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Greetings from China

New Year greetings from China written December 1, 1938, was received in this morning's mail from Eugene A. Turner, foreign secretary of Y. M. C. A. This is in a form of a "report letter" and a part of it will be published daily:

"I am writing from the Astor House.—In one corner of my adjoining bath-room stands a six foot galvanized iron bath-tub. Instead of turning on the faucet for a bath, I push a button. When the bell boy comes, I tell him I want a bath. A few minutes later my water comes joggling along in buckets hanging from each end of a pole over the shoulders of the boy. When I am done, I pull no plug, but soon the boy comes again, bails and carries out my water, and stands the tub on its end again. My Astor House is in Chefoo, on the coast of North China, the home of hair-nets, Shantung silk, prized embroidery, and dainty laces, as well as of men and boys in whose interest I am here.

"Chefoo is a summering place for the American Asiatic fleet, and the mark of the sailor is on the town. His desire to be helpful, with a hidden joke and a smile, is responsible for such shop signs as, 'Cockeye, the Naval Tailor from Shanghai', 'Jelly Belly, the Tailor,' 'Liu, the Gold Tooth Sailor.' Then catering to his amusement, are exotic (for a Chinese city) night clubs in great numbers, now boarded up until the return of the sailor next summer. In contrast with these are the spacious quarters of the Navy YMCA and its program of clean amuse-

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R. M. Hall Named Vice - Chairman

At the meeting of the school board members and superintendents of Western North Carolina, held on Friday afternoon in Asheville, R. M. Hall of Saluda was named vice-chairman. The meeting was one of a series being sponsored by the school board organization in the interest of a school legislative program.

They outlined a six-point plan to be presented to the General Assembly as follows:

The addition of a twelfth grade; increased salaries for teachers; retirement compensation; a tenure law; State funds to match Federal funds for vocational training; and enough busses to provide a seat for every school child.

Forestry Fellow

John Simcox Holmes, brother of G. H. Holmes of Tryon, has been made a Forestry Fellow of the society of American Foresters, according to a recent issue of the News and Observer. This is regarded as the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a forester in this country. There are only fifteen in the United States. Mr. Holmes is beginning his 24th year as a State Forester.

The Forestry Division now requires the services of from eight to ten trained foresters and has more than 350 full and part-time employes in every county in the State. So within the 30 years that he has been the head of the forestry work in North Carolina, Mr. Holmes has seen his grow from a one man job into one of the largest divisions in the State.