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ALL IS IN READINESS FOR THE REGISTRATION

The Granville County Exemption Board has received registration cards and certificates.

The Granville County Exemption Board has completed arrangements for the registration next Thursday, September 12, of all men in Granville county between the ages of 18 and 45 years, inclusive. The nation's fourth enrollment for man power to carry on the war for man power to carry on the war will be carried out here, it is expected, with as much smoothness and as little obstruction as were the three that have preceded it.

Where You Must Register.

In every township in the county registrants will be enrolled at the regular voting places.

For Oxford township all registrants must appear at the Court House. This applies to both North and South Oxford precincts. The registration will be held in the Court House. This is because of lack of space and room at the usual voting places in North Oxford. In all other precincts those entitled to register must appear at their usual voting places.

Certificates of Registration.

The local board has received supplies of registration blanks and the certificates of registration given to registrants as an evidence of their registration complied with the law. No questionnaires have as yet been received by the board, and it is not known whether these will arrive in time for the enrollment day or not. It is thought that possibly the distribution will be made at that time. Otherwise they will have to be sent out as was the case last winter for the first registration.

The Penalty.

Penalty for failure to register is one year imprisonment and no man can exonerate himself by payment of a fine. Ignorance of the law is no excuse—it is your duty to find out where to register and when to register.

THE BIG CAMP AT RALEIGH

The Government Will Establish a Bone Dry Territory Within a Radius of Fifty Miles.

Numerous convictions for drunkenness in Oxford recently leads to the belief that the most of the liquor that finds its way to this community comes from blind tigers in Henderson and Durham.

If that be a fact, the annoyance from that source will be of short duration after the government establishes a camp in Raleigh and declares an absolute bone dry territory within a radius of fifty miles of the capital city.

Uncle Sam has very little compassion on blind tigers, and when he sends out a squad of soldiers they never fail to bring them in.

OXFORD SCHOOLS OPEN.

More Than One Thousand Children Enrolled.

Appropriate service, in which all the ministers of Oxford took part, marked the opening of the city school last Monday morning. Several strong speeches were made, all of which enjoined the parents to get behind their children and aid the superintendent and teachers in the discharge of their duties.

The enrollment this year is slightly heavier than last year. Prof. Phillips announced that the total enrollment would be about 1050. The white enrollment is about 600.

A slight change in the opening hour was noted by Prof. Phillips. He requested the parents to have their children at school by 8:45 until further notice.

AN EVENING OF POETRY.

By Well Known Local Talent—A Silver Offering.

There will be a recital tonight at the home of Mrs. A. H. Powell for the benefit of the Y. M. C. A. drive. The elaborate program cannot but please every lover of home and country. Poems will be read by Miss Grace Royster and Miss Shamburger. The special feature of the program will be the interpretation of a group of poems by well known local talent. A silver offering will be received at the door.

PRAYERS FOR THE NATION

Holy Eucharist at St. Stephen's Registration Day.

There will be a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at six a. m. on Thursday next, registration day, in St. Stephen's Church. It seems proper that some religious significance should be given to so important a day in our national annals. The service will take about a half an hour, during which the registrants to the office of registration at the opening of the doors, and interfering with their ordinary affairs. Church and State are indeed apart in our country, but still the Church's blessing is worth something, and its attention, too, if its blessing and attention are worth anything anywhere.

PAY YOUR TAX.

The tax books for 1918 has been handed over to me for collection. Please call at the Mayor's office and settle.
R. B. HINES,
City Tax Collector.

MEN WHO ARE 46 Sept. 13 MUST REGISTER SEPT. 12

The War Department authorizes the following from the office of the Provost Marshal General:

For the purpose of clearing up uncertainty which seems to exist among some of the older men involved in the extension in the draft ages to include men between 18 and 45, both inclusive, the following statement is made:

A man is considered to be included within the new age limits unless on or before Registration Day, September 12, he has reached his forty-sixth birthday. If his age is 45 years and 364 days on September 12, he must register.

The minimum age limit of 18 years, on the other hand, is intended to include any young man who, on or before September 12, shall have reached his eighteenth birthday.

For these reasons it is important that all men who have the slightest doubt whether they are included within the new age limits ascertain as soon as possible before registration day the date of their birth and their age on their last birthday. The burden is on the man who fails to register to show that he does not come within the new limits.

RED CROSS TOBACCO.

There Is a Booth in Each of the Oxford Warehouses.

The farmers of Granville county subscribed so liberally during the recent Red Cross drive, the Granville County Chapter of the American Red Cross decided not to unduly press them for donations just at present.

Booths have been erected at convenient places on the floors of each of the Oxford warehouses and adorned with the sacred emblem. The farmers so far this season have deposited very little tobacco in the booths, but the Public Ledger is sure that they will contribute liberally in kind as soon as the market takes on a lively aspect.

