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## RAILROAD LABOR FIGHTS WAGE SLASH

### June Primaries Promise Warm Contests

#### SHERIFF'S RACE IS OUTSTANDING IN BOTH PARTIES

Both Parties In This County Will Put Out Tickets With Many Seeking Offices.

#### TAM SHUFORD IS BOOSTED AS NEW G. O. P. CHIEF

Complete List Of Names Mentioned As Likely Candidates Compiled By The Watchman.

That well known American kettle, the political pot, felt the heat under it the first part of this week, and has now begun, if a bit slowly no less surely, to emit some steam.

Both parties, it appears, will stage the warmest primaries in recent history. In each instance, the race for sheriff will probably be outstanding in public interest.

Three candidates appear likely on the Democratic ticket, namely, Cal L. Miller, incumbent; J. H. McKenzie, local merchant, and J. H. Krider, former sheriff.

Three candidates may also enter the race in the republican primary for sheriff, namely, Ray P. Lyerly, former sheriff; R. C. Jennings, acting postmaster; and G. R. Ketter, local merchant.

Only one candidate has so far definitely announced. Max L. Barker, former register of deeds and now a member of the city council, will run for a place on the board of county commissioners from Salisbury township.

It is stated that W. Talmadge Shuford, young attorney of this city, is being groomed by a dominant faction of the republican party for county chairmanship to succeed J. L. Rendleman, Jr., who, it is understood, will not seek re-election to this post. It is understood that Mr. Shuford is not aligned with or opposed to either faction in the republican ranks and would probably be acceptable to the G. O. P. leaders generally.

Following is a list of the probable candidates mentioned so far in connection with the June primaries:

**DEMOCRATS**  
Sheriff: Cal L. Miller, incumbent; J. H. McKenzie and J. H. Krider.  
County judge: P. S. Carlton, J. A. Dunn and T. G. Furr.  
Solicitor: Charles Price and W. V. Harris.

Register of deeds: W. D. Kizziah, incumbent; and W. H. Crowder.  
Auditor: J. E. Haynes, incumbent.  
Coroner: W. L. Tatum, incumbent.  
Surveyor: N. A. Trexler, incumbent.  
Senate: Hayden Clement, incumbent; and E. W. G. Huffman.

House of representatives: Geo. R. Uzzell, incumbent; Walter Murphy, K. W. Umberger, J. W. Rideoutte, J. W. Bean.  
The clerk of court does not stand for re-election this year.

County commissioners: Harry E. Isenhour, Linn Bernhardt, M. L. Kiser, Max L. Barker, and D. W. Plyler, Salisbury township; O. L. Linn, Landis; T. M. Byrd, Granite Quarry; J. T. Graham, Cleveland; John E. Hoffman, Franklin; Curtis Long, Providence, for places on the board.

**REPUBLICANS**  
Sheriff: Ray P. Lyerly, R. C. Jennings, and G. R. Ketter.  
Judge: J. L. Rendleman, Sr.  
Register of deeds: A. L. Kluttz and L. L. Smith.  
Auditor: W. H. Hobson.  
Coroner: C. E. Brown.  
Surveyor: James A. Armstrong.  
Solicitor: W. T. Shuford.

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#### GOOD MORNING

SOLACE

Let not upon our love be set the seal Of that most common doom, satiety. I would not have you faithful unto me Beyond the heart's necessity, or feel Your passion pale to kindness. What if I Should wake one morning, and to find you gone? Women before my time have lived alone And long enough to give despair the lie. The thing that palls must be dispatched in haste; Thus would I have you go without a word, And no more trace left than left by a bird Upon the air. Weaker than I have faced Out such a loss. Therefore, I, too, might find A bitter sustenance in the empty rind.

Eleanor Alletta Cbaffee.

FINE

I had 2 be called asi9,  
So I said 2 the Boss "I'll resign."  
Said he, "You're 2 18,  
You've been given the g8—"  
I've 4got10 the rest of his line!

