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HAPPY NEW YEAR

A new year is born and an old year dies. It's time to hang up a new calendar, make good resolutions and be at peace with the world. But after all, a new year begins every day, even though the calendar may disagree. Every day affords just as great an opportunity to make good resolutions and to keep them as does January 1st. If the maker of good resolutions remembers this, it may be easier for him to keep them.

At any rate, we wish to those who make good resolutions and keep them, to those who make good resolutions and break them and to those who make no resolutions at all an exceedingly Happy New Year's Day and a 1928 filled with days each happier than the day before.

A VISIT FROM ROLAND TURNER EXPECTED

The announcement quoted in last Month's Messenger from Mr. W. E. White that Mr. Roland Turner, the agricultural agent of the development service of the Southern Railway, was being invited to make addresses in Caswell and adjoining counties on the proposed condensery for Mebane in particular and on the dairying industry for this section in general, will be received with pleasure by the number of friends and acquaintances which Mr. Turner made when in Caswell last year.

Mr. Turner "knows his onions" about farming and dairying, and about the vital relation which farming and dairying sustain to the present and future development of the states of the Atlantic seaboard, which includes North Carolina. What he says along this line is worth listening to by any one who wants to see our section develop.

The Southern Railway is not engaged in child's play when it sends Mr. Turner out to talk farming and dairying, and pays his salary and all expenses.

The officers of the Southern have envisioned a more prosperous country-side along the lines of its railroads and are engaged in the great creative task of helping to make those dreams come true.

Caswell will welcome Mr. Turner as a co-worker in bringing this county up to a higher standard of economic prosperity, thus insuring a better support for the schools, churches and all cultural opportunities.

NORTHERN MISSISSIPPI IS PROSPERING

In an article found in the Manufacturers Record, published in Baltimore, which our friend Mr. W. E. White, of Mebane, was kind enough to send us, and which is being published in this issue of the Messenger, we learn that the Northern part of the State of Mississippi is prospering.

The reason given for the prosperity of northern Mississippi is that dairying has been introduced into that part of the State, followed by several condenseries and cheese factories. And the reason given by the writer of the article referred to is that the business men of that section have demonstrated an interest in rural problems and in the dairy business.

Nothing is more certain than that what has been done in Mississippi can be done in North Carolina along this line. The condensery that is proposed for Mebane, for which we are all working can be secured and maintained if the people of Alamance, Caswell, Orange, Person, Chatham and Rockingham will realize the great advantage which a condensery will be to this section and will exert every effort to secure its location in our midst.

The farmers, both white and colored should be eager to guarantee a supply of milk, and the business men should be willing to work night and day to bring such a huge business enterprise to the State.

The humorous remarks that "every month is Christmas" in northern Mississippi can be made true of Alamance and adjacent counties in the same sense if our composite citizenship will rise up and grab that condensery for Mebane.

COLONEL LINDBERGH AN AMBASSADOR OF GOOD WILL

Just prior to his flight to Mexico Lindbergh was asked why he was going. His answer was, "Because President Calles invited me." There was also something about his always wanting to visit Mexico, and possibly something about aviation, which, by every indication, is the passion of his life. But the invitation of President Calles was the first, and apparently the primary, reason for the flight.

It must have occurred to many persons to go further and at least want to know why President Calles extended the invitation. There one steps into the realm of speculation. There is no reason why President Calles should not extend the invitation, and many reasons why he might feel it a pleasant thing to do.

In addition to the visit to Mexico there are now to be visits to Central American countries, where no doubt the same warm reception will be extended the flier. And on top of that is a contemplated flight to Cuba to be timed with the arrival of the delegates to the Pan-American conference which meets in Havana in January.

All of this might be attributed to a variety of reason. But the visited and the attendant details suggest so strongly a genuine diplomatic move that it is difficult to disregard it. The theory is that Lindbergh is an "ambassador" of good will" from the United States to various countries with which the United States is extremely anxious to be as friendly as possible. It is strengthened by the obvious seriousness with which the administration regards the coming Pan-American conference, to which the United States will send the strongest delegation it has ever sent to an international conference, with the possible exception of the body writing the Treaty of Versailles. If it were not for the visit of the President and of his secretary of state, that would be so. But their presence, and the expected attendance of the presidents of many South American republics, unquestionably make it so, and suggest that other countries feel the same way.

That is a known fact. By the side of it is the fact that in the weeks prior to its assembling "the most attractive citizen of the United States" is visiting many of the countries party to the conference at the invitation of the presidents of those countries and as their official guest. Concerning that fact J. F. Essary, an unusually reliable correspondent, writes to the Baltimore Sun from Washington:

It is no secret that much of the practical diplomacy organized in Washington for the Havana conference has been inspired by Ambassador Morrow. For example, he suggested to President Calles, it is said here, that Colonel Lindbergh make the good-will flight to Mexico City. The Mexican president acted with enthusiasm and without delay, and the result has been more than satisfactory to Washington.

Also it is believed to be true that Mr. Morrow suggested the Lindbergh flight be extended to Panama. Washington officials persuaded Lindbergh to go to Mexico, but to Mr. Morrow was left the duty of persuading the young hero of the air to press on through Central America.

In brief Lindbergh has become the official, as he was the unofficial, representative of the United States, although still retaining an appearance of "unofficiality." He is creating the atmosphere for an international conference. He is on government service.

