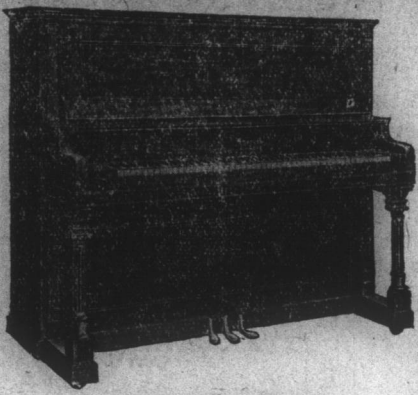


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EMARLE ROAD ROUTE CHANGED OUT SALISBURY

County Commissioners Want Road to
Granite Quarry and Rockwell.
Salisbury Post, January 5th.
Rowan board of county commissioners at their monthly meeting today took the initial move in changing the route of the new Salisbury-Albemarle highway routed by Granite Quarry and Rockwell. The original survey for this new road does not touch these progressive Rowan towns, but takes a detour out the Stokes Ferry road a short distance and then follows an old direct straight line.
County commissioners went on to favor the changing of route to take in Granite Quarry and Rockwell and authorized the man and the county attorney to proper resolutions and forward same to the state highway commission. This does not mean that the route will be changed but it is the hope of the county authorities to have the state highway make the change. Hundreds of residents of Granite Quarry and the

sections around these places petitioned for the change.

Evelyn Nesbit Thaw Still Seriously Ill
Chicago, Jan. 6.—Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, who yesterday attempted suicide by taking poison, tonight was described as not dying but "mighty close to it" in a statement by Dr. Amanti Rongetti, head of the hospital in which she is a patient. The doctor said her temperature had been reduced to normal but that he was dissatisfied with the rapid heart action and that a skin eruption, traced to the effect of the poison she swallowed, has developed.
Will Electrocute Unruly Elephant.
Little Rock, Jan. 6.—"Tex," the circus elephant that recently went on a rampage near Augusta, Ark., tore up crops and was sought through the country side for several days, is to be electrocuted. This was learned today when his owner, William Newton, arrived here. "Tex," is about 100 years old and is reputed to have killed nine men in all.
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TODAY'S EVENTS

Thursday, January 7, 1926
Sixty-five years ago today the first flag of the Confederacy was unfurled, at the Mississippi secession convention at Jackson.
Today has been fixed as the date for the convening of the new Parliament of the Dominion of Canada.
The third session of the sixteenth legislature of the Province of Quebec is scheduled to assemble today.
The President and Mrs. Coolidge will hold a reception at the White House this evening in honor of the members of the judiciary.
Twenty thousand branches of the national W. C. T. U. will observe today as a day of prayer for "law observance and law enforcement."
A notable wedding in New York today will be that of Miss Consuelo Vanderbilt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., and Earl E. T. Smith.
Although Russian has officially adopted the new calendar, the peasants and most of the religious people will observe today as Christmas, in accordance with the old calendar.
Formation of a national shippers advisory board to deal with car service problems, will be considered at a joint conference of officials of all the 12 regional advisory boards, and railroad officials and executives of the American Railway Association to be held in Chicago today.

Looking at North Carolina From 1812.
Dr. Hugh Williamson, of the Holland Society of Sciences, after a careful survey of the rivers rising in the mountains of western North Carolina, wrote a history of the state in 1812. Portions of his remarkable predictions and forecasts concerning the future of North Carolina are contained in the following extracts:
"Navigable rivers are so numerous, that vessels are tempted to load in a hundred places and . . . (this) . . . has prevented the commerce of the state from being drawn to a particular point. . . hence no large city has ever risen nor is ever likely to obtain celebrity in the state; a circumstance that is balanced by some advantages. It retards the increase of luxury and the rivalry in folly. . . There is not, as we conceive, a state in the Union better calculated. . . as North Carolina for increasing their wealth by extensive manufactures; . . . all the necessary materials for manufacture are found in the state and provisions are remarkably cheap—people who live in the middle and upper part of the state have a plentiful supply of small streams, fit for mills and for machinery of every kind. These people can support their laborers at a small expense."
Not content with taking part in the big championship meets, Olas Thunberg, the great Finnish skater, has mapped out a program which will carry his flying feet through a large part of the Eastern United States and Canada during the next two months.

