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## INTERESTING NEWS AND VIEWS

"An Exaggeration."  
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"The Brown Derby"

Cornered by this scribe and asked for a statement regarding his purported candidacy for the lower house of the general assembly, Harvey C. Renegar, local attorney, vouchsafed that he is at this time without any political designs whatever.

"I am placed somewhat in a similar position to Mark Twain," said Mr. Renegar, "who in answer to rumors of his demise stated 'the report of my death has been greatly exaggerated.' In similar vein, I wish to advise," added Mr. Renegar, "that reports of my candidacy have been greatly exaggerated."

However, the local barrister did not say he will not be a candidate. He merely said he is not at present a candidate.

Like the ancient Cincinnatus, who, when his country was in peril, always answered the call of the flag, Mr. Renegar, likewise, if drafted by those who believe he can save his county and his State, will hardly fail to heed the call. Anyhow, the "Gentleman at the Keyhole" has him spotted as one with a penchant for public service.

### CHAIN LETTERS.

Speaking of the chain letter epidemic, existence of which we learn from our favorite semi-weekly, we are again reminded of Mr. Renegar.

He relates of having received one of these communications recently. "This letter," he said, "had already gone to eight or ten persons before coming to me. It seemed that those sending it on its rounds had hand-picked lawyers and bankers as parties likely to welcome it. Of those who had received it before me, all were either of the legal profession or banking fraternity."

"What did you do with it, send it to some other lawyer or banker?" he was asked.

"Absolutely not," he thundered, "I threw it into the waste basket."

**TOURIST INCREASE**  
"The volume of tourist traffic through Sanford has, I believe, advanced fully fifty per cent in the last two weeks," said Alderman W. R. Makepeace yesterday.

Asked for an explanation Mr. Makepeace told about a recent trip to Pinehurst. "I was at one of the hotels there," he said, "and, as a matter of course, inquired about the tourist trade. My informant, who happened to be a hotel manager, said it was rotten, adding that what he thought was needed to bolster it up was 'about a three foot snow up in New England.' I do not know whether there has been a snow up there but my opinion is that the increased flock of tourists coming this way is due to the fact that winter has at last arrived in Massachusetts and other far-northern sections of the country."

And this should be a plausible reason for the throngs of tourists that now window-shop here. Commenting on the annual phenomenon, this migration from north to south, Pat H. St. Clair, president of the Kiwanis club, says:

"Now that the weather has changed many tourists are passing through Sanford over Federal Highway No. 1 on their way to Southern Pines, Pinehurst and the Florida resorts. Many of these are wealthy tourists and are traveling in handsome, high-priced cars. There is nothing about their appearance suggestive of 'hard-times.' Bobby Burns, proprietor of the service station at Three Points, tells me there are more tourists of the wealthy class passing through Sanford at this time than in three or four years. They are going over this route instead of other routes as they did in past years. Often the Carolina and Wilrik hotels are pretty well crowded with tourists who stop here for the night."

### SMITH STOCK DECLINES

Numbering Lee as one of the few political units in North Carolina to swear by his candidacy three years ago, former Governor Alfred E. Smith is, nevertheless, on the decline here as a popular favorite. The "Happy Warrior," while still having many warm political friends here, is discounted as a candidate for the presidential nomination, few believing that he can muster sufficient strength in the Democratic national convention to put the nomination under his belt.

Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt is probably Sanford's favorite candidate, with Owen D. Young running a good second. In the rural districts, William G. McAdoo still has some support and, frequently the name of "Alafalfa Bill" Murray, colorful governor of Oklahoma, is heard mentioned. Other favorite candidates about Sanford are Newton D. Baker, Governor Byrd, and Governor Ritchie.

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# OBSERVERS SCENT HARD FIGHT LOOMING AHEAD FOR SENATE

## FREAKY WEATHER UPSETS MOTHER NATURE'S PROGRAM THROUGH HERE

Spring weather has prevailed in this section most of the winter and as a result a second crop of various kinds of fruit and other things started developing, and in some instances were almost ready to ripen when the heavy frost on Wednesday morning cut things short. We are informed that strawberries were blooming and a few more days of warm weather would have found them ripening. Tobacco seed came up in the fields and up to this time the planters were afraid to bed their tobacco seed for fear they would be killed by the cold weather later in the winter season. Up to this week this has been a remarkably mild winter. Mr. C. W. Mc

Manus, a car mechanic, tells The Express that one day last week after repairing a school truck he carried to Broadway, and to his astonishment before he reached that place a swarm of bees settled on his truck. Mr. E. J. McCain, who is authority on bees, says this is the first time he has heard of bees coming out of their winter hibernation. However, bees have been working on flowers that bloomed since warm weather set in. Cats have brought in lizards and til this week it looked like spring would run from one to two months ahead of time. The weather man says we may expect regular winter weather for the next few weeks.

