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Concord Digging From Heaviest Snow In City In Quarter Of Century

Average Depth of Snow Here More Than 14 Inches.—Traffic Halted During the Morning.

SNOW FELL FAST DURING THE NIGHT

Did Not Begin in Earnest Until Late Tuesday Afternoon.—School Work Partially Halted.

Concord today is digging out from under the heaviest snowfall in more than a quarter of a century.

The average depth of the snow is 15 inches with a maxumum of 22 inches in places where drifts are piled up.

Practically all of the snow which now covers the face of the earth fell late Tuesday afternoon, Tuesday night and early this morning. The snow which fell Monday night and Tuesday morning had melted for the most part when the precipitation started about 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. At that time there was no snow on the streets and sidewalks and only a light blanket was left on housetops, yards and other places where there had been no traffic.

Huge flakes began falling about 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon and experienced weather prophets feared them little. Usually when the snow comes in large flages the precipitation is of short duration. This storm proved an exception.

By 6 o'clock there was a light blanket covering the surface everywhere and this gradually increased as the snow increased. The large flakes gave way to smaller ones and these fell with such consistency and such rapidity that by 7 o'clock the snow measured two inches.

Quietly and persistently the flakes fell during the night and when the city awoke this morning the snow had reached a depth of 14 inches. The flakes continued to fall during the morning with the result that a depth of 15 inches was reached.

Auto traffic was practically halted during the early morning hours. A few taxis darted back and forth with their human freight but few private cars were in evidence until around 10 o'clock. By that time the streets in the towntown section had been partially cleared of the snow.

A huge truck stalled at the square and stayed there until a service car could move it. Every effort by the driver of the truck proved of no avail, and his huge machine pitched forward and backward for only an inch or so despite all the pressure he could exert with his motor. A private car also stalled at the square about 7 o'clock this morning but was later moved when friends pushed as the driver manipulated the gears.

Along all of the streets of the city cars were snowbound. Some had been left out all night; others were deserted when the going became too difficult this morning. Those cars which had been out during the night were completely covered and several had to be dug out before a wheel would turn.

No serious accidents were reported to the police. Most of the cars which were used during the morning were of necessity equipped with chains which prevented their skidding. It was reported that several persons drove off the State Highway between Concord and Charlotte and Concord and Salisbury, losing the road under the heavy blanket of snow. So far as could be learned the drivers of these marooned cars were not injured.

It was reported that the underpass on the Concord-Kannapolis highway was impassable. The snow had drifted under the tracks of the Southern, it was said, and had piled up to such a depth that passage through it was impossible. Traffic used the old road from the Peck Service Station to Cooks Crossing, using the grade crossing there.

Busses of the Southern Coach Company were maintaining a disrupted schedule. The first northbound truck reached Concord after 8 o'clock, the driver reporting that it had taken him an hour and 40 minutes to make the 22 miles from Charlotte. He said he passed but few cars on the road, with a number of these in ditches along the highway.

Trains of the Southern Railway also were delayed by the snow, which appears to cover the entire State, judging from reports reaching Concord this morning. Train No. 136 was 50 minutes late and all southbound trains were several hours late. As a result of the delay in the arrival of the trans, newspapers and other morning mail were late in being handled at the local postoffice.

With the exception of the high school, work in the public schools of the city was practically halted by the storm. The schools were opened as usual but so few pupils were on hand that the schedule for the day was curtailed. At the high school it was stated that 77 students were present for chapel and the total later in the morning reached 85.

Grammar and primary grade students could not get out in large numbers and some teachers found no students on hand when they reported for work. Later in the morning the few students who had braved the 15 inches of snow were excused for the day.

Even Superior Court work was halted by the storm. When Judge Michael Schenck arrived at the court house this morning to resume the Lefler trial, only six jurors were on hand. The others, it was explained, live in remote sections of the county and had been detained by the snow. Judge Schenck, members of the bar and the six jurors remained at the court house however, with the hope that the snowbound jurors could dig out later in the morning.

Officials of the Concord Telephone Co. report no serious damage as a result of the storm. The same report was made by local officials of the Western Union Telegraph Co.

It was stated by an official of the telephone company that the greatest rush in the history of the company greeted operators this morning. There were more calls than on the morning the armistice was signed, it was said. Six experienced operators were unable for more than an hour to handle without delay the hundreds of calls that were coming in from all sections of the city.

