



Civic Organizations Join In Expressing Hope For New Year

MAYOR OUTLINES SOME OF POLICIES

Striking Messages Received From the Heads of the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs and Others.

FULL TEXTS OF THE MESSAGES GIVEN

The Ministerial Association Wants to Organize an Associated Charities For Constant Work.

At the request of The Tribune, the various civic organizations have joined in expressing a happy New Year to the people of the city and Cabarrus County.

Most striking in the messages received from the Rotary, Kiwanis, Ministerial Association, Y. M. C. A., the city, and the Chamber of Commerce, is the plan as given out by Dr. J. C. Rowan, president of the Ministerial Association, to the effect that this group of men want to organize an Associated Charities which will keep the spirit of Christmas alive during the three hundred and sixty-five days of the year.

The texts of the messages are given below:

Greetings From the Y. M. C. A. The staff of the Y. M. C. A. is appreciative of the thoughtfulness and support of the people and hopes for this year that every man, woman, boy and girl may realize that the Association offers them a real opportunity of being a service to the community and taking part in its activities.

The Ministerial Association wishes for all the residents of the city a very happy New Year, and according to its president, Dr. J. C. Rowan, is planning a year of constructive and progressive work.

One movement which the Association will advocate during the coming year, said Dr. Rowan, is that of forming an Associated Charities, an organization that all the churches and all the organizations of Concord may work through.

With Our Advertisers. The Citizens Bank and Trust Co. invites your account in the confident belief that you will like the personal, accommodating spirit of their service.

This is the first day of the big clearance sale of musical instruments at the Kidd-Frix Co. Phonographs from \$3.50 up and pianos from \$180 up.

Note the ad. of Dr. Thos. M. Rowlett, on the last page today. Office in Cabarrus Savings Bank Building, Phone 914. Residence phone 107.

Saturday special at S. W. Preslar's—'Fyne Poynt' pencils at 50 cents each.

Phone Bob's Dry Cleaning Co., No. 157, for Master Cleaning and dyeing. A. B. Pounds says no dealer in Concord sells coal for less than he does.

You will find big reductions at the Parks-Belk Co.'s on women's and children's ready-to-wear. See new ad. today on page four an enumeration of some of these bargains.

California claims to have the highest percentage of population enrolled in public schools and educational institutions of any of the states.

G. L. PATTERSON.

Greetings From Kiwanis. The Kiwanis Club of Concord wishes for the people of Concord and Cabarrus County a most happy and prosperous New Year, and urges the loyal support of all our citizens in the civic movements that will be undertaken during the New Year, looking to the betterment of our city and community.

BREVARD E. HARRIS, Pres. Kiwanis Club of Concord.

Greetings From Rotary. The Concord Rotary Club closed the old year in a blaze of glory. At our last meeting the club was delighted to have as our chief speaker two of our honorary members, D. Branson Coltrane and Irvin H. Woodhouse.

These two men were elected to honorary membership on account of their distinguished service to this community in connection with the public schools of our city and on account of their life long practice of civic righteousness. They have always exemplified the true ideal of Rotary—'Service above self'—long before there was

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Old Scout



This is I-SEE-O, the only man in the United States army who can never be reduced from his rank (sergeant) or retired on account of age. Congress passed a bill providing this especially on his account in recognition of his services as a scout for the army at Fort Sill, Okla., where he's the only survivor of the famous Kiowa scout detachment.

THE YEAR 1925 ONE OF GREAT DROUGHT THROUGHOUT STATE

In Most Places the Average Rainfall Was Off 25 Per Cent., in Hickory More Than 50 Per Cent.

SERIOUS SHORTAGE OF WATER WAS FACED

In Some Instances It Was Found Necessary to Ship Water for Drinking Purposes Into Some Towns.

Charlotte, Jan. 1.—(AP)—A resume of 1925 brings to the forefront immediately the expression "the year of the great drought."

It is recalled that during many of the summer and fall months many sections faced a serious shortage of water, and in some instances it was even found necessary to ship water for drinking purposes into cities and suffering sections.

Some of the figures obtained show Hickory's average rainfall 52 inches, rainfall for 1925, 25 inches.