## BYERLY TO HEAD LEE DEMOCRATIC DRIVE FOR FUNDS

Shaping Names Young Sanford Attorney Chairman Victory Fund Committee.

### NAME ASSISTANTS SOON

Democracy To Conduct Nationwide Drive For Funds To Finance the Campaign.

S. Ray Byerly, young Sanford attorney, was named Saturday as county chairman of the Democratic Victory Fund Campaign committee for Lee by C. L. Shuping, of Greensboro, chairman of the State committee.

In accordance with the plans of the Democratic organization, Mr. Byerly will appoint a member for each voting precinct in the county, who, together, will compose the personnel of the Lee county committee. Chairmen appointed for neighboring counties are: S. R. Hoyle, Moore; Wade Barbour, Chatham; Neil McK. Salmon, Harnett.

### MILITANT CANVASS.

The North Carolina organization, it is pointed out by Mr. Shuping, is now in a position to go ahead with the campaign. He says that in addition to receiving the enthusiastic acceptance of the one hundred members of the General State Committee, the personnel of which was announced several weeks ago and one hundred county chairmen, campaign workers have been tentatively selected in practically every one of the approximately two thousand precincts in the State and that he expects within a short time that workers numbering many thousands will be actively canvassing on behalf of the Victory Fund Campaign.

## GILLIAM HASN'T BROKEN TRACES

Got A Big Kick Out of Seeing Al Smith and Raskob But Refuses Invitation.

Some of the Republican friends of former Postmaster John W. Gilliam charge him with threatening to quit the Republican party and climb on the Democratic band wagon hoping that should that party be successful at the polls this fall he will have an opportunity to remain at the pie counter. We here and now proclaim to all the world that it would be about as difficult for John Gilliam to be a Democrat as it would for a giraffe to live without his neck. The thing not only goes to the bone, but includes the bone. We did not think our readers would take The Express seriously in what it said about Mr. Gilliam going to Washington some three weeks ago for the purpose of looking around to see what could be done about joining the Democratic party hoping thereby to get a job should that party take charge at Washington after the fall election. Mr. Gilliam called The Express man to his office the other day to discuss the paragraph that was published in these columns about that trip to the Capitol City. He stated that he went to Washington but that the trip was in connection with the pulp wood business and was not of a political nature. However, he stated that he stopped at the hotel where the Jackson Day dinner was held and got a kick out of seeing John J. Raskob and Alfred E. Smith. The Express happens to know that he had an invitation to that dinner, but for some reason failed to attend. If every Republican in Lee county is as securely anchored to that party as John W. Gilliam the Republicans can rest assured that they will never lose a man.

## MINOR PROPOSALS

Suggestions that a new roof be placed over the chemical building at the water power plant, and a new fence around the water reservoir were at first given a cordial hearing. These matters were pressed before the board because the present roof of the chemical building no longer serves as a water barrier and because the fence around the reservoir, which is constructed of wood, is said to be all but ready to tumble in the lake. A thorough hearing of the matter, however, brought forth other angles to these problems. It was maintained that the roof was not beyond repair and that the fence yet had a couple of years of life left. Too, it was pointed out that the city is still in the throes of the depression. Upon thorough consideration it was decided to defer these matters for a future time.

Ernest Kennedy, of Greensboro, spent the week end here with friends. Messrs. James Pleasants and Walter Porter, of Carthage, were business visitors here Tuesday.

## CITY OFFICIALS FACE HEAVY TASK NEXT FEW MONTHS

Accrued Principal and Interest On maturing Notes Will Reach Large Sum.

### TAX COLLECTIONS SLOW

Officials Are Confident, However, City Will Rally To Front In Emergency.

