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CHRISTMAS EPIGRAMS

- ¶ It is a wise Santa who keeps his whiskers away from the candles.
- ¶ Better broken toys than broken hearts.
- ¶ Never look a gift in the price tag.
- ¶ Many a man puts on long white whiskers and thinks he looks like Santa Claus when he looks more like a goat—and perhaps he is.
- ¶ One thing they missed during the Spanish Inquisition—Christmas cigars!
- ¶ Shopping done in time is the noblest work of woman!
- ¶ A Christmas gift by any other name doesn't cost half as much.
- ¶ A gift in the hand is worth two in the postoffice.
- ¶ Many a man gets a girl under the mistletoe only to find himself, a little later, under her thumb.
- ¶ A pound of steak to a poor man is worth a ton of holiday greetings.

COUNTY GETS FINE FLAG

Henderson county has been distinctly honored. It was the first county in North Carolina to report a subscribed quota in the recent campaign for United War Work funds. John T. Wilkins, who was chairman of this county, which he thoroughly organized, reported his quota before noon on the opening day of the campaign.

The flag is of pure silk, 3x5 feet and cost \$22.

Mr. Wilkins will ask the commissioners to appropriate funds for a frame for the flag. He wants it hung over the judge's chair in the court room.

POSTOFFICE FIREMAN WANTED.

The Hendersonville postoffice wants a fireman-laborer at a salary of \$720 a year. The position is open to competitive examination. Application must be made to the clerk at the postoffice on or before January 9.

ADVERTISING LITERATURE

Dr. L. B. Morse, who has opened a permanent Bureau of Information in connection with the office of the Chimney Rock company, in the city hall, requests this paper to ask those having literature they wish handed to inquirers to send same to the Bureau of Information, Hendersonville, N. C., with the assurance that it will be given attention and judiciously distributed, without cost.

HOSPITAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the hospital association has been postponed until the 22nd of January.

LOCAL BOYS IN CAPT. LADD'S BATTERY ARE REPORTED SAFE

Letter to Editor of The NEWS Speaks of regret Over Casualties Among Boys But Believed Not to be Henderson County Men.

In a letter to the editor of The NEWS Capt. R. V. Ladd writes vaguely of casualties in his battery. Since several Henderson county boys were in his battery a little uneasiness could be felt but Mrs. Ladd gives The NEWS information which leads it to believe that the boys are all safe.

Mrs. Ladd informs The NEWS that Capt. Ladd had charge of four batteries of 65 men each and that she had understood from him that there are 20 Henderson county boys in these batteries.

In writing Capt. Ladd evidently took for granted that all casualties had been reported by wire and did not write clearly in this respect, but a letter written by him on the 17th to Mrs. Ladd stated that he lost four men in his battery, only one of whom she knew, he being a Salisbury boy.

Mrs. Ladd inferred from this that the Henderson county boys met with no ill fortune.

Rev. G. W. Belk last week heard from his two boys in France and they said nothing of casualties among the Henderson county boys met with which led him to believe that all was well with them.

Capt. Ladd's letter follows:

"Hole in the Hill,"
France,
Nov. 18, 1918.

Dear Folks:-

The boys from Henderson county who are in my battery are all well now although some of them have been sick recently.

You can well be proud of them as they were in the midst of the greatest American drive and conducted themselves as men should. We have had plenty of action up to the last days of the fight. I was very sorry to lose some men of my battery and we all mourn their loss and hope that their sacrifice will not have been in vain. I suppose we were all willing to make the supreme sacrifice, but it certainly brings you face to face, with the hellishness of war when it occurs in your own outfit.

Well, the war is over now and we all hope to return home before long and shake your hand again and say "howdy."

It would have done you good to see Sergeant Pender in action against the enemy with our captured machine gun.

We have seen lots of prisoners recently and now we see the allied prisoners returning from Germany. They are a sight to see, look almost like walking skeletons.

They come limping in from the prison camps, mines and labor hells of Germany showing real evidence of the "Kultur of Germany." Many of them bear the scars of diabolical cruelty wantonly inflicted.

I am glad that none of my men were taken prisoners.

The candle is getting low and my three ounces of fuel are burned up and I will have to "hit the hay" to get warm.

Good night,
Rolla V. Ladd,
Captain.

MRS. KEITH'S BROTHER KILLED

Mrs. O. Roy Keith has received information that her brother, Elbert F. Carr, of Marion, N. C., was killed in action in France on Nov. 5. Mr. Carr was in the signal corps, 81st division, and had been in the service about a year. He was 24 years old, the son of Capt. Ed Carr, of Marion, and is survived by father, step-mother, two brothers, Ben and Charlie, and one sister, Mrs. Keith.

