

NEED FIVE MORE NORMAL SCHOOLS

ALLEN RECOMMENDS STEPS BE TAKEN TO GUARANTEE TEACHERS.

Raleigh. Five additional normal schools with a capacity of 400 students each are needed in North Carolina to meet the growing demand for teachers caused by the great expansion of the school system in this State, according to the biennial report of A. T. Allen, superintendent of Public Instruction, recently submitted to Governor Cameron Morrison.

These institutions should not cost more than \$900,000 each, according to the report. They could be maintained on an appropriation of \$60,000 each per year.

"If the estimates should prove erroneous," declares Mr. Allen, "and the output should exceed the demand, the curriculum of the normal school could be raised one year, which would both limit the output and improve the teaching force."

In another section of the chapter on teacher training Mr. Allen says:

"The rapid development of the high schools has created annually for the last several years about three hundred new teaching positions. At present there are 2,483 whole time high school teachers in the white high schools of the State. Of these teachers 1,398 are college graduates. The institutions of the State can place practically their whole output in the high schools to fill new positions and for replacements."

Figures quoted show that of 1,306 graduates from five classes of institutions in North Carolina in 1923, 738, or more than half, were teaching in 1923-24.

That the number of teachers in North Carolina public schools is rapidly increasing is shown by figures offered in the report. The number has increased from 12,970 to 16,397 in four years, an average increase of 956 teachers a year.

The report shows that the work of raising the teaching standard has been going steadily forward and that in 1924 there were more teachers holding standard certificates than there were white teachers of all kinds in 1920.

Labor on Farms Scarce.

Diversification in farming, as practiced by the farmers in many sections of North Carolina is proving a boon to these farmers, according to the chapter on farm and farm labor of the biennial report of the Department of Labor and Printing which will be presented to the Governor and General Assembly and which was made public here by Commissioner M. L. Shipman. The commissioner added that this diversification planting had proven a safeguard for the State and had enabled energetic farmers to reap the benefits of double crops.

The tendency on the part of farm labor to leave for the urban centers still was affecting the agricultural pursuits, according to Mr. Shipman. He asserted that wage opportunities had proven attractive to many and that as a result the farmers still were combating the shortage of farm labor which resulted from the continual exodus. He added that it was doubtful if a sufficient number of workers would be available for the farm work during the coming year, and that this shortage of labor was proving to be a serious handicap and hindered development to the utmost of the farming possibilities of the State.

The good roads, added educational opportunities of the State and the many modern conveniences made available to the farmers.

Want Black Bass at New Hatchery.

Native black bass from ponds in eastern North Carolina will be used to stock the new Stedman Hatchery, ten miles from Fayetteville, provided a sufficient number of them can be obtained, declared a letter from Chairman J. K. Dixon, of the State Fisheries Commission. Mature fish placed in the hatchery in January, will enable the Commission to begin the distribution of small fish for stocking ponds by early summer.

Chairman Dixon wishes to communicate with owners of ponds from which stock might be obtained, and requests that they write him whether they will be able to supply any fish. The commission will pay for fish that can be used for stocking purposes. Details can be obtained by writing the Chairman at his offices in Morehead City, indicating the approximate number of fish that can be furnished.

Hens Lay 500,000,000 Eggs.

Approximately 564,100,000 eggs were laid by the 6,000,000 hens in North Carolina during the past year, according to V. W. Lewis, livestock marketing specialist of the North Carolina extension division. Five and one half million of this hen population live in the rural districts, it was said, while the other half million live in the backyards of city homes. Eleven per cent or 660,000 of these hens Mr. Lewis terms "aristocrats," that is brooded mothers that will lay 170 eggs per year.

DOINGS IN THE TAR HEEL STATE

NEWS OF NORTH CAROLINA TOLD IN SHORT PARAGRAPHS FOR BUSY PEOPLE

Wilmington.—Henry Reynolds, 60 year old negro, better known as "Greasy," was found dead drunk in East Wilmington, and shortly afterwards died in bed in a home near by.