There is no possible objection to that form of service. In its present form it has its hazards, but Lindbergh would be taking risk is he were flying in the United States. It combines aviation with good will. But in particular it serves to emphasize, if the situation has been correctly interpreted the seriousness with which Lindbergh's country regards the Pan-American conference. Yet that is not so strange. The history of the relations of the United States in recent years to republics and peoples to the south is such as force this country to realize the necessity for building up the confidence that has been destroyed.—Greensboro Daily News.

VISITS DR. AND MRS. MALLOY

Mrs. W. O. Spencer of Winston-Salem, Mr. Graves Kerr, of Asheville, Mrs. Motz and little Mary Kerr Motz, of Milton, are the guests of Dr. and Mrs. S. A. Malloy on Monday.

1928 WILL MARK CHANGE IN SIZE OF PAPER MONEY

Washington, D. C.,—Dec. 28—The year 1928 will mark the first change in size of paper money since 1861.

For months the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, the greatest print shop in the world, will be busy making new and smaller \$1 bills so that upon some fixed day next fall they may be issued simultaneously throughout the country and the old ones retired at one swoop, to be redeemed, of course, upon demand. Notes of other denominations will be printed and put in circulation probably in 1929.

The new notes will be 6 5-16 by 2 11-16 inches whereas the notes now in circulation are 7 7-16 by 3 1-8 inches. By the change the Government expects to save \$2,000,000 annually. The reduction in size of the bills is expected to increase the capacity of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing by 50 per cent because twelve of the smaller notes can be printed at one impression upon the same press which now prints but eight.

Through the change in size the bills will be made more convenient to handle and will also be more durable. The new notes will slip into a bill-fold or pocket, it is claimed, without creasing or folding, and for this reason are expected to have a much longer life than those now in use. The life of the average bill now is not more than six or seven months, treasury officials say. Folding is one of the chief items cutting short the life of paper money.

Designs on the bills are also to be standardized. Many designs now appear on the different denominations and the various kinds of notes. Washington's portrait, for example, appears both on the \$1 and some \$20 bills.

Treasury officials point out that through standardizing the designs the new notes cannot be so easily "raised" to higher denominations by the crooked gentry who make this their business. In addition to standardized designs on the new paper money there will be a relations between the portrait on the face and the engraving on the back, except in the cases of the \$1 bill and those above \$100.

On the face of the new \$1 bill will be the portrait of Washington and on the back will be the word "ONE" in large letters. On the \$2 bill will be a portrait of Jefferson with an engraving of Monticello, his home, on the back.

Lincoln's portrait will be on the face of the \$5 bill with the Lincoln Memorial for the back. Hamilton's portrait will appear on the face of the \$10 bill and the Treasury Building on the back. For the face of the \$20 bill Grover Cleveland's portrait has been chosen, with the White House for the back. Grant's portrait will be on the face of the \$50 bill, Benjamin Franklin's one the \$100, McKinley's on the \$500, Jackson's on the \$1,000, Madison's on the \$5,000, and Chase's on the \$10,000.

All designs have been approved although some may be changed later.

No retirement of money-making machinery will be necessitated by the change, it is said.

BAD FIRE IN DANVILLE LAST TUESDAY MORNING

An investigation of the flue of the furnace in the basement of the Seminole apartments which were gutted by fire on Tuesday morning with heavy property loss by the owner and those occupying the apartments, by Fire Chief Mitchell, showed that the flue was not defective, but that the slight adjustment of it would have prevented one of the most serious fires in this city, in which many lives were endangered because of the dense smoke. The flue was loose and heat and sparks escaped. Eight families occupying the apartments narrowly escaped suffocation as they groped their way down the long flights of stairs to the front door while the building was filled with smoke.

The negro who attended the furnace arrived at the apartment about five o'clock and as he opened the cellar door the flames swept out. He immediately called the fire department which responded quickly. The heroic work of the firemen was largely responsible for saving the building from complete destruction.

The firemen fought the fire for four hours before they finally overcame it. The flames had eaten their way from the basement of the building to the roof with a grapping hole through various floors close to the brick chimney, which is the center of the building when gotten under control. Firemen on arriving are said to

have found the gas meters shooting out flames feeding the fire which had already reached several stories. The building was in darkness as all electric wires had been severed and occupants found difficulty in threading their way out of the dense smoke. Neighbors provided for the unfortunate ones of the fire. Those who were out of town were wired and friends took charge of their effects. Many prepared hot coffee and served it to those who were fighting the fire and those who were forced out of the building.

The firemen at one time feared that the fire would get beyond control and catch the frame apartment belonging to Dr. J. E. Taylor, which is close to the Seminole apartment.

While the fire was in no ways spectacular but damage done to the building alone is expected to be around \$30,000, not counting the loss that the occupants suffered in the way of furniture and property. The furniture in all of the apartments was practically ruined by the heat, fire, smoke and water, and will have to be replaced by new furniture. It is understood that very little insurance was carried by the households on their furniture.—Danville Register.

CHRISTMAS TREE AT BETHEL

The Sunday School of Bethel Methodist Church enjoyed a Christmas tree and program last Monday night. Supt. J. A. Cobb was in charge of the program and was assisted by a number of the teachers and pupils. Following the program by the school, Santa Claus entered and delivered a large number of presents after which packages containing fruits and candies were handed out. A large crowd was present to enjoy the evening.

CHRISTMAS TREE AT PROSPECT

The Prospect Sunday School celebrated Christmas on last Saturday night at the church with a Christmas program, tree and Santa Claus. After the exercises of the evening, Santa Claus came out and delivered the presents.

Bargains.....

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