

# Masons To Observe Feast Of Triangle at Waynesville

## J. E. Allen, of Warrenton, Scheduled To Speak At Meeting

(Special to The Press-Maconian) WAYNESVILLE, Dec. 9.—Three hundred Masons from Buncombe and the counties west are expected to assemble in the Masonic temple in Waynesville Tuesday, December 15, for the outstanding Masonic event of the year—the observance of the mystic feast of the triangle, which will be held for the first time in the western part of the state.

This special ceremony will be given in honor of the visit of J. Edward Allen, of Warrenton, grand commander of Knights Templar of North Carolina and junior grand warden of the grand lodge of Masons. The distinguished visitor is also grand reviewer and foreign correspondent for all of the state Masonic bodies, as well as author of several texts on Masonic subjects. Last summer he attended conventions of the grand lodge of Scotland and the grand lodge of England, and he will therefore have a message of special interest to all members of the fraternity. He will be accompanied by several high Masonic officials of the state, including William Ritchie Smith, of Raleigh, grand recorder of the York Rite Masonic bodies of North Carolina, who is also scheduled to address the meeting.

While the district assembly will be held under the auspices of the ninth division of Knights Templar, consisting of Cyrene Commandery No. 5 of Asheville and Waynesville Commandery No. 31 of Waynesville, the meeting is intended for all Masons, according to an announcement by T. Troy Wyche, divisional commander, and large delegations are expected from all the lodges of the several districts in this part of the state.

The program will open at 6:30 p. m. with an official reception of the distinguished guests, followed at 7 o'clock with an oyster supper served in the Masonic Temple by ladies of the Eastern Star. The assembly will open at 8 o'clock in the lodge room followed at 8:45 with the solemn ceremonies of the mystic feast of the triangle.

A number of Masons from Franklin, Highlands, Bryson City and Andrews are expected to attend.

The "lie detector" has been used in court.

Reindeer were imported into Alaska 44 years ago.

George Washington was a strong advocate of vaccination.

Maximinus, Roman emperor, third century, who was eight feet tall, could eat 30 to 40 pounds of meat daily.

# G-MEN TO TRAIN LOCAL OFFICERS

## Sheriffs and Policemen Invited to Training School

The police, sheriff and deputies of Franklin and Macon county have been invited to send representatives to the ten-day training school which the Institute of Government will hold for officers in Chapel Hill beginning January 5.

This is the first 10-day police school held in the state and will have one of the strongest instructional staffs of any school in the country. The federal bureau of investigation is supplying six instructors from the staff of the National Police academy headed by Director Hugh H. Clegg. The "G-Men" will be supplemented as to local phases by officials of the state highway patrol, experienced North Carolina officers, and the Institute of Government staff.

The 10-day state-wide school is part of the institute's expanded system of state, district, and local police schools.

The main divisions of the training course will be criminal law, criminal investigation and apprehension, scientific aids in crime detection, patrol work, traffic, crime prevention, co-operative measures, firearms instruction, first aid and police administration and records. All lectures and demonstrations will be held in Chapel Hill except for the firearms instruction and practice, which will be at Fort Bragg.

## Winter Weather Helps Farmer Till the Soil

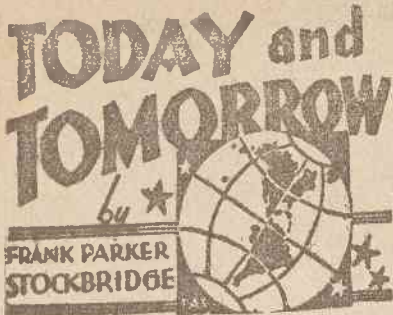
"In winter, the weather will help cultivate your soil if you give it half a chance," according to E. C. Blair, extension agronomist of State college, Raleigh.

"The alternate freezing and thawing in cold weather will do more to make a good seed bed than all the tilling you can do in the spring.

"But if your land is to get the full benefit of this freezing and thawing, it must be broken in the late fall or early winter. Plow now for land to be planted to corn. This is especially important on red clay soils and on fields where there is vegetation to be turned under.

"A rough, freshly plowed surface also absorbs and retains more moisture for next spring's crops than does land with a hard compact surface."

