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## CITY MANAGER NAMED BY BOARD AT TUESDAY'S MEETING

James C. Harris, City Manager At Fuquay Springs, Will Fill Vacancy Here. Has Made Good Record At Present Post

TO TAKE OFFICE AUG. 15TH

James C. Harris, City Manager for the past year and a half of Fuquay Springs, N. C., was named to fill a similar vacancy here at a meeting of the Board of Commissioners Tuesday night.

After studying public administration at the University of North Carolina for four years Mr. Harris did research work for the PWA in county and municipal government. Since going to Fuquay he has paid off the indebtedness of the town, collected back taxes due several years, been instrumental in organizing a Business Men's Club, a Fair Association, and promoting a newspaper.

In addition to these accomplishments Mr. Harris was the leading figure in getting work done on the streets of the town and getting a better lighting system. The affairs of the city improved so much under his administration that the citizens voted last fall a bond issue of \$45,000 for a water and sewer system.

He will take over his duties here on August 15th and comes highly recommended by some of the leading citizens of Fuquay Springs. His salary was placed at \$1500, which represents a considerable saving of the salary offered to W. M. Coffin of Henderson, who declined the job.

In all of Mr. Harris's recommendations he is represented as a progressive business man and a live wire in handling the affairs of Fuquay since he has been there. Not only has he been remarkably successful along the lines of his office, but he has done much to awaken the progressiveness of the citizens of the town.

It is felt that the board has done well to name such a wide-awake person to fill this vacancy.

## Heavy Showers Wed. Answers Long Felt Need For Rain

Clouds Were So Dark That The Lights Had To Be Used In Mid Afternoon

Clouds gathered, the thunder rolled and lightning flashed. Then water began to fall, and the plants lifted up their parched mouths to drink freely of the blessed rain that fell in almost torrent proportions here and throughout the county yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon.

The whole sky was covered with heavy, black clouds that so darkened the elements and obscured the sun that it was necessary to use lights in the stores and on automobiles in mid-afternoon.

So far as could be ascertained here the rain seems to have been general throughout all sections of the county. In the Timberlake section they had the first real rain that they have experienced in some time. The southwestern portion of the county has been on the dry order all this season, but they came in for a generous part of the showers that fell Wednesday afternoon.

Though there were some rumors that some sections got half this could not be verified. There have been no reports of any rain in the immediate vicinity of Roxboro.

## MR. CUNNINGHAM A VISITOR TO OUR TOWN

Mr. George L. Cunningham of Winston-Salem was a Roxboro visitor yesterday. He is spending some time in Milton, where his sister, Mrs. Walker, is ill. He is a native of this County, and was for many years the King Bee in politics over in his township. For years this township returned a solid Democratic vote, and to George went the credit for this distinction.

## CONGRESSMAN HANCOCK PASSES THROUGH TOWN

Hon. Frank Hancock and family passed through here yesterday afternoon on their way to Roaring Gap, where the family will spend several weeks.

## Small Blaze At Joyner Chev. Co. Tues. Morning

Fire Broke Out In Trash Pile But Did Little Damage Before Being Under Control

A small blaze that broke out in a trash pile to the rear of C. H. Joyner Chevrolet Company Tuesday morning created quite a bit of excitement but was brought under control before it could do very much damage.

It seems that some one burned trash back there earlier in the morning, but apparently did not extinguish it thoroughly. It caught up again, catching in some waste oil nearby, and blazing up the back end of the building.

It burned through on the rear end, damaging the building slightly, but a sprinkler system installed in the building got into action, and combined with the prompt attention given it by the city fire department, the fire was soon put out.

Nothing inside the structure was damaged.

## Person County Schools To Open Tues., Sept. 10

Uniform Opening Date Set By Education Department.

Will Not Be Changed Unless Conditions Warrant Such A Move

A uniform opening date, Tuesday, September 10th, has been set by the Education Department for all the white schools in Person County. Plans now call for a general teachers conference on the day before the opening, which will take place on Monday, Sept. 9th.

Schools will open on this date unless there is a drastic change in conditions that would seem to point toward the advisability of such change. For instance, if there should develop several cases of Infantile Paralysis during the latter part of this month, that might constitute reason to delay the opening.

But September 10 was set for at least two reasons. By that time much of the hot weather will be on the wane, and as poliomyelitis is essentially a hot weather disease, the danger from it will be greatly reduced. It is also felt that by that date the rental system set up by the last legislature will be well under way, thus enabling children to start to school fully equipped with books on the opening date.

Though it is thought that the Indian and Negro schools will open about the same time, definite plans for these have not been announced as yet.

## Will Back Lindy As Republican 1936 Presidential Nominee

Washington, Aug. 6.—Support in various sections for Charles A. Lindbergh as republican presidential nominee next year was reported today by Robert H. Lucas, former executive director of the party's national committee.

