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New County Commissioners Meet For Initial Business

FULL SET PRESENT

**Make Cut in Expenses
of About \$7,500 In
First Meeting**

MONDAY IS JAILOR

Surry's new commissioners, composed of Alex. Chatham, chairman, W. J. Swanson and Newell A. Lowe, members, met in their first session Monday, and organized for business under new political powers vested in them by their overwhelming majorities on November 4, at the hands of both Democratic and Republican voters.

While no extraordinary promises had been made by the candidates, one of the first things to be considered by the new body of commissioners was that of cutting county expenses, which was done to the extent of about \$7,500.

Taking up the matter of business as it presented itself, the position of county jailor was awarded to Mr. Jess Monday, who is considered to be a capable attendant for the duties.

R. L. Thore, aspirant for the position of keeper of the county home, was considered favorably by the commissioners, and he was sworn in for the office.

Two guards were employed by the county through the commissioners, the term being for a period of two months. The men chosen were Messrs. Will Chandler and Oot Martin.

Taking steps in the direction of economy in the interest of lower county government operating costs, it was decided to abolish the office of county agent. While the county is without a man to fill this place, the action was taken as a temporary measure, and as to whether or not the office will be maintained at a later date has not been decided.

Another saving came through the abolition of the county treasurer, which was deemed unnecessary, and the funds of the county will be handled through the various banks of Surry, under the supervision of the county officials.

Two men were employed for the task of cleaning up the court house, and the fruits of their labors will be easily noticeable when the work has been completed.

Another matter which claimed the attention of the new commissioners was that of jail fees, and a reduction from 75c to 55c per day was ordered.

The commissioners were well pleased with the progress made at the first session of their term in office, and the total of about \$7,500 which was sliced from the annual expenses will be received with interest by the citizens who must bear the burden of operating costs.

It is the intention of the commissioners to make other changes in the near future, with an eye to still further reducing the county expenses, and their action in this direction will doubtless create a favorable impression among the people.

NEW INSURANCE FIRM ORGANIZED

**Local Men Form Organization To
Be Known As Elkin Insurance
Agency; Barker Manager**

Messrs. C. G. Armfield, Alex. Chatham, Harry H. Barker and Worth M. Gray compose the new insurance firm just organized here, with Mr. Barker as manager. The office will be maintained jointly with that of Attorney Barker's and will be located in the Elkin National Bank building on Bridge street, adjoining the office of Dr. Pulliam. The firm will do a general insurance business, and invites the public to give them an opportunity of helping in the solution of any insurance problem, whether fire, liability of all kinds, accident, or what not.

Announcement by the new firm is made in The Tribune this week, and you are invited to turn to it.

The men who compose this organization are among Elkin's leading citizens and business men, and are thoroughly capable of advising in any matters pertaining to the insurance business.

Miss Ruth Atkinson, who is a member of the Old Town school faculty, near Winston-Salem, spent the week-end here, the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Atkinson, at their home on West Main street.

CLEAN-UP WEEK

Clean-Up Week will be observed by the Civics Department of the Womans' Club from December 2-9, inclusive. The club urges every member and all outsiders to co-operate with this movement for a cleaner town. The garbage truck will make special effort to move the rubbish as quickly as it is piled.

All vacant lots, back alleys, and unsightly places should receive particular attention at this time.

BRAIN CONCUSSION AND A FRACTURED SKULL SUSTAINED

**Mrs. Sherman Newman
Hit By Car Driven By
Young Woman**

IS IN THE HOSPITAL

Mrs. Sherman Newman was hit by an automobile driven by Miss Estelle Powers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Powers, Tuesday when she was en route home from her work at the Chatham Manufacturing Co., the accident occurring about six o'clock.

Mrs. Newman was hit by the Ford coupe, belonging to Jim Young and driven by Miss Powers, at a point near the former Chatham mill, and is said to have been dragged several feet.

She remained in a semi-conscious state for about six hours after the accident, during which time an X-ray picture was made of her head, which revealed the skull was fractured and that she was suffering from a concussion of the brain, the latter, it is stated causing the principal trouble.

