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NINETY-SEVEN MEN ENTRAIN HERE FOR CAMP JACKSON.

The Bond of Sympathy Brought Large Number of Relatives and Friends to Oxford.

Tears and shouts mingled Saturday when three thousand people gathered in Oxford to pronounce a loving benediction on the ninety-seven young drafted men who entrained for Camp Jackson. The ceremonies leading to their departure were solemn and impressive.

The Red Cross Active.

The Granville County Chapter of the American Red Cross had worked and planned for sometime to have the comfort kits ready for the men. The ladies did a neat piece of work, and each kit contained a little of everything excepting the deft fingers of mother to adjust the button and kiss away the tear-drop that gathers in the eye of a true soldier in the quiet hour. The Bibles, too, that were presented to them by the gentle hands of the women of the Red Cross were also highly prized by the men.

Dr. Daniel Speaks.

The Exemption Board marshalled the men in the court house, and after the roll call the ladies were asked to retire from the room while Dr. Daniel addressed the soldiers as to the importance of living clean lives. "You are going to a country where the morals are entirely different and where American money is at a premium," said Dr. Daniel. More than fifty thousand of our soldiers, said the good doctor, are suffering from a common disease brought about by the indiscretion of the young men. "I urge you to live clean, wholesome lives—to be true to yourselves, your country and your God. The true soldier is the noblest work of God."

Judge Graham Speaks.

Judge Graham, who came from New York to see his son off, made a short speech full of emotion. Fifty-seven years and one month ago," said Judge Graham, "I witnessed a similar scene on this very spot. It was the fathers of these boys that gathered here to answer to their names and go forth to fight for their country. There was never a greater honor bestowed upon the sons of America than at this very day when our sons pledge their lives to such a sacred cause. I gladly give my son to the cause of the country, and I would have you remember, young men, that you must feel at all times that you are backed up by the prayers, the sympathy and love of those you leave behind.

Formation of Squads.

Mr. A. W. Graham was chosen captain of the ninety-seven men. The men were divided into squads, and each squad placed under the following lieutenants created for the occasion by the Exemption Board: E. A. Latta, M. K. Pinnix, Thomas W. Allen, Richard W. Harp, Fred L. Peed, William M. Bobbitt.

Military Salute.

As the men marched to the Seaboard station, where two private cars awaited them, the battalion of boys from the Oxford Orphanage, carrying wooden guns and under the direction of their drill master, Sergeant John A. Baker, headed by Major Will Landis, captain of the Home Guard Company, stood at attention as the column passed.

Tobacco and Rations.

There was a fund of more than one hundred dollars contributed by the citizens to provide cigars and tobacco for the soldiers. The Exemption Board furnished two rations to each of the men, and Captain Augustus Graham was handed a book of Government meal tickets to be used in case of emergency. The train pulled out at 12:30 o'clock amid the shouts, tears and the dove-like tone of the army bugle.

List of Men.

Roy Galloway Jenkins, Irvin S. Davis, Spurgeon Puckett, Earnest Jackson Critcher, Robert Toombs Cozart, John Eastwood, Spurgeon Oakley, A. W. Graham, Jr., Eric Amos Latta, Freddie L. Peed, Mark A. Landis, Lewis D. Parham, L. E. Whitaker, Leo T. Norwood, Walter Bruce Sanderford, Marshal K. Pinnix, Benona P. Mays, Jarvis S. Floyd, Thurman Cash, Wm. Norman Bobbitt, H. F. Peed, W. H. Arrington, Samuel Clyde Cannady, James Baily, James Roland Car-

THE SECOND RED CROSS DRIVE IN GRANVILLE COUNTY.

To the People of Granville County: The Red Cross War Fund Committee of the Granville County Chapter of the American Red Cross desires to express its thanks and appreciation for the splendid response which you have just given to its appeal for contributions to the Second Red Cross War Fund. The Committee is discharged the responsibility assumed by it for the Granville County Chapter and its Auxiliaries in a most creditable manner but the Committee fully realizes that the credit for the magnificent showing belongs to the earnest and generous men, women and children who responded so willingly and liberally.

I want to publicly thank every member of the Committee and every person who aided us in this splendid work, and we especially appreciate the service rendered by all of the speakers who presented the Red Cross work to the people in the several sections of the County. I want to acknowledge, also, with thanks the cordial co-operation given our Committee by all of the Auxiliaries of the County.