Louisburg.—Major J. B. Thomas, age 66, who was connected with the tobacco market here for forty years, died at the hospital in Rocky Mount. He had been in failing health for a year or more.

Greensboro.—A warrant was issued here for W. H. Andrew, a crossing watchman of the Southern Railway here, charging that by neglect to lower the gate at the street crossing upon the approach of a passenger train, J. D. Powell, of Ahoskie, was killed.

Durham.—Peele Hackney, of Cleveland street, was painfully, but not seriously wounded in the left foot when a shotgun fired while he was examining the weapon. He is resting easily in Watts hospital.

Burlington.—Two persons were severely cut by shattered glass when a coupe driven by M. H. Moore, cafe proprietor, collided with a coupe driven by Broady Burnett, a negro, at North Main and Holt streets.

Burlington.—W. C. Henies, 41, assistant city engineer of Columbia, S. C., fatally injured Christmas day when his car collided with another just as it emerged from a covered bridge spanning Broad river, was a brother of Mrs. H. P. Wyrick, of this city.

Charlotte.—Plans for an \$80,000 Sunday School building are being made by the Tryon Street Methodist Episcopal Church, South, here. The building will be four stories high and when fully equipped the investment will be \$100,000.

High Point.—With many Christmas presents laying around him and with preparations completed by his parents to enjoy his first Yuletide season, David Archie, nine-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Bopier, of 311 Cable street, was found dead in bed. He had apparently been dead for several hours when the body was found.

Goldboro.—Miss Mary Elizabeth Morris, daughter of Mrs. Mary Morris of this city, is among the honored at the North Carolina College for Women of which she is a student, having been selected as a member of the delegation of the Dramatic Association which is to represent the college at a contest at the Northwestern University of Chicago. The National Convention of Association of Public Speech is conducting the contest.

Gastonia.—Miss Estelle Coxey, of Lory section, West Gastonia, was taken to the city hospital suffering with internal injuries and several body bruises received Tuesday night when she was struck by a truck driven by Charles Blackburn. She is in a serious condition according to her attending physician.

Rutherford.—The people of this county are displeased with the Seaboard Railroad taking off passenger trains Nos. 31 and 34 between Charlotte and this place. They feel that they are entitled to service since they voted bonds many years ago to help build this road. They say that as a whole the Seaboard is making money.

Ashville.—Mrs. Harriet E. Duckett, mother of A. L. Duckett, chief of the Asheville fire department, died here after a long illness. Had Mrs. Duckett lived until January 29, she would have reached her 83rd birthday.

