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WHAT WE WISH FOR 1917.

- That the war will end.
- That Teddy will keep quiet.
- That Gastonia merchants shall have the biggest business in their history.
- That the cotton goods manufacturing business will continue as at present—or even get better.
- That some new industries other than textile plants will be developed here.
- That news print paper will go down.
- That the hens will lay more profusely than in 1916.
- That the high cost of living will get a swat.
- That the Orthopaedic Hospital will be built.
- That Gastonia may give herself a commission or business-manager form of government.
- That the knockers will stay away.
- That the State Legislature will authorize the building of that textile school in Gastonia.
- That we may acquire no gray hairs.
- That at least 5,000 more people will move to Gastonia.
- That more houses will be built.
- That the Mexican muddle will be settled.
- That the city council will publish the financial statement required by law—or get the law repealed.
- That The Gazette will get into its own home.
- That the farmers may have fine seasons on all their crops.
- That the third annual fair may be twice as big as it was last fall.
- That everybody will read The Gazette.
- That all our friends—and those who will not be—may have the best, the happiest, the most fruitful year of all their lives.
- That the North Carolina legislature will pass a law giving us the Australian ballot system.
- That the Piedmont Telephone & Telegraph Company will give us a new telephone directory.

Bushman and Bayne in "In the Diplomatic Service."

Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne, the foremost stellar combination in motion pictures, will be seen on the screen here at the Cozy Theatre on next Tuesday, Jan. 2nd, in "In the Diplomatic Service," a five-part Metro wonderplay. Mr. Bushman and Miss Bayne will be surrounded by an exceptionally strong supporting cast, including such well-known favorites as Helen Dunbar, Henry Bergman, William Davidson, Edmund Elton, Harry D. Blakemore, Mrs. La Roche, Belle Bruce, Liza Miller and Chas. Fang. Among some of the big and interesting scenes in this production are a state ball given in Washington, D. C., honoring the foreign diplomats, and glimpses of the nation's Capitol with the Bushman-Bayne players very much in evidence. The story of "In the Diplomatic Service" is as the title implies, one of romance and teeming with big dramatic moments. There is an unusual love story interwoven throughout, and altogether it is a charming and pleasing feature.

UNIVERSITY BANQUET.

Carolina Alumni and Students With Their Wives and Friends Gathered Around Festive Board Last Night—Prof. L. A. Williams, of the U. N. C. Faculty, Was Guest of Honor.

The seventh annual banquet of the Gaston county alumni association and the Gaston county club of the University of North Carolina was held at the Armington Hotel last night at 8 o'clock, there being thirty-six present. The wives and friends of the alumni and several high school seniors were present as the guests of the association.

Prof. Joe S. Wray, president of the class, acted as toastmaster and spoke of "The Old University and the New." Prof. L. A. Williams, of the school of education at the University, was the guest of honor and made the principal address. He spoke at length of the work the University was doing, of its growth and development and of some of the things that are needed in the furtherance of its work in North Carolina.

Following Prof. Williams' address toast responses were made by the following members: "The University and Religion," Rev. W. A. Jenkins, of Dallas; "The University's Work in the State," A. G. Mangum; "The University in Athletics," Ray Armstrong, of Belmont; "Impressions of a Visit to Our State University," by Charles Boyd of the Gastonia High School; "Extension Work at the University," E. R. Rankin; "The Carolina Spirit," E. B. Warren; "What the University is," M. D. Anagnosty; "Our Guests—the Ladies," E. G. Rankin, Mr. Marvin Ritch, of Charlotte, was present and also

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made a short talk about the connection the University had with the State high schools.

At a business meeting following the banquet officers of the alumni association were elected as follows: President, Joe S. Wray, of Gastonia; vice-president, Joe R. Nixon, of Cherryville; secretary, E. Ralph Rankin, of Gastonia.

During the banquet moving pictures were taken to be used in the film now being made in Gastonia and Gaston county.

The following menu was served:
 N. C. Coast Cocktail
 Queen Olives Pin-Money Pickles
 Cream of Chicken
 Broiled Spring Chicken
 Roast Tenderloin of Pork, Brown Yams
 Whipped Potatoes
 Early June Sifted Peas
 Fruit Salad
 Alumni Ice Cream White Pound Cake
 Blue Ribbon Coffee
 Cigars

Notice is given in this issue of The Gazette of the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Gastonia Mutual Building and Loan Association, which will be held in the City Hall next Thursday afternoon, January 4, at 3 o'clock.

FAMILY AVOIDS SERIOUS SICKNESS

By Being Constantly Supplied With Theford's Black-Draught.

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Ten years ago a friend told me to try Theford's Black-Draught, which I did, and I found it to be the best family medicine for young and old.

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I wish to thank each and everyone of my customers for patronage during the past year. I ask for a continuation of the same during the coming year, assuring the public of satisfactory service, good goods and right prices.

For All I Wish
 A HAPPY
 AND PROSPEROUS
 NEW YEAR

H. M.
 VAN SLEEN
 JEWELER

Home From the Normal.

The following young ladies who are students at the State Normal and Industrial Institute at Greensboro are spending the holidays at their respective homes in the county: Misses Sue Ramsey Johnston, Alleen Reid, Mary Bradley, Bessie Bradley, Madelyn Thomson, Mamie Reichel, Ruth Morris, Mary Ratchford, Madge Craig, Katherine McLean and Rebekah McLean.

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Let them join today. The object of the Pin-Money Savings Club is: To teach you the habit of saving. To show you the value of a banking connection. To help you lay aside a part of your weekly earnings. To show you how quickly the dimes will grow into dollars.

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The Famous End of the Season

\$11.98 CLEARANCE SALE BEGINS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30th

OUR POLICY IS TO SHOW CLOTHS FRESH FROM THE LOOMS AT BEGINNING OF EACH SEASON, AND TO ACCOMPLISH THIS PURPOSE IT IS NECESSARY FOR US TO DISPOSE OF ALL OUR STOCK AT THE PROPER TIME.

THE TIME IS NOW AT HAND FOR YOU TO BUY SUITS, OVERCOATS OR PANTS TO YOUR MEASURE WAY BELOW THE COST OF THEIR PRODUCTION.

YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS KNOW THAT OUR END OF THE SEASON SALE IS A GENUINE, BONA-FIDE-SACRIFICE SALE. EVERY GARMENT SOLD DURING THIS SALE CARRIES OUR GUARANTEE COVERING FIT, WORKMANSHIP AND DURABILITY.

No extras will be charged for style of coat with the exception of Full-dress, Tuxedo, Prince Albert, Frock or Norfolk.



No extras will be charged for size. We Guarantee Absolute Satisfaction or Your Money Back on Demand. Our \$11.98 Coat and Pants or Overcoat is equal to \$20.00 values.

Remember that every garment is cut and made—Custom Tailored to your individual measure, ideas and desires.

No concern in the state can equal the values given during this sale, because we are Wholesale Manufacturers of Custom Tailored Garments selling direct to YOU. No retailer can purchase the garments that you order at as low a price.

It will pay you to place your order for one or more suits or overcoats at this time no matter how well you are provided with clothing.

Orders placed during this sale must be accepted by you no later than one month after placing order.

PLACE YOUR ORDER AT ONCE SO THAT YOU WILL HAVE THE PICK OF THE STOCK.

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