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## Rowan County Solons Seek Tax Relief Mary Frick May Obtain Parole

### Any Change In Dry Law Must Wait

#### Seek Further Tax Reduction

Economic Situation Declared To  
Be Too Pressing To Be  
Sidetracked

Bill To Modify Turlington Act  
Very Likely To Come Up  
During Session

North Carolina legislators in the next session of the General Assembly will probably have placed before them a bill to repeal or modify the Turlington liquor laws, but the main task of the legislature will be to work out an economic reform to permit tax reduction, according to Rowan county's delegation.

Headed by Senator Hayden Clement, in the senate and Walter Murphy and J. W. Bean, in the house, the Rowan county representation are deliberating upon measures designed primarily to make tax relief possible, according to statements made to a representative of The Watchman.

They said at this time they were not ready to divulge their views upon the liquor question, but felt that at the proper time the General Assembly would work out the liquor question in a satisfactory way. It was their belief, however, that the great problem before the General Assembly when it assumes office the first of next year will be that of taxation. Methods for lowering the cost of government, resulting in the lowering of taxes, must be evolved and placed upon the statute books, they declared and this is the first duty of the General Assembly.

Beer in many of the states not later than next March is expected. But in North Carolina the Turlington act, one of the strictest anti-liquor laws on any of the statute books in the United States, will prevent the sale of beer legally in North Carolina, even though the national congress repeals the Volstead enforcement act or modifies it to permit the sale of beer through the raising of the alcoholic content. Many states have no state enforcement laws, and if the national act is repealed, then the sale of beer may begin in those states.

It is generally believed that the universal dissatisfaction respecting the lack of enforcement of the liquor laws will result in their modification by congress either during the short session that begins next month or in the opening weeks of the new congress, which is expected to be called into extraordinary session by President Roosevelt shortly after his inauguration March 4. The Democratic plank promised the early modification of the Volstead act to permit the sale of beer and the later repeal of the eighteenth amendment. North Carolina, it is confidently predicted, will certainly modify the Turlington act to the extent of allowing the sale of alcoholic beverages for medical purposes, which the Volstead act permits and the Turlington act forbids.

### Football Here Today

Salisbury against Winston-Salem, here, high school athletic field, beginning at 3 p. m.

Writes . . . The Other Man



Ruby M. Ayers, one of the most popular and most prolific of the modern fiction writers, is the author of the new serial, "The Other Man," which is to be published in this newspaper. . . . Does love change? . . . Pauline said no. . . . Barbara said yes. . . . Dennis. . . well, he didn't know. . . . What do you think? One answer makes for mighty interesting reading. . . . It may be found in "The Other Man."

### NEWS BRIEFS

**RELIEVE FARM BORROWERS**  
The Joint Stock Land Bank association held a meeting last week in Washington to pledge that the federal land banks and the joint stock banks will aid worthy borrowers to hold their farms. Representative Frank Hancock says next congress will investigate the policies which have been followed by the farm loan agencies.

**\$50,000 FIRE AT NEW BERN**  
Fire completely destroyed the Turner-Tolson furniture store at New-Bern, with a loss of \$50,000. A defective flue near the center of the building is blamed. Insurance only partly covers the loss.

**STATE FUNDS \$10,500,000**  
Accompanied by Governor-elect J. C. B. Ehringhaus and Treasurer John P. Stedman, Governor Max Gardner went to New York last week to complete fiscal arrangements pending the end of his term. An issue of \$5,000,000 in short term notes was renewed and \$5,707,000 was borrowed from state banks to meet January 1 bond maturities.

**N. C. COTTON CROP SHORT**  
The state reporting service sets the November 1 estimate of the cotton crop at 525,000 bales, or 181,000 bales short of the 1931 crop. The federal service estimates that the nation's crop at 11,947,000 bales, an increase of 522,000 bales over the October estimate.

**KILLED BY NEGRO ROBBERS**  
Mrs. Joseph McGowan, 35, was killed last week in her husband's filling station in Greensboro by three negro robbers who shot her twice in the abdomen when she resisted an attempted holdup and pulled a pistol herself. Two suspects were arrested by the police.

**DEDICATE UNKNOWN'S TOMB**

The formal dedication of the white marble tomb of the unknown soldier at Arlington cemetery was the chief feature of the nation's Armistice day celebration. Throughout North Carolina, parades and public programs were held on November 11.

**WOMAN BURNS TO DEATH**  
Mrs. Sarah L. Seals, 84, burned to death in her Greensboro home. Her clothes ignited from an open fire.

### Heavy Docket Faces Judge Finley When Court Meets Monday

Over 100 defendants will face Judge T. B. Finley during the two-weeks November term of Superior court which convenes here Monday.

With the exception of Monday of the second week, the entire term will be consumed in the trial of criminal cases. Divorce cases and motions will be heard on the second Monday.

As usual, violators of the prohibition law lead. Twenty-one are indicted for breaking the mandates of the state liquor laws. Larceny and receiving cases are second with 13, followed closely by abandonment and nonsupport with 9.

