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1928 **New Years Greetings** 1929

THE year nineteen hundred and twenty-eight gives way to nineteen hundred and twenty-nine; and much as we welcome the newcomer, we feel a twinge of regret that we part from the twelve month that for most of us was crowded with happy events and marked by great, progressive strides in our lives. The Democrat wishes to extend its thanks and New Year's greetings to you who have made nineteen hundred and twenty-eight a successful year for us. We look forward to nineteenhundred and twenty-nine with the hope of your continued friendship and patronage.

SCHOOLS TO OPEN HERE JANUARY 8

Influenza Situation Causes Postponement of Normal and Public School Opening for Another Week

The Appalachian State Normal College and the Boone public schools will reopen for the new term on Tuesday, January 8, after a vacation of three weeks. The schools were to have opened Tuesday, but because of the influenza situation it was thought best to postpone opening for another week.

It is expected that the flu epidemic, which caused the schools to close a week earlier for the holidays, will have subsided to a considerable extent at the reopening of the schools, and that everything will be in readiness for a successful year for the remainder of the school term.

GET INCUBATOR READY FOR EARLY HATCHING

To meet the market demands for early broilers and to get the highest market prices, it is necessary to hatch early.

"Any delay in the hatching will make this project a failure," says C. F. Parrish, extension poultry specialist at State College. "When we begin to operate an incubator, there is a simple routine to follow which calls for certain steps in preparation. The first thing to do, is to thoroughly clean and disinfect the incubator room or cellar. Any good disinfectant can be used but the room must be allowed to air well before eggs are placed in the machine. The second step is to clean and disinfect the incubator itself. Hot water and soap with lysol or some other dicinfectant used afterwards is to be commended. The trays and moisture pans should be thoroughly cleaned. Then put them out in the direct sunshine for a few hours before placing them back in the machine.

When doing this, says Mr. Parrish, it is also wise to examine carefully all the working parts of the incubator. The thermostat, water pipes, pans, lamps and oil containers should be examined carefully to see if they are in perfect condition and working order.

When this has been done, locate the incubator so that no direct drafts will blow on the machine. This may cause uneven temperatures. Also place the machine out of the patch of any direct sunlight. Sunlight will retard high hatches.

It is a good practice to run the machine for a day or so before placing the eggs. This will give the owner an opportunity to see if it is in good running order and if the machine is properly leveled. Those who have purchased their first machine should follow the directions with care since they would not be given if not essential.

AIRPLANE TO STAY UP UNTIL ENGINES WEAR OUT

Los Angeles, Jan. 1.—The army's tri-motored Fokker endurance plane "Question Mark," took the air at 7:24 o'clock this morning in an attempt by means of aerial refuelling, to remain aloft until its engines wear out.

The army refuelling plane piloted by Odas Moon preceded the "Question Mark" into the air. Captain Ira C. Eaker was at the controls of the endurance plane.

$1,716.919 ALLOTTED TO CAROLINA FOR HIGHWAYS

Washington, Dec. 29.—Apportionment of $73,125,000 to the states has been made by the secretary of agriculture as federal aid in road construction for the fiscal year which begins next July.

The funds will be expended in accordance with past procedure, the cost of construction on roads designatd as part of the federal system to be borne almost equally by the states and the federal government. During last fiscal year improvem nts were completed on 8,184 miles of federal aid road which had not been previously improved, the secretary of agr ture announced in connection apportion-

67 Marriage Licenses Were Issued Last Year

A total of 67 marriage licenses were issued in the office of the register of deeds for Watauga county during the year 1928. 66 to white couples and one to negroes, a decrease of four compared with 1927 when licenses were issued to 71 couples. Licenses were issued to the following couples:

Jan. 12—Marshall Ward and Edna Farthing.

Jan. 21—Ralph Moore and Lottie Coffey.

Feb. 8—W. W. Randall and Emma Triplett.

