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Christmas in the Army Camps.

EDITOR DEMOCRAT: Just a few lines to let you know that we, as soldiers, have had one of the jolliest Christmases ever. Those of us who were in the hospital were looked after with special care. On Christmas eve there was a small tree placed in each of the wards and beautifully decorated. Then on the morning following at 10:30 o'clock, four beautiful young ladies came through each ward and delivered the presents, which consisted of an orange, an apple, a pair of socks, some candy and a ten-cent pack of cigarettes. There was not a single soldier overlooked, each one receiving something that, no doubt, made him think of his childhood days when at home among his boyhood associates.

At 12:30 the mess call was sounded, all gladly responding marching as usual to the mess hall. There we found upon the table before us one of the finest dinners that could reasonably be spread in the army camps. It consisted of turkey, sweet potatoes, asparagus cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie, grapes, oranges, ice cream and cake. At supper we had practically the same as for dinner, with butter, soup and cigars added. This is only a report for the base hospital, but I understand that each man in his camp fared equally as well if not better.

I believe all of the boys are getting along fine, especially the Watauga crowd, who are always jolly, have a smile for every one, caused by looking on the bright side of life. Wishing all a happy New Year,
W. E. GREEN,
Co. F, 120 Infantry, Greenville, S. C.

Richard Alexander Greene.

Mr. R. A. Greene died at the home of his son, Milton J. Greene, of Ozark, Mo., Wednesday, Dec. 5, 1917. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. L. H. Maples, Thursday afternoon at the Hopedale church, after which the remains were laid to rest in the Hopedale cemetery.

Richard Alexander Greene was born Dec. 12, 1849, in Watauga County, North Carolina. On Feb. 14, 1869, he was married to Rebecca Curtis. To this union were born five children, one daughter and four sons, all of whom survive. They are Mrs. Alice Craig of Granite Falls, N. C., M. J. Greene of Ozark, Mo., R. G. Greene of Seattle, Wash., H. G. Greene of Glade Valley, N. C., and R. A. Greene, Jr., of Ozark, Mo. He is survived by his wife and children, also a brother, C. C. Greene of Ozark Mo., and a sister, Mrs. Mary Estes of Upton, N. C. His brother, his wife, and three of his sons, Milton, Roby, and Richard Jr., were at his bedside at the time of his death.

He professed faith in Christ when 18 years of age and became a member of the Flat-Top Baptist church. He lived a consistent christian life, always ready and willing to do whatever he could to advance the cause of Christ.
RELATIVE.

"Lightless nights" are planned by the Fuel Administration as an additional measure for saving coal.

Certain Cure for Croup.

Mrs. Rose Middleton of Greenville, Ill., has had experience in the treatment of this disease. She says, "When my children were small my son had croup frequently. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy always broke up these attacks immediately, and I was never without it in the house. I have taken it myself for coughs and colds with good results."

Income Tax Officer to Visit Watauga.

Statesville, N. C., December 26, 1917.—Collector of Internal Revenue Watts today announced that 19 officers will start from his headquarters on January 1st and on January 2 every one of them will be on the job in the county assigned him, to meet the people and help them make out their income tax returns. The officer assigned to this county will be at the following places and dates as follows:

Blowing Rock, Jan. 15 & 16.
Boone, Jan. 15 to 24, inclusive.

"It will be well for every unmarried person whose net income for 1917 is \$1,000 or over, and every married person living with wife or husband whose net income for 1917 is \$2,000 or over, to call on the income tax man and learn whether or not they have any tax to pay." Collector Watts said today. "The person subject to tax who doesn't make return in the time prescribed is going to regret it. The Government will get after all income tax slackers."

"A multitude of business and professional men, traders and farmers, who did not have to pay heretofore, will have to pay this year. The safe thing to do is for every person who had a total income of \$1,000 or \$2,000, as the case may be, and who is not sure about what deductions the law allows him, to play it safe by calling on the income tax man."

Mrs. Mary Hartley Sherrill.

Mrs. Mary Hartley Sherrill, wife of William Sherrill, deceased was born August 14, 1830. She died November 16, 1917, aged 87 years, 3 months and 2 days. Endocarditis was the cause of her death. She leaves three sons in Watauga County: Messrs. George and Jason Sherrill of Beaver Dams and Mr. John Sherrill of Boone, also Dr. Vance Sherrill of Marion, Va., and Messrs. Granville and Ivy Sherrill of Tacoma, Wash. She also leaves 2 daughters Mrs. Vienna Edmisten of Hickory and Mrs. Lula Sherrill of Kansas, all of whom are highly respected citizens. Mrs. Sherrill had been a member of Pine Grove Advent Christian Church for about 30 years coming in as a charter member. She was a firm believer in the doctrine of life only thru Jesus Christ our Lord, and that immortal life was a gift to be obtained at the resurrection of the dead, and then only to those who are obedient to the commands of the gospel. She believed that "the righteous shall be recompensed in the earth much more than the wicked and the sinner." She believed that "the hour is coming in which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth: they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation."

She looked for a city beyond the grave "which hath foundations whose builder and maker is God."

We do not believe she will be disappointed. She was very punctual in her attendance at church. Rarely ever missed a service when she was able to be present. She will be missed in her home, in her community and in the church. She was not unwilling to give of her means to help support the cause of truth that she loved. The time is not far distant when we will meet Sister Sherrill again together with all of God's righteous dead. We shall soon hear the triumphant reveille of the blessed son of

German Emperor Escapes Death By Narrow Margin.