By 7 o'clock this morning city officials had a large force of men at work clearing the sidewalks and streets in the business section. Scrapers, drags and shovels were used.

Concord has a snowstorm like the present one about every 25 years and as a result the city is not equipped with modern snow removing equipment. However, with the equipment available the streets in the business district were partially cleared by 9 o'clock and at noon they had been cleared to such an extent that autos could pass without driving in the drifts piled on the side of the street.

Sidewalks were cleared by city employes and business house employes. In the business section the walks were practically cleared of snow by 10 o'clock.

Mule drags were used on the sidewalks in the residential sections. The narrow drags made travel on the sidewalks possible.

Early risers forced to be at their places of business by 7 or 8 o'clock found it impossible to use the sidewalks. For the most part they used the streets, walking in ruts made by autos.

There was no city mail delivery early this morning. Postmaster Harris said the city men left at 11 o'clock for their first delivery. The rural carriers also were held at the postoffice this morning, although one or two of them, it was said, expected to start on their route during the afternoon.

Kiddies have reveled in the snow, but for the most part they have found it unfit for sled riding or coasting. In the first place the snow is too dry and in the second place it is too deep. The old Archibald's pasture was visited by a number of persons Tuesday night and morning but coasting was not possible. The runners buried in the snow and it was impossible to guide the sleds even when an incline steep enough to make them go could be found.

Special massage and rouge for the ears is the latest phase of feminine beauty culture to be adopted by fashionable Englishwomen.

BOARD PERSONNEL PRODUCES DIVISION

Union People Demand New and Smaller Board of Education; Compromise Asked.

Monroe, March 1.—Chas. W. Hamilton, until recently Winston attorney, and a half dozen Marshville citizens went late last night to Raleigh where they have spent today in an attempt to effect a compromise with Representative T. A. L. Helms in appointing a board of education for Union county.

In the 1925 legislature, the Union county board of education was named by Representative Wakefield five in number with a six year term for each of its members. Much dissatisfaction arose in the Democratic ranks because of the departure from pervious custom, and the matter was the only issue in the 1926 primary. Mr. Helms carried the county by an overwhelming majority on the platform of repealing the law and appointing a new board, all the members of which should be progressive Democrats.

One or two of the old members are reluctant to give up their position by appointment, and sent attorneys to a hearing before the House Committee on Education held last Friday to oppose the Representative. Sam R. Rivens assisted the 70-year old representative in presenting his case. He won before the committee in his movement to reduce the number of the board from five to three, and appointed a new personnel according to campaign promises.

The Hamilton compromise proposes to reduce the number from five to three, and keep old members on the board. Mr. Helms who sticks scrupulously to the wishes of his constituency, communicated early this morning for advice. He has been sent a number of telegrams by the President of the chamber of commerce and business men, advising him to stick to his guns, and make no compromise. One telegram from J. E. Stack, brother of Judge Stack advised that it was a local matter and had been in reality settled by a vote of the people, and that he felt sure that the Legislature would not go back on the wishes of a 1,300 Democratic majority in a Democratic county.

Word came from the representative late this evening that he had decided to accept no compromise, and if the Legislature should run over the wishes of the people in this local matter, he would have the consolation of knowing that he had done his best in the discharge of his duties.

LITTLE CHANCE FOR STATE ASSEMBLY TO ADJOURN THIS WEEK

So Many Bills Are Pending There Seems Slight Chance for Adjournment Before Monday.

SNOW DELAYED SOME SOLONS

Bill Dealing With County Government Passed in House.—Others Are Given Endorsement.

Raleigh, March 2.—(AP)—Less than half the members of the house fought their way through the heaviest snow the capital has seen in many years to greet Speaker Fountain's gavel early today.

Empty seats yawned until a half hour after convening when a few puffind legislators shook off heavy snow coatings and settled down to passing laws. A quorum was present.

Scores of bills rolled in from the committee to clutter the calendar even further, and make adjournment before next Monday night extremely improbable.

The daily senate messenger brought more bills and the few clerks on deck could not keep up. For the first time in weeks galleries and lobbies were bare.

The snow was so deep that the regularly invited minister failed to show up, and Representative Oscar Haywood, of Montgomery, delivered the prayer.