After she was examined by local physicians, and given the medical aid it was deemed advisable, she was carried to the Davis Hospital at Statesville, for further care.

The many friends of Mrs. Newman will regret to learn of the accident, and trust that her illness may not prove of a serious nature, although she is suffering painful bruises about her body in addition to the injury to her head. It is to be hoped that no internal injury was inflicted, which would make her condition much more complicated and recovery more doubtful.

TWO YOUTHS TO BE GIVEN NEW HOMES

**Vincent Tutone, of Dobson, Taken
To Jackson Training School
For Period of Training**

County Welfare Officer, L. F. Walker, went to Concord Tuesday, where he escorted Vincent Tutone, formerly of New York, but more recently of Dobson, this county, to place the youth in the Jackson Training school, where he had been ordered sent on account of misconduct.

Sympathizing with the erring ways of a boy only 15 years of age, the court saw fit to put an end to his activities and in the meantime put him on the straight and narrow road to a better and more useful life.

It will be remembered that young Tutone built himself quite a record for entering homes without legal business or permission from the owners. On one occasion Tutone entered a private home and, strange to say, did at least one commendable thing—that of taking a bath, only to spoil the might-have-been sympathy by taking something else a suit of clothes which did not belong to him.

Tutone had more than one offense to face, and it was deemed best to give him a "course" in the training school.

James Thomas, 17, of Pilot Mountain, may be made to see the folly of his early-chosen course of cheek flashing. He was taken to Eastern Carolina Training School at Rocky Mount yesterday, by Mr. Walker, and will be given an opportunity to "mend his ways" and make a model and honest citizen when he is given his "sheepskin" for honor and trust.

NIGHT PROWLER IN LOCAL HOME GETS A SCARE

**Telephone Call Gets
On Nerves Of
Man**

BEHIND A TRUNK

His mistaken opinion of Mrs. B. E. DeHoff's intention in using the telephone at about 10:30 Monday night, perhaps saved trouble there.

Mr. DeHoff was working late at the store, and a telephone call was being made to communicate with him. Entering the small room where the telephone was located, and just after giving the number desired, a noise was observed as coming from the adjoining sun parlor where several trunks were stored, among them being a large wardrobe trunk.

When the number had been given to central, a figure was seen to dart through the room at a rapid gait, and passed out the door, leaving it open. In his haste of escaping doubtless from fear that officers or Mr. DeHoff had been summoned, the intruder took near-cuts to the outside and scaled the porch wall and into the street.

Just what the motive of the intruder was will perhaps never be known, but there is a possibility that he had secreted himself behind the large trunks with a view to ram-sacking it and the others before taking his departure, and but for the fact that Mrs. DeHoff decided to call her husband at the store there is little telling what the consequence would have been.

The room through which he passed was only half-lighted, that being from rays cast by lights in adjoining rooms, which aided greatly in the escape of the man, whom she is unable to describe, other than as being fleet of foot.

Had the man been observed, and a telephone call directed to the officers, a loud-sounding bell centrally located would have been of invaluable assistance in summoning the police to the scene. And it might be said that although failure was made in this instance, a recurrence of the event is indeed possible, either in the same home or that of another.

MRS. SPENCER WAS 93 ON LAST SUNDAY

**Given Birthday Party By Relatives
and Friends Honoring Beloved
Lady of Mature Years**

Mrs. Nancy Spencer, of near Thurmond, was honored last Sunday, when numerous relatives and friends gathered to celebrate her 93rd birthday. Although the day was inclement, a large number braved the weather to pay their respects to Mrs. Spencer, who holds the esteem of a countless number of her community.

During the course of the gathering, a talk was made by Mr. J. A. Norman, who paid high tribute to the one who had attained the ripe old age of 93, and dwelt at length upon the enviable life she had led. Mrs. Norman is a great aunt of Mrs. C. W. Rodgers, of Elkin.

