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## THE CLOSE OF A PERFECT DAY

PATRIOTISM RAMPANT IN THE GOOD OLD TOWN OF OXFORD.

The Parade Was a Mile Long—Children Sing Patriotic Airs—Distinguished Minister Addresses Large Throng of People at the Court House—Liberal Contributions to the Red Cross.

The Red Cross parade at five o'clock last Tuesday evening enkindled a blaze of patriotism that grew to magnificent proportions before the end of a perfect day. There were fifty automobiles and three large trucks in the parade, each decked in the National colors, and in many of the cars were ladies and children wearing the insignia of the Red Cross. The first car contained Mr. W. H. Hunt, Granville County War Fund Chairman, and at the rear of the parade were three cars occupied by patriotic colored people. The brass band of a colored carnival company, which had an engagement in Oxford, caught the spirit of the occasion and played patriotic airs at the head of Main street as the parade was passing through the public square. A squad of boys from the Oxford Orphanage, under the alert eye of their adopted drill master, Ex-Sergt. John A. Baker, U. S. A., appeared upon the scene with wooden guns. These little soldiers, twenty-four in number, who have been drilling only six weeks, went through the evolutions with a precision that astounded military men of recognized ability.

### The Mass Meeting.

A few taps of the court house bell at 8:30 Tuesday evening was sufficient to fill the vast auditorium. The school boys and girls sang the "Star Spangled Banner," and Dr. Horesfield gracefully introduced the speaker of the evening, Rev. A. D. Hughes, of Henderson.

After speaking of the beauty of Oxford and paying a just tribute to the good people of our town and county, the speaker entered upon a most vigorous denunciation of the Central Powers, which precipitated the war without cause and had as its aim the domination of the world. He spoke of the ruin and destruction in Belgium and northern France; beautiful villages and towns, he said, had been devastated and swept from the face of the earth as clean as the palm of your hand and the women taken captive and their children murdered. He said that when the Huns invaded Belgium, which they had sworn to protect, he saw that the world was stung with deadly poison. He declared that there will be no peace in the world until the wrongs of the Central Powers are made right.

The speaker paid a glowing tribute to the worth of women in Red Cross work. They furnish a substitute for bravery that could not have been found otherwise, he said; traced the Red Cross from its foundation to the present time and justified its existence by its large membership and the money that it had spent; he spoke of the friends the soldiers find when they go abroad; told of the canteen established at convenient places, where they meet sweet Red Cross women and men to give them courage. Health can have no compromise with disease; righteousness can have no compromise with sin, and there can be no peace until the principles of the Central Powers have been driven out. Germany, he said, was the first and only nation that has ever torpedoed a hospital ship. In closing he said that our soldiers over there will see the newspapers and be encouraged by the good report of the present Red Cross drive, and he urged everybody to subscribe, give abundantly and joyfully.

### Taking Subscriptions.

Hon. D. G. Brummitt was requested to state the plan of the campaign and owing to the lateness of hour he got right down to business and closed his argument with a clap of the hand, thus: "Remember that when you extend your hand to our boys across the sea, be sure to have something in it."

### The Response.

Export Tobacco Co. .... \$200  
Oxford Cotton Mills ..... 200  
Horn Bros. Co. .... 200  
Watkins & Fleming ..... 150  
B. S. Royster ..... 100  
John R. Hall ..... 100  
W. Z. Mitchell ..... 100

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## THE COUNTY PRIMARY—THE TELL-TALE EVENT

Will be Held at the Voting Precincts Saturday, June 1.

The one amusing feature of the campaign in Granville is the election of Mr. John R. Hall, candidate for County Treasurer, will ride the twin elephants to victory or whether he prefers to walk.

