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Bonding Co. Denies Lyerly Liability LAUNCH COTTON CUT DRIVE MONDAY

Tax Levy Invalid, Claimed

Answer Filed In City's Suit To Recover \$25,000.00

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The Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company has filed answer to suit recently instituted by the City of Salisbury to recover approximately \$25,000.00 alleged to have been embezzled by George M. Lyerly from the city while serving as tax collector and treasurer.

Answer to the complaint filed by the city is a voluminous brief consisting of 22 typewritten pages. A brief summary of answer filed by defendant being as follows:

1. Denial of any and all liability.

2. Alleges that no valid levy of taxes was ever made during period referred to in complaint.

3. Alleges that Lyerly had no authority to collect any of the sums alleged to have been embezzled and that the city was not entitled to receive same.

4. Alleges that on November 27, 1929 the city council placed in effect a new regulation relieving Lyerly either as treasurer or tax collector of the duty or authority to receive, collect or handle any city money whatever and imposed said duties on the general cashier.

The defendant company further alleges:

(A) That it was the duty of the plaintiff prior to and during the period alleged to have been covered by defendant bond, to provide an opportunity to all persons owning property in the city of Salisbury to list for taxation the property so owned by them in said city of Salisbury, to furnish blanks for the purpose and a tax lister who would afford to every property owner in the city the opportunity to list his property; that at no time during the period covered by this defendant's bond, nor for some years prior thereto, were the property owners of the city of Salisbury afforded an opportunity to list or return their property for purpose of taxation, the answer alleges.

(B) That it was the duty of the plaintiff, after affording to the property owners of the city of Salisbury the opportunity to list their property for taxation, to revise, if necessary, the assessment roll based thereon and endorse the same with an order directed to the City Tax Collector for their collection that upon information and belief the plaintiff failed to endorse any assessment or tax list or roll with an order authorizing the collection thereof; that it failed to place any tax list or tax or assessment roll in the hands of said tax collector or any other person for collection, and it likewise failed for some years prior to and during the en-

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NEWS BRIEFS

HIRE 10,000 ON N. C. ROADS

With the \$11,000 available for North Carolina road building under the federal public works program, some 10,000 men will be employed, estimates the state highway chairman. First contracts will be let in July.

TEXTILIST DIES IN WRECK

Harry Dribben, New York textilist, was instantly killed, and J. E. Hardin, mill superintendent of Greensboro, was badly hurt in the overturning of a car five miles west of Morehead City. A tire blew out and the machine catapulted into roadside thickets.

GREENSBORO BOY SUICIDE

Frank S. Dupuy, 16, killed himself with a pistol shot into the right temple, in the home of Greensboro relatives. A note gave no cause for his despondency.

HELD FOR ATTACK ON CHILD

Sam Curtis, 35, is held in jail in Sanford in default of \$5,000 bond for attempting a criminal assault on a 12-year-old girl.

CUT N. C. COTTON HEAVILY

I. O. Schaub, extension dean at State college, has been designated state chief for action in the week beginning June 26, to retire 400,000 acres of cotton in the state, in line with the federal farm credit administration's plan to retire 10,000,000 acres in the cotton states.

ODELL BOYLES SENTENCED

Convicted of attempt to extort \$20,000 from Joseph F. Cannon, of Concord, by threats to kidnap Cannon's sons and granddaughter, Odell C. Boyles was last week sentenced by Judge Ackerman in Atlanta federal court to serve 10 years in prison.

MINISTER DIES IN CRASH

In collision of two autos at Wendell, June 15, Rev. J. Frank Armstrong, Rutherfordton, was fatally hurt and Rev. E. C. Kolb, Windsor, injured.

OFFERS AID TO BANKS

The federal farm credit administration is prepared to aid closed banks in securing cash on farm mortgages by full payment and converting the mortgages into the new long-term and low-interest loans by the department of agriculture. Some \$50,000,000 is to be so paid to Wisconsin banks at early date.

\$150,000,000 FOR CROP CUTS

The department of agriculture is planning to pay cotton and wheat farmers \$150,000,000 in bonuses and rentals for acreage reduction of the present crops.

EASTMAN HAS HIGH POST

Joseph B. Eastman, long the most liberal member of the interstate commerce commission, was named by the president as the coordinator to effect wideflung consolidations and economics in the nations railroad system.

