

THIRTY PATRIOTIC BOYS EN- TRAIN FOR CAMP JACKSON

The Jolliest Squad That Has Departed From Granville County.

That was a fine crowd of boys that departed for Camp Jackson, Tuesday morning. They had gathered here from all parts of the county Monday and spent the night here. There was one young man in the squad whose heart was sad. He had never spent a night away from home, and some of the boys were dis- posed to leave him by calling him "sissey." The other boys, who pos- sessed better judgment, rallied to his support, and thereby a substantial, lasting friendship was formed.

Tuesday morning before the train left, a bunch of the boys called at the Public Ledger office and asked if we had room for a card of appreci- ation. It was decided that James Gibbon Breedlove, a big fine fellow, should write the card, and here is what he wrote:

Card of Appreciation.
"We, the thirty selectmen of Gran- ville county on the eve of our de- parture for Camp Jackson, desire to express our public appreciation for the kind- ness and sympathy showered upon us by the Granville County Exem- ption Board, the Granville County Chapter of the American Red Cross and the good people on every hand. May the Lord bless them."

The Squad.
Jesse Cade Preddy, Hunter Martin Thomason, Cratis Howell, Eddie Washington, Davis, Fannie Allen Duke, Lawrence Thomas, Lewis A. Duke, Rufus Carroll O'Brien, Herman Thomas Sherman, Robert Alvis Yancey, Henry Wesley, Far- row, James Gibbon Breedlove, John Slaughter, Robert E. Lee Finger, James Fuller Culbreth, Titus Oakley, Oliver Lator Currin, Crawford Mor- ton Davis, Thomas Garland Hobgood, James Lee Chandler, James Otto Gordon, Ollie Marion Nails, Frank Hester Averett, Erastus Benj. Latta, Henry Hoyle Mitchell, Zolla Thomas May, Jonadus Hermon Pierce, Uriah Pettis Cutts, Roy Thomas Bowling, John Bullock Pittard.

LOVE FRENCH SOLDIER CAPTURES 700 GERMANS

(Paris Special.)

The capture of 700 Germans is the exploit attributed to Pierre Cellier, aged 25, a corporal in the French tank corps. Two field pieces also were taken. Cellier has been award- ed the cross of the legion of honor, a reward rarely given to any one but a commissioned officer.

Cellier was in command of a tank manned by fifteen Americans in the recent fighting in the Marne salient.

A shell rendered the tank useless. The men then advanced on foot. Cel- lier discovered the Germans ambush- ed in a cave. He kept guard at the entrance for an hour, when a Ger- man appeared with a white flag. Behind the first one came the rest of the 700, one by one. The German threw down their arms before Cel- lier and marched to the rear at his direction.

CASUALTY LISTS OF 307 NAMES ISSUED

Casualty lists issued for Tuesday contain a total of 307 names. Eighty- nine were killed in action; 7 missing in action; 171 wounded severely; 22 died of wounds; 4 died from accident and other causes; 3 died of dis- ease; 1 died from airplane accident; 1 wounded slightly, 19 wounded de- gree undetermined.

The following from North Carolina are included:

Killed in action: Lowan Morgan, Andrews, N. C.; Paul C. Venable, Durham, N. C.; Karl M. Hooker, Salisbury, N. C.

Died of wounds: C. B. Chason, Lumber Bridge, N. C.
Wounded severely: John D. Adams, Wilson, N. C.

"EVERY FLAG FLYING AND EVERY BAND PLAYING"

The Provost Marshal General sends word to State and County Councils of Defense: "I want to have every flag flying and every band playing on Registration Day." It is the inten- tion of the Selective Service authori- ties under the new law shall be a solemn but joyful rededication of the Americans to their great national task of winning the war for security and justice. The date, expected to be early in September, will be an- nounced after the final passage of the extended selective law now pend- ing in Congress.

CLEMENCEAU SAYS FORTUNE OF WAR HAS BEEN DECIDED

Paris, Aug. 28.—"The fine victor- ies of the past weeks have definitely decided the fortunes of war," says M. Clemenceau, the French Premier, in a message to the Government on the trend of the war.

The municipal council of Paris has unanimously agreed to present to Marshal Foch a sword in recognition of his services as commander-in-chief of the Entente Allied forces.

MORE THAN 100,000 GER- MAN PRISONERS TAKEN

Allies Have Also Taken 1,300 Field Guns From Germans, General Washington, Aug. 29.—The num- ber of prisoners taken by the Allies since July 1, has passed the 112,000 mark, General March said today.

