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ROXBORO, NORTH CAROLINA,

A GREAT SERVICE

Patriotic Service at the Baptist Church Sunday a Great Event-Addresses and Music Fine.

Last Sunday morning there assemhled the largest crowd ever assembled in any church in this town to hear the Patriotic services which had been advertised in honor of the boys who are to go to camps in a few days. The church was full to overflowing, the crowd being estimated at eight hundred.

There had been reserved seats at the front for the soldier boys and they came in goodly numbers, something like seventyfive being present. The order of exercises were carried speakers, Mr. Basil Watkins, who was called home at the last moment. After several patriotic selections were sung by the choir, and prayer by the pastor, Rev. J. M. Hester, Mr. L. M. Carlton addressed the congregation, recial stress upon the fact that the average man or woman had never realized what this war meant, and ere he had closed we were much enlightened as to what we weer going into. his words of counsel cheer to the soldier boys were chunks of wisdom and cheering indeed.

Following this address Mrs. Carrie Pettigrew Bradsher sang the beautiful song, Mother. Those who have heard Mrs. Brdasher know how well she sings, but on this occasion her very heart seemed to be in every word of this beautiful song and ere she had closed her lips there were few dry eyes in the audience.

But the best had been reserved for the last, when the Pastor delivered an address on "Why the United States is in the War and What it Will Mean for Americanism." Mr. reputation. It was the most concise, United States is in this war that we have heard from any one. His reasoning was lucid and his oratorical flights were sublime beyond description. It was simply a gem, and if you failed ests were to be subserved. to hear it you missed a treat. We are publishing in another column this lows: address and you will do well to read

The church auditorium had been detrated with numerous flags, ferns and other potted plants, making the surch unusually inviting, and the asion was one long to be rememthat by the people of the town and

i had been planned by the Bapchurch to present each of the ther boys with a Bible with their dames printed on the back, but these bibles had not arrived and will be presented when they assemble here on September 5th. The church has a Bible for each one and the pastor is annious for you to have yours.

MERRITT-BRADSHER

Mrs. J. H. Hester, their neice Miss to aid in the common efforts." Gertie Louise Bradsher became the aride of Mr. Robert Connor Merritt. The parlor was tastefully decorated with ferns and golden rod, which Taile a pretty setting for the simple but impressive ceremony, which was

performed by Rev. J. A. Dailey. Miss Huldah Hester, cousin of the bride, presided at the piano. As the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march pealed for the bride and groom en-

The bride was attired in a going away suit of castor cloth with beaver trimmings and accessories to match, tarrying ashower boquet of bride's roses and lillies of the valley.

Only the near relatives of the couple were present.

Mrs. Merritt is a graduate of Leuisburg College, and a lovable and attractive young lady. Mr. Merritt is a rising young business man, and has

many friends throughout the state. The happy couple left in their car for Snow Hill, where they will make their future home.

Wednesday Evening, August 29th, 1917.

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PRESIDENT WILSON REJECTS THE PEACE

WON'T LEAD TO GOAL SOUGHT

PROPOSAL OF POPE

Peace Must be Based upon Fairness, Right and Faith of People.; "We Cannot Take the Word of the Present Rulers of Germany as Guarantee for Anything," the President Savs.

Washington, Aug. 28.-President Wilson has rejected the pope's peace proposals.

In a note dispatched last night, and made public here tonight, the president says that while every heart not blinded and hardened by the terrible out as published, save one of the war must be touched by the moving appeal of his holiness, it would be folly to take the path of peace he points out if it does not in fact lead to the goal he proposes.

To deal with such a power as the present rulers of Germany upon Pope and his address was just one of the Benedict's plan, declares the President, able efforts for which he is known. would involve a recuperation of the He spoke on "The Duties of Those strength and renewal of the world Who Remain at Home." He laid es- domination policy of that power, now balked but not defeated after sweeping a continent with the blood of innorent women and children and the helpless poor as well as of soldiers.

