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## Candidates Are Scarce For Council Race GRAND JURY MAY PROBE FALSE REPORTS

### Primary To Be Held In The Spring May Modify Present Law

Present Mayor And Councilmen Non-committal On Prospective Candidates

Each Party Will Have Ticket In The Approaching Municipal Election

With the Salisbury municipal election only several months off, the city is still without a single candidate for the city council.

The primary will be held in late spring, it is stated. This will be followed by the general election.

The exact dates are not obtainable. The city attorney, acting upon instructions from the council, has asked the legislators to change several dates in connection with the primary and general election. These dates will be known within the next few weeks as action will probably be taken by the General Assembly before adjournment.

Five councilmen are to be elected, one of whom will be named mayor by the council after it takes office.

Several prominent Salisbury citizens have been mentioned as possible candidates but these have declined to commit themselves on the possibility of their entering the race.

The primary and election this spring will be the first to be held under the new law passed by the 1931 legislature placing the city government on a partisan basis; that is, each party being allowed to put a ticket if so desired. This will operate elections.

The present mayor and councilmen have not definitely announced their candidacies; in fact, several have indicated they would not run for reelection. Their decisions will in all likelihood be made within the next few weeks.

### Court Convenes Here Next Mon.

Superior court will convene here Monday for the two-weeks February term with Judge Wilson Warlick, of Newton, presiding.

Criminal and divorce cases are set for trial during the first week. Civil cases will be heard the second week.

A complete calendar of the criminal and civil dockets will be found elsewhere in this issue.

### Blackmer Faces Serious Charges

Word reached Salisbury Thursday that Sidney Blackmer, formerly of this city, has been arraigned in court on charges preferred by Bernice Bach, 17-year-old girl. Blackmer is charged with assaulting the girl in his apartment about six weeks ago.

Blackmer, it is stated, was released without bail when brought into court. The hearing is set for Feb. 27 in Los Angeles.

Blackmer denied the charges and stated he had been framed for pecuniary purposes.

One Of Twenty



Ethlyanne Holt is just one-twentieth part of the beauty which paraded by and was selected by noted artists as America's most beautiful fashion manikins. . . . Do you like the type?

The Half-Moon Curl



Joyce Stillman, posed this new coiffure at the national hairdressers' conclave in New York. It is known as the half-moon curl. . . . and it is predicted that it will be popular during coming months.

### Lutherans Pick Three Officers

Election of three officers was one of the outstanding features of the North Carolina Lutheran synod in annual session this week at Mt. Moriah church at China Grove.

The following officers were chosen:

Charles S. Heilig, Salisbury, re-elected treasurer.

Rev. J. C. Dietz, re-elected secretary.

Rev. R. E. Petrea elected statistical secretary.

Dr. J. L. Morgan of Salisbury synodical president, read his annual report. Three ministers died during the past year; new churches in Asheville and Shelby were started with cornerstones laid; and three successful synod conferences were held during the year, he reported.

Reports of Rev. Mr. Heilig, treasurer, showed 16 churches on the honor roll paying 100 per cent for church support, and 21 other churches showing a 25 per cent increase over 1931.

At the afternoon and evening sessions, reports of committees on nominations, missions, evangelism, ministerial education, women's work, young people's work, Luther league, Sunday school work, synodical brotherhood fraternal delegations and general church work were heard.

The synod sent greetings to D. E. Rhyne, one of the denomination's leading benefactors, who is ill at a hospital in Lincolnton.

PRITCHARD CONTEST ENDED

George W. Pritchard's contest of the 1930 election of Josiah W. Bailey to the United States senate, was dismissed by the senate, approving its elections committee report that charges of irregularities had not been sustained. Pritchard, former congressman from the 10th district, will be reimbursed \$12,000 expense money.

### GOOD MORNING

AS THEY'D SAY IT NOW  
Samson—I'm strong for you, kid.

Jonah—You can't keep a good man down.

David—The bigger they are, the harder they fall.

Helen of Troy—So this is Paris? Columbus—I don't know where I'm going, but I'm on my way.

Nero—Keep the home fires burning.

Solomon—I love the ladies.

Noah—It floats.

Methuselah—The first hundred years are the hardest.

Queen Elizabeth to Sir Walter Raleigh—Keep your shirt on.

### THE TABLES TURNED

He was one of those smart men who like to show their cleverness.

"Watch me take a rise out of him," he said, as the tramp approached. Then he listened solemnly to the tale of hard luck.

"That's the same old story you told me the last time you accosted me," he said, when the vagrant had finished.

"Is it?" was the answering question. "When did I tell it to you?"

"Last week."

"Mebbe I did, mebbie I did," admitted the tramp. "I'd forgotten meeting you. I was in prison all last week."