Salisbury, 45.88 inches average, rainfall for 1925, 39.94 inches.

Raleigh, average rainfall 49.60 inches; rainfall for 1925, 38.16 inches.

Charlotte, average rainfall 34.78 inches; rainfall for 1925 29.72 inches.

Especially throughout western North Carolina was the drought serious. Asheville and its neighbors lacked the necessary water supply for months.

Winston-Salem, Greensboro, High Point and Gastonia also find their checkings on average rainfall during the year far behind normal.

BUSINESS IS LOOKING TO FURTHER PROGRESS

Incumbent Sees Holds Rosy Prospects in Opinion of Chamber of Commerce Head.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Confidence in the business prospects for 1926 was expressed in a statement to the Associated Press tonight by John W. O'Leary, president of the chamber of commerce of the United States.

"American business looks with confidence to the new year, which gives promise not only of continued economic stability but further development," he declared.

"New records of business achievement were attained during the year just closed, with resultant widespread prosperity, but of even greater importance has been the progress made toward the stabilization of economic conditions not only in the United States but in various parts of the world, and the fundamental readjustments essential to normal and orderly business expansion.

"The United States is well in advance of other countries in returning to a peace basis. Public economies are having their effect, taxes are being reduced, constructive enterprises are in full swing. At the same time there is a general disposition to guard against the evils of inflation. Production and consumption are kept at a fair balance."

MAY BE CANDIDATE FOR MECKLENBURG SHERIFF

Auten, of Huntersville, Has More or Less Definitely Decided to Enter the Race.

Huntersville, Dec. 31.—J. Wilson Auten, Jr., well known farmer and real estate man of this community, has more or less definitely decided to enter the primaries next June as a candidate for sheriff of Mecklenburg county, he has announced.

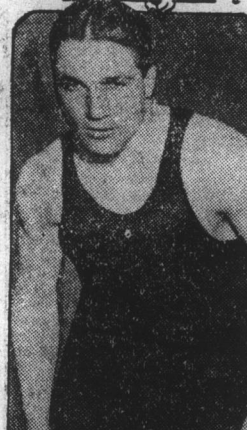
Mr. Auten is now a member of the Huntersville school board and is identified with a number of business interests in the town. He recently sold 50 acres, including his handsome residence, a half mile south of Huntersville, to the county as the site for the new Mecklenburg Tuberculosis hospital, which is now nearing completion.

In the last election the Huntersville box went overwhelmingly for Vie P. Fesperman against Sheriff W. O. Cochran in the latter's race for sheriff. Mr. Fesperman, whose vote was the largest ever polled in Huntersville, was formerly police chief here and he commands a big circle of friends in this section, who are confident that he will lose no strength in the next primary.

Mr. Auten's friends, in the event the latter definitely enters the race, are hopeful that he will command a good vote in this box.

K. C. Pratt, of the Ohio State University, says that ants are as sensitive to changes in temperature as the mercury in the thermometer.

Mat Captain



Ted Buttrely is captain of the Princeton University wrestling team. He's a native of Havre, Mont. Ted tips the beams at 145 pounds. He hopes to lead the Tiger mat artists to many victories.

'RED' GRANGE COMES NEAR BEING JAILED

Football Ace Caught For Speeding. Had Party of Sport Celebrities in His Car.

Tampa, Fla., Dec. 31.—Harold "Red" Grange, Helen Wainwright, Jim Barnes and Johnny Farrell, sport celebrities, had a narrow escape from being jailed here today when the former Illinois football star was arrested for speeding. Miss Wainwright, Barnes and Farrell were in Grange's automobile at the time.

A traffic motorcycle policeman overtook Grange on one of the highways leading out of Tampa while the football star's machine was traveling the officer charged at 65 miles an hour. The speed limit in Florida is 45 miles an hour. All volunteered to pay a cash bond for their release but the policeman appeared rather reluctant about a bond and anxious to let them tell their troubles "to the judge." He was finally persuaded to accept bail of \$25 which Grange "forked over."

Grange will again try out his speed tomorrow. This time it will be on a gridiron when his Chicago Bears will face Jim Thorpe and the Tampa Cardinals.