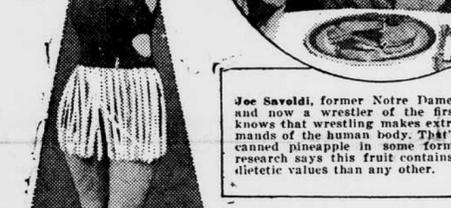
THIS WEEK'S NEWS VIEWS



Dr. Harold Willis Dedds, professor of politics, is the new president of Princeton University. He is 44 years old the second head of that school not a Presbyterian divine. Woodrow Wilson was the first.



Picking the Dental Charm Girl—Miss Lillian Dillard, (left) Northwestern University coed, of Birmingham, Ala., has been chosen the "Dental Charm Girl" for a Century of Progress Exposition, where she appears as "Miss Ipana." Frances Ingram, famous beauty consultant, is shown with Randolph Bishop, artist, passing on the winner's "dental personality."



Joe Savoldi, former Notre Dame football star and now a wrestler of the first magnitude, knows that wrestling makes extraordinary demands of the human body. That's why he eats canned pineapple in some form daily. Food research says this fruit contains more known dietetic values than any other.



Cordell Hull, Secretary of State in the Roosevelt cabinet, heads the U. S. delegation to the World Economic Conference at London. Early promises for agreements of far-reaching importance faded away as the conference convened.



Twenty-three of America's most noted aviatrixes, which included housewives, mothers, society girls and even a registered nurse competed in the air races at New York for the Annette Gibson cash award. Henrietta Sumner of Los Angeles won flying 45 miles in 17 minutes.

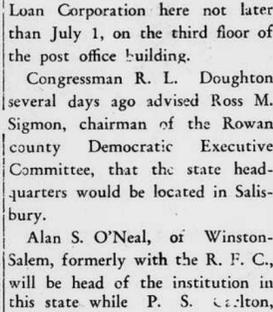
Open Home Owners Loan Corp. Here July First; P. S. Carlton Tendered Post Chief Counsel

Coolidge-Woodring



Miss Helen Coolidge, of Fitchburg, Mass., daughter of U. S. Senator Marcus A. and Mrs. Coolidge, is to become the bride of Assistant Secretary of War, Harry A. Woodring of Kansas and former governor of that state.

Rheba or Aimee?



Rumor at Los Angeles, has it that Rheba Spivaco, above, "The Angel of Broadway" will succeed Aimee Semple McPherson-Hutton as head of the famed Angelus Temple there. The latter is now on a world tour.

FOUR DIE IN MORGANTON FIRE

Fire swept rapidly through a Morganton mill home early Sunday, taking the life of Bill Smith, 72, Bill Smith, 27, Bill Smith, Jr., five, and Alice Smith, 45.

WILMINGTON FIRE CHIEF KILLED

Fire Chief Charles Schibben, of Wilmington, died from hurts sustained when his car turned over three times. He was hastening to a fire.

EUROPE PAYS EIGHT PER CENT

On June 15 the European nations paid only 8 per cent on the \$144,180,000 due in war debt installments. Finland was the only one to pay in full. Great Britain paid \$10,000,000, Italy \$1,000,000 while France, Poland, Belgium and others defaulted.

SOCIALISTS DENIED OFFICE

Munich, Germany. — Socialists were barred from all municipal offices by orders of the Nazi state government.

LOBBY COST \$82,006

A total of \$82,006 was spent for lobbying activities in the last sitting of the general assembly, with \$53,696 paid to 67 specially employed lobbyists and expenses of \$28,310 paid to 94 persons.

GOOD MORNING

I WONDER
A woman's love is true forever;
A man's is short and false.
For when my mama bugs my pa,
He wipes his mouth and coughs!

I can not understand why Pa
Does not like Ma's embrace.
I know it can't be just because
She's got "snuff" stains on her
face!

THE REASON FOR THAT

She—What kind of a car have you?
He—I've got a Dawn.
She—A Dawn?
He—Yes, it breaks every morning.

"Do you remember when a girl was proud of having a wasplike waist?"
"I ought to remember it; that was when I got stung."

LITTLE WILLIE may be right. He told teacher the future tense of "to get" is "to have."

