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To the People of North Carolina:

Whereas, the spirit of true gratitude is a virtue that ought always to be fostered and encouraged; and

Whereas, all good and perfect gifts of this life, as well as hope for the life to come, are direct benefactions of a kind providence,

Now, therefore, I, Angus W. McLean, Governor of North Carolina, happy to follow a custom that has been perpetuated since this nation of ours established its independence, do hereby proclaim and set aside Thursday, November 29th, as Thanksgiving Day, and call upon the people of the state to observe it by suspending all unnecessary activities and by giving public expression to the gratitude that is in their hearts for all the blessings enjoyed during the past year.

We, as a people, have much for which to be thankful. Difficulties have been experienced, to be sure, as will ever be the case until complete harmony has been established between the Creator and the creature and between man and man everywhere; but our blessings have far outnumbered our handicaps, and we have abundant cause for genuine gratitude.

We have continued to go forward. We have utilized our natural resources to meet our spiritual needs and to fulfill our human obligations. Religion and science have contributed to the necessities of the soul and body; humanity, as a whole, has been privileged to attain higher levels of service.

For these and all other blessings, too numerous to mention, I urge our people to offer sincere and hearty thanks to Almighty God on the day appointed.

Whether our prayers of thanksgiving shall ascend from around the humble fireside or be wafted to heaven on the strains of cathedral music is of little consequence, so long as they come from hearts that are moved by the spirit of true gratitude.

It is highly desirable that our people shall use this occasion to contribute to the necessities of the less fortunate, especially to the orphans of our state and others who are dependent upon the bounty of those who have enjoyed a greater degree of prosperity. Freely we have received; freely let us give. Thus we will not only be doing that which is well pleasing in the sight of God, but will acquire a broader sense of spiritual satisfaction.

In conclusion, I further urge that our people, remembering all of us are, in the final analysis, dependent upon the great Central Source of supply, forget their individual differences and unite in gratitude to God for the abiding things of life, at the same time seeking Divine guidance for the future.

Done in the city of Raleigh, this 12th day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight, and in the one hundred and fifty-third year of our American independence.

ANGUS W. McLEAN, Governor.

MR. HAGAMAN SEES MANY CHANGES IN THE COUNTY

As I go over the county I observe changes from year to year in many things. Our county has almost gone out of the wheat growing business as it once did. This is, no doubt, as it should be. The corn crop this year is one of the poorest I have ever seen—the storm almost destroyed it. A large per cent of the corn will be a very poor quality.

The meadows are thickly studded with haystacks and not enough good cattle and sheep to consume it.

The county is turning largely to trucking—cabbage, potatoes and other crops. This is, no doubt, as it should be, provided the farmers will not become discouraged and quit when some product happens to be low in price this or some other year. The man who succeeds in any business is the man who keeps everlastingly at it, and more especially the farmer. If the price is low this year it is no indication that it will be next year. Keep on planting cabbage and potatoes. Cabbage is good this year; potatoes not so good. This may be reversed next year.

Good roads are revolutionizing this whole county. We have now about 65 miles of good roads—some of these ought to be made better, and no doubt will be right soon.

The next greatest need is the importance of the other roads of the county, and I know this is a difficult task with the limited means of the county.

SMITH HAGAMAN

"What time is it?—I'm invited to the show, and my watch isn't going."
"Why wasn't it invited?"

Funeral of Mrs. Bronson Held at Blowing Rock

Blowing Rock, Nov. 21.—Delayed report is made of funeral services held in Blowing Rock on Nov. 7 for Mrs. Milton Bronson, whose death occurred in Southern Pines the preceding day, following an illness of several days. Mrs. Bronson was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Knight of Blowing Rock, who, with their daughter, Corrin Knight, were with her at the time of her death.

Funeral services were conducted at the Baptist church, Rev. Hicks, the pastor, and Rev. Moser, pastor of the Methodist church, officiating. Burial was in the Blowing Rock cemetery. Surviving are Mr. and Mrs. Knight, one sister, Corrin Knight, and two brothers, Frank Knight of Patterson and Fred Austin of Charlotte, both of whom were here for the funeral services.

Mr. and Mrs. Bronson had gone to Southern Pines for the winter from their home in New Hampshire, Mr. Bronson's native state, where they had been living since their marriage here two years ago last Easter.

Revival services began Sunday night, with a good attendance, at the Blowing Rock Baptist church. Rev. P. A. Hicks, the pastor, conducted the opening services, but an assisting minister arrived for the services on Monday evening.

A successful series of revival services closed Sunday afternoon at the Sandy Flat Baptist church, with baptismal services for six additions to the congregation. The services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. E. D. Robbins, and Rev. W. C. Payne.

A revival also began on Sunday afternoon at the Cool Springs Baptist church near here, and will continue through this week and probably longer, in charge of the pastor, Rev. E. C. Hodges.

