

County Board Puts On Changes In Tax Deed.



A mother's tears for a killer . . .

After three futile efforts to persuade her embattled son to come out of his shack and give himself up to the police during a gun battle near New Orleans, La., Mrs. Hattie London collapsed beside a barbed wire fence. Lt. W. T. Tanager of the state troopers keeps a sharp watch on the shack. One officer, Deputy Sheriff Maurice Miller had already been killed when this picture was made, and another, Police Chief E. G. Huckabay was marked for death. The battle started Saturday when Miller went to serve a warrant on Man West for non-support.



. . . and a sheriff's for his victims

Weeping for a long-time friend, Sheriff W. E. Wagner of Bossier Parish, La., holds his face in his hands after Sheriff Police Chief E. G. Huckabay was fatally wounded by an embattled Negro farmer, Man West. Huckabay was shot attempting to remove West from a shack where he had barricaded himself. During a three-hour exchange of shots, two police officers and West were killed. The shack burst into flames from one of 20 tear gas bombs tossed into the building in an attempt to rout West. (AP Wirephotos by Langston McEachern of the New Orleans Times)

Bigger Wages, More Offices Are Approved

New Office Manager To Be Appointed

By ANN SAWYER
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Steps to put the county tax office on a smoother running basis were adopted by the County Commissioners today, climaxing a four-month study of one of the County's most important offices. Upon presentation of a two-and-one-half page report, the commissioners approved:

1. Salary increases for a number of individuals.
2. The removal of employees from the temporary payroll to the permanent payroll at the end of six months.
3. Construction of additional office space for the tax listing department on the east side of the court house basement.
4. The appointment of an office manager.
5. Appointment of a head for machinery and equipment departments.

Today's report, which was approved in its entirety by the board, was made by Commissioners Sam McIninch and John P. White.

APPOINTED LAST FALL

The two-man committee was appointed last October to look into the reported dissension and long time squabbling in the county tax office.

Since their appointment Mr. McIninch and Mr. White have talked with almost every employee in the tax supervisor's office.

In several cases, the commissioners said, they found personal jealousies which "were found to be due mainly to misunderstanding and salary inequities."

At the time the commissioners started their study, there was much talk that politics might be the main cause of the friction. The commissioners reported "only in one case was politics involved."

In their report, Mr. White and Mr. McIninch said they checked the tax office for irregularities of certain properties but have found only a few errors.

They attributed these errors "to the tremendous task of the revaluation program" and said they found "absolutely no evidence of any intentional partiality in any of the cases."

GRIER PRAISED

They described Rufus A. Grier, county tax supervisor, as "a very fine, competent executive" who "probably knows more about tax listings and appraisals than any man in the county."

"At the present time we feel that tax listings in Mecklenburg are in good, honest, capable hands," the report said.

The report pointed to a lack of cooperation in the real estate appraisal office and attributed it to the lack of cooperation of the three man board to bypass the tax supervisor and take its problem directly to the county commissioners.

In the future all heads in the tax office will be reported to the county board.

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Buried to his neck by a gravel pile slide, Toivi Kentalla (arrow) manages a weak smile as rescuers move stones away from his face. The 43-year-old man was trapped in Southbury, Ontario but was dug out without suffering serious injury. (AP Wirephoto)

Strike Threatened Against Southern

CLEVELAND (AP)—The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers today scheduled a strike for next Saturday against the Southern Railway System.

Guy L. Brown, grand chief engineer of the independent union, said the dispute concerned "safety and relief from poisonous gases and overloading of Diesel power."

He added the union sought to pressure safety regulations cutting down monoxide fumes over portions of this road made dangerous in this respect by many tunnels.

The road, he continued, wants to "eliminate tonnage and length-of-train restrictions there by increasing hazards from stalling in tunnels."

Brown asserted the dispute was not primarily over the length of trains.

Southern Railway, he said, "simply notified us last October that it would no longer subscribe to a compromise agreement on the subject we signed with them April 16, 1941."

The union said the National (Railway) Mediation Board had exhausted all of its means of heading off a walkout. The President, however, could declare an emergency which would hold off a strike until a board could make recommendations.

A walkout, Brown continued, would involve both his union and the Independent Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen. Each has about 1,500 members.

Warren's nomination to succeed the late Fred M. Vinson was submitted to the Senate Jan. 11, but it was not until last Wednesday that the Senate Judiciary Committee voted 12-3 to recommend confirmation.

Sen. Langer (R-ND), chairman of the Judiciary Committee and of a subcommittee that first considered the nomination, stirred up a tempest by airing 10 uncheckered and unsworn charges against Warren at a public hearing.

