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CAROLINA FIRE LOSS IN 1922 MORE THAN 8 MILLION DOLLARS

Approximately \$800,000 More Than For Preceding Year, Report Shows.

RALEIGH, Feb. 2.—North Carolina's fire loss last year amounted to \$8,235,000 in comparison with \$7,463,207 in 1921, according to a report of Stacey W. Wade, insurance commissioner, today. Excepting the New Bern conflagration, the 1922 loss is estimated at \$8,235,000.

December's figures showed the greatest loss, the total being \$3,116,703. January was second with a loss of \$1,400,000. The property involved in the fires was valued at \$33,319,127, and was insured at \$19,257,000. A total of \$700,000 insurance was carried on \$2,500,000 worth of property in the New Bern fire. During the entire year there were 1,271 blazes reported.

Considering the size of the cities, Guilford county may well be proud of High Point and Greensboro; they figure so prominently in the honor roll roster for 1922, and of the fact that Greensboro had not a single fire during the year where the loss amounted to \$5,000," it is stated.

Philadelphus Defeats Floral College 8-6

RED SPRINGS, Feb. 2.—The Philadelphus farm life high school basketball team won a close contest here today from Floral college in the last minute of the game. The third quarter ended in a 6 to 6 tie, the Phillies having overcome an early lead. The final score was 8 to 6.

Both teams played exceptionally good basketball, Philadelphus putting in an excellent exhibition of passing. Sholar played best for the college, while Townsend (captain), and Lewis scored all the goals for Philadelphus.

Pirates Take Close Combats From Giants

Fans were treated to a real basket ball game last night at the Boys' Brigade, when the Pirates nosed out a close victory over the Giants, the final score being 28 to 26, in favor of the Pirates. The passing of both teams was fine, but the Pirates' shooting was a shade better than the Giants'. Neither side was in the lead more than four points. With only two minutes to play and the score 24 to 22, in favor of the Giants, Slick Davis caught the ball twice in succession from mid-court for the Pirates, Clunk Davis and Rip Smith starred.

Company B Varsity played an All Star team in between halves, easily winning 40 to 7. Company B got in some fine team work, every man playing a nice game. The All Stars played a good game but were no match for the Varsity.

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The smile on the face of Charlotte Weiner (left) is justified by the award of the judges in the Health Show in New York City when they decided she was the most perfect baby in the Bronx. Irwin Cohen, center, received second prize and Alberta Murphy, honorable mention.

Two Fast Games In Sunday School Loop

Two fast games of basketball played Thursday night by teams in the Y. M. C. A. Sunday School league, resulted in the defeat of the Baptists by the Presbyterians, the score being 31 to 20, and the downfall of the Lutherans before the Methodists, the score in this contest being 30 to 20.

The contests were played in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium before a large and enthusiastic audience. The Lutherans' defeat by the Methodists proved to be one of the biggest upsets of the season. Last week the Methodists were able to cage but a total of three baskets, but in Thursday night's game they came to the fore and decisively defeated their opponents.

In the initial game of the evening the score at the end of the first half stood 23 to 12 in favor of the Presbyterians, but in the last half the Baptists speeded up and enough baskets were made to give the Presbyterians a great score. One minute before the

Juniors Beat Freshies; Sophs Wallop Seniors

The New Hanover county high school gymnasium was the scene of two spirited games of basketball last night. In the first contest the Juniors romped away with a victory over the Freshmen to the tune of 31 to 15, and the Seniors were decisively defeated by the Sophomores, 64 to 14, in the night-cap.

Kelly and Leftwich were the stars for their teams in the Freshmen-Junior battle, and Edwards and Loughlin came to the fore in the last contest.

NATURAL ERROR An American in Paris has been arrested for attempting to sell a hotel he did not own. Possibly he thought his receipted bill was a transfer of title.—London Opinion.

