

## Fury Of Winter Descends Upon Western States

### Snow And Hail Follow Great Dust Storms. Property, Stock And Crops Suffer Heavily

Kansas City, Feb. 25.—Sleet, snow and hail drummed out tonight a dismal finale to a wild weather display that pounded and tore from the Rockies to the Mississippi and beyond.

At least 13 persons died, heavy property damage was recorded and stock and crops suffered widely from devastating dust storms and tornadoes followed by a blinding blizzard.

The wheat belt profited from the moisture of sleet, snow and rain—the first precipitation in some arid sections since last summer's drought.

Otherwise, the storm, apparently centered tonight in the Great Lakes region with clearing weather in prospect elsewhere, left little on the credit side immediately recognizable as such.

There were no available estimates of the widespread damage wrought by hailstorms, twisting winds and highway-choking snow banks in many states.

In the great tri-state lead and zinc fields of Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri, aid also near Wichita, Kan., mounting reports of losses pushed estimates of damage in Sunday's tornado past the quarter-million dollar mark.

Tornadoes also struck in two sections of western Arkansas. Nine persons were injured.

Of those dead in the siege of storms, six died in and near Chicago in traffic accidents.

A 69-year-old woman, Mrs. Ellen Teague, died at Picher, Okla., from injuries received in the tornado. Her husband and a small girl were feared near death.

Another Oklahoman was found dead of exposure near Foss. He was believed to have been struck by a motorist blinded in the storm.

A Milwaukee woman collapsed and died battling snowdrifts. A Wisconsin motorist skidded to his death in a ditch.

Death struck strangely in Iowa, Colorado and Nevada.

At Des Moines, a man fell dead shoveling snow. A young girl died in Colorado when her motor car struck a sand drift.

At Loray, Nev., Raymond Abalos, 11, was killed when an icicle fell, hitting him on the head.

Illustrative of the suddenness of the cold wave, temperatures at Frederick, in southwestern Oklahoma, fell from 77 to 16 degrees above zero during a dust storm. Similar reports were numerous.

The midwestern tornado topped off a series of weather disturbances. They began with a dust storm Thursday that swirled over parts of Colorado, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Texas and Nebraska.

It accompanied a sudden cold wave that caused suffering among livestock in the range country and threatened destructive frosts tonight in the lower Rio Grande truck citrus area of Texas.

Approximately 139 persons were injured by the freakish twister. It was described as a brown, roaring funnel.

A cow was picked up by the wind from a barnlot, near Wichita, and was carried, spinning, approximately 100 yards. Dropped unharmed in a field, she walked back.

When the tornado struck Joplin, Mo., it killed 69 persons.

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## McKnight Is Given Pounding At Home At Whitehead

Rev. C. H. McKnight was given a very generous community pounding last Friday night at his home at Whitehead. The occasion was an expression of welcome to the minister, who has recently gone into that community.

Thirteen persons were baptized into the fellowship of the church at Pine Fork Sunday. This makes a total of sixteen recent additions to the church, which, it is said, had been practically dormant for several years.

The Rev. Mr. McKnight is being requested to make appointments at other churches in the Alleghany association.

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## Farmers May Apply For Loans Here In Crouse's Office

Farmers of Alleghany county may file their applications for loans with Mrs. Octavia Waddell, who is located in the office of Floyd Crouse, in the Court House in Sparta.

Loans are now being made by the Wilkesboro Production Credit association to produce crops, purchase livestock and also to make alterations, repairs and improvements on farm buildings.

Mrs. Waddell has charge of the local office, and Will Pugh, of Whitetop, is the inspector for the Association in Alleghany county.

## Gold Decision Looms As Issue In 1936 Campaign

### Many Think Hoover's Statement Made Result Inevitable. Stirs Up Gold "Hornet's Nest"

Washington, Feb. 23.—The supreme court's gold decision has become inextricably tangled in the web of national politics and looms as an irrepressible issue for the 1936 presidential campaign.

That result was made inevitable, many thought, by a statement from Herbert Hoover, titular head of the Republican party, pushing the vast implications of the verdict—and himself to the forefront of political discussions.

His urge for a return to the monetary standards of other days stirred up, figuratively, a gold hornet's nest.

The situation was intensified by a quick and chilly reply from an administration spokesman, and by a torrid senate debate which saw two factions of the Democratic party battling each other on the court's finding that the government had no right to disregard the gold payment promise of its own bonds.

Upholding in private statements Hoover's view that the currency should be made immediately redeemable in gold, senate Republican leaders for the most part scrupulously avoided taking any part in the acrid argument which divided the senators on the other side of the aisle.

Instead they gleefully watched the Democrats fight it out among themselves and complacently noted flying pencils and dashing copy boys in the press gallery overhead.