TWO BEING HELD FOR TRANSLYVANIA KILLING

Wife of Will Norris, Who Was Murdered, and Lawrence Tritt Are in Jail.
Asheville, Jan. 6.—Tain, gaunt and sullen, a one-armed man, some 32 years old, sits brooding in his cell in the Transylvania county jail, while across the hall in another cell a lank woman, in her late thirties, with a faded face, topped by a bluish bob, moves restlessly about—such are the principal two figures in the investigation of the murder which occurred in North Brevard early last Sunday when Lawrence Tritt shot Will Norris to death.
Tritt, who voluntarily surrendered and confessed to the authorities immediately after his act, refuses to talk about the matter or give a reason for his act.
"I've got nothing to say now, only you can get my side of the story in the trial when the truth comes out," was his only reply to repeated efforts to draw from him his version.
Both Tritt and Mrs. Norris, the widow of the slain man, who is charged with conspiracy in the crime, are being held without bond.
It has been indicated that Tritt's attorneys, William Breeze and Coleman Galloway, of Brevard, will base their defense on a plea of hereditary insanity for his aunt is said to be an inmate of the state insane asylum at Morganton, and other members of his family have suffered from mental breakdowns. The father of the slain man has employed Ralph Fisher, of Brevard, to assist Solicitor Pless, of Marion, in the prosecution.
Mrs. Norris with her two attractive little daughters clinging to her during their brief visit to her cell, talked freely but evasively about the affair. She declared that Lawrence Tritt and her husband were the best of friends and disclaimed knowledge of any unpleasant feeling having existed between them prior to the hour of the shooting.
"I only know that Lawrence and Elsie Burns were fussing over a little money matter and my husband tried to quiet them down and took them out into the other room," Mrs. Morris said. "This was about midnight and they soon left. We went to bed and my daughter and I were sleeping in Lawrence's bed, thinking he would not be back. About 3 o'clock in the morning we heard him call from outside the door and my husband told him to come in and go to bed."
"Lawrence entered and asked him if he was still mad," to which he said "no." I told Lawrence to light the lamp and then told my daughter that we must get up and give him his bed. I got up and was fixing a fire when my husband came in and stooped down by the fireplace. Then I heard a gunshot and my husband fell over dead."
"That is all I know about it. I did not see Lawrence do it and did not see him after it was done. I had nothing to do with it."
The 12-year-old daughter of the slain man, who was in Tritt's bed

with her mother at the time of his return to the house, testified in the preliminary trial that she was sitting up in bed and saw Tritt, who had concealed himself behind a curtain which covered the entrance to the kitchen before her father entered the room. Then she saw Tritt aim from behind the curtain and fire the shot which ended her father's life, she said.
The load entered his head back of the ear and resulted in immediate death. When members of the sheriff's force arrived an hour or so later, they found the younger children of the slain man cold and crying while they wandered about the house.
Elsie Burns testified that Norris had asked him to spend the night with him on the eve of the tragedy, saying that Tritt and his wife "had it in for him" (Norris) and were "plotting to do something awful" to him that night. Burns left, however, fearing trouble. After shooting Norris, Tritt visited the home of Burns, according to Burns' testimony, but Burns' father, fearing trouble, told him that his son was not at home.
A Brevard attorney who obtained Tritt's release from the Henderson county jail, where he was committed about two months ago on a charge of larceny, said he advised him at that time to move away from Norris' house, pointing out to him that there would eventually be trouble between him and Norris if he continued to live there. Tritt refused, however.
Community gossip long has linked the name of Mrs. Morris with that of Tritt, it was learned today. Mrs. Norris is a daughter of Elford Orr, who lives near Brevard, and has lived in Transylvania county practically all of his life.

FIRST LOVE AFFAIRS OF PRINCE "DAVVY"

