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THE OLD YEAR PASSES

As Christmas passes, and the feasting and gaity of the holiday season lapse into a memory—when the left-overs, even down to the turkey hash, have gone their way, and the cash registers of the grocery establishments again jingle—we find ourselves reviewing the past year, and looking forward into the vast unknown space which constitutes the New Year.

People in Watauga county have fared fairly happily during 1936—there have, of course, been sorrows, trials and tribulations, the hand of affliction and of death and of care, has been passed over our community and county many times—but withal we have been spared the pangs of hunger, the ravishing march of pestilence and the destructive forces of nature, so often unleshed on less favored terrain.

It has been a pretty good old year after all, and there is a bow of bright promise in the economic firmament. The failures and mistakes of the past year are apt to be corrected in the dawn of a brighter era. Let us look to the future with confidence, devotion to duty and to our fellowman, and strive together for the next twelve months for the betterment of our institutions, our families and our fellow man.

In the meatime the cordial greetings of your county paper go out to you in the hope that the New Year will be bigger, brighter and more prosperous than any before.

Little Journeys In Palestine

By J. C. CANIPE

Athens is in Greece, not Palestine. Yet Athens is of interest tc us because Paul visited here and preached here. Athens is a city with nearly a million people. Coming in on the boat in the bay of Salamis we can see the Acropolis in Athens ten miles away. We arrived in Athens August 14, 1934. We visited the ruins of the Temple of Jupiter, Temple of Delphi, the Arch of Hadrian, Tower of the Winds, Prison of Socrates, Market Place, olive trees where Plato taught his pupils and many other historical spots. But the most interesting to me was the Acropolis and Mars Hill where Paul preached.

In approaching the Acropolis we stop first at the Temple of Bachus, where there was an ancient theatre seating seventeen thousand people. We move up to Mars Hill where Paul preached that famous sermon in the 17th chapter of the Acts. We spent several hours on this famous spot. We can stand here and see many of the ruins of the ancient temples of the ancient gods. Mars Hill is a barren, rock hill a little lower than the Acropolis. We feasted our eyes on the ancient city and the splendor of modern Athens. We reviewed our Bible on Paul's experience. We bared our heads in prayer and then moved up to the Acropolis. The results of Paul's visit were meager then but today Athens is dotted with Christian churches showing Paul's sermon was not in vain.

Green Bay, Wis.—Even if the earth did not rotate at all on its axis, the sun would rise and set once during the year because of the earth's journey around it.

Cambridge, Mass—Photographs of lightning show that the main flash is always preceded by a "leader," which acts as a sort of pathfinder, or trail-blazer.

Bruce Barton Says . . .

. . . Will to Live is Important

Among the men whose friendship I enjoyed was the late C. W Barron, owner of the Wall Street Journal.

He told me two stories. The first was about a man who accumulated a large fortune, built a house on Fifth avenue, put his feet on the window sill, and said: "Now, I am going to enjoy myself." But he was like a watch spring which has been wound up tight for a long time, and, being suddenly released, snaps in pieces. After only a few months of idleness he died.

The second story had been told to Barron by a noted surgeon. A woman, taken to the hospital for a slight operation, died almost before the anesthetic was applied. The surgeon could not understand it. On looking into her history, he discovered that from the minute the operation was decided upon she had begun to prepare for the worst. The surgeon said: "That taught me a lesson. I shall never again operate until I find out what preparations the patient has made. If any person cares so little about holding on to life that he makes all preparations to let go, then some other surgeon can have the job."

Barron said that by the degree of their courage and faith men themselves determine how long they will live.

I believe that is true—that those live who want to live; that when interest ceases the heart stops. None of us can escape the process of decay, but there are many things I want to learn, so many places I want to see, that I hope to fool the old heart and kidneys for quite a while. And so, I trust, will you.

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. . . . . Court Not the Haters

A group of people had listened to a candidate's radio speech and, after it was over, there was a good deal of criticism. I noticed that one intelligent woman took no part in the conversation, and when I asked her why, she said: "The older I grow the more I hate haters."

"It's a remark to set one thinking. Down through the ages hate has dragged its bloody trail across the heart of this good earth. Hate hurled nations at each other's throats in war; hate kindled the fires of persecution. Hate forced the hemlock to the lips of Socrates, and raised in Jerusalem the savage shouts of "Crucify."

One might say truthfully that every good measure of the historical worth of a man or institution: "Did he or it add to or abstract from the sum total of human hate?"