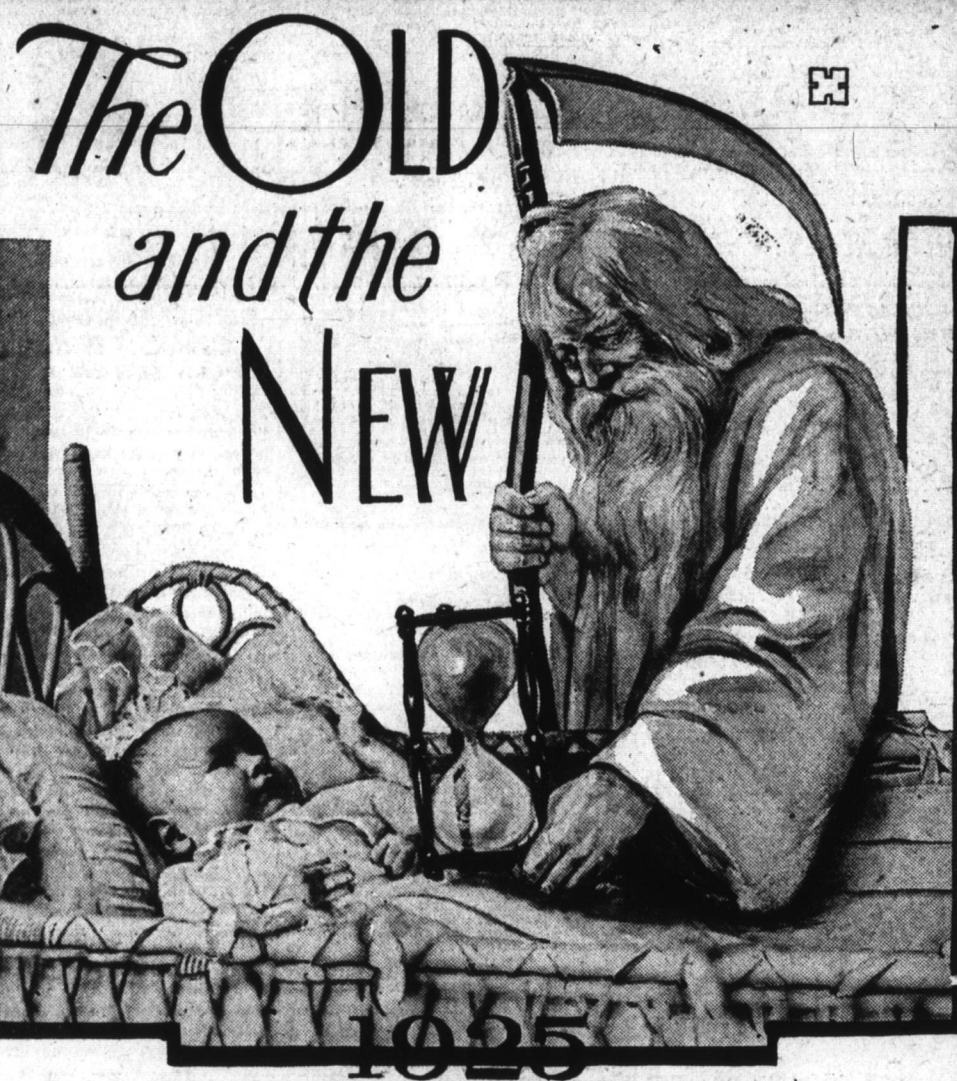
Robersonville.—The Christmas spirit of this entire community was changed to grief when Wilbur Adolph Hall, aged 13, the only child of Rev. W. G. Hall, pastor of the Robersonville Baptist church, died from lockjaw. While playing with one of his chums, a little over a week ago he was wounded in the right thigh by the discharging of a blank cartridge pistol.

Rockingham.—Christmas sport was turned into stark tragedy when Arthur Martia, aged seventeen, shooting a new shotgun in an empty field brought down a writhing wire charged with 22,000 volts of electricity which brought instant death to himself, a brother and a sister and injured another brother.

Statesville.—Mrs. Gertrude Sides, of Kannapolis, daughter of Jule Carrigan, of Statesville, was run over and fatally injured by a car driven by Peter Parker, a young man, on Front street. Mrs. Sides ran in front of Parker's car just as another automobile was passing in the opposite direction and the driver did not see the woman until within a few feet of her.

Wilmington.—Wholesale vaccination of court officials and attaches followed the discovery of a prisoner in Recorder's Court suffering from a well developed case of smallpox. Recorder George Harris and Solicitor J. A. McNorton and others soon were having vaccine administered to them as a preventive.

Lexington.—Erastus Bunting, aged about 28, of this city, was killed when a coupe he was driving turned over on the Central Highway, four miles south of Lexington. Protus Broadway, who was with Bunting, escaped without serious injury.



New Year's Eve in Good Old U. S. A.

How Love Found a Way, Following Sinking of Big French Liner.

