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CONTEMPLATING POLITICAL SUICIDE.

The cards, an inside rumor from Raleigh has it, are stacked against Governor Gardner's plan to reduce salaries of public workers in North Carolina. Maybe they are, but our idea is that those who do the stacking, if they are stacked, will realize before the year is over that Governor Gardner isn't the only one favoring that measure.

Back home, in the home counties of every representative and senator in Raleigh, the majority of the people, hard pressed farmers and harassed business men, are for a reduction in State expense. It is pretty generally agreed that about the only way to cut is to cut salaries as the Governor proposes. The income of farmers, the income of business men, and the salaries and wages of practically all working men and women back in the home counties of the law-makers have been cut. Why blame them, then, these people who are already feeling the effects of the times, if they are inclined to be riled if the Gardner economy program is throttled in a committee room, lobbied to death in some smoke-filled hotel room in Raleigh, or voted down on the floor. The citizens of North Carolina—and by that expression we mean that great group of average, hard-working people, the salt of the earth—will be wanting to know and demanding to know, we believe, the names of the men who kill that measure, if it is killed. And once they know the goose of others may be cooked as seems to be that of the lieutenant-governor and would-be governor who is already classed as bucking the Gardner reduction plans.

Expenses cannot be cut without cutting the overhead. Cutting hurts, but back home the cuts have already been made, and back home the people are saying that those who work in, out of, and as result of Raleigh may as well get ready to take their medicine. It's only fair.—Cleveland Star.

THE VALUE OF TREES.

The writer has long been distressed over the general disregard of the beauty and value of a tree. We have seen fine trees, probably the product of a hundred years of growth, removed to make way for a trivial improvement like a sidewalk, a small home, or a curb. We have seen many beautiful avenues of trees along our highways ruthlessly mangled to give the right of way to telephone and electric lines.

Probably this utter disregard for the value and beauty of trees goes back to the lumbering days when a tree was nothing more than so many feet of saw logs. But happily these days are passing.

The appearance of many houses in Forest City have been improved greatly in late years by the planting and growing of countless numbers of beautiful shade trees, but such efforts on the part of property owners need continuous encouragement. It is probably difficult to measure the value of trees to a piece of property, but it is safe to say that fine trees should add at least \$1,000 to the value of any home.

If the average prospective buyer had the alternative of two identical houses, with one set on a barren piece of land and the other located in a setting of fine shade trees, he would unquestionably take the latter at a considerably higher price.

BREVITIES

The Gray Drug Co. has just installed one of the latest and most up-to-date Robert M. Green soda fountains and made other improvements in their store here.

It rained Monday, but one of Forest City's foremost merchants says his firm had one of the biggest days for several months. Many were attracted to town on account of the Trade Day bargains offered by our merchants. A special effort will be made to make next Trade Day one of the biggest and best in the history of the city. People all over the county have begun to note the special bargains offered here on Trade Day.

His many friends were delighted to see Mr. W. P. Chaney, popular manager of the A&P store, on the streets yesterday, following a severe illness of several days.

The municipal campaign has opened up and it won't be long now until many more candidates will throw their hats into the ring. This year, more than ever, it behooves the voters to use good judgment in the selection of the city's representatives. We must have the best material for Mayor and Board of Aldermen, as the critical times through which we are passing makes it imperative to have good men at the helm.

Dr. R. L. Reinhardt and Mr. Mayes Flack were all smiles last Friday. On Thursday these fishermen par excellence made a great catch at Bridgewater, five of the finny tribe netting 22 pounds.

Work is rapidly progressing on a handsome new home being built by Mr. Reuben (McBryner) on King street. Others should build now while materials and labor are cheap.

Mrs. Robert Hair, of Pineville, N. C., was the week-end guest of her father, Mr. J. B. Long.

DOUBLE FUNERAL AT MT. VERNON

Mrs. Lou Geer and Small Son of G. W. McKinney Buried Tuesday at Mt. Vernon Church.

Rutherfordton, R-4, Feb. 11—Mrs. Lou Geer, aged 78, died at the home of her son, Edwin Geer, on this route Sunday night after an illness of several months. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock at Mt. Vernon Baptist church, with Rev. C. L. Taylor, the pastor, in charge, assisted by Rev. D. J. Hunt, Rev. E. P. White and Rev. J. W. Parker. Interment was in the Mt. Vernon cemetery.

