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## "We Want Beer" Cry Is Heard Here Two Enter Primary For City Council

### Urge N. C. Solons Pass Beer Bill

#### Demand Same As U. S. Law

Petitions Being Circulated In City And County

Hundreds Affix Their Signatures To Petitions

Will Be Presented In Person To Rowan's Delegation

Petitions are being circulated in Salisbury and Rowan county asking the state legislature to pass a beer bill to have the state law conform with the national law recently passed by congress.

Hundreds of citizens have signed the petitions, it is stated. "We want beer," was the usual remark and demand made by signers of the petitions, according to those circulating them.

A majority of the states have passed laws or have bills pending permitting the sale of beer, it was pointed out.

Sale of beer would bring in additional revenue it was declared, and would help the present tax situation. Many also felt the sale of beer legally would reduce the sale of bootleg liquor.

The petitions will be presented to the Rowan county solons in the next few days, it was stated.

The preface of the petitions read as follows:

North Carolina, Rowan County.

We, the undersigned Citizens of Rowan County, realizing that the United States Congress has made certain changes in the National Volstead Act, whereby Beer is permitted to be manufactured and sold in said Country thereby raising additional Revenue for said Country; and further realizing that many States of the union have amended their respective laws to conform with this Act, so that they can realize additional Revenue for their State treasuries, and believing that this additional revenue would aid materially in balancing our budget.

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### Rowan Banks Are Reopened

The banking situation in Salisbury is being rapidly cleared up. The Wachovia Bank & Trust Company is operating without any restrictions and in the same manner as prior to the banking holiday.

H. P. Brandis has been appointed conservator of the First National Bank. This bank is accepting new deposits and permitting 100 per cent withdrawals on new deposits.

The North Carolina Bank & Trust Company is operating under the 5 per cent withdrawal restriction, allowing withdrawals of 5 per cent on old deposits, while accepting new deposits and paying 100 per cent on these withdrawals.

Other banks that have opened in the county without restrictions follow:

- The Bank of China Grove.
- The Bank of Rockwell.
- The Merchants and Farmers Bank at Granite Quarry.
- The Bank of Landis.



President Roosevelt, with Secretary Woodin of the Treasury at his side, signing the drastic banking bill by the Seventy-Third Congress during the first day of the extraordinary session which was called to meet the financial crisis.

### Beer Pumps Will Start Again On 7th Of April

President Roosevelt started in a one-act drama at the White House Wednesday that will start the beer pumps on April 7.

As the moving picture cameras clicked off the historic event, and with a curt "That's done," the President signed his name with four pens to the Cullen-Harrison bill legalizing 3.2 per cent beer and wine and it thus became the law of the land.

In 15 days beer and wine can be sold in 22 states, brewers will be licensed immediately. Also they

### Merchants Intensify Fight On Sales Tax

The merchants of Salisbury and Spencer are vigorously protesting the sales tax now proposed in the General Assembly.

Petitions, letters, and telegrams have been forwarded to the Rowan delegation in Raleigh.

Excessive and burdensome taxes have already been levied against the merchants, it is declared, and the merchants as a whole are of the opinion taxes should be reduced instead of increased.

Organized labor is almost unanimously and very actively opposed to the enactment of a sales tax. Their activity at the 1931 legislature was credited with being the force that turned the tide against the proposed sales tax, and leaders of the opposition are expecting them to wield a great force in the opposition this year.

"President Roosevelt has pointed out the way to Governor Ehringhaus," said one merchant. "He brought immediate revival of business by cutting expenses to meet income rather than by boosting taxes in an effort to balance the budget. If Governor Ehringhaus will pursue the same policies he can do much to insure business revival in the state."

"Even if the tax can be passed on," he said, "there are two very good reasons why it should not be. In the first place it would materially hinder business which has been finding almost insur-

### States Stage Thrilling Race For Ratification

With the passage of the prohibition repeal resolution in Congress, more than a score of States have started a race to be among the first to ratify.

From 20 to 30 States are expected to ratify within the next two months.

Massachusetts is expected to have a convention ready to function early in April.

Rhode Island has started plans for a convention within the next few weeks.

The New York Legislature has received an emergency message and a bill to permit a convention to be called in April.

Wyoming started the machinery for a convention in motion even before the House acted on the repeal resolution, and is likely to be the first State to ratify.

Michigan is also well in the race for first place.

Arizona Legislature had a convention resolution soon after the House acted.

Georgia was the first of the 10 States of the Old South to act.

Maryland is moving to be among the first to ratify.

In California Governor Rolph is urging immediate action by the Legislature.

Action has been started in both Houses in Minnesota.

Oregon has a message in the House to set up a State convention.

The Colorado General Assembly is rushing plans for ratification.

In South Carolina the Legislature, which is reconvening, will quickly move for a State convention.

Ohio's Governor has sent a ratification message to the Legislature.

In West Virginia both Houses have acted on the convention plan.