Pewriter-Pewriter-Pewriter.

**POLITICAL HARDSHIPS**

"Politics is very uncertain."  
"Very," agreed Senator Sorghum.  
"Even after a man succeeds in being elected, he doesn't know whether he's going to take credit for what happens or whether he's going to get the blame."  
—Washington Star.

For all of us in the world  
Let there be Light.  
Let there be Health!  
Let there be Prosperity!  
Let there be Freedom!

Cooper-Matbison.

**FRIEND IN NEED**

Wife—Good gracious! How could you think of bringing that Mr. Biggins home to dinner when you know I'm spring cleaning?  
Hubby—Hush, my dear! He's the only man I know who can help move the sideboard.—Passing Show.

**THE OPTIMIST**

Don't feel blue, sleeping in the park,  
Don't feel blue, weeping in the dark,  
Don't feel blue, going without eats,  
Don't feel blue, sitting on bare seats.  
Cheer up, deary; spunk up, weary;  
Herbert says it's only temporary.

**REST IN PEACE**

Mrs. Nagger—I suppose if I were to die tomorrow, you'd marry some other woman immediately.  
Mr. Nagger—Not right away. I'd take a little rest first.

**ALIBI IKES**

If you bawl about depression  
Till you're blue around the gills,  
If you grumble at your taxes  
And your food and fuel bills;  
If your mug is sour and mournful  
And your disposition's shot  
It is ten to one you're beefing  
Over troubles that are rot.

Not the folk who really suffer  
Are the ones who yap and yowl,  
For their jaws are clamped too firmly  
To be sending up a howl.  
Nix, the chap who yells the loudest  
With a wild and rolling eye  
Is the guy who grabs depression  
For a hard luck alibi.

Yes, a lot of men are needy  
And they ought to have our help,  
But you aren't like to find them  
Where you hear the loudest yelp.  
Ten to one the noise is rising  
From a bunch but slightly hit  
And are setting up a racket  
Lest they're asked to give a bit.

#### Jobless Army Welcomed at Capital



President Hoover welcomed the leaders of thousands of unemployed men who invaded the capital from Pittsburgh under the leadership of Reverend James R. Cox. Father Cox first presented the petition for aid to Senator James J. Davis on the Capitol steps. E. Franc is dressed as Uncle Sam.

### Legion Launches Drive To Aid The Unemployed

"Complete details of the North Carolina Department's of the American Legion's Program for relief for the Unemployed, has just been received," stated J. H. McKenzie, Commander of the local Legion Post. "These plans are both practical and workable," the Commander added, "And this Post will co-operate to the fullest extent in carrying forward these great plans. In doing so, we are confident of receiving and will welcome the heartiest of co-operation from all existing agencies and likewise the co-operation of all the leading public-spirited citizens in helping to provide this much needed relief—work—for those persons now unemployed who desire to work."

Commander McKenzie explained that the Legion's Unemployment program includes both the Legion's national plan which will make possible an increase of ten per cent in the paid personnel in all businesses and industries which co-operate in carrying forward the National plan locally, and the supplemental or North Carolina plan providing for the listing of all unemployed persons who desire work, and the securing of definite pledges from property owners for definite number of work days for repairs, yard work, painting, and similar odd jobs. Both of the plans have met with real success wherever they have been worked in other sections of the country.

"In accordance with the plans I have appointed the following well-known Legionnaires as a Special Unemployment Committee to carry forward successfully the plan: C. V. Roberts, Chairman, W. M. McCulley, R. E. L. Niel, John E. Cruse and Lonnie Davis.

"This committee has already swung into action. Real results are bound to follow," declared the Commander.

**EIGHT MEN SAVED**

Manteo—A crew of eight was rescued in surf boats early Wednesday when their fishing boat went aground.

**BANK HELD UP**

Magnolia—Three masked and armed white men robbed the Bank of Magnolia of \$14,300 and escaped after slugging the assistant cashier into unconsciousness and locking him in the vault.