The senate convened at 10:45, and with Senator Frank Dunlop in the chair because the lieutenant governor could not get to the capitol.

Senator McCracken tried to get postponement of the county government bill which would set up an optional form of government for counties. He said he thought the senate ought to wait until Senator McLeod returned. Senator Rivers Johnson vehemently opposed the postponement. The motion then lost overwhelmingly and the bill was passed on the third reading and ordered sent to the house by a special messenger. This is the third of the companion bills dealing with county government, all of which have passed the senate.

The Woltz bill providing for the writing of special charter school districts passed the third reading and went to the house.

The companion bill also offered by Senator Woltz dealing with bonds of special charter districts likewise passed the third reading. The senate passed the bill which allows the secretary of state to designate the corporation clerk in his office as deputy secretary of state.

The following public bills were considered:

Relating to the $2,000,000 loan fund for World War veterans. Passed on the second reading.

Allowing counties to vote on establishment of general hospitals. Passed second reading.

Appropriating $60,000 for the establishment of an industrial farm colony for women. Discussed and action deferred.

Constitutional amendment on increasing terms of office of sheriffs and coroners. Action deferred.

A motion in the House by Judge Winston to reconsider the vote by which the bill designed to allow Buncombe county to annex South Mills township in Henderson county, was tabled 65 to 32.

Other public bills passed by the House included: Extending mailing and transit privileges to peanuts; amending the law on service of legal processes on insurance companies; omnibus county education board's bill; amending law on election of corporation directors; and amending the law on place of meeting of corporation directors. A bill regulating the sale of securities and one regulating the sale of land by counties for taxes went over for further consideration and the House recessed until 7:30 tonight.

The bill authorizing the state to issue bonds for buying additional prison farm lands brought a spirited debate, with Sandy Graham leading the battle for the bill, and Tobe Connor against it. Mr. Graham contended that the prison population is increasing by leaps and bounds, and the farm and is needed. Mark Squires wanted to know if since the "hired uplifters" took hold, contractors, were not turning back hired convicts.

Mr. Connor said he was tired of the state trading prison farms, that it now owned 90,000 acres, and did not need any more.

The question then got away from the farms to one of what to do with the prisoners to make them self supporting. Macon, of Franklin, suggested that they be put to work on the State highways, and it went unanswered.

Daugherty-Miller Jury Still Out.

New York, March 2.—(AP)—After a deadlock of ten and one-half hours yesterday the jury considering the fate of former Attorney General Harry M. Daugherty and former Alien Property Custodian Thos. W. Miller on charges of conspiracy, resumed deliberations today and this afternoon had not reported.

Edward W. Gardner, of Montclair, N. J., is the only five-time winner of the national amateur 18.2 balkline billiard championship. Gardner won the title in 1902, 1906, 1910, 1914 and 1916.

There Will Be No State-Wide Tax On Property for School Purposes

Tribune Bureau,
Sir Walter Hotel.

BY J. C. BASKERVILL

Raleigh, March, 2.—Despite the fact that the house has put itself on record in favor of a state-wide tax on property for school purposes, by the overwhelming vote with which it passed the Graham bill, there is not the slightest possibility that this bill will pass the senate, according to those familiar with the situation.

What, then, will be done regarding the school situation?

A compromise agreement for a 3,500,00 equalization fund will result.

This is the opinion of those who have been following the present eruption of opinion with regard to the elementary schools of the state, and who are in a position to know the motives underlying what has happened in the last few days.

The extended session in which the Graham bill was passed, was in reality nothing more than a fireworks display staged for the individual benefit and edification of the senate, in order to convince its members that the house was determined that something be done to more effectively equalize the school tax burden of the state, and to warn it that unless it came part way, the house would kick the roof off.

And many of the members of both houses knew this beforehand, and know it better now. Perhaps they had not thought of it quite in so many words, but the general idea had "percolated downward"—or as Representative Augus D. McLean of Beaufort, would have it, "percolated upward."

And that, incidentally is the dominant idea in the whole issue, aside from the political elements involved. The "back country"—the poorer, but not if you please, the "pauper" counties, have decided that the theory that education "percolates downward" is all wrong—that education does not descend from the institutions of higher learning. They contend that the elementary school is and should be the corner stone of education, and that this corner stone is now in need of long delayed attention.

