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TUT SARCOPHAGUS ALL WAS EXPECTED

Will Be Impossible for Some Time to Get Very Comprehensive View of the Tomb.

LUXOR, Egypt, dispatch. For the present at least and probably for some time it will be impossible to get a comprehensive view of the gigantic granite sarcophagus of Pharaoh Tutankhamen, surrounded as it is by the rest of shrines.

There is abundant evidence, however, that it fully bears out the surmise of the archaeologists that the Sarcophagus of Tutankhamen, the magnificent, would in everywise be worthy of the great era of art in which that Pharaoh reigned. The coffin of Harmahib his successor, now lies in the depths of Harmahib's ruined tomb not 400 yards from the resting place of Tutankhamen, is also of pinkish stone and is of a purity of design and delicacy of workmanship that represents the great sculpture of Egypt at its best, notably the protective goddesses at its four corners, covering with outspread wings, as it were, the body of the dead king.

It is considered probable that the excavators will arrange for a view of the sarcophagus in its shrines for the official world within the next week or so.

METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS SOCIAL

On Friday evening the Comrades Class of the Methodist Sunday School held its quarterly business and social meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Bingham. The following officers were re-elected:

Mr. Jeff Stanbury, Teacher.
Mrs. A. E. South, President.
Mr. L. L. Bingham, Vice-President.
Mr. A. E. South, Secretary-Treas.

After splendid and encouraging reports from the treasurer and social service committee, the business was adjourned for an enjoyable social hour.

Many interesting and old-fashioned games were played, after which delicious fruit salad, followed by candy, was served.

This class is an organized Wesley Bible Class and one of the most energetic and progressive in the Sunday School, with an enrollment of more than forty members. It has as its motto, "Upward and Onward" and the slogan, "Each one Bring One."

CARTER'S WEEKLY SOLD TO MR. JULIUS HUBBARD

Carter's Weekly published since 1917 at North Wilkesboro, N. C., has been purchased by Mr. Julius Hubbard, together with equipment, list, good will and everything, and in the future will be known as the Wilkes Journal, the name under which the publication was founded.

Mr. Hubbard has been engaged in the newspaper business for the past eight years.

SCHOOL FOR T. E. NURSES ENTERS ITS TENTH YEAR

Sanatorium, Jan. 14.—The Training School for Nurses of the North Carolina Sanatorium for the treatment of Tuberculosis enters this month upon the tenth year of its work. Since the organization of the nurses training school in 1914 as a feature of the Sanatorium service a large number of young women have become tuberculosis nurses and have entered into a wide field of usefulness where hitherto trained nurses were not often to be found.

The Sanatorium Training School, according to Miss Elizabeth Connolly Superintendent of nurses at the Sanatorium, is different from one in a general hospital. In the first place the nurses for the most part are the young women who have had tuberculosis and have become arrested or quiescent cases by sanatorium treatment. They are given a two years' course at the end of which time they receive a diploma certifying that they are qualified to do tuberculosis nursing or that they may take the third year in a general hospital, their health permitting, and then become registered nurses.

The course of study, says Miss Connolly is the same as that given in general hospitals and in addition pupil nurses are required to take the courses offered in and are required to assist in the diet kitchen, drug room, charting, the operating room

COLD SPELL WITH MILLIONS TO SOUTH

ATLANTA, A wave of cheer for southern states in the grip of the cold wave sweeping the country was offered here by E. V. Von Herrmann, meteorologist at the United States weather bureau, who said that the below freezing temperatures existing in the cotton belt states were potentially worth millions of dollars to southern farmers.

Mr. Von Herrmann said the extremely low temperatures had already wrought havoc in the ranks of the hibernating boll weevil and other cotton and plant insect pests.

BIGGEST PAPER EVER PRINTED IN THE WEST

What is believed to have been the largest newspaper ever turned out in the west was issued by the Denver Post on Sunday Dec. 30th. The paper contained 120 eight-column pages, and the story of the big job in figures is interesting:

It contains 100,000 pounds of paper, eight carloads, value \$20,000.

For the edition limited to 230,000 papers, more than 28,000,000 pages were printed.

The ink used cost more than \$1,000. Mail and express charges to send it out approximated \$10,000, exclusive of city delivery.

The paper used if spread out in pages end to end, would reach 5230 miles—one and a half times across the United States.

Laid side by side the pages would cover three and a half square miles, a square mile more than the total area of Denver's big park system.

The paper contains approximately 350,000 words of matter, exclusive of headlines, illustrations or advertising.

LEADS THE NATION IN PER ACRE PRODUCTION

Wilmington Star.

