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## DRASTIC AMENDMENTS TO DRAFT REGULATIONS ARE ANNOUNCED.

### Local Boards Are Required to Re-classify All Cases Involving Recent Marriages.

Under orders from the Provost Marshal General, local boards are instructed to reclassify forthwith all cases of deferred classification under the ruling that dependency resulting from marriage since May 18, 1917, will be disregarded as a ground for deferred classification unless the dependent is a child of the marriage. In like manner the instructions call for disregard as a ground for deferred classification facts or dependency resulting from the marriage of a registrant who has become twenty-one years old since the date of the introduction of the resolution in Congress requiring the registration. January 15, 1918.

"Rule A. The fact of dependency resulting from the marriage of a registrant who has become twenty-one years of age since June 5th, 1917, and who has married since the date of the introduction of the joint resolution in Congress requiring his registration to-wit, January 15th, 1918, will be disregarded as a ground for deferred classification.

"B. If the registrant who has attained the age of 21 since June 5th, 1917, and who has contracted marriage subsequently to the date of the enactment of the Selective Service law, to-wit, May 18th, 1917, but on or prior to January 15th, 1918, claims deferred classification on the ground of dependency resulting from his marriage, the fact of dependency resulting as a ground for deferred classification, unless the dependent is a child of the marriage, born or unborn on or prior to June 9th, 1918, in which case such a registrant upon satisfactory proof being made shall be classified in class 2.

"C. If a registrant, other than one who has attained the age of 21 years since June 5th, 1917, who has contracted marriage since May 18, 1917, claims deferred classification on the ground of dependency resulting from his marriage will be disregarded as a ground for deferred classification, unless the dependent is a child of the marriage, born or unborn on or before June 9th, 1918, in which case such a registrant upon satisfactory proof being made shall be placed in class 2."

## LT. H. G. COOPER, U. S. N. RETURNS TO THE SEA.

He is Up Against the Real Thing But Will Not Talk About It. If you want to see military discipline personified just try for once to interview a commissioned officer of the United States Navy in this day and time and see how far you get. Lt. Henry G. Cooper, U. S. N. spent a few days here recently with his parents and returned to an American port.

Handsome and courteous to a fault, we tried to interview him, but he evaded every question pertaining to his duties. We knew that he is in the transport service and that he has crossed the sea with troop ships several times, and it was quite natural for us to ask him if he had taken any North Carolina troops across. His answer to this question was: "Possibly I have."

We ventured to ask him if the report that some of the transports were large enough to accommodate ten thousand troops was true. "Some of the transports are large," he said, "but I do not wear a badge of authority to answer that question."

Capt. Allen and Capt. Hutchinson, heroes of Verdun, had recently spoken in Oxford, and it was our desire to announce Lt. Cooper for a speech at the court house, but he said that he was not privileged and detailed to speak, as were those men who are chosen to spread propaganda.

After interviewing Lt. Cooper we came to the conclusion that those who know much say very little, while the fellow who knows but little talks much.

## AUSTRIAN TROOPS ARE ASSAULTING ITALIAN FORCES.

Mattress Have Come to a Critical State in Austria. (Associated Press)

The long awaited Austrian offensive against the Italians has begun. On the Italian front, for a distance of from seventy-five to a hundred miles, Austrian troops and heavy artillery are endeavoring to break down the resistance of the Italians, who are aided by French and British forces.

Grave events are reported to be impending in Austria, according to unconfirmed advices from Spain and Holland. It is said that roiting has been going on in Vienna and matters have come to a critical stage.

## SUNDAY MEETINGS IN INTEREST WAR SAVING CAMPAIGN.

Sunday, June 23, 1918.

In keeping with the President's proclamation arrangements are being made for services to be held in every church in the county next Sunday. All pastors will meet their regular appointments, and as far as possible other spokesmen will be sent to those churches where pastors cannot be present.

### Baptist Churches.

- Oxford a. m.—Rev. J. D. Harte.
- Amis Chapel—D. G. Prummitt.
- Bullock—J. W. Hester.
- Mt. Zion—F. W. Hancock, Jr.
- Mary's Chapel, p. m.—W. A. Devlin.
- Concord—F. B. Hobgood.
- Hester a. m.—B. S. Royster.
- Beulah p. m.—Rev. R. H. Willis.
- Corinth—Dr. J. A. Morris.
- Knott's Grove p. m.—B. W. Parham.
- Mountain Creek p. m.—B. W. Parham.
- Tabb's Creek a. m.—F. W. Hancock, Jr.
- Dexter—P. W. Knott.
- Fellowship a. m.—W. A. Devlin.
- Brassfield—G. I. Allen and Wyatt Walters.
- Enon—Rev. G. T. Tunstall.
- Grassy Creek—Rev. Jerry Reeves.
- Sharon p. m.—Rev. E. G. Usry.
- Tally Ho—Rev. H. G. Bryant.
- Reves' Chapel p. m.—Rev. J. D. Harte.
- Pleasant Grove—Rev. J. J. Martin.
- Knapp of Reeds—Rev. J. A. Bass.
- Florence Avenue—Rev. M. C. Walton.

