SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

The Baptists of North Main Street are preparing to erect a new church soon. Rev. J M. McKenzie, late pastor of the Chestnut Hill Baptist Church, has accepted the pastorate of this church.

Chairman L. B. Adams, of the Republican State Executive Committee, was in Salisbury a short while Thursday evening.

F. R Brown, manager of Reid's Department store, who has been spending several days at Blowing Rock, returned last night.

Brittain & Campbell, the wide awake merchants have a change of advertisement in to-day's WATCHMAN Read it.

A class of young ladies from the Oxford orphanage gave an entertainment at Spencer Friday night. A good sized audience was out to greet them.

J. W. Peeler, of Rockwell, was in the city on business yesterday.

Rev. J. B Hord. of Cleveland, was in Salisbury yesterday.

Joseph W. Miller, of Millertown, Morgan Township, was in the city yesterday. He, and quite a number of others from Morgan and the county, left this morning on the Southern Railway's excursion to Norfolk.

Jack Cornelison, one of the Negroes who were assisting Freeman and Beasley in conducting a blockade still, near Spencer, was captured by Sheriff McKenzie Monday. He is now in jail. The trial of the bunch will take place on the 16th.

T. H. Stiff, the popular manager of the Virginia Life Insurance Company in Salsbury, is spending the week at Connelly Springs for his health.

The Union Lutheran Church, about five miles out on the Bringle's Ferry road, having just recently oompleted a fine tower, has installed a bell. It was taken out Friday.

Miss Lula Brown, daughter of W. W. Brown, of Atwell Township, and J. C. Shepherd, of Morgan Township, the young man who was knocked down and robbed near Spencer recently, were married at the home of the bride Sunday evening, Rev. M. W. Walsh officiating. The couple will spend several weeks visiting in the county and then go to Washington, D. C., where Mr. Shepherd is employed in a drug store.

Prof. A. T. Allen, of Graham, recently elected superintendent of the Salisbury Graded Schools. has arrived in the city. Prof. Allen will move his family here later.

W. W. Miller, of the firme of the firm of D. M. Miller & Son, captured a big tarantula in a bunch of bananas last week. He He has it on exhibition, preserved in alcohol.

The Woodmen's Camp at Mill Bridge will give a picnic Friday. Everybody is invited to come and bring a basket.

Fire destroyed the dwelling of A. A. Cook, son of Val Cook, who lives on the Wilkesboro road about seven miles from Salisbury, in Franklin township, Friday evening. Mr. Cook was away from home at the time and Mrs. Cook and the children succeeded in saving very little of the household goods. Mr. Cook carried no insurance and the loss falls quite heavily upon him. A subscription was started by kind neighbors for his relief and several hundred dollars were raised.

The committee named by Chairman A. H. Eller to straighten out the Congressional muddle in the sixth district, between Messrs. Clark and Godwin, is as follows: Hon. Theo. F. Klutz, of Salisbury Hon. T. J. Jarvis, ex-Gov. C. B. Aycock, ex-Judge A. C. Avery and Hon. R. A, Doughton. The committee will meet at Wrightsville Thursday night.

During the absence of Judge B. B. Miller Saturday, Walter H. Woodson presided. Only minor cases were on the docket.

ROWAN MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE CO.

A Well Attended and Highly Interesting Meeting Held Here Monday.

The Rowan Mutual Fire Insurrance Company met in the Court House Monday, August 8th, with a large number of the membership present. The meeting was called to order by the president, Dr. C M. Poole. and prayer was offered by Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly. The roll of stock was called to ascertain the presence of a quorum, a quorum was present and the business of the meeting was gone into by appointing Rev. Lyerly to assist the secretary.

The president's and secretary's reports were read, referred to proper committees and approved

The election of officers was then taken up and resulted in the selection of the following gentlemen:

President, Dr C. M. Poole; Vice president, S. A. Earnhardt; Secretary-Treasurer, A. W. Winecoff, and a director for each township to wit:

Salisbury township, T. D. Brown; Atwell township, W. E. Deal; Morgan township, C. A. Campbell; Providence township, John H. Frick; Gold Hill township, D. M. Barger; Frankin township, W. B. Hartley; Unity township, D. C. Click; Scotch-Irish township, J. R. Guffy; Mt Ulla township, J. K. Goodman; China Grove township, J. B. Goodnight; Litaker township, W. A. Cline; Cleveland township, J. H. Beeker; Locke township, P. R. Cress; Steele township, S. F. Baker.