There was a man  
And all his life,  
He'd worked in a shipyard;  
And he had a baby  
And it was going to be christened,  
And for a week he couldn't sleep nights,  
Because he was worried  
For fear the minister  
Would hurt the baby  
When he hit it with the bottle.

"Is she very pretty?"  
"Pretty! Say! When she gets on a street car the advertising is a total loss."—Boston Transcript.

"Will you please tell me, conductor, when we are coming to the next tunnel? I want to change my dress."

A traveling salesman found himself in a village hotel dining room when a heavy downpour of rain set in. Addressing the waitress, he remarked: "It looks like the Flood."

"Like what?" the girl inquired.

"Like the Flood. You've read of the Flood and how the ark landed on Mount Ararat, haven't you?"

"No, sir. I haven't seen a newspaper for three days," confessed the waitress.—Ex.

She—Aren't you a little worried about your affairs back home, John? Are you sure that new clerk you hired is trustworthy?

He—Pshaw, Annabella! I ain't in the least worried about him. I always know what he's going to do next.

She—And what's that?

He—Nothing.—Ex.

### Happy Days Drive Nets \$2,632 Sum

A total of \$2,632 has been subscribed in the Happy Days drive according to reports of workers Thursday.

The drive will continue through today, probably longer, until the desired goal is reached, it was stated.

Predicted in Roosevelt Cabinet Selections



These two men top the list as possible members of President-elect Roosevelt's cabinet, according to late Washington reports. . . . They are (left) Senator Carter Glass of Virginia, as Secretary of the Treasury and (right) Senator Thomas J. Walsh of Montana, as Attorney General. . . . James A. Farley, is expected to be named Postmaster-General.

### A Big Job

A few months ago, funds from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation were made available to the Welfare Department of Rowan County. Before these funds were received, this county had been struggling along with a modest budget entirely inadequate to meet the relief needs of a county of fifty thousand population. The almost sudden deposit of Reconstruction Funds in a sizable amount for distribution caused a feeling of relief and appreciation, but at the same time, it brought about a tremendous system of detailed and complicated and responsibility on the Welfare Department that could hardly be envied.

It would sometimes seem easy for an agency such as the Welfare Department to dispense funds and provisions to needy persons where the most good would be done, but it is by no means an easy task; on the other hand, it is a tremendous piece of responsibility. The very nature of the work entailing, as it does, contact with various and innumerable cases scattered throughout the entire county, would whiten the hair and bend the shoulders of a person of unusual stature and physical endurance.

To Mrs. Linton, this paper tenders its commendation in an unstinted measure and, at the same time, its sympathy. In this sort of work is required much patience, of tactfulness, of firmness and the ability to stand up under most trying circumstances. Even to one unacquainted with the administration of this fund, it would appear that there would be many cases of dissatisfaction and sometimes carping criticism.

Upon the whole, however, it seems that there has been a real worthwhile service rendered to the community. Tangible results can be seen in the employment of hundreds of men allotted to various projects; for instance, the new road to Faith, the several streets in the city that have been widened and improved, the painting and renovating of the courthouse and community building, the building of a number of dormitories to the county schools and the restoration of the old Lutheran cemetery.

In addition to these, many other odd jobs have been given, and every day for the past several months there have been hundreds of people calling at the office of the Welfare Department for aid and relief in the form of wood, coal, medicine and other necessities of life. With a staff of five or six it is well nigh impossible to investigate minutely each and every case with a trained worker, and it is remarkable that the work is carried on as well as it is.

In the administration of this relief work, the superintendent of public welfare does not actually receive or pay out any money whatever. The funds are placed to the credit of the treasurer of the county in a local bank and as the cases come, the Welfare Department makes such investigation as it is able to make, passes upon the same and issues an order which is honored by the various stores in Rowan county and payment is received by them from the auditor of the county in the form of a check.

The administration of this relief measure in the hands of the Welfare Department is indeed a big job, one calling for sympathetic co-operation. It must be repeated that this paper stands in respectful admiration of Mrs. Linton and extends its most sincere well wishes.

### CLOVES KEEP APPLE GOOD FOR 52 YEARS

Nebraska City, Neb.—Fifty-two years ago Etta Ellsworth was told an apple would keep indefinitely if well punctured with cloves. She tried it.

Today the apple appears just as good as the day it was picked, but one cannot see the skin because of the coating of cloves.

### MCLEAN CALLS FOR FARM AID

Angus W. McLean, former Tar Heel governor, was one of several witnesses to tell senate committee at Washington that substantial aid must be extended to agriculture if serious consequences are to be avoided. McLean urged a two-year moratorium on farm mortgages.

### NEWS BRIEFS

#### NEW PLANES FOR CHINA

An Italian plant is filling an order from China for 20 new bombing planes, involving \$250,000.