Napoleon does not stand the test. Back and forth across the face of Europe he trampled in blood-drenched boots, until at last there was only one sentiment in the hearts of men and women of that whole continent—desperate resolve to rid themselves forever of this conscienceless destroyer; a bitter unrelenting hate.

Businesses could properly stop once a year and check themselves by this measuring rod: How much or less are they liked or disliked than twelve months ago? What have they done, or what are they doing, if anything, that adds to the total of hate?

OPEN FORUM

Readers are invited to contribute to this department. Profit may be derived from these letters. Name of writer must accompany all manuscript and brevity is urged.

A FALSEHOOD

Editor Democrat:

Will you be so kind as to find space in your paper for the following?

To one and all I will say, the person or persons who heard that I got $25 on or about the 3rd day of November, 1936, for turning over to the Republican party, heard it wrong, for I never done such a thing. I never got the $25—it is absolutely a falsehood. What would the old men say about me if I had sold my principle and my liberty for $25?

On the 3rd day of November I went to the election, voted for some Democrats and some Republicans, but I did not get any money from either side, but voted my principle and my liberty. I will repeat it, it is absolutely a falsehood about me getting the $25, or even a penny. I went out and took some absentees in Meat Camp township. I told Mr. Harrison Baker I would not get any pay for fixing them.

To all the voters in Meat Camp township I will say, I have no ill will against any one of you. I love you all, but will say in conclusion, it is a falsehood, I never got the $25. Peace to all of you.

NAHUM WINEBARGER.
Meat Camp, N. C.

New York—Forty-one deaths from football were recorded in the United States last year. Of these, thirty-five deaths were the direct result of gridiron activity.

Fireside Philosophy

(By C. M. Dickson)

The question as to where I came from is not so important as to "where I'se gwine to."

Most men are liberals when it comes to taxing the other fellow, but when their own property is taxed, they are strictly "reactionary-conservative."

The "Literary Digest" seems to be convalescing from an acute attack of "in"-digestion.

However "brotherly" one's love may be, righteous indignation is often a virtue of supreme importance.

A dual achievement—for a girl to be able to chew her gum and sing in the choir at the same time.

Of all the "itises' in the world, there are none more annoying than "debt-itis."

Numbers of people are hard to make the remark, "I haven't gone crazy about this." Certainly not—they didn't have to.

A purely intellectual sermon is often like bread without "shortenin'", or beans without "seasonin'."

An "amateur" supervisor telling a well-seasoned and an experienced pedigog how to teach the young "how to shoot" is similar to a new brakeman's tellin an old engineer how to run a freight train.

No wonder an undertaker speaks words of condolence to the bereaved at the funeral. The deceased often sleeps in a $25 casket that costs $200.

If dancing and bridge parties are so spiritually edifying, they should, by all means, be given a prominent place either at the beginning or closing of our church programs.

One advantage in a "cigaretess's" painting her fingernatils red is to decoy her prospective employer from thinking that her fingers are not yellow from the effect of nicotine and that she is a boy.

One difference between protein and paint is that the former "reddens" from the inside and is permanent, while the latter is applied from the outside and is "transient."

Poets may be "natural" when they are born, but they are not full-grown.

If the children can stand it, why should the parents object to the teacher's smoking, "beering," "carding" and "tangoing," just a little bit on week-ends?

The Family Doctor

By DR. JOHN JOSEPH GAINES

IN THE PHARMACY OF THE ALL-WISE CREATOR

Perhaps very few people who dine ever think of the valuable medicinal properties residing in the fancy pepper shaker, that long ago earned its right to a place on every dining table. Some shrink from pepper advisedly perhaps—and from the smarting it causes when indulged in too freely. Others, lovers of the pungant in dietary, go to extremes and indulge the fiery pepper to excess. There will always be extremists who go too far.

"Piper Nigrum," black pepper, depends upon an essential oil for its stimulating property. There are some modern medical authorities who have little faith in internal antiseptics. One in particular tells us that an infectious, catarrhal process set up on a mucuous surface, can be cured by the use of an agent that stimulates the surface cells to activity. He means that the cells do the work against the germs, and not the so-called "antiseptic" remedies.

Black pepper certainly stimulates mucous surfaces. It causes a freer flow or perfect digestion. Moderate use of black pepper benefits the weak stomach—does away with "gases" that give distress. It does no harm if used temperately, except in ulceration.

