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## Spencer To Oppose Proposed Merger Clement Introduces New Tax Bill

### Salisbury E. Spencer Favor Move

#### Discuss Plans On Jan. 16th

Matter Will Be Brought Before  
Directors Of Local Chamber  
Of Commerce

Mayors Of The Three Municipalities Express Views On  
Proposed Consolidation

If Merged, Population Of  
Greater Salisbury Would  
Swell To 22,178

Definite opposition is developing against the proposed merger of Salisbury, Spencer and East Spencer, according to a survey made this week by The Watchman.

Inquiries made by a representative of The Watchman indicate that if the matter were left to a vote of the three towns, Salisbury and East Spencer would probably vote in favor of the merger while Spencer citizens would register considerable opposition.

Mayor B. V. Hedrick, of Salisbury, was of the opinion the merger would probably be best for all three municipalities. He stated it would take some time to work out the matter of proper consolidation but believed, if effected, it would result in tax reduction.

Mayor Frank R. Sifford, of East Spencer, expressed the opinion that it would be to the best interests of all three municipalities to merge. He stated the town of East Spencer favored the consolidation when the bill was introduced in the senate four years ago by Senator Smith, who represented this county at that time. Mayor Sifford also said that in his opinion, if it were put to a vote of the citizens of East Spencer, he believed the merger would pass.

Mayor M. L. Kiser, of Spencer, was definitely opposed to the proposed merger. He stated also that a majority, or practically all of the board of aldermen of the town of Spencer, were opposed to consolidation and it was his opinion that the citizens of Spencer as a whole would vote against such a proposal.

This matter will be discussed pro and con at a meeting of the board of directors of the chamber of commerce to be held January 16th.

A bill to merge the three municipalities was introduced in the senate in 1929 by Senator Smith but upon protest was withdrawn.

How Rowan's delegation in the present General Assembly feel about the matter is not known.

Salisbury's population, according to the 1930 census is 16,951, while Spencer's is 3,129 and East Spencer's 2,098, a total of 22,178.

### \$150,000 Fire

Fire Thursday destroyed the C. M. Wall & Son box plant at Lexington. The loss was placed at \$150,000. The cause of the fire was undetermined. The loss was partially covered by insurance.

### NUMBER OF JOBLESS GROWS

William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, estimates 11,590,000 able workers were out of work in November and says this record number has further increased. However, he says unemployment has not increased so rapidly this year as in others.



They Will Stage Inaugural Show March 4

Although plans for the inauguration of President-elect Roosevelt into office March 4th, are still indefinite, here is the committee in charge of the event. It is reported that simplicity will mark the ceremonies in accordance with the wishes of Mr. Roosevelt. Those in the picture are, seated, left to right: James A. Farley, National Democratic Chairman and Admiral C. T. Grayson, chairman. Standing: John F. Costello and John B. Colpays of Washington.



Egg-Laying Champ

The fact that she has no name does not discourage 'Number 33', this white leghorn owned by George England of Inglewood, Calif. She holds the American record of 330 eggs per year and she's in training for the Chicago World Fair this year.

### HELD AS GUN ROBBER

Carl Williams, 30, Richmond, Va., was arrested at Winston-Salem as the man who flashed a pistol on a grocer, Saturday night, and robbed him of \$42. Williams denied guilt but admitted he is wanted as an escaped state prisoner.

### WOULD SERVE BROTHER'S TERM

Clifford Perry, Elizabeth City youth, tried to serve a three-months whiskey sentence for his brother at Norfolk, but the changed identity of the prisoner under bond was discovered and Clifford had to pay a \$25 fine for obstructing justice.

### CONGRESSMAN KILLS SELF

Sorrow over the death of his was given in a note as the reason for the suicide of Representative Austin Kendall, 74, Pennsylvania, in the house office building at the capitol on Sunday. He fired a pistol ball through his head.

### DROP ELECTION FRAUD CASES

Federal election fraud charges against 23 Watauga county men for alleged obstruction in the 1930 election, were dropped by middle district federal court in Greensboro last week. Two similar cases, already tried, ended in acquittal.

### Watchman Will Move This Week E. Fisher Street

The Watchman is moving its plant this week to 119 East Fisher Street, occupying one of the Wallace buildings opposite Carolina Drygoods Company.

Recently, The Watchman purchased additional new equipment, including a press, folder, and other material necessary to establish a modern independent newspaper plant. Installation of an eight-ton Miehle press has been in progress the past week and the work is almost completed.

The Watchman will be published next week and thereafter from its new quarters. An invitation is extended to all readers and friends of The Watchman to visit us in our new home.

### W. C. T. U. SURVEY OF BEER

In a survey of state legislation, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union claims that under present laws only 10 states could open saloons for beer sale at once, if congress should legalize its sale.

### VICTIM OF HIT AND RUN

An uncaught hit and run driver snuffed out the life of William Allen, 60, on the street near his Gastonia home.

### VICTIM OF EXPRESS TRAIN

Falling under the train as he attempted to dismount, Charles J. Insoe, 42, Atlantic Coast Line car inspector, was fatally wounded at Rocky Mount.

