

George M. Lyerly Indicted For Embezzlement

TAX COLLECTOR IS PLACED UNDER SUBSTANTIAL BOND

Fifteen Instances Of Embezzlement Is Listed In Bill Of Indictment; Others To Be Added.

George M. Lyerly, city tax collector for a dozen years and also city treasurer for the past four years, was arrested Jan. 23, under a warrant charging he embezzled city funds in excess of \$7,500.

Lyerly resigned his offices December 12 at the request of the city council after an audit into city accounts had revealed irregularities.

Auditors announced that with their work still incomplete, a shortage of more than \$25,000 had already been revealed. City officials said the warrant against Lyerly would be amended later if he is believed responsible for additional amounts.

Lyerly was ordered held pending posting of \$10,000 bond, which he was endeavoring to arrange.

Mr. Lyerly waived preliminary hearing when the case was called in county court Monday. The case will probably be tried at the February term of the Superior court.

Lyerly was released under a \$10,000 bond signed by R. Lee Mahaley, brother-in-law; J. E. Holsouser, brother-in-law, and A. L. Lyerly, defendant's father.

The firms from which tax money is alleged to have been collected, and then embezzled by Mr. Lyerly amounts in each count, and approximate dates of same, follows:

First count—Wachovia Bank and Trust company, \$379.89, about Jan. 30, 1929.

Second count—First National bank, \$324.24, about Oct. 30, 1928.

Third count—Salisbury Coca Cola Bottling company, \$592.41; about April 3, 1930.

Fourth count—Salisbury Coca Cola Bottling company, \$545.32, about Feb. 2, 1931.

Fifth count—Atlantic Bank and Trust company, \$467.95, about July 31, 1928.

Sixth count—Atlantic Bank and Trust company, \$1,248.95, about Dec. 31, 1928.

Seventh count—North Carolina Bank and Trust company, \$1,660.41, about Oct. 31, 1929.

Eighth count—Salisbury Morris Plan company, \$400, about Aug. 6, 1931.

Ninth count—North Carolina Trust company, \$597.37, about July 16, 1928.

Tenth count—Southern Public Utilities company, \$372.89, about Oct. 31, 1930.

Eleventh count—North Carolina Public Service company, \$200, about June 30, 1931.

Twelfth count—Southern Public Utilities company, \$250, about July 2, 1931.

Thirteenth count—Salisbury Cotton mills, \$300, about June 21, 1929.

Fourteenth count—Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea company, \$100, about June 14, 1929.

Fifteenth count—Carolina Hotel company, \$90, about Dec. 3, 1930.

Other counts are expected to be added later.

ROWAN REALTY TRANSFERS

A. M. Cruse to Blanche R. Kennerly, 15 acres, one and one-half miles North of Spencer, also seven acres, adjoining Weant and Kester corners, \$1 and other considerations.

Overman and Co., to E. R. and Jennie W. Overman and Mildred Overman Novell, warehouse and lot on East Kerr street, adjoining Western railroad, \$10 and other considerations.

Overman and Co., to E. R. and Jennie Overman and Mildred Overman Novell, lot 153 feet on Lee street, being lot No. 9 in sales list of Lee S. Overman, commissioner, \$10 and other considerations.

Will T. Ramsal to Mrs. Roxie B. Lamb, 48 acres in Providence township, adjoining Agner and Kepley lands, \$710.

N. L. Shoaf of Boyd F. Shoaf, lot at east corner of intersection of Long and Andrew streets, East Spencer, \$1 and other considerations.

P. H. Lyerly to Roy Lyerly, 10 acres in Providence township, adjoining Corl lines and being part of division of the D. M. Lyerly lands, \$1 and other considerations.

Boyd F. Shoaf to N. L. Shoaf, lot at east corner intersection of Long and Andrew streets, East Spencer, \$1 and other considerations.

C. R. Propst to L. H. Hall, lot on south side of Monroe street, Cole-

Champion of Austria



Hilde Holofsky, 15, defeated all contestants at the skating championships held at Vienna to determine the best figure skater

man's corner, \$10 and other considerations.

Lucy Waller and others to David Meredith, about four and one-half acres in Providence township, adjoining Oddie and Barger lines, \$1 and exchange of land.

J. J. Bostian to Claude L. Lefler and Jessie Lefler's children, tract of land, being subdivision of G. R. Lefler home place, about one and one-half miles southwest of corporate limits of Salisbury, \$100 and other considerations.

Carolina Rubber Co., to Carolina Rubber Hose Co., seven and one-half acres, with buildings and all fixed assets, in southern section of Salisbury, \$1 and other considerations.

T. K. Carlton, substitute trustee, to Salisbury Morris Plan Co., house and lot at west corner of intersection of Maupin avenue and Fries street, the C. W. Armstrong place, \$2,500 and other considerations.

John L. Rendleman, Jr., trustee, to J. A. Rendleman, lot on east side of Broad street, in "Trexler Heights," East Spencer, \$100.

