

The Christmas & Thrift Club

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Wachovia Bank and Trust Co.

is now open for 1916 members.

The purpose of the Club is to offer every one an easy way to have plenty of money for Christmas next year.

One can save money in this Club for any purpose,—Investment, Taxes, Insurance, Fuel, etc. Select now your class: Progressive, Reducing or Regular.

Deposit 2c first week, 4c second week, 6c third week, and so on, depositing each week 2c more than the previous week.

Or deposit 5c, and increase as above each week by 5c.

Or deposit 10c, and increase as above each week by 10c.

Or deposit \$1.00 the first week, 98c the second, and so on decreasing each week by 2c.

Or deposit \$2.50, and decrease each week as above by 5c.

Or deposit 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, or any multiple of 25c, the same amount being deposited each week.

You simply select the plan you wish to follow, make the first deposit called for on your card and you're a member. After that you make the small deposits each week, or for several weeks in advance if you like. You will never miss these little sums, but they will mean a nice BIG sum for you next Christmas. Your Christmas check will be as large as you wish to make it, and will be paid to you in cash or check 10 days before Christmas.

Secure Your Card Today

"S. O. S." Want Ads Bring Results

THEY MUST BE SOLD!

Another month has been allowed me in which to close out my stock of toys and novelties. During this month, I must dispose of everything in my store, and am compelled to offer every thing for sale at prices still less than those which prevailed up to Christmas.

This is an Opportunity to Buy Toys and Novelties at Cost and Even Below

Your patronage and consideration during this great toy and novelty sale is very much appreciated, and I take this means to thank, and extend to you the Season's Greetings.

L. BLOMBERG

Phone 1916

17 Biltmore Ave.

"TRUSTIES" RETURN TO CAMP TODAY

Cases of Those Arrested After Arriving here, Were Continued by Judge Glenn.

Three wagons, each loaded with "trusties" from the white and colored convict camps of the county left here just before noon today for the white camp on Sandy Mush and the colored camp at Newbridge. The men were returning to serve their time, following a rest and liberty of three days granted by Governor Locke Craig.

In the wagon containing the white "trusties" were seven "trusties" one prisoner who has been in the county jail and the three convicts who escaped Christmas day from the Sandy Mush camp. Buck Killian, was arrested by the police Saturday, soon after arriving from the camp on charges of disorderly conduct and drunkenness, was in the outfit leaving here today. In the wagons containing the colored convicts were L. P. Matton, arrested on charges of assault with a deadly weapon and carrying a concealed weapon and Fred Fowler arrested on charges of disorderly conduct and drunkenness.

When the cases against these "trusties" were called in Police court this morning Judge J. Frazier Glenn held them open until the men had served their time on the roads when he will pass judgment in the cases.

Dan Briggs, Otto Munsey and Hughey Freeman, who escaped from the white camp Saturday, taking with them a repeating shotgun and cartridge belt, were sent back today. The convicts were captured about half way between the camp and Asheville by Sheriff E. M. Mitchell and deputies. They claimed that they were dissatisfied with the action of the county commissioners in refusing to let them come home Christmas along with the other "trusties."

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 25c.

XMAS DEFENDANTS NUMBERED BUT 27

One of Smallest Dockets in the Police Court Ever Tried—No Court Saturday.

Judge J. Frazier Glenn this morning presided over one of the smallest dockets ever brought before a judge of the court at the first session to be held after Christmas, only 27 defendants facing him this morning. No session of the court was held Saturday, therefore the defendants who appear in court this morning included all those arrested by members of the police department since last Friday morning.

Of the number up, those charged with drunkenness, there being eight of these defendants, were in the majority. However, this is the smallest number of "drunks" ever taken in by the police during Christmas according to the members of the force who have been on duty for many years.

The following cases were called this morning:

Will Forney, colored, disorderly conduct, \$5 and costs.
Sallie Brown, colored, assault with a deadly weapon, \$15 and costs; disorderly conduct, \$5 and costs.
Janie Barber, colored, assault with a deadly weapon, not guilty.
Jess West, assault with a deadly weapon, continued.
Harrison Gibson, colored, larceny, six months; retailing, costs.
Walter Reynolds, colored, keeping liquor for sale, three months, appeal.
Cam Collins, colored, carrying a concealed weapon, \$10 and costs.
John Cannon, assault with a deadly weapon, \$15 and costs, appeal.
Cecar Embler, assault, costs.
Willie Stewart, colored, larceny, costs.