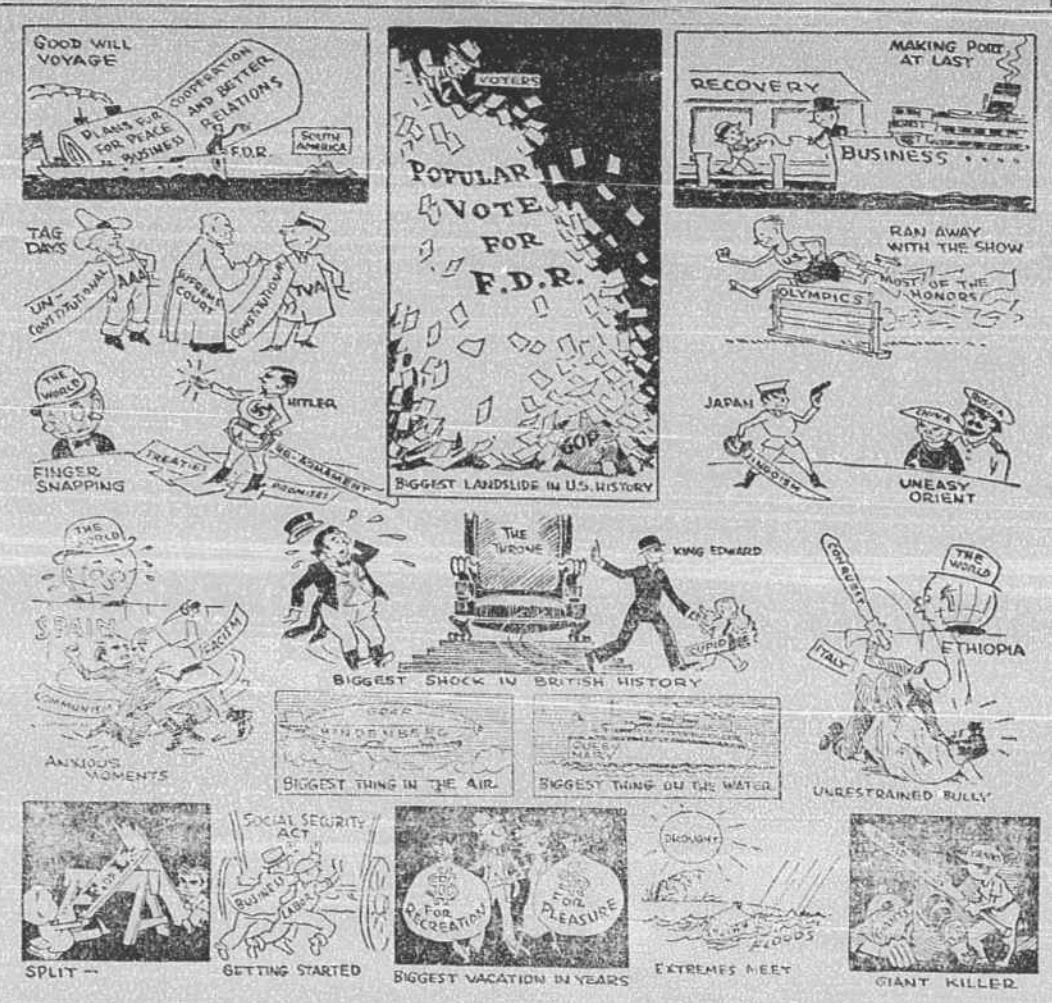
One of the best anti-malarias I know of contains a small proportion of the oil of black pepper. "Piperazin" has value in certain affections with uric acid intoxication. The use of pepper is well known in convalescence from chronic alcoholism, coaxing the weakened gastric surfaces back into normal activity.

The pharmacy of a great and all-wise Creator is without parallel for its number of useful remedies. Ever think of it?

IDEALS AND TRUTH IN RHYME AND RHYTHM

Honestly make all the laws,
Not by hungry lobby's maws.
Are you cross when others fail?
Helpful feelings should prevail.
Why do many lose their way?
'Tis because in dark they stay.
What is best for every one?
Live the right, the evil shun.
Is it hard to do your best?
It may be, but there's the test.
Ever hidden in our lives,
Some ideal worthy strives.

REVIEWING 1936 : : : : : : By A. B. Chapin



Cove Creek High School Honor Roll

The following Cove Creek high school pupils have made the honor roll and those having perfect attendance record for the fall term:

Eighth Grade

Ruby Bingham, Billie Brown, Billie Harmon, Frances Swift, Nina Hayes, Nellie Miller.

Ninth Grade

Honor roll: Claude Calloway, Glenn Farthing, Roy Anderson, Martha Harris, Myrtle Johnson, Ruth Miller.