Hon. D. G. Brummitt, of the House of Representatives; Titus G. Currin, for the Senate; James B. Powell, for Register of Deeds, and Judge D. C. O'Neil, for Clerk of the Court, will have no opposition. Sheriff Hobgood has an opponent in the field. Just what he is telling the voters is not known to the editor of the Public Ledger, but we feel quite sure that he is waging a clean fight. Nevertheless, he is up against a man that is backed by a record unsurpassed by any Sheriff in North Carolina or any other State. The files of the Public Ledger shows that Sheriff Hobgood is the best tax collector the county has had in the last thirty-two years. That is as far back as our record goes, but it is safe to say in the last 50 years or more. We have never known a man to have a higher regard for the oath of office than has Sheriff Hobgood. If he has offended any one by enforcing the law, you should blame the law-makers and not the Sheriff. We merely speak of this valuable servant of the county because we know these things to be true.

If you will look over the list of candidates for County Commissioner as announced elsewhere in this paper you will see that we are sure to have a good board next term. There are seven of them, and five of the number will be chosen. With one exception the men are scattered advantageously over the county. Commissioner W. E. Cannady is the only member of the present board that stands for reelection.

## COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES OF THE OXFORD GRADED SCHOOLS

High School Pupils Will Present Patriotic Program.

The annual exercise of the Graded Schools will be held on next Thursday night at the School Auditorium at 8:30. The High School pupils will present a patriotic program prepared for the occasion. This will precede the address to be delivered by the Lieut. Governor of the State—O. Max Gardener.

The purpose of the program by the school is to show what the various organizations of the country have done in the great war for righteousness. About seventy five boys and girls will take part in the program representing every phase of national endeavor at the present time.

The address of the Lieut. Governor will be one of the best heard in Oxford in a long time. In his addresses as the closing of schools all over the State he has set a high standard. Naturally he is a strong speaker, and under the present conditions when he has such a great cause to plead for he is even better. An invitation is given especially to the people of the county to be present at that time to hear his address.

## HONOR WORTHILY BESTOWED.

The Learned Men Decorate President Hobgood of Oxford College.

The commencement at Wake Forest this week is largely attended. The college is prefixing "L. L. D." to President F. P. Hobgood's name, an honor most worthily bestowed on one of the State's best men. Dr. Marsh, Dr. J. D. Harte, Rev. E. G. Usry, and Rev. G. T. Tunstall, of Oxford are in attendance.

## POPULAR DRUGGIST WEDS.

Mr. Frank F. Lyon Goes to Greenville for Handsome Bride. Mr. and Mrs. Hoy Taylor announce the marriage of their sister

Miss Pearl Taylor

to Mr. Frank Fuller Lyon on Wednesday, May the twenty-second, one thousand nine hundred and eighteen, Greenville, North Carolina.

No announcements in Oxford and Granville county.

## SEEKS TO ENLIST.

Mr. E. W. Howard, of Oxford, Visits Washington.

The Washington correspondent of the News and Observer says: "E. W. Howard of Oxford is in Washington seeking enlistment as a volunteer as a field clerk for duty in France. Recommendations were presented Representative Charles M. Stedman from B. K. Lassiter and H. G. Cooper, lawyer and banker, respectively, of Oxford."

## ON THE WESTERN BATTLE LINE

PRISONERS OF WAR IN VIENNA KILLED AND BODIES EATEN

Great Masses of Germans and Austrians Are Sick of the War—Time it at Hand When Famine Will Become Ally of Entente.

Two months ago, on the afternoon following the beginning of the great German drive, the Public Ledger declared, with all confidence in what it was saying, that the Huns would not be able to break through the Allies' lines.

And they have not broken through.

They have been thwarted. The slaughter in their divisions has been appalling. Their advance has amounted to a defeat. That the menace is over no one will pretend. Preparations are clearly making for another effort, the failure of which will be fatal. But the Allies are better prepared for it than they were for the first drive. Not only have the French and English forces been strengthened, but American troops are now on the battle line in helpful numbers and all are fighting as one command.

Every day's delay is a day of gain to the Allied forces. Nothing has braced the spirit and determination of the great defense more than the energy and success with which American troops have been rushed to the front; and there they are giving that account of themselves which American

## NINETY-SEVEN MEN ENTRAIN HERE FOR CAMP JACKSON.

Business Houses Close One Hour in Honor of the Departing Soldiers.