BOOTLEGGER GIVES OFFICER HOT CHASE AND GAINS FREEDOM

**Borrows Chew From
Chief And Then
"Beats It"**

A GOOD RUNNER

Very few people knew the significance of the long blue overcoat which was seen to dart into the alley between Elkin Hardware Co. and Elkin Motor Co., until a few minutes later when it was learned that James Pindexter (this is not J. R. Pindexter of Surry Hardware Co.) had been arrested on a charge of bootlegging.

Officer W. G. Church, it is understood, had been on the look-out for Pindexter for several months, and previous searches failed to reveal the evidence which the Chief hoped to find in order to land a charge against him.

On Monday at about six o'clock, p. m., Pindexter was observed by Chief Church coming out of an alley way at the rear of the Elkin National Bank, and the officer decided to close in on him. Seeing his plight, Pindexter perhaps forgot to keep something which he may have had on his person, and deprived the officer of that much direct evidence, although two pints of "as near liquor as is customary," were found within a few feet of where the arrest was made. A later search of the room occupied by Pindexter brought fourth 26 additional pints as "make-up" evidence for that which the officer failed to find on his person.

The next step was a visit to the office of the Town Clerk, R. M. Bates, where bond was being arranged by a kinsman. And this leads up to the excitement and what was said to be a thrilling race for freedom. Pindexter's system perhaps contained a "drop of rabbit blood," and sensing an opportunity or having the initiative to create one, Chief Church was asked for a chew of tobacco. The congenial officer complied with the request, and he too having a liberal quantity of the weed in process of salava manufacture, the officer turned his head to discharge it.

Although two doors stood in his way, one of which was locked from the inside by a night-latch, Pindexter focused his eyes simultaneously upon the lock and knob and made a true aim. The first door encounter over, the next was easily passed and the street was his home, and "very temporarily" at that. The darkness of an alley attracted him, but not sufficiently to detain him, and with the pursuing officer and his shouts of "catch that man," "Slim" Pindexter moved his residence to parts unknown.

Spectators vouch for one of the swiftest races yet recorded here, and from the position of the long blue overcoat and white hat, they were unable to tell whether he was running or sailing as he made his quick exit from the eyes of those who are said to have been in waiting for an opportunity to "catch him," but were unaware of the speed that would be necessary to turn the trick.

Arvid and Thad Evans Are Held On Charge of Robbery

REMEMBER NEEDY

Co-operating in the "Buy Now" movement, many people are doing their Christmas shopping early instead of waiting until the last minute.

And while we are shopping, let's remember the unfortunate of our community and include among our purchases a few gifts that will bring cheer and comfort on Christmas morning. And if the gifts are carefully selected, they may bring continued happiness for many months or years to come.

NEW OFFICIALS ASSUME DUTIES COUNTY OFFICES

**Take Oath Of Office
Monday; Elkin
Represented**

MANY NEW FACES

The oath of office was administered Monday to the new county officials who took the reins of government in their hands as the former officials went out by reason of the Democratic landslide on November 4. As a result of the change, many new faces will be seen in the various offices of the county. There was no change in the office of Clerk of the court, F. T. Lewellyn being re-elected over his Republican opponent, S. O. Maguire, of Elkin. Mr. Lewellyn took the oath for the third time for this office.

Worth M. Gray, victorious Democratic candidate for the office of Register of Deeds, also took the oath, succeeding T. M. Marsh.

Surry's new sheriff is John D. Thompson, succeeding A. M. Smith, of Mount Airy.

Alex. Chatham of Elkin, W. J. Swanson of Pilot Mountain and Newell Lowe of Low Gap, assumed the duties of commissioners of Surry county, succeeding W. E. Lindsey, J. A. Pell and J. A. Somers.

Dr. Miles A. Royall, also of Elkin, was inducted into office as coroner Monday, succeeding Lee Snow, and Sid Harbour was sworn into office as surveyor.

John H. Folger, of Mount Airy, will represent the Surry-Stokes districts in the State Senate, and Caleb H. Haynes, also of Mount Airy, will represent Surry in the House of the General Assembly.

The new set of county officials are now acting officially in the various offices to which they were chosen in November, and the former office holders were automatically released from their duties when the new ones were sworn in Monday.

