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## WHEN, HOW AND WHERE BOYS OF 21 MUST REGISTER

**Who Must Register.**  
All male persons (citizens or aliens) born between June 6, 1896 and June 5, 1897, inclusive, except officers and enlisted men of the Regular Army, Navy and Marine Corps.

**When and Where.**  
On Wednesday, June 5, 1918, between 7 a. m. and 9 p. m. At office of Local Board having jurisdiction where the person to be registered permanently resides, or other places designated by that Local Board.

**Consult Local Board.**  
Go in person on June 5 to your registration place. If you expect to be absent from home on June 5, go at once to the office of the Local Board where you happen to be. Have your registration card filled out and certified. Mail it to the Local Board having jurisdiction where you permanently reside. Enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your registration card for the return of your registration certificate. Failure to get this certificate may cause you serious inconvenience.

**Information.**  
If you are in doubt as to what to do or where to register consult your Local Board.

**Penalty for not Registering.**  
Failure to register is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for one year. It may result in loss of valuable rights and privileges and immediate induction into military service.

## CAPT. BENJ. K. HAYS.

The Good Doctor Is At Camp Greenleaf, Fort Oglethorpe.

In a note to the Public Ledger, advising us to send the paper to his address, Dr. Benj. K. Hays writes: "As soon as I have a little time I will send you some stories on camp life, with special reference to sanitary conditions. The work is most inspiring, the spirit of the men is fine, and the educational and inspirational advantages to the men in the army are worth all the loss and all the danger that they involve. A man born and raised in Oxford does not know how he loves the dear old town until he sees it in his dreams from an army bunch.

Those wishing to communicate with the good old doctor must use the following formula: "Capt. Benj. K. Hays, Co. 24—Battalion 6, Camp Greenleaf, Fort Oglethorpe, Ga."

## COUNTY SERVICE FLAG.

The Golden Star Should Replace the Blue For Every Man Who Falls.

The suggestion is being passed around here that a county service flag ought to be bought, which will contain a star for every man from this county in the military service. The flag should be large enough so that new stars could be added each time a new man was added to the army or navy. The flag, it is suggested should be displayed to the public at the court house. For each soldier there would be a blue star, while a golden star would replace the blue for every man who falls. None have yet fallen over there, but this cannot last long.

## THE COUNTY PRIMARY.

Every Citizen Should Have a Voice in the Choice of Candidates.  
The polls of the primary election will be open this Saturday. Get your vote in.

Every citizen should have a voice in the election of candidates for his party. His voice is not less important than at the general election; it is even more important in the numerous cases where a nomination is equivalent to election.

War conditions demand that the Great State of North Carolina shall give the best that is in her, and the efficiency of her war service will depend in large degree on the efficiency of those placed in official trust.

Vote, and vote with your eyes open to the requirements of the situation.

—Instead of becoming peevish because they are to be removed to other camps the interned Germans at Hot Springs should thank the fate that permits them to dodge the stone pile and play tennis.

## MEN IN NON-ESSENTIAL JOBS, EVEN IN DEFERRED CLASSES MUST GO TO WAR

The new amendment to the selective service regulations providing that all men of draft age be engaged in useful occupations, means that men who are engaged in the following occupations will have to obtain new jobs or be inducted at once into the service:

1—Persons engaged in serving food or drink in public places, including hotels or social clubs.

2—Passenger elevator operators and attendants, doormen, footmen and other attendants of clubs, hotels, stores, apartment houses, office buildings and bath houses.

3—Persons, including ushers and other attendants, engaged and occupied in and in conjunction with games, sports and amusements, excepting actual performers in legitimate concerts, operas or theatrical performances.

4—Persons employed in domestic service.

5—Sales clerks and other clerks employed in stores and at other mercantile establishments.

Men who are engaged as above or who are idlers will not be permitted to seek relief because of the fact that they have drawn a late order number or because they have been placed in deferred classes on the ground of dependency. The fact that he is not usefully employed will outweigh both of the above conditions.

## PATRIOTIC CHILDREN.

Subscriptions to the Red Cross Fund Made by the Oxford Public Schools.

Record of the individual grades follows:  
1st grade—Miss White .....\$10.00  
2nd grade—Miss Minor ..... 2.85  
2nd & 3rd Miss—Furman... 10.50  
3rd grade—Miss Biggs ..... 6.67  
4th grade—Miss Clement... 12.00  
4th grade Miss—Hancock .. 23.75  
5th grade—Miss Parham ... 5.60  
5th grade—Mrs. Brummitt. 7.50  
6th grade—Miss Barber .... 22.00

Total for grammar grades..\$100.87  
Total subscribed by High School grades .....\$80.00  
Total for all schools .....\$180.87

## JUMPED HIS BOARD BILL.

Boy Claims He Was Discharged From the Army.

Authorities in Clarksville early Thursday morning notified Chief Hobgood that a young man by the name of Wilson had jumped his board bill in that town and was on his way to Oxford in an auto.

When the young man arrived here he was taken in custody. He told Officer Hutchins that he had been discharged from the army. He is the son of a preacher living at Sumpter, S. C. The young man expressed a desire to join the army and go abroad. The board has the case under consideration.