WARREN'S UP
NEW YORK (AP)—American Tobacco Co. today reported net income for 1953 jumped to \$41,225,921, equal to \$5.90 a common share, compared with \$34,668,963 or \$4.79 a share in 1952.

Detectives Hunt Slayer of College Registrar



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A new convenience for Housewives! makes your Grocery Shopping Easier

Betty Boyer tells you all about it. Wednesday In The **Grocery News**

Former Janitor Is Sought In Friday Larceny

By DONALD MACDONALD
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Police signed a warrant for arrest of a former janitor at Southeastern Credit Corp. today, charging him with larceny of \$600.36, stolen from the company safe Friday night.

The robbery suspect was identified as Lewis B. Marigney, 309 N. Clarkston St.

Marigney was not reported for work at the Southeastern Credit Corp. since the safe loss was discovered at 8 a. m. Saturday. Clerk T. L. Thomas reported the theft to city police after finding the safe door standing open.

Officials of the Southeastern Credit Corp. said the safe apparently was left unlocked when the business was closed Friday night. Southeastern Credit Corp. is located across E. St. from the Dollar Finance Co., where a white gunman held up a clerk and stole \$842.40 on Friday.

NO PROGRESS
Police reported no progress thus far in the Dollar Finance Co. armed robbery, or late Friday night, climaxed several weeks of sensational robberies which have plagued local police.

RECENT ROBBERIES
In a recent armed robbery—including the stick-up at Dollar Finance Co.—besides the brought no arrests. Resolves the Dollar Finance Co. hold-up, recent armed robberies include the Dec. 12 stick-up of personnel at Personal Finance Co., 129 E. 4th St.

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OUR WEATHER

Partly cloudy, windy and colder today. Generally fair and milder tonight. Tomorrow, partly cloudy and warmer.

High temperature yesterday, 71 degrees; high expected today, 56 degrees; low expected tomorrow, 35 degrees.

Low temperature this morning, 58 degrees; low expected tonight, 39 degrees; low expected tomorrow night, 35 degrees.

Sunrise, 6:53 a.m.; sunset, 6:19 p.m.

More Weather Data on Page 11-A to borrow.

MARCH'S THREE-PRONG ATTACK Winds Blow And We Get Snow

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nine-inch snows, windstorms and heavy rains hit the Carolinas today as the March lion roared in.

Snows ranging up to nine inches were reported in western North Carolina's four-county area of Yancey, Avery, Mitchell and Watauga, where peaks rise 6,000 feet or more. Little snow was reported east of the mountain area.

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Sen. McCarthy Calls More Army Men

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) called Army men for questioning today for the first time since a truce was announced in his row with Secretary of the Army Robert T. Stevens on alleged abuse of a uniformed witness.

The senator said yesterday he thought Brig. Gen. Ralph Zwicker—the officer Stevens said suffered humiliating treatment at McCarthy's hands—should be recalled later because the general showed by his testimony he is "either mistaken or guilty of perjury, or the AP story and my investigation were wrong."

McCarthy was referring to an Associated Press account of a report given by the Army Friday on the case of a former major accused by McCarthy of subversive ties.

The truce announced five days ago rested on a memorandum by which Stevens agreed McCarthy's Senate investigations subcommittee might question Zwicker and other Army witnesses whose testimony it had been seeking. Earlier Stevens had directed Zwicker and another general not to be a subcommittee subpoena.

VIEWED AS SURRENDER
The agreement was almost universally regarded as a surrender to McCarthy. Stevens later sought to counter this impression with a statement, publicly backed by President Eisenhower, that he had been treating the Army witnesses in the future and would act to protect them if he be.

McCarthy flatly denied that the assurances Stevens mentioned had been given at the truce meeting. There the matter has rested until today's call for the testimony of two privates, identified in advance as Marvin Belsky, a doctor in the Army's Murphy General Hospital at Waltham, Mass., and Sgt. Eugene J. Banks, Warthrop, Mass.

Subcommittee members were advised the witnesses were to be questioned as to whether they had refused to sign loyalty oaths when they entered the Army.

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NEW COLUMN TAKES LOOK AT CHARLOTTE

A new column, "Charlotte Close-Up," makes its first today on the second front page of The News.

Author of the column is Lucien Agniet, who joined the staff of The News a few months ago and has already become well-known for his readable, informative news and feature stories.

"Charlotte Close-Up" will be published five days a week on the front page of the second section. It will contain anecdotes about local folks, some personal experiences of reporter Agniet as he gets around town, little bits of information about people you know. Watch for it Mondays through Fridays.

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