It is safe to say that North Carolina now leads all states in per acre production, since Commissioner of Agriculture W. A. Graham has summed up the wonderful agricultural progress of the state and shows that the state's 1923 record shows that crop values climbed from \$22.10 in 1909 to \$59 during the year just ended. Tobacco averaged \$160 per acre, and cotton averaged \$100 per acre, despite the boll weevil, while some farmers actually averaged \$299 per acre with cotton.

This state ranked fourth among the states in the value of 22 leading crops and it has kept that rating with states a great deal larger in area than North Carolina, where even the acreage under cultivation is comparatively smaller than it is in any of the states which take first, second and third places. One may judge of the tremendous agricultural progress of the state when it is stated in Commissioner's Graham's annual report that the value of staple crops in North Carolina last year totalled \$431,400,000, compared with \$131,073,000 in 1909.

For a period of 14 years that is some record. The average per acre production in the United States was \$16.31 at the last census, compared with \$24.80 for North Carolina.

The per acre production in the great state of Iowa was \$17.01, and now North Carolina shows up with a per acre production more than 3-1/2 times greater per acre production in the entire nation, and considerably more than three times the per acre record in Iowa.

That means of course that farm wealth is rapidly increasing in the state. That will help the world to get a fair idea of the immense possibilities in the state. North Carolina has just begun to make progress.

Tarheel farmers are beginning to want better buildings. During the past year 1,264 sets of plans and bills of material have been supplied to farmers in 79 counties by E. R. Rancy, farm engineer for the State College and Department of Agriculture.

and work in the laboratory. Sixteen hours of laboratory work is required. An important feature of the nurses training is teaching the patients the first principles of sanitation and the prevention of respiratory diseases. Eleven nurses are now in training at the Sanatorium.

WITH MERCURY 10 TO 15° BELOW ZERO BOONE COLDEST PLACE IN THE STATE

BOONE GETS SHAKE OF COLD WAVE LATTER PART OF WEEK—TEMPERATURE SAID TO HAVE BEEN THE LOWEST EVER FOR THIS SECTION—ONE LADY INJURED IN EXPLOSION

What some of the older inhabitants claim was the coldest weather ever experienced in this section hit the town Saturday evening, and continued through Sunday. Thermometers disagreed all over the town as to the exact temperature, but an average reveals 12 to 15 below zero. A government thermometer at the home of Prof. R. H. Dougherty is said to have shown 10 degrees below zero, which it is supposed is the nearest correct.

Although the cold wave covered the entire state, Boone has the distinction of being "the coldest place in all of North Carolina."

Pipes were frozen and burst in almost every home in the town and vicinity and plumbers are busy trying to restore the water supply.

Mrs. D. F. Horton of Vilas was right badly hurt Sunday morning when the water tank to her kitchen range exploded as a result of freezing in the pipes. When the explosion came the lady was in front of the stove with a lamp in her hand—she was knocked down, the lamp was broken, inflicting some ugly cuts about her hands and face. The kitchen was right badly wrecked, windows broken, doors smashed and the

TENT CLOTH FOR "PANTS" OFFERED

"An old drunkard came to my meetings so polluted," said Billy Sunday "that he knocked over three chairs getting in, but he was converted and then he said to me: 'I've been a drunkard and neglected my family. In 15 years the devil never put a carpet on the floor of my home, but Jesus put one down in seven days! I want to make a fa pillow from the sawdust of the trail, so as to be a reminder of me in my home—and may I have some of the sawdust?' I told him to take enough to fill a mattress and to cut the canvas from the tent to make pants for the children if he needed it."

DR. MORGAN, PRESIDENT LUTHERAN SYNOD TO PREACH HERE

Dr. Jacob L. Morgan a most excellent speaker and one of the biggest men in the state is to be here the last of the week in the interest of the newly organized Lutheran congregation here. He will preach at the Episcopal chapel at 7 p. m. The object of his visit is to aid in selecting a suitable lot on which to build the proposed new church and parsonage.

It is hoped that many will avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing Dr. Morgan on Sunday evening January 14th at the Episcopal church. All will be welcomed.

C. A. Ballentine in Wake county won \$57 with twelve ear exhibits of corn at various fairs held at the State this past fall.

LATEST THING IN MOVIE WORLD ARE PICTURES WITH GIFT OF GAB, IT'S SAID

CLEVELAND, Jan. 7.—The phonofilm, a combination of radio and motion pictures, the invention of Dr. Lee DeForest, has been demonstrated successfully, according to those who have heard and seen the talking pictures. It is his object to produce motion pictures in which the characters speak. Dr. DeForest gives this explanation of the process:

"In a studio a motion picture is taken in the usual manner, but in addition to the camera lens, which registers action, a microphone registers every sound made by the actor. A wire from the microphone passes through an audio amplifier to a gas-filled tube called the phonic, located in the camera. The light from this tube fluctuates in exact accordance with the amplified telephonic currents which originated from the actor's lips.