## Advocates Of Tax Substitute Answer Maxwell

Raleigh, Feb. 26.—The differences between Commissioner of Revenue Maxwell and the proponents of the substitute tax plan center around two questions: (1) Has the state recaptured the tax reductions which corporations received when property taxes were reduced? and (2) How do the total taxes on corporations in North Carolina compare with the total taxes on corporations in other states?

Both Mr. Maxwell and the proponents of the substitute tax plan state that corporations are entitled to no more tax reductions than individuals receive. They both agree that if corporation taxes have been reduced more than individual taxes, the state should restore a balance by levying more taxes on corporations. What are the facts in the case? Have corporation taxes been reduced more than taxes on individuals?

Mr. Maxwell has made no statement as to what the facts are about reduction. He has very carefully avoided making a positive statement that the taxes of corporations are just as high proportionately as they formerly were. He is "under the impression" that the taxes on corporations have been reduced only about as much as the taxes on individuals.

The proponents of the substitute plan have presented facts

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## Many Attend Last Rites For Galax Officer Saturday

### Church Overflows As Crowd Gathers For Funeral Of Chief Of Police Posey Martin

What was perhaps the largest gathering of people ever to assemble in Galax for a funeral congregated there last Saturday at the Baptist church for the funeral of Chief of Police Posey Columbus Martin, 50, who was slain Thursday night by Howard Delp. The church was filled beyond its seating capacity, and it was necessary for the long line of Odd Fellows, firemen and Junior Order members, who followed the casket into the church, to continue on into the Sunday school rooms behind the pulpit.

A cordon of police officers from neighboring towns attended the services in a body, and the list of active and honorary pall bearers was made up largely of officials of the town of Galax with whom the dead police chief had been intimately associated in his work of law enforcement, including Mayor B. D. Beamer and the entire membership of Town Council.

The principal speaker at the funeral services was Rev. L. D. Mayberry, pastor of the Wytheville (Va.) circuit, M. E. Church, South, and former pastor of the Galax circuit, who had known the deceased very intimately. He spoke very tenderly of him as an upright and trustworthy man, and of how he sacrificed his life in the line of duty while engaged in trying to make Galax and community a better place in which to live.

Rev. John Leslie Hart, pastor of the Baptist church, read a scripture lesson and spoke briefly, later offering a prayer.

Scripture lessons were also read by Dr. P. L. Cobb, pastor of the Methodist church, and Rev. A. C. Meadows, pastor of the Christian church.

Interment was in Felts cemetery, Galax.

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## Police Chief Martin, Galax, Is Murdered; Slayer Is Captured In North Carolina

### Howard Delp Is Taken To Galax And Rushed To Wytheville Jail For Safe-Keeping; Talks Freely

#### Officers Evans, Poe And Lawson, Of Galax, Make Arrest Mtn. Night Near North Wilkesboro

Howard Delp, for whom an intensive and wide-spread search had been maintained since Thursday night, when he allegedly murdered Chief of Police Posey Martin, of Galax, Va., and seriously wounded Officer Frank Dotson, was captured Monday night about 9:30 o'clock near North Wilkesboro.

Delp was picked up while walking along a highway about two miles from North Wilkesboro, between that city and Trap Hill. Three men made the arrest. They were Special Officers Bill Poe and Earl Lawson and Officer Marvin Evans, all of Galax. These officers immediately rushed the accused murderer of Chief Martin to Galax, arriving there at 11:15 o'clock Monday night. They left with the prisoner within a few minutes for an unnamed town, where Delp will be held for safe-keeping. The prisoner was under heavy guard. It became known Tuesday morning that Delp is confined in Wytheville jail.

Special Officer Tom Taylor said Monday night that young Delp talked freely with officers on the way to Galax. Delp was kept in the Galax jail about fifteen minutes and then whisked away to Wytheville by the three officers who arrested him, accompanied by Town Attorney Jack Matthews, of Galax.

Nobody in Galax, where excitement was high following the brutal slaying of the popular police chief, was known to have seen Delp.

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## Slays Police Chief



Photo courtesy of Roanoke (Va.) World-News

Howard Delp (above), alleged slayer of Chief of Police Posey Martin, of Galax, Va., who was captured Monday night near North Wilkesboro. He is now confined in the Wytheville (Va.) jail.

## Estimated Number Of Unemployed In Dec. 10,830,000

### Figures Are Released As Part Of A Report On The Operation Of National Industrial Recovery Act

Washington Feb. 25.—A New Deal estimate of the number of unemployed—the first such composite—was released today.

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## Proponents Of Anti-Sales Tax Bill Lose Hope

Raleigh, Feb. 26.—All hope of anti-sales taxers that the McDonald-Lumpkin substitute measure might be adopted in committee went glimmering today when the joint finance committee, in executive session, voted down an amendment by Representative Lumpkin of Franklin to strike out the sales tax from the revenue bill.

After the meeting, Representative McDonald of Forsyth told the United Press this move had been made in order to clear the atmosphere and help expedite the revenue bill through committee. When it reaches the floor, he said, all sections of the sales tax substitute will be offered as amendments.