Perfect attendance: Ruth Banner, Reba Trivette, Virginia Banner, Sallie Baird, Edna Baird, Dare Dishman, Della Welch, Gladys Eggers, Rose Edna Warren, Floy Greene, Bonnie Ward, Martha Harris, Irene Hatley, Thelma Hodges, Ruth Henson, Mary Herman, Myrtle Johnson, Mary Kerby, Marie Parker, Flowers Mast, Faye McLean, Ruth Miller, Hazel Teague, Garner Aldridge, Ray Anderson, Clarence Berry, Bill Bingham, Floyd Brewer, Claude Calloway, Bill Caudill, Jay Coffey, Glenn Farthing, Dean Grimsley, Howard Honeycutt, Henry Michael, Mack Miller, Claude Miller, Thomas Shook, Welch Tester, Hite Williams.

Tenth Grade

Honor roll: John Shepherd, Harold Mast, Smith Walker, Ernest Lewis, David Love, S. F. Moody, Lee Reece, Leroy Wilson, Worth Wilson, Ray Henson, Velma Smith, Odenia Miller, Jack Grogan, Gordon Spainhour, Hal Johnson.

Perfect attendance: Carl Anderson, Robert Brooks, Beryl Greene, Buster Henson, Henry Johnson, Ernest Lewis, David Love, Harold Mast, Max Miller, S. F. Moody, Everette May, Gray Presnell, Lee Reece, Ronald Rominger, Smith Walker, Lee Watson, Leroy Wilson, Worth Wilson, Ray Harmon, Edgar Bingham, Ernest Fletcher, Lynn Fox, Jack Grogan, Hoy Isaacs, Hal Johnson, Conley Presnell, Lawrence Shepherd, Carrol Shook, Gordon Spainhour, Howard Rowe, J. B Williams, Ellen Palmer, Della Mae Trivette, Odemia Miller, Joyce Sutherland.

Eleventh Grade

Honor roll: Velma Combs, Helen Nobles, Shelton Dugger, Dean Grogan.

Perfect attendance: James Brown, Brady Campbell, Shelton Dugger, Fred Proffit, Frank Caudill, Lenwood Blair, Horace Bingham, Marvin Deal, Dean Grogan, Richard Hartley, Morris Henson, Lynn Isaacs, Robert Lewis, Lee McGuire, Bud Mast, Roxanna Bingham, Irene Michael, Maxine Moody, Ersel Presnell, Gladys Tester, Maudella Ward.

Second Grade

Perfect attendance: Esther McGuire, Betty Joe Miller, Nannie Helen Greene, Reba Combs, Kathleen Ward, Clinard Ward, Willis Farthing, W. T. Payne, Jr., Fuller Horton, Billy Sheffield, Clint Ward, Buster McGuire, Barrac Hayes, Eugene Fox.

Honor roll: Betty Joe Miller, Esther McGuire, Len Stokes, Willis Farthing, Fuller Horton, W. T. Payne, Jr., Margie Bradley, Nannie Helen Greene.

Fifth Grade

Perfect attendance: John Bingham, Luther Martin Bingham, Gordon Bingham, Edward Stokes, Everette Tester, Sophronia Banner, Grace Banner, Mary Lee Dotson, Mary Helen Edminsten, Dare Henson, Velma Isaacs, Clara Norris, Wilmetta Ward, Marnie Hollers.

Honor roll: John Bingham, David Bingham, Gordon Bingham, Paul Brown, Sophronia Banner, Grace Banner, Mary Lee Dotson, Mary Helen Edminsten, Lora Greene, Earle Johnson, Barbara Nobles, Nora Miller, Clara Norris, Wilma Norris, Wilmetta Ward, Marnie Hollers, Fae Greene.

Vilas News

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Horton had as guests for Sunday dinner, Mrs. Ellen Mast and two sons, Dewey and Lex, of Mulberry; Mrs. Texie Barlow and her children, of Lenoir; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mast, of Sugar Grove.

Mrs. Malissa Reece, of Reece, has been spending the holidays with her son, Lewis, at Vilas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Reece have a new son in their home. The young citizen is so grand that his parents are having a hard time finding a suitable name.

Mr. W. E. Shipley has been a very sick man for the last few days.

Master Robert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smith, has been sick.

Mrs. John Dugger has been indisposed for several days.

Mr. Gryder, of Butler, Tenn., has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. Ile Greene.

Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Billings and sons, Billie and Jimmie, spent the week-end with Mrs. Billings' parents in Mooresville.