W. MARSHALL BRIDGES TO MOVE TO FLORENCE, S. C.

W. Marshall Bridges, attorney and county food administrator, is to leave Hendersonville and practice law in Florence, S. C.

Effective January 1, Mr. Bridges and Philip Arrowsmith of Lake City, S. C., will open law offices in Florence under the firm name of Arrowsmith and Bridges.

Although Mr. Bridges has enjoyed a flattering law practice during his four years of residence in Hendersonville, he sees bigger opportunities in Florence. Mr. Arrowsmith, who has been practicing law in Lake City, Florence County, near the town of Florence, will move to the latter place and he and Mr. Bridges will open a new office.

While Mr. Bridge's friends will appreciate his acceptance of what he definitely regards as much larger opportunities, they will regret his departure because he has from the beginning of his residence here thrown himself into professional, civic and religious harness and for several months he has been found patriotically busy in acceptably filling the office of county food administrator. He is a very progressive type of citizen and has won an enviable place in the esteem and affection of his friends. Mr. Bridges is a member of the legal advisory board in connection with the work of the local exemption board and holds the position of secretary to the local bar association. He has closely allied himself with the work of the Hendersonville Board of Trade.

Shortly after coming to Hendersonville Mr. Bridges married Miss Leila Mai McKenzie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McKenzie, of near Florence, and he and Mrs. Bridges have a large circle of friends here who will deeply regret their decision to leave Hendersonville.

MR. BALDWIN WANTS LOCAL NEWS; APPROVES EDITORIAL

Chas. F. Baldwin, of Blantyre, sometimes reads something that touches a responsive chord and we are always glad to have his approval.

Mr Baldwin sees in The NEWS what he wants—purely local news, just as many others express a wish for.

We appreciate these kind words from Mr. Baldwin:

"Dear Sir:-

"I enclose check for \$1.15 for The NEWS and Progressive Farmer for one year. I want what you have in The NEWS, a purely local paper.

"I was very much pleased with the editorial reprinted in Hustler on the farm demonstrator. You prescribed, I believe, very correctly, and did not make it a bit too embracing in scope.

"Yours truly,
"Chas. F. Baldwin."

COL. PATRICK DEAD.

Col. John T. Patrick, who was quite active in Hickory Nut Gap development a few years ago, and who is reputed to have been the creator of Southern Pines and the prime mover in state highway development, died at Southern Pines last Saturday.

The NEWS would be a most appropriate Christmas present to some one interested in Henderson county activities.

JUST BEFORE CHRISTMAS



Ma's awful nice to papa now
But wait till Christmas
past.
Pa murmurs now-beneath
his breath—
It's sure too good to last.

PERSONAL MENTION

Albert Beck is ill with influenza.

Friends of Lieut. Clarence E. Blackstock, former principal of the Hendersonville school, will be glad to learn that he went through without injuries unless he received them on the last day of the war as a letter has been received written on Nov. 10. He said that at that time he had not been in a tangle.

O. Roy Keith and family and Dr. H. L. Keith returned on Friday from a visit to their home near Wilmington, N. C. The Keith boys went down for a big hunt but the flu captured them before they found time to go gunning for anything.

Mrs. J. Wambolt, from the Green River manufacturing plant, underwent a successful operation at Patton Memorial hospital on Thursday, Dec. 12.

Miss Rosa Hemphill, who accompanied Mrs. B. Ehringhaus and family to Norfolk, Va., has returned. Miss Hemphill was a guest of Dr. and Mrs. Erskine Ehringhaus for several days.

G. H. Camp has returned from Camp Jackson.

JOHN SHEEHAN WOUNDED

Sunday's casualty list carried the name of John A. Sheehan, East Flat Rock, among those severely wounded.

W. O. W. TO ELECT OFFICERS

The Woodmen of the World have not been meeting during the flu quarantine but will meet this week on Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock in order to hold the annual election of officers. Officers must be elected this month. A good attendance is urged.

A BUSY BLOCK.

The block in which The NEWS is domiciled more recently, is taking on more of a living appearance. Several business firms have opened. First our contemporary, The Times, moved over from its old location in front of the court house. Then The NEWS moved into John Forrest building. Last week Norman Miller moved the Hendersonville Dry Cleaning establishment and Joe Hoey is moving his laundry into the same block and now all the vacant business rooms are occupied.

There are hotel prospects in view for the St. John hotel site eyesore and should this come this block will grow into much greater demand.