Miss Wyneth Bradshaw spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bradshaw. They also had as guests of last week end Mrs. Arlie Brown and Miss Emily Miller of Laxon.

JOHN EARLY, FAMOUS LEPER, PRONOUNCED "RECOVERED"

Washington, Nov. 18.—The United States public health service today announced John Early, 51-year-old North Carolina mountaineer, whose many escapes from leper colonies caused consternation among health officials, had "recovered" from leprosy.

"In scientific parlance his leprosy is arrested," said a statement issued by the health service.

The announcement hailed Early's case as "another triumph in modern medicine," and credited the mountaineer's "eccentricities" with having contributed much to the passage of the law placing lepers under care of the public health service and to awakening public interest in the leprosy problem in this country.

Early, who once resisted with a rifle efforts to confine him in the national leper home at Carville, La., where he recovered, will return this month to his home in the mountains near Tryon, N. C., free from the disease but carrying its scars.

Early's recovery was brought about by the injection of Chaulmoogra oil. Up until a year ago these injections caused excruciating pain to the patient for several hours but a new method of administration by mixing a harmless anesthetic with each dose was developed and Early, along with the other patients at Carville, welcomed the improved method.

Early shocked the national capital in 1920 when he registered at a downtown hotel following an escape from Carville. Again in 1927, he hid himself at his North Carolina home and resisted efforts to capture him until he surrendered May 4, 1927, to the federal authorities, and returned to the leper home, where he subsequently submitted to treatment.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT COVE CREEK BAPTIST

There will be held on Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, November 29 at 11 o'clock in the Cove Creek Baptist church a Thanksgiving service, at which time Dr. Will Gordon will deliver a Thanksgiving sermon, the subject of which will be, "Some Special Reasons Why We Are Obligated to be Thankful." A free will offering will be taken for the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville.

The St. Petersburg (Fla.) Times Sunday said in a special dispatch from Palo Alto, Calif., that Herbert Hoover is expected to spend his vacation in St. Petersburg. Three of the most beautiful homes in the city have been offered to the president-elect and his family together with an entire wing of the Royal hotel.

WIFE-ELECT



Miss Lucy Moretz (above) daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Moretz, of Boone, whose engagement to Mr. William Anderson Davis, of Locama, N. C., has been announced. The wedding will take place in December.

RENAME ORPHANAGE FOR JOHN H. MILLS

Mills Baptist Orphanage will be the new name of the Thomasville Baptist orphanage, located at Thomasville, following action of the State Baptist convention in session at High Point last week. The motion was presented from the floor by Rev. M. A. Adams of Rutherfordton, and passed without discussion.

The new name is to honor the memory of John H. Mills, founder and early friend of the orphanage, who for ten years was its first superintendent. The record of his service beginning November 17, 1885, is a page of united effort and sacrifice that has made possible the building of one of the outstanding charitable institutions of the south. He was identified with every phase of its early history, and received the commendation of his successors, J. B. Boone serving for ten years, and since 1906, Dr. M. L. Kester, has been the efficient superintendent. The institution has taken front rank in the new idea of mother's aid, in the perfection of which the whole method of orphanage administration have been enhanced in value and service.

This is the final action on the change of name subject to the approval of the state of North Carolina, since the institution is regularly incorporated under the laws of the state.

FAR HEEL MOTORISTS SPEND BIG SUM TO RUN AUTOS

North Carolina last year spent a minimum of \$100,000,000 in the operation of automobiles, according to figures given out by Coleman W. Roberts, vice president of the Carolina Motor Club.

"Statistics compiled by the American Automobile association indicates that the average motorist spent \$229 in 1927 for operation and maintenance, excluding depreciation and garage charges," Mr. Roberts said. "This was divided into four principal items as follows: Replacement parts and supplies, \$41; tires for replacement, \$40; fuels and lubricants, \$101, and labor, \$47."

"At the end of the year there were 430,499 automobiles registered in North Carolina. Thus, using the national average of \$229 per car the cost of operation reaches the staggering total of \$98,584,271. These figures are conservative and the actual cost of operation of Tarhelia motor vehicles probably was in excess of 100 million dollars."

Ten cents per mile pays all costs of operation of the average car, including every item of expense, the figures show. The range of operation costs is from 7.05 cents per mile for a light four-cylinder touring car to 11.73 cents per mile for a light six-cylinder coach—and average cost of 10 cents per mile.

"What would you give for a voice like mine?" "Chloroform."

SCATTERED FAMILIES UNITED AFTER VESTRIS WRECK

New York, Nov. 17.—The detailed story of the sinking of the Vestris was being written on the official government records yesterday, as more of the ships at the rescue fleet came in port with living and dead.

