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GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATED AT RAMSEUR

MR. AND MRS. W. H. WATKINS, WITH MANY FRIENDS, CELEBRATE THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING—OTHER RAMSEUR NEWS

Ramseur, N. C., March 18.—Doubtless the most important social event the people of Ramseur have had the privilege to attend for years was enjoyed at the splendid home of our esteemed friends, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Watkins, Saturday evening, March 16th, 7:30 to 10:00. Rare indeed is an occasion of this kind offered us. In the providence of the good Lord these good people have arrived at this coveted mile post of life that few are privileged to reach and their friends were grateful to rejoice with them on this glad occasion. The Bride and Groom need no introduction to the people of Randolph county for they are well known to all of us as among the most prominent people of our part of the State having filled some of the most important places in the walks of life offered to the people of the State.

Mr. and Mrs. Watkins with all of the children received the guests in the reception room which was decorated with apple blossoms, ferns, jonquils, etc. They were all handsomely attired in the latest dress of the age and the honored ones appeared, not aged but in the bloom of a ripe age that carries with it pleasant memories and achievements not common to many. These our friends have proved through the years past something of what it means to be a part of a great civilization.

The guests were conducted by the several committees through the dining and coffee rooms, both of which were tastil decorated with spring flowers, and made to feel "at home" the entire evening. The whole occasion typified the spirit of hospitality for which Mr. and Mrs. Watkins are noted. The splendid attendance and many magnificent gifts spoke more convincingly than anything we can write of the high esteem in which these honored ones are held. Such a beautiful collection of "golden" gifts are seldom seen, as were displayed there.

One of the most appropriate gifts was the following poem which was printed in gilt letters and framed in a narrow gold frame:

Wm. Henry Watkins,
March 17th, 1868.
Louisa Eunice Smitherman,
March 17th, 1918.

The Voyage of Fifty Years

The great ship of time on the sea of life
That is drifting in with husband and wife
Has been riding the waves over foam and crest
Bound for this harbor, their haven of rest.
For the sunset's red glare the tall portal appears,
And the anchor is dropped at fifty years.

They stand by the railing hand in hand
Watching the tibe ebb and flow on the sand,
Their ship is safe in the home port at last
From that wonderful land—the Long Ago Past.
Where with sails unfurled and without any fears,
They began that journey of fifty years.

For they sailed when life and love were new
And God in His mercy brought them thru,
Till at last they were moored here in Borderland,
With a great content, for hand in hand,
Through a harvest of smiles and a famine of tears,
They look back on that journey of fifty years.

Congratulations from
Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Parks.
L. G. D.

Amonf those who attended from out of town are the following: (We will not attempt to record the home folks who were there) except members of the family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Watkins and family, Greensboro; Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Craven and family, Ramseur; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Watkins, Jr., and family, Ramseur; Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Watkins and family, Ramseur; Miss Sarah Cole, Greensboro College for Women; Mr. and Mrs. A. W. E. Capel, Troy; Mrs. S. J. Smitherman and Misses Mary and Grace Smitherman, Troy; Mr. and Mrs. Carson Hurley, Troy; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hurley, Troy; Mr. and Mrs. Noah Smitherman and Mr. Guy Smitherman, Troy; Mr. Dawson, Troy; Mrs. Hampton Covington, Tallahassee, Fla.; Mr. W. C. Capel, Candor; Mrs. Nannie Ross, Sanford; Miss Judith Ross, Sanford; Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Trotter, Greensboro; Mr. J. E. Latham, Greensboro; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hunter, Greensboro; Mr. R. E. Hedgepeth, Greensboro; Mrs. J. A. Marsh, High Point; Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Steed, Greensboro; Dr. and Mrs. T. I. Fox, Franklinville; Mr. J. A. Martin, Liberty; Mrs. W. R. Royal, Sanford; Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ross, Dr. and Mrs. L. M. Fox, Dr. and Mrs. F. E. Asbury, Mr. W. F. Redding, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Underwood, Mr. W. J. Scarboro, Mrs. Wm. C. Hammer, and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Armfield, of Asheboro.

