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WARM WORDS OF PRAISE

Lieutenant Commander John H. Ferguson Receives Well Merited Praise For the Way He Furnished Ammunition for the Big War

John N. Ferguson, U. S. Navy, who first saw the light in the good old town of Waynesville, entered the naval academy at Annapolis in 1902, from the Waynesville graded schools. He was then only 16 years of age, and with one exception, was the youngest boy of his class.

He graduated from the academy and stood No. 14 in a large class. He achieved an enviable reputation as a marksmen in an 8-inch gun crew, breaking the world's record, for accuracy. After serving as midshipman and ensign in 1910 he was promoted to Senior Lieutenant, because of his class standing.

In 1911 he was assigned to shore duty at the torpedo station at Newport, R. I. After serving two years on shore duty he was on Admiral Caperton's staff and has received three campaign medals for service, as follows: the Pacification of Cuba, in 1908-9; the Mexican campaign in 1914-5; the Haitian campaign in 1910. In 1910 he was detached from Admiral Caperton's staff and assigned to shore duty as inspector of ordnance in the New York naval district and was placed in command of the naval ammunition depot at Iona Island, N. Y. Before his shore assignment expired, he put in an application to go to sea, but the request was not granted, as the work he was doing was regarded of more importance.

During the war which has just closed with the force at his command, he has handled and loaded ammunition and depth charges as follows: 11,633,219 pounds of smokeless powder; 11,524,308 pounds of T. N. T. If all the vessels he loaded with ammunition were in line the regular distance apart, which is required of battleships, there would be a column 339 miles long, averaging three issues to each ship, or enough to have made a column of ammunition 1,117 miles long.

In addition he and his force built eight and one half miles of railroad, completed 85 ammunition storage buildings, with 38 more nearly completed. In recognition of his services as the chief of the bureau of ordnance addressed to him the following letter:

To: Inspector of Ordnance in Charge, Naval Ammunition Depots in New York District, Naval Ammunition Depot, Iona Island, New York.

Subject: Expression of commendation and appreciation upon the part of the Bureau for work well done.

First—The Bureau considers it appropriate, in view of the cessation of hostilities, to give expression of its appreciation and satisfaction of the manner in which the important and essential work at the Naval Ammunition Depots in the New York District has been performed during the period of the recent war. The Bureau particularly cites the following exceedingly creditable performances by the ammunition depots in the New York District:

(a) Preparation of the greater part of the 14"-50 charges, and loading of all 14" projectiles for the United States Naval Railway Battery.

(b) Loading of all depth charges furnished from the United States to the Naval Forces overseas.

(c) Building up of storage and transportation facilities at the Naval Ammunition Depot, Lake Denmark, so as to be able expeditiously to handle and store the immense amount of material received at and sent out from that depot.

(d) Expedition and certainty which all transports, merchant vessels, etc., were supplied from the Naval Ammunition Depot, Fort Lafayette.

Second—Recognizing the fact that officers and men on duty at the Naval Ammunition Depots have been denied the privilege and excitement of combat, either on the battlefield or on the sea, with enemy forces, the Bureau feels that it would be singularly fitting in the performance of its official duties, if it did not make a record of the important and essential work that the personnel has successfully performed.

Third—The commendation an expedition furnished the U. S. Naval Ammunition Depots in your ability, which has

SUDDEN DEATH OF DAVIS RAY

The community was greatly shocked as Friday evening shadows fell when news was spread of the death of W. Davis Ray, who had, by mistake, taken some carbolic acid at one of the drug stores. Aid was summoned quickly but death came quicker than a physician.

William Davis Ray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde H. Ray, was 33 years of age and was married. He leaves a widow, who was Miss Sydnie Moore, of Birmingham, and two young children, besides his parents and several brothers and sisters. He was a traveling salesman for an underwear concern and had just returned a few days before his death from a very successful trip. He was very popular and had a host of friends. He always had a word for everyone he met.