THE LEXINGTON DEATH LIST REMAINS AT THREE

But No Hope Is Held Out For the Recovery of Henry G. Gibson.

Lexington, N. C., Jan. 1.—(AP)—At 11 a. m. today the list of dead from the crash of a fire truck here shortly after midnight, remained at three, but attending physicians held practically no hope for the recovery of Henry G. Gibson, who suffered a fracture of the skull and other injuries.

Henry Yarbrough, driver of the truck, was also in a critical condition, but was reported slightly improved.

Officers were investigating the accident with the view of ascertaining who turned in—the false alarm to which the men were answering when their truck overturned.

(Further details of this tragedy will be found on page four of The Tribune today.—Editor.)

WOMAN SHOTS AND KILLS TWO OF HER CHILDREN

Thru Turns Gun on Herself.—Is Not Expected to Recover.

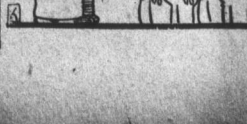
Oklahoma City, Jan. 1.—(AP)—Mrs. Ruth Townsend shot and killed two of her children, indicted probably fatal injuries on two others, and then turned the gun on herself at her home here today. She is not expected to recover.

The children killed were: Catherine, eight months old; and Clifford, three years old. Dorothy, five, and Margaret, seven, were wounded.

Frank Townsend, husband and father, was at work when the shooting took place.

Chicago claims to have the largest dance hall in the world. Seven thousand dancers may occupy the floor at one time without crowding.

The deepest oil well in the world is 7,591 feet and is located in the Athen field in California.



A GREAT RADIO PROGRAM IS TO BE GIVEN OUT TONIGHT

Old and New Worlds Will Exchange Voices Across the Sea in Great International Programs.

JOHN McCORMACK AND BORI TO SING

New York Will Exchange the Music From the Park Avenue Baptist Church For London's Chimes.

Washington, Jan. 1.—(AP)—The old world and the new will exchange voices across the sea tonight in the most celebrated international radio program yet attempted.

New York will exchange the music from the Park Avenue Baptist Church carillon for the chimes of "Big Ben" in London, and musical programs and greetings will be broadcast and re-broadcast in an effort to reach the ends of the earth.

John McCormack and Lucrezia Bori, world known artists, are the stars on the New York program, which will be carried by nine stations in the United States. Their voices will be picked up in London by the British Broadcasting Company and will be re-broadcast to thousands of fans in England, Ireland and the continent.

ATLANTA LAWYER BURNED TO DEATH

T. Warthen Evans Lost His Life in a Rear Bedroom of His Home.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 1.—(AP)—An investigation to determine the origin of the fire last night in which T. Warthen Evans, well known Atlanta lawyer, was burned to death, was started today by DeKalb County authorities.

Evans' body, severely burned, was found in a rear bedroom of his home which was partially destroyed by the blaze.

Firemen said the blaze apparently originated in the room where Mr. Evans was sleeping and that the lawyer was suffocated by smoke preventing his escape.

Mr. Evans was a son of the late Justice Beverly D. Evans, former justice of the Georgia Supreme Court.

NO HOLIDAY FOR THE PRESIDENT AND WIFE

Went Through Grilling Task of Receiving Thousands of Visitors.

Washington, Jan. 1.—(AP)—Although government business was at a standstill today, New Year's was anything but a holiday for President and Mrs. Coolidge, as they went through the grueling task of receiving thousands of visitors at the white house. Confirming the annual custom, they gave over most of the day to shaking hands with callers, ranging from diplomats to all classes of citizens.

Big Fire at Cave City, Ky.

Bowling Green, Ky., Jan. 1.—(AP)—All means of communication with the outside world were destroyed this morning by a fire which swept over Cave City, razing the telephone exchange, Postal Telegraph office, and several other buildings, causing damage as yet unestimated since full reports from the scene of the disaster have not been obtained here.

Milwaukee Has Driest New Year in History.

Milwaukee, Jan. 1.—(AP)—Reports of prohibition agents today were that Milwaukee observed the driest New Year's eve in its history. More than 200 hotels, cafes and dance halls were visited by the government men, and not an arrest was made, and after three hours of intensive work the dry squad was called in.