Before the committee went into executive session Dr. McDonald presented several tables in answer to statements yesterday of A. J. Maxwell, commissioner of revenue, regarding ad valorem taxes and corporation taxes in North Carolina compared with those of other states. These tables show this state paid a lower per capita ad valorem tax in 1934 than all except one of the 43 states examined.

They showed also that since the biennial 1931-1932, taxes of all kinds on corporations in North

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## Dotson Is Badly Cut By Knife In Hands Of Delp

### Cellmate Of Killer At Time Of Tragedy Is Found Shot To Death Sat. Morning

What was undoubtedly one of the most shocking tragedies ever enacted in this section occurred early last Thursday night at Galax when Chief of Police Posey Martin was brutally murdered and Officer Frank Dotson was seriously wounded.

Chief Martin was killed by Howard Delp, 22, as the officer opened a cell door of the Galax jail to release Dowe Leonard, Delp's cellmate. The two had been arrested late in the afternoon by Officers Martin, Dotson and J. O. Jones on drunkenness charges and were placed in jail.

Delp is alleged to have used a large pocket knife as he struck Chief Martin a savage blow in the neck, severing the jugular vein. The two officers were rushed to the nearby Galax hospital but Chief Martin was dead on arrival there, and Dotson was in a serious condition from loss of blood, although it is thought that, barring complications, he will recover. Officer Dotson was slashed across the head and face.

Bond had been provided for Leonard and Chief Martin was completing formalities of this action when he went to the jail to release Leonard and met his death.

Just before the tragedy Chief Martin was attending a dinner given by the Business Men's club at Blumont hotel when he was called to his office, which is separated from the jail cells by a narrow hall, to arrange bond for Leonard. Martin and Dotson prepared the bond in the former's office. Then Officer Martin crossed the hall and opened the jail door, asking Leonard to come into the office and sign the bond. As Leonard came out of the cell, officers said, Delp followed him. Martin pushed Delp back, it was said, declaring "no one has arranged your bond. You stay here. We have sixty dollars against you besides this."

Delp, witnesses said, escaped into the hallway where it is said he stabbed Chief Martin, who staggered through the doorway into his office saying, "Get a doctor, I'm killed," and calling Dotson, who was yet in the office. Dotson rushed out and attempted to put Delp back in the cell when the wounds he received were inflicted by the criminal.

Chief Martin, who was 50 years of age at the time of his death, was born in the Snake Creek community in Carroll county. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Martin.

Surviving are the widow, who was, before her marriage, Miss (continued on back page)

## Through State Capital Keyholes

By Bess Hinton Silver

UPS AND DOWNS—The MacDonald-Lumpkin anti-sales tax plan to tax corporations more, tax dividends from all corporation stocks and levy a tax of from \$5 to \$900 on all individual incomes above \$1000 per year rises and falls in popularity like a thermometer. It didn't have much visible support in the early days of the present Legislature, then its stock rose as the two sponsors explained its workings and estimated its revenue yield. It took a drop when the lobbyists had their day in court before the finance committee. But merchants came to the rescue and boosted the proposals with their endorsement. It hasn't been adopted yet and you can find plenty of prognosticators that it will not become law. On the other hand, the McDonald-Lumpkin block is still hopeful and working industriously.

MUD-HOLES—It looks like you boys and girls living off the concrete may get your roads and bridges repaired pretty soon. The General Assembly has made a special appropriation of \$3,000,000 for that purpose. A lot of folks are still hanging around the Capitol hoping to get a slice of your gasoline tax for this, that and the other and nothing but a stiff fight and constant vigil is going to prevent a raid on highway funds before the Legislature adjourns. The highway department could do better if it didn't have to devote so much time dealing with propaganda dished out by those who would divert road taxes.

BIG SCRAP—The public school fight will be just half over when the biennial appropriation is agreed upon. The school machinery, which is the rules and regulations of the State system, must be drafted and it is already apparent from many individual bills introduced that considerable liberalization of the present law is going to demand. The school forces want the question of local supplements arranged differently for the present law which requires local elections. So far these elections have been so well for the school folks.

WORRIED—Senator W. P. Horton, of Chatham, is worried about the State forcing parents to send their children to school in buses that grand juries say are unsafe and then refusing to pay expenses in cases of death or injury. He has introduced a bill to require the State to pay up to \$600 damages in school bus ac-

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Who to his friends his money lends, may lose his money and his friends.

FEBRUARY  
26—First U.S. lighthouse built off Virginia coast, 1792.

27—Congress assumes control of District of Columbia, 1801.

28—Republican Party founded at Ripon, Wisconsin, 1854.

MARCH  
1—Yellowstone established as a national park, 1872.

2—Avalanche at Wellington, Wash., kills 100, 1910.

3—Congress orders Capitol building to be with gas, 1947.

4—Horlick invents his famous malted milk, 1862.