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## Autos Killed 16 Persons In Rowan Past Year

# MAY CONTINUE LYERLY CASES

### 762 LIVES WERE SNUFFED OUT IN NORTH CAROLINA

### HEAVY DOCKET FACES SUPERIOR COURT MONDAY

It Is Understood That Neither State Or Lyerly Will Be Ready For Trial Next Week; Three Weeks Term Scheduled.

### 1 MURDER CASE, 1 MANSLAUGHTER SET FOR TRIAL

Booze Cases Lead Docket, Totalling 17; Many Felonies Are Included In List.

Superior court convenes in Salisbury Monday for a three weeks' continuous sitting. It will find a heavy docket to be disposed of, both criminal and civil.

The cases against G. M. Lyerly, former city tax collector, are scheduled for trial on Thursday, February 18th. It is doubtful, however, if the cases will be heard at this term as neither the state nor the defendant are ready for trial, it is reported. The auditors are still checking the records of the former tax collector. In all probability these cases will be called during the May term.

A majority of the first week will be taken up in the trial of criminal and divorce cases. The remaining two weeks will be devoted to the hearing of civil cases. The first two weeks constitute the regular February term while the third week is special.

Judge Cameron McRae will preside over the regular term and Judge G. V. Cowper over the special term.

Sixty-five cases are docketed for trial on the criminal docket. Violations of the prohibition laws lead with 17. Larceny is second with 6.

With the exception of the liquor cases, a majority of the other defendants are charged with felonies, several being punishable by death, if convicted. Cliff Knox is indicted for murder; D. C. Carter, manslaughter; Bud Lanning, rape; W. T. Bell, seduction; Mack Setzer, criminal assault, and a number of other indictments for larceny, embezzlement and breaking and entering.

A summary of the cases scheduled for trial follows:

- Liquor violations ..... 17
- Larceny ..... 6
- False pretense ..... 5
- Breaking and entering ..... 4
- Abandonment ..... 3
- Rape ..... 2
- Carrying concealed weapon ..... 2
- Overloaded truck ..... 2
- Worthless checks ..... 2
- Embezzlement ..... 2
- Manslaughter ..... 1
- Murder ..... 1
- Forgery ..... 1
- Violation municipal ordinance ..... 1
- Prison escape ..... 1
- Presentment ..... 1
- Reckless driving ..... 1
- Affray ..... 1
- Seduction ..... 1
- Assault with deadly weapon ..... 1
- Simple assault ..... 1
- Sci fa sureties ..... 7

The criminal and civil calendars will cover only three weeks, it was decided at the last meeting of the Rowan county bar association. However, if the docket is not completed during that time, then the regular March term will be held as scheduled, beginning on Monday, March 7th.

### SMITH IS A CANDIDATE

On Sunday, Alfred E. Smith, Democratic candidate in 1928, stated he will accept the party's nomination for president if offered by the convention but will not make a pre-convention campaign. A struggle looms between Smith and Franklin D. Roosevelt, New York governor, showing great strength.

### GOOD MORNING

UNKISSED  
by Margaret Latbrop Law.  
I cannot go away  
In dandelion May  
Nor yet in autumn sun,  
With garnering begun.  
Instead, I shall depart,  
Regardless, gay of heart,  
When bare and sapless trees  
Are holding winter's keys.  
An icy world, unknissed,  
I'll gladly leave in mist.

NOT A TEACHER  
"I've never kissed a girl in all my life."  
"Well," cried the flapper, "don't come buzzing around me. I'm not running a prep school."—High Tension News.

THESE CLEVER BRITISH  
Forgetful Husband (to friend): "I want you to help me. I promised to meet my wife at one o'clock for luncheon, and I can't remember where. Would you mind ringing her up at our house and asking her where I am likely to be about that time?"—The Columbian Crew.

IN TERRIBLE SHAPE  
Friend (visiting hospital patient)—  
Do you know, old man, that's a swell patient—I hadn't noticed.  
Friend—Good Lord, I had no idea you were so sick!

THAT MAKES IT DIFFERENT  
Minister: "Really, my dear, you should wait for more than three months after your husband's death before marrying again."  
Widow: "Yes, but you forget, Reverend, that he was paralyzed for eight months."—The Branding Iron.