The following special from Goldsboro is of interest here:

"The average amount of pounds per day of tobacco donated to the local chapter of the Red Cross this week has been eight hundred pounds the gift of Wayne county farmers. When offered for sale this tobacco has netted the chapter more than \$100 per day. In donating a large quantity of tobacco for this cause Friday one farmer stated that he was just beginning to realize what the war means and the great work being carried on by the Red Cross. This planter donated his tobacco with a smile and said, 'help yourself because I know it is for the boys over yonder.'"

MISSING BRO. HEARD FROM

Sergt. Guy Garman Is in the Aviation Service Overseas.

Messrs. C. S. and Levi Garman jumped for joy Saturday when they received a big fat letter from their brother overseas whom they had not heard from for more than four long months and believed that he was dead or in a German prison.

Sergt. Garman is in the aviation branch of the service. He did not tell his brothers why he had not written before. "I wish I could tell you all I have seen and heard and done since crossing the seas, but military rules forbid," said Sergt. Garman. "I like the aviation service all right; I enjoy the best of health, and get plenty of wholesome food."

"I have seen and heard enough over here to inspire me to any emergency to win the war. I must ask you, brother Charles and Levi, to help the noble cause in which we are engaged; contribute all you can to the Red Cross, and the Y. M. C. A., and you can also help by buying bonds."

"Isn't that fine," said Mr. Charles Garman when he read the letter, "we will do all that brother has requested, and more too."

DEPUTY SHERIFF HUTCHINS CATCHES HIS MAN

Lays His Heavy Hands On Bud Simpson, An Old Offender.

Slipping up to Bud Simpson on one of the warehouse floors last week, Officer Hutchins addressed him in his usual characteristic style:

"It seems to me as if I have seen you before," said the officer.

"I don't recollect of having met you before, stranger," said the man from Shakerag.

"Don't you recall the fact that you dashed a bucket full of sour mash in my face two or three weeks ago and broke for the tall timber?" asked the officer.

"You are certainly mistaken in the man," where and when did such a thing happen?"

"Come along with me to the Sheriff's office and I will tell you all about it," said Hutchins.

Hutchins led his man to the court house by the wrist, and it required only a few minutes for Justice L. T. Buchanan to bind Bud over to the next term of the Granville County Superior Court under a bond of \$1,000.

Labor-Saving Machinery.

We call the attention of the farmers to the announcement of Lyon-Winston Company elsewhere in this paper. Now is the time for the farmers to buy labor-saving machinery and supplies.

CONCENTRATION OF AMERICANS IN AMERICAN SECTORS IS PROCEEDING RAPIDLY

More Than 90 Per Cent of Men Overseas Under Direct Command of General Pershing—Germans Now 60 Miles From Paris at Closest Point—Enemy Retreating Along 100-Mile Front From Arras-Cambrai Sector to Rheims.

Concentration of American troops in the American sectors in France is proceeding rapidly and General Pershing now has under his direct command more than 90 per cent of the troops who have reached the other side. This was revealed Sunday by General March, chief of staff, who said that more than 90 per cent of the Americans are now in the American sectors.

Twenty-Seventh Division in Line General March announced also that the Twenty-seventh division, previously training behind the British lines, is interpreted to mean that the division soon would be withdrawn to join Pershing's army.

Germans in Retreat. In his review of the battle situation General March pointed out that the Germans are retreating along a 100-mile front from the Arras-Cambrai sector to Rheims with French, British and American forces in close pursuit.

Sixty Miles From Paris.

Official reports show that the enemy now is 60 miles from Paris at his closest approach to that city, General March added, while the old Hindenburg line, from which the greatest German effort of the war was launched last March, stands at the point of maximum distance only ten miles beyond the present active front.

Drain on German Man Power. Further evidence of the drain on German man power during the fighting of the last few months reached Washington in official dispatches, which quoted captured enemy documents.

Numerous German battalions now are composed of three companies instead of four, it was said, as reserves were not available to keep four company units up to necessary strength. In this process of consolidation, forty German regiments are said to have been wiped out entirely.

No Recruits Available But Boys

It also is stated that the men of the class of 1918 are rapidly disappearing and those of the 1920 class must be drawn on to fill gaps, a measure which the enemy is said to be postponing as long as possible.

The dispatches note that the military efficiency of the class of 1920 is very low as the boys are exhausted by under feeding before they joined their regiments. The dispatches also say that the actual monthly arrival of American troops in France is equal now to fully one-half of the German annual recruitment.

SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAX OF GRANVILLE

Nearly One Million Dollars Over That of Last Year.

