

**105 Pupils Have
Disease in Fam-
ilies of 140 Children.**

Superintendent H. F. Harding closed yesterday afternoon that public schools will remain closed throughout the week. The schools opened yesterday morning, but a suspension of more than a week was decided last Saturday on the school committee. Superintendent Harding stated that schools would be open for one day and if the influenza situation was found to be satisfactorily they would remain open throughout the week. If otherwise they would be closed immediately.

The matter of closing up or remaining open was left to a special committee composed of Chairman Plummer Stewart, Superintendent Harding and Capt. T. T. Smith. This committee gathered reports yesterday from all of the white schools. It was found that 105 pupils had influenza, and 140 were forced to remain at home because members of their families had the disease. Mr. Harding said a close watch on the schools will be maintained and when a child shows symptoms of having influenza he or she will be sent home at once. Where influenza exists in families the children will not be allowed to attend.

**MANY BASEBALL STARS
CALLED TO GREAT BEYOND**

Obituary for 1918 Includes Names of Grant, Tebeau, Beckley, O'Loughlin and Tiernan.

Edward L. Grant, former third baseman of the New York Giants, killed in France while leading a unit to the aid of the famous "Lost Battalion."

Jake Beckley ("Old Eagle Eye"), who had spent many years in the game, first as major league player and later as manager of minor league clubs.

Oliver P. Tebeau, who in the early days of the National league was manager and first baseman of the Cleveland club.

"Silent" Mike Tiernan, famous home run hitter and outfielder of the New York Giants from the late '80s through 1899.

Francis "Silk" O'Loughlin, American league umpire and one of the most popular diamond judges in the country.

Jim McCormick, a famous pitcher of the Chicago White Stockings in the days of "Cap" Anson.

Jack ("King") Crooks, who played second base for the old St. Louis Nationals under Chris von der Ahe.

Alfred H. ("Napoleon") Pardee, a veteran pitcher who had played with Kansas City, Toledo, Wheeling, Pittsburgh and Newark.

John J. ("Chick") Farrell, who played second base for the Chicago Federal league team under Joe Tinker.

"Ned" Egan, prominent as a minor league manager, for 10 years manager of the Waterloo Central association team.

W. R. Dixon, a former Texas league player and for one season with the New York National league team.

Lawrence A. ("Larry") Pape, who became well known as a pitcher for the Boston American league team.

G. M. Milliken, a former Pittsburgh National league pitcher, killed in an airplane fall at Fort Worth while serving as a cadet in the military aviation service.

George Kaiserling, whose last appearance on the diamond was as a

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pitched for the Memphis Southern league. Swain, who pitched for the Boston Red Sox and later with Pacific Coast league teams. Charles Swain, a former Washington American leaguer and for some years the holder of the season's home run record. Harry Glenn, a former catcher for the St. Paul American association team, died of pneumonia while in the military service. Benjamin P. Lacraw, who had played with various teams in the early days of the major leagues. Charles Bomar, who made a wonderful record in 1907 pitching for the Decatur team in the Three-Eye league, winning every one of the last 22 games he pitched.

**DENIES UNIVERSITY SEEKS
WILSON AS ITS HEAD**

Special to The Observer. Raleigh, Dec. 30.—Much interest was stirred here today by a press report that went out to afternoon papers to the effect that the directorate of the University of North Carolina had on foot a plan to offer the presidency of the university to President Woodrow Wilson at a salary of \$20,000. No information of the subject could be gotten here, and Secretary R. W. D. Connor, of the university directorate, definitely stated that there was no such plan having any official status. He granted that some individual trustee might conceive of such a plan and give it to the press, but certainly there is nothing official in any reports of the sort that may be extant.

**FIRE DESTROYS DORMITORY
AT LIVINGSTONE COLLEGE**

Special to The Observer. Salisbury, Dec. 30.—An early morning fire today destroyed Huntington hall, a three-story frame structure, the original building at Livingstone college, a negro institution here. This was the second serious fire the college has experienced this year. Another dormitory building having been badly damaged recently. The fire today not only totally destroyed the building but also burned much of the furnishings and students' effects.

OBSERVATIONS

By the Junior Observer.

1918. The year that closes tonight has been unlike any other year, in that it has seen us at the ebb and flow of activities of almost every line.

This year just closing has seen some industries prosper unusually, to the point that people who heretofore eked out a poor existence have become, almost overnight, immensely wealthy, and at the same time it has seen other industries wither and in some instances die.

It has seen us in the frenzy of fear of a defeat at the hands of the Germans, and it has seen us on the mountain tops of hilarity because of the crushing of the power of our foes.

We have traveled far in this past twelfth month, and it is doubtful that we will make as much material progress in another 10 years, comparatively speaking.

As we look back over the trying times of 1918 we realize that by hook or crook we have barely avoided going down in the whirl of war work, or that we have come out of the storm riding high and feeling that to the strong belongs the recompense for activity intelligently directed.

On the other hand, we look back to that day when business ceased to be business because of the demands of the government for men and materials needed in our line which was held to be unessential. Once prosperous, occupying a commanding place in the affairs of the world, the needs of the nation fell heavily upon us and now it is questionable that we will ever be able to "come back," and deal with our fellowmen again on a basis of equality.

There has been little or no complaining from those who have seen their business killed outright or who have seen the efforts of generations gradually dwindle and die and finally pass from sight. There has been little weeping among business men because their particular line has ceased, during these strenuous times, to return a dividend that would keep them abreast of the times and enable them to maintain a business which commands the respect and esteem of the people.

