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City Bids For Grange Meeting

Ruffy Is Appointed City Tax Collector

WILL RESIGN AS CHAIRMAN OF CO. COMMISSIONERS

Election Of H. E. Ruffy Followed The Taking Of Number Of Ballots By City Council.

CLERK OF COURT TO FILL VACANCY IN NEAR FUTURE

Successor Will Be Chosen From Salisbury Township; Number Of Leading Citizens To Be Considered.

Henry E. Ruffy was appointed tax collector for the city of Salisbury Thursday morning by the city council.

Mr. Ruffy succeeds Geo. M. Lyrly who had held this position for more than a decade. Mr. Lyrly resigned December 12 following the discovery of shortages in his accounts.

Mr. Ruffy is chairman of the board of county commissioners. He indicated he would resign this position immediately upon accepting the new post. Mr. Ruffy is also a member of the state local government commission, having been appointed some months ago by Governor Gardner.

The council met in executive session. A number of ballots were cast before the deciding vote which was 3 to 2. It was then made unanimous in favor of Mr. Ruffy.

Twenty-two applications had been received by the city council for the job. Among this number were the following:

S. H. McCubbins, Joe W. Ellis, John Kelly, W. F. Arey, Lonnie Davis, J. Frank Miller, T. E. Johnson.

The name of J. H. Krider was not included in the list of applicants. Mr. Krider was tendered this position some days ago but did not accept, advising the council he was not a candidate.

Upon the resignation of H. E. Ruffy as county commissioner, it will be the duty of B. D. McCubbins, clerk of the superior court, to fill the vacancy. This is provided by the Consolidated Statutes of North Carolina, section 1294.

Mr. Ruffy is expected to tender his resignation as chairman of the board within the next day or so. Appointment of his successor will then follow.

Robber Flushed While Robbing Belk-Harry Co.

Policeman Freeze, on the night of Jan. 9, apprehended a thief in the act of robbing Belk-Harry store. The would-be robber, upon the approach of Officer Freeze, effected a getaway by climbing down a water drain pipe near the rear of the store.

Although the thief had packed up a considerable quantity of merchandise to take away, he left it behind when flushed by the officer; also his raincoat, hat and coat.

He is still at large.

BOY MISSING

Isaac Chatham, 15-year-old son of J. C. Chatham, of this city, disappeared last Saturday when his father sent him to a drug store for medicine. The family and local officers have been trying to locate the missing boy who is described as being about five feet, two, with dark hair and brown eyes.

MAN WANTED IN SHELBY

Shelby.—Attorney Horace Kennedy has forwarded extradition papers to the governor of South Carolina with the aim of bringing W. E. Dye, South Carolina cotton buyer, back here to face worthless check charges.

GOOD MORNING

HOW TO HOLD YOUR WIFE

I
Give her lots of ready money,
Keep her always on the go;
Say to her: "I don't care, Honey,
How you spend my hard earned
dough;"
Work with energy unceasing,
Though it shortens your young life,
And you'll find her love increasing—
That's the way to hold your wife.

II
Dress her in the latest fashion,
Buy her furs and silks and such;
Or her ardent love and passion
Won't amount to very much;
Take her to the show and dinner,
Thus avoid contention rife;
Then she'll know she's picked a winner—
That's the way to hold your wife.

III
When she wants to do the talking,
She's entitled to her say;
That's the time to go out walking,
Always let her have her way;
Give her unrestricted credit
At the stores—avoiding strife—
And you'll find it's as I've said it—
That's the way to hold your wife.

"Bob told me I was the eighth wonder of the world."
"What did you say?"
"Told him not to let me catch him with any of the other seven."—The Humorist.

ECONOMICAL

"It's time to get dog licenses again. You keep a dog, don't you?"
"No. If we hear a noise in the night, we bark ourselves."—Royal Arcanum Bulletin.

A MAN'S JOB

Two beautiful young girl friends met at the station and embraced with one of those tangible demonstrations of affection known as kissing.
"Ah," moaned a young fireman, "that's one thing I'm absolutely opposed to."
"What's that?" asked the engineer.
"Women doing men's work," was the angry reply.

WILLING

Stern Parent—Willie, I'd like to go through one whole day without once scolding or punishing you.
Willie—Well, mother, you have my consent.—Boston Transcript.

AGREED

Tired Wife (to fussy husband)—Really, John, I'd rather have all the children sick than you.
John—So would I.—Boston Transcript.

HARD TO BEAT

A golfing clergyman had been badly beaten on the links by one of his congregation, thirty years his senior. He returned to the club-house rather irritated.

"Cheer up," his opponent said. "Remember, you win at the finish. You'll probably be burying me some day."
"Even then," said the preacher, "it will be your hole."

LOTS OF FUN

Dumb—We're going to give the bride a shower.
Dumber—Count me in. I'll bring the soap.

