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It took the printing of a group photograph, unidentified, on the front page of our Dec. 3rd issue, to make us realize just how much The Mirror gets around.

Ever since it appeared our telephone has been jangling, and numerous letters have come in. Folks are stopping us on almost every block to either furnish a name, or ask if we've found out who the seven men are.

A number of readers thought we were spoofing when we wrote the outline, but, honest injun, we didn't recognize these guys. Neither did Albert D. Brock who owns the picture.

It quickly became obvious that our ignorance wasn't shared by all. Thanks to better informed citizens, we're one step closer to being educated. Incidentally, some of the informants exploded our theory that only someone well past 65 could come up with the answer.

Now we can tell you that seen in the photograph are H. M. Groves, M. D. Lane, Steve Fowler, Tom Holton, Charlie Heath, C. D. Bradham, and J. E. Daugherty. They were seated on steps at the Craven County Court House.

Groves was County accountant, Fowler was County register of deeds, and the other five were County commissioners. We were even able to determine the fact that the picture was snapped during their 1914-16 term.

So, if you have an ancient photograph stored in the attic, or stuffed in a bureau drawer, and can't figure out who in the heck is staring back at you, we may be able to help you. Somebody, we're convinced, knows everybody.

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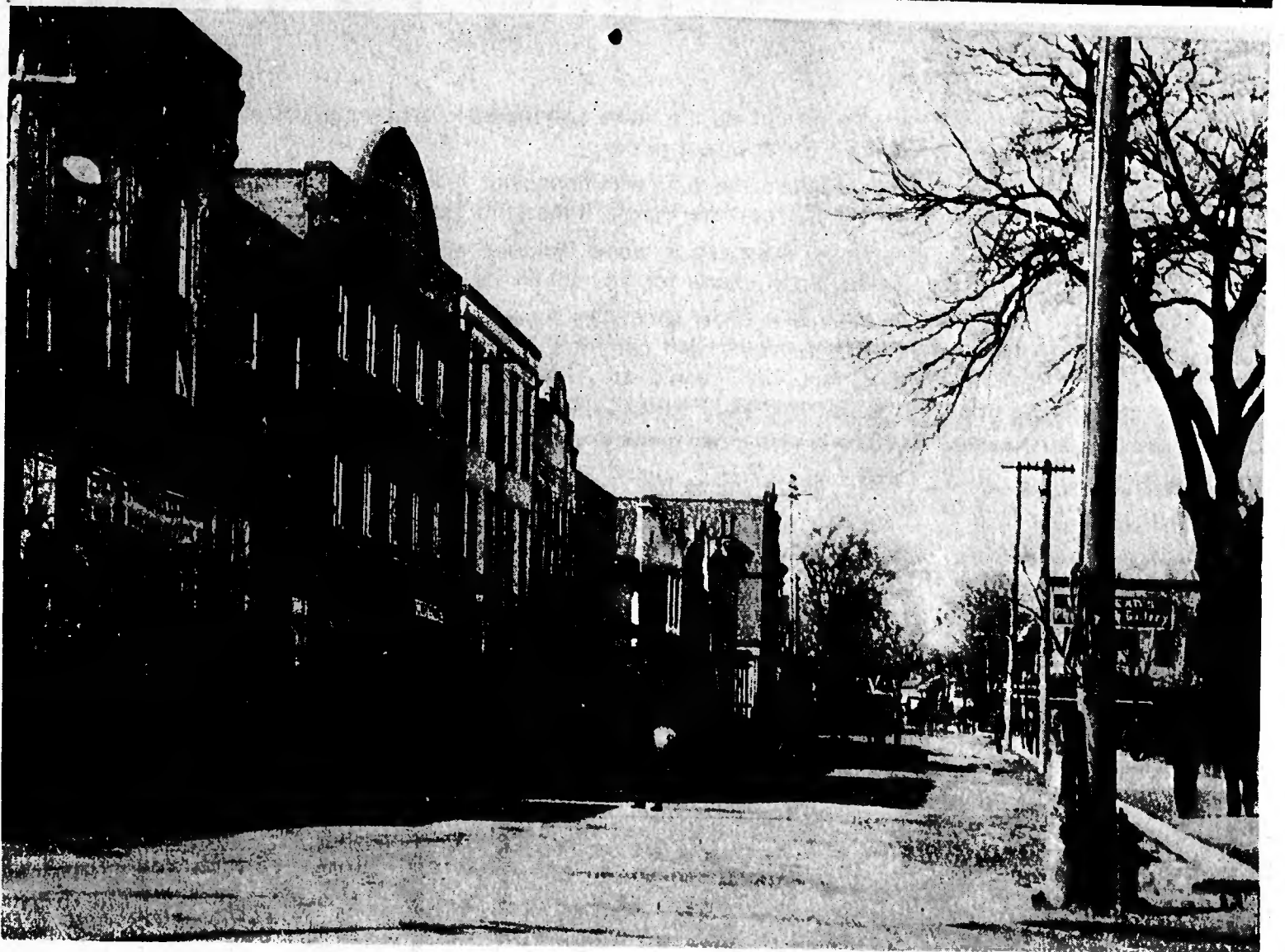
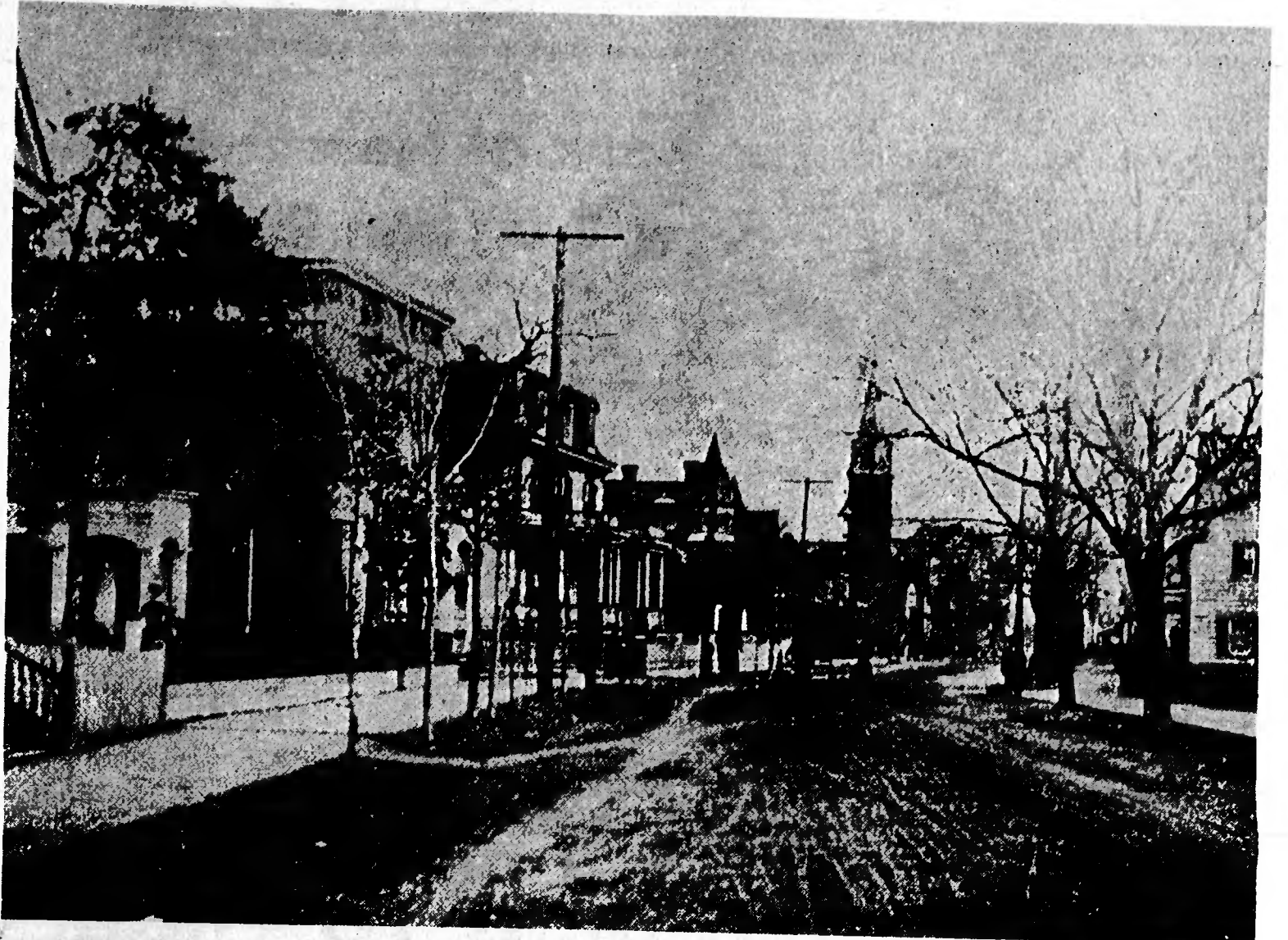