Ninety-seven young men, the very flower of the country will entrain here this Saturday at noon for Camp Jackson. All of the business houses will close their doors from 11:30 to 12:30, and practically the whole town will gather at the Seaboard Seaboard station to see them off. It is the largest body of men to leave Oxford since the declaration of war. The entire list of those who will entrain was published in the Public Ledger last week.

The local Chapter of the American Red Cross will give each one a comfort kit filled with useful articles and the ladies of the National Defense will give each one a copy of the New Testament.

It would be hard to find a better looking set of young men anywhere. They realize to the full the seriousness of their mission, but on their faces are depicted the determination to do or die.

## REGISTRATION FOR MILITARY SERVICE JUNE 5TH 1918.

The act providing for the registration of men who have become twenty-one years of age since June 5, 1917 has been passed by act of Congress.

JUNE 5, 1918 is the day set for the registration and notice is hereby given to all persons concerned to appear at the Court House in Oxford, N. C. on the date named for the purpose of registering. Failure to register is a misdemeanor.

Attention is called to notices, "How to answer questions on the registration cards" posted in the Court House and Post Office in Oxford, N. C.

Respectfully,  
LOCAL BOARD GRANVILLE COUNTY.

## The Deserters.

The two deserters captured here last week, giving their names as Burns and Murphy, were taken to Camp Lee this week by Chief Hobgood. They made the trip through the country. Mr. Frank E. Youngs accompanied the Chief. On arriving at the camp the deserters gave a different name and stated to the military authorities that they were from Camp Green, Charlotte.

It was the intention of Mr. J. B. Powell, the efficient and popular Register of Deeds, to announce his candidacy for reelection in this paper and thank the voters, but Mrs. Powell was taken sick and it was necessary for him to accompany her to Richmond, where she will receive medical treatment. Mr. Powell will return in a day or two.

troops have always given in times and places of danger.

## Significant Statement.

(London Special)  
The story of terrible want is the case of two prisoners of war in Vienna who were murdered by fellow workers, and ate part of their bodies. The Arbeiter Zeitung demanded an investigation, and the entire issue was confiscated in consequence. The affair was referred to in Parliament but was hushed up in the Vienna Press.

"The health of many is such that they can hardly stand, to say nothing of work, and things are getting worse every day. Even the soldiers do not get enough to eat. It is a common sight to see soldiers begging for food. Everybody is convinced that the expected food relief from the Ukraine is a mirage. 'Only another Prussian swindle,' they say. The three worst months—June, July and August—are yet to come. Last year there was almost nothing to eat in those months but cucumbers and fruit. Typhus and dysentery became epidemic. The people are shuddering at the prospects of these three months now."

"As far as they dare," the dispatch continues, "the people jeer at the talk of smashing the British and French, and at the submarine campaign, the only result of which they see is to make additional enemy of America. Every one made fun of President Wilson at first, but the people are now convinced that in America they have aroused an enemy which is likely to prove their own downfall."

## LIEUTENANT B. S. ROYSTER ARRIVES IN FOREIGN PORT.

Col. Sydney Minor and Major Thad G. Stem Are in an American Port.

We judge from the following message dated at a foreign port May 21, that several of the soldiers from this section have arrived safely.

### The telegram:

B. S. Royster, Oxford, N. C.:  
The ship on which I sailed has arrived safely.

B. S. ROYSTER, JR.

The above message will bring consolation to the hearts of parents if they can ascertain that their sons were on the same ship that carried Lieutenant Royster over. There was no doubt many other boys from this section on the ship, and parents and loved ones will receive a card from them in a few days, but but Lieutenant Royster took the precaution to file a telegram in New York with the instructions that it be forwarded to his father as soon as the Admiralty learned of the safe arrival of the ship in a foreign port.

We can safely say at this writing that Major Thad G. Stem and Col. Sydney Minor are in an American port.

## WAR SAVINGS APPOINTMENTS.

Strong Speakers Will Cover the County Sunday, May 26.