Scattered families were reunited, and survivors were found by joyous relatives and friends. But in other quarters only sorrow prevailed, as 23 bodies were laid out for identification or as officials sought their heads helplessly in an ever increasing number of those seeking some word of the unfortunates.

At the end of the day all the rescue fleet had returned port or was near it, and the latest count of those who had survived and who were lost, failed to improve the list of 114 dead. Thirteen bodies were brought to New York on the destroyer Shaw. Meanwhile, the battleship Wyoming blundered on toward Hampton Roads with nine survivors and the French tanker Myram reached Brooklyn with 57 living.

Throughout the day more details of the disaster, that sent the line to the bottom 250 miles off Hampton Roads Monday afternoon, came from survivors. One story, told by Dave Botten, a fireman on the Vestris, related how the "black gang" of the stoke hole, stayed at their furnaces until water, that first had started to pour through an open port coal door, virtually engulfed them and finally sent them climbing up a ladder to the listing deck of the ship.

This account was added to stories of shivering cargo, weak bunkheads, inefficient launching of lifeboats and delay in calling for help. Combined, each feature went to make up the tragic tale of the short-lived voyage for 328 persons—129 of them passengers—who left New York Saturday for Barbados and South America.

Stories of two men who never were heard. Capt. William Carey went with his ship and never will answer the criticism against him and his crew for their work in meeting the disaster. Neither will Michael J. O'Loughlin, radio operator, ever tell how and why he stayed at his keys until he was unable to save himself. But this devotion to the radioman's code of the sea has been an outstanding tale of heroism, in the entire account of the wreck, and his name will be inscribed on the monument in Battery Park, erected to the memory of wireless men who have "kept the record unblemished."

OLDFIELD DEAD

Representative William A. Oldfield of Arkansas, Democrat, while in the house, died Monday, following a serious operation. Robt. L. Dougherty is mentioned as the probable successor of Mr. Oldfield as the party whip.

Dr. Vines to Conduct Revival Services Here

Rev. Wm. M. Vines, D. D., of the Southern Baptist home mission board, and one of the ablest divines in the southern church, will begin a series of meetings at the Baptist church here Sunday, Dec. 2. Preparatory to the beginning of the service, Rev. P. A. Hicks, pastor of the church, has arranged for cottage prayer meetings to be held throughout next week.

A combination prayer and Thanksgiving offering will be taken for the orphanage. Prof. I. G. Greer will be the speaker at this service. Prayer services at the following homes will be conducted by the leaders named:

Friday, November 23
E. L. Payne's home; leaders, G. P. Hagaman and W. D. Farthing.

John Greer's home; leaders, Mrs. D. D. Dougherty and Mrs. I. G. Greer.

Dr. J. M. Hodges' home; leaders, W. R. Gragg and A. Y. Howell.

Wednesday, Nov. 28
No prayer service at the church.

E. G. Farthing's home; leaders, Smith Hagaman and J. T. O. Wright.

W. C. Greer's home; leaders, Mrs. (Dr.) Tripiett and Mrs. J. L. Qualls.

Mrs. James Lyon's home; leader, V. C. Howell and B. J. Cottrill.

The local congregation feels that it is fortunate in securing the aid of Dr. Vines in this series of meetings. Before entering the services of the Southern Baptist home mission board he was pastor of a number of the south's largest churches. The church in Oklahoma City, where Dr. Vines recently held a meeting, says of him: "Dr. Vines' character. He is never disappointed. He has the profound logic of the British mind combined with the evangelistic spirit of the American. He is expository in his teaching of the great themes of the Christian religion. Some of his sermons are as deep and as finished in arrangement and execution as a chapter from one of the great authors of Apologetics. He gathers his illustrations from the classic sources, and what is fine they always 'distillate.' There is one danger we are likely to become so personally absorbed in his messages that we shall not be as active in the campaign as the situation demands. Let us support this great ministry with our prayers and labors."

Looking over the list of newly elected members of the next legislature, too, one is impressed by the preponderance of new names and the death of names heretofore familiar in legislative circles. Nevertheless, there are a number that stand out in one's scans the list. In the senate list is found the familiar name of W. M. Parson, of Lenoir, and the names of Lawrence, of Murfreesboro; Whedbee, of Hartwood; S. H. Hobbs, of Clinton; W. L. R. McVethan, of Fayetteville; T. L. Johnson, of Lumberton, who served as secretary of the Democratic state executive committee during the recent campaign; J. M. Broughton, of Raleigh; E. W. Scott, of New River; S. C. Brawley, of Durham; Thomas J. Gold, of Guilford; Walter Clark, of Mecklenburg; B. E. Womble, of Winston-Salem; and A. F. Weitz, of Gastonia.

CIVITANS HEAR TALK BY MRS. SMITH HAGAMAN

Last week's meeting of the Boone Civitan Club was held at the Blackstone hotel with about twenty members present. The ladies of the local Methodist church served luncheon, which was greatly enjoyed by the members and a number of guests.