FIVE THINGS  
If you your lips would save from slips,  
Five things observe with care,  
Of whom you speak, To whom you speak,  
And How and When and Where.

If you your ears would save from jeers,  
Five things keep meekly hid,  
Myself and I and Mine and My,  
And what you Do and Did.

### SWEET DREAMS

The Parson (softly): "Deacon Jones, will you lead in prayer?" But the Deacon was sleeping. So the Parson said, a little louder: "Deacon Jones, will you lead, please?"  
Deacon Jones (coming to): "Lead yourself, I just dealt."

He: "I'm groping for words."  
She: "Well, you don't expect to find them around my neck, do you?"  
—Postage and The Mailbag.

### PLEASE REPEAT

When the colored couple were being married by the clergyman and the words, "Love, honor, and obey" were spoken, the bridegroom interrupted: "Read that again, suh. Read it once mo' so's de lady kin ketch de full solemnity ob de meanin'. I'se been married befoh."—Exchange.

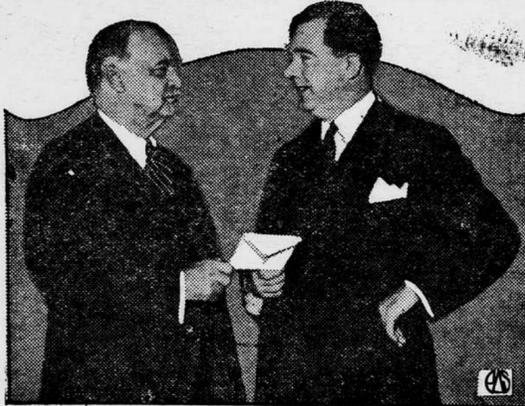
### THE JUDGE KNEW JUDGES

Judge—Were you sober at the time this accident occurred?  
Reckless—As sober as a judge, your honor.  
Judge—Six months.

### THE LITTLE BIG THING

I am a little thing with a big meaning. I help everybody. I unlock doors, open hearts, dispel prejudice. I create friendship and good will. I inspire respect and admiration. Everybody loves me. I bore nobody. I violate no law. I cost nothing. Many have praised me, none have condemned me. I am pleasing to those of high and low degree. I am useful every moment of the day.  
—I AM COURTESY.—Reflector.

### Huey Long Sworn in as Senator



Governor Long of Louisiana, a dynamic politician, has transferred his activities to the Senate, after his own choice as successor in the Governor's chair had been duly elected. Long is shown handing his credentials to Vice-President Curtis.

### Kluttz Suits Are Settled

The \$50,000 suit of J. R. Kluttz against the Southern Railway company has been compromised for \$2,500, according to a judgment filed in the office of the clerk of court this week.

The basis of the suit was the death of Mrs. Vera Mae Benton in a railroad accident on Nov. 9, 1929. Mrs. Benton was the daughter of Mr. Kluttz.

Mrs. Benton was killed and her sister injured while riding in the car of R. J. Overton. Mr. Overton was killed instantly and his widow has instituted suit against the Southern asking \$70,000 because of his death and \$1,000 because of the demolishing of the car. She has also instituted suit against the city of Salisbury in the sum of \$25,000, alleging the city had not provided proper protection at this crossing. These cases have been removed to the Federal court from Rowan Superior Court.

The claim of Miss Margaret Kluttz, another daughter of J. R. Kluttz, who was injured at the same time, was compromised for \$1,000.

### Civitan Program To Be Broadcast

Civitan of the local club and of other nearby clubs will hear a special message and program in their honor presented by the Civitan Club of Hot Springs, Arkansas, over KTHS Thursday night, Feb. 18th, from 10:45 to 11:15 p. m., C. S. T., it was announced Thursday by W. T. Burke, Jr., secretary of the local club.

Talks and a dramatic sketch, with music, will make up the program. As KTHS operates on a nationally cleared channel of 1040-kilocycles with 10,000 watts power, the program in honor of the Civitans should be easily heard here.