### Methodist Churches.

- Oxford a. m.—Rev. R. H. Willis.
- P. M.—B. S. Royster, Union Service.
- Shady Grove a. m.—W. B. Ballou.
- Robert Chapel, p. m.—G. B. Phillips.
- Gray Rock a. m.—A. A. Hicks.
- Trinity p. m.—Rev. E. G. Usry.
- Stem a. m.—G. B. Phillips.
- Bullock a. m.—Rev. B. H. Black.
- Creedmoor p. m.—Rev. B. H. Black.
- Grove Hill a. m.—Rev. G. H. Sikes.
- Salem—Rev. B. C. Thompson.
- Stovall—Rev. B. C. Thompson.
- Banks Chapel—Rev. G. A. Sikes.

### Presbyterian Churches.

- Hebron p. m.—Rev. S. R. Oglesby.
- Oxford a. m.—Rev. S. R. Oglesby.
- Geneva a. m.—John Webb.
- Oak Hill a. m.—Rev. J. R. Kinnesson.

### Primitive Baptist.

- Green Creek a. m.—J. H. Gooch.

### Episcopal Churches.

- Oxford a. m.—Rev. H. F. T. Horsfield.
- Williford School House—Dr. E. B. Meadows.

Any churches not provided with speakers will please arrange for talks to be made in connection with Sunday School by local speakers.

## AMERICANS NOW OCCUPY SECTORS ON ALSACE FRONT.

(Associated Press)

It is now permissible to announce that American soldiers are occupying sectors on the battlefield in Alsace. They first entered these positions on the 21st of last month.

## PHYSICALLY UNFIT.

### One Dozen Men Return From Camp Jackson.

Twelve of the 97 drafted men who left here for Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C., on May 25, have been rejected as physically unfit for service and sent back home to be re-legaled to Class 5. These men did not all come at one time, but have been arriving in small details as their defects were permanently established, and it is not unlikely that others may be sent back during the next few weeks.

### Intercessory Prayer.

The Intercessory Prayer Service will be held in the Baptist church Monday, June 24, conducted by Mrs. A. H. Powell.

### The Season's Best Goods.

Elsewhere in this paper Landis & Easton announce a special sale of the season's best goods. Millinery, cotton goods, coat suits, silk dresses and waists are included in the sale. The ladies will profit by taking advantage of this sale.

## NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that two vacancies have occurred in Oxford Fire Department, Hose Company No. 1, white, and all those wishing to join will please send in written application accompanied by fee of \$5.00. By order of company. WADE H. BRITT, Foreman.

## HEAVY PRICE IN BLOOD PAID FOR GERMAN GAINS

Hindenburg Has Made the Most Gigantic Sacrifice in Military History During the Past Twelve Weeks to Win War and Has Failed—Germany Must Prosecute the Campaign Against the Western Line and Break Through at Some Point or Stand Defeated.

The belief exists in Paris and London that the Germans have been driven to abandonment of the present line of endeavor in the direction of that city, but at the same time the indications are that the drive will be renewed with troops specially massed for the purpose and that the main assault is yet to come.

In the five day's fighting Germany is known to have thrown eighty divisions against the Allied lines and these divisions have been frightfully decimated. Two-thirds of the German reserves have been used in the assaults, so that her reserve strength has been materially weakened, but Germany still has an enormous Army for the work. Unlike previous drives the present operation has resulted in a negligible gain in ground, while the price paid was the greatest exacted since the beginning of the war.

There is but one known fact in the war situation, and that is, Germany must break through or be broken. As Germany has not been able to accomplish that task by the greatest efforts so far made, we may accept it as a fact that what is commonly referred to as the "supreme effort" is yet to come at some point on the west front.

General Foch has inflicted on von Hindenburg the most serious German defeat of the year. The German general staff has checked von Hindenburg's inflated sacrifice of German power for futile territorial gains, and the fourth German offensive has come to a dead stop. Nothing has passed into German possession that is not well worth the death toll exacted in advance. Von Hindenburg stands baffled north of Compiegne.

