

Key Long And Bob' Reynolds Met Years Ago

Bob Ran Louisiana Skating Rink And Huey Sold Patent Medicine.

Washington, D. C.—Stores of Senator Robert R. Reynolds' adventures before he became a senator (and he only dates back senatorially to last November's election) unquestionably will continue to leak out from time to time as long as he remains in office.

For one thing, a man who has worked his way three or oftener around the world, traveled with a circus, been a professional wrestler and engaged in a miscellany of odd enterprises for a livelihood during the intervals between these activities cannot possibly give a full account of his career at a single sitting; incidents in it necessarily reveal themselves gradually.

Moreover, there is a manifest inclination on the part of the senator's friends from the Tarheel commonwealth to discuss the new lawmaker's picturesque past except in the broadest generalities, lest they convey an impression a shade less dignified than they consider fitting in a national legislator.

Senator Reynolds himself clearly is doing no worrying as to his dignity. He is as natural in the midst of his surroundings today as he undoubtedly was in his role of a decade or so ago, tending livestock, "tween decks on a cattle boat, or grappling an opponent on the wrestling mat.

In other words, he is thoroughly adaptable. His North Carolina friends in reality need feel no anxiety concerning his ability to maintain a senatorial exterior whenever one is required. He knows the difference between a cattle boat and the U. S. senate. He has, indeed, a university degree to his credit, as well as a reputation as a competent circus man of which to be proud. Incidentally, he was captain of his "varsity track team and a crack football player; in short, an all-round athlete.

And he looks it—a man of 48, but obviously in prime condition, with the figure of a boxer rather than a wrestler; tall, erect and wiry, but lacking in the bulk one associates with performers on the mat.

The senator originally hung out his lawyer's shingle in his native town of Asheville in 1907, but his practice there has not been entirely uninterrupted ever since then.

For example, it appears that, for one reason or another, he was running a skating rink in Baton Rouge about 15 years back, and among the establishment's patrons was a sprightly young patent medicine salesman, whom he grew to know quite well by sight but had almost forgotten, following his return to Asheville, until the other day they met again on the senate floor; and the Carolinian instantly recognized his old acquaintance in Senator Huey Long of Louisiana.

All versions agree that the Asheville folk liked him tremendously—and bragged of him, too, as a remarkable globe-trotter. He wrote a couple of books—"Wanderlust" and "Gypsy Trail"—and several magazine articles, besides contributing to various newspapers, which added decidedly to his celebrity. Nevertheless, last spring, when he proclaimed his candidacy for the Democratic nomination to the upper house of congress, in opposition to Senator Cameron Morrison, a considerable portion of the North Carolina press referred to him candidly as an "upstart."

