

### Founder's Day Observed at Lees-McRae College

Banner Elk—Founder's Day was observed at Lees-McRae college on Wednesday December 4, with Mayor H. H. Baxter of the city of Charlotte the guest speaker.

Introduced by President Rowell C. Long, Mayor Baxter used as the subject of his talk "Dropping the Pilot." He began with a story for navigation of a narrow and dangerous passage. However, on one trip, the pilot had been dropped in the interest of economy, and because of this fact, the ship was wrecked with great loss of life.

Mayor Baxter pointed out that in America we have forgotten that "man does not live by bread alone." He said that Americans should return to the habits of their forefathers, by reading the Bible more, taking it as a guide

for every-day living, and remember that prayer is the most powerful force in the world. Mayor Baxter ended his talk with an illustration. Someone, he said, once made a survey of the reasons why college students pray. It was summed up, he stated, in one sentence: "Bunions, love, and exams." There is more truth than poetry in this Mr. Baxter said, because personal suffering, hunger of the heart, and crises in our lives require the summoning of all resources and it is in these times that we are most apt to pray. We should remember, however, he said, the value of prayer in ordinary day-to-day living.

Founder's Day at Lees-McRae commemorated the beginning of the fifty-fifth year of the institution, founded in 1897 by the late Rev. Edgar Tufts, who came to Banner Elk as a home missionary. Out of his work grew the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association, a monument to his labors, and should return to the habits of their forefathers, by reading the Bible more, taking it as a guide

### Alcoholics Plant Colony On Site Near Blowing Rock

Selection of the board of directors and the advisory council prepares the way for the opening at once of a drive to raise \$10,000—one-third of the amount ultimately needed—for payment on the property near Blowing Rock that is to be operated as the Hebron Colony of Mercy for alcoholics, it was announced in Charlotte.

Plans for the establishment of such a home were revealed several months ago by a group of Charlotte men who are among the sponsors of the project. At that time it was announced that a large estate had been agreed as the site and negotiations were then in progress for obtaining it as home of the planned colony.

Already a certificate of incorporation has been awarded a group of Christian men for the operation of the colony in an effort to cure men of alcoholism through regeneration by faith in Jesus Christ, one of the Charlotte sponsors pointed out yesterday, and an option has been obtained on the W. S. Whiting estate, called "Ottoray" and located at Shulls Mills in the Grandfather mountain country. This estate, which includes 12 acres of land and an 18-room house easily adaptable to the uses of the proposed home for alcoholics. The estate is secluded and yet readily accessible, since it is but nine miles from Boone and seven miles from Blowing Rock in the very heart of the Daniel Boone country. The Blue Ridge parkway drive is but four miles away.

Rev. E. A. Dillard, pastor of Bible Presbyterian church of Charlotte, heads the board of directors and Morris E. Trotter is vice president, J. C. Niven is secretary, and John Gallagher is treasurer. These officers are all from Charlotte, while another Charlottean, Herbert Lockwood, is a member of the board. Other members are C. L. Knotts of Sharon, Pa.; George J. Howe of Grove City, Pa.; Rev. Lon Hitchcock of Rock Hill, S. C.; Earl Koon and Rev. Harold Kattman of Spartanburg, S. C.; and Rev.

Robert H. Cox of Concord. Treatment at Hebron Colony of Mercy, it was pointed out, will be similar to that successfully employed for more than 50 years at Keswick Colony of Mercy in New Jersey. Men will be admitted to Hebron upon their promise to co-operate with the leadership and accept the instruction given by the colony. The keynote of the instruction is the Bible study, it was said, will be "victory through our Lord Jesus Christ". The financial policy will be to make no charge but from those able to pay contributions to help operate the colony. Current expenses will be obtained through faith and the whole enterprise will be operated on a nonprofit and nonsectarian basis. Persons interested in helping get the institution launched on a career that is expected to be one of much usefulness should write the colony at Box 4141, Charlotte, it was announced.

#### PANAMA CANAL ZONE

U. S. Government agencies spent more than \$40,500,000 in Panama during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1946. Salaries and wages paid to 35,000 civilian employees accounted for almost \$30,000,000 of the total. The U. S. Army employed 13,000 but it has reduced its force since July. The Panama Canal employs 12,400 and the Navy, 5,700 civilians.

#### LIBRARY

These Christmas stories may be found in your public library: Christmas This Way, by Beebe; A Christmas Carol, by Dickens; Home for Christmas, by Douglas; The Second Christmas, by Holmes; So Gracious is the Time, by Kerr; The First Christmas Crib, by Milhous; Snow over Bethlehem, by Milhous; The Night Before Christmas, by Moore; Silent Night, and The Story of the Christmas Tree, by Pauli; The Christ Child, by Petersham; A Child's Story of the Nativity, by Raymond; The Christmas Anna Angel, This is the Christmas, and This Way To Christmas, by Sawyer; Rock Crystal, Stifter; The Sky Bed, by Thorne-Thomson; Christmas House, by Turner; Fireside Book of Christmas Stories, by Wagenknecht; Christmas, and Merry Christmas, which are collections of stories and pictures.

#### QUICK WORK

Rio de Janeiro—Within one hour after the death of Jose Martinelli, lawyers acting for his daughter by his first marriage, asked the courts to open the will at once. Martinelli, who arrived in Brazil 54 years before penniless, made his start by selling lottery tickets and finally became the head of a financial empire. His estate is estimated to total around \$5,000,000. Another heir of the estate is the 10-year-old son by his second wife.

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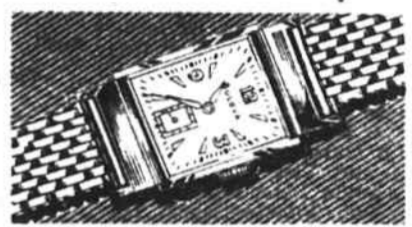
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