#### WATAUGA DEMOCRAT-EVERY THURSDAY-BOONE, N. C.

#### **OCTOBER 9, 1941**

# "Uncle Newi" Banner Celebrates His Ninety-ninth Birthday Anniversary

Civil War Veteran Was Born in Surry County in 1842; Had Difficulty in Enlisting in Federal Army Because of Physical Deficiency

By WHEELER FARTHING Sugar Grove, Oct. 9 .-- Newton Banner, one of Watauga's two survivors of the Union forces in the Civil War, celebrated his 99th birth-day here yesterday. Only one other member of the Grand Army of the Republic lives in Watauga county, Mr. W. H. Blackburn of Laxon.

"Uncle Newt," as he is affection-ately called by the folk of this section, was born in Surry county 1842, and upon the cutbreak of the war he walked from his home in what is now Avery county, to Cum-berland, Ky., where he enlisted in the federal former H the federal forces. He remembers the extreme care that he and the He remembers other men in the group experienced on this journey, traveling only night and then arming themselves with wooden guns.

Because of his meager 74 pounds, young Banner was at first refused admittance into the federal army, but he threatened to 'go back home and join the Rebels.' Recruiting ofpatch carries

"Uncle Newt" remembers quite distinctly when the northern forces stormed the city of Mobile, Ala., for he was in the advance guard throughout the entire battle. He

can be said to have come through the war unharmed but severe at-tacks of chills and fever necessitated been pastor of the First Baptist his leaving the army in 1865. He church at New Braunfels. Death pounds each.

farmer in Washington. He also at-tended a joint reunion of the Fed-ters and a brother, eral and Confederate veterans in Interment was in the Rose Lawn



Mr. Newton Banner, veteran of the Grand Army of the Republic, who yesterday celebrated his 99th birthday.

ral veterans at Gettysburg.

And now, in the 99th year of his ficers then told him that he would age, he is taking it easy at his home, have to wrestle a designated man, just resting from the labors of albave to wrestle a designated man, one of the strongest in the division. This he succeeded in doing at his first try, and he was consequently placed in uniform and made a dis-interest in the management of his man unless we lose hope in Jesus farm and in the topics of the day.

#### REV. C. A. TODD

News has been received here of the death of the Rev. C. A. Todd of New Braunfels, Tex., well-known in had been given duties other than dispatch carrying on this occasion. If one would not mention several very narrow escapes. "Uncle Newt" can be said to have come through

was given an honorable discharge, a followed injuries to his head and document now yellowed with age, internal injuries sustained when he

document now yellowed with age, internal minibiles sustained when he but treasured by the old veteran fell through the ceiling from the just the same. He has traveled widely, having made three trips to the west where he was a cowboy in Oregon and a troud of New Braunfels, and Mrs. G. in

Washington and another of the Fed- cemetery at San Antonio, Texas.

### Six-Inch Sermon

#### By Rev. Robert H. Harper

CERIST OUR SAVIOUR

Lesson for October 12. Matthew pemployed at the Melrose sanitorium 20:25-28: Luke 19:1-10: Golden

Text, John 3:16 There could hardly be the caption, "Christ Our Saviour," than those of the lesson text.

Jesus says he is the Son of man who came "to give his life a ransom of Mr. Adkins, for many." The Son of God became The beautifu the Son of man that men through

him might become the redeemed sons of God. Both God and man, Jesus was prepared to be the Saviour of man.

The second passage tells of man up a tree. He had climbed there to see Jesus. He was also up a tree so far as his reputation and his conscious need were concerned. Zacchaeus was doubtless surprised that Jesus noticed him. The people murmured against Jesus because he went home with a sinner. How the fallen!

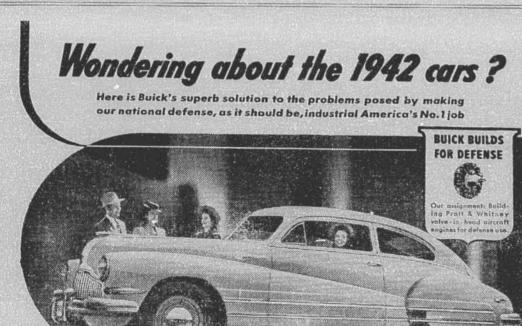
How different is the attitude of time When he had brought Zac-Jesus! chacus to a new day, Jesus declared his mission in words that should bring peace to every troubled heart "For the Son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost." Note the tense in "was." himself.

Jesus used himself as an example to those who sought chief places in the kingdom. We, too, must emulate Jesus in his self-sacrificing love. Concerned for our souls, we must be concerned for the souls of others. May God so reveal himself to us in Christ that he may reveal himself through us unto others!

#### NOTICE

The annual meeting of the stockholders and directors of the Blue three Ridge Fair Association, Inc., will be Alice held October 21st, 1941, at 7:30 p. m. the Junior Order Hall, Boone

H. M. HAMILTON, President, ROY ELLISON, Secretary.



### Clark's Creek News

and Mrs. J. B. Fox, returned to Melents for several weeks. Miss Fox is

ind hospital. Mrs. Myra Mayne, Mrs. James selected [Cautwell and her son, Mr. Ormond two passages that would tell more of [Cantue'] of Cambridge. Md., visited Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Adkit's a few days ago. Mrs. Cantwell is a sister

The beautiful home of Mr. Henry

Taylor is rapidly nearing completion. Mrs. Joe Jestes has returned home from Maryland where she spent several weeks.

and Mrs. Hardy Clark have Mr. moved to Lenoir where th probably spend the winter. they will Mr. J. B. Fox is making quite ex-

tensive improvements on his home. At the present time he is giving it coat of paint on the outside. Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Johnson have noved back into this community

ent home with a sinner. How more back we valley, Ky., where sympathy do many feel toward from Pee Wee Valley, Ky., where allen' where Mr. and Mrs. George Thomas

have returned to Orlando, Fla., after having spent the summer here

Mr. Thomas is so well pleased with home after being with us during the community that he has purchased property and will be back again

ose, Mass, after visiting her par- lando. Fla, have returned to their justly proud of it.

The Clark's Creek Baptist church Miss Estelle Fox, daughter of Mr. next summer, of Mrs. J. B. Fox, returned to Mel- Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Page of Or- completed the congregation can be

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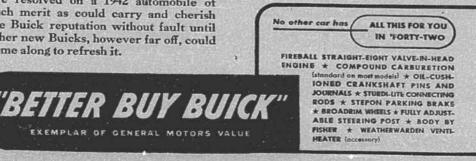
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