Hence it was that many voted for a state-wide school tax despite the fact that the state Democratic platform is solidly opposed to such a principal of taxation, because they realized that if the house passed such a bill by a large majority—the vote was 68 for the tax and 43 against—that the senate and those less fervent in the demand for better elementary schools, would be compelled to sit up and take notice. For there is no denying the fact that the voice of the house is the voice of the people, especially in this general assembly.

So despite the fact that some members of the senate are rather affronted at the nerve of the house in proposing a state wide tax for education, and have advocated the immediate tabling of the Graham bill when it comes up in the senate, the little drama enacted by the house for the benefit of the senate has had its effect. And when the things have cooled off for a day or two more, the senate will not hesitate long in acceding to an amendment to the Woltz bill, which it has already passed, increasing the equalization fund from $2,500,000 to $3,500,000.

And since this same bill also provides for revaluation of the lands of the various counties by a state board of equalization—one of the demands of the house—it will not take the house long to agree, it is believed.

So when the show is over, there will be no state-wide tax on land for school purposes, but the system will be left very much as it is at present, with the exception of a larger equalization fund, say those who have been following the undercurrent of thought and developments.

NORTH CAROLINA NOW HAS A BAD CHECK LAW

The Ten-Day Limit Period is Eliminated From the New Law.

The Tribune Bureau
Sir Walter Hotel

Raleigh, March 2.—North Carolina now has a "bad check law" with tusks, according to the friends of the bill by Senator Salmon, now the law of the state following its ratification by the senate Tuesday. The ten-day limit provision, that made the old law ineffectual, is removed from the present law, which makes the giving of a worthless check a misdemeanor.

There are a number of different features about the law just enacted which it is believed will make it far more effective than of the previous attempts at "bad check" legislation.

In the first place, it is believed that the Salmon law is entirely constitutional.

Next, this law places the giving of a worthless check on the same basis as the passing of bogus or counterfeit money, thus removing the misdemeanor from the realm of prosecution from debt—the bugbear of former acts of this nature.

It is also stipulated that a check in order to be "bad" must be given with a knowledge of the absence of funds to cover it.

By making the violation of this law a misdemeanor, prosecution of all cases coming from its violation is removed from courts of justices of the peace, into the higher courts—either county or superior.

"The very fact that when the giver of a worthless check realizes that he is likely to get haled into county or superior court, with a large assessment of costs against him, is going to make him much more careful than hitherto in giving checks carelessly, if not intentionally," said Senator Neal Salmon, of Harnett, in discussing the measure.

At the beginning of the bill is a preamble setting forth the fact that the bill has been made necessary by the large losses being sustained by merchants over the state as a result of the many bad checks that are given, and that the bill is designed to correct the practice.

THE COTTON MARKET

First Prices 4 to 15 Points Higher, May Going to 14.70 and December to 15.01.

New York, March 2.—(AP)—The cotton market showed renewed firmness at the opening today in response to continued strength of Liverpool and bullish overnight advices from the Southern spot market. First prices were 4 to 15 points higher, new high ground for the movement on all positions, May selling up to 14.70 and December to 15.01. The advance met heavy realizing, but the demand continued active, and offerings were absorbed on reactions of 5 to 10 points. Private cable advices from Japan reported active demand for American cotton, and cables from Liverpool said there had been trade calling, covering, London and continental buying on the English market.

The demand tapered off after the early buying orders had been supplied, and prices sagged to about 14.52 for May and 14.79 for October, making net declines of about 3 to 5 point. At midday, however, the market was 2 to 3 points up from the lowest on most months with tone apparently steady.

Cotton ftures opened steady. March 14.66; May 14.68; July 14.79; Oct. 14.88; Dec. 15.00.

Among the largest trees in the world is the baobab, or monkey-bread tree, of Africa. This remarkable tree has a short, branchy trunk, which seldom attains a height of over seventy feet, while its diameter is often as great as one hundred feet.

EXTRACT TEETH FROM BILL PRESENTED BY GRIER

He Doesn't Want Whole Families on Payroll of the State.

Tribune Bureau,
Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, March 2.—The bill by Senator Grier of Statesville, that would have prohibited more than one member of a family from holding a state job in Raleigh, badly mangled and with swollen gums, is now limping its way to the house, where its remaining teeth will probably be extracted—if it is not given to death.