Galney Baldwin, embezzlement, costs.
John Ponders, colored, vagrancy, 30 days, appeal; trespassing, continued.

Haywood Silvers, colored, disorderly conduct, \$5 and costs, appeal.

Harve Hughey, disorderly conduct, \$5 and costs.

George Williams, disorderly conduct, costs.

Walter Williams, disorderly conduct, costs.

Buck Killian, disorderly conduct, continued.

L. P. Matton, colored, assault with a deadly weapon, continued; carrying a concealed weapon, continued.

Fred Fowler, colored, disorderly conduct, continued.

Eight "drunks" were up.

XMAS CELEBRATION AT LAUNDRY PLANT

Tree Erected at Asheville Laundry—Many Valuable Presents Exchanged.

Through the courtesy of the management of the Asheville laundry, Christmas was observed by the employees Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. J. A. and J. J. Nichols remembered the employees of their establishment by presenting each one

a gift. A Christmas tree was arranged in the finishing room of the laundry on which the presents were placed. Santa Claus arrived on time and gave the presents out. The management had provided chairs for the occasion and a large crowd of visitors attended.

The employees presented J. A. Nichols and J. J. Nichols with an upholstered cane office rocker each. The presentation was made by Ed Brown of the Y. M. C. A. Special features of the occasion consisted of a recital of Henry Van Dyke's great story of "The Other Wise Man," and a solo by Mrs. J. M. Burns, "The Birthday of a King." Mrs. Burns was accompanied by Miss Daisy Smith.

SMALL PROFIT IN BASEBALL FOR BIG LEAGUE TEAMS LAST SEASON

The two last years have not been lucrative ones of the whole for owners of the big league teams. While the rush of the Braves from last to first place in 1914 stirred up a lot of enthusiasm and saved matters from disaster financially, not a great deal of money went into the coffers.

From an artistic standpoint the 1915 race of the National league was the best in its history. True, there have been closer finishes on one or two occasions, but never before were all eight clubs in the running for the pennant down to the last month of the season.

Yet with this even race, but four of the clubs came through on the right side of the ledger. These four were the eastern clubs. Baseball clubs in the west—with the exception of Chicago White Sox, the Detroit Tigers and the St. Louis Cardinals—lost money.

The Phillies cleaned up \$71,000 as their share of the world's series. Of this amount one-fourth must be deducted, for under the National league rules one-fourth of the world's series money goes to the other seven clubs in the league. On the playing season the Phils made about \$25,000.

If the Phils had played the same game in 1908 as they did this year the club would have earned about \$200,000. That is the difference in the years and the enthusiasm. Five years ago such a race as was shown this year would have had the "bugs" dippy, but this year it only attracted the fans in spots.

On each one of their three western trips the Phils lost money. Not on one of the three trips did the club make enough money to pay the railroad fares and hotel bills—let alone salaries. The Phils did well at home, but a lot of the profits of the games went to make up the deficiency incurred in the games abroad.

The Phils drew more people at home than any other Philadelphia National league team ever did. They averaged 5,000 persons a day during the week and had some excellent Saturday crowds. On two occasions during the year they had more than 16,000 paid admissions—and the seats were sold out once previous to the world's series. This never occurred before in the history of the club.

Out of the world's series receipts also the Phils had to pay for special trains, etc., which will further cut down the profits. The earnings will be trimmed to such an extent that no dividend will be declared this year. The reason for this is that the profits of this year will go toward meeting the losses of last year and the notes that must be met later.

Don't Always Pay.

If the Phils could have played to some people in the west they would have had a good year. Championship teams don't always pay. The Athletics dropped about \$50,000 last year with a winner. They dropped the same amount this year with an eighth place club, losing \$100,000 in two years is no joke.