By ELEANOR E. KING

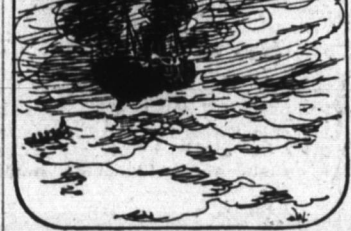
THE "Superba" disaster had occurred on November 9. It was now well into December. The Allison, American passengers on their way home to the United States, were on the French liner at the time of the sinking of the vessel. When but two days away from the French port a fire broke out in the hold, which proved fatal to the ship. Now the Allison were en route to England. This time, they were to sail on a British liner from London.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Allison were passing the time, which hung heavily on their hands during their journey to London, discussing previous events with their daughter, Felice. She, young, perhaps in her twenties, presenting quite a striking spectacle with her black curly hair, and her dark brown eyes, was saying:

"It seems to me if Wilmer were saved, he has surely had ample time to notify us."

"Did you call at the American Express office in Paris before we left?" inquired Mrs. Allison.

"Yes, and the clerk informed me Wilmer Daggett's mail had not been called for in the last month. I have



A Fire Broke Out Which Proved Fatal to the Ship.

tried in every way to locate him in Paris, hospitals and the like included. I give up. The fact that his mail is not called for ought to be sure enough proof he is not in Paris."

"I will never forget," she began, pondering over previous happenings. "Wilmer, as I last saw him standing on the deck, his huge frame, calm and serene, silhouetted against the chaos round about him in the huge, brilliant mass of the burning liner, as he helped crazed and fainting women and children into the lifeboats, speeding them to safety. I couldn't bear to look any longer. When I did glance back again, the nose of the flaming ship was buried far into the ocean. It is queer—he should have come into my life so abruptly, and then, only to vanish equally suddenly. It is miraculous the way we were all spared," and her voice trailed off into silence.

One more day and the British liner would land in the New York harbor. The voyage had been a very rough one, and the Allison had had what little food they ate served in their rooms. Tonight, however, found a calm after the storm. The Allison made a heroic effort which resulted in the three being present at dinner in the dining room.

It being New Year's eve, some of the passengers had planned a little entertainment for those on board. When the programs were given out that evening, Felice's cheeks first

The New Year

By Katherine Edelman

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THE New Year, little child of hope, Emerges from the night, With courage high and heart serene, In robes of radiance bright.

And to each one his coming brings New hope and vision, too, Unwritten pages to be filled, Great things to plan and do.

flushed pink then turned white; as she read, clutching her mother's arm, she stammered excitedly: "Mother, do you suppose—surely, there couldn't be two Wilmer Daggetts?"

Then started a frantic search of the crowd which refused to disclose the face of her Wilmer. In vain did her gaze pierce every nook and corner of the saloon during the performance. She wished she could have had something to say about the printing of the programs. She would certainly have arranged it differently, so she would not have had to wait so long for this one most important of all the selections. Every one seemed to be dragging out his part terribly. What would this Wilmer Daggett look like? She could not locate the face of the one she sought any place.

Finally, a French door over at one side of the room opened to admit Wilmer Daggett, as his selection was announced from the platform. There he stood, the same old Wilmer Daggett. Felice was so happy she couldn't tell which one was singing the louder, she or Wilmer. In fact, she concluded, it was a well-balanced duet. The program hadn't stated it, but that is what it turned out to be.

It had evidently been a huge success with the audience, for they insisted on an encore. Felice never realized what a wonderful voice she had been endowed with until now. What torture! She had not figured on all these encores. Why did he not pick out something shorter? To be sure, he didn't know he was keeping Felice waiting.

Ah! At last, he was leaving the platform. Hardly knowing what she did, she flew into his arms. The concert held no further attraction for Felice and Wilmer. As soon as they were away from the crowd, and Wilmer had recovered from the shock of the surprise, Felice commenced her siege of questions.

"Where have you been? We thought you had gone down with the boat. We could get no trace of you in Paris. Just think; we searched the city and surrounding towns with no avail. How does it happen?"