Funeral services were held at the home on Haywood street Sunday afternoon by Rev. A. V. Joyner and were largely attended, many beautiful floral offerings showing how he and his family were regarded.

The following acted as pall bearers: Ernest L. Withers, S. C. Satterthwait, Jr., Harry Rotha, Wallace Blackwell, Hilliard B. Atkins and J. C. Miller.

The interment was at Green Hill cemetery.

REV. C. S. KIRKPATRICK WILL AGAIN SERVE HERE

Greensboro News
His many friends in Greensboro, in addition to members of the congregation, will rejoice to learn that Rev. C. S. Kirkpatrick has again been stationed as pastor of Spring Garden Street Methodist church.

At the recent conference in Charlotte, Bishop Darlington in the list of appointments, transferred Rev. Mr. Kirkpatrick to Wadesboro and stationed Rev. E. R. Welsh, transferred from Oklahoma, as pastor of Spring Garden church.

Members of the church, however, were loath to part with the services of Rev. Mr. Kirkpatrick, who has just concluded his second year as their pastor, and they immediately petitioned the bishop to permit Mr. Kirkpatrick to remain here and send Mr. Welsh to Wadesboro. Yesterday a message was received from the bishop, stating the request had been granted.

In making this request, the local membership had no dislike of Rev. Mr. Welsh, but they wanted to keep their former pastor for another year, if possible, as he had done a great work in the Spring Garden Street church. Mr. Kirkpatrick was the only Greensboro minister transferred and the decision of the bishop gives to Greensboro Methodists the same pastors as last year.

HIGH SCHOOL XMAS PROGRAM

Following is the Christmas program to be given by the ninth grade of the High School on Tuesday morning, Dec. 17, at 9 o'clock:

Leader, Lawrence Davis; song, by school, No. 78; prayer, Rev. W. B. West; morning lesson, Rev. W. B. West; solo, Lois Briggs; recitation, Lucy Tate; instrumental trio, Lucy Tate, Harriet Boone and Miss Stringfield; reading, Miss Frances Robeson; instrumental solo, Maud Harris; song, by class.

All visitors are invited to attend.

Soldiers, Hold Your Insurance

Governor Bickett has issued the following appeal to soldiers being mustered out of service:

"Whatever else you may do, hold on to the life insurance the government has provided for you. It is the cheapest insurance ever issued in the history of the world, and the safest. 'You have done everything for your country, now do this thing for yourself—for your loved ones. 'I hope some relatives or friend of every soldier will write to him at once to hold on to his insurance now. If he wants to change later he can do it, but he should by all means hold on until he gets home and can fully understand what a great investment he has in this insurance."

contributed in no small part to the victorious ending of the recent conflict. The personnel of the station are war-torn in feeling proud of the manner in which they accomplished their difficult task in this war against the German and Austro-Hungarian empires.

RALPH BARRIE

Old Santa Claus is On His Way.

By Jesse Daniel Boone



I.
Old Santa Claus is coming, kids,
And now he's on his way;
And he is open, now, for bids,
So, what you goin' to say?
Have you been good since last he came?
And smart around the place?
Or must you hang your head in shame,
And plead with him for grace?

II.
You'd better bring in coal and wood
And help to build the fires,
And for the next two weeks, be good,
If you have fond desires,
For Santa is a stern old man,
And seeks to know the facts,
And it is part of his great plan
To know how each kid acts.

III.
For those who never tell a lie,
And those who do not fight,
And those on whom we can rely
And try to do things right,
Old Santa is a good, firm friend,
And brings them loads of toys;
They may expect him and depend
On Christmas gifts and joys.

IV.
But boys and girls who do not care,
And those who try to shirk,
And those who fret, and fuss and swear,
And those who will not work,
Need not expect he'll bring them much,
For little they deserve;
And Santa keeps a tab on such
And holds them in reserve.

V.
So watch your step and mind your ma,
Be careful what you say;
And do not fail to mind your pa
Clear up to Christmas Day,
For Santa Claus is on the road,
And he will soon be here
With toys and trinkets in his load
To bring good children cheer.