> Permanent peace must be based upon the faith of all the peoples and upon justice and fairness and the common rights of manknid, he adds, and "we cannot take the word of the present rulers of Germany as a guarantee of anything that is to endure, unless explicitly supported by such conclusive evidence of the will and purpose of the German people themselves as the other peoples of the world would be justified in accepting.'

VISCOUNT ISHII EXPLAINS JAPAN'S MISSION TO U. S.

Washington, Aug. 27.-Vsicount Hester has not been in our midst very Ishii, the special Japanese Ambassalong but he had already been here dor, gave to the Associated Press tolong enough to establish an enviable night a statement defining the purreputation as a pulpit orator and on poses of his mission to the United this occasion he simply added to his States. Members of the mission notices at Honolulu, at San Francisco clear cut reasoning as to why the and finally here in Washington indications that their coming might be misinterpreted by certain elements, and it was felt necessary to explain that no commercial or selfish inter-

The Ambassador's statement fol-

"The Imperial Japanese Mission came to the United States for two reasons: first, to convey to the President and to the American people the appreciation and congratulations of the Emperor and the nation of Japan for the entrance of the United States into the war as allies of Japan and the other nations now waging war against the enemies of freedom; second, to determine how best to cooperate with the United States in carrying the war to a triumphant

"Having determined in what manner Japan can use her resources and strength to this end, it is the purpose of the mission to further aid the allied cause by showing what she can do with the help and co-operation of the United States. Japan is entirely Saturday evening at six o'clock at unsefish in her aim. We are fight the levely country home of Mr. and ing for a common end, and we wish

FRENCH TROOPS MAKE GAINS AT VERDUN

Grand Headquarters of the French Army in France, Aug. 26 .- The gal- the German autogracy, not the liberty lantry of the French troops before Verdun carried them forward again in the name of democracy and humantoday when they attacked between ity. That Prussian Militarism which cool it down with humanism." We Mormont Farm and La Chaume Wood, has conscripted the body and mind of and advanced another htousand yards the German nation; which has played light to sing "My Country "Tis of capturing nearly a thousand prisoners the bully in diplomacy; which pro-The territory to the south of Beau-claimed a national philosophy into!- patriotism before justice, or violate mont Heights and Woods almost to erable to the conscience of mankind; the village of Beaumont fell into their which respected no treaty, overrun hands, notwithstanding the most and mutilated Belgium, sent to the on July 4, 1914, in which he says: severe German counter-attacks, which bottom vessels of every kind, even came under a vigorous fire from the hospital ships and relief ships; which French artillery.

checked for a time, but the resistance holy war in the East, stood by while of numerous nests o fmachine guns Armenians were outraged, turned its these moral inspirations that lie at was overcome by the wonderful dash face against all efforts to avert the basis of all freedom; that the of the French troops, who would not war; which dreamed that it would win be denied. The German artillery supremacy in the world by the most which seems to be weakening, has deliberate and ingeniuos preparation bombarded heavily of late bfeore re- mankind ever knew. In the name of the rights, of humanity; and that favorable conditions than the paper tiring under pressure, but the firing justice the United States entered the America wil come into the full light has ever enjoyed before.

Why the United States is in the War destroyed. So long as militarism sits Leter From U. S. Marine from Person COMPLETE LIST OF and What it Will Mean for Americansm.

By J. M. Hester.



Rev. J. M. Hester.

The world's most gigantic war is raging. Men everywhere are fighting or expecting to fight at any minute. Around the world is heard the roar of guns; peaceful villages the midnight sky and rain murder on the innocent; engines of war are ploughing the billows; while, from beneath the waves comes forth th submarine to hurl its destructive steel at the most magnificent vesse that floats on the sea; and at ever minute brave men are slain.