Our supply of pledge cards was exhausted, but we are ordering more and we are going to ask that all Auxiliaries get a supply of these Pledge Cards as soon as received and have each subscriber sign one for the amount of their subscription for this will greatly facilitate the clerical work. Just as soon as possible the name of every subscriber will be published. We will exercise the greatest care in publishing this list in an effort to avoid errors, but if errors occur we will appreciate it if our attention is called to them in order that corrections may be made. If any subscribers name is omitted it will not be intentional and we hope to have the co-operation of all in having the list of subscribers correct.

Again, to all who contributed to the success of the Second Red Cross War Fund in Granville County, the Committee, through its Chairman, extends its grateful appreciation.

W. H. HUNT, Chapter War Fund Chairman.



EX-SENATOR T. G. CURRIN. For the Senate. Without Opposition.



HON. D. G. BRUMMITT. House of Representatives. Without Opposition.

HEAR THE DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.

Lieutenant O. Max Gardener at the Graded School Thursday Night. The annual exercises 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 Lieutenant O. Max Gardener, who will probably be the next Governor of North Carolina. Superintendent Phillips urges you to be prompt.

JUDGE DEVIN AMONG THE SUNDAY SPEAKERS.

Spends a Few Hours in Granville and Returns to Fayetteville. Hon. W. A. Devin arrived from Fayetteville Saturday and expected to spend at least twenty-four hours at rest in an easy chair, but the Ministerial Association laid a gentle hand on his shoulder and led him out to Knap of Reeds Sunday, where he made a vigorous speech. From Knap of Reeds he motored to the railroad station and caught the train down to Fayetteville, where he is holding court this week. The public men and the newspapers are doing all they can to whip the kaiser, and it takes seven days a week to do it.

UNION MEETING THURSDAY AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.

The Banks and Public Buildings Will Be Closed.

Next Thursday is a National Holiday and President Wilson urges the people to gather at their accustomed places of worship for fervent prayer. There will be a union meeting of all the churches in Oxford at eleven o'clock at the Methodist church.

The banks and all public buildings will be closed and as many business houses as can be urged to close from eleven to twelve o'clock.

GRANVILLE COUNTY NEGRO HAS BEEN ELECTROCUTED

Herbert Perry Pays With His Life For Assault Upon Young White Woman

It is officially stated that Herbert Perry, a negro, convicted in Granville county last fall on a charge of criminal assault upon a young white woman, was electrocuted at the State Prison in Raleigh Saturday morning.

Mr. W. T. Yancey, cashier of the National Bank of Granville, attended the State Banker's Association in Raleigh last week.

FOURTH-CLASS MEN ARE NOT FAR AWAY.

Less Than Four Hundred Men Between It and the Draft.

Speculating as to how the Granville county man-power stands in the world war, it is reasonable to suppose that class four will get into the fight if the war is not ended this year. The possibility of reaching men in the fourth class within a year's time seems likely with the rapid decrease in the number of men in other classes.

Although the official numbers for the various classes cannot be given owing to the fact that the district board now has a number of names under consideration for reclassification, the number of men in each class is something as follows:

The Classification.
Class 1—White and colored 100.
Class 2—White and colored 100.
Class 3—White and colored 100.
This gives a total of about 300 men to be called before class four is reached. It is pointed out, however, that a large number of the men in each class may be disqualified physically. With this in view it is doubtful whether more than 150 men remain before class four is reached, who can qualify for military service. It also means that the chance for reaching class four is not so slim as had been previously expected.

The New Registration.

The new registration will, of course, add to the number to be called prior to the time class four is reached.

The fact that Provost Marshal General Crowder has also issued regulations entitled "work or fight" will also have an effect.

Estimates of the provost marshal would indicate that there will be about 150 men in the new registration in Granville. Not over 50 per cent. of this number, however, will likely be placed in class 1. This will only make the total number of those in classes ahead of class four between three and four hundred. At the rate the men have been called during the past year, it would seem that the supply will in all probability be used up within a year's time.

FINE FIELD OF VICTORY WHEAT

An Inspiration to the Farmers of Granville County.

