

GIVES HER EIGHTH SON TO THE NATION
Colored Mother Proudly Refused to Claim Exemption For Her Last Boy.

Greensboro, N. C., Oct. 4.—She was old and wrinkled, her ebony face seamed with years of toil, but there was a determination reflected in her eye, as with firm step she led her eighth and youngest son to the court house and presented him to the legal advisory board.

In due time, with her stalwart son at her side, she was seated before a member of the board, and together they were answering the questions contained in the questionnaire.

"Do you claim exemption for any reason, young man?" asked the lawyer.

The young Negro turned an inquiring eye toward his mother, but before he could answer, she broke in:

"No, sir, I'm not going to claim any exemption for him at all. I've already got seven sons in the army and they're all right over in France for democracy right now; and I think I can get along somehow without them until they all come back again, so if Mr. Wilson needs this boy to help kill the Kaiser, the I'll offer no objection at all."

So, on the strength of this statement, the lawyer marked an "X" on the line opposite the words "single man with no dependants," and a proud old mother walked away rejoicing in the knowledge of a duty well done and a husky youth made ready to join his seven brothers "over there."

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LODGE DIRECTORY

F. & A. A., York Rite, St. Luke's Lodge, No. 14, will meet the first and third Monday nights in Knights of Pythias hall, Twenty-fourth and Charles streets. All members take notice. Wm. Bridges, W. M.; J. E. Johnson, secretary; H. C. Watts, treasurer.

Gate City Lodge, No. 6674, G. U. O. of O. F., meets the first and third Monday of each month at Petersen's hall, 24th and Burdette sts. W. H. Payne, N. G.; R. L. Woodard, P. S., 4912 South 26th st. South 4459.

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COLORED MAN TAKES LARGE SUBSCRIPTION

Shreveport, La.—What is expected will be the largest individual subscription in Caddo parish, Louisiana, in the fourth Liberty loan drive is that of David H. Raynes, a Negro who lives at Vivian, about twenty-five miles from Shreveport. Raynes purchased \$100,000 worth of Liberty bonds. He is the owner of valuable oil lands and oil royalties have made him wealthy. —Star-Telegram.

(Advertisement.) IMPORTANT

During these times of high prices it should behoove every family to seek the prices that will best suit their pocketbooks. You cannot do that without investigating the prices and goods of the various business firms. During these war times the cheapest goods are almost too high for the poor man to reach, and for that reason the big business firms are curtailing their expenses and so co-ordinating and systematizing their operation that they can sell their goods at the lowest possible margin.

It is, therefore, in keeping with this theory that the Obee-Hunter company, undertakers and embalmers, have purchased their own auto livery. They purchased a black and grey hearse, one closed and one five-passenger touring car. The same can be inspected at their garage, which is adjoining their undertaking parlors at Twenty-fourth and Hamilton streets.

Their object was to handle only the livery business through the Colored undertakers. They offered them their livery cheaper than they were getting it from the other fellow. They were of the opinion that the Colored undertakers would readily give them their livery business, because they were all Colored and should work together in order to give their people the benefit of lower prices and at the same time open up a new field of employment for them. But, with the exception of Mr. Russell, the other Colored undertakers could not see it that way, so the firm has determined not to let their cars stand idle.

There has been so much just complaint on the part of our ladies about the rough and uncouth manner in which they have been handled by the white drivers is another reason why the Obee-Hunter company thought that the other Colored undertakers would be glad to patronize a race firm. But not so with them.

How they can ask Colored people to patronize them because they are Colored, and THEY themselves will not patronize a Colored man, is hard to see.

Mr. Obee endeavored to combine the undertaking firms in order to cut out two of them and thereby lower the overhead or running expenses of all, which would have finally resulted in lowering the cost to the public; but they were afraid that Obee was conniving to put them out of business. Mr. Obee pointed out the various men that he had been in partnership with and had done business with and for, and asked them to inquire of these people as to his business honesty and integrity. He told them that he was in the grocery business with Rev. W. F. Botts; in partnership with Mr. George Watson, jr., several years; was in partnership with Messrs. John Dickerson, J. G. Jewell, George Watson & Phannix in buying and building the Mecca. He was president of the company and largely handled all the business end of the firm. He invites YOU to inquire of these people anything you wish to know about him.

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