IDA INGOLD MASTEN

NITRATE OF SODA SHIPPED

Notice has been received from Wilmington that the car load of nitrate of soda has been shipped to this county. There will be in this car a total of fifteen tons only, but each farmer will get his full amount later. Orders put in for corn will not be allowed now, but orders for wheat filled out of this car. These men will receive something over half of what they ordered out of this car. The car is expected to arrive the latter part of the week but I will notify you when it comes.

I will give terrace demonstrations at D. B. McCrary's, E. M. Kearns' Chunk Parrish's and Frank Fuller's farms next week. Any one near these farms wanting to learn how to run terraces should attend these demonstrations for I will not have time to get to any more farms than now booked for inside of six week. I will be at Prospect school house Wednesday night for a lecture.

D. S. Coltrane, County Agent.

Daylight Saving Bill Passed By the House

The daylight saving bill under which the nation's clocks would be turned back an hour every spring and forwarded again in the fall passed last Friday by the House.

Under the Senate bill the clocks would be changed the last Sunday in April and the last Sunday in September.

On Saturday evening Cary Rivenbarke celebrated his ninth birthday with a number of his playmates. The occasion was a very enjoyable one for the little folks consisting of games, refreshments, etc.

Mr. D. A. Covington, of High Point, a former resident of Ramseur, brought his little daughter here Friday for burial. Death had resulted from pneumonia. His many friends sympathize with him in his loss.

On last Tuesday night the people of Ramseur were fortunate to have with them Prof. Collier Cobb, of the State University, who gave an illustrated lecture on "Italy, The Mether of Civilization." The lecture was very entertaining and instructive.

The St. Cecelia class of the Ramseur graded school gave a splendid music recital Saturday evening, March 16. This was the regular semi-annual recital that this class gives us. The program, consisting of instrumental solos, duets, chorus, etc., was of such type as to convince any one of the good work being done by this class. Miss Lizzie Smith has had the music department in charge for several years and merits much praise for the progress of our children in this line of work. The attendance was good and every one enjoyed the occasion very much. The class was assisted by the Boys' Nordica Glee Club in the chorus. Refreshments were served to the patrons.

Miss Green, of Marshville, has been spending some time with her sister, Mrs. H. B. Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Steed, of High Point, spent Sunday with Mr. Steed's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Steed.

Miss Gladys Leonard spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Leonard.

Mr. C. A. Reece and family are moving this week to Oxford. We regret to see this good family leave us.

Mrs. Clapp, of Randleman, spent Sunday with Mrs. J. H. Burgess.

Mr. Will West, of Bonlee, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. West.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Baldwin, of Greensboro, visited his mother, Mrs. J. P. Baldwin, Sunday and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Kearns, of Denton, spent a day or two with relatives here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Laughlin, of Siler City, came over Saturday to see Mrs. Laughlin's father, Mr. Lee Caveness, who has been ill.

Mrs. Dr. Tate visited her sister, Mrs. M. C. Coble, at Greensboro, last week.

Miss Pauline Allred visited friends at Sanford Sunday.

Mrs. Bert Bailey, of Greensboro, spent Sunday here with relatives.

Mr. Fleet Johnson, a former resident of Ramseur, arrived here from Califorornia Friday last. He will spend some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Johnson, and other friends.

We are glad to ask The Courier to send their paper to Mr. J. B. York this year.

Mrs. Boyd, of Greensboro, and Mrs. Harris, of Charlotte, are spending a few days with Mrs. W. H. Foust, who is very ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. D. Lane.

UNPRETENTIOUS IDEAS OF A MERE WOMAN

By

Ida Ingold Masten

The Drafted Man

This article is the result of personal thought and research along the line of the drafted man, and what it means to be drawn into the army of our country. It is a view of the truth, as I see it, and not necessarily a defense.

I do not deal at all with the slacker; nor do I object to the draft. Conscription was necessary, because universal training was necessary. Neither would I seem to try to discount the worth of the volunteer. That would be impossible. The volunteer army is ideal, but we have not reached idealism yet. The volunteer spirit, too, is ideal, but there is not enough of the demonstrative kind to go round. There is, however, a lot more of the sacrificial spirit abroad in America than is evident. It is conserved in the hearts of the great mass of people. I say conserved, and I mean it just that way.