Miss Frances Jenkins, of Bristol, Tenn., and Mrs. Smith Jenkins and son James, of Shouns, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Smith during the holidays.

The Brinkley clan had Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Gurney Brinkley. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brinkley and Elmo Brinkley, of Vilas; Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Chappel, Shouns, Tenn.; Mr. and Mrs. Claude Isaacs and Miss Johnsie Brinkley, Heaton; Miss Frances Brinkley, Boone.

Mr. Sam Atkins has bought the timber on the J. F. Smith property and is making preparation to manufacture it in the near future.

Mrs. Wiley Walker has been elected superintendent of Willowdale church for the year 1937.

BLOWING ROCK R. F. D.

Mrs. Liza Triplett and Mrs. W. H. Benson spent Christmas day and took dinner with Mr. Monroe Nichols and family.

Mr. John Church's birthday was Christmas day. He was 70 years old. They set a birthday dinner for him and the large crowd present enjoyed a good time.

WEEK IN WASHINGTON

(Continued from page one.)

mally elected Roosevelt and Garner. The exact popular vote was:

Roosevelt	27,752,309
Landon	16,682,524
Others	1,379,565
Roosevelt's plurality	11,069,785

The figures as certified by election officials included the following minor party votes:

Lemke (Union party)	892,793
Thomas (Socialist)	187,342
Browder (Communist)	80,096
Colvin (Prohibitionist)	37,609
Aiken (Socialist-Labor)	12,793
Scattering and void	168,911

The death of Senator Peter Norbeck of South Dakota reduces the number of Republican senators to 16, or exactly one-sixth of the total number of senators. Governor Tom Berry of South Dakota is expected to appoint a Democrat to succeed Mr. Norbeck, but unles he acts promptly the incoming governor, a Republican, will have the say as to who shall fill the vacant seat.

Bethel High School and Community News

Rev. W. D. Ashley, pastor of the Baptist church, filled his appointment at Bethel Saturday and Sunday.

Messrs. C. M. Dickson and Lawrence Atchley, members of the Bethel high school faculty, spent the Christmas holidays with home folks in Ashe and Rutherford counties, respectively.

Mr. J. B. O'Neal spent the holidays with relatives and friends in South Carolina.

Messrs. Ivan Farthing and Paul Norris, with their families, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Swift, of Cove Creek.

Mrs. Louisa Perry, who has been visiting her son, Dr. H. B. Perry, of Boone, is now visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. Y. Farthing, of this place.

On Friday, December 18, "Santa Claus" visited all the rooms of Bethel school and gave each student a small "treat" in token of his interest in school children.

So far as is known at the present time, the holidays passed off in a very quiet manner, which is typical of the immediate vicinity of Bethel.

Mr. Bert Farthing, principal of Mabel school, and former teacher in Bethel school, visited the latter school Monday morning and gave an interesting talk at chapel.

New Orleans.—Investment of capital in new chemical industry plants in the south, according to the All-South Development council, has totaled $85,000,000 in the last three years.

LOCAL CHURCH SERVICES

BOONE BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. J. C. Canipe, Pastor.

The holidays are over and we are ready to go back to our work and church. Why not start the New Year by attending church the first Sunday and keeping it up for the year? Besides all the good it does you in worship at God's house it also makes the pastor feel good to see you there. I can be your pastor and let you stay at home, but I cannot be your preacher if you do not come to church. Our subject next Sunday morning will be 'If This Were My Last Year To Live, How Would I Live It?"

CALENDAR OF LUTHERAN SERVICES

St. Marks, Blowing Rock: Preaching service on the first Sunday of each month at 2:30 p. m. Sunday School every Sunday at 9:45 a. m., Miss Marie Bradshaw, Superintendent; Prayer meeting Wednesday night of each week at 7:30. Luther League every Sunday, 2:30 p. m.

Grace, Boone: Preaching service every Sunday at 11 a. m.; Vespers at 7 p. m. on 2nd and 4th Sundays; Sunday School every Sunday at 9:45 a. m., Prof. George L. Sawyer, Superintendent; Luther League each Sunday night at 7 p. m.

Holy Communion Banner Elk; Preaching service on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 2:30 p. m.; Sunday School every Sunday at 9:45 a. m.; Luther League at 3 p. m. on first, second and fourth Sundays. We most heartily welcome the public to all these services.

On the fourth Sunday of each month we hold services at Hanging Rock Chapel at 2:30 p. m. The public invited.

REV. J. A. YOUNT, Pastor.