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FIRST SHOT IN WAR

Earl Sutphen an Omaha Newspaper Man and Son of C. D. Sutphen Here With American Battery Which Fired First Gun in France

Omaha World-Herald, Oct. 10th. When Pershing's heavy artillery boomed out its first shell into the German defenses "somewhere in France," an Omaha boy, Earl Sutphen, 2608 Dodge street, was a member of the battery that fired the initial shot.

"We felt that it was some honor to his Omaha friends. My ears are getting as used to the roar of war as they used to be to the click of typewriter in the office."

Although Sutphen's letter contains only the bare statement that battery—known in the Mexican campaign as "Pershing's own"—had been under fire, his reference to the constant sound of firing indicates that the American troops, if not actually in action now, are at least very close to the front.

"I saw General Pershing the other day. He's a fine, square, all-round man, just the right type of leader for our forces in France, continued Sutphen. "We are having a great time talking with the French soldiers. When our limited vocabulary of French runs out, we have to resort to gestures."

"The other day one of the French fighters wanted to know what the pipe one of our boys was smoking was made of. We had to go and get a kernel of corn to make him understand it was a plain old cob."

"We went into a French shop and wanted some soap. The proprietor couldn't understand, so we took out our handkerchiefs and scrubbed them until he got our idea. We have just been paid and our bit is more now than we are in foreign service."

Sutphen, who is a brother of Mrs. Earl Kiplinger and Joy Sutphen of this city, left Omaha on May 24 after enlisting in the artillery branch of the service. He reached France August 18. He formerly was an employe of the World-Herald.

DISTRICT BANKERS MEET

The Bankers of this district met last night at the Langren hotel, Asheville. Cashier W. T. Blaylock of The First National Bank was in attendance and reports one of the best sessions yet held.

He was much impressed with the speech of Judge J. H. Moyle, assistant secretary of the U. S. Treasury department on the Liberty Loan, who said among other things: "The man who has it in his power to aid the government now and does not do so will find the word slacker seared across his soul."

RED CROSS CHAPTER

The rooms of the Red Cross presented a very busy scene on Monday, Oct. 15. Three sewing machines running at full speed each in charge of two ladies. The two rolling machines were in demand—two more would be more than welcome—busy fingers all around were preparing rolls, one cutting shirts, another inspecting the work all ready done. Have you been up for your "bit"? Come and join the workers. Ten shirts and eleven dozen rolls were inspected and added to the pile awaiting a box for shipment. The A. R. were in evidence and spoke of having obtained the sale of ten \$100.00 Liberty Bonds. Good! Would that it could be said that each member of the Red Cross possessed a bond. Back our boys in the trenches. Buy a Liberty Loan Bond. Beginning Monday, Oct. 22, the Red Cross rooms will be open three afternoons a week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 2 to 6 p. m. Will you come?

WANTED—to clear land at Seacoast.—E. N. Barber.

MASONIC MEETING

The 41st District of the N. C. Grand Lodge in Session Here Today and Tonight.

With District Deputy Grand Master C. A. Clark presiding the 41st district of the grand lodge of Masons of N. C. met at 2:30 p. m. today in the Masonic hall.

The invocation and address of welcome were both delivered by Rev. A. V. Joyner. Dr. S. B. Medford of Clyde made a response to the welcome address.

The first degree was conferred by T. G. Miller, Acting Master and lecture was given by L. E. Green. The second degree was conferred by W. A. Grahl, Master and a lecture given by T. G. Miller. Rev. Albert New conferred the third degree and gave a lecture on it.

Adjourned from 6 to 7 p. m. for refreshments.

Canvass Committee: N. W. Carver, A. M. Newton, J. P. Knox, J. S. Mitchell, J. H. Allen and R. L. Underwood.

Fellow Craft: F. C. Welch, J. M. Long, Jno. M. Queen, Chas. U. Miller, J. L. Wells, W. H. Liner, Sam Queen, Alden Howell, Jr., M. S. Russell, W. L. Allen, A. M. Simons and J. R. Hyatt.

Ruffians: J. H. Smathers, F. W. Miller and J. M. Mock.

Short addresses by the brethren.

This district includes lodges in Haywood and Madison counties.

"2750."

Is the list of subscribers as sworn to in last week's issue of The Carolina Mountaineer-Courier.

Goodby! Surely no one outside of those financially interested in the success of the paper rejoices more than Whackem to note the progress which it is making.