Mr. James Powell, Register of Deeds, has finished the tax books and turned them over to the Sheriff. The following summary shows an increase of \$909,622 over that of 1917:

Real and per. property	\$6,464,988
Corporate excess	67,342
Bank stock	276,545
R. R., Telegraph, etc.	2,824,289
Domestic Corporations	530,369
Total	\$10,163,533

Real and per. property	\$7,870,942
R. R., Telegraph, etc.	2,815,379
Corporate excess	115,510
Bank stock	271,324
Total	\$11,073,155

Increase for year 1918 . . . \$909,622

COMMANDING A BATTERY.

Lt. B. S. Royster, Jr., Is Near the River Rhine.

Dr. Claude L. Pridgen, past grand master of the Masonic order in North Carolina, who is now on duty in France, in a letter to General B. S. Royster, pays a glowing tribute to the North Carolina boys. In his regiment there have been but two cases of a loathsome disease. "The cleanest, neatest, most efficient, honorable and upright soldiers I ever saw, in the manner in which Dr. Pridgen refers to them."

Dr. Pridgen, who ranks as a captain, is with the troops on the eastern end of the western front, and is only sixteen miles from the Rhine. He intimates that he will be in Berlin before Christmas.

Dr. Pridgen says that Lt. Bev. S. Royster, Jr., who is commanding a battery on the firing line, is as fat as a pig and that he has not received a scratch. Preferring to be at the front and go all the way to Berlin, Lt. Royster declined to retire to a post near Paris and train soldiers for the trenches.

MRS. BICKETT IN FRANCE.

Sailed From New York Several Days Ago. A cablegram announces the safe arrival of Mrs. Thomas W. Bickett in France. She sailed from New York several days ago with her commission appointed to make a survey of hostess houses of the Y. W. C. A. in the war zone.

CASUALTY LIST RULES AMENDED

Names of All Wounded to Be Brought to Washington Twice a Week by Courier.

(Dashington Special.) Under a new policy of reporting casualties in the American expeditionary forces adopting by the war department, the names of the men wounded will be sent to the United States by courier twice a week and only the names of the dead and missing will be cabled by General Pershing when the system is fully in effect.

Why Change Is Made.

In making the announcement, General March, chief of staff, said: "There has been some discussion in the United States about our casualty lists, and the war department has been trying to get in touch with the exact condition of casualties in France, because we have heard from a number of sources of relatives at home receiving the information direct from their people in France of men being wounded when the war department had not notified the relatives at home."

"Of course, it is very well understood that the opinion of a man who has been wounded may differ materially from the opinion of the doctors as to its severity, and undoubtedly a great many men have written home telling about wounds that the doctors had pronounced light, and which Pershing had listed as not being severe, when the letters might indicate to the people at home that they were severe."

20,000 Not Reported.

"General Pershing reports that up to August 20 there were 20,000 casualties which he had not reported which were listed by doctors as light—men who have gone to hospitals and gone back to the line, and that sort of thing; but in order to meet what I think to be the just demands of the people at home for information about their relatives in France, I am going to have General Pershing forward by courier to us here the entire hospital records of the American expeditionary force, giving all casualties, no matter if a man is in a hospital only a day, with the medical diagnosis of each case; and then I propose to put in the hands of the relatives, after the arrival of the first courier with such records, a statement of the diagnosis."

"We will then suspend on the part of General Pershing any report of wounded. He will report deaths, missing, and such major casualties, and the war department will start in with the arrival of the first courier to give out all information about casualties."

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

Annual Meeting Held at Enon Last Week.

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Flat River Association, held its annual meeting at Enon last Thursday and Friday. The attendance was good, and the reports of the delegates showed progress along many lines. Notwithstanding the liberal response of these people to the calls for gifts to war work the societies made an increase of \$200.00 in their gifts to missions and have taken as their financial aim, for the coming year, the sum of \$1,800.00.

It was voted by the body to give \$500.00 to the church building loan fund of the Home Mission Board, this fund to be a memorial to Mrs. John Webb, Superintendent of the W. M. U. of the Flat River Association.

The program was interesting and inspiring from the beginning to the close. Mrs. Walter Phipps in a pleasing manner gave the words of greetings for the Enon Society. We were especially fortunate in having Mrs. W. N. Jones, State W. M. U. President, Mrs. Waddill of Henderson, and Rev. J. D. Harte, all of whom added much to the interest of the meeting.

The talk by Mrs. A. H. Powell on "Things Essential in a Model Society meeting" deserves special mention.

At the close of the Sunbeam Conference, successfully conducted by Miss Sadie Parham, the Sunbeam Band of Enon under the leadership of Mrs. Titus Currin and Mrs. Charles Knott, rendered an interesting and instructive program. Enon fully sustained her reputation for hospitality, everything being done for the comfort and pleasure of the guests.

On Friday a delicious dinner was served to the delegates and visitors on the church grounds.

