

### ISSUE IGNORED BENSON IMPLIES

#### City Manager Says He Is Disappointed In Final Draft Of CSC Bill

"The real issue was sidestepped in the compromise Civil Service Commission bill which was introduced in the General Assembly Friday," City Manager J. R. Benson said last night.

Benson expressed his disappointment over the measure in its final form prepared by Senator Alton A. Lennon and Representative Robert M. Kerman, mainly because of its restrictions upon the selection of a police chief from without the department.

chief so appointed be limited to In opposing the provision that the 18 months service Benson said, "I don't see why any capable man would come here to straighten things out and put himself in a hot spot for such a short period of time then to be kicked out."

The city manager continued "I do not mind any provision requiring an experienced or capable man, but I am convinced that it will take a disinterested man to clear up the difficulties now existing. It would be extremely difficult if not impossible to find a man under the requirements in the bill."

In its final draft the bill introduced by Lennon stipulates in Section seven, relating to the appointment of chiefs of the fire and police department, that a chief of police may be employed from without the personnel of the department under the following provisions:

"... shall have had at least two years training in the Federal Bureau of Investigation and be recommended for the said position by the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; or ... who has had at least five years experience as a police officer in a city of not less than 25,000 inhabitants, and who is recommended by the Director of FBI. Provided further, ... shall not hold said position as Chief of Police for a period of more than eighteen months from the ratification of this act."

Benson expressed a belief that the measure was too exacting in placing a minimum of 25,000 population upon the city from which a chief might be chosen. He said that perhaps a capable man could probably be found in a city of less than 25,000 or either on the force of some county police system.

The city manager pointed out that should an acceptable man be found in some other police department in a city of say 40,000, the city of Wilmington would certainly not be able to meet the salary which would be necessary to lure one away from his own position into this police department in its present state of affairs.

He added that he did not object to the stipulation that the appointee be recognized by some police authority, but he indicated that he did not like the provision that the FBI must pass upon the choice. He said he believed a capable man could be found.

All in all, Benson, intimated that the compromise bill with all its provisions was merely one way of tying the council's hands in the selection of a new chief of police, but the city manager would not say that the bill would force the governing body to make a choice from the ranks.

In conclusion, he pointed out that as long as a man were chosen from the present personnel, he would not have to meet any qualifications of either experience or FBI training, nor would the FBI recommendation be necessary. Mayor W. Ronald Lane said last night that he had no comment on the bill which has been presented to the General Assembly.

#### Carolina Alumni To Meet Tuesday! Will Show Films

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invited to the meeting is Crowell Little, assistant football coach at the University.

There are more than 300 alumni of Carolina in New Hanover county. For several years, during the war, activity of the group was reduced to a minimum. In the past 18 months, however, there has been considerable activity, with several meetings being held and attended, among being held Chancellor R. B. House, football coach Carl G. Snavely, and Alumni Secretary J. M. Saunders, all of Chapel Hill. The smoker meeting on Tuesday is the first held since new officers were elected in December. The officers, in addition to President Fred Rippey, are Grainger, and Joe W. Holman, Jr., secretary-treasurer.

