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## Three Hundredth Anniversary of High Schools in U.S. To Be Celebrated

Washington, D. C., Nov. 12.—The three hundredth birthday of the American high school will be observed in 1935. A statement urging all citizens to take part in this celebration has been released by President Franklin Roosevelt through the National Education Association. This occasion will be observed by schools and civic organizations throughout the United States during the 1934-35 school term, under the leadership of the Department of Secondary Education of the National Education Association. President Roosevelt says:

"The year 1935 ushers in an important anniversary in the life of the American people. Three hundred years ago the first American high school—the Boston Latin School—was founded. It was established in 1635 only fifteen short years after the landing of the Pilgrims. From a small beginning with one instructor and a handful of students has grown the splendid service now provided for more than 6,000,000 young Americans by 26,000 public and private high schools. These schools are developing the most precious resource of our nation, the latent intelligence of our young people. It is worth noting that social progress in the United States is following swiftly on the heels of the remarkable expansion of educational opportunity at the high school level.

"I hope that the young people of every high school in the United States will celebrate this three hundredth anniversary. I hope they will celebrate it in a manner which will bring vividly before parents and fellow townsmen the significance, the contribution and the goals of their schools."

This event will be known as the Tercentenary of the American high school. It will commemorate the founding of the

Boston Latin School on April 13, 1635, with Philemon Porment as teacher. This school gave "free instruction at public expense to all who desired to study Latin in preparation for the professions of law, navigation, medicine, and theology."

In 1935, more than 5,000,000 boys and girls in 20,000 high schools will benefit from the tradition of public education that was established then. One million more are enrolled in 6,000 private high schools. Today, they study hundreds of subjects in preparation for almost every occupation in society. However, in one respect, the high schools of today have failed the hopes of Boston. Hardly more than half of the students of high school age today are enrolled in high school. While the privilege is theirs in theory, economic circumstances have prevented their attendance.

Many young men and women, finding no place for themselves in industry or in society, are drifting into ignorance and crime. At the same time, many people blame this social disgrace upon society's servant, the school. They decry learning at public expense and call for a program which would force every student to pay his way. With these conditions, the Celebration Committee of the National Education Association has established the following objectives for the celebration, with the American tradition of public education for democracy as the basis.

1. To help the public to know the aims and achievements of high school training.
2. To advance the cause of universal education as the cornerstone of democracy.
3. To raise the level of high school education by publicizing its greatest advances.
4. To increase high school enrollment by providing aid to financially underprivileged and by adjusting the course of study to democratic needs.

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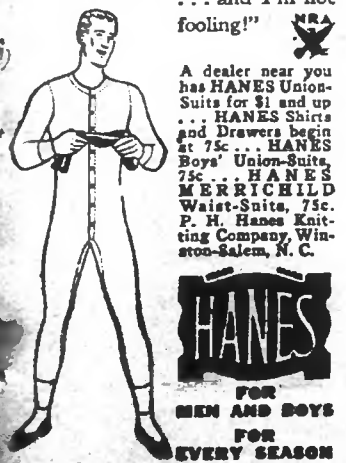
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## 13 Persons Known To Have Met Death In Fire At Hotel

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 11.—Levelled by fire that broke out while scores of guests slept, the Kerns hotel tonight was a smouldering pyre, hiding beneath tons of debris the fate of missing persons whose number authorities could only estimate fearfully at from 20 to 50.

Thirteen were known to be dead, six of them state legislators. Eighty-one were unaccounted for, and while investigators believed many of them were safe, Capt. Laurence Lyon of the state police declared that "there must be between 20 and 50 bodies buried in the ruins." Injured in hospitals numbered more than 30.

### Many Dead In River

The possibility of an even more appalling death list arose when Coroner Ray Gorsline said that "there might be a dozen bodies" beneath the ice of the Grand river, into which a number of guests plunged from upper windows.

Eleven of the known dead were drowned or crushed when they leaped from the roof or windows as the awful alternative to torture by the flames that had trapped them. Two others, authorities said, were known definitely to have lost their lives in the inferno to which they awoke.

Not until tomorrow, fire and police officers said, will the ruins be cool enough for workmen to

## MILLMAN ROBBED OF NEARLY \$1,000

Yadkinville, Dec. 11.—A bold holdup is reported as occurring at Boonville last night when J. E. Coe, manager of Boonville Roller Mill was forced by two strangers to give up his roll containing, according to Mr. Coe, \$935.50, when they drew guns on him after striking him over the head.