VI.
Hang up your stockings Christmas Eve
Then go to sleep and dream;
Then he will come and something leave
To make you smile and beam,
I hope that on that morning, dears,
When all of you arise,
There may not be a cause for tears,
But cause for glad surprise.

VII.
Now if he comes to ask of me
How Haywood children are,
I'll try to fill his soul with glee
Before he travels far.
I'll try to make him leave a pile
Of things you like the best;
I'll try to make him laugh and smile
And shake his big, fat chest.

DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY NEAR

50,000

Raleigh, Dec. 2.—The State Board of Elections has completed the canvass of the votes cast in the election of Nov. 5.

The tabulated vote shows that Senator Simmons was re-elected over his republican opponent, John M. Morehead, by approximately 50,000 majority. Senator Simmons having received 143,524 and Morehead 93,697.

The vote for the constitutional amendment providing for a six-months school term was carried by a majority of approximately 102,000. There was cast for the amendment 122,065 and against it 20,065. The amendment for exemption from taxation of homestead notes was carried by a vote of 97,946 as against 19,546.

Each of the democratic congressmen was elected by increased majorities. The vote in the Tenth Congressional district was 16,323 for Weaver and 15,271 for Britt, giving Weaver a majority in the district of 1,052. The vote in each of the congress-

sional districts was canvassed without any contest and it is understood that a certificate of election will be at once issued to the successful candidates.

Buncombe county cast a larger number of votes than any other county in the state, to-wit: 7,385.

JOHNSON MEMORIAL FUND

Dr. J. P. Brown sent to me \$5 to add to the fund collected by Rev. Albert New, for the memorial to Miss Johnson, making the amount to date \$106.

Claudia K. Hubbard, Supt. Waynesville Hospital, December 10, 1918.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our kind friends especially Rev. A. V. Joyner for the kindness shown us in our one greatest sorrow over the sudden death of our beloved father.
Miss Florilla Allen, Mrs. I. W. Tompkins and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Tom-

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

(The State Journal)

The president's address to Congress on December 2 seems to have been hastily prepared. It shows a kind of nervousness of thought and style from which Mr. Wilson's addresses have usually been free. In rather rhetorical and extravagant terms he pays tribute to our soldiers and sailors, speaking of their arrival on the field of battle in great numbers at the critical time, and pays a like tribute to the American people in their conduct of the war, not omitting the obvious opportunity to claim that our women should have the ballot in recognition of their services in the war. He repeats his appeal to the Senate to ratify the treaty with Columbia in which it is provided that Columbia shall be paid \$25,000,000 for the loss of Panama. He announces that the great industrial plants whose war output and machinery had been taken over for the uses of the government had been set free to return to the uses to which they were put before the war. The only exceptions are control of food stuffs and shipping. Recognizing the fact that most of the discharged soldiers will return to employments which they left when drafted with the army, the President urges Congress to make some provision for getting into employment the many men who have had no regular occupation, either upon public works to be resumed or on lands to be opened up. He thinks the soldiers will be interested in the plans of the Secretary of the Interior for the reclamation of some 300,000,000 acres of arid, swamp and cut over lands, now lying idle. Belgium and the devastated portions of Northern France should be helped with provisions and materials, and given priority of shipments. To steady and facilitate business, taxes should be lowered as soon as possible; in 1919 they should be reduced to six billions, in 1920 to four billions. Mr. Wilson approves the carrying out of the naval program undertaken before we entered the war. As to the railroad problem the President is in doubt. The question is, what is best for the railroads, and for the public in the future? Not government ownership perhaps; not a return to former conditions, which would be a disservice of the country. As soon as Congress makes some provision for better coordination and greater unity in railroad management, Mr. Wilson stands ready to release the railroads from present control. He feels it his first duty to go to Paris to discuss with representatives of the governments allied with us the main features of the terms of peace.