Feb. 27—Tracy Culler and Bonnie Barnes.

March 8—R. F. Greene and Pearl Hodges.

March 12—L. P. Norris and Addie Coffey.

March 22—Uriah Farthing and Bessie Cook.

March 22—Walter Lusk and Martha Tester.

March 24—Willie Calloway and Annie Hix.

April 7—Wade H. Moretz and Venia Greene.

April 7—A. W. Robbins and Emma Pennell.

April 7—J. W. Smith and Elizabeth Greene.

April 28—Stewart Shore and Emma Robbins.

May 25—Ivey Coffey and Mildred Gragg.

May 26—Sherman Winebarger and Jemima Icenhour.

June 2—F. A. Tomlin and Ruth Jennings.

June 5—Arthur A. Brown and Mattie M. Henson.

June 6—Ellis Monkus and Ella Blevins.

June 9—Frank Greer and Mary Camp.

June 12—Walter N. Yount and Virginia Turner.

June 19—Thos. H. Coffey, Jr., and Irene Sherwood.

June 25—Charlie Watson and Millie C. Rainey.

June 27—Gold Hicks and Sarah Harmon.

June 28—Joyce Holder and Ethel Hampton.

June 30—Chas. G. Berry and Eunice Goodnight.

June 30—Dayton Ashley and Pearl Greene.

July 11—J. W. Mathewson and Bettie Triplett.

July 12—Alex C. Summerville and Dorothy Henkel.

July 16—S. A. Greene and Ida Vandyke Rogers.

July 16—Coy Parish and Lizzie Johnson.

July 21—Emory Miller and Ada Meretz.

Aug. 1—Steven Stack and Effie Guy.

Aug. 2—J. I. Sutton and Rita Kennedy.

Aug. 7—Ervin White and Essie Goodnight.

Aug. 8—H. T. Oxentine and Hattie Story.

Aug. 11—Geo. Norris and Ivalee Arnett.

Aug. 13—Marshal Ward and Icey Tester.

Aug. 13—Cloud Mathis and Ethel Staley.

Aug. 14—Jones Greer and Verna Miller.

Sept. 15—Frank Horton and Jennie McQueen (col.)

Aug. 18—Lloyd Williams and Mae Greene.

Aug. 18—Alfred H. Young and Norma Turner.

Oct. 20—Chas. Blackburn and Bessie Watson.

Aug. 28—McW. Holler and Annie Broyhill.

Sept. 15—Joe Walsh and Narlie Miller.

Sept. 20—Gaither Carlton and Lucy Robbins.

Sept. 22—Clarence Setzer and Annabelle Harris.

Sept. 28—Ed Jones and Elsie Miller.

Oct. 27—Willard Miller and Daisy Church.

Nov. 2—Geo. F. McGlammery and Delia Harrison.

Nov. 10—Ray Lowrance and Naomi Bentley.

Nov. 10—Lee Colvard and Ruth Greene.

Nov. 14—Thos. Key and Josie McGuire.

Nov. 21—Edward H. Clark and Mamie Byrd Hamsey.

Dec. 3—W. D. Dulaney and Dor- F. Brown.

T Greene Cora Carroll.

Dec. 14—William A. Davis and Lucy Moretz.

Dec. 14—Coy Earp and Ella Wall.

Dec. 14—E. R. Stephens and Lucille Lookabill.

Dec. 17—J. Linney Walker and Annie Lee Sims.

Dec. 22—Conrad Hodges and Mary Lillian Greene.

Dec. 22—Sanders Shores and Lora Cook.

Dec. 24—Cornelius Watson and Roxie Carroll.

—Herman Miller and Snow

$13,515.067 Paid for 1,171 Miles of Road

Raleigh, Dec. 29.—It cost the taxpayers in North Carolina approximately $13,515,067.23 to build the 1,171.14 miles of highways and bridges constructed in the state during 1928, according to records of the state highway commission. It was estimated that $2,500,000 was spent for bridges during the year.