Scores Of Tots Made Joyful By Gifts Of Fruit

WENO EDWARDS CLEVELAND

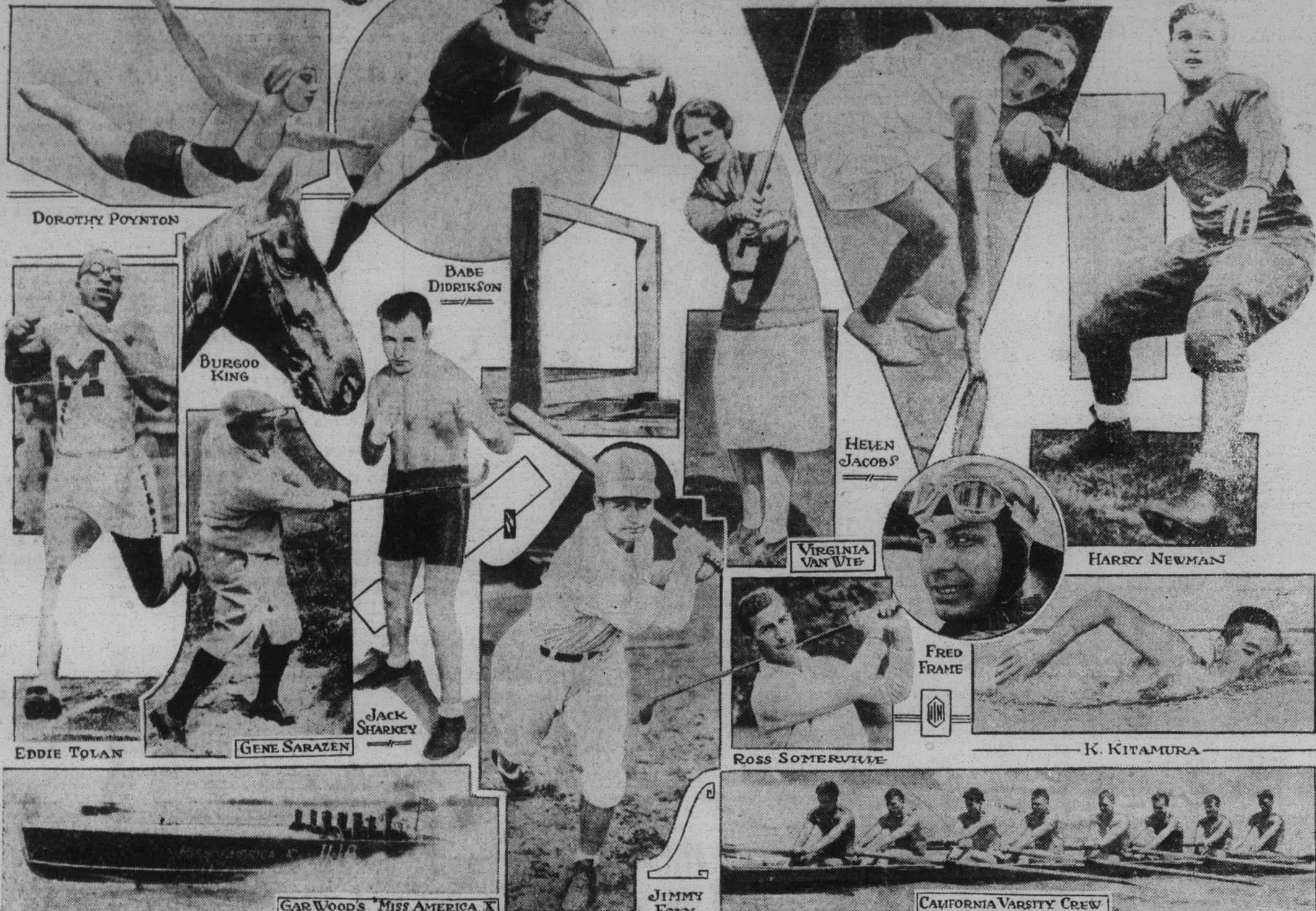
Glaus, although some hadn't given up. We didn't miss a house that was on the "actually needy" charity list, and the packages went to both white children and colored.

In speaking of the excellent response to make it Christmas for youngsters who might not have one, Mayor McMurry said today: "Since The Star acted upon my suggestion and made the plea, I want to thank every person who gave anything from the smallest gift up to the largest. If they could just know how much happiness the combined collection brought, I'm sure they would be happy."

Episcopal Church Sunday Services

On Sunday, January 1, at the Church of the Redeemer, S. LaFayette and Graham streets there will be the Holy Communion at 8 a. m. and class instruction at 10 followed by service at 10:30. Those who have not made their Christmas communion and offerings are asked to do so this Sunday. Rev. J. B. Hill comes from Rutherfordton on Friday and will have charge of services.