HAYWOOD CO. BAPTIST UNION

Meets Friday, Dec. 27, at Spring Hill Baptist church. Sermon at 11 o'clock by Rev. A. V. Joyner.

First—Duty of the Union to Young Churches.—J. A. Francis.

Second—The Need of Co-operation Among Our Churches.—A. V. Joyner.

Third—The Best Methods of Doing Church Work.—D. H. Byers.

Fourth—What Course Ought the Church to Pursue With Regard to Members, Who Refuse to Contribute to Missions?—Rev. T. F. Arrington. Dinner on the grounds on Friday and Saturday.

THE COMMITTEE.

Spring Hill church is on a high hill overlooking the Henson Cove and some of the Pigeon river section as is four and a half miles south of Cr ton, with ordinary roads part of way.

Delegates, preachers and all come will find good homes and a welcome. As clerk of the union I urge all the churches to send delegates. This is my home church and we expect to do our best to make you welcome.

S. J. WILLIAMS.

BAPTISTS FAVOR OPEN HOUSE

At a conference of the Baptist church last Wednesday night the question of dispensing with the evening services part or all of the time during the winter was discussed. It was the unanimous opinion of the membership that such a course would be inimical to the interests of the church. There are many young people who can best be reached by an evening service and since services were suspended during the influenza epidemic, it was decided to keep open houses at all times.

PASTOR JOYNER APPRECIATED

The Popular Baptist Pastor Pounded With Good Things and \$500 Added to His Salary

Pastor A. V. Joyner is feeling better lately and with good cause. Last Thursday evening without warning a crowd of his members and other friends came to his home and entered without knocking or ringing the door bell. They made for the dining room without invitation and unloaded many good things to eat which will last many days. But there seemed to be no hard feelings on the part of anyone present and a social half hour followed in the library, where his reverence was required to preach a ducky sermon which was greatly enjoyed.

On Wednesday night a motion was made at church conference to increase his salary from \$1,300 to \$1,600, at least, and if a canvass justified to make it \$1,800. On Sunday the committee reported they had more than \$2,400 pledged easily without seeing all the members so a motion was made to increase to maximum amount, or \$1,800 for current year.

The members have also been subscribing liberally to the millio lar educational fund and have in nearly half enough lately stall an \$1,800 pipe organ. It posed now to finish up the fund quickly and have the n built before spring.

Mr. Joyner is not only preacher but is a good pa very popular with all th Waynesville, regardless lines. And he thinks he membership who seem i low where he leads th not rich but they are a bunch as one gener

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Lattie Shirly nia, following Spar 5, and is survived) and mother and came to Waynesv and made many hm.

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path is only a dream, y beyond the dark stream, joyful the slumber, happy the waiting, death is only a dream." a by his friend, MRS. C. C. CONLEY. n, N. C.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

Capital, \$50,000. Surplus and ts, \$35,000. All subscribers to Fourth Liberty Loan are hereby jested to make their payment of % of the total amount subscribed or before the 16th of December. Yours respectfully, JAMES R. BOYD, President.

NOT OUR COLA ALLEN

Prof. W. C. Allen received a message from an auditing department in Washington a few days ago asking for information about Second Lieut. W. C. Allen, jr., of the Machine Gun Division, desiring to know who are his nearest relatives, as he had been killed Oct. 3rd.

Of course Prof. Allen, Mrs. Allen and many friends were much disturbed over the message but Prof. Allen had received a letter from his son since Oct. 3rd which shed some doubt. He also knew that there was another W. C. Allen, jr., who was also a second lieutenant in the machine gun service, which is a remarkable coincidence, but still he felt uncomfortable and he began wiring to Washington.

On yesterday Congressman Weaver wired after an investigation that his son is alive. It was probably the other one who was killed.

On the night of the 23th, what were thought to be professional safeblowers, entered the store of the Bailey Lumber Co., at Penland, blew open the large safe in the office and made way with considerable money and a large amount of War Savings Stamps. Bakerville Banner.