### \$25,000 SMITHFIELD FIRE

The Reid-Bridgers garage at Smithfield burned with a loss of \$25,000.

### RUINED LINER TOWED IN

The hulk of the liner Atlanticque, which was gutted by fire in the English channel last week resulting in the loss of 18 lives, was towed into French port of Cherbourg.

### VET SUES GOVERNMENT

Los Angeles.—Ten thousand dollars for "service injuries" allegedly received in the World War is demanded in a suit filed in the federal district court here against the United States veterans' bureau by Royal W. Robertson, one of the leaders of southern California's bonus marchers to Washington last year.

### GOOD MORNING

#### HUMILITY

Let me find the joy in living—  
Joy in the things that are:  
In the brown of the trees,  
Or the summer breeze,  
Or the fall of an evening star.

Why seek the gold in the rainbow,  
Or envy the wealth of kings?  
O, restless man,  
Be glad you can  
Find joy in simple things.  
—J. F. McCarthy.

#### BREADLINES

"Remember this,  
Judges in your high places,  
Who, looking on these faces  
Bleak with hunger's kiss,  
Who would condemn,  
Convicting them  
Of failure or of laziness:  
These men and women were  
Once beautiful with youth,  
With Songs of truth.  
Whom dreams could stir.  
Except for chance,  
You who laugh and dance,  
Who feast and drink,  
And breathe sweet air  
With neither pain nor fear,  
Except for chance  
You might be standing here  
With them instead of there."  
—Konecky.

"Do you love dancing?"  
"Not as well as other ways."

Long diver down the fairways  
is one way a golfer may lower his  
score. Poor memory is another  
way.

"My wife throws a fit every-  
time I come home late."  
"Well, that's a lot softer than  
a skillet."

Just Married: My wife likes  
coffee for breakfast while I like  
tea.

His Friend: "You'll soon get  
used to coffee."

Friend: I want to tell you how  
much I enjoyed your lecture last  
night.

Speaker: Thanks, but I thought  
you had a date over at your girl's  
house.

Conductor: "Here, you must  
not smoke in this car."

Passenger: "I'm not smoking."

Conductor: "Well, you have  
your pipe in your mouth."

Passenger: "Yes, and I've got  
my feet in my shoes, but I'm not  
walking."

Infant—"Baby wants a new  
pair of shoes."

Mother—"Oh, baby does, does  
she? Well, baby's better come ac-  
ross with some bright sayings  
that'll sell, or baby'll go bare-  
foot."

Wife: Are all men as stupid as  
you are?

Husband: No, my dear; look at  
all the bachelors there are.

Mistress: Saturdays I shall go to  
market with you.

Budget: But who's going to  
carry the basket the other days,  
mum?

"Ikey, how many make a doz-  
en?"

"Twelve."

"Vell, how many make a mil-  
lion?"

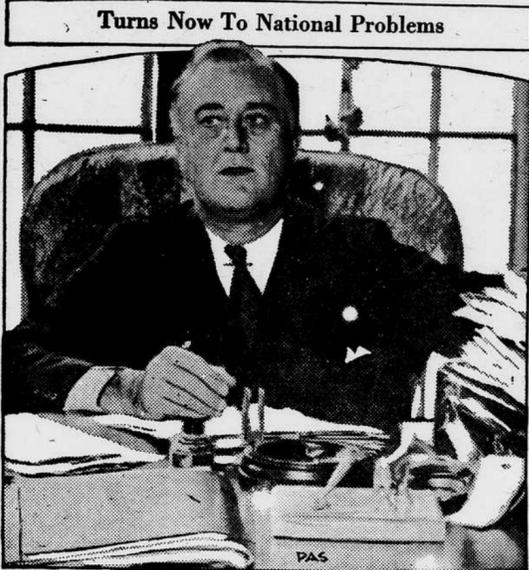
"Tamm few."

Judge: Have you anything to  
offer the court before sentence is  
passed on you?

Prisoner: No, Judge; I had \$10,  
but my lawyer took that.

Lawyer: "Was your car under  
complete control at the time?"

Penfold: "Yes, my wife was sit-  
ting in the rear seat!"



Turns Now To National Problems

Believed of his duties as governor of the state of New York at the beginning of the new year, President-elect Roosevelt is now giving his full time to national problems, to the selection of men for his cabinet and in conference with Democratic leaders mapping out a definite program to be put into effect when he takes office, March 4. According to plans, Mr. Roosevelt will go again to Warm Springs, Ga., for a short vacation during February.

### NEWS BRIEFS

#### COOLIDGE IS BURIED

President and Mrs. Hoover headed a throng of the nationally great in government and business which paid final honors to Calvin Coolidge, 30th president of the United States, at the funeral rites in Northampton, Mass., Saturday. Burial was at Plymouth, Vermont, his native city. The former president died on Thursday of a heart attack. He was 60 years old.