Now, it devolves on the management to give these 2750 subscribers the most newsy, most readable and best weekly paper in the whole country, and double the list of subscribers in the shortest possible time. No not altogether does the burden rest with the management, the correspondents can aid mightily. So Old Shad, M. B. S., the faithful Gypsy, Rev. T. F. Glenn, Jahny Wise, Democrat, and every one of you correspondents who can write readable, newsy letters, without abusing other correspondents, or other good people, get busy.

I should like so well to see as many letters as my one time school teacher, and life long friend, M. A. Kirkpatrick, may feel inclined, or able at his advanced age to contribute.

Let every one who desires the success of the paper do his bit toward that end.

ANDY WHACKEM.

DELLWOOD NEWS

Rev. E. O. Smithdeal filled his appointment at Maple Grove Sunday afternoon.

Miss Fay Henry spent Sunday with her uncle, Mr. J. B. Henry of Jonathan.

Mr. J. A. Singleton spent Saturday in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Asbury Shelton have moved to Waynesville They and their daughter, Miss Mary will be greatly missed in our Sunday school.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Corzine spent Sunday with Mr. Lucius Welch of Iron Duff.

Mr. C. C. Nichols of Route 2 was in town Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Queen of Route 2 were in town Saturday. Miss Sophia Nichols was visiting some friends in Lake Junaluska Monday.

Mr. J. R. Henry of Jonathan was in town on Saturday on business.

Mr. Newman Jaynes of this place visited spent Sunday with his cousin on lower Jonathan.

Mr. D. F. Corzine of Route 2 went to town Monday.

Riches of Contentment

By Jesse Daniel Boone.

Would you be a millionaire?
Free from want and free from care?
Free as air from wear and-tear?
Then I'll tell you what to do.
Listen, while I speak to you
Of a clue that's known to few.
Give contentment choicest place
In your home or working space;
Let your face just smile with grace,
So that friends, in passing by,
Gladly pause as they come nigh.
Learning why you soar so high.

If your lot seems hard and sore,
Work some harder than before;
Smile some more and help implore
From the God of Earth and Sky.
Who is ever standing nigh—
Hears each cry or weary sigh.

Train with friends in your own class;
And don't seek to far surpass,
Or alas! you'll prove an ass.
Be contented with your lot,
In a mansion or a cot;
For they're not your final spot.

Be contented with your wage;
Do not fret, and fume and rage;
Be a sage in this mad age.
Thank the Lord that you're alive,
And can eat, and sleep, and thrive;
And then strive to yet arrive.

If you can't help Uncle Sam,
Eat a less amount of ham;
Just be calm and don't thim-flam.
Liberty Loan is calling now
For means to quell an awful row;
Time to bow, and buy, somehow.



Rev. Frank D. Hunt.

PRESBYTERIAN REVIVAL

Revival services will begin at the Presbyterian church Sunday, Oct. 21st., conducted by Rev. Frank D. Hunt the evangelist, who was pastor here some years ago.

Mr. Hunt is well known here and was very popular as pastor. On leaving here he was evangelist several years of the Atlanta Presbytery but since the Synod of Appalachia was formed he is now evangelist of that body with headquarters at Bristol Va. He has just closed a meeting in Asheville.

Everybody is invited to attend these services for the next week or ten days.

TO WHEAT GROWERS

To the wheat growers of the county I would say that the season for sowing wheat to the best advantage is rapidly passing. Most of the wheat growing section of the county is above 2000 feet elevation. At this elevation all tests show that wheat should be sown before the middle of October. However with wheat at \$2.00 and with our good land there is still opportunity to make money with wheat this year. Our system of rotation make late sowing necessary and every farmer who follows corn with wheat should resolve to change that next year.

But no effort should be spared to put in wheat wherever there is the least opportunity to make it pay this year. North Carolina is expected to increase her yields by 5,000,000 bushels this year; if she fails to do it some people may go without bread. Sowing late is not the best but if it is necessary, sow it late and give the crop good preparation and sow good seed. Don't break the land if you can prepare with disk harrow. Late breaking is responsible for many wheat failures. It is possible this season to prepare nearly all land by repeatedly going over with the disk and this should be done. Seed wheat should be screened before sowing. Don't risk poor crops by reason of the folly of sowing poor seed. Then treat all seed with a solution of formalin or formaldehyde. Don't use bluestone; much seed is injured every year by its use. The formalin is cheaper and better. Fifty cents worth bought at drug store should be sufficient to treat 25 or 50 bushels of grain. Get guaranteed 40 per cent formalin and dilute to the proportion of one pint of the gas to 30 gallons of water. Spread the wheat out and thoroughly sprinkle with the solution. Heap the grain up and cover over night with sacks.

