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There ought to be plenty of good second-hand New Year's resolutions available, if you happen to need one.

Nineteen Thirty-Seven, with its sit-down strikes and congressional disappointments counted out, hasn't been so all-fired bad after all.

Betcha the concern that sponsored Mae West and her "Adam and Eve" skit, will be powerful hard to sell another gold-brick to.

And besides, if the inimitable Mae is going to start keeping company with such fellows as Charlie McCarthy, we'd count it a privilege to high-hat her on the way up.

Anyhow, the least of Bill Payne's worries will be the charge of reckless driving.

Nay, nay, Pauline! To retire capital doesn't mean to put it under the pillow for the night.

Herr Hitler is so good at renouncing agreements that we have the abiding hope that someday he'll decide to renounce that cute little bunch of bristle on his lip.

Why, we're asking, should the bathing girl give so much thought to the newest styles in rain coats.

According to Carey Williams: "Even the fellow who has been blinded by love regains his sight sufficiently to visit the bright lights after he is married."

Most any wife will admit that matrimony is a lot like carving a beautiful statue out of a block of very rough marble.

Happy New Year

We would not close our books at the end of the year without making note of an asset that is tremendously important to us—the goodwill and co-operation of the people of this community. And our ledger would be all out of balance if it did not record an expression of our sincere appreciation of the support of our friends and patrons. We take this means of thanking one and all for every courtesy extended us during nineteen thirty-seven, and to pledge them the fullest service of which we are capable during the year that is immediately ahead.

It is fitting, as we are about to step across the threshold of the New Year, to pause and take stock of ourselves. When we count our actual assets as individuals and check them against our liabilities, we will find a difference between the two that should challenge our interest: cause us to set out to correct and achieve, or determine to exceed. Nineteen thirty-eight will spell success or failure for us largely by the manner in which we take our inventory and make application of our findings.

We covet for Elkin and Surry county that spirit of friendly cooperation that is so essential for community progress—that pulling together, that teamwork, that looking ahead, so necessary if we are to work out our destiny with credit to ourselves. And so at the beginning of this New Year, both city and county should be taking stock of our possibilities and our responsibilities and profit from the experiences of the past. We should be planning our work and working our plan, to the end that bigger and better achievement in the interest of all our people may result.

With all the uncertainty and fear that has characterized the latter months of the dying year, nineteen thirty-seven has not been so bad after all. Without attempting to fix the blame for the uneasiness we would point to a few factors that seem to belie any justification for the extent of this "recession."

A resume of Christmas trading reveals that the retail trade has enjoyed a greater volume of business than the tradesmen had allowed themselves, under the circumstances, to expect. This is so in North Carolina and practically all over the nation. That couldn't be if the people were not semi-prosperous at least.

The farm income in North Carolina has increased nearly fifty million dollars for 1937 over 1936. And this in spite of the "recession" in the price of cotton. Fifty million dollars is a lot of money—and that mind you is the increase, not the total. That increase may be credited to the fact that North Carolina farmers are diversifying—a trend for which we all should be thankful. This increase in farm income is not confined to this

state but includes almost every other Southern commonwealth, and is a sure indication that diversification is helping all of them.

And so this satisfactory volume of Christmas buying; this increase in farm revenue, plus other encouraging factors, indicates that we are making ghosts of the shadows, and as we begin a new year we should scare them away, brush them aside and go boldly forth—unafraid.

In the meantime we are wishing for all our family of readers, for our patrons and friends all of the good things that the New Year can bring to them.

Above Them All

The beginning of a new year finds the world topsy-turvy and all out of kilter, politically, spiritually, economically and morally. Men and nations are at each other's throats and all hard put to it to find excuse for the turmoil. The war that was fought to end wars, seems instead to have been the spawning field for more and worse wars.

Nations and individuals have their own panacea, their own program which they insist must be adopted if the world is to be saved. To some socialism is the only hope; to Italy, Germany and Japan, nationalism is the sole salvation; to the democratic nations democracy and the authority of the people to govern themselves must be universally adopted before peace and contentment can come.

It has become a battle of systems and the trouble is that neither can see the faults in their-own nor the good in the other. There is no inclination to sit down calmly and separate the wheat from the chaff.

The truth is that communism, nationalism, or capitalism and the systems they sponsor—any one of them—would cure the ills of the world today, if threaded through the warp and woof of that system were the principles of love and righteousness laid down by Jesus Christ. If the program of Him whose birth we have so freshly honored were universally adopted, there would be no war in China or Spain, no mangled bodies of human beings; no hunger and want in our own land of boasted freedom and opportunity. Nations would be buying with money instead of blood their places in the sun; industry would be collecting its profits only after the human cogs in its machine are made comfortable.

And that is something that people who answer to the name of Christians should be thinking about at the beginning of this new year. Theirs should be a militant rather than a passive religion. If they really hope for peace on earth and goodwill to man they should preach this doctrine from the housetop. They should vote and act and work for it. They should even engage in the modern method of propaganda to bring it about. They should undertake to sell righteousness to the world with the same determination that makers of tooth paste press their claims.