#### ROAD CONTRACTS LET

The highway commission has approved bids for construction of 54 miles of highways in seven projects, the bids totalling \$283,500. The commission voted to have a \$175,000 bridge built over the Catawba river between Charlotte and Gastonia and a \$55,000 bridge over the Yadkin river at North Wilkesboro.

#### TWO SUICIDES REPORTED

The Mecklenburg coroner has ruled that the death of Virgil Presnell, 65, Charlotte contractor, was a case of suicide. His body, after a 27-hour search, was found on a creek bank near his home. He had stabbed himself in the heart with an ice pick. James H. Hardy, 21, was found dead at his Farmville home last week. He had shot a pistol ball through his heart.

#### LEA'S BIND ENDANGERED

North Carolina may find it difficult to collect the \$30,000 and \$20,000 bonds given at Asheville by Luke Lea, Tennessee publisher, and his son, if the Leas should choose not to surrender by January 17, the final date set for them to meet terms of sentence for conspiring to wreck the Central bank. The Union Indemnity company, New Orleans, which furnished the bonds, is in receivership.

#### ASSEMBLY CUTS COST

A reduction of approximately 100 in the number of employees of the general assembly is to be made for this session. Total costs of the session are to be greatly less than the \$187,118 which was the total cost of the 141-day session of two years ago.

#### CAMPBELL PAROLED

One of the last acts of Governor Max Gardner was to parole W. W. Campbell, Asheville, sentenced to death in 1922, for killing his sweet heart. His sentence was commuted to life imprisonment in 1923, and reduced to 20 years in 1929.

#### A Pole-Cat Pet



"Cute little fellow, this pole-cat," says Miss Ruby Knight of Atlanta, Ga., who has him for a pet. His name is "Stinky"—which is unfair, inasmuch as he has long since been denatured and is the sweetest and most loving "guy" imaginable.

### Son Born To Young Widow Of Reynolds

A son was born to Mrs. Libby Holman Reynolds, widow of Smith Reynolds, at the Pennsylvania hospital in Philadelphia, Jan. 10.

Mrs. Reynolds was accompanied by Mrs. Louisa Carpenter Jenney of Wilmington, the former Louisa D'A. Carpenter, whose father is associated with the Du Pont interests in that city. Mrs. Jenney and Mrs. Reynolds have been friends for some years.

Dr. Vaux said Mrs. Reynolds came to the hospital "in a highly nervous condition, but otherwise is a very good patient."

Dr. Vaux declined further information.

Smith Reynolds' share of his father's estate has been estimated at from \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000. Lawyers have agreed that a child would inherit according to law.

The tobacco heir left a will, but it was made before he and his first wife, Anne Cannon Reynolds, were divorced. In it, he made bequests of \$50,000 each to her and to their child, Anne Cannon Reynolds II, although he had already made a \$1,000,000 settlement on them.

### 7 Millions In Revenue Is Estimate

#### Provides Levy On Gross Sales

Rowan Delegation Placed On  
Major Committees In House  
And Senate

Clement Heads Powerful Appro-  
priations Committee In The  
Senate

Murphy Introduces Bill To Abolish  
Tax Penalties For The Year  
1932

A one-half of one per cent tax on the gross sales value of every product manufactured in North Carolina was proposed to the senate Tuesday in a bill introduced by Senator Hayden Clement of Rowan.

The author proposed to tax production—not retail sales. Farm products were excluded. Included were the fabricated products of industry, the production of public utilities, the business of insurance companies and of newspapers, the stored commodities of packing and warehouses.

Rowan county's delegation to the North Carolina General Assembly were placed on the major committees of both houses.

Headed by Hayden Clement in the senate, the local lawmakers fared exceptionally well. The appointments follow:

Senator Clement: Chairman of appropriations and a member of the following committees: finance, judiciary No. 1, public roads, railroads and trustees of university.

Representative Murphy: Chairman of constitutional amendments and a member of the following committees: appropriations, finance, judiciary No. 1, rules, revision laws, federal relations and trustees of the university.

Representative Bean: Member of the following committees: manufacture and labor, engrossed bills, insane asylum and claims.

Two of the first major bills were introduced by Rowan's sons:

Representative Murphy introduced a bill to abolish tax penalties for 1932.

Senator Clement named every product he could recall—ranging from cigarettes and beer to signboards and tombstones. He then added a provision to include anything he had omitted. "If there's (Please turn to back page)

#### TEN MILLIONS FOR PLAY

The people of the United States spend over \$10,000,000 yearly for recreation, it is found in the three-year survey of social trends. Automobile vacations cost \$3,200,000,000. Boxing, pool, cabarets, fraternal societies, baseball are declining in favor. Golf, football, hunting, fishing and hiking are growing more popular.

#### BURLINGTON AIRPLANE CRASH

Lawrence Gwyn, 47, was critically hurt in the crash of his airplane at Burlington, Sunday afternoon. Offered the alternative of having both legs amputated or risking grave chances of losing his life, he decided to keep his legs and take his chance.

#### CHILD BURNS TO DEATH

Mary Hooker, three, died in Reidsville from burns received in ignition of her clothes from an open grate in the home.