As a result the army of state employes in Raleigh, especially those families who make a livelihood by means of state jobs, and there are quite a number—are breathing more easily. For the amendments appended by the senate before its passage on the house, have made it as toothless as a grandfather dog.

In the first place, if the bill is enacted as it now stands, it will not apply to those already in the employ of the statae.

And in stipulating that not more than 25 per cent of the state employes shall be from any one county, the bill has been altered so that these employes must be "natives" of the county.

"So Wake county has no cause to worry, for the majority of the state employes, though they live and earn in Wake, are from other counties," said Senator Pat Williams in discussing the bill.

Thus those families where more than one is employed by the state have no cause for uneasiness, since the bill does not apply to those now employed. Neither is there fear that the aggregation of state employes in Raleigh will be scartered.

It will, however, if enacted, preclude the possibility of present state employes raising any more boys and girls to come employes of the state.

And again the chief hope of the state employes is centered in the bill that would abolish the salary and wage commission.

Deserting Marshal Sun.

Shanghai, March 2.—(AP)—A large number of troops from the broken army of Marshall Sun tonight were reported going over to the Cantonese army and thousands of others are said to be deserting. Sun's army now is completely discounted as a factor of importance in the military situation.

Airmen Leave for Paraguay.

Buenos Aires, Argentina, March 2.—(AP)—The main section of the United States army good will flying expedition reduced to two planes by Saturday's fatal crash in which Captain Clinton F. Woolsey and Lieutenant John W. Benton lost their lives, left at 6:25 o'clock this morning for Asuncion, Paraguay.

Twenty-Eight Still Missing.

London, March 2.—(AP)—Little hope was entertained today that men imprisoned by a colliery explosion near Cwm, Wales yesterday could be rescued alive. The bodies of 23 were recovered, and 28 men are missing.

BASKETBALL TONIGHT

Y. M. C. A. 8 O'CLOCK

Hawthorne Athletic Club, of Clover, S. C.

vs.

Concord Y. M. C. A.

This will be the last game of the Season For the Concord Team

Admission 25 Cents

ENTIRE STATE NOW COVERED WITH SNOW; TRAFFIC PARALYZED

Snow Ranges From 10 to 26 Inches in Depth, With the Heaviest Fall in High Point.

MANY SCHOOLS SUSPEND WORK

Street Car Service Halted in Some Cities, and Business Is Halted in Others During the Morning.

Charlotte, N. C., March 2.—(AP)—Struggling against odds that seldom are presented in the South, North Carolinians today struggled to their daily labors as best they could. Traffic was virtually at a standstill, with snow ranging from 12 to 26 inches clogging streets and highways in most places. The fall continued in many places today.

Street car schedules were disrupted in the cities, despite all night efforts with drags and improvised snow plows to keep the tracks open, automobiles that could negotiate the drifts were few, and thousands floundered through the knee-deep fall to get to work, a situation many of them had never faced before.

Asheville, high in the mountains, reported probably the lightest snow of any reporting in the state. There the fall ranged from 8 to 10 inches, depending on the location and exposure, it was said.

High Point awoke this morning under a white blanket 26 inches deep and with a sharp northeast gale driving a continued downfall. Many stores did not open, as operating forces could not get to work, and few teachers and pupils were able to get to school.

Raleigh had the worst snow storm since April 4, 1915, when a high wind and a 15 inch fall of snow and sleet leveled telephone, telegraph and power lines for 20 miles around. This time the snow was 24 inches deep in the streets at 9 o'clock this morning, and a heavy downfall continuing. The weather bureau, however, reported that the official fall in Raleigh was 14 inches.

Greensboro had 18 inches this morning and still falling. Salisbury reported 20 inches, with scores of automobiles stranded, city schools closed and little activity of any kind. Old timers were quoted as saying it was the worst since 1890 while others made it the worst in history. Hickory reported 12 inches, Gastonia 10 and Concord 16.

The snow began falling Monday night in some sections of the state and continued most of yesterday, increasing in volume last night.

13 inches of snow fell in Charlotte, the fall beginning Monday night and continuing most of yesterday. It was still falling this morning. Thousands walked to work with cars unable to keep schedules and automobiles stalled in some places in the middle of the street. Most of the schools were closed and stores opened late.