#### DR. EVANS DIES AT HOME HERE

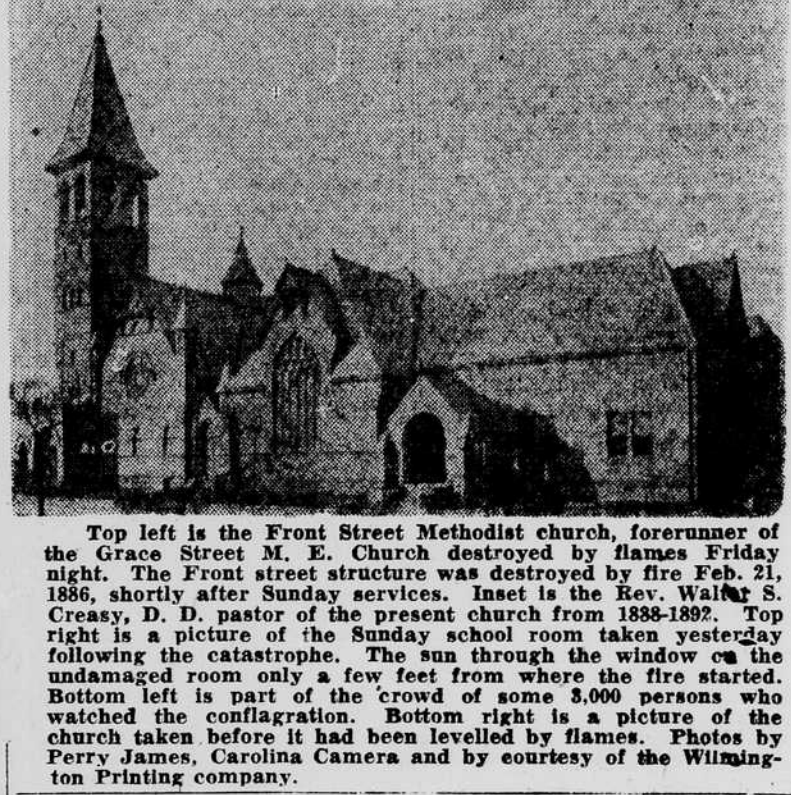
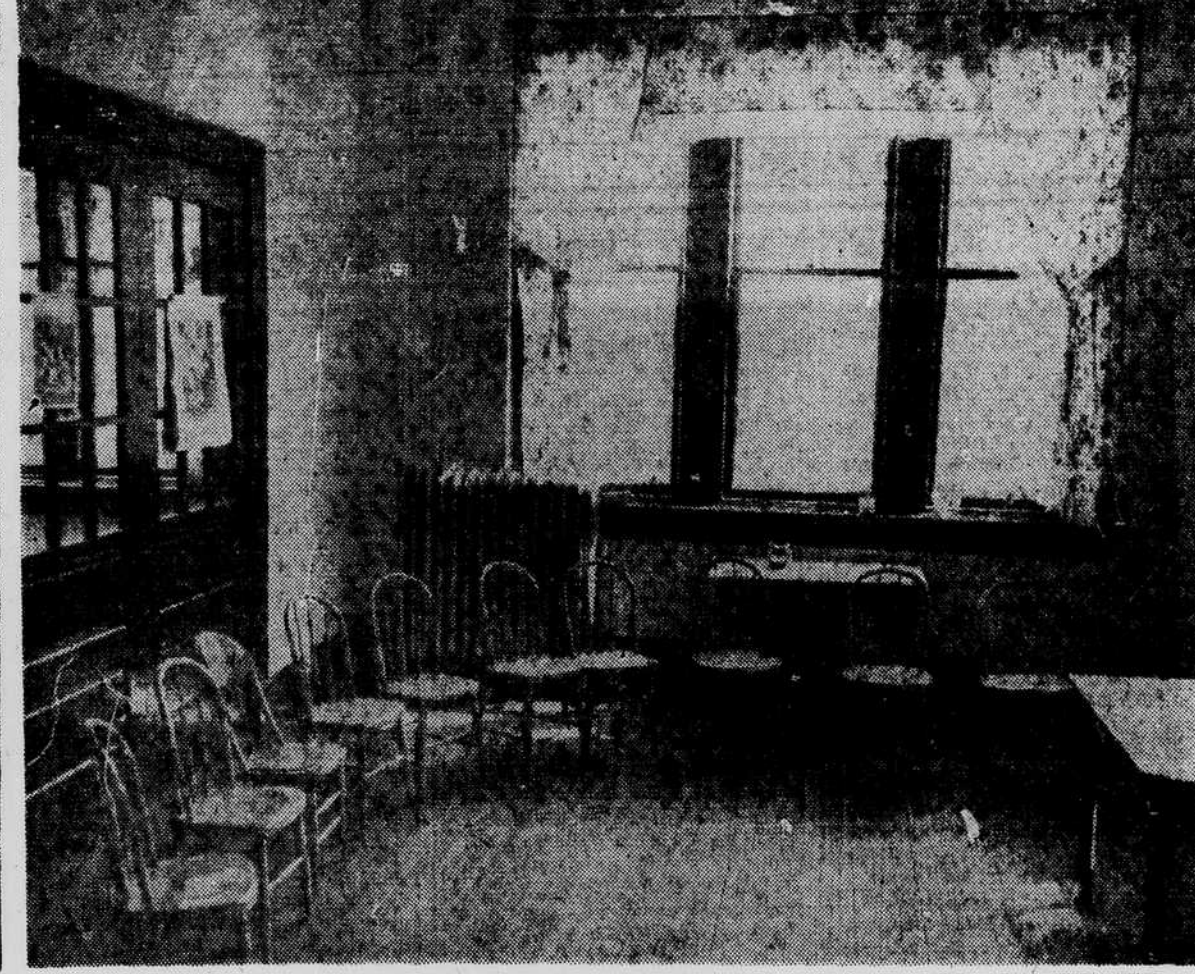
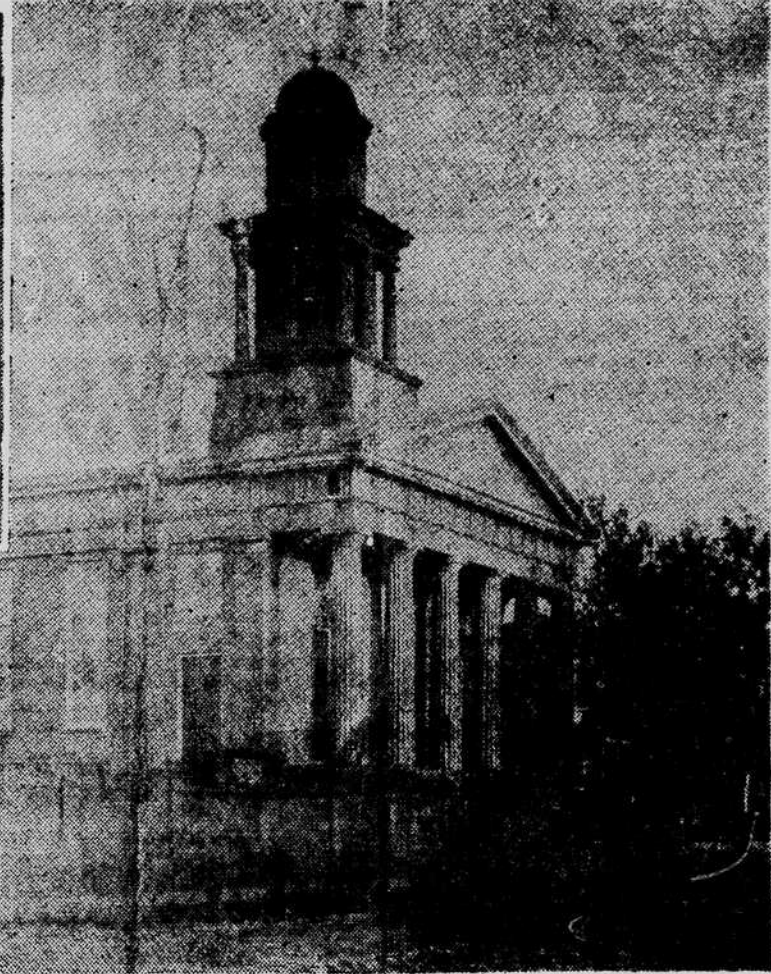
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Decatur, Ga., and Miss Sarah Evans, Wilmington; and two sons, John E. Evans, Jr., of Baltimore, and Hugh Evans, Wilmington. Funeral arrangements will be announced later by the Ward Funeral home.

