

Construction Work In City Set New Record During the Past Year

GOOD PROGRESS MADE IN ERADICATING THE TICK Under the Zone Plan Legalized by the Last Legislature. By The Associated Press. Raleigh, Dec. 31.—We are making good progress in eradicating the tick from eastern North Carolina under the zone plan legalized for us by the last General Assembly, said Dr. William Moore, chief of veterinary work for North Carolina State College and the State Department of Agriculture, in a statement issued today.

Permits Issued, Together With Building Done That Required No Permit, Indicates \$1,250,000 Was Spent 216 PERMITS IN THE CITY PROPER Of This Number 137 Were For New Homes.—Textile Plant and Two Bank Buildings Included.

In building activity the year closing today has been one of the greatest and most pronounced in the history of Concord. And in other lines 1923 has been a record year for this city, as shown by statistics covering civic improvements in many lines.

According to Frank R. Mund, city building inspector, contracts awarded and buildings completed during 1922 were valued at more than \$1,000,000, while improvements in various suburbs of the city, which are fed directly by the city, were made at a cost of another quarter of a million dollars.

Mr. Mund stated that during the past year he has issued 216 building permits in the city proper, the value of the buildings to be erected being placed at \$940,570 by persons applying for the permits. This total is far in excess of the 1922 total and is greater than any total since Mr. Mund has been in charge of the inspection work.

Of the total of 216 permits issued, Mr. Mund added further, 137 were for homes. This total of new homes is also in excess of the number issued in 1922, which was also a record construction year for Concord.

The remaining 79 permits issued by Mr. Mund were for various kinds of buildings, his records show. Included among the buildings were two new schools, one new church, a large addition to another church, several business houses in the business and other sections of the city, two handsome bank buildings and additions to several cotton mills.

The new high school building, which was started early in the present year, will cost in the neighborhood of \$150,000. The building was authorized in a bond election held more than a year ago. Another school authorized in this election is for colored children and this structure, erected at a cost of more than \$85,000, is also nearing completion.

The new home for the congregation of the First Baptist Church is included in the more prominent permits issued during the year. The church will be one of the largest and most complete in the city and has been under construction for several months.

NEW YEAR PLEDGES ARE NOW IN ORDER



Atlanta Prisoners Make a Sensational Escape

(By The Associated Press.) Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 31.—In the most sensational jail delivery in the history of the Atlanta federal penitentiary, four convicts, one a partner of Gerald Chapman, million dollar mail bandit, today were at liberty, having wormed their way to freedom through a narrow tunnel under fifty feet of concrete wall encircling the prison, late yesterday.

PROMINENT COTTON MAN OF GREENSBORO DEAD

(By The Associated Press.) Greensboro, Dec. 31.—B. S. Robertson, one of the best known cotton men in this section, died Sunday night in a hospital in Norfolk, Va., where he had been in the cotton business here for a number of years. He will be buried at Norfolk on Wednesday, according to word received here by friends and business associates.

GATLING'S HIDING PLACE IS NOT YET KNOWN

(By The Associated Press.) Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 31.—No trace of Lawrence Gatling, who Saturday night, it is alleged, shot and killed his wife, and Owen Stevens, has not been found this morning, according to police officials. Police of nearby towns have been requested to be on the lookout for the man.

Higgins Will Case Settled.

(By The Associated Press.) Asheville, Dec. 31.—A special term of the Rutherford Superior Court was to convene at Rutherfordton today for the purpose of confirming the terms of an agreement reached at Shelby on Saturday between parties contending over the will of the late Wesley Higgins, of Lenoir County, who died April 2, 1922.

Bandit Holds Up Dining Car Crew.

(By The Associated Press.) Mobile, Ala., Dec. 31.—An armed bandit held up and robbed the crew of the dining car attached to northbound Louisville & Nashville train No. 38, eleven miles north of this city, according to a report made to police. The bandit escaped after securing \$8 in money.

Peake Back in State Prison.

(By The Associated Press.) Raleigh, Dec. 31.—J. L. Peake, convicted at Winston-Salem of second degree murder, who escaped from Caledonia prison farm several months ago, today is back at the State penitentiary to complete his 30-year sentence.

AMERICANS WOUNDED BY RAIDS IN TOWN BY CHINESE BANDIT PERFECTING PLANS FOR SALE OF ARMS TO MEXICAN LEADER

One Missionary, Mrs. Juliana Kilen, Was Captured by the Bandits, Who Also Wounded Two Others.

CHINESE OFFER HEAVY REWARD For the Capture of Bandits and Release of Mrs. Kilen.—Were Forced to Leave Mission Work.

Pekin, Dec. 31 (By the Associated Press).—Followers of the notorious bandit leader Lao Yao Jen, captured an American missionary, Mrs. Juliana Kilen and wounded two other missionaries, Prof. Bernhard Hoff and Mrs. Hoff, in a raid on the town of Tsaoyang in the northern Hopei province, near the border town of Ssangyangfu, according to advices received here today.

AMERICANS GOING TO HELL IN CARLOAD LOTS

That's What Billy Sunday Tells His Charlotte Audience, Raps Foreign Immigrants. Charlotte, Dec. 30.—This afternoon Mr. Sunday said, "The man who buys whiskey from a bootlegger is just as bad as the bootlegger, he is as black as he can be."

Rebels Marching on Pachuca.

(By The Associated Press.) Vera Cruz, Dec. 31.—Rebel forces under Gen. Cavazos are marching on Pachuca, capital of the state of Hidalgo, situated fifty-five miles northeast of Mexico City, according to advices received by officials here.

TWIN BOY ACCIDENTALLY KILLS HIS LITTLE BROTHER

Little Charles Moore Shoots Brother With Shotgun at Wilson Home. Wilson, Dec. 29.—Funeral services over the remains of Master Charles, the 5-year-old twin son of Dr. and Mrs. Karl C. Moore—who was accidentally killed by his twin brother, Doyle, while playing with a loaded .44 shot gun Friday afternoon, was conducted from his late home on West Nash Street this afternoon by E. W. Baxter, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.

Fatty Arbuckle's Wife Given a Divorce.

(By The Associated Press.) Providence, R. I., Dec. 31.—Minta E. Arbuckle, wife of Roscoe E. Arbuckle, was granted a divorce in the superior court here today. The case was heard before Justice Barrows, on depositions, and was granted on the ground of neglect to provide, and desertion. The divorce will become absolute in six months.

New Year's Greeting From the Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber of Commerce wishes you a happy New Year. Remember us in your New Year's resolution. "There has never been a time in the History of America when a Chamber of Commerce program was as necessary as it is today. Whoever co-operates in that direction is a real asset to the Nation"—Warren G. Harding.

Advertisement for 'Best Wishes for 1924' featuring a cartoon character and the text 'Arrange Your Personal Schedule to Allow Time for Many Good Deeds.'

Advertisement for '1924 Happy New Year' with the text 'May it be a Year of Health, Happiness and Prosperity—of new Faith, new Hope and new Charity.' and 'KING TUT SERVICE STATIONS, INC.'

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