

Rufty Began Work As Tax Collector Tuesday

**APPOINTED BY
CITY COUNCIL
FEW WEEKS AGO**

**Former Chairman Of The
County Commissioners
Resigns To Take Up
New Duties; Recognized
As Financial Expert.**

Henry E. Rufty assumed the duties of city tax collector Tuesday morning, succeeding George M. Lyerly, who had been city tax collector for more than 12 years.

Mr. Rufty was chosen to fill the vacancy at a meeting of the council recently.

Mr. Rufty is recognized to be an expert on finances, being president of the Morris Plan Bank and a director of the Wachovia Bank and Trust company of this city. For years Mr. Rufty has been interested in local politics, having served on both the city council and the board of county commissioners.

His present term as chairman of the Rowan county board of commissioners would have expired on December 1 of this year; however, he tendered his resignation in order to take over the duties of tax collector.

**WOMAN JAILED
2 YEARS FINDS
TERM ILLEGAL**

Ann Arbor, Mich.—Betty Keith, 27, one of scores of persons who have served or are serving illegal prison terms, is free again.

After two years in the house of correction, convicted under a law no longer existing and sentenced on a statute that has been repealed, Betty is free to do as she pleases.

Circuit Judge George W. Sample, of Ann Arbor, who sentenced Betty two years ago, nolle prossed the charge against her after a new trial had been granted.

Mrs. Alean B. Clutts, Betty's attorney, showed the law under which Betty was arrested had been repealed nearly a year before her arrest. There was no law under which she could be sent to jail. Nevertheless, she was sentenced to serve from one to four years, with a recommendation of four. She was convicted of possessing narcotics.

"Betty is not the only person who has served an illegal term for such an offense," Mrs. Clutts said. "I have obtained releases for several. The last time I visited Jackson prison I was told there were 16 men serving terms under this law, which had been re-



Speed King
Sir Malcolm Campbell, who drove his motor car at a speed of over 253 miles an hour on the beach at Daytona, Florida.

pealed before their conviction. "The attorney general could, if he desired, examine the cases of prisoners now in jail. He could discover these injustices and could order the men released. As it is, men and women are in jail illegally, with no prospect of release unless they can find funds with which to engage an attorney."

**DOG HIS LEGACY
IN SUICIDE NOTE**

Chicago—So discouraged by chronic illness that he cared to live no longer, Floyd Young, 45, wanted to do a lost kindness for his daughter, Betty Devorcheck.

There was little he could leave her, but:

"Please take 'Snuggle' home and keep her for Betty, as I want her to have her. She has been awful good to me."

Such was the message found near Young's body in his basement flat at 3639 Sheffield Ave. Addressed to George Schell, fellow janitor, living at 3610 Rokeby St., it listed persons owing Young a total of \$205 for odd jobs, and spoke of \$300 insurance, concluding:

"Please forgive me, but I am sick so much it is better so."

"Snuggle" was found there, sitting, wondering-eyed near the smoking stand on which stood a bottle that had contained poison.

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