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Krider Tendered City Tax Job

580 Arrests Were Made In City In 1931

RUM VIOLATORS LEAD IN NUMBER OF ARRESTS MADE

May Leads Year With 66 Arrests; September Ran A Close Second With 62.

DEPARTMENT IS CALLED UPON TO PROBE REPORTS

Traffic In City Has Been Supervised And Regulated In Excellent Manner Past Year.

A total of 580 arrests were made by the Salisbury police force during 1931, according to figures just released by Chief of Police R. L. Rankin. This compilation includes all arrests through December 30th.

The police blotter shows a record of each arrest and indictment and the verdict rendered subsequently.

Liquor cases predominated. A majority of all arrests resulted from violations of the prohibition law.

In addition to the large number of arrests made during the past year by Chief Rankin, the department supervised the city's traffic, answered and investigated thousands of calls, and handled the many detailed activities connected with the department.

Arrests, according to the months, follow:

January	39
February	44
March	37
April	36
May	66
June	36
July	38
August	56
September	62
October	61
November	52
December	53
Total	580

COTTON GROWERS ACTIVE

Raleigh.—Two hundred thousand organized cotton growers will strive for quality in 1932.

They will receive every possible assistance in reaching their goal from the 11 state cotton cooperative associations of which they are members and which will continue to distribute improved seed and otherwise work to aid and encourage farmers to first of all grow quality cotton.

The North Carolina cooperative has distributed thousands of bushels of purebred seed during the 10 years of its existence and is now making plans to distribute seed in 1932.

VICIOUS TRICK

Durham.—Charlotte Ferrell, aged 4, was playing in her front yard when some one drove by and tossed a lighted cannon cracker at her feet. She hadn't lived enough Christmases to know the cracker from the stick candy left in her stocking, so she put it in her mouth. The explosion ripped away the lower part of the girl's mouth and tore off part of her tongue.

TWO EXONERATED IN KILLINGS

Bladenboro.—The slaying of John Jackson, escaped convict, by Burrish Ludlum, was held justified by a coroner's jury which found Jackson had hunted down Ludlum and had fired at him several times.

SUE HAUSER FOR \$75,000

Mocksville.—John Henry Hauser, octogenarian under death sentence for killing Fred S. Styers, his son-in-law, is sued in Davie Superior court for \$75,000 damages by R. S. McNeil, administrator of Styers. It is claimed the wanton and malicious killing of Styers has damaged his estate by \$75,000.

GOOD MORNING

GREATNESS
Our lives
Are oddly fitted boards—
A stage
Where red-lipped Destiny
Pirouettes
EVOLUTION
God
Cast a boomerang
Into infinity.
THE GOOD DIE YOUNG
Each new day
Is an empty drawer
In the filing cabinet
Of our being.
Some fill their cabinets
Faster.
Evan Lodge.

BREAKING IT GENTLY
Murphy had been careless in handling the powder in the quarry and Duffy had been deputed to break the news gently to the widow.
"Mrs. Murphy," said he, "isn't it today the fellow calls for the weekly payment of Murphy's life insurance?"
"It is," answered Mrs. Murphy.
"Well, now, a word in your ear," said Duffy. "Sure ye can snap your fingers at the fellow to day."

ABOUT FINISHED
A stranger entered a church in the middle of the service and seated himself in the back pew. After a while he began to fidget. Leaning over to the white-haired man at his side, evidently an old member of the congregation, he whispered: "How long has he been preaching?"
"Thirty or forty years, I think," the old man answered, "I don't know exactly."
"Ill stay, then," decided the stranger, "he must be nearly done."

KING BEE
Policeman: "How did you come to get that jar of honey?"
Tramp: "Well, I admit I don't keep no bees; but what's to stop a fellow squeezing it out of the flowers himself?"

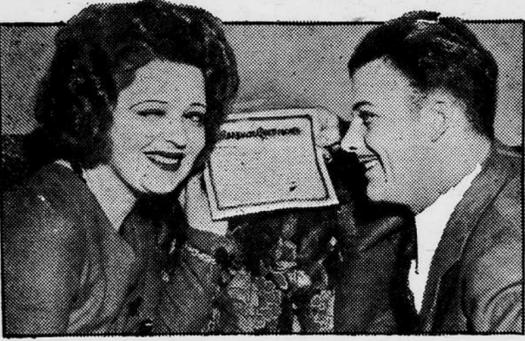
SLIPPING UP
The unjustifiably high rates of many hotels is proverbial.
A sailor who had been stopping at a fashionable hotel and who was paying his bill, looked up at the girl cashier and asked what it was she had around her neck.
"That's a ribbon, of course," she said, "why?"
"Well," he replied, "everything else is so high around here that I thought perhaps it was your garter."

OH, NEVER MIND THAT
Auditor: "Now, let's see your pink slips."
Filing Clerk (fem.): "Sir"—Virginia Reel.