NEW SPORTS CHAMPIONS of 1932



Hail the new sports champions of 1932! A truly great year in the field of athletics with the Olympic Games topping the program. Among the American champions crowned with Olympic laurels are Dorothy Poynton, Babe Didrikson and Eddie Tolan. Miss Poynton, eighteen-year-old Pasadena, Calif., student, won the high diving title at the games. The nineteen-year-old Dallas, Texas, girl wonder, Babe Didrikson, proved herself the greatest all-around woman athlete of the world, winning the 50-metre hurdles and javelin throw. Eddie Tolan, Detroit's great negro sprinter, co-starred with Ralph Metcalfe in setting new world records in the 100-metre and 200-metre dashes. Another Olympic championship went to the oarsmen representing California University. This crew also won the intercollegiate title at Poughkeepsie. In golf Virginia Van Wie of Chicago was crowned queen of the American links by defeating Glenna Collett Vare in the finals. Gene Sarazen won a clear title to the men's golf crown by winning both the American and British Open Tournaments. The American amateur title was won by C. Ross Somerville of Canada, the first time in years this crown has been carried off by an invading challenger. Helen Jacobs of Berkeley, Calif., was at last crowned Queen of American tennis, Helen Wills Moody failing to defend the title in the Forest Hills tournament. Others who won for Uncle Sam during the year were Fred Frame, victor in the Indianapolis 500-mile auto race, and Garwood who, in his "Miss America X," set a new world speedboat record of 124.91 miles per hour. He also successfully defended the Harmsworth Trophy at Detroit. Jimmy Fox, first baseman of the Philadelphia Athletics, was voted the most valuable player in the American League, while in football Harry Newman, quarterback of the University of Michigan eleven, was the unanimous choice of All-American selectors. Burgoog King won the racing classic of the year, the Kentucky Derby. World's swimming honors went to Japan as the result of the startling performances at the Olympics of Kusuo Kitamura, seventeen-year-old Tokio schoolboy. Other Olympic titles were won by athletes of sixteen nations of the world but the performances mentioned were outstanding. In the fistic world Jack Sharkey, by his defeat of Max Schmeling, brought the heavyweight title back to the U. S. "Twas a great year in sports and regardless of the language—Hail the new Champions!

Cheaper Money Advocated By Mull By Lessening Grains In Gold

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no thought of new business or doing anything constructive. We will never be able to move forward unless some settlement is made of all our debts, which now aggregate approximately eighty percent of the market value of all property in our country.

"To illustrate my thought on the subject permit me to state a recent experience which is familiar to all. A Man Who Died

"I had a good friend who died. He was a financial genius and controlled extensive business. While the corpse remained in the home every business establishment which he owned was closed. A great organization was impotent. No one considered expansion, or new business. No one entertained a constructive thought. Everything was held in abeyance until after the funeral. As soon as the corpse was buried the organization snapped back into action. A new leader was developed and the business moved forward.

Financial Corpse "Just as destructive, there is now a corpse in the household of our financial system. This corpse is Debt. Not war debts alone, but debts of all kinds. Our churches and schools are crushed with debts. Our federal and state governments and all their subdivisions owe more than can be paid under existing standards. Our private citizens, our corporations, and every organization formed by man in their special classes owe debts beyond their ability to pay. Each class of debtors symbolizes some organic part of this corpse, we call debt. Possibly the war debts should be designated the right arm of the corpse. It would be worse than folly to bury the right arm and leave the balance of this corpse exposed in the house of finance. If you lift the debt from one class you will be forced to pile it on the backs of the other classes who are already just as hard pressed with debt as the class relieved. Any remedy that does not effect all debts alike will be worse than the present disease.

"I bitterly oppose the cancellation of all debts and am equally opposed to fiat money; but these two on the one extreme and our present situation on the other extreme, there is a workable medium. The constitution of the United States makes it the duty of congress to find that medium when it says in Article I, section 8, "That congress shall have power (5) to coin money; and regulate the value thereof." Our present national administration has made no effort to regulate the value of money as it has the right and duty to do under the constitution, but has made a heroic effort to fix the value of commodities. Through the farm board it tried to lift the price of wheat, cotton and other crops. By tariff it tried to lift the price of manufactured articles. The only equality obtained has been in the completeness of the failure, resulting from each scheme. We have now learned by experience that congress cannot fix the price of commodities by boards and tariffs.

"In the distant past congress used its constitutional authority to fix the value of money; why not now? From a news editorial in the Journal of Commerce (a clipping of which is attached) I note that an effort will be made to have congress pass a bill reducing the amount of gold in a dollar from the 25.6 grains now required to 16 grains, and to stabilize the dollar value through the treasury department. I do not know that 16 grains of gold is the correct amount for the dollar to contain under our present condition but I do know that the present dollar is too valuable.

Man Charged With Death From S. C.

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Mrs. J. A. Deaton of near Shelby, and once during her absence her husband said she was visiting in Shelby.

A more detailed account as published in the Atlanta Georgian is given below:

Gainesville, Ga., Dec. 30.—Aaron A. Humphries, farmer living on the outskirts of Gainesville, slew his wife, Mrs. Maggie Humphries, and threw her body into an abandoned well near his house in order to gain possession of a \$10,000 fortune which Mrs. Humphries was left by her former husband, E. Z. Matthews, was the contention of Odus Cross, nephew of the dead woman.