Blair also pointed out that winter freezes kill insects in great numbers. The killing action is more effective in freshly plowed land, as the insects are more exposed.



## PATENTS . . . . . celebration

They have been holding a celebration in Washington for the centennial of the American patent system. I wished I could take time out to attend, for the U. S. Patent Office was one of my playgrounds when I was a boy and my uncle was Commissioner of Patents. I learned more, I think, from the exhibits of models of early inventions than I ever learned in school.

Many folks have a wrong idea about patents. They think they are intended to create monopolies. The exact opposite is true. The word "patent" means "to make public." In return for disclosing the secret of his device or process so that anyone can use it, Uncle Sam gives the inventor the sole right to use it for seventeen years. After that it is public property.

America is one of the few countries where the owner of a patent does not have to pay an annual tax on it. That is one of the reasons why we are the most inventive people in the world. The other is that we had to invent machines to do our work because we wanted more work done than there were men to do it.

## INVENTIONS . . . . . the public

In 1844 Henry L. Ellsworth, then Commissioner of Patents, in his annual report to Congress said that the Patent Office would soon be unnecessary, since there was nothing much left to invent! Just a few of the inventions since then are the telephone, electric light, gas engine, phonograph, airplane, photographic dry plate, motion pictures, radio, and about a million and a half other devices for which patents have been issued since Mr. Ellsworth's time.

For years the Patent Office refused to consider applications for patents on flying machines on the ground that it was impossible for men to fly. They still refuse applications for "perpetual motion" machines unless accompanied by a

working model. No inventor has yet produced a model that works.

A patent, however, is no proof that an invention is valuable. The value of any invention depends entirely upon whether it meets a public demand.

## SUN . . . . . power

From time immemorial inventors have been trying to find some way of storing the energy of sun heat. In sunny countries it is easy to heat tanks of water by the sun's rays, and many patents have been granted on solar engines. Most of these, however, cost so much in proportion to the power generated that it doesn't pay to build them.

Dr. Charles G. Abbott, secretary of the Smithsonian Institute of Washington, however, thinks he has solved the problem. At the Patent Centennial he showed an engine run by sunpower which may point the way toward conservation of fuel when the earth's supplies of coal and oil are exhausted.

Nothing could be more useful than costless power. I hope Dr. Abbott is on the right track.

## GLARE . . . . . under control

One of the most promising of the new inventions shown at the Patent Centennial is a method of taking the glare out of automobile headlights. Scientists have long known that light can be "polarized"—that is, so reflected that the light beams are parallel and go in one direction only. But all previous methods of doing this have been too expensive and cumbersome for general use.

The new device is the result of years of work in two great industrial research laboratories. It is a simple transparent sheet of a new kind of material which can be used instead of glass in motor headlights, and will project their beams in a straight line ahead instead of into the eyes of approaching drivers.

This one invention alone, when it comes into general use, will be worth untold money for its value as a preventer of motoring accidents.

## SOUND . . . . . death ray

Another amazing new thing is a device which produces sound waves at a pitch too high for the human ear to detect. These vibrations, or "ultrasonic" sounds have remarkable powers of penetration and can even cause death. Dr. R. W. Wood of Johns Hopkins laboratory, who developed them, showed how pass-

ing these ultrasonic waves through a tank of water would kill all fish in the water. That suggests possible use in killing the swarms of mosquitoes in their breeding places.

Amazing new industrial power can also be found by waves. Oil can be mixed with and powdered coal which has suspended in water is consolidated into a solid lump by means of new vibrations.

This is still a scientific discovery which needs to be adopted for practical use before it classes as an invention.

## Production Credit Gro To Meet Jan. 26

The annual meeting of the Asheville Production Credit association will be held in Asheville courthouse on Tuesday morning, January 26, 1937, at 10 o'clock according to an announcement by John A. Hudgens, president of the association, who stated that a member of the association is expected to be present this year.

Complete and detailed reports will be made by officers of the association on its operations for the year, directors will be elected, plans made for continuing short-term credit service the association has been offering farmers of this section.

If there is any question about the operations of the association or any information about short-term credit service which the association offers that is desired by anyone it will be supplied at the annual meeting of the association, according to Mr. Hudgens.