**YOUTH MUST SERVE**

Raleigh—Arthur Long entered a plea of involuntary manslaughter in connection with the fatal shooting of Miss Ina Kelly with a gun which he thought was not loaded and was sentenced to serve four months on the roads. Long is a young married man.

**PRISON POPULATION**

Raleigh—The population of the State's prison reached a new high record on January 1, 1932, with a total of 2,886 inmates, a gain of 559 for the year. Central prison housed 650 of the prisoners. In addition, the state had at its various correctional, charitable and penal institutions when the new year dawned more than 18,000 inmates.

### Who's Who In Rowan

TEACHERS' DIRECTORY  
ROWAN COUNTY SCHOOLS

CHINA GROVE ELEMENTARY

F. N. Shearouse, principal, China Grove; Ruth Dabbs, Lilesville; Louise McCorkle, Alexis; Ether Fleming, Hamptonville; Mrs. Bessie Rankin Pridgen, Salisbury; Helen Templeton, China Grove; Cora May Hege, Lexington; Emma Sloan, China Grove; Mrs. Pauline K. Iddings, China Grove; Helen Fleming, China Grove; Josephine Carrigan, China Grove; Fannie Dabbs, Lilesville.

CLEVELAND

C. R. Hutchinson, principal, Cleveland; Mrs. Lottie Bruner, Cleveland; Elizabeth Fleming, Cleveland; Allene Bickett, Spencer; Mary K. Brown, Cleveland; Nancy Hunter, Stony Point; Katherine Kesler, Cleveland; Ruth Hunter, Stony Point.

HIGH SCHOOL

P. H. Satterthwaite.

CONCORDIA

Myrtle Karkker, Mooresville, R. 1; Della M. Jackson, Mooresville, R. 1.

CORRIHER

Mrs. Della C. Houck, China Grove, R. 2.

CRESCENT

Nora Kluttz, Rockwell; Mrs. Martha Powlass, Rockwell.

CRESS

Ophelia Shives, Salisbury; Daisy Simms, Stony Point.

DEATON

Ada Neil Smith, Concord, R. 2; Bertie McKay, Mooresville.

DUKEVILLE

Mrs. L. L. Garner, principal, Newport; Rebecca Julian, Salisbury; G. J. Harrington, Salisbury; Myrtle Parks, Kannapolis, R. F. D.; Josephine Safrit, Rockwell; Mrs. Paul Hinson, Salisbury.

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### Receiver Is Sought For G. M. Lyerly

Petition was filed late Thursday afternoon with Clerk of Court McCubbins requesting a receivership for Geo. M. Lyerly, former city tax collector. The petition was filed by the city of Salisbury, the Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company, and the National Surety Company.

Mrs. Zeda M. Lyerly, wife of G. M. Lyerly, was made a party defendant.

Petitioners request the appointment of a receiver to take charge of the property and assets of the defendant in order that he may not dispose of his property and assets to the loss and damage of the plaintiffs and creditors.

Plaintiffs request that they recover out of the property and assets of the defendant \$25,000, which, according to the audit as thus far completed, is the amount of the deficit.

The petition states that G. M. Lyerly handled all taxes, water accounts, license fees, franchise taxes, corporation excess taxes, privilege taxes, rentals and other moneys due the city to the extent of approximately \$500,000 annually.

Beginning on Dec. 8, 1931, an audit of Mr. Lyerly's accounts was started. He resigned his office Dec. 12 upon the request of the city when irregularities were found. Although the audit is incomplete, the shortage to date is in excess of \$10,000 in the special privilege and license accounts; and a shortage in excess of \$15,000 exists in the ad valorem and corporation excess taxes, making a total shortage in excess of \$25,000 to date.

The petition prays that the City of Salisbury be declared trustee for the use and benefit of other plaintiffs and for the creditors for the money and funds belonging to the city and which were misappropriated by Mr. Lyerly. It is also requested that some suitable person be appointed by the court as receiver for the defendant and that he be authorized to take charge of all the property and assets of the defendant and hold the same under the order and direction of the court.