Spartanburg, S. C., March 2.—(AP)—Ten inches of snow covered the ground here today, the heaviest fall in 25 years. The storm started yesterday morning and continued throughout last night.

SANTUNGESE SOLDIERS HALT THE CONTONESE

Bribery and Propaganda May Break Morale of the Troops, However.

Shanghai, March 2.—(AP)—The movement of Santungese troops into the war theatre south of here was believed by competent foreign authorities today to have reached a volume sufficient to stop the Cantonese advance on Shanghai so far as actual fighting is concerned. However, the question has arisen as to whether the defenders will be able to withstand the bribery and propaganda tactics of the southerners which hitherto has been uniformly successful.

The utter collapse of the once mighty forces of Marshal Sun who until ten days ago was the chief defender of Shanghai, has been brought about principally by the boring from within" on the part of the Cantonese.

The series of defections and betrails whereby Marshall Sun's generals aided the nationalists has culminated in so many withdrawals that he has been eliminated as a military factor.

T. C. BOWIE IS ILL AT JEFFERSON HOME

Former Ashe County Legislator Suffered Heart Attack While Climbing Stairs.

Jefferson March 1.—T. C. Bowie, well known Ashe county attorney and former leader in the North Carolina general assembly is ill at his home, having suffered a severe heart attack on Sunday evening.

Mr. Bowie was climbing a flight of stairs when stricken and it is reported that he fell unconscious as he reached the door of a bath room in his residence. However, he quickly rallied and at last accounts was much better.

Money for Three Cruisers.

Washington, March 2.—(AP)—The appropriation for three new cruisers, put into the naval bill by Congress over the recommendation of President Coolidge, received presidential acquiescence today when Mr. Coolidge signed the bill.

Different Now

Time was when Joe Benjamin, former lightweight fighter, greeted Marion Nixon, movie actress and then his wife, like this. But his latest greeting, accompanied by a smashing of windows, was a threat to kill her, according to a complaint to the Los Angeles police. She divorced him a few months ago.

(International Newsreel)

COCK FIGHT IS PUT OFF; SHERIFF READY FOR RAID

Elizabethtown, N. C., March 2.—(AP)—Deciding to await more auspicious circumstances, promoters of the scheduled cock fight today had indefinitely postponed their "international battle" due to the presence of Sheriff Lee G. Priest and a flock of deputies. Snow added to their resolution. Sheriff Priest said he was making a thorough investigation.

FINDS HUSBAND IN VAULT IN CEMETERY

Missing for Twenty Years, He Was Finally Found Shortly After Death.

Chicago, March 2.—The Chicago Tribune, in its Sunday morning edition, says that Mrs. Kate Condon Scott, noted opera singer of ten years ago, walked into a vault in St. Anthony's cemetery in New Orleans a few days ago and there identified the body of William B. Victor, as her husband, for whom she had searched for more than twenty years.

Mrs. Condon, whose brothers, Thos. J. and James G., are noted attorneys, learned that her husband had used the name of Victor during his residence in the Louisiana city, and that he was regarded as a man of mystery, as far as his family relations were concerned. He shot and killed himself September 4th in the Chess, Checker and Whist club at New Orleans.

They were married at New Haven May 16, 1903, Mrs. Scott told the Tribune the paper says, "after a case of love at first sight."

Mrs. Scott, lived here with a sister, Miss Clara Condon. Since she returned from touring Europe during the World War when she sang in many army cantonments, she has abandoned the stage, and has been engaged in teaching.

Mrs. Scott says she has gathered proofs that she is the widow and under the old Fresh law of Louisiana will inherit at least half of an estate of $185,000 which resulted from successful real estate investments of her husband. The amount may expand, she said, to a million. Under a will written the night "Victor" shot himself he left the estate to five business associates.

500 BAPTIST WOMEN BEGIN BIG MEETING

Regular Program of Woman's Missionary Union Started This Morning.

Wilmington, March 2.—(AP)—Undaunted by inclement weather, the 500 or more delegates to the Baptist Woman's Missionary Union entered into all day and night session today in their annual state convention.

Dr. A. Paul Bagby, of Wake Forest, in the convention opening sermon drew five pictures of the life of Jesus, the meaning of the cross, Christ's baptism, the transfiguration, the grain of wheat falling on the ground and dying, Gethsemane and Calvary.