In Missouri a bill for a State convention is ready to be reported to the House.

### NEWS BRIEFS

**3 HELD FOR MURDER**  
Bill Sawyer, of Winston-Salem, is said to have named Clyde Ferrell and A. G. Ferguson, of Durham, as two who were with him in the holdup of the Clover filling station near Durham on March 2.

Thaddeus Tilley was killed at the time. James Terry, 10, in the station at the time, has identified Ferrell and Ferguson, Durham officers say.

**IS KILLED BY HIS MULE**  
Unhitching his team to get it out of a bog, Charles M. Thornburg, farmer of near Newton, became entangled in the harness of a mule. The animal bolted, ran half a mile and dragged Thornburg to his death.

**CHAIR FACTORY BURNS**  
An \$80,000 loss was sustained in the burning of the finishing plant of the Hoover Chair company at Lexington. Much of the loss was in furniture.

**HANCOCK'S SECRETARY KILLED**  
Miss Heathie Linder, 27, of Oxford, a secretary to Congressman Frank Hancock, was killed and two companions hurt in an automobile-truck crash near Emporia, Va.

**VICTIM OF LIGHTNING BOLT**  
Ab Church, 34, of Wilkes county, was instantly killed when he was hit by a lightning bolt while working at the rear of his home.

**NEW GERMAN AMBASSADOR**  
Dr. Hans Luther, former head of the German Reichsbank, has been named ambassador to the United States to succeed Friedrich W. von Prittwitz.

**KILLS SELF AND THREE CHILDREN**  
Leading his three children to his second wife's grave in a Philadelphia cemetery, Gilbert Friend shot each of them through the heart and then killed himself.

**N. C. DAIRIES PROFITABLE**  
State reports show North Carolina dairymen sold \$12,576,940 worth of milk and butterfat to creameries and milk-processing plants in 1932. There were \$10,000 pounds of cheese made, 2,000,000 pounds of ice cream.

### Asks Walker Divorce



Mrs. Janet Allen Walker, wife of former Mayor, James J. Walker of New York City, has filed suit for divorce in Florida, alleging desertion. The former mayor went to Europe immediately after resigning and has not yet returned to the United States.

### Employment Plans Given By Roosevelt

President Roosevelt Tuesday transmitted to congress his relief plans for restoring employment.

The president recommended: It is essential to our recovery program that measures immediately be enacted aimed at unemployment relief. A direct attack on this problem suggests three types of legislation.

The first is the enrollment of workers now by the federal government for such public employment as can be quickly started and will not interfere with the demand for or the proper standards of normal employment.

The second is grants to states for relief work.

The third extends to a broad public work labor-creating program.

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### Shaver And Barker Toss Hats In Ring

#### Others Will Follow Soon

Both Candidates Are Members Of The City Council

Primary Will Be Held April 24; Election May 2

List Of Prospective Candidates Is Tabulated

With the announcement Thursday of the candidacies of J. Lindsay Shaver and Max L. Barker for reelection to the city council, the race for membership on the city council was officially launched.

Both candidates are members of the present council and are now completing their first term. Both are Democrats.

Quite a number of names of Salisbury citizens have been advanced the past few days as probable or possible candidates for the city council in the primary to be held Monday, April 24.

The general election will be held May 2.

Each party, if its leaders so desire, may put out a ticket, as the election this year will be on a partisan basis under an act of the 1931 legislature.

It is believed that all, or at least a majority of the present council, will be candidates for renomination and reelection. The council is composed of the following:

- B. V. Hedrick, Mayor.
- Members of the council: J. Lindsay Shaver.
- C. F. Raney.
- Haden Holmes.
- Max L. Barker.

Others, whose names have been prominently mentioned as possible candidates, are as follows:

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### Future Program Of Congress Outlined

President Roosevelt has arranged with his congressional leaders a legislative program for the present session including additional farm relief, unemployment aid, and railroad and banking reorganization.

The following statement was issued after he had conferred at length at the White House with 15 Democratic and Republican leaders of the senate and house:

"A most interesting discussion was held between the President and a number of senators and members of the house of representatives. The discussion covered many phases of the economic program.

"The subjects discussed included, among others, farm relief through efforts to raise crop prices and legislation to prevent the foreclosure of mortgages on both homes and farms; a program to improve and co-ordinate railroad operations; another program relating to the general problems of transportation; and the immediate unemployment relief efforts divided into three parts—immediate work in national and state forests, government aid to states and a future program of public works.

"In the field of banking, cor-

### Exciting Welcome



Lillian Harvey, famed European screen star, arrived in Hollywood just in time to meet the situation of 50% salary cuts of motion picture stars and the earthquake, completely upsetting her social plans.

rection of existing abuses was discussed."

Senator Norris, Republican of Nebraska, a Roosevelt supporter and long a champion of government operation of Muscle Shoals, said the power and Muscle Shoals issue had not been brought up directly in the conference.