It is high time that Christianity dons the armor of battle and goes out to fight for the principles of righteousness. High time that we begin living our religion instead of giving it only lip-service—for it is the world's sole hope, no matter which system survives.

An Iredell Farmer's Program

Mr. W. C. Wooten, Iredell county farmer, who lives in the Statesville erosion control demonstration area, is putting the ugly, badly eroded and otherwise useless areas of his farm to work providing food and cover for quail, insect-eating birds and other wildlife.

It is his purpose to put every acre of his land to some sort of use. Shrubs, lespedeza-sericea and other plants that are calculated to check erosion and provide food and cover for wildlife, are being planted in ugly gullies, badly washed and galled areas, and neglected wood borders.

Mr. Wooten already has four small wildlife demonstration areas on his farm. He has planted three acres and all terrace outlets for this purpose. He will heal over a number of other ugly eroded spots on his farm with shrubs and other vegetation; plans to make every effort to keep fire out of the woods, and while he expects to have more game for himself and friends to hunt, he will insist on a strict adherence to the game laws, and the rule of common sense that will give reasonable assurance of a continuity of the supply.

This farmer is not one of the younger variety enthused with a new idea. He is above sixty. His children are out in the world and he is doing his own planning and a lot of the work. It is doubtful whether he will shoulder a gun more than twice in the hunting season. But he will get a lot of pleasure from ministering to wildlife and planning their comfort. And in the process he will be removing some unsightly places on his farm.

He has almost reached the age when farmers usually are willing to let things rock along as they will without adopting new practices or employing modern methods. Because he is maintaining an open mind and adapting himself to new conditions, he will be growing old gracefully, and we think he deserves applause.

Under the erosion control program, there are hundreds of farmers in North Carolina doing the same thing. There should be hundreds more. For when the present troublous days are behind us, we will have reason to be thankful for the government's interest (or meddling, if you prefer to look at it that way) in these activities.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY CAPITAL

Dobson, Dec. 27. — Greetings and best wishes to The Tribune for a prosperous New Year, as well as to its readers. Christmas is about to be a thing of the past, save memories of a glad, happy season of loving and giving.

The Woman's Missionary Society of Dobson Baptist church met at the church Monday evening. The main topic discussed was "Good Tidings to All People," with special emphasis on the annual Lottie Moon offering.

The program, led by Mrs. Mock, was opened with a Christmas carol, "O Little Town of Bethlehem." Scripture by the president, Miss Norman, Luke 2nd chapter, prayer. Mrs. Mock, leader, spoke briefly on the Christmas season, which stirs hearts with tender memories and highest aspirations, the time when the good are at their best and in evil hearts a stirring impulse toward the better things of life.

Those who assisted in the program were: Miss Norman, Mrs. Hampton and Miss Shores. A contribution was taken for the Lottie Moon offering. A special feature of the program was a violin solo, "O Holy Night," by Sidney Jones, Jr., accompanied by Miss Edythe Reece.

Miss Norman summarized briefly the general ideas of the topic discussed. Next meeting to be held with Mrs. W. L. Reece.

The Methodist S. S. participated in a Christmas service and tree on Christmas Eve. Mr. E. M. Bryant was leader of ceremonies.

On Saturday evening, at the close of Christmas day, the Baptist S. S. held a service. The beautiful Christmas tree delighted the younger Sunday School goers and 15 prizes were given for perfect attendance during the year.

Rev. C. W. Russell read the Christmas story and gave a splendid talk on the spirit of the season.

Others who contributed to the program were Supt. W. L. Reece and Prof. A. H. Wolfe. Christmas carols interspersed the service with violin accompaniment by Sidney Jones, Jr.

Rev. C. W. Russell filled his regular appointment at the Methodist church, Sunday morning, leaving with his family immediately after to visit his mother at Denton.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Poyner and children of Moyock, Dr. and Mrs. Brooks Freeman of Randleman, Mr. and Mrs. James Freeman of Wiston-Salem, Miss Rachel Freeman of New York, Miss Clara Freeman of Marion and Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Freeman of Elkin spent the week-end with their mother, Mrs. Maude Freeman.

Misses Thelma Comer, Julia Comer, Lucile Freeman and Kathryn Folger spent the holidays in Dobson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Threatte and Betty June spent the Christmas holidays at Bennettsville, S. C.

Miss Mary Bettie Norman visited friends in Raleigh Thursday and Friday, attending the wedding of Miss Powers at which she sang "O Promise Me."

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McNeil of Carthage are visiting the family of Mr. and Mrs. Brady Norman.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Harris, Mrs. S. K. Harkrader, Mr. and Mrs. Trent Harkrader, Mrs. Maggie Lewellyn, Misses Margaret and Helen Harkrader are off to Florida, seeking the sunny land of flowers and winter's springlike climate.