Prince of Wales Has Lost His Heart to Two Women, But Has No Wife.
London, January 7.—The visit of Princess Astrid, of Sweden, to London has renewed speculation as to the matrimonial intentions of the Prince of Wales who, although now many years older than either his father or his grandfather when they married, shows no inclination to take a mate and settle down to the serious job of being heir to the British throne. Many time during the past decade Dume Rumor has chosen a bride for the Prince, only to see her plans fade away into thin air. The persistence of his Royal Highness in clinging to bachelorhood has led many to believe that he never has had a love affair, while others cherish the idea that a disappointment in love has caused him to fight shy of the altar.
Intimate friends of the Prince scoff at both of these theories. Few manage to pass through early manhood without falling in love, and the Prince of Wales is no exception to the rule, but there is no evidence to support the belief that he is suffering from a broken heart.
Before he had reached his 19th birthday, the Prince had already lost his heart to two women. One was old enough to be his mother, and, moreover, was already married, while the other was so far below him in social status that there could be no question of a match. In the first case the Prince's family ridiculed all the romance out of the attachments; in the second King George and the Prince's tutor rushed him away from the young girl who had charmed him.
Although many years have passed, the Prince's first affair of the heart is still the subject of some jesting among his relatives, much to his annoyance. It happened in 1912, when the Prince was in his eighteenth year. At that time it was customary for the royal children, when they were at Buckingham Palace at the same time that their grandmother, Queen Alexandra, was in residence at Marlborough House, to pay her regular visits; but it became noticeable that the Prince of Wales went to Marlborough House almost every day, and that his Royal Highness usually elected to go by himself. Now Queen Alexandra was very fond of her grandchildren and they of her, but Her Majesty knew the world, and her knowledge told her that the frequent visits of her grandson were prompted by some reason other than a special desire for her company. For a little while Queen Alexandra was puzzled to know what the reason could be. She discussed the problem with Miss Knollys, her private secretary, but neither of them could arrive at a satisfactory answer. Then one afternoon both ladies made a discovery which greatly diverted them in a photograph of Lady Dalkeith was found to be missing from Queen Alexandra's writing table. Miss Knollys declared that she had seen the Prince with it in his hand, and then the Queen and her old friend looked at each other in amazed silence for some seconds.



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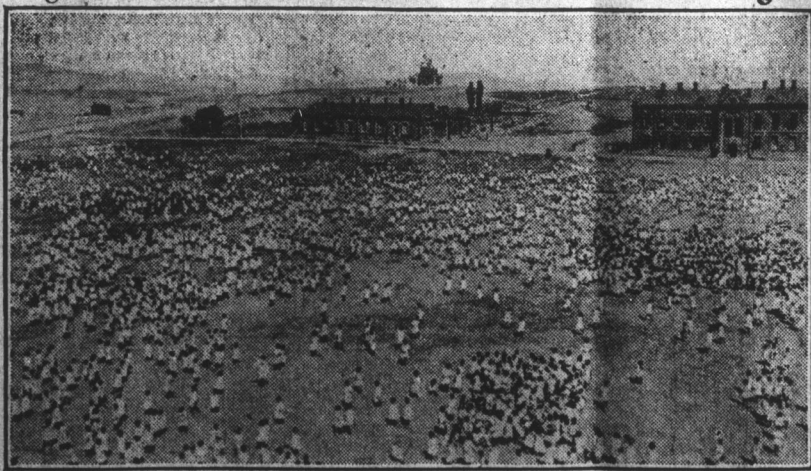
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Children of the Near East Relief Orphanage at Alexandropol, Armenia, play games where the crack regiments of the Czar's Army once drilled.

All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy applies to the Near East Orphans as well as to young American boys. Former barracks are now orphanages! Former drill grounds are now playgrounds. Instead of the officers' sharp commands and tramp, tramp, tramp of soldiers, the glad voices of romping children are heard. Food is a recurring need. Three times each day Near East Relief must feed 35,000 little mouths, or provide 105,000 meals daily.

"Why, it must be 'lizz' that Edward comes to see—poor-dear boy; I never would have guessed it," suddenly exclaimed her Majesty. Lady Dalkeith was old enough to be the Prince of Wales' mother, but she was still one of the most beautiful women in England, and it was by no means remarkable that a boy of eighteen should fall in love with her. The attachment of the Prince, it is unnecessary to state, was wholly unknown to the object of his affections.
Much abashed over the discovery of his romance, the young Prince hid himself to Balmoral, the royal residence in Scotland, and it was there that his second "romance" developed. Returning one day from the hunt he met the pretty young daughter of a squire and immediately lost his heart. This time the romance was nipped in the bud by King George, who immediately sent for his eldest son and read him a severe lecture on his duty to the state.
The island of Yap, which has suffered from a severe storm, is by far the most important cable station in the Pacific. It has a branch of the American Pacific cable to the Philippines, and has branch lines radiating to Japan, to Shanghai and to the Dutch East Indies.

In the early days the French sometimes began the year with Christmas, December 25th, and sometimes with Easter, which, being a movable feast, led to much confusion. In 1604, King Charles IX. decreed that the year should begin January 1st.

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