"You see I was hurt a little that night of the disaster," Wilmer explained; "an English freighter came along the next morning and picked up our boat load. In it was only one other passenger besides myself, and the rest were members of the ship's crew. When we arrived in England, I was put in a London hospital, where I stayed for almost three weeks. They told me I had some broken bones; I seemed to feel all right."

"That is just like you, Wilmer," broke forth Felice, protestingly. "I thought you must have sailed about two or three weeks ago," continued Wilmer.

"And there I spent those weeks trying to find out whether you were dead or alive."

"Anyway, Felice," Wilmer added, slipping his arm around her, "by some good fortune we were guided to the same boat, and here we are tonight."

An intermission of several minutes followed.

The next afternoon, New Year's day, found Felice and Wilmer on the deck watching for the New York harbor. As darkness began to close in on them they could discern a few lights in the distance. Then the lights outlined shapes and before long, New York with its many skyscrapers and multitude of people, loomed not far before them. They watched the wonderful skyline as it grew plainer and more complicated each minute. As they came closer, that most magnificent of all magnificent sights presented itself, silhouetted against the darkness and lesser lights of the buildings.

"In her cloak of ermine, a recent gift from the clouds for the Christmas festivities, with all the dignity, majesty and grandeur a woman can possess, stands this huge figure of Liberty, a symbol to all those who



They Watched the Wonderful Skyline as it Grew Plainer.

may come into our country, of the standards which our fellow countrymen uphold; Felice," breathed Wilmer, awe-stricken at the sight of this old familiar statue.

"Think how this sight must impress the foreigner who is landing here for the first time. I never saw that statue in quite that light before. It is gorgeous, supreme. Isn't it wonderful? Felice, here we are together, arriving safely this time, to start the New Year right, in the good old U. S. A."

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Where the New Year Is Born

THE lonely Chatham Island, lying in the South Pacific ocean, may be described as the birthplace of each new year, and the handful of Britons who inhabit the place are the first to welcome it in, says the Manchester Guardian.

Lying nearly on the meridian opposite to that of Greenwich, and some 40 miles east of New Zealand, this island has been chosen as the spot where the day begins, the critical meridian which decides the birth of each day, and of each year being arbitrarily laid down almost entirely in the waters of the ocean. From Chatham island the new year wings its way to the tiny Antipodes islands and thence to the mainland of New Zealand and across Australia and Asia to Europe, arriving in the British Isles at midnight exactly twelve hours old.

New Year Resolution

"Are you expecting any disorder on New Year's Eve?"

"No, sir," answered Cactus Joe. "In order to preserve the Gulch's reputation as a peaceable community we have all decided to leave home and give Snake Ridge a few lessons in how to make another start in life."

HOUSE DEBATES APPROPRIATIONS

\$11,000,000 TO ENFORCE PROHIBITION LAW DURING 1925.

Washington.—Provision in the treasury-postoffice appropriation bill for expenditure of \$11,000,000 for prohibition enforcement during the coming fiscal year was approved by the house.

No effort was made to alter the amount which is \$341,770 less than the amount available this year but \$783,120 more than budget estimates.

The house also approved without amendment an allotment of \$20,597,835 for coast guard activities, part of which would be available for curbing rum running. This amount is \$11,753,706 more than the total appropriated for this year.

Rapid progress was made with consideration of the bill, which is the largest peace-time supply measure ever before Congress, carrying nearly three-quarters of a billion dollars.

Prohibition enforcement was assailed during the debate. Representative Hill, republican, Maryland, complained about the cost which he declared would exceed \$28,000,000 during the coming fiscal year, while Representative Laguardia, republican, New York, declared three or four times as much money as is now being spent must be made available for enforcement activities if the federal government is to get any where.

Other provisions in the appropriation bill approved by the house were those allotting \$16,656,200 for the customs service, \$7,271,530 for the bureau of engraving and printing and \$9,103,101 for the public health service.