Marianne Mock spent Thursday with Mary Lisles Freeman in Elkin.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hancock and Linda Hancock, are spending this week at Prosperity, S. C. with Mrs. Hancock's parents.

Atty. and Mrs. A. D. Folger, Lon Jr. and Jack Folger and Mrs. Emma Hampton and Henry Hampton were dinner guests at the Reece Home Sunday.

CYCLE

Rev. and Mrs. W. V. Brown are spending the holidays at their old home near Oak Grove, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Foster Pinnix.

A number of relatives and friends gathered at the home of F. L. Cheek Sunday and gave him a surprise dinner in celebration of his birthday anniversary. During the afternoon group singing was enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Collins are visiting Mrs. Collins' parents, Rev. and Mrs. Adams, at Austin, Wilkes county.

Mr. and Mrs. James West and family spent Christmas Day in Winston-Salem, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde West, the former their son.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Dobbins of Elkin are visiting friends in this section during the holidays. Friends of Lon Cheek will re-

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BETHEL

Ronda, Route 2, Dec. 27.—Rev. Albert Gilley, a local minister, spoke at the church here last Sunday morning at the Christmas exercises. He based his talk on the birth of Christ and stressed St. John 12:32: "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth will draw all men unto me," which was very impressive. There were some recitations by the children, some Christmas carols sung and the gifts were distributed by the young men.

PLEASANT HILL

A very interesting program was given by the junior girls and primary departments of the Sunday school at Pleasant Hill church Christmas Eve. Miss Bernice Wellborn was in charge of the program. Interesting talks were made by the pastor and several individuals during the service. Many lovely gifts were distributed from the tree and the Sunday school gave each child from the Intermediate department to the beginners a gift.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Burcham visited Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Burcham of the Little Elkin community Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cockerham of Austin were the Sunday guests of J. T. Cockerham and family. They were accompanied home by Miss Mae Cockerham.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hinson and family visited Mrs. Kate Hinson at North Elkin Sunday.

C. H. Day, D. W. Day and Charlie Reavis made a business trip to Wilkesboro Monday.

We hope to start the New Year off with at least 300 present for Sunday school. Everyone is urged to attend.

WITH THE SICK

The following patients have been admitted to the local hospital during the past week: Marion Allen, Elkin; Houston Brown, Booneville; Mrs. J. L. Doughton, Sparta; Raymond Thompson, Traphill; Dewey Evans, Ennis; Harry H. Barker, Sr., Elkin; Ivan Wellborn, Winston-Salem; Mrs. June Chappell, Toast; Mrs. Gertha Davis, Booneville; Wilbert Caudle, Thurmond; Mrs. Wilma B. Orum, State Road; Mrs. Myrtle Reynolds, Elkin; Mrs. Myrtle Hazelwood, Dobson; Mrs. Jaunita Fern, Oral, Maurice Myers, Benham.

Patients dismissed during the week were: Mrs. Della Stonestreet, State Road; Lyle Farnsworth, West Jefferson; Mrs. Eula Thompson, Glade Valley; Frank B. Jester, Jonesville; Hugh Chatham, Elkin; Marion Allen, Elkin; Mrs. J. L. Doughton, Sparta; Raymond Thompson, Traphill; Mrs. R. H. Parton, Black Mountain; Allen Pardue, Jonesville; Elisha Isaacs, State Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Seaman Dobbins of Elkin spent last Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Dobbins' parents Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Stroud.

Mrs. J. B. Green has been suffering with a severe cold that keeps her confined to her room, we regret to note.

Mr. and Mrs. Ulas Vestal of the Fall Creek community visited the latter's parents last Sunday, Mr.

CLUBS OF COUNTY TO HOLD MEETINGS

The Mountain Park 4-H club will meet at the Mountain Park school at 10:45 a. m. on Wednesday, January 5, according to a statement Wednesday by Miss Verna Stanton, county home demonstration agent. The Mountain Park home demonstration club will also meet on Wednesday at 2:00 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Folger Cockerham.

Other meetings of the week will be the Dobson home demonstration club, which will meet in the office of Miss Stanton on Thursday, January 6, at 3:00 p. m., the Low Gap 4-H club at the Low Gap school at 10:30, and the Beulah and Shoals meetings, which will be held on Friday.

WANTS

Parks Real Estate Co has moved office to Bank Building.

Auction sale of personal property at Wint Spaks old home-place west of Cycle postoffice, January 15, 10:00 a. m. Wint Spaks, Cycle, N. C. 1-13p

For rent—large furnished room. Twin beds. Near bath. Heat. Phone 97-R. Mrs. C. I. Boger, West Main street, Elkin, N. C. 1-6p

For rent: Four room apartment, newly finished throughout, hardwood floors, private bath. Private entrance. Telephone 126-M. C. E. Chappell. tfo

Do you want plenty of eggs from strong, fast growing young chicks? If so feed Panamin. We have it. Abernethy's, A Good Drug Store, Elkin, N. C. tfn

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6 rm. cottage in W. Elkin at a price that will pay net 10 per cent on your investment. See us about this investment.
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