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A Real Need

Public Welfare Progress.
Six hundred and sixty-six women were committed to jail in North Carolina in the year 1924, from twenty-one counties.

This gives an idea of the number of delinquent women for whom no corrective treatment is being given. In the jails they sit in idleness. They frequently lack the medical attention that practically all of them need. They are released to the community in no way better than they were when the law took them in hand. Neither the individual offender nor the community profits by our present methods of treating delinquent women.

The State Board of Charities and Public Welfare is charged by law with the duty of recommending to the Legislature, among other things, "the creation of necessary institutions," and the Board is recommending the establishment of a Farm Colony for Delinquent Women.

A bill authorizing the establishing of a farm colony to eventually care for four hundred women, will be offered the General Assembly of 1927.

The establishment of such an institution has been adopted by the Legislative Council of Women as one of the five measures, which it is advocating. The North Carolina conference for Social Service has approved and advanced such a proposition for several years.

The need for such an industrial institution, has long been recognized. The women who are serving sentences in jails are costing large sums of money. The average amount spent per day on their food alone is 76c. If this were spent on keeping them in an institution where they could be made to work and to become at least partially self-supporting, where they were given adequate medical attention, instruction and training, we might hope for good results.

A farm colony for women, is the type of institution which would make such conditions possible. Every effort would be made to make industry the dominant characteristic. It would be maintained not only to restrain and discipline, but also to train, rehabilitate and restore, to which end, industry contributes fundamentally.

It is clearly apparent that our methods of dealing with women who have been convicted of offenses against the law are inadequate.

Most of them are in county jails, poorly supervised work-houses, or homes for the aged and infirm. They are surrounded by idleness, disease, low mentality, and everything that appeals to the worst in human nature. Some of them are turned loose on unsupervised suspended sentences, or conditional suspended sentences that are not merely futile, but are positively vicious. One of these conditional sentences, which is often pronounced in a term of so many days in jail, unless the woman leaves town within a given time. By imposition of such sentences, Raleigh sends her women offenders, mostly prostitutes, to Durham, Durham to Greensboro, Greensboro to Charlotte, and so on till the vicious circle starts all over again.

Practically all of the women, serving sentences, are under the supervision of men. It has been pretty generally recognized that women offenders should be separated from men and placed under the supervision of women. Only two jails that we know of employ matrons to care for women prisoners.

One of the provisions for the farm colony for women would be that the superintendent should be a properly trained, well educated and spiritually minded woman.

Provisions have been made, in many ways, for the employment of the men serving sentences in North Carolina. The State should recognize equally the necessity of providing industrial employment for women. We can not afford, from an economic and a social standpoint to avoid the question any longer. North Carolina should do some constructive work with this class of offenders. The farm colony for women offenders should be made a reality by the General Assembly of 1927.

K. B. J.

James A. East, of Scranton, Pa., and president of the company which is doing the drilling on the great Pigeon river development project, was here this week taking over the work.

Special Christmas Seal Sale Sat.

A special Christmas Seal house to house canvass will be held in this city for two hours Saturday afternoon. Every one is urged to buy as many as possible and help in this great crusade.

Mrs. Paul Walker, Seal Sale chairman, states that an intensive effort will be made this year to help to stamp out tuberculosis among the children of Haywood county by training them in good health habits.

In schools where health habits have been taught during the last two years by means of the Modern Health Crusade, which is promoted by the State Tuberculosis Association and local health associations, the percentages of undernourished children have decreased, the number and length of absences from school on account of preventable illness and physical defects have been steadily reduced. The number of children who have to repeat grades on account of time lost is being gradually lessened. These results represent to the taxpayer a saving of money invested in the upkeep of schools and teachers' salaries and have greatly strengthened the support of the public health movement and the Christmas Seal campaign.

During the past sixteen years the tuberculosis death rate in North Carolina has been reduced 51 per cent—over one-half—a result attributed mainly to the campaign of education, prevention and treatment financed largely by Christmas Seal funds.

The North Carolina Tuberculosis Association with which the local health association is affiliated, cooperates with the State Sanatorium, the county sanatorium, the State Department of Health, the Department of Agriculture, the State Educational Institutions, the Department of Public Instruction, the American Red Cross, the State Teachers' Association, the P. E. A., the American Legion, Women's clubs, Farm Bureau, labor and commercial organizations, etc. and maintain a staff of workers in the field at all times. Its work, however, is carried on without state or federal aid, and its support has always been of a voluntary nature.

The sale is from Thanksgiving to Christmas. The good the Seals do lasts all through the year and for many years to come.

