN R. HALL.

The Hughes-Smaw Co.

The Hughes-Smaw Co. announce on the fifth page of this paper the arrival of new and handsome lines of furniture.

21 NATIONS FIGHTING CENTRAL POWERS.

There are now 21 nations at war with the central powers. They are: Belgium, Japan, Montenegro, Russia, Serbia, China, Cuba, France, Portugal, Rumania, Great Britain, Greece, Italy, Liberia, Panama, Cau Marina, Siam, United States, Brazil, Guatemala, Nicaragua.

HERO OF THE MARNE.

Will Speak at the Court House Wednesday Night.

Mr. W. H. Hunt, Chairman, Second Red Cross War Fund Campaign, announces that Captain Hutchison of the Irish Rifles, now attached to the British Embassy in Washington, D. C., will make an address at the Court House on Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to hear this address.

Captain Hutchison has served in the British Army on the front for three years and what he has to say will be interesting.

LONDONERS SAW THE AMERICAN BOYS.

Parade Was Witnessed By King and Queen and Other Dignitaries

King George V and the Prince of Wales, standing outside Buckingham palace at noon Saturday reverently bared their heads as American national army troops from Camp Gordon, Atlanta, Ga., marched by to the strains of "The Stars and Stripes Forever," played by the Grenadier Guard band.

The British war office flew only one flag, "Old Glory." At a window stood the leading statesmen of the British empire, waving greetings to the American fighting men as they passed by the historic building in the first parade of United States infantry ever held in the British capital.

Wherever the doughboys passed they were halted and every open space for a sea of human faces.

With the king and hithrone heir at the palace were Queen Mary and Princess Mary.

Only commissioned officers in the marching throng returned the King's salute.

RED CROSS NEWS.

—Knap of Reeds Auxiliary was organized the past week with 29 members. Mrs. J. Ralph Weaver was elected Chairman and Mr. J. Ralph Weaver elected Secretary.

—The Granville Chapter acknowledges a donation of \$50.00 from The Junior Red Cross, Grammar Grade, (Miss May White, Miss Lillian Minor and Miss Sadie Parham Teachers).

—The Chapter acknowledges a donation of \$10.00 from Mr. W. L. Umstead, Knap of Reeds.

—Several members of the Extension Committee visited the Stovall Branch the past week. This Branch is doing a splendid work and is enthusiastic in its support of the Chapter in all its work.

—Rev. G. T. Tunstall organized an Auxiliary at Amis Chapel the past week with 60 members. Mr. Tunstall is doing a splendid work for the Red Cross both in the organization of Auxiliaries and stimulating interest. He will in a short time organize an Auxiliary at West Oxford, as about sixty persons have signified their willingness to become members at West Oxford.

—Enon Auxiliary spent a busy week, the following ladies worked for the Auxiliary during the week: Miss Eugenia Cannady, Mrs. W. B. Curran, Mrs. F. L. Curran, Mrs. Oscar Yancey, Miss Mary Gooch, Mrs. C. D. Curran, Mrs. T. G. Curran, Miss Cora Phipps, Mrs. J. M. Phipps.

DOCTORS AND OTHERS MUST REPORT CHICKEN POX.

Septic Sore Throat and German Measles Also Added To List.

Under the rules just adopted by the North Carolina State Board of Health three additional diseases are added to the list of those reportable in this State, they being chicken pox, septic sore throat or epidemic tonsillitis and German measles or roseola. Quarantine officers in all part of the State have been instructed to enforce the regulations for the control of these contagions.

The law makes it mandatory upon the physician or upon the parent, guardian or householder, to promptly report the name and address of any person who may have any of the infectious and contagious diseases which are reportable. Under the law failure to do so is punishable by a penalty of a fine not exceeding \$50 or thirty days in prison.

For the first three months of 1918 there were a total of 9,872 cases in the State reported to the State Board of Health.

—The whole income of the German Empire is only one-fourth as great as the income of the American Republic; but the German Empire last year spent more money to whip you than we spent to whip him. Moral: A pigmy can defeat a giant if the giant refuses to exert all his strength.

BEAUTIFUL FIELD OF WAVING ABRUZZI RYE.

Much interest Manifested in Dr. E. T. White's Experiment.

Those who have visited Dr. E. T. White's farm on the Enon road, about one mile west of Oxford, expressed delight as they looked out upon the field of Abruzzi rye. Very few people in this section are familiar with this wonderful cereal and its productiveness.

In planting the fourteen acres in Abruzzi rye, Dr. White did not select the best land on his broad and handsome farm of many acres, but in due time every part of the farm will be tested to see what class of soil is best adapted to its cultivation, said Dr. White.

The green field of rye as it now stands and waves in the noonday sun, reminds one of the ebb and flow of the tide. The stalks are about four feet tall and are anchored in the ground by a stout root of much productiveness; the heads of the rye, which are at the present time in a milky state, are about six inches in length and are good for 100 grains each, and the entire acreage will average fifty heads to the square foot.

To get the farmers interested in his experiment, Dr. White proposes to give \$10 to the person who will guess nearest the number of bushels produced on the fourteen acres. The guessing contest was scheduled to close May 15, but owing to the fact that the grain is in a milky state at present, and desiring that as many as possible will visit the field and behold it in all of its grandeur, Dr. White has decided to extend the guessing contest to Saturday evening, June 1. Many guesses have already been registered, and it is interesting to note that they range from 150 bushels to 450 bushels for the entire fourteen acres.

Dr. White's experiment means the spread of Abruzzi rye throughout Granville county. When it is produced in large quantities it would justify the community to purchase a "header." Such a machine gathers the heads and threshes the grain, leaving the stalk standing to mellow and enrich the land. This plan is also in line with recent Government experiments looking to the prevention of wilt.

MUST SELECT GOOD MEN

The People Demand an Active Progressive County Board.

From all that we can gather, the people of Granville are more careful this year than ever before in the selection of able men to serve on the county board. As an instance of good judgement of the people we refer to the candidacy of former Commissioner J. L. Peed, of Dutchville, who announced his candidacy at the earnest request of a large number of people from every part of the county. They know that he has served the county faithfully and true, and they want him in the harness again.

Mr. W. E. Cannady, a member of the present board, has announced his candidacy at the solicitation of many people. They know that he is able, safe and progressive.

Mr. J. Ennis Davis, of Brassfield, and also Mr. W. B. Dixon, of the same township, have announced their candidacy at the request of many friends. They are both able men and have a large following, but the people will hardly select two commissioners from the same township.

Twenty-three men during the past week called at the Public Ledger office and requested the editor to announce the candidacy of former Commissioner B. I. Breedlove. We saw Mr. Breedlove in town Saturday and asked him if he is in the race. He said that the people from all over the county were asking him to run. We understand that Mr. Breedlove will announce his candidacy in the Public Ledger this week. The old war horse, as we are pleased to call him, is a real live issue. He has always stood for the best interests of the county and few men are better qualified to render valuable service. We want a good man from old Salem, and Mr. Breedlove is the man. There should be a good, capable man selected from the northwestern section of the county, but every man selected should be big enough to serve the whole county.

NEW PASTOR HAS ARRIVED

Rev. Stewart Oglesby At the Oxford Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Stewart Oglesby, who accepted the call to the Oxford Presbyterian church, preached the initial sermon of pastorate last Sunday morning. A large number of people from the other churches were present and the verdict is that he is a strong preacher.

Mrs. Oglesby and little child will arrived Wednesday.