Mr. Coe, it is reported, was on his way home from the mill when two strangers asked him to return to the mill and get them some meal. He went with them to the mill and while getting up the meal one of them struck him, knocking him to the floor where they told him to stay or be shot. He was forced to hand over his money. He states he did not know either of the men and has no clue to their identity.

### Fall From Wrecker Kills

Fayetteville, Dec. 10.—Mrs. J. O. Webb, 26, of Durham, was killed instantly nine miles southwest of here last night when she fell from the front seat of a wrecker in which she was riding with her husband.

Ford will spend \$53,600,000 to buy steel in the open market for the production of 1,000,000 Ford cars and trucks in 1935, officials of the Ford Motor Co. have announced.

start their search for bodies. City officials also ordered the dragging of the river.

## Farmers Paying Up P C A Obligations

Some 30,000 farmers in Georgia and the Carolinas have obtained short-term loans from production credit associations this year and already repaid over 93 per cent of the money, according to a statement of Ernest Graham, President of the Production Credit Corporation of Columbia, S. C., while in Washington attending a conference of production credit officials from the 12 Farm Credit Administration districts.

In North and South Carolina and Georgia, the production credit associations have loaned approximately \$6,200,000 this year of which all but \$475,000 had been repaid by farmers on November 30. Most of the balance of loans outstanding is not yet due, President Graham said, and in Florida, the fourth state in the Columbia district, a large part of the credit extended is for citrus production and will not mature until next year.

"The figures on loan collections speak for themselves in showing the improved position of farmers in the cotton, tobacco, and mixed farming areas in the South Atlantic states," Mr. Graham stated. "Eleven associations in important centers in the 3 states have made 100 per cent collections of their loans and in about one-third of the 102 associations in the district farmers have repaid over 96 per cent of the total amount loaned this year, including loans made

## U. S. MONEY SUPPLY REACHES NEW HIGH

Washington, Dec. 10.—The supply of money for United States reached a new high of \$14,105,345,205 at the end of November.

Imports of approximately \$130,000,000 in gold supplied most of the increase over October's figures of \$12,919,395,014. During December the gold stock advanced another \$31,000,000. Most of the money stock was held in the treasury and in federal reserve banks. The coin in circulation, however, was \$5,548,797,702 as compared with \$5,453,335,407 at the end of October. The per capita circulation increased over this period from \$43.05 to \$43.78.

during the late summer and fall, most of which, of course, have not matured to date.

"There is no finer tribute to the cooperative system of short-term credit established by the Farm Credit Administration under the supervision of Governor W. I. Myers than the repayment record of these associations in the southern states," the president of the Columbia corporation said. "This system has provided the seasonal financing of thousands of cotton, tobacco and other farmers on a cooperative basis for the first time; and these borrowers have shown their good faith from the start by repaying their loans promptly when due and thus protecting the sources production credit provided for them."

## Buggaboo News

Mrs. W. E. Key spent Saturday night with her son, Mr. Walter Key and family at Lomax. Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Poplin returned home one day last week from Rockingham where they spent some time with Mr. Poplin's sister, Mrs. Milton Hancock and family.

Messrs. Joe and Ernest Poplin have gone to Rockingham to attend the funeral of Mr. Poplin's little grandson, Mrs. Hancock's infant son.

The Ronda high school students will present a play Saturday night December 15, in the gymnasium, beginning at eight o'clock. Name "One Minute of Twelve."

Mr. J. K. Tharpe and daughters, Misses Maxine and Mary Jane spent Saturday in Elkin shopping.

Mr. Robert Parlier and two friends from Winston-Salem, spent last Wednesday with Mr. Parlier's mother-in-law, Mrs. W. E. Key, and enjoyed a quail hunt.

Mr. Irvin Key has returned to his school at Lansing after spending a few days at home.

We are enjoying a little snow. The first one of this season.

### Salaries Get Boost

Washington, Dec. 10.—A demand for a broader reporting of corporation salaries arose today after figures had disclosed a boost in the number of million dollar incomes and a shrinkage in the reported taxable incomes of \$5,000 or less.

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