A summary of the docket follows:

Violation of prohibition law	21
Larceny and receiving	13
Abandonment and nonsupport	9
Assault with deadly weapon	6
Bad check	6
Sci fa	6
Assault on female	4
Breaking and entering	4
Reckless driving	4
Breaking and entering, larceny and receiving	4
Embezzlement	4
Seduction	3
Carrying concealed weapon	3
Burglary	3
Manslaughter	2
Driving while drunk	2
Violation of game law	2
Nuisance	1
Carnal knowledge	1
Resisting officer	1
False pretense	1
Forgery	1
Violation pure food law	1
Violation motor vehicle law	1
Rape	1
Violation of city ordinance	1

### Hedrick Opens New Ford Unit Here Tuesday

B. V. Hedrick, owner of the new Ford agency in this city—Hedrick Auto Company—announced Thursday that the formal opening of this new institution will be held next week, beginning Tuesday, November 22 and continuing through Saturday, November 26.

Fords of all makes and descriptions, including all products of the Ford Motor Company, will be on display in the commodious headquarters of this new company, located at 120 West Innes Street, in the Mahaley building.

Talking pictures will also be presented showing the production of the Ford cars and tractors of all types.

Hedrick Auto Company will be one of the largest and best equipped of the Ford units in the state, having a large sales force, all modern equipment, repair department, showroom, office force, in fact every accommodation provided by the outstanding Ford agencies in the state.

Mr. Hedrick has been for many years connected with the Ford Motor Company, having previously handled the Ford agency at Thomasville and Greensboro for a number of years.

An invitation is extended to the public to attend the opening of this company.

**2 NOBLE PRIZE WINNERS**  
John Galsworthy, English novelist, and Dr. Irving Langmuir, American chemist, were announced as winners of two Nobel prizes for the year, each prize worth over \$32,000.

### GOOD MORNING

THEY CALL IT a government of checks and balances, but lately, it would seem, the checks have been too big for the balances.

MANY A POLITICIAN finds it is hard to be a leader when the voters get next to him.

AND YOU had better do your laughing at those 1890 bathing suits while there is yet time, too.

ANOTHER PATHETIC sight is the college lad who achieves football stardom when politicians are hogging the front page.

HOLDING YOUR sweetie's hand during a symphony concert is no proof you are a music lover.

Doc: Where did you contract that bad case of trench mouth?  
Student: I think it was at a soda fountain, sir.

Traveler (on train): What's become of all those Stop, Look and Listen signs?  
Conductor: Oh, the theaters are using them to advertise talking pictures.

Inventor: "I sure have a problem on my hands!"  
Friend: "What's happened now?"  
Inventor: "I invented a toy tramp and it's so realistic that it won't work."

"Those are my brother's ashes in the jar on the mantel."  
"So the poor fellow has passed to the Great Beyond?"  
"Heck, no. He's just too lazy to find an ash tray."

Scotchman (singing): I'm dancing with tears in my eyes 'cause the girl in my arms is costing me ten cents a dance.

"What are you knitting?"  
"Something to cheer up the boys."  
"But the war is over."  
"I know that. This is a bathing suit for me."

He: "Have you ever been kissed?"  
She: Y-y-yes, c-cause I n-n-never could s-say n-no fast enough."

Old Lady (on platform): "Which platform for the Chicago train?"

Porter: "Turn to the left and you'll be right."

Lady: "Don't be impertinent, my man."

Porter: "All right, then, turn to your right and you'll be left."

Lecturer (speaking on the value of education): "Yes, what can take the place of a university education. Nothing. Look at the man who only finishes grammar school. Where is he now? He is a motor-man on a street car. But where is the man who has gone through a university and has gotten his diploma?"

Voice in Audience: "He's the conductor!"

"Where did you get the black eye, Bill?"

"You know that lady down the street whose husband is in China?"

"Yes."

"Well, he isn't."

Samuel Insull Today



Samuel Insull, as he appeared at Athens, Greece, while combating extradition on request of the U. S. State Department to face charges in Illinois courts as a result of the collapse of Insull Utilities in the Midwest.

J. Pierpont Morgan



An unusual photo of the seldom pictured man, J. Pierpont Morgan, American bank head, snapped recently by an alert British cameraman in London. Morgan refuses to pose.

### Gardner Is Interested, Says Report

#### May Get Home By Christmas

Rockwell Girl Has Served Almost  
Two Of Six Years Sentence  
For Bank Robbery

Unofficial Reports Leak Out Of  
Raleigh To Effect Miss Frick  
Might Be Released

Mary Frick may be released from the state prison before Christmas, according to unofficial reports emanating out of Raleigh this week. Her freedom, if granted, would come in the nature of a parole, it is reported.

It is known that Governor O. Max Gardner has personally investigated the matter and it is believed he will grant her a parole before relinquishing his office to his successor, Governor-elect J. C. B. Ehringhaus, the first of the year.

A parole for Miss Frick would meet the approval of the citizens of Rockwell and Rowan county. Tried in the September term of the Superior court, 1930, for bank robbery, she was given a sentence of not less than six nor more than eight years in the state penitentiary. From this judgment she appealed to the supreme court. The judgment was affirmed, Miss Frick beginning her sentence in February 1931.