The Giants cleared about \$50,000 on the playing season. This isn't a large amount for the Giants, but it is fine for a tallender. Usually the Giants' profits have run up to \$150,000. Besides the Giants collect \$50,000 each year from the New York American league club for the use of the polo grounds. This makes a nice nest egg.

Last year the Braves cleaned up about \$2,000 on the year including the world's series. This year the profits will reach about \$15,000, which isn't much on a million dollar plant.

THE WEATHER

	Lowest Last Night	Highest Yesterday	Precipitation Last 24 Hours
Asheville	24	42	.00
Atlanta	28	48	.00
Atlantic City	22	38	.01
Augusta	28	54	.00
Birmingham	44	52	.00
Cincinnati	34	40	.00
Charlotte	34	50	.00
Chicago	28	36	.00
Jacksonville	44	54	.00
Knoxville	28	44	.00
Louisville	22	44	.00
Mobile	52	56	.00
Montgomery	24	54	.00
New Orleans	56	62	.00
New York	26	38	.23
Raleigh	32	48	.00
St. Louis	30	46	.00
Savannah	38	56	.00
Tampa	46	60	.00
Washington	36	42	.00

Normals for this date: Temperature 56 deg. Precipitation .14 inch. River stage at 8 a. m. 1.0 foot.

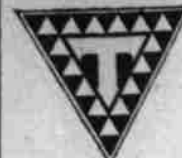
Forecasts until 8 p. m. Tuesday for Asheville and vicinity: Partly cloudy and warmer tonight; Tuesday unsettled and warmer, probably rain.

For North Carolina: Partly cloudy and warmer tonight; Tuesday unsettled and warmer, probably rain, light to moderate variable winds.

General Conditions (Last 24 Hours).

The severe storm that was over the northeast Sunday is rapidly passing beyond the range of reports, attended by high winds and rain on the north Atlantic coast and over the Great Lakes. Another disturbance is developing over Texas. Rain or snow has also fallen in Colorado and Kansas. Decided anticyclonic weather conditions prevail over the northwest and the weather is quite cold over the Rocky Mountain region and the Plains states with zero temperatures in Nebraska while the coldest is 18 degrees below zero.

T. R. TAYLOR, Observer.



As An Experiment

we brought Triangle Plays to Asheville By reason of their cost we gave them to the public at 10 and 20c. The response has been generous. You came, and saw, and appreciated. Now, we have effected arrangements whereby you may see these wonder plays on Triangle Days at The Strand at the price of all of 10c.

They Have Proven a Revelation

An audience feels and lives them, because they are intensely human, entirely true to life. The manner in which we present Triangle Plays is in itself most effective.

Our full orchestra playing special interpretative music written for Triangle Plays is alone worth the price of admission.

Tomorrow—We expect to break all records with

D. W. Griffith's

Sequel to "The Birth of a Nation.

'The Martyrs of the Alamo'

or

"The Birth of Texas"

There never was a picture made having more realism, more life, more pathos, or a larger educational value.

In addition to the 5 reel production, as a laugh producer we have provided a 2 reel Triangle comedy "Her Painted Hero" with Hale Hamilton and Polly Moran making 7 reels of master pictures by master producers.

Is it a wonder that business is fine with us?

THE Strand

REMEMBER: Any Seat 10c in the House 10c



Brooklyn finished about \$20,000 ahead. This is the first time that Ebbetts has piloted a money maker in five years. The Cubs will do well to break even on the season. The Cardinals, Pirates and Reds lost anywhere from \$20,000 to \$40,000 each on the season. If it hadn't been for the spurts of the clubs at different times during the year the losses would have been enormous.

Detroit Lead.

Things are not much different in the American league, if they are as good. The Johnson circuit had its first race in six years, and the race then was between two clubs. The Red Sox cleaned up about \$100,000 on the season, including the world's series, but when Lannin got through paying salaries his profits won't be much. He has the highest priced ball club in the land.

Detroit made more money than any other ball club during the regular season. Navin and Yawkey's profits will reach \$75,000 it is said. The Tigers had their best year at home and abroad.

Cominsky in Chicago cleared about \$35,000, but the season will be a loss to him because of the purchase of Jackson, Collins and others. He will at least be \$50,000 behind on the year when these fellows are paid for. All the other clubs lost money. The New York club dropped about \$65,000; Washington about \$15,000; Cleveland, \$50,000, and St. Louis, \$40,000.