Humphries was taken to Fulton Tower in Atlanta for safety. Hall Superior court convenes the third Monday in January, and it was believed Humphries would be tried at that session without further investigation by a grand jury, the murder warrant being sufficient.

Mrs. Humphries had been missing since December 8, and inquiries were told by Humphries that she was visiting relatives in another state. His story was suspected, police said, when one neighbor was told she was visiting in North Carolina while another neighbor was told she was in South Carolina.

Armed with the warrant taken out by Cross, deputy sheriffs went to the Humphries home on Bradford street extension. The party of searchers found the woman's body in a well some distance from the house. On her finger was a thumb ring. Sheriffs connected this with a bloodstained pillow bearing needles and thread which the woman was believed to be sewing before her death.

Humphries, a man of giant stature, red-haired, and about 40 years of age, vigorously denied the nephew's slaying charge and asserted that finding of her body was his first information that she had met foul play.

"I had been drinking before she disappeared," Humphries said, and she had threatened to go to the home of her sister in North Carolina.

"When I returned to the house after a trip for wood, I found the house all open and my wife missing, but I was not alarmed, as I thought she had carried out her threat to go away."

Gardner Tired Of Public Job; Many Worries

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Two Factors "Two factors have added greatly to the duties and responsibilities of the governor within the last few years. Governor Gardner pointed out the first is that under the executive budget act, enacted under former Governor A. W. McLean in 1925, the governor is in reality the chief fiscal officer of the state as director of the budget. In this capacity, it is the duty of the governor to direct the fiscal policy of the state and to see that all the many state departments and institutions are provided with what they need but with no more. Thus the job of governor is similar to being the head of a big business organization that spends at least \$50,000,000 a year, since for the past eight or ten years the state of North Carolina has been spending about \$50,000,000 a year in carrying on its many functions.

"The second factor that makes the job of a governor a difficult one is that the governor has become in many respects the dump heap for the state's troubles and the one who is blamed for everything that goes wrong, from forest fires to strikes. Ticklish problems and unpleasant matters which other state officials do not want to have the responsibility for some way always end up in the governor's office. Once there, the governor must make a decision one way or the other and take the responsibility for that decision. In other words, the governor is the state's official "goat" who must take the blame or be blamed for most of the unpleasant things that happen during his administration.

"Another duty of the governor which requires much time and the expenditure of much nervous energy is his duty in connection with pardons and paroles, requiring him to act both judge and jury and to listen to countless arguments for clemency. The hundreds upon hundreds of appeals for clemency received annually by the governor require his spending a great deal more time in holding hearings and making investigations than the average person realizes.

Enjoyed Term "But in spite of all the work and all the worry connected with the job of being the state's chief executive, Governor Gardner says he has enjoyed the four years he has spent here and that it is with a feeling of distinct regret, though of relief, that he will relinquish the reins of government next week to turn them over to Governor-elect J. C. B. Ehringhaus."

Free, Rental Books Not Likely In N. C. (CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE) stand, are copyrighted. J. R. Young, of Harnett, favors free texts and thinks the money could be secured "in many ways." Robert P. Bondar, of Jones, wants "free textbooks or rent them with the least rental possible."

W. L. Lumpkin, of Franklin, favors "state-owned textbooks" and J. W. Gilliam, Jr., of Alamance, would like a "state rental system."

C. W. Sprull, of Bertie, wants "free school books if the tax for same could be raised without bringing any more hardships to the laboring man and farmer." Only Young mentioned in any definite way the matter of financing the books, others ignoring the query as to how the books would be financed.

New Tennis Prexy

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Harry S. Knox, of Chicago, who has been nominated for President of the United States Lawn Tennis Association for 1933. Knox is the first man in the Middle West to be so honored since Dwight W. Davis was elected to office in 1923. He will succeed Louis W. Carruthers, of New York, who declined renomination.

Short Shots "Feeding and Care of the Dairy Cow" is the title of extension circular 193 recently issued at State college as a practical manual on dairying. The publication was prepared by John A. Arey and A. C. Kimrey, dairy specialists.