The aviator would not reach 35, the minimum age required by the constitution for service in the presidency, until February, 1937, four months after election time and a month after inauguration.

Two other names written on a questionnaire sent by Lucas to party workers to sound sentiment on nomination possibilities were those of former Governor Winant of New Hampshire, and former Governor Caulfield of Missouri.

The Lucas letter named some of those who have been frequently mentioned to oppose Roosevelt, seeking reaction.

He told reporters today the replies had not yet been tabulated, so he could not give indication of who was leading in the poll.

He doubted that he would make public the poll standing of the candidates as he wished to avoid any injustice.

"The possibilities for the nomination are very scattered," he said. "Lindbergh has been named lots of times."

## Teachers' Pay Increase Fixed At 20 Per Cent

State Board Of Education Eliminates Uncertainty About The Eighth Month

MAKES NO MENTION OF EXPECTED DEFICIT

Contingency Fund Slated To Round Out Payments For Last Month Of The Term

The State Board of Education yesterday took formal action that was construed as guaranteeing public school teachers 20 per cent salary increases for the full eight months of the coming term.

The board which has final authority in fixing school salary schedules, rejected the recommendation of the State School Commission which provided for 20 per cent increase in the schedules for first seven months, but left the eighth month open for payments in such amount as might be available.

Instead it adopted the following resolution:

"Be it resolved: That the salary schedule for teachers and principals be established for the year 1935-36 on the basis of a 20 per cent increase in the 1934-35 salary schedule, thereby preserving the present system of increments and raised certificates; and provided further, that in cases where a teacher moves to a higher class certificate, the experience credit allowed under the new certificate shall be identical with that which would have been allowed under the certificate surrendered."

### From Contingency Fund

Both the Governor and other members of the board declined to commit themselves on where funds would be obtained to make up the deficit when the amount required for salaries with the full 20 per cent increase and the amount appropriated for schools by the Legislature—estimated at \$237,000—nor was the shortage mentioned in the resolution fixing the scale, nor was it brought at the meeting of the Council of State following the Board of Education meeting.

But it was generally agreed that whatever shortage existed when the eighth month pay roll was made up, after every economy possible had been supplied from the contingency and emergency fund despite the withholding of formal commitment at this time.

Leroy Martin, executive secretary of the State School Commission by a careful analysis and check had definitely determined there would not be enough money to give a full 20 per cent raise for eight months, and said "the money will have to come from the contingency and emergency or some other State fund."

## Dan Loftis Burned By Exploding Fuse Wed. Afternoon

Mr. Dan Loftis was painfully though not seriously injured Wednesday afternoon when a fuse exploded, setting the fuse box on which he was working at the Roxboro Cotton Mills afire.

The severe electrical display Wednesday afternoon had burned out the fuse in this particular box and Mr. Loftis, who is an assistant to Fred Long, local electrician, had gone to replace them. There were three to be put into the box and he had already placed two in position, but when he went to place the third, it exploded, setting the box on fire and caught Mr. Loftis.

He was severely burned about the left ear and forearm but was able to be up shortly after his wounds were dressed.

## Surprise Pounding

On Saturday evening August 3, Elder and Mrs. E. C. Oakes were given a surprise pounding. A number of relatives and friends gathered in their home about 7:30 o'clock and left many pounds and gifts on their dining table.

After which they sang some good old songs and all left saying they enjoyed the evening fine and hope to surprise them again some day.

## Harry Leading Georgia Market

The following telegram was received from Mr. H. W. Winstead this morning: Twin Brick sold today 406,820 lbs. for \$102,373.88, average \$25.14 for one days sale.

## Sunday Blue Law For Roxboro Is Being Considered

Meeting Held In Mr. Long's Office And Committees Are Appointed

A meeting was held in the office of Mr. J. A. Long, president of the Roxboro Cotton Mills, Tuesday afternoon looking to the better observance of the Sabbath in Roxboro. The following gentlemen were present:

J. A. Long, H. A. Sawyer, Stephen Georges, Dave Belman, R. A. Whitfield, Wyatt Monk, Ralph Cole, H. W. Newell, L. C. Clark, W. R. Hambrick, M. G. Johnson, Phil Thomas and I. O. Abbott.

Mr. J. A. Long was elected chairman, H. A. Sawyer, secretary. The matter of better Sunday observance was discussed at length and the following committees appointed, with instructions to meet and see if some plan could not be worked out: Drug stores, Phil Thomas, chairman; Cafes, Stephen Georges, chairman; Filling stations, L. C. Clark, chairman. The chairman expressed the hope that each of these committees would make their report in time for same to be put in effect September 1st.

Instead it adopted the following resolution:

"Be it resolved: That the salary schedule for teachers and principals be established for the year 1935-36 on the basis of a 20 per cent increase in the 1934-35 salary schedule, thereby preserving the present system of increments and raised certificates; and provided further, that in cases where a teacher moves to a higher class certificate, the experience credit allowed under the new certificate shall be identical with that which would have been allowed under the certificate surrendered."

