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EMERGENCY JUDGESHIP ACT DOES NOT PAN OUT

McLean Never Favored the Law But Thinks Service Has Done Exceedingly Well.
Tom Bost in Greensboro News. Raleigh, December 31.—Emergency judges who will serve first in the new year are: Ex-Judge C. C. Lyon, of Bladen, and R. Lee Wright, of Rowan.
Judge Lyon has been assigned to Johnston county for a special term of two weeks beginning January 18, 1926. This is a civil court. The former judge, who now serves as regular emergency trier, is also assigned to Wilson for two weeks of criminal court beginning February 15th.
Judge Wright goes to Surry county January 11th in lieu of Judge James L. Webb, who has a conflict of courts and is therefore unable to keep his engagement in Mount Airy. Judge Wright holds two weeks for the trial of civil cases. Forsyth confined the first week with Judge Webb's Surry cases and Rockingham the second.
Governor McLean's attention in this connection was called to the finding of the federal conference and its recommendations yesterday, one of which observations was that the emergency judgeship act does not work well.
Governor McLean renewed his observation that he was not originally favorable to this act. He doubted its wisdom but it came at a last resource. He is pleased to recall the record of sixteen judges commissioned for 1925. These judges have made a good record. He will not make comparisons, but the people have been pleased, he said.
He observed further that many requests for outstanding lawyers have failed to get them. More men have turned down the invitation to preside than have accepted. General Albert Cox and Judge J. C. Biggs, both of whom have served regularly on the bench, have been unable to hold courts. So has A. L. Brooks. But the governor thinks the service has been splendid, far better than hoped for.
Incidentally, there has been but one emergency judgeship mishap, just one setback by the Supreme Court in 1925. But the governor did not say that.

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IN AND ABOUT THE CITY

NEW YEAR GIVEN HEARTY WELCOME IN CONCORD

Firing of Guns and Crackers Herald Coming of Another Year—Watch Night Parties Held.
The New Year was welcomed in with suitable ceremonies Thursday night.
Immediately at the sound of the town clock striking the midnight hour there came a burst of noise, made chiefly by the firing of guns and fire crackers, the tolling of church bells and the blowing of horns. For a time, bedlam seemed to have broken loose.
One regular feature of the celebration was omitted Thursday night. The local militia was unable to fire its salute, owing to a lack of ammunition.
With this single exception, there was much the usual amount of merry-making on this occasion.
A number of watch-night parties were held all over the city, two of the largest of which were the Y watch party and the First Baptist Church party. At both of these, large numbers of persons attended to make merry the last few hours of the old year and to greet the New Year as it was born.
At the Y party, Rev. R. M. Courtney made a brief speech and at the Baptist Church party Rev. C. Herman Trueblood was the chief speaker.
At various homes throughout the city small parties were held while waiting for the New Year to come in. The younger set of the city greeted it while dancing in the Elks' ballroom, at the DeMolay dance.
Throughout the course of the night and even at early hours this morning there still continued an intermittent shooting of guns and fire crackers which belated revelers concluded that it was no time to greet the New Year.
Regular New Year's eve dinners were held by the firm and by the members of Company E. These two dinners were attended by members of the two companies and by large numbers of city officials.

NEW YORK FIRM BUYS NOKOMIS COTTON MILL

Transfer of Plant at Lexington to Langerre Sales Company Already Made.
Lexington, Dec. 31.—Controlling stock in the Nokomis Cotton Mill company of this city, has been purchased by the Langerre Sales company, of New York, it is announced.
Transfer of a majority of local holdings to the New York concern was completed yesterday afternoon.
J. M. Gamewell, general manager of the Erlanger mills, has been elected president and treasurer of the new company and is today in charge of operations at the Nokomis.
The Langerre company is the sales organization of the Erlanger interests, which control the B. V. D. company of New York, the big Erlanger mills here and the North Carolina Finishing company plant at Yadkin, twelve miles southwest of here, Mr. Schechter, of New York, attorney for the Langerre company, and Mr. Gamewell, handled the details of the purchase.

YADKIN RIVER FROZEN HARD FOR FIRST TIME IN 31 YEARS

Winston-Salem, Dec. 31.—This week is said to be the first time in 31 years that the Yadkin river has been frozen over to such an extent as it is at the present time. It began to freeze over Monday and the continued cold nights has caused a very heavy cake of ice to form. One reason given for the river freezing more than in former years when the weather was even colder than has been the case during the present week has been due to the river being very low. There has not been sufficient rainfall since last summer's drought to cause a normal flow of water.