Very artistic "Shop Early" cards 4x22 in size appeared in the windows of local merchants this morning. These cards done in a number of bright colors show Santa Claus carrying an enormous load of bundles on one shoulder and under the other arm several sheets of Christmas Seals. At the top are the words "Shop Early" and "Buy Christmas Seals," at the bottom "Fight Tuberculosis."

This is a unique combination of the Shop Early campaign and the familiar Christmas Seal movement.

It is especially appropriate because experts in tuberculosis state that the Shop Early idea is based mainly on health considerations. It is better both for the health of patrons and clerks that Christmas buying should be done in such a way as to distribute the task over a number of days, avoiding the worry and fatigue which usually accompany the last week before Christmas and spoil the holiday for both buyers and sellers in many cases. In addition to that say the physicians, there is real danger of contracting colds and other infectious maladies both through the presence of large crowds on the last shopping days and because of lowered resistance due to overwork and mental strain.

These cards are used only by merchants who are supporting the Christmas Seal movement and they indicate the active interest of these business men in the health of their own communities.

Cards are secured through the local Christmas Seal committee which is headed by Mrs. Paul Walker.

CHRIST'S VISION OF A FALLEN PRINCE

"Christ's Vision of a Fallen Prince" a sermon by Rev. J. A. Snow, pastor of Calvary Baptist church, recently delivered before Pilot Mountain Baptist Association in annual session, and published by request, will appear in next week's issue.

St. John's, The Little Chapel In The Mountains

Waynesville, Nov. 29.—What an attractive and alluring name this is to people who love all that is beautiful. Waynesville is steadily advancing as one of the country's finest summer playgrounds, and certainly is deserving of the slogan "The Top Town in the Land of the Sky." She is a town of high ideals, geographically speaking, as she is the highest incorporated town east of the Rockies, with an altitude of almost three thousand feet.

"Waynesville the Beautiful" is conveniently located within a short distance of Asheville (the metropolis of Western North Carolina), Chimney Rock, Mount Mitchell, Hot Springs and Lake Junaluska. Transportation facilities are well taken care of with the Southern Railway passing through six times daily, and the commodious busses running on the hour. People from everywhere come here to satisfy their aspirations for a delightful summer by enjoying a free happy life amidst the finished completeness and splendor of the mountains. Hundreds of others sojourn here because of the wonderful health giving climate. It is quite logic that Waynesville will become well known in due time as a fine winter resort, when the wealth of the mild element winters is compared with the severe weather throughout the long weary winter months in many places elsewhere. The average temperature for the entire year here is around 55 degrees, which is conducive for a good all year climate.

One of the most awe-inspiring drives to be found in Western North Carolina is over the splendid highway from Asheville to Waynesville. Along here the mountains confront one of every angle, rising up in a stately glorious manner, and forming a complete panorama above the perfect road below. These are the mountains that have been the attraction and the very soul of poets, and artists. Yes, these are the one that delve at the soul and impel the uttering, "Oh, how beautiful." The Appalachian Scenic Highway is another route of beauty with its miles of paved roads. Hot Springs, within two hours drive from Waynesville, retains the honor of holding the key to the great natural hot baths, which are so beneficial to health seekers. Another asset, Waynesville is on the threshold of the Mammoth National Smoky Mountains Park. This offers every improvement to enhance the enjoyment of her visitors.

During the summer Waynesville is most colorful with the lovers of nature indulging in the different activities of a lovely retreat in the open. Here the horseman caters to his ardent interest by riding up the winding shady paths to the tops of the cloud-kissed mountains; here to muse under the green shadows of the evergreens floating above him. Also, the impulses of the mountain climber are manifested by his buoyant stepping up the mountain sides, and becoming entranced by the beauties of Nature or enchanted by the wood warbles he unconsciously wanders several miles with only the laughing brook leading the climb to the earthly triumph ahead. Then the motorist rides along under the unfathomable blue of the heavens, pausing to gaze at the ecstasy of the distant elevations and reflect on the colossal magnitude of Nature's blessings. And, for the golfer, the lover of this pastime may play "till his heart's content," on the two excellent golf courses just within the city limits. Then—for the young boys and girls—the well organized camps on the mountain sides offer wonderful possibilities for a pleasant vacation in the beautiful open.

The most excited interest Waynesville holds to those who are followers of that great body, the Catholic church, is the little chapel in the mountains. To those unfamiliar with the conditions of Catholicity in North Carolina it will be astonishing to learn that this little chapel is the only spiritual abode within the confines of seven counties, and has within her fold less than twenty local members. While this being one of the smallest parishes in the United States in the number of members, she is perhaps one of the largest in her scope of extension, as she looks after the demands of around two hundred square miles.