During the year the highway commission let contracts for the construction of 1,171.14 miles of highways, of which 329.39 miles were of the concrete type. The estimated cost of these 329.39 miles of hard surface road was $7,105,921.89. This included 6.78 miles of asphaltic concrete roads.

Contracts for the construction of 382.08 miles of road with the special road oil treatment were let at an estimated cost of $96,597.93; contracts for the construction and grading of 421 miles of new roads were let at an estimated cost of $2,175,318.53; and contracts for the macadamizing of 21.79 miles of road were let during 1928 at an estimated cost of $75,000.

Highway commission officials are expecting to have approximately $8,000,000 to spend during 1929 in the construction of new roads and bridges. Of this, the commission expects to spend approximately $4,500,000 in the construction of approximately 250 miles of hard surfaced road; $1,000,000 for bridges, and the remaining $2,500,000 in the construction of the progressive types of road such as graded, top soil and gravel surfacing.

NEGRO BURNED IN MISSISSIPPI

Rome, Miss., Dec. 31.—Charley Shepherd, negro murderer and abductor, was burned on a gasoline-soaked pyre here today.

After mutilating his body and firing several shots into it, a mob of several hundred men placed the negro on a pile of logs, threw gasoline over it and set it afire.

The negro died cursing his killers, it was reported. John Osborne, Associated Press staff correspondent, the first newspaper man to reach the scene, said the lynching occurred about 8 p. m. The negro, he was informed, admitted killing J. G. Duvall, employe of state prison farm at Parchman and abducted his 18-year-old daughter. He took all the blame, absolving two bunk mates who had been linked with the crimes.

The lynching took place about 25 feet from the public road and when Osborne arrived an hour later the body was still on the pyre. He was told by persons at the scene that it would be left there.

The lynching occurred about midway between here and camp number 11 of the prison farm. The pyre was about 50 feet high and two or three feet wide. It had been raining all afternoon but had ceased at the time of the burning. Estimates of the number in the mob ranged up to 2,000 but reports said the men went quietly about the grim task.

CHURCHES CLOSED SUNDAY

On account of the influenza epidemic there were no services at either of the local churches Sunday, except a short union prayer service at the Baptist church. However, if conditions are no worse, the regular services will be held next Sunday.

Second and Worse Flu Wave Feared

Washington, Jan. 1—Probability that the crest of the first wave of the influenza epidemic has been reached in the country was seen today by public health officias who scanned reports for the week ending December 29, but the hope was tempered by a warning that such a development only substantiated the belief that a second and more severe wave might follow.

Twenty-four states and New York city today reported 90,000 new cases compared with approximately 168,000 cases in the same states during the previous week. Officials saw in these reports a probability that the wave ha sreached its peak in the west, and that prevalence in the entire country would be less for this week than for the preceding.

MODERN SCIENCE DEMANDS NEW RELIGION

New York, Dec. 30.—Modern science demands that we shall revise religions, create a new concept of God, seek happiness on earth and give up the idea of pie in the sky when we die, Prof. Harry Elmer Barnes told the American Association for the Advancement of Science at Columbia university.

Speaking of "science versus religion as a guide to life," Dr. Barnes who is professor of historical sociology at Smith college, boldly declared that "we must cease thinking of God" in the Biblical sense and "as the foundation of the new order we must supplant theology by mental hygiene."

On a day when elected to the presidency of the American association, Dr. Robert A. Millikan, Nobel prize winner and discoverer of those strange vibrant particles called cosmic rays, which are suspected of being perhaps the very messengers of creation in outer spaces, Professor Barnes urged the need of a new God, new goals for man and a revised morality.

Science, he said, has found our earth to be only a petty planet in one corner of the unknown void, and space is too crowded with stars and universes to make room for heaven above and hell below.