## HINDENBURG VICTIM OF TYPHOID.

The Report That He is Dead is Incorrect.

Geneva, Switzerland, May 29.—Field Marshal von Hindenburg, chief of the German general staff, is in a hospital at Stassburg, suffering of typhoid fever, according to reports from that city. These advices state that the report of von Hindenburg's death is incorrect, but that his condition is critical.

Typhoid fever is said to be spreading in the German army.

Of late there have been various reports of the death of Field Marshal von Hindenburg. Some of these reports were given on the authority of German prisoners on the western front.

## PRIMARY ALL DAY.

Polls Open at Sun Up and Close at Sunset.

The Public Ledger is informed that it has been circulated in portions of the county that on Saturday the polls do not open until the afternoon. This is an error. Saturday's primary is conducted as a regular election, is a legalized primary, and the polls will be open all day, from sunrise to sunset.

## GERMANS DRIVE WEDGE INTO ALLIED LINE ON FRONT OF 25 MILES.

French Reserves Are Arriving—Ground Lost Which Was Gained in Great Struggle By French Last Year.

The reports from the battlefields of France for the past few days, both official and unofficial show that the allies have again suffered a setback, whereby they have lost all the ground in the Chemin des dames region so gallantly won by the French in the great struggle from April to October, 1917. Up to the present, according to the German claim 25,000 prisoners have been taken.

Whatever gains in position they have been able to make were offset by "the price." As a French dispatch put it, "the enemy has gained sufficient ground in which to bury his dead and that is all."

Military authorities say that Foch is waiting to see at which point the brunt of the German assault will be made, that he may have his reserves available to throw into the battle. The best we can make out of military opinion as it is coming from France, is that it is not so much a question of the Allies' ability to stop the Germans as to when and where they shall be stopped.

## THE BANKHEAD HIGHWAY THROUGH GRANVILLE COUNTY

Bridges Must Be Able to Bear Passage of Ten Ton Military Truck Trains.

(Durham Sun.)  
Practically definite assurance that the Bankhead highway will be routed by Durham, in accordance with plans and the campaign of Col. Bennahan Cameron, which extends over a period of years, has been received by the Durham good roads advocate.

**Strong Bridges Required.**  
The latest assurance came in a message received by Col. Cameron from government officials asking if bridges in Durham county would be able to bear passage for ten ton military truck trains. Col. Cameron wired immediately, that the bridges in his opinion were capable of standing the burden.

**The Popular Route.**  
Col. Cameron stated that citizens of Wilson, Goldsboro, Southern Pines, Norfolk, and Newport News formed associations in order to aid in securing the route by Durham and Raleigh, which will be much nearer to those towns, than the Piedmont route.

## GETTING DOWN TO BUSINESS.

Find the Job or the Job Will Find You.

The latest order of the provost marshal general will probably settle the vagrancy or idlers problem for North Carolina cities which have found the state laws inadequate or too lenient to properly deal with the conditions that have arisen since the war was declared. The matter is taken out of the hands of the state authorities and be inference is put to the federal authorities.

It is no longer a question of working at some kind of a job, but on holding down the right kind of a job. The fellow who is spending his time and energies in work that does not directly benefit the war or help in its prosecution to a speedy close must look up some other job, or else serve the country in the military departments of the government.

## FINALS AT THE OXFORD GRADED SCHOOL.

Lieutenant Governor O. Max Gardner Charms Large Audience.

The address of Lieutenant Governor O. Max Gardner at the auditorium of the Oxford Graded School Thursday night was greatly enjoyed by a capacity house. The distinguished speaker was introduced by Mr. E. W. Parham. Mr. Gardner is a strong speaker and his address was one of the best heard in Oxford in a long time.

Preceding the speech about seventy-five bright boys and girls presented a splendid patriotic program showing what the various organizations of the country have done in the great war for righteousness.

## RED CROSS NEWS.

The Chapter Work Room, will, during the summer months, be open Tuesday and Thursday morning and Wednesday and Friday afternoons.

It is hoped that the work will not lag during the hot weather as we know the boys "Over There" perform their duties "rain or shine," so let us not consider our own comfort, but rather the privilege of sharing in this splendid work.

Through the courtesy of Mr. J. Robt. Wood, Oxford Ice Company and Carolina Power & Light Company the room will be comfortable, having electric fans, and a refrigerator with plenty of ice water, and you are urged to come and give a portion of your time to the needed work.

**Acknowledgements.**  
The Granville County Chapter acknowledges the following donations: Stem Auxiliary \$7.28; For Civilian Relief \$8.61 donated from the fund collected by the business men of the town for the drafted men.

**Membership.**  
Mrs. Sidney H. Usry, Oxford; Mr. Sidney H. Usry, Oxford; Mrs. Eliza Crews, Providence; Miss Eleanor Mays, Stem.

**New Auxiliaries.**  
Mrs. John Webb, chairman Extension Committee, reports organizing the following Auxiliaries:

West Oxford Auxiliary, Mr. D. F. Lanier, chairman, Mrs. D. F. Lanier, vice-chairman, Miss Lucile Hunt, Secretary and Mr. A. W. Farris, Treasurer.

