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\$1.50 A Year In Advance

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With Roads

Spectacular \$50,000 Fire Razes Plant of Mount Airy Veneer Co.

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d Highways Are
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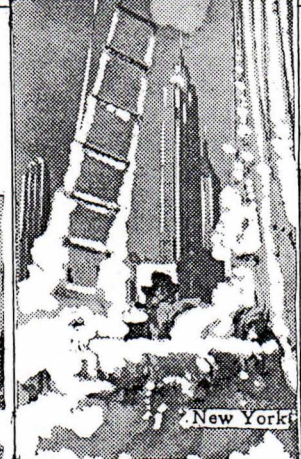
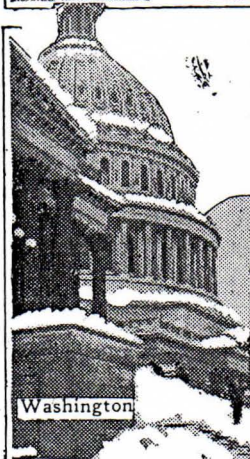
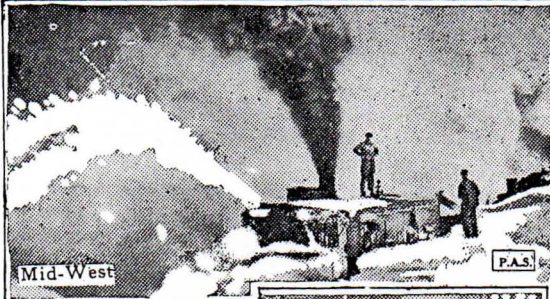
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ids almost without excep-
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the foundations of the
d tar surfaced highways
nd condition, resulting in
ment breaking through in
aces.

ighways suffering most
were those between Mt.
d Elkin, Mount Airy and
d and between Pilot
n and King on the Wins-
m highway. All of these
ave cracked up so badly
ertain places they have
dangerous for normal
riving. Highway authori-
ly this week were issuing
s and have been working
e to effect repairs.

deep mud on the thawing
bus routes has left them
impassable at places for
y vehicles that carry the
to and from school, and
ry rural schools have lost
days of work. All schools
eported in operation the
ay or two except White
and Westfield, both of
are forced to operate their
ver extremely bad roads.

le the school buses were
difficulties over the coun-
ds, the heavy traffic over
ain highways was meeting
greater difficulties, and au-
es were halting certain
of traffic altogether. The
ound bus lines have been
to call off all service
h Virginia toward Blue-
and other northern points,
cal officers of the company
yesterday that they were
aining their services south-
out of Mount Airy. The
highway department issued
the from Raleigh Wednesday

WELL,—WINTER CAME!!!



NEW YORK . . . Despite aching feet and frost-bitten fingers, news photographers continue to plow through to picture snows and blizzards which have gripped the nation. Top, is a Nebraska scene as great rotary snow plows battle to open rail transportation lines. Lower left, the National Capitol when Washington was buried under a 14 inch snowfall in about 12 hours. Lower right, a view of New York skyline through the ice-coated riggings of a fishing boat which dragged itself into port.

Blaze Starting In Dryer
Makes Huge Bonfire Of
Mount Airy Veneer Co.—
Entire Building Aflame
Within A Few Moments
—Main Plant A Total
Loss.

PARTIALLY INSURED

The Mount Airy Veneer company plant was almost totally destroyed last night by fire which started in the dryer and spread throughout the powder-dry veneer and lumber stock so quickly that the entire 200-foot building was aflame by the time fire fighting equipment arrived.

Damage was estimated at around \$50,000, although owners of the plant could not set an accurate figure until they determined whether or not they would be able to salvage any of the heavy machinery after the flames died down and the white hot metal walls of the building had had time to cool. The loss was partly covered by insurance.

The large lathe at the lower end of the building which was valued at around \$8,000 may be saved, it was thought, as that end of the building was the last to catch and a steady stream of water was poured into it.

The dryer, a 50-foot machine reported to have been installed at a cost of around \$15,000 and which was in the center of the building, was a total loss and the grinding machine, another piece of heavy machinery far in the interior of the burning plant, was a loss, as well as the stock of finished veneer and raw material inside the building.

The boiler room and the office, some distance away from the main factory, were not damaged.

The conflagration started at about 7 p. m., the night watchman stated. He said that he finished his round at about 6:50 p. m. and went into the boiler room. When he came out several minutes later flames were pouring out of the windows in the center of the building and by the time he had run to the office and turned in the alarm the building was a roaring bonfire.

When the fire department arrived the flames had already spread to both ends of the plant and the heat prevented firemen from approaching within a hundred yards of the building on the upper side. The metal sides and roof of the building were white hot within a few minutes and the hose streams had little effect on the blaze. Most of the water was concentrated on the lower end near the boiler room in an effort to keep part of the machinery cool.

Mount Airy Man Cites Error In Historical Note

T. B. McCargo, Jr., Who Served In World War Days, Cites Record To Show Error In Syndicated Article On State History.

INTERESTING FACTS

Correcting an error that came to notice in a syndicated historical article on North Carolina, which was published in the Twin City Sentinel on Thursday of last week, Attorney T. B. McCargo, Jr., well known Mount Airy man, brings to light a bit of interesting information on the cost of gathering World War soldiers in North Carolina in the trying days of 1917

Federal Income Tax Returns Due

Deputy Collector To Be At Blue Ridge Hotel Monday To Aid Taxpayers In Filing Returns For 1935.

S. T. Atkinson, of Elkin, federal deputy collector of internal revenue for this district, will be at the Blue Ridge hotel Monday, February 24, to aid taxpayers in filing returns for the year 1935, it was announced this week.

The returns are due before March 15 and if not made by that time the delinquents are liable for penalties or possible prosecution. No charge is made for the aid rendered in filling out the blanks.

All persons who have a net income of \$1,000 or a gross income of \$5,000 if single or not living with husband or wife, are required to file returns. All married per-

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