"A very fine slit is located near the negative film through which the fluctuating light rays are registered on the sensitive emulsion of the negative as fine lines which are actual photographic waves and being on the same film as the picture, insure perfect synchronism at all times.

"A positive print is then made in the usual manner. In reproducing,

love practically demolished. A doctor was summoned to attend Mrs. Horton and she was able to be up again Monday. Fortunately she escaped with only flesh wounds and bruises.

At the home of Mr. N. L. Mast the same morning a like explosion occurred but no one was hurt.

On Monday Asheville reported a temperature of four below, while mercury stood at two below at Rutherfordton. Raleigh had a temperature of four above and Wilmington twelve above.

The Catawba river below Hickory was reported to have been frozen from banks to channel. The lowest temperature at Hickory was 3 degrees above zero. Automobile traffic in Raleigh was demoralized Monday on account of the number of cars put out of commission by frozen radiators. One shop reported that over four hundred cars had been brought in for repairs during the day.

Gastonia experienced its coldest day with thermometers registering 6 to 12 degrees. Mercury stood at five degrees above zero in Greensboro and even as far south as Jacksonville, Florida, a temperature of 22 degrees has been announced.

WITH THE LOCAL CHURCHES

Methodist Church—Jan. 13th Sunday School at 10 a. m. J. B. Steele, Superintendent. Last Sunday the attendance was large in spite of the cold weather. The rooms were warm.

Join the Sunday School workers. Epworth League will meet at 6:15 p. m. Mr. C. F. Dixon is leader. An invitation is extended to everybody.

The pastor will preach at Blowing Rock Sunday at 11 a. m. and at 7 p. m.

Church Directory Watauga Pastorate

Rev. H. W. Jeffcoat, Pastor
Miss Cora Jeffcoat, Parish Helper
Grace—Boone—Sunday School 10 a. m. J. M. Moretz, Supt.

7 p. m. evening worship, sermon by Dr. J. L. Morgan, President North Carolina Lutheran Synod.

Holy Trinity—11 a. m. morning worship, Sermon by Dr. J. L. Morgan, President North Carolina Lutheran synod.

St. Piusant—Wednesday missionary meeting, Friday 2 p. m. Light Brigade at Parsonage, Sunday 10 a. m. Sunday School, J. F. Moretz Superintendent, Luther League 2 p. m. H. C. Moretz, president.

St. Zion 10 a. m. Sunday School Wm. Winebarger, Supt. 11:15 Luther League, Ed. Lookbill, President

Holy Communion—Sunday School 10 a. m. E. A. Townsend, Supt. The public is cordially invited to all services.

STATISTICS ARE GREAT FIGURES SHOW AND THEY SAY THAT FIGURES NEVER LIE

Watauga County, head of the statistics bureau, disseminating the following figures showing the agricultural wealth of the county, he said: 110,000,000 bushels of wheat, 3,100,000,000 bushels of corn, 100,000,000 bushels of tobacco and possessing wealth estimated at \$40,000,000,000.

Bank deposits aggregating approximately \$10,000,000.

Outstanding life insurance of over \$70,000,000,000.

500,000,000 acres of improved farm lands valued at \$77,000,000,000.

24,000,000 milch cows, 10,000,000 head of other cattle, 10,000,000 sheep and 60,000,000 swine.

More than 3,000,000,000 bushels of corn and 1,000,000,000 bushels of wheat produced in a year.

More than \$60,000,000,000 worth of manufactured products turned out in a year.

More than 23,000,000,000 gallons of crude oil produced in a year.

More than 250,000 miles of railroad.

More than 250,000 miles of commercial telegraph lines.

800,000 miles of telephone lines.

20,000,000,000 weekly newspapers to disseminate information and to bind our people by ties of common knowledge and for a common purpose.—New York World.

YEARS OF 13 MONTHS MAY BEGIN IN 1928 IF LEAGUE AGREES WITH ASTRONOMERS

Plan to Add Four Weeks to Calendar and Divide it into 28 Day Periods Explained to Scientists.

Every year beginning with 1928 will consist of thirteen months instead of twelve if the astronomers have their way at the League of Nations committee meeting on revision of the calendar next year. The plan for inserting an extra month in the proposed world-wide calendar to be evolved at the meeting, was explained before the American Association of Science in Cincinnati, recently by M. B. Cotsworth of Vancouver, its originator.