"This earth," he said, "can no longer be viewed as a temporary training camp, preparatory for life in the new Jerusalem. Rather, it can be rationally regarded at present in no other way than as a place in which man should make himself as happy as possible during his temporary existence here upon earth."

We must defend "the right to be happy," he mantained, and the old "taboo" against being happy on earth must go by the board.

MRS. JEPTHA BINGHAM DEAD

Mrs. Jeptha Bingham died at her home on Oak street Friday afternoon following an illness of several days with pneumonia. She was 36 years old.

Mrs. Bingham was before her marriage a Miss Puckett and was a native of Virginia. During the many years she had lived in Watauga she was much admired and her demise has caused much sorrow. A short committal service was held by Rev. C. H. Moser at the grave in the Boone cemetery.

Surviving are a husband and eight children.

Other members of the family who have been seriously ill for several days are improving.

INFLUENZA WILL BE WITH US UNTIL SPRING

Raleigh, Jan. 1.—The prospect that influenza would have to be reckoned with until about April was held out today in a statement by Dr. C. O'H. Laughinghouse, state health officer.

Advising heads of state institutions to resume operations on regular schedule without further delay on account of the flu, the health officer pointed out that the number of cases in the state is increasing, and expressed the belief the situation would not be completely cleared up As yet appreciable

C. H. Garland Resigns as Chief of Police

Mr. C. H. Garland, who has rendered most acceptable service as chief of police here for about a year and a half has resigned his position and returned to his home in Shulls Mills. His successor will be appointed at the regular meeting of the city council tonight, at which time a mayor will also be named to fill out the term of W. R. Gragg, deceased. In the meantime Mr. Granville Norris is acting as patrolman.

SAYS 8 MONTHS SCHOOL POSSIBLE AFTER TAX CUT

Raleigh, Dec. 30—A statement issued today by the legislative committee of the North Carolina Education Association declared the 1929 general assembly could reduce property taxes four million dollars and still provide for an eight-month minimum school term.

The statement was addressed to the legislature and set forth the new school legislation desired by the committee. It declared the longer school term should be financed by indirect taxation and through increasing the equalization fund from the present $3,250,000 to $6,750,000.

Pointing out possible sources of revenue, the committee suggested that the state levy on luxuries and natural resources, naming tobacco, beverages, theaters, candies, chewing gum, perfumes and cosmetics and hydroelectric power.

"The members of the committee do not undertake to qualify as experts in taxation or to anticipate or forestall the report of the tax commission," the statement said. "The committee is merelf suggesting available sources of revenue which now are utilized by certain other states in the union for school purposes."

BOONE TRAIL HIGHWAY ASSOCIATION PLANS PARK

The old Boone home and park surrounding it has been given over to the Boone Trail highway and memorial association. The announcement which was made last week through the press gave J. Hampton Rich authority to take charge and restore the home and grounds which are in a much dilapidated condition. J. R. M Crary prominent attorney of Lexington, president of the Daniel Boone Historical Association for many years, was interested in the pioneer lore of the Yadkin and of Boone in particular and it was through his efforts that the park was given. The home is in Davidson county.

Mr. Rich stated that he intends, with help of citizens of Watauga, Wilkes, Yadkin and Davie counties and other friends to make this spot, so high in natural beauty, occupying a place on a high bluff over the Yadkin and on the headwaters of High Rock lake, a shrine for visiting Americans. The work of Boone shall be more associated with the Yadkin river country than it is, and Mr. Rich is seeking to establish this connection.

The great seal of the state has been granted to be used by the Boone Trail Association where the Boone Trail highway crosses the state line, according to Mr. Rich. Mr. Rich, managing director of the Boone Trail Association, announced that during the spring a marker with the seal would be placed at the state line near Zionville where the Boone Trail enters Tennessee.

ROOSEVELT INAUGURATED GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 1.—Franklin D. Roosevelt became governor of New York today. He is a Democrat. A previous Governor Roosevelt—Theodore, a relative of Franklin, was a Republican.