#### PAINTS ... HARDWARE

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### Second Fire In 61 Years Destroys Grace Methodist Episcopal Church



Top left is the front street Methodist church, forerunner of the Grace Street M. E. Church destroyed by flames Friday night. The front street structure was destroyed by fire Feb. 21, 1886, shortly after Sunday services. Inset is the Rev. Walter S. Cressy, D. D. pastor of the present church from 1888-1897. Top right is a picture of the Sunday school room taken yesterday following the catastrophe. The sun through the window on the undamaged room only a few feet from where the fire started. Bottom left is part of the crowd of some 3,000 persons who watched the conflagration. Bottom right is a picture of the church taken before it had been levelled by flames. Photos by Perry James, Carolina Camera and by courtesy of the Wilmington Printing company.

#### Loyalty Hits All Federal Departments

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may amount to \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000. Each agency head, Mr. Truman ruled, must be "personally responsible" for cleaning his own house.

The establishment of one or more "loyalty boards" in every department and agency was directed. Their rulings may be appealed to a top "loyalty review board" to be set up in the civil service commission.

Accused employees may summon witnesses and counsel at each step of the hearings.

WASHINGTON, March 22. — (AP) — President Truman's executive order on government employee loyalty tonight requires that the Justice Department maintain a "blacklist" of disloyal organizations.

One of the tests of an employee's loyalty is whether he has: "Membership in, affiliation with or sympathetic association with any foreign or domestic organization, association, movement, group or combination of persons designated by the Attorney General as totalitarian, Fascist, Communist or subversive."

A Justice Department official said the list will be "amended from time to time" to keep up with the shifting names that leaders of the organization choose.

Plan are to use as a starter a list already compiled by the Civil Service Commission. The Justice officials told a reporter it is not planned to publish the list "at this time" and there is no telling whether it will be made public.

WASHINGTON, March 22. — (AP) — President Truman's executive order tonight for a loyalty check of federal employees provides in brief:

1. The attorney general is to list all groups that are "totalitarian, Fascist, Communist, or subversive," that seek to deny citizens their constitutional rights, or that seek to change the form of government "by unconstitutional means."

2. Membership or "sympathetic association" with such a group will stamp an employee as disloyal. Serving the interests of another government in preference to the United States also will be a test.

3. All new employees are to be investigated for loyalty, either by the civil service commission or the department that hires them.

4. All present employees are to be checked by the FBI, where this has not already been done.

5. A "central master index" is to be kept of all persons on whom loyalty checks have been made, so that all hiring agencies may refer to it.

6. Each department and agency is to appoint one or more "loyalty boards" to hear charges against employees and recommend whether they should be fired.

7. The civil service commission is to set up a "loyalty review board" to act as a court of final appeal.

8. The names of persons giving information against employees may be kept secret in certain cases but sufficient identification must be given to permit the value of their testimony to be weighed.

9. The order is effective immediately, but whatever funds are

### Briton Says Smoking Cuts Human Fertility

By HOWARD W. BLAKESLEE  
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NEW YORK, March 22. — (AP) — The British Medical Journal reports experiments indicating that tobacco smoking interferes with the fertility of rats and men. In the human cases the experimenters measured the activity of sperm and found that this movement decreased with smoking and reappeared when smoking was stopped. Lack of sperm activity is one of the numerous reasons assigned for human infertility.

The rats were injected with nicotine. This reduced the number of offspring about half. These experiments to top a long series by many different doctors and scientists on effects of tobacco smoking. Many suggest bad effects but none have claimed to prove these effects completely.

The late Raymond Pearl of Johns Hopkins made the most famous experiments, a study of more than 6,000 smokers. He was credited with declaring that these studies showed smoking shortened life.

But he did not say precisely that. He said that if the results should still be the same after his study included 100,000 human beings, then there would be proof that tobacco shortens life. Dr. Pearl died before completing the extended study.

Dr. Alton Ochsner, world famous surgeon, of New Orleans, has published medical charts showing that a curve drawn to show the increase in tobacco smoking is fairly well paralleled by a curve of the rise of cancer of the lungs.

Dr. Walter L. Mendenhall of Boston university found a steady effect on nerves of two cigarettes and the reverse after too many were smoked. He set the safe limit at about half a pack per day.

Smoking has been shown to speed up the rate of breathing and the pulse rate. It has been shown to cause constriction of blood vessels. The latter finding was a war report in the journal of the American Medical Association. Mayo Clinic scientists who made the report suggested it might not be a good thing to hand a cigarette to a wounded soldier because this constriction might be bad for some kinds of wounds.