### Who's Who In Rowan

- TEACHERS' DIRECTORY  
ROWAN COUNTY SCHOOLS
- MT. ULLA  
O. M. Staton, principal, mathematics and English, Mt. Ulla; Martha Hood, H. S. English, Gastonia; O. V. Ayers, H. S. science, Plymouth; W. A. Hethcox, Jr., H. S. history and mathematics, Mooresville; Kate Green, home economics, Marshville; H. G. Taylor, Hickory; Annie Mae Hall, Pittsboro; Ruth Brock, Jefferson, Va.; Pearl King, Charlotte; Virginia Barker, Salisbury; Gertrude King, Stoneville.
- MULBERRY  
Mrs. Lawrence Miller, Salisbury, R. 5; Ethel Bernhardt, Salisbury, R. 3.
- PARK  
R. Lee Trexler, Rockwell; Frieda Smith, Mt. Pleasant; Mary Alexander, Mt. Ulla; Bernice Guffy, Cleveland, R. 2.
- PARKER  
Callie Morgan, Richfield; Margaret Morgan, Richfield.
- PATTERSON  
Mary B. Ketchie, Mt. Ulla.
- PINE GROVE  
Eloise Turner, Cleveland, R. 2.
- POOLE  
Mrs. Kathleen L. Eagle, Gold Hill, R. 1; Olivia Miller, Salisbury, R. 4.
- POND  
Mrs. Lucile Reynolds Eagle, Misener.
- PROSPERITY  
Mrs. Goodwin, Salisbury.
- (Continued next week)
- DEATH DUE TO ACID  
The death of T. T. Register, Clinton grocer, on February 3, resulted from drinking carbolic acid, the coroner's jury found the following day. No cause is known for suicide.

### NORTH CAROLINA NEWS IN BRIEF

DUNN IS GREAT SMOKY RANGER  
Charles S. Dunn, formerly a ranger in Pisgah national forest, this state, has been made chief ranger of the Great Smoky Mountain park.

SIX ESCAPE IREDELL JAIL  
Sawing iron bars into with smuggled hacksaw blades, six men escaped from the Iredell jail, at Statesville, Friday night.

AUTO LICENSE SALE DROPS  
Sale of state auto license plates in January was 23,000 under the total for January, 1931. The Carolina Motor club reports 278,486 plates sold for 1932 up to February 3.

MEREDITH HAS BIRTHDAY  
Meredith, the woman's college of North Carolina Baptists, celebrated her 33rd anniversary on Friday, President Kitchin, of Wake Forest, making the founders day address.

SUES GREENSBORO FOR \$228,277  
Claiming sewage overflow contaminated his meadows with anthrax germs and thus caused loss of his dairy herd and his business, Tom Pemberton, Greensboro, is suing that city for \$228,277.

Daniel O. Hastings, Wilmington, Del., a United States senator, is to be the speaker at the Lincoln Day dinner which the state Republican organization is holding in Greensboro Friday night, February 12.

HELD FOR BURGLARY  
First degree burglary and deadly assault is charged to James Black, 26, High Point, bound over on Monday for an early Sunday entry into the home of E. J. Stewart, the wounding of Stewart and threatening to kill Mrs. Stewart.

CUT TO DEATH BY BROTHER-IN-LAW  
A drunken party on Sunday ended in a row at Fairmont in which Rufus Britt was cut to death by his brother-in-law, Foster Brown. Brown, jailed following a coroner's hearing, said he used his knife in self-defense.

KILLED IN PISTOL DUEL  
A pistol duel in the sandhills near Wagram, Monday, ended in death for Russell Leviner, 29, and prison for Egbert Kennedy, 35. Leviner was trying to end Kennedy's attentions to Mrs. Bertha Driggers, sister of Leviner.

TAR HEEL KILLED IN S. C.  
Claude Barber, 40, is held for murder of Junius A. Ross, North Carolinian at Florence, S. C. Tom Logan, 25, a helper on Barber's farm is held as an accessory, he admitting he aided Barber in removing the body of Ross from the Barber home.

CHILD KILLED BY TRUCK  
Riding her kiddie-car into the rear of an ice truck which was backing Sarah Ham, two, was instantly killed in Greensboro, Saturday. Leon M. Ham, the father, will not prefer charges holding the negro driver blameless.