### A Million Strong.

No explanation can conceal from the Germans at home the fact that Compiegne was the principal objective of von Hindenburg's fourth offensive and that Compiegne still remains in General Foch's hands. The weakness of the latest German drive cannot fail doubly to impress the German populace, at a time when the German government no longer is able to conceal the fact that a million American soldiers are ready in France.

### Will Become Restive.

If von Hindenburg does not attempt a fifth offensive, the central empires will become seriously restive under their military dictatorship, but every rule of prudence and high strategy calls for the conservation of the German reserves in the face of America's forthcoming major offensive.

### Gigantic Sacrifices.

Von Hindenburg has made the most gigantic sacrifice in military history during the past twelve weeks to win the war and has failed. By no possibility can he continue this bloody slaughter of his own men much longer. If he orders still another sacrifice of German man-power on the scale of the preceding ones, he will have thrown prudence to the winds in a blind rage of despair.

### Master of the Situation.

General Foch is the master of the situation as it stands today. General Foch's strategy of saving the Americans for a later offensive has been indicated. The allies may well be optimistic.

A crack division of the Prussian Guard, while en route to the rear to fill up its losses, was recalled and re-engaged in the region of Bus-siars, under the orders to prevent the Americans from "obtaining a serious success" it was learned from prisoners.

### Lost Half Effectiveness.

This division took part in the Aisne offensive, which started on May 27, losing nearly 50 per cent of its effectiveness. Its companies, which originally numbered 90 men then averaged 45 to 50. This was its condition when it was recalled to relieve a still more shattered division, northwest of Chateau-Thierry.

### Sent to the Rear.

Between June 7 and 9, the Prussian Guard division was so badly mauled in clashes with the Americans and French that it was finally sent to the rear, despite the urgent need of enemy reinforcements in that part of the line.

## PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR

To All Adult Citizens of Oxford: In accordance with the Proclamation of the President of the United States and of the Governor of North Carolina and in cheerful compliance with the request of the Governor of North Carolina, I, W. Z. Mitchell, Mayor, do hereby designate the period beginning Saturday, June 22nd, and ending Friday, June 28th, as WAR SAVINGS WEEK for the Town of Oxford, North Carolina.

I respectfully request every minister of the Gospel, Superintendent of Sunday Schools, and teachers of adult Bible Classes, on Sunday, June 23rd, to speak definitely about the War Savings campaign and urge the necessity of responding liberally in pledges to purchase War Savings Stamps.

I earnestly appeal to all employers of labor to inform their employees about the special campaign and encourage them to help win the War by savings, economizing, and investing regularly in War Savings Stamps.

I call attention to the fact that every citizen so notified is expected to go to the schoolhouse of his district on Friday, June 28th, at 6 p. m. and also to the fact that a record of the attendance and proceedings of the meeting at his schoolhouse is to be made and preserved.

I urge all citizens of Oxford, with one accord, to work together to the end that, during the period designated above, the entire quota of War Savings Stamps apportioned to Oxford, which is \$20.00 per capita, may be secured in purchases and pledges by Friday, June 28th. Done in the Town of Oxford on the 14th day of June, 1918. W. Z. MITCHELL, Mayor. By R. B. HINES, Sec.

## DR. SHAW NAMES HIS WAR STAMP COMMITTEES.

Dr. G. C. Shaw, who is doing valuable work among the colored people of the county, has appointed through Mr. John Webb, the general chairman, the following well known colored men to act as township chairmen of the War Savings Stamp drive in Granville.

Dr. G. C. Shaw is the chairman; Hon. H. P. Cheatham, Rev. George Hester, Elmos Bass, Rev. Haywood Lyon, Rev. H. P. Jenkins, Dr. W. H. Baker, Harvey Harris, Dr. L. C. V. Anderson, John Young, Elijah Clement, Henry Pettiford, Rev. C. H. Male, Rev. J. N. Johnson.

## THREE MILLION AMERICANS TO BE UNDER ARMS AUG. 1.

Three million Americans will be under arms by next August 1 the senate military committee was told Saturday by Provost Marshal General Crowder.

## RED CROSS NEWS.

The Surgical Dressing Room was a scene of activity Monday night, the ladies of Oxford responding to the call for workers to complete the allotment of 1050 large cotton pads during the month of July, the following ladies being present.

