

Resort To Give**Welcome To 1926***(Continued from Page 1)*

service will start at 9 o'clock with a social hour from 10 till 11 o'clock. The new Stinson memorial chimes at this church will ring in the new year, starting a few moments before twelve.

Other churches of the resort also are arranging for late services on Thursday night and large congregations are expected to be present.

In the hotels, special New Year's entertainments have been arranged for. Among the large beach front hotels which will have special dances and suppers on Thursday night are the Ambassador, which will have a dance in the Renaissance Room; the Breakers, where merry-makers will greet the New Year in the Roof Garden, and the Chelsea, which will open the Grill Room for the New Year's revelers.

Countless parties will be held throughout the resort on Thursday evening. Among the largest of these is the affair to take place at the new Elks' Home, on Virginia avenue. The members and their ladies, along with guests, will assemble at the home that evening for a big New Year's Eve party, which promises to be one of the social events of the season.

The annual New Year's dance and reception of the local council, Knights of Columbus, will be held in the ballroom of the DeVille Hotel on Thursday night. This affair will start at 9 o'clock. Edward J. O'Keefe is chairman of the committee.

Practically every cafe and cabaret in the city has booked special entertainment programs for New Year's Eve and reservations have been coming in rapidly for the past two weeks. Tables in many of the establishments are reported to be selling

at premiums and by Thursday night it is expected that these places will all be filled to full capacity.

From every viewpoint, the welcome of 1926 promises to be one of the warmest of history in Atlantic City and Ventnor and the blowing of whistles and ringing of church bells throughout the city at midnight Thursday will find the resort alive and wide-awake.

Cape May Ferry Will Complete Coast Road*(Continued from Page 1)*

Coastal Highway passes through the territory which made the first history of the United States, touching at Salem, staid old Boston, New York, the New Jersey coast resorts, Washington, Fredericksburg and the cities made prominent in the War between the States.

The New York road is open. A celebration in this city a week ago commemorated that. A continuous, very straight, very safe stretch of paved highway connects this city with the nation's metropolis, New York.

The Lewes-Cape May ferry will be in operation next summer. The state has refused aid, but the project will be carried through, anyway, private funds being used in building a wharf on the New Jersey side.

The Cape May Progressive League has appointed a committee to confer with Col. Jesse Rosenfeld to arrange means of raising money for the dock by private subscription. They have pledged their support, and have promised that the ferry would be in operation in 1926.

The ferry will probably open in May. The next step will then be the construction of a bridge between Beasley's Point and Somers Point. This is an undertaking that has been demanded by Cape May County interests for some time. The volume of

travel that the New York road will pour over Jersey on its way down the coast makes the construction of this bridge more necessary now than ever before.

With the opening of the Delaware ferry next spring, the present Coastal Highway route will be altered so as to keep the motorists closer to the shore than at present. Where now the cars avoid South Jersey, going through the southeastern part of Pennsylvania and through Maryland to Washington, the new route will take the tourist right down the Jersey coast from New York to Cape May, via ferry to Lewes, Delaware, and on across the state to Maryland. It will shorten the route from the North to the South by several hundred miles.

New Bus Line To Run To Northern Resorts

Permit for Bus Line From Atlantic City to Asbury Park Approved by North Jersey Resort Officials

A bus line is being formed to run between Atlantic City and Asbury Park. The Public Transit Company has applied to the board of commissioners of Asbury Park for a permit to have the northern terminus of its Atlantic City-Asbury route in that city. It has not yet applied for a permit in Atlantic City, but is expected to do so soon. The Asbury commissioners have already given their consent to the project.

The company plans to operate 17-passenger parlor cars of latest design and will charge \$3.10 for a one-way passage between the two resorts.

The state legislature is now considering a higher tax on motor freight trucks doing an interstate business.

Damage to New Jersey's high-

ways, state, county and municipal by heavy freight buses is emphasized as the reason for a suggested revision of the schedule of motor truck fees. The maximum fee now is \$99 a year for the heaviest truck that uses the highways. Complaint is made that the trucks in competition with railroads and trolleys in handling of freight are escaping a just share of the burden of taxation.

Growth of motor passenger buses, especially those doing business thru several cities, has prompted the Republican senators to propose a change in the law governing the imposition of a five per cent gross tax levy. In Atlantic City, Newark and Jersey City, for instance, where buses do a strictly city business, the five per cent gross tax is levied. But where buses, having terminals in Camden and Woodbury, operate thru other towns, the complaint is that the companies only pay franchise taxes in the municipalities where they pick up and discharge passengers. In other words, roads of several municipalities are subjected to wear and tear of the buses, without getting a share of the gross receipts tax.

The Public Utility commission has authority over approval of municipality permits for passenger buses operating in several cities.

All Cape May County To Exhibit in Phila.

Cape May County will be well represented in the coming Philadelphia Sesqui-Centennial of 1926. In a recent meeting with Sesqui-Centennial committeemen at Cape May Court House, the officials of Cape May County engaged two booths, Nos. 4 and 5, in the Resorts and Real Estate Section, in the Palace of Agri-

culture and Food Products Building, during the Sesqui-Centennial.

The booths come very high, but it was explained by Mayor Champion, of Ocean City, chairman of the committee of officials, that a large amount of the expense will be borne by the resorts of Cape May County. The rural sections will also benefit by the exhibit of their various products, and will be asked to co-operate in the financing and planning of the exhibit.

The cost of the exhibit is estimated at about \$30,000 and each municipality will be charged in proportion to its assessed valuation. Wildwood charges will amount to approximately \$7,000 and Ocean City's to about \$8,000.

These booths in the Sesqui-Centennial are agreed to be one of the biggest advertisements that Cape May County could put across. It is an opportunity that comes but once in a lifetime, and the officials fully realize that the bigger and better the exhibit from Cape May County is, the bigger and better will be the fruitful returns, in the near future. The Sesqui-Centennial will advertise to thousands. It is Cape May County's big chance and the southern resorts are not neglecting it.

Another municipality to engage space is Miami, Fla., which is preparing an elaborate exhibit. Argentine has appropriated \$400,000 for a nation-wide exhibit.

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