What caused such a cataclysm One of the causes is nationalism. nationalism that places one's coun try before justice; ;a nationalism based on hte idea that the individua exists for the state, not the state for the individual. Another cause commercialism; a commercialism that values the instruments of life more highly than life itself. The last, but by no means, the least, I mention militarism. The form of civilization and state of mind which press for greater armies and navies; accustom the average citizen to the idea tha weapons alone can settle a dispute of nations; that any other method is un worthy and useless. Nationality is the basis of commercial fivalry; commercial rivalry calls for greater armies and navies to protect its inter ests at home and abroad. Armed nation is arrayed against armed na tion. Then follows a world war.

But a more glorious day is dawn ing. This war with its millions of men killed, millions more maimed for life; with the suffering of a still larger number of men, women, an chidren; with its demolished cities and long stretches of devastated land its ferocity and cold mechanical cruel ty, has set many thinking earnestly and with a purpose. Men are at work as never before, for a league of na itons and for an abiding peace. is reasonable to think that after the horrible experience through which the world is passing there will be a new civilization-a reborn civilization. From the ruins of the present conflict the still small voice of humanity

pleads for such a civilization. There is no nation that has a better opportunity to give the world a humane civilization than the United States. This government founded in the hearts of men; built by the people for the common good has a special mission amongst the nations of the earth. Although the United States is at last forced into the war, it is not fighting the German people, but -loving Germans, but a military caste organized sedition and conspiracy on The first attack in the centre was neutral territory; tried to arouse an

on the throne, with a sword for a sceptre, we shall continue to have

And the forces which are fighting will not be revenge or the victorious the life I am living. peace of the world.

conference will have executive power them are among the finest specimen and will be a death knell to war, at of manhood I have ever seen. I have

least, to a world war. the greatest of these forces. Another full develped man of them. is woman's influence, more powerful Almost all the boys shoot good B-Our Aims in This War. progress, because it is the progress their flag and country. ed to be the universal form. Such is needs you. Yes, come along and join the liberty-loving German people may ried men stay at home and take care Kaiserism and take place among the do the fighting. democratic nations.

threatens to seize humanity itself, palpitating and helpless, in its bloody clutches. A man should not be less Paris Island, S. C. loyal to his country, but more gener- August 22, 1917. ous, not strangle his patriotism, but Americans love "Old Glory" and de-Thee," but we must never put the rights of humanity. President Wilson expressed this in his speech "My dream is that as the years go on and the world knows more and more of America it will also drink at these fountanis of youth and renewal; that it will also turn to America for

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against the Imperial German govern- About four months ago I left Roxment are contending for peace, an boro and joined the U. S. Marine enduring peace. This is evident in Corps at Durham, N. C., I will write President Wilson's speech of April 2, you this letter so that my many 1917, in which he says: "Our motive friends may know something about

assertion of the physical might of the Marine life is great, and the en- The Roxboro Courler, nation; but only the vindication of vironments are unsurpassed by any right, of human right." He further other branch of the military service. Gentlemen: says: "Our object is to vindicate the We are situated on a large Island, principles of peace and justice in the surrounded by a beautiful lake of Salt life of the world as against selfish- water, which is bordered all around by ness and autocratic power and to set wide spreading palm trees. It is alup amongst the really free and self- ways cool here, especially in the governed peoples of the world such a evenings, owing to the good breeze concert of purpose and action as will from the lake. I am at headquarters insure the observance of these prin-department now, there is about 100 ciples." There, Americanism (call it men stationed here. Each house is that the work will meet with the what you may) is the hope of the equipped with 12 showers of salt water, which affords us an opportunity son county. There has been only one This hope is based on a coming to keep clean. The food here is good, change made in this list, that is Roy world organization in accordance with considering where it comes from, that Bert Peace, Serial No. 1057, order No. the principles of Americanism,—the is, it is so inconvenient to get here 196. He has been certified to the principles of liberty and democracy all our food has to be sent to us by District Board, and his claim for enshrined in the American Constitu- boat. The Y. M. C. A. offers the boys exemption has been denied. tion. Such an organization is the a large number of games to make On Wednesday, September 5th, the outcome of a process of state evolu- them contented while off the island, first men from Person County will tion. The family was formed to pro- They have everything from a croquet entrain for the mibilization camp at tect the child, the tribe to defend the game to a victrola. Their library con- Columbia, S. C. This will be the for-