The Inert Will Wake Up

If the worst should come to the worst we should see such a movement among the "stay-at-homes" as has not been dreamed of. Brought face to face with the German army, and with German ruthlessness, even the people who honestly contend that it was not right for America to enter the war, would sacrifice their last drop of blood in the cause of liberty. If they could see the Germans deal with one bunch of refugees—could see them slaughter little children—could hear the prayers and cries of the innocent sufferers, and could see that menace coming nearer—nearer to our own children, and our children's children, these "stay-at-homes" would regret that they had but one life to give. Oh, yes, we have the spirit, but it is in reserve for the death grapple.

The Brave at Home

There is no objection to a reserve of national spirit. This would be a poor nation indeed, if, when our army left our shores the last trace of the great patriotic spirit of America went with it. Sending men to "preserve as a garden." No one wishes that every parent would enlist in the army or navy. [illegible] "That [illegible] Prof. Collier Cobb, of the State University, who gave an illustrated lecture on "Italy, The Mether of Civilization." The lecture was very entertaining and instructive. After, now can [illegible] brave man to stay at home, [illegible] man who stays at home [illegible] work, and often a [illegible] wage.

Must See Duty First

No one attacks the volunteer but the enemy of his country. The slacker deserves all the contempt coming to him. But the great body of middle-men who belong to the drafted class, sometimes suffer unmerited abuse. They have been slow, perhaps, to make up their minds as to whether it was their duty to leave home and work to enlist. But, some one says, "How can they be so slow when so much is at stake?" Did they all know just how much was at stake? Surely they know NOW since the light on conditions has been beating in on their brains for over two years, but did they all know THEN? Did the volunteers at the beginning of the war, 'knew? Did they not feel, as somehow we all felt, that just about the time we got our soldiers good and settled on French soil the war would end and it would all be over? As late as three or four months ago perfectly good Americans believed that not all of the boys then in camp would have to go. To say nothing of the numerous prophecies, sincere and otherwise, which had the Kaiser killed and the war ended last February.

An Unkind View

The view taken by many that all drafted men are slackers, pro-German, or, not "red-blooded Americans," is a very unwise and unkind view of a natural situation. They may go freely, though they go when the government asks them to go. Many among the great common mass of American boys are slow to recognize duty in reference to their country—slow to get their fighting blood up when it comes to so big a question. It is a thing which has not come into their lives before, at least not in just this manner, and they do not decide quickly what to do about it.

Lack Information

In every instance where ordinary honest American citizenship is involved, I believe lack of information, and lack of appreciation of national affairs, are at the root of the distressing irregularities of sentiment concerning the war. If you could jedrock the American mind, even to the simplest individual, with a clear understanding of the true state of things "over there," this nation itself would be invincible, so great are the sincerity, and vigor, and compassion of our people.

Our Invincible Army

I came near saying we would be invincible "without our army and navy," and I am not sure that I might not safely use that expression. For I believe we could raise an army here at home that would lay our regulars in the shade—a regular "Battalion of Death" that would move everything before it, and never stop until it had avenged starving and ravaged humanity, and had for the last time gained supremacy over every beastial, butchering brute on earth.

"Over There"

We speak of the great battlefield of the world as "over there." Those two small words comprise the stop-gap to the tide of our enthusiasm. Take out one letter only and spell it "over here," and you will have America transformed to a man. Had we thought, I wonder, that only France's gallant fight, England's tenaceous endurance, and the sacrifice of those smaller countries, have stood between "over there" and "over here" through all these months of blood and carnage? We are like Elijah in our little cave hearing the wind and the storm go by, but a time is coming when we shall know that there is something in that storm that is ours, and God will say, as He did to Elijah, "What doest thou here?" And we shall see that we have a work to perform in the anointing of downtrodden humanity to its everlasting kingship.

Has any one dreamed that if the United States would say "keep off," Germany would obey, and stay on her own side of the globe and attend to her own affairs? If so, let him wake up and look at the matter in the clear light of day. Germany is after the world to do what she pleases, and [illegible] any one [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]