LOVE SONG RECIPE
I
Take a name like "Old Kentucky"
"Carolina," "Tennessee,"
Add some mush about a cottage
And "a girl who waits for me;"
Throw in rose vines at the doorway.
Mention hearts that yearn and ache
And a mocking bird that's singing
Just for lovey-dovey's sake;
Run in words like "gleam" and "gloaming."
Then be sure to mention June
For, to really write a love song,
You must end a line with "moon."

II
You can cut out "Old Kentucky"—
Maybe any State would do;
You can even slight the cottage
And the rose-clad doorway, too;
You can leave out "yearn" and "heartache"
And the mocking bird that sings,
Yes, and "gleam" and even "gloaming."
And it wouldn't hurt a thing.
Gosh! You might omit the damsel
But you just can't leave out "June"
For, to have a sure-fire love song,
You must end a line with "moon."

Yes, Clara Bow Got Married



After several denials, the "It" girl of the movies admitted that she had married Rex Bell, who nursed her back to health on his ranch. The film directors are angling for her return already.

939 PERSONS WERE KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENTS IN NORTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA DURING THE PAST YEAR

Nine hundred and thirty-nine persons were killed in automobile accidents in 1931 in the two Carolinas, according to statistics received by The Watchman Thursday.

It is estimated that approximately 6,000 persons have been injured on the highways of the two states during that period of time as the result of automobile accidents.

There were 80 deaths reported for December in North and South Carolina, a majority of which occurred during the holiday season.

Seventeen were killed and 14 seriously injured during the Christmas week-end in North Carolina alone, according to news gatherers throughout the state.

This list was headed by the wiping out of one entire family of four and their five companions when their car was struck by a Birmingham Special of the Southern Railway in Charlotte early Saturday.

North Carolina reported more holiday fatalities than any other southern state.

There were 45 deaths in Dixie and 34 of that number died in automobile accidents. The others were caused by fireworks, one from drowning and a few from hunting accidents.

HARPER SILENT

Greensboro.—Terry H. Harper, who killed Charles O. Holton, alleged paragon of his wife on Christmas eve, maintains silence regarding the killing which occurred at his home. He is in the Guilford county jail without bond.

REPORT CANNON DISCREPANCIES

Washington.—The senate's special committee reported it finds Bishop James Cannon, Jr., received \$130,000 in his anti-Smith campaign in 1928 and reported only \$58,558 in accordance with requirements. Cannon asked the senate to withhold judgment in the matter until he can make a reply to the committee findings.

15,358,405 BALES GINNED

Washington.—Cotton ginning up to December 13 totaled 15,358,405 bales with 750,271 bales ginned in North Carolina.

Who's Who In Rowan

TEACHERS' DIRECTORY
CITY SCHOOLS OF SALISBURY
1931-1932
Coltrane, E. J., Supt.
Director of Continuation School, Lawrence, Jessie.
Librarian, Shields, Katharine.
Piano Teacher in Elementary Schools, Merrimon, Lloyd.
Supervisor of Music in Elementary Schools, Heeren, Chrystal.
PRINCIPALS
Bostian, Annie E.
DeBerry, Nena.
Heilig, Sarah Virginia.
Knox, J. H.
Nash, Sue.

NEW TEXT BOOKS APPROVED

Raleigh.—Next season will see text books in arithmetic, drawing and writing substantially lower in price than the present ones, according to contracts signed by the state board of education.

P. O. S. of A. Will Meet Here Monday

The Rowan county meeting of the P. O. S. of A. will be held Monday night, January 4, at Washington Camp, No. 24, Salisbury, N. C., according to an announcement by A. L. Jarrell, president. Representatives of eight camps in the county will be in attendance.

A number of business matters will come before the meeting. An interesting program has also been arranged.

Frick Elected Head Of Grange

Herman G. Frick, Gold Knob, was elected president of the Rowan County Pomona Grange at an enthusiastic meeting held Wednesday. Mr. Frick succeeds W. G. Yeager, county agent, who did not stand for re-election.

Mr. Frick has been one of the most active members of the grange since its organization in this county and is one of the leading farmers in Rowan.

A number of business matters were disposed of at the meeting. An interesting program was also enjoyed.

Gold Knob Grange To Install Officers

Gold Knob Grange No. 609 will hold its regular meeting on Wednesday night, January 6th, at 6:30 o'clock instead of Thursday night, at which time the officers will be installed for the coming year.

THIRTEENTH CHILD BORN

Forest City.—Mr. and Mrs. Perry Hardin of the Golden Valley section are rejoicing over the arrival of their thirteenth child, a son, born recently. All of the children, 12 of whom are boys, are living. Three are preachers.

NORTH CAROLINA NEWS IN BRIEF

KILLS COMPANION

Newlands.—Troy Ward, 18, is being held without bond for having shot and killed Robert Estep, 18, after the two had argued over a girl.

ALABAMA PAROLES 1,006

Montgomery, Ala.—Governor Miller gave Christmas freedom to 1,006 convicts, part on good behavior paroles and part on short leaves. Eighty prisoners were paroled by Governor Horton of Tennessee and 108 by Governor Bilbro, Mississippi.

HEADQUARTERS BURNED

Raleigh.—For the second time in six weeks, fire gutted the transient relief headquarters maintained by the Salvation Army in an abandoned high school building.