If the bluestone treatment is used care should be taken not to use more than 1 pound to 4 gallons of water and not to soak the grain in this but a few minutes. A weaker solution could be used and the grain soaked longer, but this method is more liable to injure than the first. Neither method is safe and since the formalin is cheaper it should be used in all instances.

W. H. FERGUSON, Co. Agt.

FIRST SACRIFICE

Walter Ray the First to Die in Service of Uncle Sam at Camp Sevier—Buried Here Sunday.

Robert Walter Ray, son of Hon. and Mrs. C. H. Ray of this place died early Friday morning at Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., after an abscess had been removed from his brain several days before. Walter was a member of Co. C, 105th regiment of engineers and was a splendid specimen of manhood and popular both here at home and in camp. He was 28 years old last January the 2nd day. At first his case was diagnosed as infantile paralysis, but later it was found that he had an abscess on the brain causing paralysis. His father and mother and sister remained in Greenville most of the three weeks of his illness Mrs. Ray staying until the end came.

The body reached here Saturday afternoon, accompanied by members of the family and a soldier's escort of six young men, who acted as pall bearers. These were Fred Martin, David Miller, Gilbert Reeves, Hugh Abel, Will Coble and Claude McClure.

A large number of friends gathered at the Ray home on Love Lane Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m. where a simple service was held by Rev. A. V. Joyner and Bishop James Atkins. We have never seen so many beautiful flowers as were sent on this occasion. The 105th Engineers Company contributed a handsome piece and there were many other special designs. A large procession in autos and on foot followed to Green Hill where the last tribute was paid to Walter who so gallantly volunteered from Haywood and who was first to lose his life in his country's service.

The family have the real sympathy of the entire community. Mrs. D. M. Wells and Miss Edith Waldrop of Hendersonville and Mr. W. B. Goodwin of Greenville were here to attend the funeral.

GRADES CONDUCT CHAPEL

Superintendent Robeson has arranged for the conducting of chapel exercises each Tuesday morning by the high school grades. Tuesday morning this week the program was given by the eleventh grade under the leadership of Joscelyn McDowell. It was moral in tone as well as literary and musical, being as follows:

Song by school. Scripture reading by Elizabeth Grahl. Lord's prayer by school. Quartet—sacred song by Virginia Matney, Nora Turbyfill, James Ferguson and William Hannah. Recitation by Sara Thomas. Solo by Jacque McCracken with accompaniment by Elizabeth Reeves. Original recitation by Lillia Green. Closing song by school.

The reading by Miss Thomas and the singing of the quartet were especially commendable numbers. These chapel exercises are participated in each morning by the pupils of all grades. Each grade has an allotted section of the auditorium and the arrival and departure are very orderly and systematic.

Parents should visit the school by so doing, you demonstrate your active interest to the instructors as well as get information at first hand concerning the running of the school. Your children will be stimulated to effort as well as they want to make a good showing in parental presence. The teachers also appreciate having parents visit and see actual class room work.

Monday morning the superintendent asked for subscriptions from pupils and teachers for Liberty Bonds. Any amount is acceptable. It is hoped to raise at least \$100. Bonds will be bought in the name of the school and will become the property of the school. The idea is a splendid one. Every pupil now has the privilege to contribute to a loan to the government and thus do their part to help win the war.



REV. WILLIAM H. RICH.

Dr. William H. Rich, of Elberton, Georgia, a native of Haywood County, whom the people of Haywood know, will speak at the Baptist Church, Waynesville, next Sunday morning, Oct. 21, at eleven and 8 o'clock.

He will speak elsewhere in Haywood as follows:
JONATHAN'S CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH, Friday Evening, Oct. 19, 7 o'clock.

WAYNESVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH, Sunday Morning, Oct. 21, 11 o'clock.

CANTON BAPTIST CHURCH, Sunday Evening, Oct. 21, 7 o'clock.

ALLEN'S CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH, Monday Evening, Oct. 22, 7 o'clock.

BALSAM BAPTIST CHURCH, Tuesday Evening Oct. 23, 7 o'clock.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, Wednesday Evening, Oct. 24, 7 o'clock.

RATCLIFF COVE BAPTIST CHURCH, Thursday Evening, Oct. 25, 7 o'clock.

Dr. Rich will speak on the subject of Education and in the interest of Haywood Institute.