January Unusually Mild in Wilmington

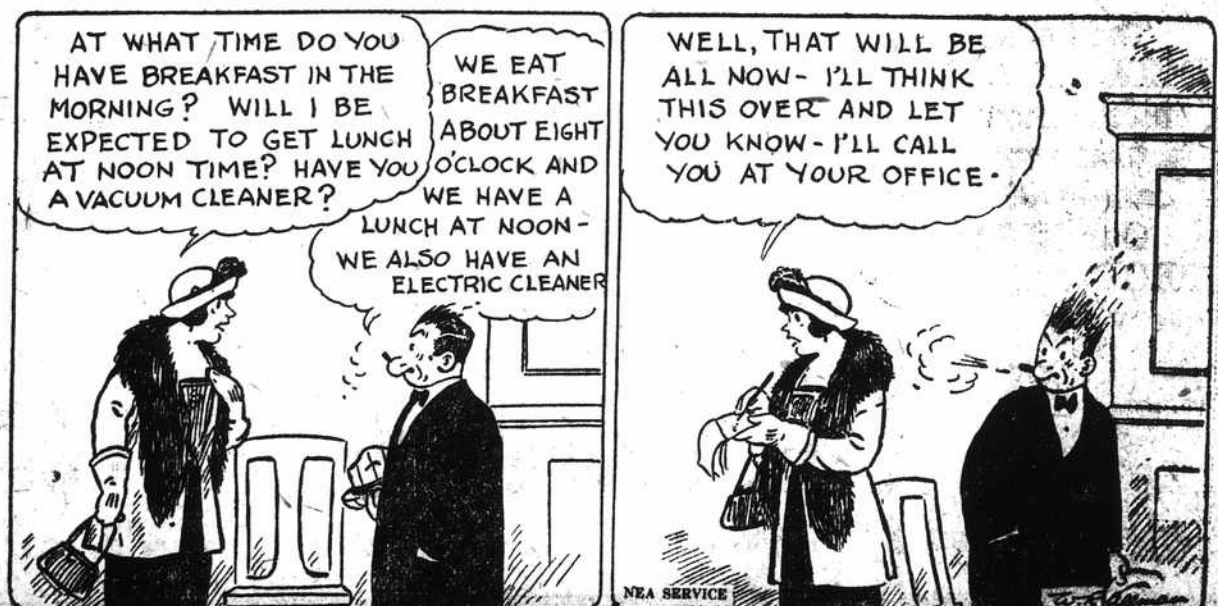
January, 1923, was unusually pleasant and mild in Wilmington. The mean temperature was 50.2 degrees, or 3.8 degrees above the January normal. The highest temperature recorded was 74, on the 22nd, and the lowest 30, on the 18th. The greatest daily range was 34 degrees on the 22nd and the least, 8 degrees, on the 23rd. Rain fell on eight days; and the total amount for the month was 3.22 inches, which is 0.28 of an inch below the normal. The greatest amount in any 24-hour period was 1.58 inches on the 23rd and 24th. There was no snow or sleet. Thunder was heard on the 24th.

Of the 31 days in the month 17 were clear, 7 partly cloudy and 7 cloudy. The percentage of sunshine was 75 and there were nine days on which the sunshine was 100 per cent.

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DOINGS OF THE DUFFS

BY ALLMAN



FORECAST BY STATES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Virginia: Rain probably following by clearing and colder Saturday, cold wave Saturday night; Sunday fair and colder. North Carolina: Rain and colder Saturday; much colder Saturday night; cold wave in interior; Sunday probably fair and colder. South Carolina: Rain and colder Saturday; much colder Saturday night; cold wave in extreme northwest portion; Sunday probably fair and colder. Georgia: Rain Saturday; colder in north and central portion; cold wave in northwest portion Saturday night; Sunday cloudy and colder. Florida: Increasing cloudiness Saturday