Misses Hixie White, Sallie Webb, Ethel Hancock, Georgia Winston, Lila Curvin, Ava Lee Currin, Frances Mitchell, Sophronia Cooper, Nina Cooper, Mary Shaw, Marie Frazier, Annie May Watkins, Lillian Taylor, Margaret Capehart, Martha Parker Brinkley, Ruth Taylor, Dorothy Royster, Fannie Taylor, Louise Garlick, Francis Abbott, Myrtle Fagan, Mary Webb, Emily Twitty, Elanore Sublett, Nette Gregory and Mesdames H. M. Shaw, C. D. Ray, A. A. Chapman, R. P. Jeffries, J. C. Robards, Mary Evins, J. L. Booth, W. B. Ballou, A. H. Powell.

## B. S. ROYSTER PUT ON ELECTION BOARD.

Bickett Names Oxford Man to Succeed J. W. Pass of Yadkin County, Who Resigned.

Raleigh, June 17.—Gov. Bickett today appointed General Beverly S. Royster, of Oxford, as a member of the State Board of Elections to succeed J. W. Pass, of Yadkin county, who resigned on account of ill health.

## Tobacco Baskets.

The Oxford Tobacco Board of Trade having adopted the basket system of handling tobacco on the warehouse floors, 5000 baskets have arrived and are being painted at the Banner Warehouse. Each warehouse will have a different colored basket—red, white, blue and black being the colors.

## FLAT RIVER BAPTIST ASS'N.

### To Be Held With the Oxford Baptist Church July 17 and 18.

Recently the executive committee of the Flat River Association held a meeting in Oxford to consider a change of place for the holding of the next session. In response to a hearty invitation from the Oxford Baptist church it was unanimously decided to hold the next session with the Oxford church which will convene on July 17th and 18th. It is understood that only pastors and delegates to the Association and several visiting representatives of the several objects of the church may expect entertainment in the homes of the Oxford people.

Last year the Association met with the Olive Branch church, which is only six miles from Virgilina, Florence Avenue, the church at Virgilina, very graciously invited the Association to hold its next session with that church, which invitation was accepted, there being no other invitation. It has been thought by many that logically the Association should be held in a different section, especially as Florence Avenue church entertained the Association just five years ago, and as it was considered rather an abuse of the good hospitality of the people of Virgilina to hold such frequent sessions in the community. It was therefore unanimously decided by the executive committee to accept the invitation of the Oxford church. C. D. RAY, Moderator. E. G. USRY, Clerk.

## FINE COLORED SOLDIER.

### Hardy Bridges, Former Court House Janitor.

Hardy Bridges, colored, of the 11th Co. 3rd Tr. Battalion, 156 Depot Brigade, Camp Jackson, S. C., was at home last Saturday and Sunday, and we were glad to see the former court house janitor. He makes a good appearance in regulation uniform.

Hardy says that there are 12 companies of two hundred and fifty each of colored troops at Camp Jackson. Of the sixteen sent with him April 29, 1918, only three remain at Camp Jackson, himself, Johnnie Hunt and Henry Jordan, the others having been transferred to other camps. In command of his company is 1st Lieutenant R. E. Allen, an old Horner boy, and according to Hardy, his commander is the best men living, naturally so in his estimation, for he is acting ordly to him, and Hardy is the only man of the group leaving with him who has been given a furlough.

Hardy returned Monday on the noon train over the Seaboard, leaving as he said, happy to return and do his part in the winning of this war. According to his report, all of the colored boys are getting on finely, are treated well by their commanding officers and enthusiastic about their work.

## "THE DISCIPLE."

### William S. Hart's Powerful Play at the Orpheum.

"The Disciple," written by S. McCormick and Thomas H. Ince, will be presented as one of the big features at the Orpheum next Thursday night. This is not only remarkable as a play, but also as putting forth the favorite star, William S. Hart.

A western plot that holds the interest of spectators tensely from beginning to the close characterizes this story. A frontier missionary play, showing a western village and the crucifixion and leaving nothing to be desired. The storm scenes are realistic to a degree.

## DISTINGUISHED MINSITER HERE

### Rev. Braxton Craig Guest of His Daughter.

Rev. Braxton Craig, brother of former Governor Craig, spent the week end in Oxford the guest of his daughter Mrs. Guy B. Phillips. He is pastor of the First Baptist church at Timmonsville, S. C.

Although in need of rest after a most vigorous campaign for the Third Liberty Loan and the Red Cross drive he filled the pulpit at the Oxford Baptist church last Sunday morning, taking for his subject "Good vs. Evil."

## NATIONAL AND SERVICE FLAG IN METHODIST CHURCH

There were placed in the Oxford Methodist church last week a National flag and a Service Flag, the former being the gift of Miss Josephine Ballou, and the latter being given by Master Frank Shamburg Taylor. Both flags have been very much admired, and the gifts are greatly appreciated by the congregation. The service flag at present contains eighteen stars.