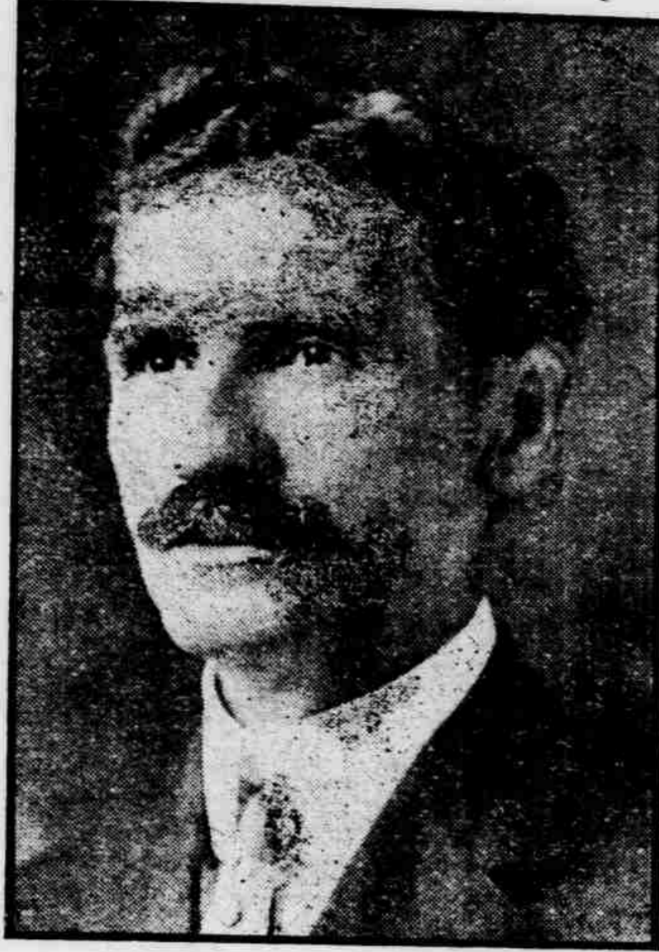
In the same time the Allies have taken from the Germans 1,300 can- non of the field gun calibre and larger.

GENERAL ROYSTER WILL AGAIN BE ADJUTANT GENERAL

Governor Pleased To Be Able To Appoint Man of His Experience To Office.

It has been rumored for some time that General B. S. Royster, of Ox- ford, would again become adjutant general of North Carolina. The Ra- leigh News and Observer last Tues- day contained the following:

"The rumor was assured today when Governor Bickett announced that General Royster would succeed Adjutant General Young who leaves



GEN. B. S. ROYSTER.

the state service shortly to accept ap- pointment as Major on the staff of General McCain, Adjutant General of the Army. The appointment of Gen- eral Royster will become effective as soon as General Young winds up the odds and ends of his office which will probably be within the week.

Governor Bickett expressed him- self as being highly pleased that he could place the responsibilities of the Adjutant General's office upon a man whose former experience, sound judg- ment and legal talent promises to fit in so well. As a matter of fact, the Governor intimated that it was only after the exercise of some pres- sure that General Royster, who has a flattering legal practice agreed to accept the Adjutant General appoint- ment."

PRESS COMMENT.

A Fitting Appointment.

(News and Observer.)

It is fortunate for the State that there was available for the position vacated by Adjutant General Laur- ance W. Young to take a place on the staff of the Adjutant General of the United States a man as well qual- ified as General B. S. Royster, of Ox- ford. By long years of military ser- vice and by several previous terms of service as Adjutant General he is easily the best qualified man in the State for the post, while in addition he has that high character which should be the unvarying possession of a man in public place. The appoint- ment of General Royster was indeed a most happy and fitting one.

General Royster Drafted.

(Greensboro News.)

Governor Bickett today drafted General Royster, who could have declined for a dozen cogent reasons. First of all, everybody knows that he has an income that easily trebles the \$3,000 salary attached to the ad- jutant generalship. Then he is an exceedingly clever politician, to use the talk of Chairman Tom Warren "anent" Judge Allen fernist the sub- sequency of President Wilson to make up a mind for Judge Allen. General Royster is in the fifth dis- trict, has come within an ace or two of being nominated for congress in that district, and is ever a first con- sideration when Major Stedman's friends will hear to a succession.