DR. RANKIN MOVES OFFICE TO CHARLOTTE MONDAY

Charlotte, Dec. 31.—Dr. W. S. Rankin, in charge of the hospitalization program of the Duke Foundation, arrives here Monday to open headquarters of that phase of the Duke philanthropy. Dr. Rankin met here recently with the directors of the Duke Foundation.

"HUCKLEBERRY FINN"

Breathes there the boy with soul so dead
That never to himself had said
Gee, but I'd like to be Huck Finn!
And with the same gesture—Is there a man in town who is not interested in seeing a boy of bright bewitching brain befuddling beauties; or a girl or woman not concerned with the heart-touching struggles of Huck with his drunk sordid father?
Not to mention the amusing "kidnapping" of the Huckleberry Finn—Mary Jane—Tom Sawyer triangle?
Most emphatically—"no"—to each one of these questions.
Well, tomorrow the boys will get a chance to actually live with him to feel the joy, not unmingled with pathos, that was his. They can plot with him as Tom Sawyer; make innocent, childish love to Mary Jane; peevish and be pardoned by Miss Watson and the "widow"; and even dodge the whip of "Old Man Finn."
See how Huck overcame adversity, unaided by a mother's loving care and advice. Let him see, and take a lesson from Huckleberry Finn.
On Saturday, January 3rd, at the Concord Theatre you will be permitted to witness this, one of the greatest and best acted shows that has ever been on tour.

LOUISVILLE LAND BANK CUTS INTEREST RATE TO 5 PER CENT

Louisville, Dec. 31.—The Federal Land Bank of Louisville tonight announced a reduction from 7 1/2 and one half to five per cent in its interest rate on farm loans. The reduction, effective tomorrow, is for the states of Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee, territory of the Louisville bank.
James B. Davis, president in making the announcement said the reduction was "due to general economic and financial conditions, as well as to the success achieved by this bank."
The bank has total resources of \$105,000,000. Its capital stock is \$5,000,000 and surplus and undivided profits \$1,750,000.
The reduction is the second made by the bank since its organization a few years ago. About three and one half years ago the interest rate was reduced from six to five and one half per cent.

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CONCORD Y TEAM LOSES GAME WITH HIGH POINT

Locals Take Small End of 31-25 Score After Leading During the Entire First Half.
Too much Christmas proved the undoing of the Concord Y team in its game with the High Point Y Thursday night and the locals lost in the final moments of the game when they could not put forth the necessary punch to maintain the lead which they acquired early after the opening of the contest.
The score was High Point 31, Concord 25.
In the early stages of the game the locals took the lead. During the entire first half, there was little from which to choose in the playing of the two teams with the exception of the fact that the visitors were doing the most scrapping. The half ended with Concord leading in a 14-11 score.
After the opening of the second half, the High Point five gradually began to creep up on the locals and midway in the period they went ahead for the first time in the game.
Desperate efforts were made by the Y cagers to stop this advance but want of training during the holidays and the best that could be done was to keep the score close.
For High Point, Manning and Hauser were bright and shining lights. Hauser, who entered the game at the opening of the second half, shot four field goals and played well during the entire remainder of the game.
Easley and Morrison were the stars on the Concord five. Easley managed to slip four field goals through the basket and Morrison's dribbling and general floorwork was of high order.
The lineup and score:
Concord (26) High Point (31)
Dick (2) f. Fause (2)
Morrison (7) f. Manning (15)
Easley (9) c. Bioli (16)
Cook (2) f. s. Hill
Coltrane f. s. Riggers
Substitutions: Coltrane-Wolf (6) for Coltrane, High Point—Willard for Fause, Hauser (8) for Bioli, Bioli for Riggers.

HOTEL HERE TO BE LEASED AT EARLY DATE

William Foor of William Foor Operating Company Has Made Offer to Directors.
With the work on the hotel progressing rapidly, a number of prospective lessees are looking over the property with a view to operating it.
William Foor, president of the William Foor Operating Company, was a recent visitor in the city. He was accompanied by O. W. Darnell, an official in the company.
Mr. Foor, after looking over the property, is said to have made an offer to the local hotel directors and on an early date, a meeting will be called by G. L. Patterson, president of the hotel directors, to consider this and other propositions which have been recently received.
At the same meeting, the matter of furnishings will be taken into consideration.
Although no action has been taken in the matter of leasing the hotel yet, it is understood that the Foor Operating Company is favored by a number of the people of the city. Mr. Foor has been connected with the Foor-Robinson Company which has operated hotels in Charlotte, Greensboro, High Point, Winston-Salem and Raleigh.