A group of farmers in Richmond county has organized a savings and loan association to aid the farmers in supplying their own financial aid.

Pitt county took first place in the use of rat poison in the recent campaign to reduce the rat population of this state. Over 1100 pounds of the prepared bait was distributed.

Professor: "What is space?" Student: "S-space is— I can't explain it, but I've got it in my head all right."

Cotton Shows Slight Recession Today Cotton on the New York exchange was off six points from yesterday's close at 2 o'clock today. January closed yesterday at 6.01, March at 6.14, March at 2 Jan. was 5.95 and March 6.05. The market was strong yesterday and closed higher than the previous day.

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New Prospect News Of Current Week

Roads In Bad Condition Because Of Prolonged Rains. Davis To Preach First Sermon.

(Special To The Star.)

New Prospect, Dec. 29.—The roads in this community are getting in bad condition. During the first few days after the snow fell traveling by way of automobile was impossible. Since the snow melted and it has begun to rain the roads are still muddy and hard to travel.

It has been announced by one of the church officials that Rev. J. B. Davis will preach his first sermon next Sunday afternoon. We hope the weather will permit a large crowd to attend.

Mr. Lawrence Grigg of Southside spent the Christmas holidays among his relatives in this community.

We are glad to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Grigg and family into this community. Mr. Grigg had the misfortune to get the end of the thumb on his right hand sawed off last Monday while sawing.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Howell and Miss Emma Sellers spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Howell of Lincoln county. They were accompanied home by Miss Velma Howell, who will spend several days in this community visiting them and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Glasco and children spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Grigg.

Miss Vangie McSwain gave a tacky party Tuesday night. Despite the rainy weather many young people attended, most of whom were dressed for the occasion. Music was furnished by Mr. Colen Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Orval Davis and children of near Belwood spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Wright.

Mrs. Ed Howell visited Mrs. J. B. Carpenter Monday.

Bethlehem Section News Of The Week

College Students At Home For Holidays And Other Visitings About.

(Special To The Star.)

Bethlehem, Dec. 29.—Mrs Fannie Blalock and daughter, Jewel, of Charlotte are spending the Christmas holidays with relatives.

Miss Beth Randall of Bowling Springs college is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Randall.

Mr. Tom Blalock and Miss Lizzie Blalock were the dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Dixon.

Mr. Herman Blalock and Mr. Floyd McDaniel spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Blalock of Kings Mountain.

Mr. Hubert Dixon of Bowling Springs college is spending a few days with his parents Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Dixon.

Mrs. Hal Morris spent the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Blalock.

Miss Lexie Herndon spent Sunday with her grandmother, Mrs. Prat Herndon.

Mr. Samuel Barber came home Friday from Florida.

Mr. Craig Arrowood of Wingate college is at home for the holidays. Mr. Oran White of South Carolina spent Sunday with Mr. Craig Arrowood.

Miss Estelle Barber of Kings Mountain spent a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Barber.

Mrs. Pratt, Mrs. George and Mrs. Frank Herndon spent Monday with Mrs. Pratt's daughter, Mrs. John Yarboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Jackson of Kings Mountain are spending a few days with Mrs. Jackson's mother, Mrs. North Harmon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Humphries and children, Melba and Buford and Alma Blalock spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Humphries' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lann Allen.

Mr. R. W. McCurry and children spent Sunday with his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lee McDaniel.

New Year Message At Second Baptist

A New Year message entitled "Getting Off To a Good Start" will feature the morning service at the Second Baptist church on next Sunday. The subject at the night service will be "Answering the Call." The pastor, Rev. L. L. Jessup, will be in charge at both services.

The Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. will be in charge of Superintendent W. S. McCurry, and the B. Y. P. U. at 6:00 p. m. will be in charge of Director W. T. Brown.

All teachers and officers are urged to be in their places for the beginning of the New Year.

Regular mid-week prayer service on Wednesday night will be in charge of the board of deacons.

One argument in favor of the new Lepesedea sericea as advanced by Rowan growers is that the variety stands drought somewhat better than the annual varieties.

Penny Column

FOR RENT: FURNISHED ROOMS with bath, heat. Mrs. Packard. 21 39.