For many years the most ardent wish of the few Catholics in Waynesville and surrounding towns was for a little chapel. In previous years the welfare of the Catholics was taken care of by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass being offered in a local building on Sundays. This meant no Mass during the week or during the long weary winter months, and no local pastor. How sad and deploring this was to the disciples of Jesus on the Altar. But, alas, that chalice has passed over and last year the kind Bishop of North Carolina acquired a permanent dwelling place for our Lord in the Tabernacle. The chapel is centrally located on Church street, two blocks from the depot and two blocks from Main street. It adorns a small elevation, from which one's gaze is at once arrested by the beauty of the distant valley and Sulphur Springs park, encircled by the superb mountains and carefully watched over by the high pinnacle Eagles Nest.

The little chapel was opened for Divine worship on Trinity Sunday, May 30, 1926, with Reverend Father McDevitt as pastor. Father McDevitt has the privilege of being the first Catholic priest to reside in Waynesville, and his name is indeed a household word throughout the parish. As pastor he is known to be an alert, jovial, good hearted exemplar of the church. The little chapel accommodates about one hundred and fifty people. Striking and precious is the symbolism that adorns this chapel. Its charm has been attested by people from many states, not because of the modest grandeur or splendor, but because of the humble simplicity that speaks out to the visitor. During the summer two Masses are offered on Sundays, and one on week days. It is truly most edifying and touching to observe the throng of worshippers during the summer kneeling in profound prayer for the supreme Sacrifice.

North Carolina has innumerable advantages to offer over other states as is greatly manifested by the large influx of visitors who come here year after year to enjoy these privileges. With this progress comes the disappearance of the antipathy of the past, and it is therefore, possible through the zeal and strength of the church, that the next few years will reveal churches and schools in places heretofore depleted in her spiritual wealth.

The local women of the parish have organized an Auxiliary Society which takes in all branches of church work. To this charitable society all visitors are welcome to become members, and assist toward the advancement of the little chapel, as a great deal of her progress depends upon the kindness of the tourists.

Pioneer work is always difficult and beginnings small, but the tiny acorn has the strength of the mighty oak, and likewise the little chapel will grow and become a large established parish to be the mecca for worshippers from every clime. The people of Waynesville appreciate the little chapel and extend her every courtesy. They realize that her presence will be a potent invitation to tourists to come to their town and enjoy those mountains that are her citadels, and that are forever emanating, "Our Waynesville we shall keep her."

We hope and pray that the little chapel will be like the world is "now and ever shall be"—progressing and advancing with Waynesville the Beautiful.

A VISITOR.

ORTHOPAEDIC CLINIC POSTPONED.

Nov. 23, 1926.

Editor Mountaineer Courier, Waynesville, N. C.

Dear Sir: Owing to the Thanksgiving holiday, absence of the clinician and some of the co-operating agencies from Waynesville, the November meeting of the Rotary Orthopaedic Clinic was postponed until the fourth Saturday in December.

Arrangements are being made for all clinic cases needing attention to see Dr. King in his office in the Haywood Building, Asheville.

Save a life for Christmas; buy a health bond or Christmas seals.

Rev. C. T. Tew Leaving, Ft. Myers

Be it resolved by the First Baptist church in regular conference assembled,

First. That we have received with sincere regret and sorrow the resignation of our beloved pastor, Rev. C. T. Tew, and that while we accept the same with reluctance, we believe and pray that his going to another field of labor is sanctioned by the Divine will and guidance of our Heavenly Father.

Second. That during brother Tew's nearly three years as our pastor we gladly and conscientiously testify that he has been as faithful to duty and loyal to Christian faith and ideals as any pastor we have ever known.

That he and his good wife, sister Tew, by their sweet and devout Christian character, have greatly endeared themselves to each and every member of this church.

Third. That as they enter their new field of service for the Master they have the united prayers, love and best wishes of this church and we pray God's richest blessings on them with every member of their family; that Christ's Kingdom may be advanced and strengthened in their new field.

T. L. GREEN,
Wm. C. ALLEN,
MRS. W. T. CRAWFORD.

RESOLUTION BY FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Be it resolved by the First Baptist Church of Waynesville, N. C., in regular conference assembled:

First. That the thanks and appreciation of this church are hereby extended to Miss Ruth Tew for her very faithful and efficient services as church organist.

It is indeed most commendable and praiseworthy to know that one so young has been so faithful to duty amid all the worldly attractions and allurements which tend at this time to draw the young people of the church away from church attendance and Christian duties.

We pray that she may ever be found thus faithful and that God may abundantly bless her and make her life a blessing to others wherever she may be situated.