Widow Accused of Killing Four.

Logansport, Ind.—Refusing to answer questions regarding the deaths of four members of her family but talking volubly of alleged ill treatment at their hands, Mrs. Emma Hobough, 30, a widow, rested in the county jail here. She was arrested by Sheriff Walter Bowyer at the home of Thomas Sheets, about four miles from the Bassier home, where shortly after noon, Henry Bassier, 69, Mrs. Hobough's father; Catherine Bassier, 60, her mother; John Bassier, 22, her brother, and Viola Hobough, aged 3, her daughter, were found with their heads partly blown away by shotgun charges.

Since the death of her husband Mrs. Hobough had made her home with her parents and brother near the village of Motea, near here. She visited the home of Lyman Yantis and called on the telephone the Rev. Henry Mullins, pastor of the West Ryan Methodist church of this city. Yantis asserted Mrs. Hobough told the minister her brother had knocked her down and that if she had a shotgun she would kill him. Yantis said he paid little heed to the woman's threat as the family quarreled continually.

When neighbors failed to observe any signs of life about the Bassier home they investigated and found the bodies of the elder Bassier and his granddaughter in the home and after a further search the bodies of Mrs. Bassier and her son were found in the barn lot, some distance from the house.

Firing Squads in China Execute 489.

Peking.—Four hundred and 89 looters and incendiaries, found with their loot in the railway station at Kalgan have been tried and executed according to what purports to be an official report of the military chief of the Chahar districts, made public here.

The men were shot, it was stated, in the interest of military discipline.

Two regimental and three battalion officers admitted taking part in the mutiny and looting of December 16, the report said. Whether they were shot with the others was not made clear. The chief of staff at Kalgan and other officers having only slight concern with the looting, it was declared, are being held for future disposition by the military court.

In addition, the mutinous brigade has been ordered disbanded and orders issued for apprehension of mutineers who escaped capture.

French Chamber Delays Vote.

Paris.—On a vote in the chamber the discussion of an interpellation on the prosecution of the newspapers La Liberte and L'Esclair for the publication of alleged secret governmental documents, was postponed indefinitely. The left groups lines up solidly behind the government, while the entire opposition abstained from voting; thus the vote was 392 to 0.

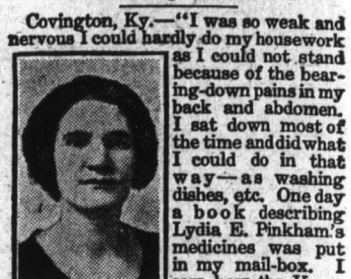
May Use Moon's Energy.

Chicago.—The moon has agricultural possibilities which sometimes may help solve the food problems of the earth, Harold Hotelling, of the food research bureau of Leland Stanford, Jr., university, told the convention of the American Statistical association.

"From what we know of the operation of atomic energy," he said, "it is a perfectly good possibility that sometime in the future we may be able to exploit the agricultural resources of the moon."

WOMAN SO ILL WASHED DISHES SITTING DOWN

Mrs. Ashcroft's Remarkable Recovery After Taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound



Covington, Ky.—"I was so weak and nervous I could hardly do my housework as I could not stand because of the bearing-down pains in my back and abdomen. I sat down most of the time and did what I could do in that way—as washing dishes, etc. One day a book describing Lydia E. Pinkham's medicines was put in my mail-box. I saw how the Vegetable Compound had helped others so I gave it a trial. I had to take about a dozen bottles before I gained my strength but I certainly praise this medicine. Then I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Blood medicine for poor blood. I was cold all the time. I would be so cold I could hardly sit still and in the palms of my hands there would be drops of sweat. I also used the Sanative Wash and I recommend it also. You may publish this letter and I will gladly answer letters from women and advise my neighbors about these medicines."—Mrs. HARRY ASHCROFT, 632 Beech Avenue, Covington, Kentucky.

Great Carol's Centenary

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