Clement and Clement, attorneys for the Hartford Accident and Indemnity company with P. S. Carlton, attorney for the city, also joint petitioner on behalf of the municipality brought the action.

**GOVERNOR GRANTS STAY**

Raleigh—Governor Max Gardner paused in the rush of executive business and visited state prison and questioned Ernest Herring, Sampson county negro charged with killing a postmaster, and granted him a stay of execution for 60 days. The negro was to have been electrocuted Friday.

**CURFEW BELL RINGS**

Boone—A curfew law establishing 9 o'clock as the latest hour children under 14 can be seen on the streets without parents has been passed by the board of aldermen following a series of petty depredations traced to children. There will be a fine of \$5.00 for violators.

**MRS. HARPER ARRESTED**

High Point—Mrs. Terry Harper, pretty young wife of the alleged slayer of Charles O. Holton, was arrested on a warrant sworn out by Holton's brother. The woman is alleged to have lured Holton to her home so that her husband might kill him. The shooting occurred December 23.

**DR. WILSON RESIGNS**

Chapel Hill—Louis Round Wilson, for years one of the outstanding men in the University's administration, has resigned to become dean of the graduate library school of the University of Chicago. Dr. Wilson has been head of the University library since 1901.

### 10 PERCENT CUT IS PROPOSED BY RAIL OFFICIALS

Local Labor Leaders Express Views; Keeping Close Tab With Chicago Conference Between Rail Heads And Labor.

#### LABOR MIGHT SWAP PAY CUT FOR MORE JOBS

Railway Proposals Rejected So Far By Labor; If Reduction Invoked, Labor Demands Same Percent Increase In Employment.

Organized railroad labor is bitterly opposed to the 10 per cent cut in wages proposed by the heads of the nation's railroads in session now in Chicago, according to the opinions expressed by local labor leaders when questioned by a representative of The Watchman.

For the past several days, the railroad heads have been in conference with the heads of organized railroad labor in Chicago. Local labor leaders have kept in close tab with the proceedings in Chicago and are bitterly opposed to any reduction in wages.

The five-day week, put into effect several months ago, has resulted in reinstating very few men, it is stated. It was hoped this plan would give employment to many idle workers.

If a cut in wages were made, labor would demand increase in employment by approximately the same percentage, it is stated; although, the general sentiment was bitterly opposed to any cuts of any nature.

In the negotiations between rail presidents and heads of brotherhoods and unions, the labor delegation had originally asked that "an average force," be assured employment for one year. The presidents, stating in a general way that the wage reduction would stimulate employment but at the same time doubting that they could give definite assurance of employment, had asked for a more detailed suggestion.

This was the answer of the labor group, considered to be the crux of the entire negotiations:

"Would the railroads agree to guarantee, during the period of which they have proposed a pay roll reduction, to maintain as a minimum amount of work not less than the total man hours worked by each class of employes in the year 1930?"

Since the number of man hours was approximately 10 per cent less last year than in 1930, this would mean additional employment of about that much.

The proposal is being considered by the railroad executives, but no decision has been announced.

Railway workers asked the employes to explain why they thought a 10 per cent wage reduction necessary.

Labor, said its spokesman at the rail wage reduction conference, was unwilling to accept as arguments for wage reductions either the claim of "inadequate return" or comparisons of the cost of living.

Instead, the union delegation suggested detailed explanation of the needs of the railroads to meet their fixed charges and to maintain credit.

"If the railroads desire the employes to give careful consideration" to the financial arguments in favor of wage reductions, David B. Robertson told the rail presidents, "it would be advisable for the railroads to present a written compilation of what they regarded as important statistics."

The presidents agreed to submit such figures, and the fifth session of the negotiations, the shortest meeting thus far, adjourned after an hour and 15 minutes.

The union leader said Daniel Wil-

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