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CAMPING TRIP AT ROD AND GUN CLUB

Mr. Joe Doggett entertained with a week-end house-party at the Sun-taust Rod and Gun Club in honor of Miss Nannie Tate and her guests of Greensboro.

Those enjoying the party were: Mrs. Silvius of Asheville; Misses Phoebe Braughn, Eleanor Hatcher of Greensboro; Frances Brandis of Salisbury; Lillian and Mary Hooks, Jennie and Lucy Tate Messrs. R. Meyers of Salisbury; Josh Beam, Whittaker, Woodson Jones, Dewey and Hugh Noland and Bob Silvius of Asheville.

MARTIN-NICHOLS.

Coming as a surprise to their many friends was the news of the marriage of Miss Hettie Nichols to Mr. Paul Martin on Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 17.

Mr. Martin and Miss Nichols motored to the home of Mr. Martin's sister, Mrs. Aaron W. Lynch, at Cullowhee where they were quietly wedded in the presence of only a few relatives and friends, Rev. Aaron W. Lynch officiating.

Immediately after the ceremony the young couple left by motor for a brief honeymoon to Durham, Winston-Salem and other points in the eastern part of the state.

Those present at the wedding were: Mrs. Aaron Lynch, Mrs. Brown of Cullowhee, Miss Elizabeth Moody of Cullowhee and Miss Elizabeth Martin of Waynesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin are now at home in their attractive new home in Grimball Park.

AUXILIARY AND GUILD TO MEET

The regular December meeting of the Auxiliary and Guild of Grace church will be held with Mrs. J. F. Abel on Love Lane Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 7th, at 3:30 o'clock.

Ratcliffe Cove Communication

Well, the election is over and everything seemingly has returned to normal and business is traveling at the usual rate. The past election was one of unusual quietness, not much excitement, but very little interest manifested, no bitterness among the voting population. The camouflage was conducted on a higher plain than usual; not much throwing dirt, little personalities used which very evidently shows that the people have realized the importance of thinking for themselves, judging from experience that prosperity will not be obtained by legislation. The only means by which prosperity can be brought about is by hard work, economy and close attention to business. It is also noticeable so far as the South is concerned the old cry of fraud has not raised. Evidently showing that the people have become to consider the sacredness of the ballot more serious and that there is but very little in politics and the spending of money in elections is on the wane. It also shows that Jimmy Reed and other noted investigators that if there are any grounds for investigation they will have to seek some other section to raise an issue. The time is near approaching when our law makers will gather and legislative hopper will begin to grind and it is to be hoped that they will be more considerate and act the part of wisdom and give their attention to more essential things and not trifle their time away in minor matters which the American people are not interested in as a whole.

It seems from what we gather from the press the tax question will be one of the paramount questions that is to come before the incoming session of Congress. It has been thought all the ages past one of the most agitated and the most difficult question to settle that ever came before the people. After looking up and studying the history of taxation it has been proven that the laws were so formulated that the rulers and wealthy class could shift the burden of all taxes or service on the burden bearer, the farmer, and manual labor. This plan has followed all down the ages and in many instances proves a curse to the people, for it is to some extent the cause of the bootlegger class and often the criminal class and our United States is following in the trail. All tangible property is taxed while intangible property goes free. The farmer goes to town with his only cow to sell, borrows money, works on the road and some may resort to dishonest means in order to get money to pay his tax to save his home for his family. It should be the policy of our law makers to tax all equally or tax none, for under the present existing condition while the intangible makes hundreds of dollars where the tangible makes cents. Many farmers cannot retain their farms and the eyes of our law makers might as well be opened to that fact, for there is no other kind of legislation can put the farmer on an equality in the race of life.

SAGE.

The enemy, Tuberculosis, is on the run, but not conquered. Buy Christmas seals and help finish the job.

U. D. C. TO HAVE MEETING.

Mrs. J. S. Jones will be hostess to the Haywood chapter of U. D. C. at her home on Pigeon street Friday afternoon, Dec. 3, at 3:30 o'clock.

MISS REEVES ENTERTAINS BRIDGE CLUB

Miss Janie Reeves was hostess the Tuesday Bridge club at her home on Depot street. After a spirited game Miss Jan. Love Mitchell was awarded a unique trump indicator with bridge pencils attached. Miss Reeves served her guests a delicious frozen fruit course.

The regular members present were: Mesdames Margaret Holland William Hannah, Hayes Alley, J. Swift, Jr., Misses Diana Black, Love Mitchell. Miss Thom Howell was a special guest.

The cow that jumped over the moon must have been from culosis free county to have. We'll bet she carried a Christmas Seal.