SHE FELT CHEATED

When Peggy returned from her first day at school she was asked how she enjoyed it.
"I liked it all right," said Peggy, "but I didn't get any present."
"What made you think that you would get a present, dear?"
"Teacher said, 'Sit there for the present'; and I sat there all morning and never got one."

The 10th president of the U. S. said he never voted.

Will Represent U. S. at Disarmament Conference



President Hoover has named the five delegates and one alternate to represent the United States at the International Disarmament Conference at Geneva. They are, top row, left to right: Charles G. Dawes, Dr. Mary E. Woolley, Senator Swanson of Virginia; bottom row, Hugh R. Wilson, (alternate) Hugh Gibson and Norman H. Davis.

Building Held Own In South In 1931; Over 649 Million In Construction Contracts

Construction contracts awarded in 16 southern states during 1931 were valued at \$649,312,000. The Manufacturers' Record has announced.

The total does not include projects of less than \$10,000, or numerous other important projects for which accurate figures were not available.

The peak year of 1930 had a total of \$921,715,000, but much of the decrease in 1931 is attributed to a sharp decline in the cost of building materials and construction generally.

Roads, paving and bridges showed the greater total, \$270,983,000. Other divisions included the following: Apartments and hotels \$20,890,000; city, county, government and state projects \$66,846,000; dwellings costing \$10,000 and more, \$26,175,000; school buildings, \$33,356,000; sewers, drainage and waterworks, \$34,014,000; store buildings, \$9,786,000; banks and office buildings \$12,272,000; church buildings \$3,886,000; association and fraternal buildings \$3,633,000 and miscellaneous \$167,489,000.

The figures cover a wide tier of southern and southwestern states from Maryland to Texas.

Considering the projects for which no figures were available, and for other projects of less than \$10,000, the total of construction awarded in the 16 states is estimated at \$850,000,000 by the publication.

SCHOOLS WITHIN BUDGET

Shelby.—The Shelby public school system is running within the state budget limit, it was announced this week by Superintendent B. L. Smith.

Who's Who In Rowan

TEACHERS' DIRECTORY

ROWAN COUNTY SCHOOLS
S. G. Hasty, superintendent.

PRINCIPALS
G. Ray Brown, Rockwell.
B. D. Franklin, Granite Quarry.
O. M. Statton, Mt. Ulla.
W. T. Long, China Grove.
T. Frank Bostian, Landis.
C. R. Hutchison, Cleveland.
C. A. Furr, Woodleaf.

LIST OF TEACHERS FOR COUNTY SCHOOLS

BOSTIAN
Mrs. Nell D. Frye, China Grove; Ruth Beaver, China Grove.

CENTENARY
Louise Belk, Mt. Ulla; Mrs. Carl Moore, Mt. Ulla.

SOLICITOR TAKES HAND

Columbia, S. C.—Solicitor W. G. Finley of York wrote Governor Blackwood that he will consent to have the death penalty of Dave Dunham commuted to life imprisonment only if assured that the Chester negro who admits three killings is not freed. The solicitor characterized the negro as a "very dangerous" man whose liberty would make him a "menace" to the community.

Admits Robbing Starnes Home Of \$3,100 In Money

Frank Harper, 33, has confessed that he, with two other men, robbed the home of Henry Starnes, Providence township farmer, several weeks ago, obtaining \$3,100 in cash.

This confession was made by Harper to Deputy Dave Graham when being returned to Salisbury from Monroe, La.

He said Will Oakes was one of his partners in the crime. The name of another participant was not divulged. Oakes has been tried and convicted and is now serving a term in the state prison for the crime.

Harper will be tried in February.

MANY WILD FOWL DYING

Ocracoke.—Because of an absence of eel grass, sea lettuce and other forms of flora on the bottoms of shallow shoals in the sound, hundreds of wild-fowl, geese and brant are starving to death on the coast this year.

NORTH CAROLINA NEWS IN BRIEF

BANDITS HIT HOTEL
Kinston.—Two masked men held up the night clerk and a bell boy in a local hotel and escaped with \$168 from the hotel cash drawer.

\$2,500 FOR CATAWBA
Catawba College has received \$2,500 in recent bequests from friends of the institution, according to Dr. Elmer R. Hoke, the president.

TWO MEN DROWN
Charlotte.—Robert Furr, 23, and his brother, Alfred, 25, of Mecklenburg county, drowned late Sunday when their light speed-boat capsized in the Catawba river.

AGED COUPLE WED
Granite Falls.—The young new year saw the culmination of the courtship of G. W. Travis, 63, and Sarah McRary, 69. It was the first "leap year" marriage to take place in Caldwell county.