Financial obligations to the extent of \$45,500.00, which represent the principal and interest due on maturing notes, and which must be retired as they come due, is the huge task that will face officials of the City of Sanford between now and June 1. This, among other matters, came up for discussion at a meeting of the aldermanic board, over which Mayor Williams presided, Tuesday evening.

"Sanford has never failed an obligation," said Mayor Williams in commenting upon the task in city affairs, "and she will not this time, although admittedly, the collection of sufficient funds to meet our obligations in the imminent future appears at this time a superhuman task. To fail to go over the top in the payment of this year's indebtedness would be a reflection upon Sanford's financial stability for the next fifty years."

### TO PUSH COLLECTIONS

Sanford's annual tax levy, it was brought out, totals over \$61,000 per year. This amount, this year, will be brought up to slightly over \$120,000 when water plant services, street assessments, and privilege taxes are added. Of this amount, it was said, \$70,000 is collectible between now and June 1. The city has over \$12,000 on hand. Something of the seriousness of the situation may be gathered from the fact that though nearly seven months of the fiscal year are past, only slightly more than ten per cent of the amount due the city this year has thus far been collected. Mayor Williams remarked during the course of the meeting that at this period of the fiscal year, the collections should amount at least to 54 per cent of the total due the city.

The board met last night only for consideration of routine matters, a review of the city's finances not having been slated for discussion. Mayor Williams, however, as has been characteristic of his three terms as mayor, believes in measuring the depth of the stream before attempting to cross it, and talk of fiscal matters was injected only as a means of being prepared for future contingencies, he asserted.

Hand your donations to Miss Judith Ross, treasurer of the fund, at Page Trust Co., regardless of how small it is the contribution will be appreciated.

## CONTRIBUTE TO MEMORIAL FUND

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## OPEN LOCAL UNIT OF UNITED BANK TO GET PAYMENTS

Headquarters Unit and Its Three Branches Will Observe Regular Hours.

### CLAIMS MUST BE PROVED

T. M. Condon Named As Liquidating Agent of Bank.

The local unit of the United Bank and Trust Co., which closed its doors on Wednesday, December 30th, will open its doors from the parent institution located at Greensboro, on Monday morning at 9 o'clock for the purpose of receiving payment on notes, the filing of claims and the transaction of other business connected with the liquidation of the bank.

This step follows the arrangement made Saturday by Ernest W. Staples, liquidating agent of the institution.

Simultaneously, Mr. Staples announced the appointment of T. M. Condon as assistant liquidating agent here. Mr. Condon was in charge when the bank opened here Monday.

Whether the bank will be opened permanently is a matter that must be deferred for decision until the audit, now underway, has been completed. Dispatches from Greensboro indicate that everything that may possibly be done toward making it possible for the bank to reopen is being done.

Although the audit of the bank which is being made by A. Lee Raxwings and Company of Raleigh, certified public accountants, has not yet been completed, it has progressed to such a point that statement showing the condition of the accounts of the customers are being mailed out to them.

### MUST FILE CLAIMS

These statements are accompanied by proof of claim forms to be executed by customers. Along with the formal proof forms, which must be notarized, customers must present savings pass books, Christmas savings club books, certificates of deposit of any other evidence of indebtedness which they possess, these to be filed with the claims. Attention is being called to the fact that the claims should cover all indebtedness—certificates of deposit, cashier's checks and all other items.

In order to assist in the proving of claims a notary public will be on duty regularly at the bank.

To safeguard against loss due to tardiness in filing, all customers are being requested to file their claims promptly. Under the law they must be filed prior to April 15, it was stated yesterday.

The vault containing safety deposit boxes will be open regularly from day to day during the hours that the bank is open.

### WHERE PERMITTED BY LAW, IT WAS STATED YESTERDAY CUSTOMERS MAY OFFSET THEIR INDEBTEDNESS TO THE BANK WITH THEIR DEPOSITS THERE.

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## MILLER BOYS, HELD HERE ON AUTO THEFT CHARGE, LEAVE BY ESCORT

Without revealing the slightest inclination toward remorse over their misdeeds Fred Miller 17, and Phillip Miller, 16, were delivered last night into the custody of police officers from South Hill, Va., from which city the Imperial Chrysler coupe which the two lads wrecked here Tuesday night is alleged to have been stolen.

As he climbed into the car in which he and his confederate were to be returned to the Virginia city, Fred Miller remarked that he suffered no pangs of conscience for having stolen the automobile but did regret that he would be unable, as he had planned, to spend the winter in Florida, to which point the youths were en route when apprehended here.