COMPANY E HAS ANNUAL DINNER

Company E held its annual New Year's Eve dinner Thursday night at the Carolina Cafe, having in addition to the members of the company present, a number of city and county officials. After the dinner a number of short talks were made by persons present.
The annual custom of firing a round of ammunition at the stroke of midnight had to be dispensed with Thursday night because of the fact that there was an insufficient supply on hand. This was not discovered until Monday which was too late to order any ammunition.

WOMAN BEATS YOUNG MAN IN POSTOFFICE

Mrs. Sykes, of Richmond, Beats Young Man's Affront to Her Kinswoman.
Raleigh, Dec. 31.—Local police tonight declared that the city has no jurisdiction and therefore is not interested in the fact that this afternoon Mrs. Sykes, said to be from Richmond, gave Billy Utley, prominent young man of Raleigh, a furious beating in the postoffice.
Neither principal could be located, but eye witnesses to the flogging agree that the visitor drove up in a high speed sedan in which were several other people. She alighted at the postoffice, then sallied into the young fellow whose chivalry would not allow him to put up much of a defense.
Witnesses disagreed as to the weapons used, but police say the Richmonder employed only her hands which were thought a cowardly weapon. The cause of the beating was an affront to a kinswoman of the visitor, police said tonight.
An apology was demanded and was forthcoming.

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COTTON GROWERS ARE IN HELPLESS ATTITUDE

Unless They Take Some Action Against the Present Sub-Normal Prices.
Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 31.—(AP)—Cotton growers of the South are in a helpless attitude against the present sub-normal price for their crop, unless some clear-cut action is taken by them looking toward a curtailment of production in 1926, the American Cotton Association announces, in issuing a call for a south-wide cotton convention to convene here January 8th.
Jointly with the American Association call, the Southern commissioners of agriculture issued through their chairman, Harry D. Wilson, of Louisiana, a similar call that the commissioners should join the association here in an effort to induce Southern farmers to cut down their cotton acreage for the coming crop year.
"The enormous acreage planted to cotton in 1925," says the American Cotton Association's statement, "and the very large production of the crop, creating supplies in excess of consumption demands, has forced prices for the staple several cents per pound below the actual average cost of production. Against this situation the cotton growers are in a helpless attitude. Their only relief can be found in a south-wide concerted action in curtailing production of the staple in 1926."
"The enormously increased cotton acreage in 1925 correspondingly reduced the acreage in food and feed supplies on southern farms to such an extent that the question of securing such supplies for the operation of next year's farming is a matter of deep and vital concern to the rank and file of the cotton growers over all the South. Southern farmers are burdened with the double penalty of selling their great staple money crop at prices considerably below the actual cost of production and faced with preparations for next year's farming operations with empty corn cribs and smoke-houses and quite limited credit facilities. The situation is serious and calls for drastic changes in crop operations for 1926."
"No outside or governmental measures for relief will be able to meet the situation," continued the announcement. "Newspaper publicity, convention speeches, and passage of resolutions will not solve the problem. As in 1921, there must be some way of inducing the rank and file of the cotton growers to support and co-operation to a definite and sound program of relief that will insure positive and effective results. Such a program should be based upon the following understanding:
"1. Every cotton grower be urged and induced to reduce his cotton acreage for 1926 to thirty-three and one-third per cent of area planted in 1925, restricting his cotton acreage to not exceeding eight acres to the plow, to be liberally fertilized, selected seed of the best one-inch varieties planted, the crop cultivated intensively so as to increase the yield of good spinnable cotton, and weevil control intelligently and effectively applied.
"2. That a largely increased acreage be planted in food, feed, and forage crops, thereby laying the foundation for a sane and reliable system of self-sustaining agriculture.
"3. That local bankers and merchants join with the movement and restrict credits for farm loans and supplies based upon contracts or agreements with their customers and patron planting cotton that the program outlined in numbers 1 and 2 be strictly adhered to.
The statement estimates the 1925 acreage cost of growing cotton at \$40 an acre. "At this figure," it adds, "it would require 25 cents per pound for all grades to net the farmer cost for the 1925 crop, based upon the estimated yield of 162 pounds of lint cotton per acre made by the government. Applying present prices for the crop, it shows a net loss of exceeding \$400,000,000 to the growers for the crop of 1925. Any policy of farming that entails such enormous loss to the growers of a staple money crop, with the further penalty of no serious shortage in home-raised food and feed crops is nothing short of agricultural suicide."
The cotton convention, therefore, is called, says the announcement, "in response to widespread requests of farmers, merchants and bankers throughout the cotton belt, to the end that a definite and constructive program of relief may be devised and pressed to solution for limiting cotton production in 1926 and thereby insure fair and just prices for the growers."

