

MILD WEATHER DUE TO CONTINUE

Condition is General According To Meteorologist Lee A. Denson

The spell of mild weather which has prevailed in this section since the latter part of December will probably continue for the next few days, according to Mr. Lee A. Denson, meteorologist of the Weather Bureau here. Yesterday was unusually warm for mid-winter, the thermometer registering 67 degrees, or 18 degrees above normal. Mr. Denson added that the mild spell has prevailed throughout the entire country.

The warm weather, Mr. Denson said, is due to a succession of disturbances by low pressure areas passing rapidly eastward, with centers along the Canadian border line. The disturbances have followed each other so closely, Mr. Denson said, that there has been little opportunity for a marked reaction to cold weather, although after the passage of each disturbance there has been a slight reaction. Yesterday a low pressure area was passing up the El. Lawrence valley, while another was coming eastward and centered over Washington, Montana and Minnesota. With this condition prevailing, there will be little opportunity for a high pressure area to come in between the two disturbances and cause a cold snap. The rapid passing of the disturbances in succession has crowded the high pressure area southward drawing winds from the south and keeping the weather mild.

Yesterday the lowest temperature in Minnesota and the Dakotas, where temperatures are not infrequent for this time of the year, was 50 above zero. Near the Gulf the mercury was above 60 and the 40-degree line extended above Boston and southwestward through the Mississippi Valley and Central Texas.

The mild period of weather began December 20th and since then there have been no freezing temperatures, with the maximum each day above 50 and 60 degrees. The weather has been so warm that fires in houses have not been necessary and a considerable reduction in fuel consumption has resulted.

Yesterday afternoon a 50-mile wind was blowing for a while, being the strongest wind recorded for several weeks.

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ROAD BUILDING PROGRAM IN DUPLIN IS ENDORSED

Kenansville, Jan. 5.—More than one thousand citizens of Duplin county attended a mass meeting here yesterday which was called by the County Commissioners to review the progress made in building the county system of highways.

It is stated that the county system, which has been outlined by the board of commissioners; will, when completed, embrace approximately two hundred and fifty miles of road. It is expected that nearly half of this will be taken over by the State Highway Commission, and adopted as State highways. About one hundred and fifty miles of the proposed system has been located. About forty-five miles has been completed. There is about fifty miles additional under construction at various stages, equivalent to about thirty miles of completed road.

The Wilmington-Goldsboro highway from Kenansville to the Pender county line, a distance of 19.3 miles was completed early in July. In addition roads have been built leading into Wallace, Bono Hill and Magnolia and from Kenansville to Beaufortville in the eastern part of the county, touching a very fine agricultural section. Federal aid project Number 103 is being built by the county under contract with the State Highway Commission and is about 75 per cent completed. This road leads from Kenansville through Warsaw and connects at the Sampson county line near Battle with the Sampson county highway into Clinton.

At the conclusion of the meeting, which lasted about three and one-half hours, during which time every phase of road building was discussed in detail, the citizens adopted resolutions endorsing the work of the commissioners.

BIRTH RATE FOR 1920 HEAVIEST IN HISTORY

The birth rate in Raleigh during 1920 was the largest in the history of the city, Local Registrar W. T. Davis reporting 1700 births, which exceeds the birth rate of any year since 1913 by over one hundred. During 1920 there were 638 deaths recorded to the registrar, which was exceeded only by 1918, the year of the first influenza epidemic, when 804 deaths were recorded. Mr. Davis reports 50 deaths during December, 14 white males and fifteen white females, and eight colored males and four colored females and nine still-born. Births during December totaled 65.

Mr. Davis' record of deaths for the past five years in the city is as follows: 1915, 588 deaths; 1916, 619 deaths; 1917, 618 deaths; 1918, 804 deaths; 1919, 558 deaths, and 1920, 638 deaths.

The local registrar was appointed to his office in the latter part of 1913, and his record of births since that time is as follows: In 1914, 604 (births); 1915, 597 births; 1916, 600 births; 1917, 582 births; 1918, 568 births; 1919, 546 births; and 1920, 726 births.

The highest birth rate for any month during 1920 was in April, when 31 births were recorded.

FUNERAL OF McCULLERS INFANT—McCullers, Jan. 5.—The funeral service over the remains of little Wade Fuller, the four month old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mitchell of McCullers was held Monday afternoon from the Garner Christian church, conducted by Dr. W. McC. White.

TINKHAM CAUGHT SQUARELY IN TRAP

Congressman Brinson Keeps Record of Election Laws in South Straight

The News and Observer Bureau, 603 District National Bank Bldg., By E. E. POWELL.

(By Special Leased Wire.) Washington, Jan. 5.—When Representative George Tinkham came back to the House Census committee last night with his resolution demanding investigation of disfranchisement charges he was forced, under sharp questioning by Representative Sam Brinson, to admit that the qualifications for voting in North Carolina are on a par with the Massachusetts laws.

In addition to this admission, which came just ahead of his threat to take his charges to the highest court unless the committee recommended to the Congress an investigation of voting conditions in the South, the War Between-the-States had a new birth and the blood of Hallett Ward, member-elect from North Carolina who was present, fairly boiled.

It was when Mr. Brinson was catching Mr. Tinkham about literary test in the latter's State. It developed that not all the residents of Massachusetts get to the polls and exercise the sacred right of the ballot.

"So," asked Brinson, "do you propose to cut out the representation of Massachusetts just as you propose to cut the representation of Southern States?"