TRAIN SCHEDULES HAVE BEEN MOVED

**New Schedule of Passenger Trains
Now In Effect Between North
Wilkesboro and Winston**

Passenger train schedules have been changed on the runs between North Wilkesboro and Winston-Salem, and are already in effect.

The change affects the afternoon runs only. As applied to Elkin, the schedule, eastbound was 1:40 and has been changed to 1:59 westbound, the time of departure from the local station was 4:30, and is now 3:45.

By the change, the afternoon train will arrive in Winston-Salem five minutes earlier, and in North Wilkesboro 45 minutes ahead of the previous schedule.

Morning schedules remain the same, eastbound departing here at 7:30 and westbound at 11:07.

Scott Underwood Dies At Home In Yadkin

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Brandon's church in Yadkin county, for Scott Underwood, age 79 years, who died at his home near Yadkinville Monday at noon.

Mr. Underwood was a brother of the late P. H. Underwood, of Jonesville. Six children and several grandchildren survive.

STAGED NEAR HERE

**G. C. Ward, Thurmond
Man, Loses \$95
In Cash**

HAD SOLD TURKEYS

Arvid and Thad Evans, sons of W. M. Evans, of Jonesville, and W. R. Evans of Yadkin county, respectively, are in Dobson awaiting a hearing on a charge of robbery, which is alleged to have been committed on Thanksgiving night at about 10 o'clock.

Mr. G. C. Ward, of the Thurmond community, had carried a load of turkeys to Winston-Salem the day previous, and while en route to his home after having sold the load of fowls, stopped at a filling station south of Jonesville to purchase a soft drink. The two Evans boys were at the place, Mr. Ward stated later, but thought nothing of their appearance until identity was made after the alleged hold-up of Mr. Ward and a neighbor who had accompanied him on the trip.

Reaching a spot near Klondike, Mr. Ward's car ran dry of gasoline, and he was forced to walk to State Road to secure a supply. Upon his return trip, carrying the supply of fuel, the two men were accosted by two masked men, and one of them struck Mr. Ward with what was thought to be a blackjack, stunning him into temporary insensibility. A short time later, while he was regaining his senses, Mr. Ward says he heard one of them say "Hit him again."

The two hold-up men made a swift departure, firing a pistol from the coupe in which they were driving. When able to collect himself, Mr. Ward discovered that his wallet of about \$95 was missing, and suspicion was centered upon the two young men whom he remembered seeing south of Jonesville, and was pretty certain of the identity by their clothing. He remembered also that the two young men had seen him take a coin from a bag in which he carried his money, when payment was made for the drink purchased.

With this in mind, steps were taken to procure a warrant for the young men, and with the assistance of Deputy Sheriffs Dickerson, of Surry, and Haynes, of Yadkin, this was done. The wanted men were found in the late hours of the night at the home of Thad Evans. According to information given out by the officers, a pistol was lying on a table in the upstairs room of the home, near the boys, and the weapon was reputed to be still warm—either from having been discharged or by having been carried on the person, either of which would have caused a warmth. Although Ward had previously described the young men, he quickly identified them as being

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NEW LOCAL FIRM TO BUY PRODUCE

**DeHoff & Webber Company Establish
Department in Basement To
Handle Farm Products**

Mr. B. E. DeHoff, manager of DeHoff & Webber Company, announces through The Tribune this week that his firm has established a produce department in the basement of their store, and will be ready by Friday to buy at highest market prices, chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese, and eggs, paying cash for all receipts.

It is the intention of the firm to enlarge the scope of its buying at an early date, and include a general variety of farm products, thus enabling the farmers and poultrymen of this and adjoining sections to find an additional marketing place in Elkin where the general run of farm products may be disposed of.

Erecting New Home

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Willard, who recently sold their home on Gwyn Avenue to Montgomery Caveatens, are erecting a new six-room bungalow on their fifty-acre farm near Brooks Cross Roads, where they expect to reside as soon as the home is completed.

The sale of the Gwyn Avenue property, in which quite a bit of money was involved, was handled by Robert Brown, local real estate agent.