Mrs. Geer is survived by three children, two sons and one daughter, Solomon Geer, of California, and Edwin Geer and Miss Sally Geer, at home. Two brothers survive. They are Clarence Briscoe, of Rutherfordton, R-4; and Phillip Briscoe, of Seneca, S. C.

Mrs. Geer was a staunch member of the Baptist church, joining when she was twelve years of age.

Funeral services were also held at the same time for the two years old son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. McKinney, of near Spindale. The child died Monday in the hospital.

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.

The annual meeting of the stockholders, Forest City Building and Loan Association, will be held in the City Hall on Tuesday evening, March 3, 1931.

W. L. BROWN, Treas.

ELLENBORO HOUSE BURNS.

Ellenboro, Feb. 9.—The home and furnishings of Mr. and Mrs. Brack Padgett, living on the Bostic Road, were burned Sunday morning at 2 o'clock. It is not known how the fire started, but supposed to have started from defective light wiring of the house. The home was a wooden structure, newly erected, seven rooms and modern in equipment. The valuation was around \$5,000, partly covered by insurance. The family escaped without injury.

Men's socks, 25c quality. Special Saturday, 10c pair. Courtney's Ten Cent Store.

MOTION FOR NON-SUIT IN BANK CASES OVERRULED

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W. S. Coursey, chief auditor, who testified as to the deficit in the capital stock, also told the court that the bank's account with its correspondent bank, the Commercial National bank of High Point, was overdrawn continuously from December 19, 1929, until February 1, 1930, all the way from \$10,000 to \$65,000.

Coursey also testified that for 47 days previous to the closing of the bank, the bank's reserve was deficient, as he made a five months examination of the reserve.

Account Worthless.

During his testimony he said that Chimney Rock Mountains, Inc., owed the Rutherford bank \$31,199.47 when it closed and that he considered this account worthless.

Coursey followed Dr. J. D. Biggs, liquidating agent, to the witness stand. He was still on the stand when court adjourned Friday night Saturday Session.

The trial was resumed Saturday morning with W. S. Coursey, chief auditor, on the stand. The State kept the witness all the morning.

Coursey gave the liabilities of each defendant, which in two instances amounted to over \$200,000 each, as revealed in the records of the closed bank. He read a long list of indorsements of the various defendants with corporations and mountain resort developments, while Solicitor Pless read a list of judgments against various defendants on record here.

A deed of trust from the Chimney Rock Mountains, Incorporated, to the Central Bank and Trust Co., of Asheville, dated September 1, 1926, for \$3,000,000, known as first and refunding mortgage in which some of the defendants had indorsed was introduced into court by the witness. One hundred and eighty-nine different tracts of land were named in the deed. This was introduced by the State to show the insolvency of the bank, as it affected some of its leading depositors and some of the directors.

The evidence Saturday morning consisted mainly of a mass of figures. The State did not finish with the second witness. Court adjourned at 1 p. m., until 10 o'clock Monday morning.

Insolvency Related.

The State scored another point Monday in the trial. W. S. Coursey, chief auditor and expert witness, was on the stand all day. The state completed its questioning of Coursey at 11:30 a. m. Attorneys C. R. Hoey, Charles W. Tillett, and S. P. Dunagan questioned the witness all the afternoon for the defense.

Coursey stated that the Rutherford County Bank and Trust Co., was insolvent February 1, 1930, and that the Commercial bank, which was consolidated with the Citizens bank, February 1, 1928 into the Rutherford County Bank and Trust Co. was insolvent and had it closed when it consolidated would not have paid the depositors as much as the defunct Rutherford County bank will pay.

He stated that the bank was insolvent after it consolidated. He said that W. B. Walker, cashier of the defunct Rutherford County bank told him after it closed that they were gone when they consolidated, while the president, J. L. Taylor said they had had an up hill go and the run and financial depression caused them to decide to close it. Attorneys for defense brought out the amount each defendant had paid on his obligations to the defunct bank from June 1928 until it closed February 4, 1930.

Attorneys for the state in the trial of five officers and directors of the defunct bank rested their cases Tuesday afternoon, and the defense made a motion for non-suit against the defendants. Judge Hoyle Sink did not give his decision at that time.

A point of law was argued as to one defendant, T. F. Oats, who was a director of the defunct bank, as to whether or not he was an officer. The other four defendants were both officers and directors.