Feds Did Draw. When one delves into these figures no reason can be discovered for Ban Johnson blowing his horn about the Federals failing to draw any people. But two of the Federal league clubs lost money. The Brooklyn Federals lost about \$100,000 on the season—the largest amount dropped. They didn't draw at home or abroad and had a high salaried club. Baltimore cashed in about \$15,000 to the bad. Newark broke even because of the Sunday crowds, and Buffalo barely got through.

Pittsburgh, Chicago and St. Louis cleaned up a nice pile because the teams were right in the pennant hunt until the last day. The Pittsburgh club got \$20,000 for its part of the gate receipts in the last series in Chicago—and this is about what the club is ahead on the season. The last game in Chicago attracted 31,000 persons. Chicago made about \$25,000, and St. Louis about \$25,000 on the season. Kansas City just stuck its nose in front.

There are many men of many minds, some of whom even mind their own business.

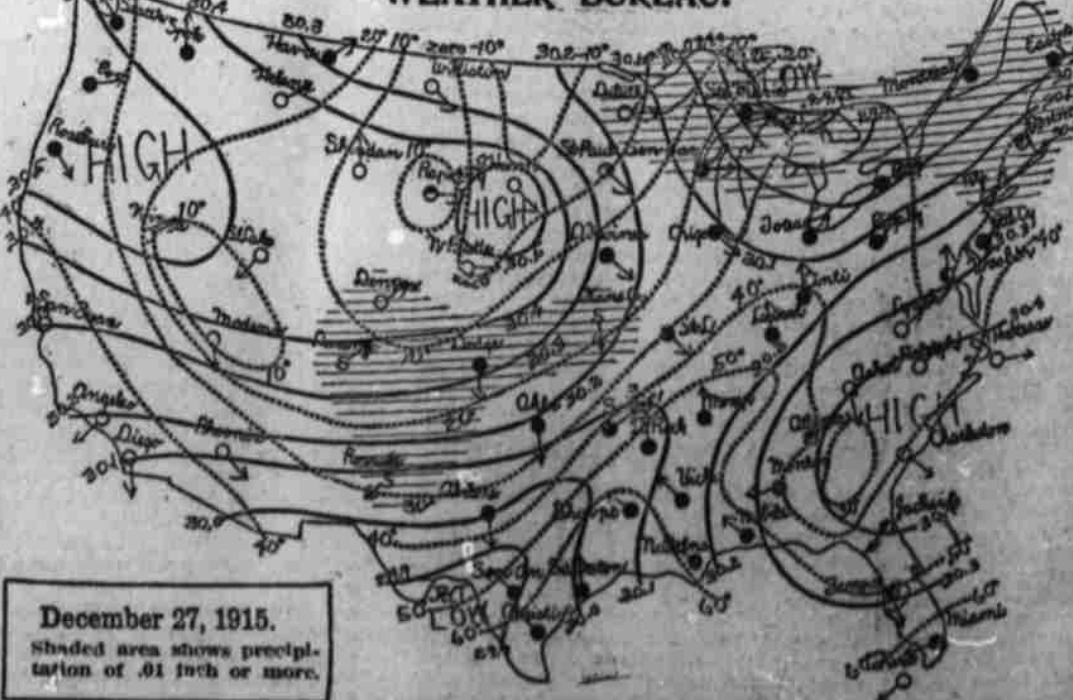
ASHEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL MINSTRELS

Y. M. C. A. AUDITORIUM

Tuesday December 28th.

ADMISSION 25c

U. S. Department of Agriculture. WEATHER BUREAU.



December 27, 1915.
Shaded area shows precipitation of .01 inch or more.

EXPLANATORY NOTES.

Observations taken at 8 a. m., 75th meridian time. Air pressure reduced to sea level. Isobars (continuous lines) pass through points of equal pressure. Isotherms (dotted lines) pass through points of equal temperature. Clear; partly cloudy; cloudy; rain; snow; report missing. Arrows by with the wind.

T. R. TAYLOR, Observer.