"Yes," answered Tinkham, rather abashed at the question. "You are doubtless aware, Mr. Tinkham," Mr. Brinson said, "of the reason why the people of the South have not been able to vote?"

Tinkham said nothing. There was nothing left to say unless someone wanted to start a small riot and the general air discomfited any such procedure. Every one in the committee room, however, was mighty glad to pass on to another witness.

So far as North Carolina is concerned, Congressman Brinson has been "holding their feet to the fire" in the lodging of various charges against election laws in Southern States. He has challenged the figures presented by Tinkham about alleged disfranchisement of negroes in the recent election at Winston-Salem and the election officials there have been asked for the facts.

It remained for Representative Frank Clark of Florida, to let the Northerners as well as the negro lobbyists for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People know what Florida, at least, expected to do about race situation and government, saying: "Mr. Chairman, Florida is under a white man's government and we propose to keep it that way. Now what are you going to do about it?"

TWO ARE ARRESTED FOR AUTOMOBILE THEFT

Willie Blalock and J. J. Kelly, two young white men, were arrested yesterday on a charge of larceny of an automobile belonging to Mr. William B. Jones of the law firm of Armistead Jones and Son. The car was stolen several weeks ago.

Following the arrest of the two men, Officers Crabtree and Wyatt, accompanied by Blalock, proceeded to Auburn, near which place the stolen car was found, the officers bringing the machine to Raleigh. It was learned at police headquarters that the car was first reported to be at a place near Fuquay Springs, but that it was later removed to the vicinity of Auburn.

Blalock and Kelly are both in the city jail to await their appearance before Judge Harris. Kelly is understood to be a student of State College.

HALIFAX TAXPAYERS IN MOOD FOR RETRENCHMENT

Halifax, Jan. 5.—Taxpayers meeting at the county courthouse here Monday put themselves on record as favoring a retrenchment policy. Resolutions were adopted asking the reduction of the assessment of property to not less than 60 per cent and removing the penalty of one per cent for delay in paying taxes. They also wanted the office of county superintendent of public welfare abolished and a general reduction in the salaries of other officers.

AUTOMOBILE THIEF GETS H. S. STORR'S AUTOMOBILE

A Willys-Knight touring car, the property of Mr. H. S. Storr, was stolen last night shortly after 7 o'clock from in front of Mr. Storr's home at 115 North Salisbury street. The theft was immediately reported to the police, but so far no clue that would lead to the recovery of the machine or the arrest of the guilty party or parties has been found.

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debated at length. Mr. Williams wanted action right then, the first day of the session, before the present arrangement became fixed. Mr. Doughton declared that such a procedure would not be taken because it would meet a change of the rules, which could not be done in one day. Mr. Murphy said there was no rule to cover it. Mr. Connor said he was willing to give up his seat and move any where to give the Republicans a fair deal and so did a dozen other members.

On call for the vote upon the substitute resolution, sending the matter to committee, division was asked, and the substitute carried by a vote of 59 to 53. It is the general opinion of the leaders on the majority side that the arrangement will not pass at this session, but that the 1920 session will commence with a definite section allotted to each wing of the membership.

Bickett's Message Today In keeping with a long time custom, Mr. Doughton was the man to offer the resolution to name a committee to inform the Governor that the Legislature is in session, and awaiting his pleasure.

The Speaker named Mr. Doughton, Mr. Everett and Mr. Matthews, of Bertie, to serve with the Senate committee, and the Governor will appear at noon today before a joint session to deliver his farewell message as Governor.

Senate Attacks Routine. Dispensing with oratorical fire works the Senate confined itself strictly to routine business at its opening session yesterday and adjourned after less than an hour without a single bill being introduced.

Aside from organization, the only business transacted was the appointment of the standing committees on Rules and Salaries and Fees and the special committee on the inauguration of State Officers and the passage of Senate Joint Resolution No. 1, introduced by Senator Gardner, which provides for a joint session of the two Houses next Tuesday at noon for the purpose of canvassing the returns of the election of State officers. The resolution also provides that all officers declared elected who have not previously taken oath of office shall be inaugurated Wednesday at noon.

Senator Doughton, of Mecklenburg, and Senator Burgess, of New Hanover, as the Senate committee on inauguration. Senate Resolution No. 3, introduced by Senator Hartsell, of Cabarrus, provides that the rules of the 1919 session shall govern the Senate until changes shall be ordered.

Committees Announced. Lieutenant Governor Gardner announced the following standing committees "agreed upon by the incoming and the retiring Lieutenant Governor."

Committee on Rules: Senator W. L. Long of Halifax, chairman; Senators Long of Alamance, Williams of Bertie, Varner, Gallert, McColl and Patton. Committee on Salaries and Fees: Senator W. L. Taylor of Wayne, chairman; Senators McKinnis, Gates, Varner, Long of Halifax, chairman; Senators Long of Alamance, Williams of Bertie, Varner, Gallert, McColl and Patton.

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Organization was effected quickly and smoothly. Each of the nominees of the Democratic caucus was again placed in nomination by his sponsor in the caucus and all of them except the President Pro Tempore were elected by acclamation.

The only Republican show of strength came in the nomination of Senator L. B. Hargett, of Wilkes, the unanimous choice of the Republican caucus for President Pro Tempore. The minority caucus candidate was put forward by Senator Cox, of Randolph, as a Senator who was elected to his seat by the tremendous majority of 2,782. The majority contested itself with a brief speech by Senator Burgess, seconded by Senator Gallert. The minority did not demand a roll call and a division

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