The Asheville Production Credit association serves Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, Mitchell, Swain, Transylvania, Yancey counties and this year 282 loans for a total of \$49,175.

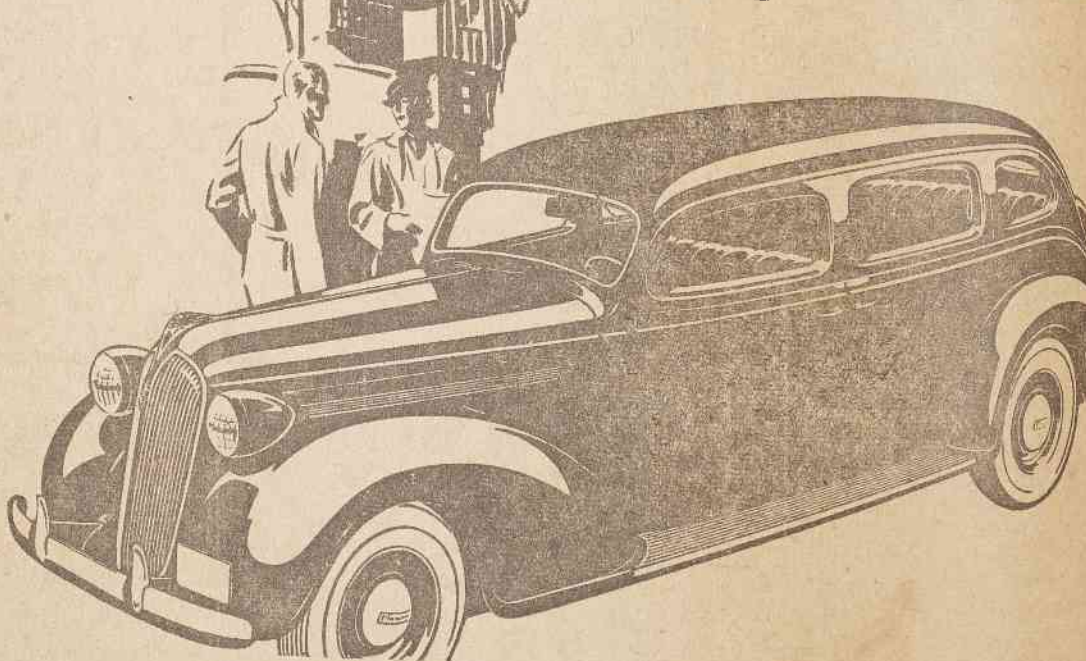
Earthworms lay eggs.

The shape of eyes is indicative of racial characteristics.

A match set off the charge of a matchlock pistol.

A new egg cooker boils eggs in style and whistles when they are done.

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## TRY AND BE CONVINCED

I am not prone to giving recipes in my newspaper work. Rarely do I actually prescribe in front of your physician. But, here is a recipe for a physical exercise that should have free publicity, because of its genuine worth in practice.

I am not the originator of this sort of self-treatment. I do not know who is. And the advice herein is not copyrighted—it's yours for the using.

I believe the "laziest" muscles of the human body are those of the abdomen and colon. Especially so in cases of corpulency, very common in middle-age and beyond—those "bay-windows," if you get what I mean. Those unwelcome hammocks, hanging-baskets which make us look and feel ponderous, as if we were carrying dead weight, too much ballast for the ship; not actual disease—just laziness in bellies.

Try it when in bed. On retiring and on awakening in morning. Lie flat on back. Place a hand on the

abdomen. See how high you can lift the hand with the abdominal muscles, then, how low you can let the hand settle by the same muscles. Up—down, —up, down, twelve times! that's all for each treatment. Continue a month, night and morning, in bed. The lungs need not enter into this exercise.

You will note beneficial results in constipation and in the increased activity of these sagging muscles, which leads to a better feeling all over; your waist-band will actually become too loose in due time—if you keep up your treatment faithfully. You get a nice degree of voluntary control of muscles in this old hanging-basket of yours that may have caused you back-aches in the past from only moderate use. Learn the benefits of "belly-breathing."

"Kissing a horseshoe is said to bring luck," states a playwright. Provided of course one doesn't attempt this when the horse is still wearing it.