The Millers stated they were orphans from Washington, D. C., that they had stolen a car in that city and started on their journey to Florida, that upon arriving in South Hill, Va., they espied a heavier and more attractive car, and taking possession of it, left the lighter car on the streets of South Hill.

The high-light of their adventure was enacted here, when, upon information from Raleigh police that two youths were traveling toward Sanford in a stolen car, local police successfully intercepted their journey at

## DR. PALMER, NOTED CHATHAM DOCTOR, PASSES AT HOME

Belonged To Generation In Which Country Doctor Was A Moving Spirit.

PRACTICED MANY YEARS Funeral For Deceased Held At Church In Which He Was A Devoted Member.

Dr. Robert W. Palmer, who was unable to practice his profession for some little time before his death on account of declining health, passed away at his home at Gulf last Thursday afternoon. While it was generally known that he was critically ill the announcement of this good physician's death was a great shock to his host of friends throughout this section where he had gone in and out among the people in both a professional capacity and as a friend so many years. All who had been served by him felt the great loss in his passing.

A great throng of people from all walks of life attended the funeral which was held in the Gulf Presbyterian church last Friday afternoon. The services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. C. L. Wicker, assisted by Dr. R. C. Gilmore, of Greensboro. At the conclusion of the services in the church the remains were borne to the cemetery near by where the interment was made among relatives who had preceded him to the grave. The active pallbearers were: D. E. Murchison, J. R. Moore, C. D. Martin, of Gulf; E. L. Cole, of Carbondon; Wade Barber, of Pittsboro; and John H. Kennedy, of Cumcock. Honorary pallbearers were the members of the Lee County Medical Society, the staff of the Lee County Hospital, and J. M. McIver, and M. J. Jordan, of Gulf; C. R. Jordan, of Elizabethtown; E. G. McIver, of Durham, Dr. J. L. Jordan, of Bonlee, and Dr. M. R. Gibson, of Raleigh. The hymns from the Lee County Hospital acted as flower bearers. The grave was covered with a wealth of beautiful floral offerings from many friends.

Surviving are his wife, who was Miss Edna Russell, of Gulf; three daughters, Miss Mary Lacy, Katherine and Margaret Palmer, three sons, Arch W., Herbert and Robert Palmer; three sisters, Mrs. J. Martin Wilcox, of Carbondon; Mrs. M. McKelley and Mrs. Graham Tyson, of Moore county; two brothers, Orren Palmer, of Gulf, and Edward Palmer, of St. Johns, New Brunswick.

Dr. Palmer was the son of the late Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Palmer, of Gulf, and a great-grand-son of Col. Robert Palmer, Col. Palmer was head of the English colony that settled at Bath, N. C., and erected St. Thomas Episcopal church which is still standing. His wife, Lady Margaret Palmer, being buried under the church building.

Dr. Palmer studied at the Baltimore College of Physicians and Surgeons, graduated at Louisville Medical College, served his internship in Johns Hopkins Hospital and took post graduate work at the Poly-clinic Hos-

pital in New York City. He was a member of the American Medical Association and the North Carolina Medical Society. He was a member of the Lee County Medical Society and the Lee County Hospital. He was a member of the Lee County Hospital. He was a member of the Lee County Hospital.

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The attorney general has not as yet been requested to take action with respect to the appointment of a district attorney in the middle judicial district, where Mr. Gavin, the present official, is understood to be making a fight to retain the position, but for which the Republican state committee has recommended the appointment of J. R. McCrary, of Lexington. The idea now is to take no action on the state committee recommendation here until the Foster case shall have been disposed of, and this course, it is suspected, is more or less agreeable to some of those connected with the state committee, who think it would be wise to permit Mr. Gavin to finish the case he has started, but who, in the last analysis, will line up with McCrary. They regard Foster as a victim of adverse circumstances, however the charges may appear against him in court.

### OUTCOME IN DOUBT

At any rate, this may prove one of the major disturbances in the Republican household; this effort of Gavin to hold onto his position, and the effort of the state committee to put him out, and put McCrary in. How this contest may eventuate may depend somewhat on what the court does with the Foster case, and whether the state committee emerges from this prosecution with clear skirts, and whether the Republican organization is discredited in any degree by charges that have been made by Senator

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