SERVING NOTICE

Mr. Meeker: "Striking a woman is the last thing I would do."
Mrs. Meeker (sternly): "It sure would be if I was the woman."

GREAT GAME

Late Arrival at ball grounds:
"What's the score?"
Friend: "Nothing to nothing."
Late Arrival: "Say that must be a good game. Huh?"
Friend: "Don't know. It hasn't started yet."

Judge—This lady says you tried to speak to her on the dock.
Sailor—It was a mistake. I was looking for a shipmate's girl, whom I had never seen before, but who'd been described to me a handsome blonde with classic features, fine complexion, perfect figure, beautifully dressed, and—
Witness—I don't care to prosecute the gentleman. Anyone might have made the same mistake.

WELL, THERE IS this to be said for controlled currency: Not many married men will notice the difference.

Father—"Isn't that young man rather fast?"
Daughter—"Yes, but I don't think he'll get away."

IT ISN'T the interest investors mind losing so much as it is the principal of the thing.

Headline: "Husband Leaves in Midst of Wife's Bridge Party; Disappeared."
Just a fugitive from the chin gang.

ONE OF LIFE'S sad experiences: Always to find that the elevator that isn't crowded doesn't stop at your floor.

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10 Million Reduction Requested

Farmer Offered Money To Plow Up Part Of Crop

TAX LEVY AUG. 1

A campaign will be started in the south next Monday when growers will be asked to sign contracts to rent cotton lands at from \$6 an acre up, depending on the average past yields and estimated production of the land this year.

The farmer can either offer to take an outright cash payment for plowing up portions of his crop or can take a smaller rental and obtain in addition an option on about 2,400,000 bales in an amount equal to the estimated output of the land he retires from production.

These options will be offered him at six cents a pound or nearly three cents below the current market price. He may order these options exercised at any time up to next January, his profit being the difference between the six cents and the price cotton is selling for at the time he sells.

Secretary Wallace said operation of the whole plan was contingent upon the degree of co-operation shown by growers during the week's campaign to obtain contracts.

Unless Wallace is certain that he can take a large amount of cotton out of production, equivalent to at least 2,000,000 bales production, he is not prepared to proceed further with the plan.

However, he indicated that he was confident of the success of the campaign and his associates said there was virtually no doubt but that the plan would be employed and that about \$100,000,000 would be distributed in rentals to growers in the next few months.

Wallace will use about \$54,000,000 from the \$200,000,000 made available by the farm act and subsequent laws to acquire full title to cotton on which government loans were made by the farm board and other agencies. He is making settlement for the cotton, which is under the control of the new farm credit administration, at the rate of 9 1/2 cents a pound.

Wallace, in whose name the pool cotton will be held, may sell any portion of it he desires up to March 1, 1936, when the law requires that he must complete disposition of it.

While fixing a 2,000,000,000-bale minimum, Wallace hopes to take out of production land capable of producing at least 3,000,000 bales.

The rate of the processing tax will be announced shortly before August 1 and after Wallace has (Please turn to back page)

Sales Tax To Go Into Effect On July First

On July 1, the new three per cent general sales tax will go into effect in North Carolina at 12:01 A. M., with the hope of raising approximately \$9,000,000 a year in revenue, going far toward balancing the 1933-35 budget and supporting the state's eight months school term.

The tax will be levied on all retail sales of merchandise except those of "necessary foods." Entitled, "Emergency Revenue Act—to provide for the deficit in operating expenses of the state government and protect its credit; to provide a balanced budget for the ensuing biennium; to provide additional tax relief through a uniform state-wide public school system without any tax on property," it was enacted by the 1933 legislature.

"The tax was levied as a license or privilege tax for engaging or (Please turn to back page)

Do You Know The Answer?

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1. What is the genus homo?
2. When a body combines with oxygen and is seemingly destroyed, what is the process called?
3. Name the largest city in Wisconsin.
4. What month and day has been substituted for March 4, by constitutional amendment for the inauguration of future Presidents?
5. What river was spanned by the famous Milvian bridge?
6. Who wrote "Comedy of Errors"?
7. What and where is Tutuila?
8. For whom is Cornell university named?
9. What is fiat money?
10. What is the derivation of the word comet?