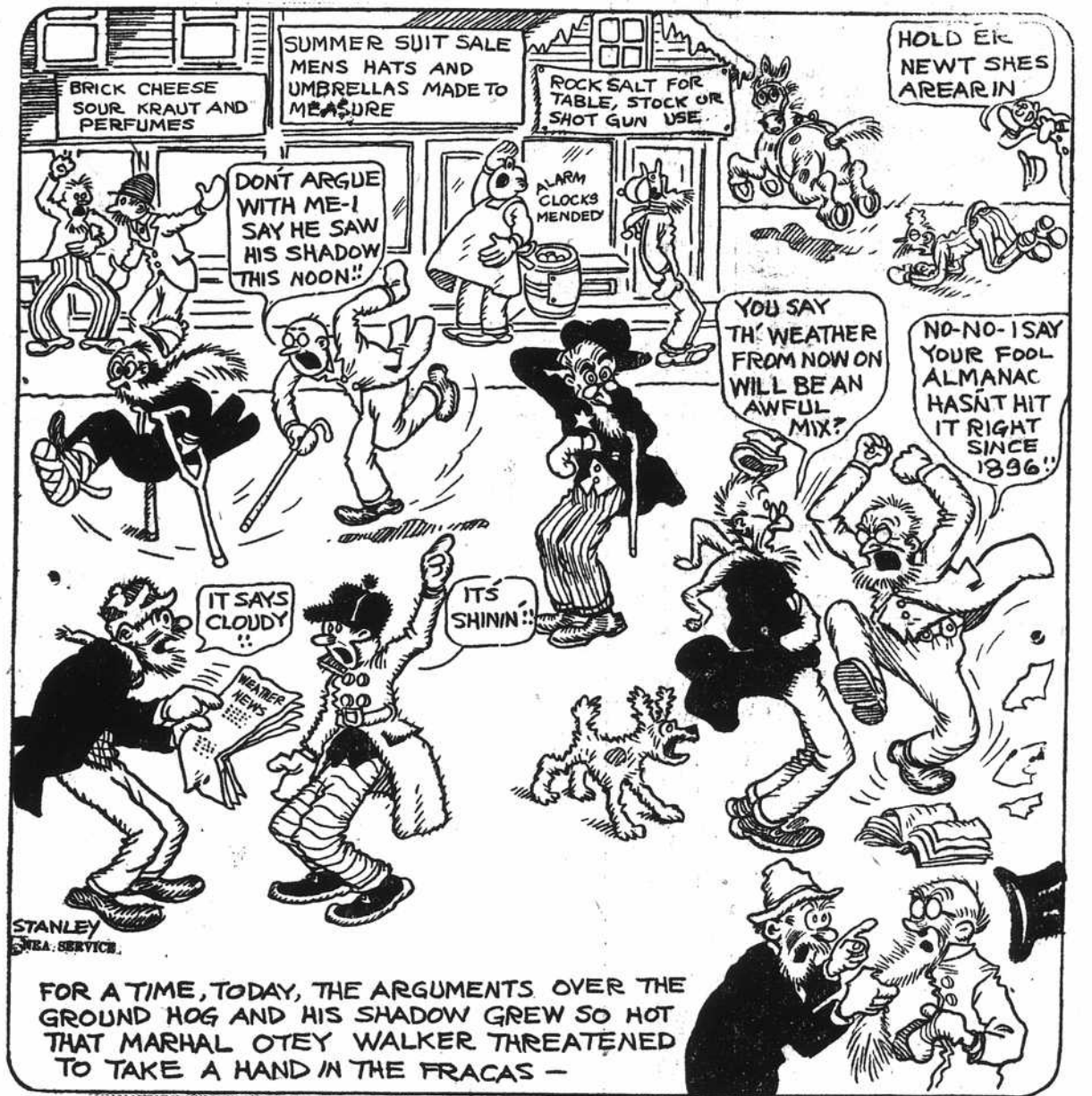
followed by local rains Saturday night or Sunday; colder Sunday in north and central portion. Extreme northwest Florida: Rain Saturday, followed by much colder Saturday; Sunday cloudy and colder. Alabama and Mississippi: Rain and colder Saturday; much colder Saturday night with cold wave in north and central portion; Sunday partly cloudy and colder. Tennessee: Cloudy and much colder Saturday, with rain in east portion; cold wave Saturday night; Sunday fair in east portion. Kentucky: Cloudy Saturday, cold wave Saturday and Sunday night; Sunday fair, continued cold.

RECEIVES COMMISSION WARSAW, Feb. 2.—Mrs. W. W. Wilson, who was appointed postmaster here a few weeks ago, and who was confirmed by the senate shortly after, has received her commission, and taken charge of the office, succeeding D. E. Best, who has held the office for more than nine years. Mrs. Wilson is expected to give satisfaction to all patrons.

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