Eleanor Garatti, the California mermaid, has started training for the defence of her 50-yard free style title in the women's national swimming championships to be held at St. Augustine in February.

Candidate



Henry W. Zweifel of Fort Worth, Tex., is being groomed as a gubernatorial candidate by prominent Texas republicans. He is a U. S. district attorney who gained fame in prosecuting oil swindlers, and the G. O. P. leaders hope to cash in on the democrat's split over the Fergusonusons.

DEPARTMENT HEADS REVIEW PAST YEAR AS ONE OF PROGRESS

They Also Predict Even Greater Progress and Increased Prosperity During the Year of 1926.

PROGRESS STEADY AND PERMANENT

"We Must Go Forward During the New Year in Every Line of Endeavor," Says Gov. McLean.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 31.—(AP)—State department heads tonight joined with Governor McLean in reviewing the past year as one of progress and achievement, and in predicting even greater progress and an increased prosperity for North Carolina during the year 1926.

New Year messages to the people of the state from the Chief Executive and the heads of the various state departments differ, of course, in language and idiom, but through them all runs a vein of gratification and pleasure over accomplishments of 1925 and a note of buoyant optimism for the year just ahead.

Almost without exception, they express confidence of a greater material growth and prosperity in 1926 than any ever experienced in the past by this state, and most of them are equally hopeful for progress in other than purely material lines.

"The prophetic optimism of most of the department heads is based to a large extent upon their observations and experiences in their peculiar lines of work during the year 1925, and most of them review the work along their particular lines during the past year, and make some comment on what may reasonably be expected during the New Year.

"In North Carolina, progress and prosperity during the past year have been steady and permanent," declared Governor McLean tonight. And he added that "the new year is pregnant with even greater possibilities. Wonderful possibilities present themselves on every hand."

"We can and must achieve greater results during the year 1926. We must go forward along every line of endeavor."

But, with all the state's optimism, it "must not forget to render humble thanks to the Giver of all Good for the manifold blessings we have enjoyed in the past, as well as the blessings we believe are in store for us in the near future."

"We stand and look forward into the coming year with every assurance that we are facing probably the greatest era of prosperity that the state has ever known," declared State Auditor Baxter Durham.

State Treasurer B. R. Lacy believes "that 1926 is going to be one of the best years North Carolina has ever had."

From the office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction comes the prediction that "the people of North Carolina are justified in looking to 1926 with an increased confidence and a new hope."

Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt declared that "we have every reason to expect greater progress and prosperity" in the coming year. He expressed the hope that in 1926 "North Carolina may set the pace for the nation not only in material progress, but in law enforcement and law observance as well."

Commissioner of Agriculture William A. Graham extended a greeting to the farmers of the state, and suggested for the year ahead, and declared that, despite the handicaps of agriculture during the past year, "we have our blessings, too."

Frank D. Grist, commissioner of Labor and Printing, renewed his prediction made recently that North Carolina's industrial, agricultural, and general business conditions next year will be better than ever before.

Insurance Commissioner Stacey Wade reviewed the past year in the insurance field, pointed out the remarkable progress made in the state and believes that, when the figures are all in, 1925 will have proved to be the best year North Carolina has ever had, so far as the business of life insurance companies are concerned.

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START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT A New Savings Quarter Begins January 1st

All deposits made on or before January 10th will draw interest from the first at 4 per cent.

COMPOUNDED QUARTERLY The Concord National Bank Capital \$100,000.00 Surplus \$175,000.00

Advertisement for A. B. POUNDS coal. Text: 'SOMETHING TO REMEMBER No Dealer in Concord Sells Coal for Less than I do. Best Furnace Coal \$8.00 to \$11.00. Best Gate and Stove Coal \$8.00 to \$9.00. Best Steam Coal \$4.00 to \$7.50. Best Gas House Coke—Made in Concord \$8.50. Start the New Year Right by Purchasing Your Coal where you can get QUALITY and SERVICE. A. B. POUNDS' Includes an illustration of a man and a woman.