burst into flames; ships of death sail family, the state to protect the tribes, tains all the latest papers and maga- mal entry of Person county into the the federations to protect the states, zines. The decipline a young man re- | war, and we hope that the county and and now the natural thing for the na- ceives in the service is a great bene- town will bid them a farewell that tions to do is to form a world federa- fit to him. The drills and exercises will be worthy of the cause for which tion to protect one another. It is the are the very best for physical man- they are to fight. supreme opportunity of the United hood, especially bayonet and manual States to take the first step in such arm drills, is a great benefit to the service held at the Baptist church a world organization. This world or- human body. My only regret is, that Sunday morning for the boys included ganization must be a supreme law- I did not enlist in the Marines soon- in the draft. And we would like to making power, with executive and er, for I can truthfully say that I suggest that every church in Person judicial branches of government. The have never regreted my actions for a county on next Sunday morning, hold outcome of the two first Hague con- moment, since I come ni contact with a service for those included in the ferences lacked the power to enforce them. This island stations about draft. For this service they have a their decrees. But the third Hague 10,000 men all the time and most of program as follows:

> been through all the drills and like There are forces at work which will them fine, foranybody that wil take make a world federation permanent interest in the U. S. M. C. service 3-Song. Lest We Forget. and effective. War itself is one of will be benefited, as it will make a

today than ever before. And still here, especially the home guard, I another is the spread and perfection practiced in the target range, and zen. of democratic self-government. In made sharpshooter. Lots of men are America peace has made its greatest joining the U. S. M. C. to fight for Learning in the World Crisis.

in which all men have a part. The Just think of our country at war, American form of government af- with the Stars and Stripes floating fords the fullest opportunity for in France. Come and join the U. S. happiness and comfort and is destin- service while your state and country the resistless syllogism of progress. now and be a man. Don't wait to be War cannot stop its inevitable ad- drafted. Young men, think the matvance. Democratic governemnts are ter over. I am here for my state, necessary for a league of peace, be- and if need to, will do and die under cause, "concert for peace can never the red, white and blue. As a probe maintained except by partnership tection to my home state, I have of democratic nations. No autocratic volunteered my service, I look on it government could be trusted to keep as a duty that I owed to my parents faith with it or observe its covenant." and the ladies and children of good Russia has shaken off the "autocracy old Person county. I think it is that crowned the summit of her poli- more the young man's duty to join tical structure." And it is hoped that than the married men. Let the marbe able to break the iron band of of their family an dlet us young men

Don't stand back, and wait for any-The next force for world federation body, for it means all when your I mention is the spread of humanism, country is at war. It is a case of N. C.—20; deceased. There is danger of an excessive now or never. Now young men, take 784-Raymond E. Dixon, Roxboro. Nationalism, which is another name your examination and be a soldier for N. C .- 21; physically disqualified. for patriotsim. Too strong a nationa- the grand old state for I want to see lism makes impossible "the cosmopo- you all stand by our glorious flag! litan sense of human relations. I will say that I am stationed on C., R. 2.-24; physical discharge. "Excessive nationalism hurled the Paris Isand, S. C., and wish to see competing sovereignties of Europe more of my friends here soon, and against one another, and the folly and will close my letter by saying I am tragedy of 1914 fell. That lurid trag- a soldier of the U.S. M. C. for my edy has wrecked civilization and state and country and am proud of it. Yours very truly,

Pvt. Herbert H. Painter, H. D. N. C., R. 2.-30; married.

Notice to Committee Men.

Please have your chairman send in at once the full name of your teacher amount of salary and post office address. If you have not yet secured a

teacher let me know at once. The date of the opening of schools will be about Sept. 14th or Sept. 24th. The Board has not decided postively Watch the Courier.