Geo. M. Wilson to D. C. Linn, four lots in Wilson plot on Correll avenue, near town of Landis, adjoining Linn and Yost lines, \$1 and other considerations.

James B. Alexander to Ila James, four lots on Western street, near Kannapolis, former J. M. Blackwelder property, \$10 and other considerations.

H. A. Scott to R. R. Hawfield, trustee, 53 acres in Morgan township; also 50 acres in Morgan township, and another tract of 130 acres in Morgan township; and two tracts of land in China Grove township, one of 36 acres and one of 54 acres, also bakery equipment in Kannapolis and Gastonia, \$10 and other considerations.

J. W. Lipe to John S. Freeze, six-twenty-fifth undivided interest in 127 acres on road leading to Landis, at five forks; also nine acres, former Jacob Lipe lands, \$1 and other considerations.

C. A. Kirk to Jessie L. and Linnie L. Williams, three acres in Morgan township, on Richfield-Bringle ferry road, \$100.

L. J. Mesimore, mortgagee, to Mathie E. Mesimore, 29 acres in Gold Hill township, adjoining Clemence and Kesler lands, \$1,000.

John S. Freeze, commissioner, to J. W. Lipe, six-twenty-fifth interest in 127 acres, former Jacob Lipe land, \$505.



"Dugout Dope"

(This column published weekly in the interest of the Ex-service men of Rowan County).

The National Organization of the American Legion has announced its intention of tackling the unemployment situation. It has appointed several nationally prominent Legionnaires to executive positions, taken steps to open offices in New York and announces that a staff of approximately five hundred will be maintained in the New York office. The five hundred at least will cause a ripple on the surface of the unemployed in New York. The question is, will the five hundred be ex-service men disabled and with families, or will the five hundred be composed of cuties from closed Broadway shows? With a sprinkling of favorite sons to leaven the whole.

Personally, we do not believe that top heavy organization will do any

special good towards the alleviation of the situation. It has been clearly shown in the past that national organization for the assistance of the unemployed defeats its own purpose by becoming entwined in red tape, partisan politics, personal inefficiency, and the ever pressing desire to allow the spotlight to glow upon this or that favorite son. We have our doubts, but we wish them all the luck in the world. Contrary to all statistics and so-called efficiency chart experts, the present depression is and will continue to be a state of mind, and that mind is the mind of Main Street in Most-Any-Place.

Everyone talks hard times, lack of money, lack of opportunity, lack of most everything else, when as a matter of fact it is a lack of confidence on the part of the talker, and a lack of co-operation on the part of most of us. We all are guilty of the mental statement, let the other fellow start something, I am going to hang onto mine. We hang on, and so does the depression. If you believe this view to be incorrect, walk upon the streets of Salisbury, Charlotte or most any

town, how many persons do you see that obviously are undernourished, lack decent clothing in which to appear on the streets? How many persons do you see who actually have the look of hunger in their eye? You couldn't mistake the sign. Casually visit any of the stores in the town in which you happen to be, watch the customers come and go, note what they buy and how they pay for it. Listen to them protest that the price is too high, but watch them buy just the same if they happen to be suited, and pay for it spot cash. Look along the curb line and see how many new automobiles are parked in any one Ford, note the scarcity of model T Fords, and the utter lack of bicycles and horse-drawn vehicles.

Yeah, there is a depression in the silk shirt trade for ditch diggers, and a depression in the stock market for suckers, but, the biggest depression is in the minds of Mr. Average Citizen most everywhere. Yet Mr. Average Citizen buys almost as much food, almost as many clothes, spends almost as much for automobiles, almost as much for amusements as he ever did,

his bank account is almost as much as it has ever been; not quite, but almost, and that shade of difference is the cause of the depression.

Mr. Average Citizen has heard someone else say that he lost so much money he has to economize, and being sympathetic he too feels that he should cut down, he does and so does his neighbor, and so on ad infinitum until the whole world, like sheep following a bell weather, they troop forward in despair. Yet there is just as much of everything as there ever was, in the case of cotton there is too darn much, and just as many consumers; the trouble is they don't consume. They are all waiting for the other fellow to start. Forget it, Legionnaires, take a leaf from the book of the paid

booster, readjust yourself, in the same manner the booster will, by pulling your hat a bit more firmly on the head, hitching the trousers into a more normal position about the mid-rift, and dig in. Don't wait for a panacea or a rocket-plane, hitch your own wagon to a mule and you will get there just the same.

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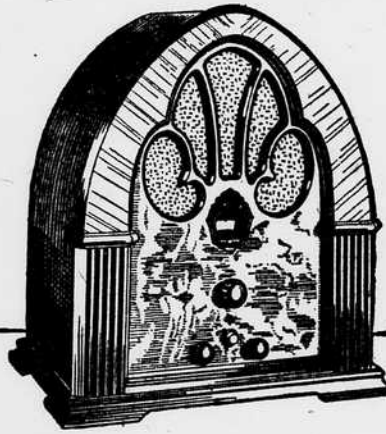
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