But as the year has rolled on and the prospects for peace have become

brighter as the winter months approached, the thoughts of those who have sunk in the struggle have turned again to the days of peace before the war and they wonder if a sympathetic public will bear with them as they attempt to fight their way to their feet once again.

Those who prospered largely during the progress of the war, as a rule, are delighted that the end has come and are willing to take their enormous profits and let it go at that. But what about the "unessential business" which has suffered terribly in the meanwhile?

The year has been one grand seesaw. Some have sunk while others ride the winds. However, looking back over the entire period I feel that we have a right to congratulate ourselves that 1918 has gone forever into the discard and that 1919 wipes the slate clean and once again all peoples will be able to lay plans for peaceful pursuit of happiness for themselves and their loved ones.

And let's realize that 1918 is really gone, let's let the dead past bury the dead and cease to pine for the things that are not.

**WEBB AND OTHERS FROM
CAROLINA IN WASHINGTON**

BY H. E. C. BRYANT.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—Representative Webb returned here today. His family has improved and Mrs. Webb and young Edwin will soon be all right. They had the influenza. Miss Margaret Tiddy, of Shelby, who has been visiting Miss Georgia Connelly, of Mr. Webb's office, has returned home.

Mrs. T. B. Roddey, of Rock Hill, who spent the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. B. L. Baker, here, has gone home. She was accompanied by Miss Aline Roddey, another daughter. Q. D. Murphy and J. G. Merriman, of Asheville; M. E. Cozad, of Andrews, and Joseph Hostetler, of Cleveland, Ohio, were here today to confer with Representative Weaber on business.

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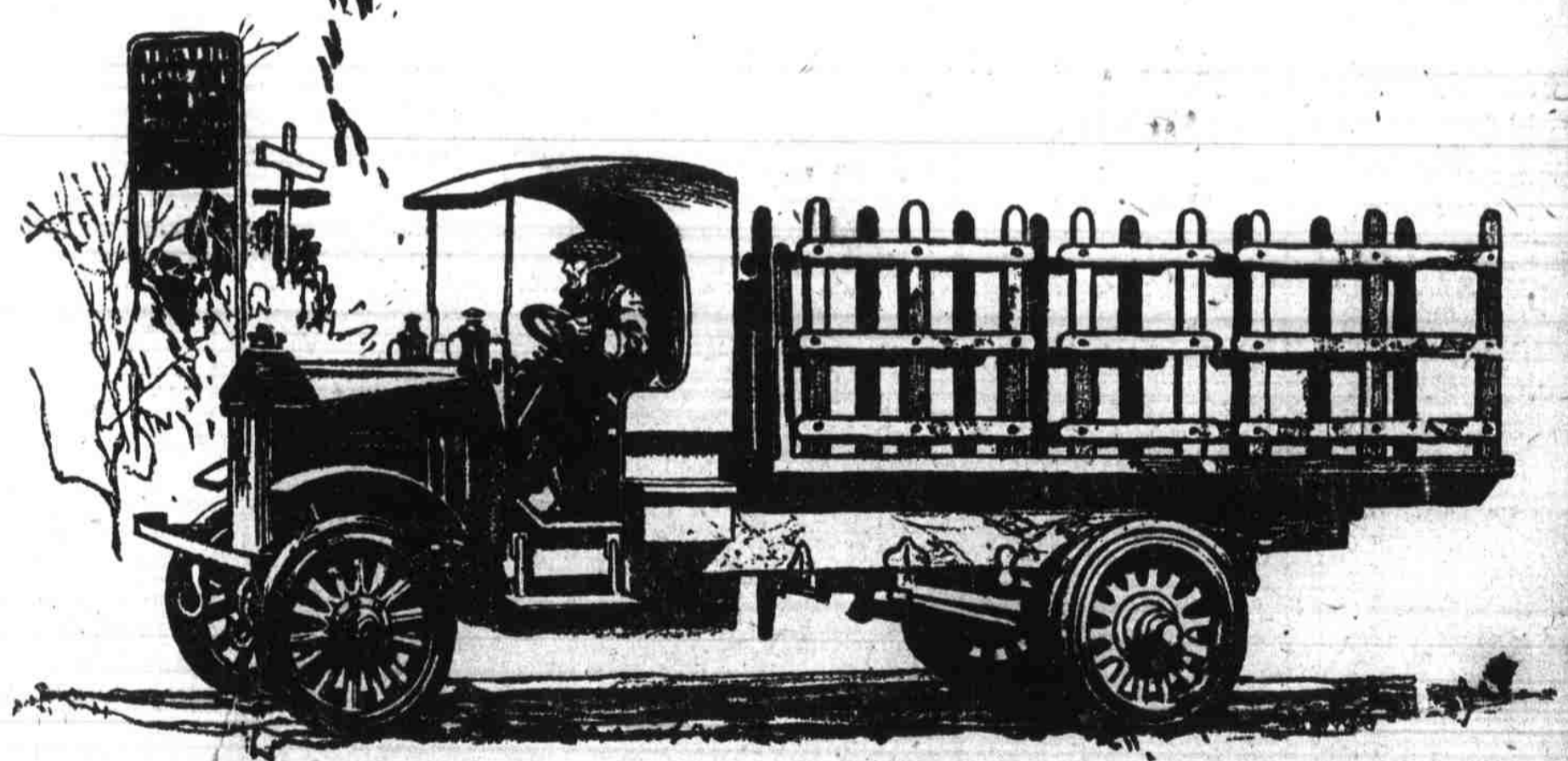
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