The main feature of the meeting was a talk by Mrs. Smith Hagaman on child welfare work, pointing out that a recent survey of the school children of the county showed a very large number of undernourished pupils. With one exception, Mrs. Hagaman said, Boone school district had the largest percentage of undernourished pupils of any school in the county—about 35 per cent of the number examined by Miss Hobbs, of the state department of health. Mrs. Hagaman plead for co-operation of the club members in establishing a hot lunch counter in the demonstration school. She said arrangements had been practically completed for the establishment of the lunch room, and that final details would be worked out at a meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association this (Thursday) afternoon, to which meeting she invited members of the club and patrons of the school generally to attend.

President Moose, named Civitans E. N. Hahn, A. Y. Howell and W. H. Gragg as a committee from the club to cooperate with other civic and church organizations here in the distribution of Christmas giving, this being done in order to eliminate over-lapping and duplicating in the distribution of gifts during the holiday season.

All members present signified their intention of attending the meeting of the Carolinas Association at Salisbury Wednesday of this week. A prize will be given the club having the largest percentage of its members in attendance, and the local club is going to make a strong bid for the prize.

WIDOW IDENTIFIES SKELETON BY GOLD TEETH

Salem, N. J., Nov. 21.—Mrs. Florence Bert McAlister identified a skeleton found in the woods near here as that of her husband, Frank, who disappeared June 5. She identified him by means of bridgework and gold teeth in the skull of the skeleton. When found, the hands and feet of the skeleton were tied with bits of clothing and rope.

NEW FACES IN THE LEGISLATURE

Session Convening in January Will Be Different From Any in Recent Years; Republicans Hold Balance of Power

Charlotte Observer.

The general assembly to convene in January will be a different body from any that has been seen in Raleigh in many years, in almost a generation in fact. The biggest difference, of course, will be the greatly increased number of seats in both houses occupied by Republicans. Heretofore from one to three members of that party in the senate and 10 or 15 in the lower house have been the limit. Next January almost one-third of the total membership of the two houses will be Republican.

This means that on any question upon which the Democrats should be considerably divided the Republicans would hold the balance of power and naturally the minority party will find itself in this position for more frequently than heretofore for many years. This means that the Republican party will play a greater part in writing the total record of the general assembly of 1929 than it has in many previous assemblies and will have to bear a proportionately greater measure of the responsibility for the record made.

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In the house the following names have a familiar sound: Dr. J. E. Hart, Wadesboro; David T. Vance, Avas; Judge Francis D. Winston, Windsor; Garland Suttler, Caldwell; O. M. Null, Cleveland; chairman of the Democratic state executive committee, G. R. Whitson, Columbus; B. Bruce Ebbings, Dace; A. H. Hagan, Davidson; A. T. Grant, Dade; Dr. E. L. Cary, Deep River; R. M. Cox, Forrester; W. H. Hancock, Jr., Greensboro; Norman A. Boren, Guilford; J. M. Rice, York; H. H. H. D. Scott, Poole, Hoke; by of evolutionists; Fred L. Sutton, Lenoir; W. E. Price, Mecklenburg; F. L. Spence, Moore; Fred W. Hargett, Jr., Onslow; A. H. Graham, Orange; M. W. Nash, Richmond; A. L. White, Robeson; J. Sherwood Upchurch, Wake; R. C. Rivers, Watauga; Charles H. Cowles, Wilkes, former congressman, and a number of others.

Not all of them have served in the legislature, but the names have become more or less familiar either in the general assembly or other fields, some of them in politics and others elsewhere. Taken as a whole, the legislature of 1929 will average well in its personnel. The Observer would say from its present knowledge, although quite a number of the outstanding members of the senate and house at previous sessions in recent years will be missing, such for instance as Walter Murphy, of Robeson; T. C. Bowie, of Ashe; Thimmon and Grier, of Iredell; Everett, of Dupham; Wallace, of Carteret; Wright, of Guilford; Heath, of Lenoir; Parsons, of Richmond; Burkway, of Northampton; Long, of Halifax; Giles, of McDowell, and other stalwarts.

ROOSEVELT OUTSTANDING CANDIDATE FOR 1932

Warm Springs, Ga., Nov. 15.—"Roosevelt for president in 1932" will be the dominating theme of the barbecue celebration in honor of Franklin D. Roosevelt, New York's governor-elect, to be held here soon. A prospective invitation list today showed it will be one of the greatest gatherings of political moguls the south has ever seen. The exact date of the event has not been announced.

PRESIDENT HARDING'S FATHER IS DEAD

Dr. George T. Harding, father of the late President Warren G. Harding, died at Santa Ana, Calif., Monday as a result of a paralytic stroke last Friday. He was 84 years old.