STREAMS FLOODED
Raleigh.—Flood waters of the Cape Fear, Neuse and Roanoke rivers have reached a crest and are now subsiding. The damage from the high water is expected to be small.

WATER SOLD AT PROFIT
Greenville.—A number of prominent local people fell for an old gag. Anxious to buy, once again, some "good liquor," they paid \$2.50 per quart or \$30 per case for Scotch whiskey which turned out to be nothing more than water.

SIX VIOLENT DEATHS
Charlotte.—There were six violent deaths in North Carolina over Sunday. Two were drowned at Charlotte, one was burned at Burnsville, two were killed in auto accidents, one was killed by a train and another was killed by high voltage wires.

MAN LEAVES OFFICERS
Smithfield.—Prohibition officers appeared at "Catch-Me-Eye" dance hall and road house and started a search for liquor. The operator, apparently willing to help, offered to back his car out of the garage to permit a more thorough search. Once out, he continued on his way.

BURNS PROVE FATAL
Asheville.—It cost Clarence Harris, 20, of Burnsville, his life to learn the lesson of explosives. He lighted a match and tossed it into a barrel containing a quantity of gasoline. The gasoline exploded and blew the burning liquid on the youth and he was burned from head to foot.

MAN IS CONVICTED
Marion.—Gibb Denny was convicted of setting fire on his own land without notifying his neighbors. The fire spread to hundreds of acres in this section of the state.

"THAR'S GOLD IN THEM KLINKERS"

Henderson.—George D. Slack vaguely recalled having tossed a piece of strange-colored coal in his fire. "Thar's gold in them clinkers," he said as he raked a strange formation from his fire place. A jeweler examined the mass and found it to contain gold valued at \$100.

WATERMELON SERVED HERE IN JANUARY

When W. R. Bostian, rural mail carrier on route 6, leaves with his bag of mail each day there is no telling what is in store for him.

Upon reaching the home of H. E. Hodge, near Granite Quarry, he was invited to partake of a watermelon feast. Mr. Bostian reports that the melon was in excellent shape, having been kept in the granary since being pulled from the vine.

NATIONAL BODY MAY MEET HERE IN NOV. 1932

Salisbury Has Good Chance Of Being Selected As Convention City By National Committee.

WILL DECIDE ON CONVENTION CITY IN NEAR FUTURE

Executive Committee Of The National Grange Visited Salisbury Wednesday On Inspection Tour.

The executive committee of the national grange gave Salisbury the once over Wednesday in their tour to select the convention city for that body in November 1932.

The committee visiting Salisbury was composed of the following:

Louis J. Taber, national master, of Columbus; A. S. Gauss, of Seattle, chairman of the national executive committee; Kerr Scott, Haw River, master of the North Carolina grange; Fred J. Freestone, of Interlaken, N. Y.; Eugene A. Eckert, of Mascoutah, Ill.

The committee was in charge of W. G. Yeager, county agent, and a member of the executive committee and R. E. L. Nici, secretary of the Salisbury Chamber of Commerce.

The convention, which will attract an attendance, estimated at 5,000, will be held either in Salisbury, Charlotte, Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Durham or Raleigh.

Rowan county has the largest grange membership of any county in the state. This, it is said, is considered a strong inducement for the committee to name Salisbury.

The committee was shown the accommodations and opportunities afforded by Salisbury and it is believed the committee was highly pleased and impressed with the city.

The committee journeyed from Salisbury to Charlotte. A decision will be reached, after the national grange officials have visited all of the cities listed. The selection is expected to be made Saturday of this week.

JEWELRY MISSING

London.—A package of jewelry valued at \$40,000 sent with registered letters on the liner Europa from New York to Southampton, was missing when the ship reached England, it was announced recently. Postal authorities and police said they thought the packages had been stolen before the liner's arrival.

SHELBY MINISTER CALLED

Lenoir.—Rev. N. D. Yount of Shelby has been extended a call by the congregations of churches in the Philadelphia Pastorate of the Lutheran church, which has its headquarters at Granite Falls, according to E. Carr Cline, president of the council.

CHURCH OFFICERS CHOSEN

Newton.—The Beth-Eden Lutheran church of Newton has elected officers for a two-year period. The board of deacons re-elected is composed of J. S. Simmons, H. Lee Cline, and W. L. Smyre. J. C. Sigmon was re-elected secretary and J. C. Rudisill Sunday school superintendent.

FIRE LOSS ANNOUNCED

Statesville.—The fire loss in Statesville for the year 1931 was \$41,740.80, according to the annual report of Chief C. L. Gilbert of the local fire department. The total loss for December, 1931, was only \$166, the chief reported.

GARDNER TO BE SPEAKER

Raleigh.—Governor Gardner has accepted an invitation to attend the annual dinner of the Lambs club in New York. He will be an honor guest and speaker Sunday evening, Jan. 17.

(Continued next week)