Attorneys for the defense argued that a director is not necessarily an officer, while the state claims that a director is an officer. This argument will be resumed tomorrow morning. This was a new point of law for this state, attorneys stated. Attorneys for the defense scored

a point this morning when they showed that some of the defendants arranged to pay their notes and stock assessment before warrants were issued or soon after the bank closed.

Mack Wiggins, state bank examiner, most important witness of the day, declared that in his opinion the bank was insolvent a year before it closed. He admitted on cross-examination, however, that a report of state bank examiners, made December 4, 1929, which reached Rutherfordton January 15, 1930, a short time before the bank closed, showed that the bank was solvent as of December 4, 1929.

396 County Claims Go To Commission

Raleigh, Feb. 7.—During the first 13 months of the existence of the North Carolina industrial commission, there were 396 accident cases reported and approved under the workmen's compensation act in Rutherford county, it was announced today. The commission was created by the act establishing workmen's compensation in this state by the 1929 general assembly.

Claims, amounting to \$18,963 were paid in these accidents.

Buncombe Third.

Among the counties, Buncombe ranked third. Guilford led with 3,134 accidents and \$130,448 in total cost, and Mecklenburg was next with 2,613 and \$121,166.

Reports of the industrial commission's activities were submitted to the general assembly this week. That part of the report, covering western North Carolina, follows:

	No. Of Accidents	Total Cost
Avery	37	\$ 4,114
Buncombe	1,846	103,198
Burke	516	23,388
Catawba	455	19,946
Cherokee	61	5,543
Clay	9	875
Graham	106	13,112
Haywood	590	64,970
Henderson	139	4,513
Jackson	133	20,628
Macon	131	8,338
Madison	57	6,360
McDowell	417	16,546
Mitchell	170	20,095
Polk	21	284
Rutherford	396	18,963
Swain	250	12,194
Transylvania	216	7,716
Yancey	53	2,343

A new project to be started in Avery county this summer contemplates the growing of head lettuce for the late summer market.

A new shipment of ribbon at Courtney's Ten Cent Store.

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Rural Police Law Is Repealed

Representative O. R. Coffield's bill for the repeal of the rural police acts of 1919 and 1921, pertaining to Rutherford county, has passed the General Assembly and will soon become a law. Rural policemen, heretofore appointed by the commissioners, will be no more. Instead, the law provides that not more than two traffic officers may be appointed for the county. All law enforcement is now left in the hands of the sheriff except the control of the traffic officers.

SMART-JONES WEDDING.

Ellenboro, Feb. 10.—Of interest to their many friends is the announcement of the marriage of Miss Louise Smart and Mr. Odell Jones, which took place at the Baptist parsonage Saturday, February 7, with the Rev. Z. D. Harrill officiating. Only a few close friends witnessed the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Smart. She finished her education at the Ellenboro high school in the class of 1929. For the occasion, she was becomingly dressed in tan crepe de chine with accessories harmonizing. She wore a top coat of brown tweed.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Jones of Ellenboro. He is a prosperous young farmer. Following the ceremony, an informal luncheon was given at the home of the bride's parents. They will reside at their country home near Ellenboro.

Vigoro for your lawn. Farmers Hardware Co.

Get Brooder Ready For Early Chicks

Since artificial brooding is recognized by poultrymen as the best method of handling large numbers of early chicks most economically, it is well to have the brooder and house ready for the chicks when they arrive or are hatched from the incubator.

"We find it best to have the brooder going at least three days before the chicks are taken from the incubator," says N. W. Williams, poultryman at State college. "By starting early, we have time to regulate the brooder and check the temperature. In many instances, chicks are chilled from lack of proper heat and care and there is a heavy loss. Keep the brooder at a temperature of 98 degrees at the outer edge. One of the best ways to tell if the chicks are comfortable is to check on them after they have gone to sleep. If they are scattered about the outer edge of the brooder and seem contented, the brooder temperature is correct."

The reason why it is essential to have the temperature correct at the outer edge of the brooder is that the house will get cold towards the early morning and then the chicks may move closer to the stove and stand sufficiently warm, says Mr. Williams. The chick soon learns to move closer in or out as the temperature drops or rises. If the hover temperature is too low, the chicks crowd one another and many are killed.

To get the chicks brooder-wise, it may be necessary to enclose the brooder with a half-inch mesh wire for the first three or four days. This may be removed later.

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