Several studies have shown that the surface temperature of fingers and toes is often reduced, sometimes ten degrees, by smoking one or two cigarettes. But deep breathing also has been shown to cause similar temperature drops.

At the Medical College of Virginia, at Richmond, rats were subjected to smoke blowing into their cages by a smoking machine. The smoked rats lived as long as the unsmoked, in fact averaged a bit longer lives. But the non-smoked rats were fatter and heavier.

Yale studies show that a smoke adds a small bit of sugar to the blood, through the effect of the nicotine on adrenal glands. This sugar comes from the body stores. Sugar is an energy food and this study concluded that sugar might

needed to carry out, compliance will await the voting of the funds by congress.

#### Immigration Treaty Signed By Colombia

BOGOTA, Colombia, March 22. — (AP) — The Colombian Government announced today it had signed an agreement with the inter-governmental committee on immigration in London whereby Colombia will admit an unspecified number of European refugees.

The government said it will give preference to Spanish, Italian, French and Portuguese agricultural workers, skilled workers in all lines and industrial technicians.

#### Auto Dealer, Wife Indicted Of Murder

DETROIT, March 22. — (AP) — A wealthy Detroit auto dealer and his beautiful wife were indicted today on first degree murder charges, ending an 18-month search for the killer of Lydia Thompson, victim of a savage mutilation murder.

Circuit Judge George B. Murphy, Wayne County's one-man grand jury, issued warrants for the arrest of Louis V. Thompson and his wife, the former Helen Budnik, 38.

#### HE STUCK HIS NECK OUT AMESBURY, Mass. (AP) — Fire swept the storehouses of the Lake Gardner Ice Co. the day after Thomas J. Babine cancelled the insurance on the buildings.

Some snakes can strike three-quarters the length of their bodies, but most are able to strike only half the length of their bodies.

ish scientists who report in Nature magazine a method almost equivalent to fingerprinting. They photograph the natural pattern of markings on the bellies of the reptiles, or occasionally on the backs. These patterns differ not only for species, but also for individuals.

The Swedes, Diego Carlstrom and Carl Edlestam, of Stockholm, say the system is as sure as fingerprinting for some species of snakes. They think maybe it will work on all snakes. There have been other methods. Cutting a mark in a snake's skin was one, but not very good, because snakes tend to outgrow such scars completely.

#### A Steeple-View



After the fire was over Jack Loughlin, Carolina Camera photographer crawled through the ruins of the Grace Street M. E. church to shoot a view of the charred timbers. His lens was pointed at the still-standing steeple as shown.

### A Crime An Hour Was Tar Heel 1946 Record

WASHINGTON, March 22. — (AP) — A crime was committed in North Carolina every half hour of 1946. In the first full postwar year one in every 41 North Carolinians was a crime victim.

In the nation as a whole each hour there were 40 burglaries, 107 petty thefts, 26 cars stolen, seven robberies, one criminal assault and seven assaults with a deadly weapon.

These figures come from the Federal Bureau of Investigation's annual crime report, which also shows:

Crime increased in North Carolina in 1946 over 1945 as follows: Murders from 101 to 135; criminal assault from 84 to 103; aggravated assault from 3,748 to 4,019; larceny from 6,936 to 8,070; automobile thefts from 1,599 to 1,973; manslaughter cases dropped from 66 to 65; and 335 robberies were committed each year.

In surveying crime in nine North Carolina cities, the FBI listed these crimes in 1946:

Wilmington, 6 murders; 40 robberies; 642 aggravated assaults; 306 burglaries; 117 larcenies over \$50 and 436 under \$50; 111 automobile thefts.

Asheville, 9 murders; 23 robberies; 288 aggravated assaults; 266 burglaries; 261 larcenies over \$50 and 587 under \$50; 58 automobile thefts.

Charlotte, 29 murders; 52 robberies; 443 aggravated assaults; 653 burglaries; 329 larcenies over \$50 and 820 under \$50; 371 automobile thefts.

Durham, 9 murders; 24 robberies; 577 aggravated assaults; 278 burglaries; 135 larcenies over \$50 and 529 under \$50; 168 automobile thefts.