Each month under the plan would consist of twenty eight days or four complete weeks, the thirteenth month to be inserted between June and July and to be known as "Sol." In leap year, "leap day" instead of falling at the end of February, would be inserted at the end of the new month and there would also be an extra holiday on December 29th, not designated as any particular day of the week. Sundays always would be the first day of the month.

Easter also would be set at a permanent time instead of being governed by the position of the moon as under the present Gregorian calendar. Tentatively, April 8, the middle point between the earliest and the latest easter has been selected.

The Gregorian calendar, with its month of uneven length, is inconvenient to present day business and domestic life, Mr. Cotsworth declared. While salaries, rents, accounts, and budgets in many cases are on a monthly basis, the discrepancies in the length of months cause much confusion, he said.

Should the new calendar, said to have the approval of representatives of a number of countries, be adopted national holidays might be dated at will, but a translation of birth dates into terms of the new system would be necessary.

QUESTION: Are the long-range forecasts of the almanacs and some of the newspapers reliable?

Answer: The weather forecasts by days as set forth in the many almanacs is unquestionably based on the willingness of many to accept without question most anything that appears in print. Actually such forecasts are not based on sound principles and therefore are without any value whatsoever. The farmer who attempts to carry on his business with these forecasts to guide him must necessarily lose rather than gain by following them. Similar forecasts of weather and temperature for a long time in advance that one sees in the newspapers should be regarded as not worthy of consideration and therefore should not be followed in planning farming operations.

Glad to learn that Mr. A. W. Beach who was a very sick man some days last week is very much better.

ITEMS FROM THE TRAINING SCHOOL

Training School Opened January 3 After Two Weeks Off. Enrollment Already Beyond 200.

Prof. D. D. Dougherty, Treasurer and Business Manager of the Appalachian Training School has gone to Nashville, Tenn. and perhaps other points for a while.

Boone and this section has had the coldest weather for a few days that it has had for a number of years, if ever. On Sunday the thermometer registered in the various places from 10 to 15 below. One standard instrument registered 10 below, which is possibly a safe estimate. The temperature has changed very much however for on Monday morning it registered 25 degrees warmer than it did on Sunday, though it is not warm yet. This seems to be the storm that has been brewing over the west for some days.

The Training School opened on January 3, after nearly two weeks holiday. Owing to the unfavorable weather a number of the students did not get back on time. Quite a number of new students have already registered in both the High School and Normal Departments and others were ready to enter. The enrollment has already gone far beyond 200. Prospects are good for a large number for the first half of the year.

Prof. W. J. Rowe with his family, came the latter part of the past week and is ready to enter upon his work as principal of the Boone Public School for the balance of the year.

ENTERTAIN AT DINNER

The following taken from the Farrell, (Pa.) News will be of general interest, as all those concerned are former well-known Wataugans:

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Horton of 629 Fruit Avenue entertained a number of guests at a 6 o'clock dinner in their home last night, those present being from four different states and coming here for a big reunion. All the guests were former residents of the vicinity of Vilas, North Carolina, the boyhood home of Mr. Horton and following the delicious dinner served the evening was spent in reminiscences of bygone days. Music and games also entertained until a late hour, and an enjoyable evening was spent by all present. The guests present were Mrs. and Mr. William B. Horton of Washington Street, Miss Hattie Mast of Baltimore, Md., Miss Wilhelmina Shull of Battle Creek, Mich., Jacob Mast of Farrell, and John K. Horton, Orville Mast, Ariess M. Mast and James M. Horton, all of Cleveland, Ohio.

"NORTHWESTERN HERALD" MAKES FORMAL BOW

The first issue of the Northwestern Herald came from the press in Jefferson, Ashe county, on the 3rd, and judging by the initial effort the publication will be successful and a power for good in Ashe county.

The Editor Mr. D. Clinton Nance formerly of the Winston-Salem Journal, has been in the newspaper game directly and indirectly for a number of years, and has as his publisher Mr. R. F. Gentry, a printer and journalist of the "old school" and backed as it is by some of the strongest men in Ashe County, the growth of the venture seems unquestionable.

The first issue contained four pages, all home print, and in view of the fact that things are not yet running smoothly in the shop, some of the equipment having never yet arrived, it's a wonderful beginning. It's clean and neat, and we welcome another champion of the "Northwest."

MANY COMPLAINTS AS RESULT OF "CURE-ALLS"

Baltimore Sun.

Three complaints have been received within the last week at Johns Hopkins Hospital of the activities of two men, alleged to have been representing themselves as associated with that institution and to have been collecting large sums of money on the pretext of curing eye trouble and cancer.

The men who are said to have used the names of Dr. E. M. Kelly and Dr. Beele, are reported to be operating in North and South Carolina. Letters received by Hopkins officials indicated that more than \$1,000 had been collected by the pair after they had guaranteed a cure.