### USES WITS TO HOLD MOB

Giles Mebane Invites Leaders To Search Yanceyville Jail For The Suspect

### ASSAILANT WAS SOUGHT

Yanceyville, Aug. 7—A mild mannered 50-year-old jailer early today kept his wits and spared North Carolina a blemish on its racial record. He was Giles Mebane, deputy sheriff of Caswell county, keeper of the county jail and he out-argued a mob of 200 who descended upon this sleeping county seat at 2:30 o'clock this morning, ostensibly bent on lynching a negro, who is sought for slapping Mrs. Kelly Wilson, of Burlington, Monday night as she waited outside the cotton mill in her car for her husband.

Yanceyville was collectively tossing in the heat of a midsummer night when a stream of cars poured into the town. Encircling the public square most of them surrounded the county jail which was flooded by their headlights.

Crowd Was Masked

Out of these cars tumbled a motley throng, most of them with handkerchiefs over their faces. They made for the jail where Mebane and his family occupy quarters on the lower floor.

"My wife woke me up," Mebane explained this evening, and told me that there must have been an automobile wreck because men were standing outside with their faces tied up."

Mebane went to the door and cracked it. Two pairs of beady eyes met him above two white handkerchiefs. One of the two men said "We want a negro," the other telling Mebane that they knew he was secretly harboring a negro alleged to have assaulted Mrs. Wilson.

### Negro Was Released

Mebane's mind worked fast and effectively. He saw at a glance that as jailer he was coping with a force of men who could run riot on a mistake. He told the leaders that it was true that the previous day he had arrested Joe Corbett, of Burlington, a negro suspected of the crime, but that Mrs. Wilson and her husband with Chief of Police Stanford, of Burlington, had come here soon afterwards, the woman being certain that the suspect was not the man who had attacked her. Her assailant was coal black. The suspect was ginger cake and did not have the heavy shock of hair which further was a predominant characteristic of the wanted man.

These things did not impress the mob. "We want him" came a voice out of the sultry darkness.

"You can't get into this jail," firmly replied Mebane, who admits he did not have a shooting iron with him.

"I wonder why the hell we can't piped a voice from the menacing crowd.

Mebane saw quickly what was happening, the dangerous half moment between a combined assault.

### Inspection Suggested

"If you all don't believe me," said Mebane, "I'll tell you what I'll do. You select two of your crowd to come with me to the jail and I'll let you inspect it."

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## Lumberton Market Averages 20 Cents

### Legion Commander



JOSEPHUS DANIELS, JR.

Good Quality Tobacco Offered With Heavy Breaks And Satisfactory Sales

Lumberton opened its tobacco market yesterday with heavy breaks of tobacco being offered for sale. Prices ranged from five to thirty-five cents with the general average being twenty cents.

Tobacco offered for the opening sales was high color, good quality weed. Information received here stated that sales were satisfactory.

Just a week ago the Georgia market opened with an average that was estimated at a little better than twenty cents. According to reports tobacco in eastern North Carolina is not up to standard, and to this may be attributed the slight decline in prices on the opening of the border market under the general average of the Georgia tobacco sale.

Lumberton is one of the largest markets in the border belt, and it is felt that the prices paid for the golden weed there indicate the general price range in the belt.

Last year Lumberton opened with an average that ranged from twenty to twenty-five cents, but, undoubtedly the quality of tobacco offered marks the difference in this year's price as compared with those of a year ago.

Slowly the hand creeps upward, nor will it be long until we hear the familiar cry of the auctioneer and the rumble of trucks on warehouse floors in our midst. Indications point toward good prices in this belt this season.

### Attended District Masonic Meeting

Some fifteen members of the local Masonic Lodge attended the district meeting held at the Oxford Orphanage Tuesday.

The high light of the session was an address by Grand Master Charles B. Newcomb of Wilmington, N. C.

Supper was served all guests on the grounds of the Orphanage. About one hundred and fifty took advantage of this meeting to visit the Oxford lodge, look over the Orphanage and hear the Grand Master.

### Daniels Elected Commander For Coming Year

Business Manager Of News And Observer Named Without Opposition

### 1936 CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN ASHEVILLE

Josephus Daniels, Jr. was elected to head the North Carolina department of the American Legion, succeeding Hubert Olive, at the annual convention held in Fayetteville August 4 through 6th. Not a trace of opposition developed throughout the convention and the election.

Mr. Daniels, the son of Ambassador Josephus and Mrs. Daniels, this country's representative to Mexico and Secretary of the Navy under Woodrow Wilson, is forty-one years of age, married, with one son, Edgar Foster Daniels. He is the Business Manager for the News and Observer.

Upon the entrance of the United States into the World War Mr. Daniels enlisted in the Marine Corps as a private and rose to the rank of captain. He served a year overseas with the 13th Marines and was aide