BELHAVEN LEADER KILLED  
John A. Wilkinson, 67, Belhaven business leader, died in a Raleigh hospital, Sunday, from injuries received in a crash between his car and one driven by Jake Allen, negro. Allen is held under \$1,000 bond.

ENGINES COLLIDE, ONE KILLED  
M. P. Palmer, fireman, was killed and 12 injured two miles south of Spruce Pine, Sunday, when an A. C. C. and O. passenger train collided with a helper engine. Jerry Sublett, engineer, was seriously hurt.

### Guilford County Led The Entire State With Total Fatalities Listed At 41.

### 5,000 INJURED TO SET NEW HIGH RECORD IN STATE

### Mecklenburg and Wake Counties Tied For Second Place With 38 Deaths Each; Death Toll Larger In 1930.

Sixteen persons were killed by autos in Rowan county during 1931, according to the records of the state motor vehicle bureau announced by L. S. Harris, director.

Guilford county led with 41 fatalities.

Automobiles took 762 lives in 1931, a total 15 below that of 1930, but there were 5,075 persons injured last year to set a new high record.

Close on the heels of Guilford came Mecklenburg and Wake counties to tie for second highest number of deaths with 38 each. Other leading counties were Durham with 31, Forsyth with 26, and Wayne with 22.

Automobile fatalities by counties, alphabetically arranged, follow: Alamance, 12; Anson, 3; Ashe, 2; Beaufort, 11; Bertie, 2; Bladen, 5; Brunswick, 4; Buncombe, 17; Burke,

Catawba, 13; Caswell, 1; Catawba, 13; Chatham, 6; Cherokee, 5; Chowan, 4; Clay, Cleveland, 10; Columbus, 5; Craven, 12; Cumberland, 16; Currituck, 4; Dare, 3; Davidson, 19; Davie, 5; Duplin, 6; Durham, 31; Edgecombe, 18; Forsyth, 26; Franklin, 1; Gaston, 13; Gates, 1; Granville, 6; Greene, 1; Guilford, 41; Halifax, 6; Harnett, 10; Haywood, 6; Henderson, 9; Hertford, 2; Hoke, 1; Hyde, 1; Iredell, 14; Jackson, 6; Johnston, 10; Jones, 1; Lee, 6; Lenoir, 9; Lincoln, 3; Macon, 4; Madison, 3; Martin, 7; McDowell, 3; Mecklenburg, 38; Mitchell, 1; Montgomery, 5; Moore, 9; Nash, 17; New Hanover, 7; Northampton, 4; Onslow, 3; Orange, 7; Pamlico, 3; Pasquotank, 7; Pender, 1; Perquimans, 2; Rockingham, 15; Rowan, 16; Rutherford, 5; Sampson, 12; Scotland, 8; Stanly, 11; Stokes, 5; Surry, 5; Swain, 6; Tyrell, 1; Union, 5; Vance, 8; Wake, 38; Warren, 2; Washington, 2; Wayne, 22; Wilkes, 6; Wilson, 10; Yadkin, 3; Yancey, 1.

YOUNCE TELLS OF LEONARD DEATH  
George A. Younce, solicitor in the 12th judicial district, and W. F. Brinkley, Lexington lawyer, were ordered held under \$10,000 bond by a Lexington coroner's jury Saturday night after hearing the two relate how James A. Leonard, Davidson county sheriff, was killed in front of the Brinkley home early Friday. Younce said the sheriff was shot while Younce was trying to wrest a pistol from Leonard with which he had wounded Neal Wimber. The shooting of Leonard was accidental, he said.

BANK HEAD SENTENCED  
R. S. Travis, president of the defunct Weldon Bank and Trust company, Weldon, was on February 4 sentenced to four months in jail for keeping his bank open when he knew it to be insolvent. He did not resist the charge made against him.

JAPS ATTACK CHINESE FORTS  
With 55 warships and a force of marines the Japanese during the week launched heavy attacks on the Woonung forts guarding the river mouth to Shanghai. Chinese resisted vigorously there and in the Shanghai areas.