Three other defendants were indicted along with Miss Frick. The names of these defendants and their respective sentences follow: John Ellis, not less than 10 nor more than 14 years; Ted Honeycutt, not less than 10 nor more than 14 years; and Mabel Yarborough, not less than five nor more than eight years.

It will be recalled that evidence produced at the trial showed that John Ellis and Ted Honeycutt held up and robbed the Bank of Rockwell while Miss Frick and Miss Yarborough awaited developments several miles away. Later, all four were apprehended and tried. All pleaded guilty except Miss Frick. The jury found the issue against her.

Miss Frick had taught school several years prior to this trouble. She had also taken a business course in Charlotte. She is the daughter of Julius W. Frick, one of the leading merchants and business men in Rockwell and known throughout the county as one of its substantial citizens. Miss Frick had never been in court on any other charge prior to her indictment for bank robbery.

### U. N. C. Plays Duke Saturday

Chapel Hill, Nov. 17.—The powerful Carolina and Duke football teams will clash here Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock for the State championship.

The contest is being billed as the "game of the year" in North Carolina, and is expected to draw a crowd of 20,000.

**BRITISH POSTPONE DEBT FUND**

The British government has requested postponement of the \$100,000,000 war debt payment to the United States, due December 15. Postponement is asked pending reexamination of the war debt settlement made some years ago.

### Eating And Play To Mark Holiday Here

Next Thursday is Thanksgiving Day.

Since that moment in the early part of the 17th century when a tiny group of toil-worn pilgrims paused to give thanks to God for blessings received, the custom of allotting one day for this purpose has continued.

Football—unknown until the latter years of the 12th century, now constitutes one of the major activities of the day.

Eating—always a national pastime—has taken on the aspect of a prescribed rite, with the turkey forming the chief item on the menu.

Hunting—despite the scarcity of game—still one of the methods of amusement for devoted nimrods.

Church-going—notwithstanding present pessimism regarding religion and morals—a sacred duty to many of the householders of Salisbury.

As to be expected, much work will be suspended for the day. The schools, banks, and postoffice will be out on holiday.

Unfortunates of the city and county will be provided for. At the county home, jails and other public institutions, preparations for a big Thanksgiving dinner are being made.

### Power Rates Are Reduced Over Million

Reductions in electric power rates of the Duke Power company and its wholly owned subsidiary, the Southern Public Utilities company, to aggregate \$1,357,000 annually, of which more than \$900,000 will accrue to the benefit of North Carolinians, have been ordered by the state corporation commission.

The Southern Public Utilities company serves Charlotte, Winston-Salem, Hickory, Gastonia, Salisbury, Mt. Airy, Rural Hall, North Wilkesboro, Hendersonville, Tryon, Saluda, Burlington, Greensboro, and High Point as well as a score or more other North Carolina towns. The Duke company sells power to other companies in the state. Both companies also operate in South Carolina.

Under the commission's order, the new rates became effective November 1.

**TUBERCULOSIS CLAIMS 2,299**  
Tuberculosis claimed 2,299 lives in North Carolina in 1931, the state board reports.

### "Ace High" Air Show At Airport

An all "Ace High" air show with pilots of the Western Air Shows, Inc., performing stunts and exhibition flying is the program at the Salisbury Municipal Air Port for Saturday and Sunday afternoons, November 19th and 20th. The show is being given under the auspices of the Salisbury Chamber of Commerce and is expected to draw large crowds from the city and surrounding territory.

Among the flyers who will be here will be B. N. Fry, Clyde Ice, Art Davis, John Livingston and Rhoda Harris and with Art Kilby and Betty Lund practically assured. These renowned "devils of the Air" have just concluded a three day engagement in Asheville and expect to give a similar show in Charlotte November 26th and 27th and were secured for an exhibition in Salisbury by the Chamber of Commerce. The Saturday show will begin at 3 p. m. and the Sunday performance will start at 2:00 p. m. and both performances will give to Salisbury's Air Port publicity in the flying world that could not be attained through any other means.

**H. L. STEED STABBED**

Ralph Lashley was arrested in Greensboro for stabbing H. L. Steed with a knife during an altercation on North Elm street. Steed lost considerable blood as the result of a wound in his chest, it was reported, but his condition was not regarded as serious. He was carried to Wesley Long hospital for medical attention. His alleged assailant had a bad gash over the right eye.

**GENEVA IS MOBILIZED**

Over 1,500 troops were mobilized in the free city of Geneva last week following a clash between a socialist meeting and young troops called from Lausanne. The soldiers killed 11, wounded many. The mob killed one soldier.

**HONOR WRIGHT NOV. 19**

A great granite pylon atop Kill Devil hill will be dedicated on November 19 in honor of Orville and Wilbur Wright, who came to Kitty Hawk in 1903 to fly the world's first heavier-than-air machine. Patrick J. Hurley, secretary of war, will be the chief speaker.