Williford School Auxiliary, Mrs. A. Williford, Chairman, Miss Ophelia Williford, secretary and Mr. Crawford Williford, treasurer. This Auxiliary has thirty six members and made a donation to the Chapter of \$15.

## Loyal Colored People.

The Colored Auxiliary of the Granville County Chapter of the American Red Cross, held a Red Cross War Fund meeting in the court house on Monday night, May 28th. The principal speaker was Professor Pearson, of Durham. A number of appeals were made by members of the Colored Auxiliary, and the people responded generously, the total subscriptions and collections amounting to about \$850.

The fine way in which the colored people of the County have responded to the Red Cross work very clearly demonstrates their loyalty and patriotism, as well as their desire to relieve suffering humanity.

## AN OLD CUSTOM REVIVED.

"Services Will Be Held in This Church at Early Candle Light.

The Smithfield Herald reminds us of a custom that prevailed during the War Between the States, When the preachers would announce at the close of the morning service "Services in this church this evening at early candle light." Then people were without lamps and oil and the tallow candle was the best light they had. Their light was so poor if you came late you could hardly see who was at church. Congregations began to assemble about sunset and long before dark services had started. By starting early the candles lasted longer and the people returned home in time to get to bed earlier. This custom did not last many years after the Civil War. Now people are returning to the hours used long ago. Churches which have adopted the new time are asking their congregations to assemble by sunset or just a little later. If a few years ago some one had predicted this change it would have been considered impossible, but the people are becoming accustomed to meeting early and the old custom of long ago prevails again.

## Milinery Opportunity.

As the season draws to a close Perkins & Green Company are closing out a handsome line of milinery. It will also be seen elsewhere in this paper that a handsome line of white wash waists await the ladies at inviting figures.

## Handsome Cars.

The Blalock Motor Car Company are hourly expecting the arrival of a car load of model Chevrolet cars. They are going to give every buyer the benefit of this order. See their announcement elsewhere in this paper.

## DOUBLY SUCCESSFUL—THE RED CROSS TRIBUTE.

The Most Skillfully Managed Campaign of Any Sort Every Conducted in Granville.

Oxford and Granville County acquitted themselves handsomely in the cause of the Red Cross. Their allotment was \$5,000. The contributions were nearly three times as much. That tells the eloquent story. The campaign brought contributions from approximately 2,500 people. Considering the number of people who are utterly unable to help, the babies, and the very, very poor of the country, the percentage is a very fine one.

Credit is due the committee chairman and the workers and the directors of this campaign, for while it is true in this as in all other war work no one should "work for money" and no one should "work for fame." Names need not be mentioned here, and the truly patriotic do not care for a mention of names. The little boy in the poorer sections of county who gave up his three cents to a solicitor deserves just as much credit as does the man who gave his thousands.

It was the most skillfully managed campaign of any sort ever conducted in Granville county and it was given spontaneity through the deep-running Red Cross spirit which pervaded the people of the several communities.

## STORAGE FOR POTATOES WOULD SAVE HUNDREDS OF BUSHELS.

It is Difficult to Buy Sound Sweet Potatoes Here in Winter.

The call to farmers for greater production of the necessities of life is growing stronger each day. One of the great needs of the world today is food.

Not only is there need for vegetables and perishables but for staples that can be stored and used next winter. Much of the perishable food produced can be preserved through proper conservation methods, through adequate market and storage facilities and more intelligent handling.

The Public Ledger has frequently pointed out the need for market centers, where the farmers can dispose of their produce. The production of bumper and surplus crops of produce and food stuffs has been attended by some degree of risk, which the farmer has realized and which has caused him to go slow. Adequate market centers where home products, meat, grain, canned goods, potatoes, fruit, etc., would have an established exchange would make food production more of a so-called money crop than any other that could be raised now.

Suitable storage for potatoes would save hundreds of bushels each season. It is difficult to buy sound sweet potatoes in this section in the winter.

Oxford would do well to plan now for such market centers and storage facilities as will guarantee profitable sale and safe storage for all the food that can be produced during the present season.

## THE PICNIC SANDWICH.

Where Food Value Is Lightly Regarded.

There is a well grounded movement in some quarters not to have any picnics this summer. It is pointed out that there is probably no other festivity where the value of food is more lightly regarded.

Everybody who packs a picnic basket prepares more edibles than many can eat, and once in the woods everybody eats twice as much as he needs. In most cases sandwiches constitute the lunch, which are half eaten and the remnants thrown away.

Nor is the picnic the only offender. There are numerous other gatherings where the lunch is a social requirement rather than a physical necessity, and to these the warning might be extended with the same conserving aim.

## Off to Join the Navy.

Messrs John Webb, W. D. Bryan, Jr., Good Ellington, Thomas Tackey and James Bullock left this week to enlist in the Navy. Fine boys, all of them, and we don't see how Uncle Sam can turn them down. Mr. A. B. Wilson, another Granville boy, enlisted last week.