J. A. BEAM.

Caswell County News to Resume

In a letter from James H. Evans. world will never fear America unless editor, we were requested to an it feels that she is engaged in some nounce that the Caswell County enterprise which is inconsistent with 5th, 1917, under better and more

THOSE EXEMPTED: REASON WHY EXEMPT

First Person County Draft To Leave Roxboro September 5th, Going to Columbia, S. C., for Training Letter from Local Board.

> Rouboro, N. C. August 28, 1917.

Roxboro, N. C.

As we promised we hand you herewith a list of those who claimed exemption, and have been exempted or discharged by the Local Board for Person County, and the reason thereof. This practically completes our review of the claims for exemption that have been filled with us, and we trust general approval of the people of Per-

The Board was pleased with the

-1-Song. Star Spangled Banner. 2-Prayer.

4-Patriotic Addresses: A-Our Flag.

C-Duty of Every American Citi-

D-Some Valuable Lessons we are 5-Song. My Country 'Tis of Thee. 6—Benediction.

Local Board for Person County.

258-Ira Alfred Denny, Roxboro, . C., R. 4.—1; wife and child. 458-Willie Yellock, Semora, N. C., -2; wife and child.

738—Wiley P. Dixon, Leasburg, N. C.—3; married. 1117-John D. Yarboro, Roxboro, N. C.-6; married. 837—Ed Pass, Leasburg, N. C.—7;

676-Jesse F. Chandler, Rougmont. N. C., R. 4.—9; aged and infirmed 275-Jim Blaine Allen, Roxboro, N.

C., R. 2.—10; married. 1185 Ivey Lester James, Roxboro. N. C.—12; married. 1267-Andrew Holt, Woodsdale, N.

, R. 1.—16; married. 536-Emerson Penn Tuck, Christie, Va.—17; married. 548-Silas Carey Long, Virgilina,

Va., R. 1.—18; physically disqualified. 1237-Robert M. Burton, Roxboro,

107-Garland D. Miller, Timberlake. N. C.—23; married. 616-Willie Cowans, Woodsdale, N. 373-Aldean Willon Horton, Rox-

boro, N. C., R. 1.-25; married. 1266-Edgar Holt, Woodsdale, N. C.—26; married. 775-William R. Crumpton, Roxboro, N., C., R. 1.-27; married.

600-Talmadge Overby, Woodsdale, 810-Thomas Carver, Roxboro, N. C.-31; married.

507—Dan Hannable Mise, Milton, N. C.-32; married. 437-Noten Ellis, Woodsdals, N. C.,

R. 1.—34: married. 604-Luther Luster, Virgilina, Va.,

R. 1.-36; married. 1264-Lemon Fay Harris, Woodsdale. N. C .- 38: physically disquali-

fied. 106 -Hanry Newman, Roxboro, N. C., R. 1.-39; married. 924-Wm. Andy Gregory, Roxboro,

N. C., R. 4.—40; married. 1014-Alex Cunningham, Jalong, N. C.-42; married.

1178-Dewitt Ledbetter, Roxboro, N. C.-43: married. 514-Joe W. Ragan, Semora, N. C.

h. IIra Wheeley, Hurdle Mills, N. C., R. 2.-45; married. 1329-Ivery S. Jordan, Woodsdale,

10-Howard F. Allen, Roxboro, N. C.-47; married, 1031-Joe Blackwell, Roxboro, N. C.-49; physically disqualified. 1311-Wm. T. Nunn, Woddsdale,

N. C.-50; married.

has been wild, and little harm has war against this outrageous philoso- of the day when all shall know that. Bro, Evans is a live wire and the war against this outrageous philoso- of the day when all shall know that people of Caswell should stand by phy, and there is reason to hope she puts human rights above all him and give his paper support. Notice to First Grade Teachers. that the cause of humanism and other rights and that her flag is the Do not be uneasy about your certitlag not only of America but of Mr. Victor Kaplon is on the ficates. The State Board of Education assures me they will ren