Geneva Dispatch, Dec. 26.—The German Emperor, returning with his staff from the Verdun front, had a narrow escape during the reprisal raid of a British air squadron on Manheim, Christmas Eve, according to dispatch from Basel. Only about an hour earlier the Emperor's special train left the station, which was partly destroyed by several bombs. A section of the tracks was torn up, cutting communication north. In fact the Emperor's train was the last to leave Manheim, and no trains arrived at Basel yesterday from that city. Two bombs fell on the Palace, and one on the Palace, and one on the suspension bridge across the Neckar river, both structures being badly damaged. An ammunition factory in the northern suburb was blown up. Few persons were killed here, however, as the employees were having a holiday. A considerable number of persons were killed or injured within the town, and several were blown into the Rhine.

Appreciated.

The following is an extract from a letter received by Prof. I. G. Greer, from Mr. W. W. Stringfellow:

"I suppose the good women of Boone will give the unfortunatees of the County Home their Christmas dinner, as usual. So Mrs. Stringfellow and myself wish the ladies to use the enclosed check of \$25.00 to get them some warm under clothes, or what they think will be most useful to them in the way of clothing. I suppose the Boone merchants for such an object will give them to them at cost so as to make it go as far as possible."

[Yes, the ladies of the village served a most enjoyable dinner to the secluded inmates of the would-be county home, on the 26th of Dec. The much-appreciated check was expended for underwear, as requested, and each one of them is now in possession of two full suits, for which they are devoutly thankful. And The Democrat, in behalf of those appreciative people and the ladies of the village, wishes to heartily thank Mr. and Mrs. Stringfellow for their thoughtful contribution to this worthy cause.]

An Old Man's Stomach.

As we grow older and less active, less and less food is required to meet the demands of our bodies. If too much is habitually taken, the stomach will rebel. When a man reaches the advanced age of 85 or 90, you will find that he is a light eater. Be as careful as you will, however, you will occasionally eat more than you should and will feel the need of Chamberlain's Tablets to correct the disorder. These tablets do not contain pepsin, but strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. They also cause a gentle movement of the bowels.

God calling the dead soldiers of the cross to life again. Proof: "And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldst give reward unto thy servants, the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldst destroy them which destroy the earth."

We should all try to so live that we will be ready to meet sister Sherrill and hear those sweet words, "Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

W. L. TRIVETT.

The Return of a Soldier Boy.

On the morning of Dec. 23, our nearest neighbor soldier boy, Mr. Rufus Ward, arrived at his home at Watauga Falls, having traveled all night, so anxious was he to see his parents, wife and little child. His furlough was granted for only five days, and one of his chief desires was to unite himself with Antioch church and at his request our pastor, Rev. J. H. Parthing, was asked to hold an especial service for that purpose, and, accordingly, he was received and baptized into full membership with the church, after the ice, two or three inches thick, had been cut from the river.

Rufus was called to the colors on Sept. 7, and assigned to Camp Jackson, at Columbia, S. C. We are proud of him as a soldier for his country, and are so glad that he has declared to the world that he is a soldier of the cross. May the special blessings of God rest upon him and all the soldier boys.

A. FRIEND
Watauga Falls, N. C.

BRIEFS.

The number of men now being served by American Red Cross canteens in France is more than 15,000 a day.

Gasoline production in the U. S. has increased from 35,000,000 to 70,000,000 barrels a year since 1914.

Total acceptances of recruits for the Army December 13 numbered more than 14,300—the largest number accepted in one day in the history of the country.

Discarded civilian clothing of national Army soldiers will be shipped to Belgium for relief of sufferers there.

There has been a heavy slump in the demand for grapefruit since powdered sugar for sweetening is often unobtainable.

More than 50 night classes have been established to train radio and buzzer operators for the United States Army, with an enrollment of about 3,000 men.

Proposals to save coal by closing schools in Northern and central States during January and February have not been met with favor by the Fuel Administration.

According to new regulations in England, women's shoes must not have uppers of leather exceeding 7 inches, nor of any other material exceeding 8 inches in height.

Cantonments throughout the country are being searched to secure all colored men with technical training now in service for the formation of an artillery regiment at Camp Meade, Md.

Within 12 hours after receiving news of the Halifax disaster the woman's committee of the Council of National Defense had equipped a relief steamer and started it to the scene of disaster.

The war has called back into service nearly 500 retired officers of the Navy and 138 former officers who resigned to enter civil life, including 22 rear admirals, 18 commodores, and 34 captains.

All official motion pictures on war activities in the United States bear the name of the Committee on Public Information, and are distributed only through the committee's divisional headquarters or by State councils of defense.

Dancing is one form of amusement being provided on a large scale for the men of the Army and Navy. It is one of the ways the war camps community service, under direction of the War and Navy Departments, provides wholesome pleasure for troops.

Late reports on health conditions at Army camps and cantonments show the epidemic of measles to be greatly decreasing. In several camps where measles has extensively prevailed the number of cases of pneumonia has decreased.

—Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Dobbin, who recently purchased the valuable F. M. Richards property at Banner Elk, and are now living there were in town last Friday, Mr. Dobbin having some business with the Local Exemption Board.

—Dr. and Mrs. Salmons have not yet returned from their visit to home folks in Ashe County, the news of the birth of another baby boy to the fond parents, having been received here during the holidays.

NOTICE.

The undersigned, having been appointed and duly qualified as administrator of the estate of W. C. Lentz, deceased, all persons having claims against said estate are notified to exhibit the same before him on or before December 11, 1918, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. Dec. 11, 1918
J. A. LENTZ, Adm'r.
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