BUILDING IN CITY LESS THAN IN 1924

Total Permits For Year Amount to \$599,718.50, Which Is \$17,496.50 Under Total of 1924.
Total building permits for the year of 1925 were \$17,496.50 less than they were during the year of 1924 in Concord, according to a statement issued today by Frank Mund, city building inspector, in his yearly report.
In the report, which gives the details of building for the last six months, the December report is also given, which amounts to \$19,800. Under the six months building in Concord has been \$445,770.00.
Not only does 1925 fall short of the mark set in 1924, but in the amount of electrical permits, there is a little drop again.
Mr. Mund's report follows:
Dec. 1925, 17 permits, \$19,800.00
Last six months of 1925, 90 permits, \$445,770.00
For year 1925, 196 permits, \$599,718.50
Total permits 1924, 205; amount \$617,215.00
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Decrease from 1924, No. permits 9; amount \$17,496.50
Electrical.
Dec. 1925, 9 permits, amount \$900.
Last six months, 80 permits; amount \$884.00
For year 1925, 176 permits; amount \$176.00
Total permits 1924, 183; amount \$183.00
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Decrease, No. permits 7; amount \$7.00

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ON THE JOB

Sambo, Were you sick with the flu, Bastus?
Bastus: Man, I was so sick that most every night I looked in the casualty list for my name.
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"Jesus No Myth, But No More Than Man," Avers Rabbi Wise

Margaret Pickard in Charlotte Observer.
New York, Dec. 31.—What did Dr. Stephen S. Wise, rabbi of the Free Synagogue, really say about Christ and the Jews?
The rabbi's words, which caused orthodox rabbis to pass resolutions denouncing him, resulting in his resignation as chairman of the United Palestine campaign, are the topic of the hour in Jewish circles, but outsiders appear not to have a clear idea of their meaning.
But he makes it plain that "nothing I could say and nothing that any Jew could say would lead any one to imagine that we Jews today, any more than 1,900 years ago, regard Jesus in any other light than that he was a man."
No Quarrel With Christians.
"I do not mean to quarrel with Christian creeds, or rather with Christian dogmas, but wish to make clear that no Jew dreams of accepting the Christian dogmatic view with respect to the uniqueness of Jesus in so far as he was other or more than man."
The important thing to make clear is that the book of Dr. Klausner, which was referred to at some length in my sermon, deals with Jesus of Nazareth exactly as the author might have dealt with any other Jewish figure of the best century. He views Jesus as against the Palestinian setting or background without constant reference to which Jesus cannot be understood any more than Abraham Lincoln could be understood save as against the background of American life in the early half of the nineteenth century.
I understand exactly where Dr. Klausner stands. I believe that Jesus was and that any attempt to "mythologize" him away into non-existence is bound to be futile. No myth

refuse to claim Jesus either because of the centuries of misunderstanding and Christlessness which have grown out of the stories touching the manner of His death or because Christendom is not yet become Christian?
There is no question of embracing Christianity save by Christians. I do not need to be a Christian in order to recognize the place of Jesus in the great Jewish tradition. Israel gave Jesus the man and the Jew to humanity. For the most part Christianity has denied Him in deed, though affirming Him in name. Is not the hour come for us, his fellow Jews, to place Jesus exactly where He belongs—this radiant Jewish teacher in Palestine of the first century?
Telegraphic protests against Dr. Wise's forced resignation as chairman of the United Palestine campaign are flowing into the headquarters of the drive. Many influential Jews are flocking to the rabbi's support. Nathan Kharas, donor of \$650,000 to Palestine Welfare work, is one of his defenders.
Dr. Wise was recently voted by the Jews as one of the ten Jews who have contributed most to the United States.
Number of Automobiles in State Increased by Nearly 60,000 Last Year.
Automobiles have increased in North Carolina during 1925 at the rate of 162 per day.
There are nearly 50,000 more cars in the State than there were a year ago, the number having increased from 298,305 on December 31, 1924, to 357,200 today, an increase of more than 19 per cent.
The figures were compiled by the automobile bureau of the State Revenue Department, on a basis of automobile license issued, and were made public by Sprague Silver, supervisor of the bureau.
The town of Dunn, N. C., believes it has the world's champion egg eater in the person of Essie McLean, a negro, who recently devoured 42 eggs at one sitting, shells included.