Notwithstanding, General Royster allowed Governor Bickett to draft him. It so happens that in the enjoy- ment of life General Royster is too young even for the 18-year-old class. Militarily he is beyond 45. He is one man who could have done as he desired. But he chose to take the office in this extremity and as soon as General Young is called into line as major in the adjutant general's office in Washington, General Royster will come here to assist the com- mander-in-chief of the North Caroli- na forces.

General Royster held the adjutan- cy during the administration of Gov- ernor Aycock and during the leave of General Young on Mexican border duty General Royster again served. He is both predecessor and successor twice of General Young. He is now chairman of the state board of elec- tions and has been on gubernatorial staffs almost constantly since his old official connection.

General Young has offered his resignation subject to the call of the nation and it is therefore uncertain when General Young will go or Gen- eral Royster come. It will hardly be a distant period.

Sale of W. S. S. At Stovall.

The following is a report of the sale of War Savings Stamps the week ending August 24:

L. C. Wilkerson \$5.00
Stovall Merchants' Co. 5.00
No report from R. T. Gregory, N. L. Gillis, R. T. Moore, L. G. and R. L. Puckell, J. M. Cottrell, R. A. Tay- lor, J. W. Royster, J. J. Woody.

Noyon Captured By French; Ba- paune By British

GERMAN LINE CRUMBLING
BEFORE ALLIED ATTACK ON
EVERY SECTOR OF FRONT

Violence, Born of Desperation, Char- acterizes Counter Offensive of the Germans—Old Hindenburg Line, Near Arras, is Well Outflanked; Enemy Line Gradually Is Falling Back.

GERMAN CAUGHT IN TWO TRAPS

Escape Without Heavy Losses Seems Almost Impossible—Scores of Ad- ditional Towns Have Been Captur- ed by British, French and Ameri- cans.

(Associated Press.)

The Germans facing the allied forces from Arras to Soissons every- where are in dire peril.

On almost every sector of the bat- tlefront the enemy line continues to crumble before the allied attack, not- withstanding the violence, born of desperation, of the counter offensive tactics.

Near Arras, the old Hindenburg line now is well outflanked; from the Scarpe to the Somme the hostile line gradually is falling back.

Trap One.

The first trap in which the enemy finds himself is the triangle formed by the sharp curve of the Somme river with Peronne its apex and with Curly on the Somme and Fresnes respectively its northern and south- ern bases.

Trap Two.

With the fall of Chaulnes the French forces routed the enemy over a front of about 19 miles and pen- etrated the region to a depth at some points of 14 miles and taking Noy- on.

Americans Are Fighting.

Official reports have the American and French fighting violently with the enemy around Juvigny and Chavigny, where they have gained some ground. The Americans have suc- cessfully sustained several heavy en- emy counter-attacks in this region.

BRIGHT PROSPECTS FOR SEASON

The Business Men Should Invite the Farmers to Oxford.

Perhaps never before have the to- bacco farmers of Granville county faced a more promising market season. The crop is large, the quality good and the prices will most assuredly run much higher than in past years.

Oxford starts the season this year with one new warehouse. She now has four well appointed houses, man- ned by experienced tobacconists. The warehouse floor space afforded in Ox- ford this season will insure ample ac- commodations for daily sales exceed- ing all averages of former years.

The season's sales, the Public Led- ger predicts, will run well beyond the ten million pound mark and it is not unreasonable to expect that it may reach eleven million pounds. The crop sold in Oxford this year will probably bring five million dollars.

Surely prosperous conditions must prevail when a single crop brings so much money. The application of the principle of "Laying by for the rainy day" will be very timely. None can foretell what another season may bring forth. Wise indeed is he who looks ahead.

Some of this money may not find its way to Oxford unless our mer- chants invite the farmers to come and show them that it is to their in- terest to trade here. Other towns have invited them and are holding out inducements. Why not Oxford? Some of our business men have invit- ed them, but the majority have fail- ed to extend the glad hand. The National Bank of Granville took a whole page of the Public Ledger last Wednesday to exploit the opening of the market next Wednesday, and wound up by asking: "Mr. Farmer, what can we do for you?"

If you know of an invitation more cordial than that we would like to see how it looks in print.

LECTURER COMING TO OXFORD.

Under the Auspices of the Home Economics Dept. of the Wo- man's Club.

The Public Ledger is pleased to learn that such a well versed and noble worker as Mrs. M. M. Davis is coming to Oxford in September to lecture under the auspices of the Home Economics Department of the Woman's Club.