It is generally conceded that the wheat field at the Granville County Experiment Station, situated on the left-hand side of the State Highway leading from Oxford, is the best stand of wheat in the county, unless it is the two and one-half acre patch a quarter of a mile down the Highway. Both stands never fail to catch and hold the attention of those who have an eye for beauty. Several things contributed to the remarkable success of this wheat, namely:

Realizing that there must be no idle or tardy acres this year, Mr. Moss, the wizard of the farm, determined to set an example worthy of emulation. We are not advised as to the methods he employed to bring the wheat to such a high state of cultivation, but we are very sure he will gladly impart any and all information that he has imbibed during many years of tests and experiments.

It will repay any farmer in this section to visit the Experiment Farm and look out upon this "sea of green" just before the heads turn to a golden hue. The wheat is of uniform height and the stalks are slightly bent by the heavy heads.

As we looked out upon the waving grain we could but feel that if all the farmers possessed the knowledge, the wisdom and power and thoughtfulness of Mr. Moss our soldiers across the seas would have plenty and to spare.

It was not our pleasure to meet Mr. Moss at the farm and ply him with questions, but Mr. John Webb, who has watched with interest the success of the wheat and is in close touch with Mr. Moss, informs the Public Ledger that the two and one-half acres farthest down the Highway is known as "Liberty Acres." The money accruing from this acreage, says Mr. Webb, will be invested in War Savings Stamps.

Hon. D. G. Brummitt has returned from a trip to Catawba county on legal business.

RED CROSS MERCY FUND MORE THAN \$100,000,000

Big Outpouring of Dollars From all Over the Country—Impossible to Tabulate all Returns.

Subscriptions to the American Red Cross Second War Mercy Fund was estimated to be more than the minimum quota of \$100,000,000 at the close of business Saturday. The strenuous campaign Monday throughout the country is expected to bring the total up to \$150,000,000.

Local Red Cross Committees are tabulating returns from Granville county. It is expected that Granville has reached \$12,000. Full returns will be published in the Public Ledger later.

Wilton Schoolhouse.

On Thursday night a group of Red Cross workers went out to Wilton schoolhouse. They were met by only a small group of people, but these were very generous and subscribed more than \$100 at the close of the exercises. This amount will probably double when the final report comes in.

Creedmoor.

Two cars of Red Cross workers, including the county chairman and the vice chairman, visited Creedmoor on Friday night and presented the Second Red Cross War Fund and secured pledges and cash amounting to more than \$1,000. More than \$200 had already been secured by private subscription, and those present assured them that they were going to make the amount total \$1,500 before they made their final report. Almost every one present made some pledge, and the cheerful, enthusiastic way in which this generous sum was subscribed was inspiring to all who were present.

Enon.

At the close of our Sunday morning service we took a public subscription for the Red Cross work amounting to \$550.00. Something over \$100 had been raised prior to this, and the Baraca Class is raising a fund to be added to the above. Enon will probably reach \$700 when all is reported.

Providence.

We doff our hats to the Providence people. Others have done valiantly, but thou excellest them all. At the close of the Sunday school, after a brief talk on the Red Cross work, a subscription was taken amounting to \$1,555.00, which has since been raised to \$1,800 and they now say that they are going to \$2,000. This is the finest spirit of generosity, unity and patriotism that has ever been shown by any section of Granville county. Two remarks will give you some conception of the beautiful spirit that characterized this service. After this large subscription was completed one man arose and said: "When another call comes we stand ready to help again." Another man arose and said: "That is the way we all feel about it." This was the most inspiring meeting and by far the most generous giving that the writer has found in the county.

When we all catch the spirit of the Providence people we will win the war.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

Mr. Jerome Averette Throws His Hat in the Ring.

The card of Mr. J. T. Averett announcing his candidacy for county commissioner, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, Saturday, June 1, did not reach us in time to be inserted in our last issue.

Mr. Averett lives in Fishing Creek Township and is one of the best men in the county and stands for progress.

CAPT. FULLER ARRIVES IN FOREIGN PORT.

The Old Granville Grays Company Is Now on Foreign Soil.

The Public Ledger has received a card from Capt. E. E. Fuller of Company E, 120th Infantry Division, lately of Camp Sevier, reading: "The ship on which I sailed has arrived safely over-seas."

Lieut. Henry G. Cooper, of the U. S. N., has arrived in Oxford, accompanied by his wife and two children, to spend a short time at the home of his parents, Col. and Mrs. H. G. Cooper.