Rev. R. H. Willis, chairman of the ministerial committee of the Granville County War Savings Stamps work, announces the following speakers for next Sunday:

Enon—Rev. G. T. Tunstall, Mr. G. B. Phillips.  
Grassy Creek—Rev. Jerre Reaves, Mr. D. G. Brummitt.  
Sharon—Rev. E. G. Usry, Mr. W. B. Ballou, Mr. John Webb.  
Tally Ho—Rev. H. G. Bryant, Mr. B. W. Parham, Prof. J. F. Webb.  
Pleasant Grove—Rev. J. L. Martin, Mr. J. W. Hester.  
Knapp of Reeds—Rev. J. H. Bass, Judge W. A. Devin.  
Grove Hill—Rev. Mr. Sikes, Dr. J. A. Morris.  
Salem, 11 a. m.—Rev. B. E. Thompson, Mr. B. S. Royster.  
Stovall, 4 p. m.—Rev. B. C. Thompson, Mr. B. S. Royster.

Mr. O. Joe Howard, of Pomona, a most pleasant gentleman, spent a few days this week in Oxford and the county, the guest of his brothers, Messrs. Ira and Sam Howard. Mr. Howard has associated with Mr. J. Van Lindley so long he resembles the famous horticulturist in his younger days.

—President Wilson's White House sheep have just yielded a ninety-pound clip of wool, which should go far in convincing those who are skeptical about selling their dogs and buying a live mutton.

## THERE WERE MANY DESERTERS DURING THE CIVIL WAR.

Some of Them Are Living in Granville County at this Very Hour.

If the young men of the county who are now called upon to rally around the flag could realize the disgrace that follows desertion from the army, we are quite sure he would never bring dishonor upon himself.

When a mere boy, living in Greensboro, the writer remembers very distinctly that the Home Guard went out to a country school house in the country one bitter cold night and captured five deserters who had lived in a cave for three long years. We remember how they looked when they were marched into the court house and branded as cowards.

The hiding places of deserters were darkly hinted at by the people of the neighborhoods, and sometimes these places were raided, but as a general thing the occupant had been warned in time to escape. It sometimes happened, however, that the deserter was captured and in such event he was paraded as something worse than a criminal. In the minds of the children there was created a wholesome fear of the deserter and he was a character the women stood in awe of.

The deserter now, as in all ages past, is the product of a cowardice born of war. He would rather incur the detestation of his neighborhood and live the life of a horse thief—of an outlaw—than to go forth and fight for his country.

In some neighborhood cave, in some old barn, in garret, or outbuilding, he lives in concealment from day to day, like a hunted animal, afraid to venture out in day time. His one ever present thought is how he may continue to avoid capture while the war is going on. What would such a man care for the scorn of a community, so long as he could continue to exist with a whole hide? The deserter may live to a good old age, but he can never outlive the dishonor he brought upon himself or regain the respect he has lost. Only a few days ago an old soldier pointed out a man on the streets of Oxford and told the editor of the Public Ledger that he was a "bushwhacker," all during the Civil War.

## CANDIDATES AND THE WAR.

They Must Prove That They Are Backing the Boys in the Trenches.

The candidates for office whose record for war work is not all that it should be, deserves little consideration at the hands of the voters who have sent sons, and brothers, friends and relatives into the firing lines. The man appeals to the public for support this year, who has not done his very best for all patriotic causes, should be snowed under. It would be a mighty bad showing for the county where a person who has failed to respond to the calls to receive a large vote.

It is understood, of course, that some men can not do as much as some other men, but the public on the whole will not fail to size up a man correctly. If the general understanding is that some man in the community is holding back his cordial support and hearty financial backing to any war measure, the chances are nine times out of ten the public is right.

The public has a right to know the extent to which the candidates in this primary and in the elections of this year have contributed to the Red Cross, and the Y. M. C. A. funds, have bought liberty bonds and war savings stamps, for these are the visible means by which the civilian today has to prove that he is backing the boys in the trenches with other than cheap talk.

## Be on the Safe Side.

You cannot tell the hour or day when the thunder and the lightning, the rain and hail will ruin your crop. Be on the safe side. See the announcement of Mr. J. R. Hall in this paper.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Baird, Mrs. W. D. Bryan, Miss Daisy Holeman, Messrs Hal. Holeman and Travis Chamblee motored to Durham Thursday.

Miss Caroline Hunt is spending a while with friends in Roxboro.