Our readers will be interested in the following canning and preserving recipe of Mrs. Davis which we find in a current publication:

"If sorghum or other home-made syrup or molasses is used as a sugar substitute, better results are obtain- ed if the sorghum is first boiled with soda, using one teaspoon of soda to each gallon of syrup. Let the mix- ture boil up once, cool it slightly and skim. It is then ready to use."

The ladies should—we know the men will—read the announce- ment of Mr. W. M. Chrkas else- where in this paper.

CAPT. A. A. CHAPMAN IS ROUNDING UP THE SLACKERS

Every able bodied man regardless of age is called upon to do his bit by working six full days per week. The Government does not think 5 1/2 days a full weeks work and will not accept it as such. When you take a half holiday on Saturday do you think you are doing your utmost to back up the boys at the front?

The Government must have the support of every man left at home in order to help those on the firing line in food and munitions. As to the man of draft age, in deferred class, your Government expects you to do your full duty without compulsion. If you can't find work in essential industries, register at the U. S. Em- ployment office and we will place you. If you are a slacker don't think for a moment you can evade work by going from town to town as it is just as easy for the Exemption Board to change you from class 4 to class 1 when you are in some other State as it is when you are in Oxford.

All laborers are requested to con- fer with the United States Em- ployment board before leaving the county for work in order that they may in- vestigate the parties offering them work in order to ascertain if they are legitimate government agents.

We also appeal to the business men of Oxford to cooperate with us and assist in working up a public sentiment so strong that any man who is not doing his full duty will be ashamed of himself. In order to accomplish this we will have a repre- sentative call on you to get you to give us an ad in the Public Ledger. These advertisements have been pre- pared by the U. S. Employment ser- vice.

A. A. CHAPMAN,
Chm. U. S. Employment Board for Granville County.

GEN. B. S. ROYSTER WILL STILL PRACTICE LAW IN OXFORD

The friends and clients of General Royster, in Oxford and Granville county, will be glad to know that his acceptance of the office of adjutant general of the State will not require his living in Raleigh. He will keep his law office in Oxford open and will be able to serve his friends and clients without interruption.

We are glad to make this an- nouncement, and to know that Gen- eral Royster will continue to be ac- tively identified with the people of our county, in serving good word and work.

Just as soon as General Royster as- sumes the duties of adjutant general he will make a definite announce- ment as to when he will be in his office in Oxford.

HAD CLOSE CALL.

Stranger Shoots at Capt. Reid of the Oxford Police Force.

In the wee small hours last Tues- day morning while making his round Capt. Reid, of the local police force, noticed a rather suspicious car turn down a side street and stop.

Capt. Reid quickened his pace and saw two men get out and walk a- round the car and examine the tires. The men saw Capt. Reid approaching them, and with pistol in hand, de- manded to know what he wanted.

"That's my business," answered Capt. Reid, and seeing that he was determined to investigate, the men jumped into the car, and as they were moving off fired a shot, which barely grazed the right ear of the officer.

Capt. Reid sent a load of lead af- ter the men and heard the shot strike the rear end of the auto.

Capt. Reid said the men were strangers and he thinks the car was loaded with blockade whiskey.

GERMAN EMPRESS DYING.

Kaiser Remains Constantly At Bed- side As His Wife Grows Weaker. London, Aug. 28.—The German Empress, who has been ill for several days, has taken a turn for the worst, according to a message from Dusseldorf received in Amsterdam and forwarded to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

The message adds that her heart displays increasing weakness. Emper- or William has not been able to leave his wife's bedside. It is declared that no bulletin on the Empress' con- dition will be issued in order not to alarm the people.

SMART YOUNG WOMAN.

Miss Bettie Hobgood Is a Full-Flegd ed Telegraph Operator.

Miss Bettie Hobgood, the smart and attractive niece of Sheriff Craw- ford Hobgood, has qualified as a tele- graph operator and will leave this week to accept a position with the Western Union at Mt. Olive, N. C.

In a class with several young wo- men, Miss Hobgood began her stud- ies under Capt. Frank Spencer, lo- cal manager of the Western Union office, five months ago, since which date she has attained both accuracy and speed.

TOTAL OF 465 NAMES IN CASUALTY LIST

Casualties announced Thursday total 465. Fifty-two were killed in action, 46 missing, 172 wounded severely, 33 died of wounds and 13 died from other causes. There were four North Carolinians in the list, as follows: Killed in action, Alpha Thigpen, Hallsville; died of disease, W. E. Warren, Topnot; wounded severely B. C. Hicks, Francisco; Er- nest Shaw, Reidsville.