Yesterday was when, 82 years ago, a booklet about New Bern said "The average minimum winter temperature for the past 30 years is about 20 degrees. The average diurnal mean temperature for the winter is 46 degrees, which is about the same as Southern France."

And the booklet added, "The entire winter frequently passes without snow, and sleet is practically unknown, the thermometer seldom registering below the freezing point. The coldest day of the winter was December 30th, when the record at sunrise showed 21 degrees, rising during the day to 33 degrees.

Furthermore, "This was the only time during December that the temperature fell below the freezing point, the cold spell lasting three days. During the entire winter there were twenty four days that the thermometer registered less than 32 degrees, half the number being in January."

Memory plays tricks on all of us, and a lot of old timers reading these lines will swear that it used to be colder than it is now. That's because, over the period of a long lifetime, we remember the blizzards.

How come, if it wasn't colder, us kids had to wear long-handle drawers from October to April or May? Venturing out in



ONCE UPON A TIME—This was the appearance of New Bern's Pollock Street at the turn of the century. Facing east from near Hancock, you can see the spire of Christ Episcopal Church. Where's the Elks Temple, why it hadn't been built. Facing west

from Craven, you'll recognize familiar buildings on your left. That fire hydrant on your right is at the present City Hall corner.—Photos from Albert D. Brooks collection.

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