Alfred E. Smith, four times governor of the state and Democratic candidate for presidnet in the last campaign, retired to private life. The public career of the "happy warrior" ended with completion of his third consecutive term as governor. What he intends to do has not been disclosed. There have been reports that he will be a banker after avacation somewhere in the south.

Mrs. J. C. Ray, who has been right ill from influenza is unimproved, according to latest reports. A brother, R. R. Hodges of Paris, Ter., has been telegraphed concerning her condition and is expected so Mr. to

CHURCHES TO AID IN FIGHT ON FLU

Organization Perfected at Union Service Sunday Looking to Relief in Distress in Community

Representatives of the various local churches met toghether at the Baptist church Sunday for the purpose of formulating an organization for relieving the distress caused by the wave of influenza in this community. A committee was named irrespective of denominational lines and composed of the following: W. L. Trivette, W. H. Gragg, E. M. Cook, W. D. Farthing, J. L. Qualls, Mrs. Smith Hagaman, A. E. South, J. D. Rankin, P. A Coffey, G. L. Sawyer, W. P. Moretz and W. C. Lyon. J. D. Rankin will act as chairman and W. D. Farthing secretary of the committee, whose business it will be to investigate needs of the poorer families suffering from flu and make reports of their findings. Those needing outside aid should get in touch with the committee.

The churches have no reserve funds with which to carry on this work among the afflicted and the committee requests The Democrat to make an earnest appeal for contributions, large or small. Send in your offerings to any member of the committee, local ministers, or to The Democrat. According to those in best position to know, the situation is very serious, with need on every hand and doubtless the community will rally in this crisis.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE OF BAPTIST PASTORS POSTPONED

Rev. A. P. Hicks, secretary of the Three Forks-Stony Fork Baptist Pastors' conference, said Monday that, because of the prevalence of so much sickness in the county, the regular quarterly meeting of the conference, scheduled for Monday at the Baptist church here had been postponed until Monday, April 15th. At that time it is hoped that Dr. J. T. Henderson of Knoxville, Tenn., organizer of the Laymen's Brotherhood in the Southern Baptist convention, will be present and deliver an address. At this meeting it is hoped to have, in addition to the pastors of the two associations, all deacons and Sunday school leaders present. Dr. Henderson is a former president of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City.

BAPTIST MISSION BOARD IS GIVEN HALF MILLION

Atlanta, Dec. 31—The gift of $500,000 by Mrs. George W. Bottoms, of Texarkana, Ark., to the home mission board of the Southern Baptist convention, was announced here yesterday by Dr. L. R. Christie, the pastor, from the pulpit of the Ponce de Leon Avenue Baptist church.

Mrs. Bottoms, who is the widow of a prominent figure in the southern lumber industry, has made numerous benefactions to religious work of the denomination during the last several years.

Officials of the home mission board declined to comment today pending a conference concerning the gift. The Baptist home mission board recently suffered financial difficulties through an alleged shortage in the accounts of its former treasurer, Clinton S. Carnes.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Greer of Blowing Rock announce the birth of a girl on New Years morning.

STATE'S INCOME FOR 1928 BROKE RECORD

Raleigh, Jan. 1.—The satte of North Carolina began the new year with the satisfaction of knowing its income in 1928 broke all records. Exclusive of gasoline tax and motor vehicle licenses, collections for the calendar year were reported by A. S. Carson, cashier of the state department of revenue, at $14,453,599.61, a gain of $2,532,210.93 over 1927 figures. Net receipts on the gasoline tax, after all refunds were made, were reported at $9,787,010.73, which was an increase of more than a million dollars above the 1927 collections from the same source.

New Year's eve proved a very quiet affair in Boone. The streets were deserted as the old year went out and the new came in. A few fire crackers were were fired during the early part of the night and the event was all over.