After the election of officers the meeting was addressed by Prof. F. B. Brown, and a number of others made short talks.

The amount of new insurance written during the past year amounted to $122,688, making the total amount of insurance carried by members of this company $1,1228,618.00.

The amount of losses paid by the Company during the year was as rollows: Fire by lightning, $483.90; by storm, $32.66 and by fire other than lightning$3,181.50; making a total of $3,698 06.

The total amount of collections for the year was 5,430.83; paid out for all causes, $4,277,27, leaving a balance in the hands of the treasurer of $1,153.56.

The Company has about 1200 members enrolled and the rate on the $1 is only 15 cents per azsessment, which is so very low that every farmer should see that his property is insured. There has been only three assessments since last August, but more than is usual, there seldom being more than two per year, sometimes none.

Collapse of Derricks Delays Work on the Government Building.

Just a few minutes before noon Saturday the big derrick just erect on the front of the government building, now in course of construction two doors below THE WATCHMAN office, fell and did considerable damage. According to the best information obtainable the cause and results are about as follows: There were two derricks on the building, the larger one having just been erected to hoist the large blocks, weighing four or five tons. One of the blocks had been placed across the columns successfully and as the second one was nearing its position, it seems, the boom of the old derrick was swung around and struck the guy-rope fastened to a tree in the rear of the building and across North Church street causing it to break. This threw the strain on the other ropes which were neither in the right position nor strong enough to hold the great weight. The upright portion of the big derrick wavered and fell to the ground carrying the scaffolding as it went, disfiguring and breaking numerous large, handsome and valuable stones which were laying about awaiting their turn to be placed in the walls of the building.

The roar and crash were terrific and it is wonderful that some one was not injured, for the workmen were on and about the building and numerous onlookers were standing in reach of the falling stones and timbers. The mast of the big derrick, about 20 inches in diameter and had a heavy piece of timber and one of iron bolted to it, was broken in the fall.

The damage will run up into the thousands and the delay in construction will probably run into months.

A. Lee Lazenby has charge of the work and has had the force busy the last few days cleaning up the debris and preparing for the replacement of the derricks.

WILL SUE THE CITY.

Aldermen In Regular Session Pass on Several Matters of Interest.

The city aldermen met in regular session Thursday night and transacted and discussed the following subjects:

Mayor Smoot reported that he had met with the board of county commissioners in regard to macadamizing the remainder of West Innes street. The commissioners, he stated, agreed to give $500 to purchase the rock. The city agrees to do part of the work and the street car company part. The report was not acted upon. but it is thought the city will accept the proposition.

City Attorney Burton Craige stated that the ordinance to levy, assess, and collect taxes for the city of Salisbury, North Carolina with special license provision had been printed in pamphlet form according to the instruction of the board and was now ready for distribution to the citizens. He asked that the printer be paid for the work. Carried.

City Physician Chas. Woodson, filed, through Clerk Lynn, his mortuary report for the first six months of the year, from January 1st to July 1st.

Clerk Stahle Linn was ordered to have the strset car company immediately give the $500 bond on account of tearing up the street for the switch being put in at the intersection of Main and Council streets.

The wife of R. H. Pender, who was unfortunately killed during the fire of the Empire store, while riding on a fire wagon, has entered suit for damages against the town. Lewis Swink, Esq., of Winston Salem is Mrs. Pender's attorney. The amount of damage asked has not been learned. Mrs. Pender will claim that her husband was acting in the capacity of a city fireman, having been called into service by some one in authority. The aldermen will secure rebuttal testimony.

As a matter of assistance the aldermen requested the State Firemen's Association to give Mrs Pender a donation on account of the death of her husband. The matter was brought to the attention of President McNeill and she was allowed $300. She has already received the money.