Young peoples work discussion and a conference of treasurers comprised sidelights of the day's activities, while reports followed on the various training schools.

Accepts Virginia Pastorate.

Salisbury, March 1.—Rev. B. A. Barringer, recently making his home in Salisbury has accepted the pastorate of the Lutheran church at Rural Retreat, Va. Mr. Barringer had been pastor of a church at Liberty.

Gives New Ruling on Car Confiscation.

Charlotte, March 1.—Judge G. S. Currie, of city court today, ruled in a liquor case that an automobile with liquor in it must be moving if it is regarded as to be confiscated for transporting.

Babe to Get $70,000.

New York, March 2.—(AP)—Babe Ruth, home run king of baseball, today signed a three-year contract with the Yankees at an annual salary of $70,000.

DESCRIBES TARBOT AS DRAFT EVADER AND NOT WAR HERO

State Library

Tarbot Claims He Served in World War But Has Lost Memory and Does Not Remember His Past.

REP. JOHNSON TELLS OF PAST

He Says Man Is Alexander Dubois, Son of a Chef in Cuban Hotel, and Was Not in Service.

Washington, March 2.—(AP)—Jerry Tarbot, the man who claims to be a world war hero who lost his memory, today was declared by chairman Johnson of the House veterans committee to be Alexander DuBois Jr., to be a draft dodger and the son of a chef in a Cuban hotel.

The South Dakota representative, himself a war veteran, made this statement at meeting of his committee in answer to inquiries as to why he had not supported relief legislation for Tarbot.

Members of Congress, he said would be "surprised and shocked if they knew the facts." He added the Department of Justice had made axhaustive investigation of the case.

He then introduced as first witness to support his statement Mrs. Flora Dove Lange of Detroit, who said she married Tarbot on December 22, 1917, in Toledo, and that he gave his name as Howard Francis Noble. She divorced him in February 1918 because she "couldn't stand him," she said.

She first met Tarbot in Detroit, she said, at a rooming house she conducted. After marriage, she continued, she was convinced they could not be happy and they separated, and she never saw Tarbot again until today. Mrs. Lange said she had been married once before she married Tarbot and twice after she divorced him, and is now living with her fourth husband. Mrs. Lange testified she is 42 years old and has no children.

Mrs. Sue Kahl Scipe, of Erie, Pa., testified that she knew Tarbot in 1916 in Sharon, Pa., as Howard Noble.

VENEER PLANT AT HIGH POINT IS DESTROYED

Plant Valued at Approximately $300,000 With Loss Partially Covered by Insurance.

High Point, March 2.—(AP)—The Hill Veneer Manufacturing plant, valued at approximately $300,000, was destroyed by fire here early today. The loss is partly covered by insurance. The blaze originated in a dry kiln and was first discovered by a night watchman. Fire fighters were called out, but it was not until after two hours of fighting that the blaze was brought under control.

The entire plant, with the exception of an office building, was destroyed.

A strong north wind is all that saved other manufacturing plants in the vicinity.

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When you buy tires from a Concord dealer, you have no postage charges, no express charges, no delay. See ad. of the Yorke & Wadsworth Co.

Winter time goods at summer time prices at the Parks-Belk Co. All winter goods reduced. Phones 138 and 608.

The big display sale and tailoring exhibit of the Ed. V. Price Co. will be held at W. A. Overcash's next Friday and Saturday, March 4th and 5th.

Everything to wear at Efird's. Phone 119.

You will find the smartest gowns in the new spring fabrics at Robinson's.

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday the Concord Furniture Co. will give you free with a Sellers Kitchen Cabinet a lot of groceries and chinaware. You pay only $1.00 down and this puts the cabinet in your home. See illustrations in a big ad. today.

Duplin Cock Fight to Await Better Occasion.

Duplin, March 1.—The widely advertised three-day cock fight scheduled to start near here today was not held, in spite of the fact that many roosters were in trim for the tournament and a large crowd from all sections had gathered.

Sheriff Priest had deputies at the arena. Officers told the Associated Press they believed promoters decided to wait for more auspicious conditions.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Fair tonight and Thursday, colder on northeast coast tonight, slowly rising temperature Thursday.