Greensboro, 16 murders; 31 robberies; 577 aggravated assaults; 296 burglaries; 306 larcenies over \$50 and 648 under \$50; 221 automobile thefts.

High Point, one murder; five robberies; 251 aggravated assaults; 152 burglaries; 71 larcenies over \$50 and 181 under \$50; 84 automobile thefts.

Raleigh, 5 murders; 8 robberies; 106 aggravated assaults; 187 burglaries; 35 larcenies over \$50 and 147 under \$50; 117 automobile thefts.

Rocky Mount, two murders; 9 robberies; 55 aggravated assaults; 98 burglaries; 37 larcenies over \$50 and 318 under \$50; 49 automobile thefts.

Winston-Salem, 8 murders; 41 robberies; 204 aggravated assaults; 466 burglaries; 173 larcenies over \$50 and 557 under \$50; 184 automobile thefts.

The FBI explained "robbery" includes "stealing or taking anything of value from a person by force or putting in fear; 'burglary' means breaking or entering and attempts; 'larceny' includes thefts (except automobile) such as shoplifting, pocket-picking or stealing without force or violence.

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### CSC BILL STAND TAKEN BY KERMON

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plish it in the 18 month period. He continued, referring to a stipulation in a bill written by he and Senator Alton Lennon which stipulated that in the event the city government goes outside the police department to pick a chief of police for the city, he should not be allowed to hold the job over 18 months "until he has had time to work with the men and train a man in the department to take over their duties."

Observers believe that the legislators understood the feelings of the police department when they wrote the bill. Nearly all of officers have indicated their opposition to going outside their department to a chief, saying this would "be a reflection on us, as a body of law enforcement officers."

"It has been shown from previous experience that going outside the department to secure a chief has been a failure, and it is not the intention of Senator Lennon or myself for the chief's position to be made a political football," he emphatically declared.

### SUGAR, RENT ARE EXEMPTED

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ger" in which the bill places those programs. "My present concern is that these programs be continued effectively until such time as they are no longer necessary," he went on.

"I have already directed that the utmost economies be made in the administration of these programs, but I know it is not the intent of the congress to cripple rent control and sugar rationing before the policy of the congress is determined with regard to the extension of these programs."

Accordingly, Mr. Truman announced that he had requested Maj. Gen. Philip B. Fleming, administrator of OTC, to "continue these programs on an effective basis, with the expectation that the congress will take further timely action on rent control and sugar rationing."

He called for "prompt action" by congress "to insure continuity," and he urged that the necessary funds be transferred to the agencies which take over the rationing and rent ceiling controls. In the case of sugar, a bill now pending would hand both price and ration authority to the agriculture department.

#### Catawba President To Speak At Banquet

SALISBURY, March 22. — (AP) — Dr. A. R. Keppel, president of Catawba college, will be the guest of honor at the county-wide council of Rowan parents teachers and high school April 13.

Approximately 200 members from all county units are expected to attend. Mrs. R. L. Steel of Bear Poplar is council president.

#### Deafened People May Now Hear Clearly

Roman farmers gave much attention to the breeding of animals for special purposes.

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Some ironic twists to the huge blaze were discovered today. The song books in the racks on the benches were unharmed, and the offices of the Rev. J. A. Russell were unharmed. The picture of the old Front Street Methodist church, was saved amid the fiery inferno.

The historic church was actually built on Mulberry street, according to W. Z. Corbett, longtime Wilmington resident. Corbett revealed Grace street was named in honor of the church.

Meanwhile the many churches in the city and from surrounding localities, were united in an expression of sympathy to the congregation of the destroyed church, and a feeling of certainty that a larger, more beautiful church would result from the disaster persisted in all sections of grieved Wilmington.

#### Jury Deliberates On Case Against Johnson

HARRISBURG, Pa., March 22. — (AP) — A jury of three women and nine men deliberated tonight the government's case against a case against former Federal Judge Albert W. Johnson and five co-defendants without any indication of a quick agreement.

Four hours after U. S. District Judge J. Alger Fee of Oregon gave the case to the jury, its members recessed for dinner with plans to resume their deliberation immediately afterward.

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