The question of the dog tax was discussed at length, resulting in the passing of a resolntion declaring that a dog tax ordinance as it stands on the city statute books shall be enforced, and the policemen will be ordered to carry out the law. The following is the ordinance: "Dogs. Every person who fails or refuses to list his, her or its dog or dogs for taxation with the city tax collector shall be subject to a penalty of $5. It shall be the duty of each person to list his her or its dogs with the city tax and to secure a tag from said tax collector. Every dog found on the streets after the first day of August without a collar and a tag shall be declared a nuisance, and is hereby declared a nuisance and ordered killed. Upon every dog there is hereby levied a tax of $2."

Duke Basinger, of near Pooltown, and Miss Jennie Wilhelm, of Richfield, were happily married by Rev. W. A. Dutton, their pastor, Wednesday evening, July 27th.

WEEK OF THE REAPER.

Messrs. Cronenberg, Rainey, Ramsay, Kerr and Mrs. Harris Taken.

Robert M. Cronenberg, who married Miss Louise Whitaker, daughter of the late J. L. Whitaker, was drowned at Savannah, Ga., Sunday evening. He and Mrs. Cronenberg were bathing in the surf. Mrs. Cronenberg got out too far and in his efforts to rescue his wife he was caught by the undertow and swept into deep water and drowned. His remains were brought to Salisbury Monday night and the funeral was held yesterday evening from the residence of Mrs. Whitaker on East Henderson street.

Mrs. J. F. Harris, wife of ex-Sheriff Harris, of Concord, sister-in-law of W. M. Harris, and an aunt of Mrs. F. B. Irvin, of Salisbury, died at her home early Monday morning. A number from Salisbury went down yesterday to attend the funeral.

Robert J. Rainey, who was stricken a week or more ago with paralysis and was found in the woods near Mulberry school house died at the home of his son-in-law J. R. Stillers in Locke Township, Saturday evening. The funeral was held from Grace Church Sunday evening, Rev. Brown officiating. Mr. Rainey was a hard worker, well known and was about 55 years of age.

Robert L. Ramsay, brother of Postmaster Jas. H. Ramsay, of Salisbury, and Hon. Claud C. Ramsay, of Seattle, Wash., died in Cisco, Texas, Saturday. Mr. Ramsay left Rowan 37 years ago at the age of 17 and had visited the old home but once since. A daughter survives.

Malmoth Kerr died at the home of his brother W. W. Kerr, who lives near St. Paul's church on Concord Road, Sunday evening, from the effects of consumption. He was 37 years old. The funeral was conducted from St. Paul's Monday evening.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. File died at the home of its parents, on Chestnut Hill, Saturday night from the effects of typhoid-pneumonia. The funeral was conducted Sunday evening and the interment was in Chestnut Hill cemetery, Rev. T. A. Cheatham officiating.

Sale of House and Lot.

Pursuant to the provisions contained in two mortgages, or mortgage trust deeds, executed by D. A. Frick and wife Fannie E. Frick, registered in the Register's office of Rowan county, Book No. 29, page 317, and Book 32, page 48, default having been made in the payment of both principal and interest as therein stipulated, the undersigned assignee and trustee, will expose to public sale at the court house door in the city of Salisbury, Rowan county, on

Saturday, September 17th, 1910,

at 12 o'clock, M., for cash, to the highest bidder, one nice house and lot in the northern suburbs of Salisbury, between Salisbury and Spencer, fronting on Church street, and bounded as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a stake the west corner of the intersection of 12th and Church streets, and runs thence S W with Church street, 50 feet to a stake, corner of No. 15, on the N W side of Church street; thence N W with line of lot No. 15, one hundred and twenty-five feet to a stake; thence N E fifty feet to a stake, Henderson's corner, on the S W side of 12th street; thence S E with 12th street 125 feet to the beginning, being lot No. 17 on Henderson plat, Block "C".

This is a nice place, new house, convenient to both town and can be bought at a bargain. Purchaser will get a perfect title free of any claims and demands of any person. This July 30th, 1910.

G. N. HUTTON, trustee and assignee, Hickory, N. C.

The marriage of Miss Lonie Hocutt, of Chapel Hill and J. P. Goodman, book-keeper for the Rogers Clothing Company, of Salisbury, took place this afternoon at Chapel Hill. Rev. R. L. Motley, of Salisbury, accompanied Mr. Goodman yesterday and performed the ceremony. The couple will make their home in Salisbury.