#### SCHOOL BOY KILLED

Lonnie Smith, pupil in the fifth grade in the public school at Hertford, N. C., was instantly killed when he stepped from the rear of a school bus in front of an automobile which struck him.

#### BEGINS LONG PRISON TERM

Tommie Ellis, Jr., of Davie county, begins a term in state prison for the murder of Willie Beauchamp, 19, committed February 30, 1932. His appeal to the supreme court failed to get a new trial, and the prisoner is sentenced to serve 25 to 30 years.

#### DENTON PHYSICIAN DIES

Dr. A. L. Plummer, 51, prominent physician of Denton, N. C., died in a High Point hospital after an illness of two weeks. Burial was in the cemetery of the Denton Baptist church, of which he was a leading member for 25 years.

#### RANDOLPH YOUTH KILLS SELF

Floyd McCoy, of the Moffit Mill section in Randolph county was found shot to death near his home. A note found in the 19-year-old youth's purse indicated that he intended to commit suicide. Financial trouble and worries are supposed to have been the cause.

#### ROB ABERDEEN BANK OF \$2,425

During the noon hour, two unmasked men entered the Page bank at Aberdeen, pistols in hand, made Cashier Francis Pleasants lie flat on the floor, rifled the cash drawer of \$2,425 in bills and currency and made their escape in a Ford sedan.

#### DURHAM CHILD CAR VICTIM

Nancy Lyon, four, Durham, was hit and killed by the car of Clyde R. Scott, as she sat on the curb in front of her parents' home. Scott said he was trying to avoid a boy who was crossing the street. Charged with manslaughter, he is at liberty under a \$1,000 bond.

#### 68 NEW LAWYERS LICENSED

The state supreme court granted law licenses to 68 applicants, successful ones of the 79 who took the semi-annual examination the preceding Monday.

#### MINISTER KILLS HIMSELF

Ill health is thought responsible for the suicide of Rev. B. F. McKinney, Primitive Baptist minister, found dead of a gunshot wound in his garage at Roxboro.

#### OFFER REWARD FOR SLAYER

Anson county is offering \$50 reward for arrest of Clem Collins, six feet, 200 pounds, light hair, who is charged with the brutal slaying of his wife's brother, Martin Dawkins, at Dawkins' home.

#### CASWELL SENTINEL DIES

The lone sentinel at Fort Caswell, fortification in the mouth of the Cape Fear river abandoned by the federal government after the world war, died last week. Sergeant J. W. Welks, the sentinel, had been at the fort since 1898.

#### 10 GIVEN PAROLES

Governor Ehringhaus has paroled 10 state prisoners, among them Dock Allen, former Buncombe officer, sentenced in 1930, for killing a tenant farmer.

### Clean Slate Is Found In Welfare D't.

### Judge Dunn Praises Work

Mrs. Mary O. Linton Is Highly Commended For Her Excellent Services

Seek To Locate Persons Who Originated Report; Grand Jury Aid To Be Asked

The Superior court grand jury will be asked to investigate the origin of and locate the perpetrators of the unfounded and slanderous reports against Mrs. Mary O. Linton, welfare officer, when it convenes here Monday, The Watchman was advised last night.

For the past several days, reports have gained circulation to the effect that Mrs. Mary O. Linton, welfare officer, was indicted and under bond for misappropriation of relief funds sent here by the state, made possible through federal loans.

Investigation by The Watchman reveals that Mrs. Linton has not been indicted, is not under bond, and does not handle any cash relief funds, as all disbursements are made by voucher from the county treasurer's office.

A complete set of records, showing all receipts and disbursements of the welfare office are on file in the office of J. E. Haynes, county treasurer, which records are open to inspection by the public at any time.

Mrs. Linton for many years has been recognized as one of the outstanding welfare officials in the state and has been faithful to every trust reposed in her and has served under both Democratic and Republican administrations without interruption.

J. A. Dunn, judge of the county court, Thursday morning from the bench declared, after a personal investigation, that the alleged stories circulated about the welfare officer were false and without foundation.

Judge Dunn denounced the reports in no uncertain terms and highly complimented Mrs. Linton for the excellent work she has rendered while in charge of the welfare office.

Fred Morrison, state relief director, at Raleigh Thursday issued a statement, to the effect that all funds sent to Rowan county had properly been administered and praised the local welfare office upon its efficiency in handling the same.

### Has Complete File Of All N. C. Bills

Mayor B. V. Hedrick, who is a director of the ninth congressional district of the North Carolina Municipal Association, announces that he has a complete file of all the bills introduced into the N. C. house and senate.

Anyone interested in seeing this file may communicate with Mr. Hedrick at the Hedrick Auto Co., 120 West Innes street.