The following officers were elected for the year:

Mrs. John Webb, Supt.; Mrs. A. H. Powell, Associate Supt.; Mrs. C. D. Ray, Sec-Treas.; Mrs. F. B. Blalock, Asst. Sec.; Miss Sadie Parham, Sunbeam Supt.; Group Leaders: Mrs. W. D. Amis, Mrs. S. H. Rogers, Mrs. S. W. Knott, Mrs. C. A. Upchurch, Mrs. Naomi Honeycutt, Miss Cora Phipps, Miss Maud Shanks, Miss Mat tie Lou Sizemore.

CULBRETH COMMUNITY FAIR.

To Be Held on the Sixteenth of October.

There will be a community fair held at Culbreth on October 16th. We most cordially invite all the people within reach of us to co-operate with us in making this the most successful fair in the county. We already have plans for a most enjoyable day—good speakers and most attractive program. The premium list will be out in a few days.
E. B. MEADOWS, Secretary.

THE OLD GRANVILLE GRAYS ARE DOING THEIR DUTY

Lieutenant Stegall Addressed Large Audience.

Lt. J. I. Stegall, back from the trenches, was greeted by a large audience at the Court House last Friday night. That the war is becoming more and more in the hearts and minds of the people in this section was attested by the fact that the court room was overcrowded and hundreds were turned away from the door.

In a slow, clear voice, Lt. Stegall held the vast audience spellbound for a half hour in the all-absorbing story of the affairs overseas.

He spoke of the brave Granville boys going out into "no man's land" at night in search of German outposts, and how they would yank the Germans out of the pockets in the earth and lead them captive. He paid a glowing tribute to the work being accomplished by the American Red Cross and the Y. M. C. A. Associations.

Lt. Stegall said that he often heard soldiers wish that they were back in "the States," but the Granville boys always say that they wish they were back in Oxford for a few days.

Lt. Stegall was in the trenches at Ypres for two months. Ypres, pronounced "Epes" by the Belgians, said Lt. Stegall, was a beautiful city of more than twenty-five thousand inhabitants before the war, but every building has been completely demolished and the Germans still continued to shell the ruins until they were driven back. He spoke of the bursting shells, the light in the heavens, the flying shrapnel around him; some times farther down the battle line, sometimes a hundred miles away, which reminded him of a terrific electric storm, but a thousand times worse.

Lt. Stegall confirms the oft-repeated story that the Germans destroy and devastate the region through which they pass. He said that he had seen times and again where the Huns had destroyed vast orchards by sawing down the trees a foot above the ground.

Lt. Stegall stated that the British, French and American soldiers dwell together in perfect harmony, and there is a feeling existing between them that bordered on to brotherly love and affection.

COL. S. W. MINOR IS COMMANDING A BRIGADE

Col. Cloud McGee Is in Charge of the 120th Infantry, of Which the Old Granville Grays Is a Part.

General March, chief of staff, told newsmen at the semi-weekly conference Wednesday that it had been ascertained that the division fighting with the British is the 30th division, which is composed of troops from Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina. This division was taken across the ocean by General Reed, who was at that time commanding general. Since General Reed has been given a corps, said General March, "the senior brigadier general of the division will be in command until a major general is assigned to it. This officer has not as yet been identified."

(At the present time Lieut. Col. Cloud McGee is in charge of the 120th Infantry, of which E. G. Gompary is a part, succeeding Col. S. W. Minor, who is temporarily commanding a brigade.)

NEW FOOD REGULATIONS.

Under the new regulations retailers will sell one pound of cereals, or flour substitutes, with every four pounds of flour.

I wish to call attention especially to the fact that no exceptions will be made to this rule. Farmers and others who have meal of their own production must buy twenty per cent substitutes just as other purchasers.

For customers who have produced their own wheat the mills may grind a sufficient supply of flour for the customer's family until August 1, 1919. This supply is to be calculated on a basis of twelve pounds per month per person. Producers of wheat may not sell their wheat or flour except to merchants and mills in due course of trade.

B. W. PARHAM,
Granville Co. Food Adm'r.
This September 9, 1918.

NO CHANGE YET IN TWO POUND SUGAR RATION

Inadvisable to Permit Change in the Ration At This Time.

Retention of the present sugar ration of two pounds a month for each person was announced by the Food Administration Saturday. The certificate system by which sugar is allotted dealers was explained, showing that it would be inadvisable to permit changes in the ration at this time.

Notwithstanding the promise of a bountiful harvest, the administrators agreed that food conservation must be intensified to carry out the plan of sending 15,000,000 tons instead of 10,000,000 tons overseas in the next year, and to meet demands of a growing army.

Speaking of the fine Granville boys in France, Gen. B. S. Royster says that Lt. Robert M. Kinton, Pioneer Infantry, is an excellent soldier and is making good.