W. S. S. CAMPAIGN.

Rally Around the Flag, Boys!

To the Granville County Citizens:

During War Savings Week, June 22nd to 28th, some citizens of this county failed to make a pledge to purchase War Savings Stamps be- cause they were not solicited; many who were solicited pledged too low in proportion to their means, and a few refused to pledge at all. Be- cause of this our county failed to sub- scribe its quota.

We are going to make our second canvass to get the balance subscrib- ed between September 1st and Sep- tember 7th. We are expecting all the canvassers to recanvass their school districts and see that every individual is given an opportunity of having a part in this great campaign.

The personal solicitation always plays a very important part in the success of the campaign which seeks to encourage American people to make sacrifices to save and invest in Government securities. It is this plan that we want to call all the citizens of the town and county to put aside their business for a short while and help put Granville county "over the top."

Granville county now lacks \$140,- 000 of having its full quota.

STEM NEWS LETTER.

Community Fair At Culbreth— Young Men Leave for Canada.

Stem, N. C., Aug. 29.—A Commu- nity fair will be held at Culbreth on the 16th of October, and all the peo- ple of Western Granville are request- ed to co-operate with the fair man- agement in making it a success. Mr. E. N. Clement has been chosen pres- ident, and Dr. E. B. Meadows, sec- retary. Premiums will be offered on live stock, poultry and household and fancy work, and most of the things which will be on exhibit at the county fair. Active preparations are in progress and it is to be hoped that the people will give this worthy project their cordial support.

Marriage Vows

The services of Squire W. S. Gooch is much in demand recently in admin- istering the marriage vows. For the second time within the past week he has been called upon the contracting parties, this time being Mr. Herman William Lyon and Miss Blanche Par-rott, both of Lyons, on Tuesday, ac- companied by several friends they called at the home of Squire Gooch where they entered the parlor to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, played by Mrs. M. S. Mayes. The Squire in his usual happy style quickly spoke the words which made them one. Immediately following they left for the home of the bride's parents near Lyons, where they were extended a royal welcome.

Off for Canada.

Messrs. Harper Minor, and W. P. Allen, of Route 3, Graham Wheeler, of Route 1; G. C. Bowling and Lon- nie Nelms, of Stem, and Willie Dan-iel of Tally Ho, left last week for Canada, where they will engage in curing tobacco for the next several weeks.

OXFORD'S ATHLETIC STAR IS AWARDED A COMMISSION

Lt. Lee Gooch, accompanied by his pretty bride of a few months, ar- rived Thursday from Camp Gordon, and will spend a few days here with Mrs. Alice Gooch and R. L. Hamilton, mother and sister of Lt. Gooch.

Having been identified for several years with the National baseball leagues, Lt. Gooch's name is familiar to the people all over the United States. He was playing ball when Uncle Sam called for him about one year ago and sent him to Camp Jack-son. Being an old Horner boy—both physically and mentally strong— Gooch drilled and discipline was an easy matter. He was immediately ap- pointed first sergeant of his company and many of the boys who are now overseas were drilled by him.

Lt. Gooch entered the officer's training camp at Camp Gordon a few months ago and was this week commissioned first lieutenant. He stood second in a class of more than one hundred young men. He has been assigned to special duty at Camp Gordon.

The Old Reliable

We call the attention of the tobac- co growers to the announcement of Watkins & Fleming on the fifth page of this paper. The Johnson will be ready for business next Wed- nesday and the genial proprietors will be pleased to see the tobacco growers at the opening and every day thereafter.

Hearty Reception for Judge Devin.

Judge Devin exhausted the dock- et of the Durham County Superior Court Thursday and is now spending a few days in Oxford. The members of the Oxford Baraca class, of which he is the teacher, will give him a rous- ing reception by their presence at the Sunday School hour next Sunday morning.

Going Above the Clouds.

Last year our old friend Wes. Brummitt was awarded a \$1.00 cigar by Horner Bros. Co., for producing high grade tobacco and some more. With the present high prices this season, Wes will spread his wings and sail above the clouds and smoke a \$2.00 cigar.

Gone to New York.

Rev. George T. Tunstall has gone to New York to start the physical test to enter the Y. M. C. A. work overseas. Mr. Mott Pinnix is also in New York for the same purpose.