\$30,000 FIRE LOSS

Henderson.—The Planters Tobacco warehouse and about 20,000 pounds of tobacco were destroyed in a fire here Thursday. Damage was estimated at approximately \$30,000.

PROBE OF DEATH

Waynesville.—Sheriff J. F. Lowe of Haywood county is conducting an investigation into the death of Lawrence Smith, 27, who is alleged to have committed suicide. The officer suspects that he was shot.

TRY FOWLER IN JANUARY

Asheville.—Charlie Fowler, white, about 40 years old, held in the county jail in default of \$10,000 bond on charges of attempted criminal assault brought by the parents of two children will be tried at the January term of superior court, Solicitor Zeb V. Nettles said.

FALL DOWN STEPS FATAL

Fayetteville.—A fall down a flight of steps on Sunday night, so badly injured James M. Rogers, 50, mortician, he died Monday morning.

SHOTGUN KILLS YOUTH

Goldsboro.—Joe Fields, 16-year-old son of Jerry Fields of Indian Springs township, was shot and fatally injured by Lewis Williams, 13-year-old son of Jake Williams of the same section, while the boys were hunting in the woods near Arrington's bridge.

HELD FOR ROBBERY

High Point.—Eddie Cranford, 25, of Pomona, was arrested here on a charge of robbery of C. S. Long, assistant superintendent of a chain of grocery stores here who was held up the night of December 6 and robbed of \$1,500.

Cranford denied any connection with the robbery, but Long said he was one of two men who held him up. The holdup was staged at a local bank where Long had to make a night deposit.

RIPE STRAWBERRIES

Hickory.—Strawberries that ripened during the Christmas season were exhibited on Hickory streets by F. E. Bumgarner and Lonnie Bumgarner, farmers living several miles from here. The berries were large in size and were ripe and juicy.

BRIDE SHOOT'S SELF

Lenoir.—Mrs. J. Reeves Pearson, 22-year-old bride of one month, shot and perhaps fatally wounded herself while she and her husband were in their home here. The bullet, from a 38-caliber pistol, passed through her body just over the heart.

Mr. Pearson, a former deputy sheriff of Caldwell county and well known contractor and business man, was bathing at the time of the tragedy, he said. At the hospital, Mrs. Pearson attributed the act to worry over domestic troubles, the attending physician said. "I couldn't help it," she mumbled.

FORMER SHERIFF MAY HANDLE CITY TAX COLLECTIONS

Position Includes Work Of Tax Collector; Now Has Offer Under Consideration.

SALARY OF \$225 PER MONTH SAID TO GO WITH POSITION

Vacancy Created In This Department December 12 Upon Resignation of G. M. Lyerly.

J. H. Krider has been offered the position of tax collector for the city of Salisbury, it was reported Thursday.

This office was made vacant Saturday, December 12, upon the resignation of Geo. M. Lyerly, following the discovery of shortages in his accounts.

The position of tax collector would carry with it a monthly salary of \$225.00, it is understood.

It is stated this proposition was tendered Mr. Krider several days ago by Mayor Hedrick and the City Council and that Mr. Krider now has the matter under consideration.

Mr. Krider, former sheriff of Rowan county for 14 years and deputy for several years prior to his election as sheriff, is now a member of the Salisbury police force. Mr. Krider, who is familiar with all phases of tax work by virtue of his office as sheriff, is considered an ideal man for the position tendered him by the mayor and city council.

Mr. Krider is expected to announce his decision as to whether or not he will accept the position in the near future, it is stated.

Mrs. W. F. Whitt is now acting treasurer of the city, being in charge of the work relinquished by Mr. Lyerly. Taxes are being collected as usual at the city offices.

Auditors are still engaged in checking over the books of Mr. Lyerly ascertaining the shortages in his accounts. It is reported that the shortages now run into several thousand dollars although the auditors have declined to make a statement of the shortages until the audit is completed.

PROPERTY IS IMPROVED

Hendersonville.—As the result of a season by far the most successful in its four years of operation, the Episcopal conference center at Lake Kanuga is undertaking during the fall and winter a program of improvement of the physical condition of the property in several important respects, according to the Rt. Rev. K. G. Finlay, D. D., director of Kanuga conferences.

LEGISLATORS WILL MEET

York, S. C.—The York county legislative delegation has extended an invitation to all public spirited citizens of the county to meet here Saturday and give the solons the benefit of their advice as to pulling the county government out of the financial slough in which it is now mired.

THIRD EYE TOOTH GROWN

Rock Hill, S. C.—Something out of the ordinary is found in the growth of a third eye tooth in the mouth of J. B. Nicholson of Rock Hill, R. F. D. No. 4. First there was the temporary tooth, then the permanent one, and since the latter was extracted, another tooth has made its appearance, Mr. Nicholson states.

MAN FALLS OUT OF TREE

Newton.—While sawing a heavy limb from a tree, Thomas Edwards, well known Newton man, suffered two broken ribs. The limb, nearly severed from the tree, fell against the Newton man, causing him to be pushed from a step-ladder. His fall to the ground fractured the ribs.