

Attention, Teachers!

In view of the fact that North Carolina Day, scheduled to be observed by the schools on Dec. 14th, was not generally observed, due to the inclement weather, the State Department of Education is extremely anxious that the Day be yet observed.

In order to aid in this work, the Post Dispatch will in the next issue (January 17th) devote a page to material suitable for the observance of the Day. This page will consist of dialogue, recitations etc in addition to the material sent to the teachers last Fall by the Department.

The teachers and pupils are urged to be on the lookout for next week's issue of the Post-Dispatch and preserve same.

To each school is left the selection of a day for the exercises, as no general day has been designated by Supt. Bell.

Marriage Licenses.

Those securing licenses to marry, during the past week, from the Register of Deeds of Richmond county, were:

Marshall Little and Dora Steele, col., issued the 5th.

Zebulon Vance McGirt and Pauline Liles Winfield, white, the 5th.

Henry Pearson and Louisa Morris, col., issued the 5th.

Sam Jones Carter and Ollie Virginia Covington, white, the 8th.

Frank Deberry and Corinna Stacy, col., the 8th.

Simeon Fairley Farmer and Pauline Ida Whitlock, white, issued 8th.

Mail Order Marriage.

"Dennis Morgan, machine gun company, 59th U. S. infantry, Camp Greene, Charlotte," read a card thrown from a window of a car of a troop train which passed through High Point a few months ago. That card eventually found its way to Miss Etta Yates, of High Point. A correspondence developed, Cupid presided over the pens, and on Jan. 1st the long-distance courier-by-mail journeyed to High Point, found the girl he had been writing to and they found each other to their liking. The Register of Deeds and a preacher did the rest.

There were enough cards thrown from the windows of the scores of troop trains that passed Rockingham to have made a football victory bonfire, and yet the local marriage bureau has done no extra business. Possibly had this happened in 1920—Leap Year—there might have been a different tale.

Army Nurses.

According to estimates based on an Army of 1,500,000 men, 37,500 nurses will be needed. The present strength of the Army Nurse Corps of the Medical Department is about 3,800. To increase this number by nearly 1,000 per cent in a year is the task faced by the corps.

Hospitals at Army camps and cantonments still need nurses to bring the quota for each up to the minimum of 65 considered necessary, although since the urgent need for nurses was made public in December nearly 2,000 requests for application blanks have been received.

In order to get the enrollments up to the needed number some of the requirements heretofore imposed have been waived. According to estimates there are between 80,000 and 90,000 registered nurses in the country and about 200,000 other graduate and practical nurses.

SUPERIOR COURT

Criminal Term Opened Monday, Judge Harding Presiding

The January term of Richmond county Superior Court convened Monday morning at ten o'clock, with Judge W. F. Harding, of Charlotte, presiding, and Solicitor W. E. Brock prosecuting.

Sheriff Homer Baldwin reported to the court that A. M. Waddell, A. L. Covington and Hampton Dean, drawn for the jury, were not to be found in the county.

Jurors C. A. Porter, M. W. McRae, Dr. L. McPhail and W. L. Scales were excused from service.

The Grand Jury was drawn and impanelled, with H. D. Hatch, of Hamlet, as foreman; A. P. Fry was sworn in as officer of the Grand Jury.

The Judge's charge consumed an hour and was especially instructive and interesting. He emphasized the duty of the county to its convicts, in the matter of proper care against the cold, and food and treatment; and explained the law governing the operation of automobiles and dwelt forcibly on the evils of blockading, blindtiggerism and pistol "totting." Every man in the county would have been benefited and uplifted by hearing this able charge; it made an impression.

The Grand Jury drawn is: H. D. Hatch, foreman; Robt. N. Stansill, D. H. Barlow, W. D. Cameron, T. R. Lively, E. E. Vuncannon, W. H. Haddock, Frank Sanford, T. R. Scarboro, R. H. Allen, J. W. Webb, Jno. L. Armistead, W. G. Atkinson, J. W. Thompson, W. H. McIntyre, J. B. Butler, R. F. Duvall, F. W. Ledbetter

The following cases were disposed of:

State vs W. A. Moody; pleads guilty; fined \$5.00 and costs.

State vs Ella Allen; pleads guilty; prayer for judgment upon payment of costs.

State vs R. C. Hamer; first jury trial; charged with operating automobile without lights. At the close of evidence, Court orders jury upon the evidence of the defendant himself, to return a verdict of guilty. Defendant gave notice of appeal to Supreme Court.

State vs Son Hamilton, Jas. DeBerry. After state's evidence was in the Court directed a verdict of not guilty as to Hamilton and DeBerry.

State vs Leanna Wells and Rosa Tatnall. Court directs a verdict of not guilty as to Rosa Tatnall. Leanna Wells called and failed, judgment nisi sci fa and capias.

State vs Furman Baker; nuisance. Not guilty.

State vs Robt. Wall; larceny. Pleads guilty; prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs, and deft. gives \$200.00 bond for appearance at Jan. and Sept. terms for a period of three years to show good behavior.

State vs Fred Douglass, carrying concealed weapons. Pleads guilty; fined \$50.00 and costs. This was the colored boy who shot John Allred, Jr. accidentally Saturday before Christmas. The Judge directed that the Sheriff destroy the pistol.

State vs Lowery Vaughan, larceny. Sentenced 6 months in jail.

State vs Jean Bradley; gambling. Pleads guilty and fined \$20.00 and costs and required to give \$100 bond for appearance at each Jan.-Sept. terms of Court for two years to show good behavior.

State vs Jule Caddell, assault on a female. Pleads guilty. Judgment suspended on payment of costs.

State vs Will Adams, larceny. Sentenced to four months on roads in one case and two months in other.

State vs Rich Ingram; forcible breaking. Deft. pleads guilty. Sentence had not been pronounced at press time.

State vs Steve Fesperman; pleads guilty to charge of reckless driving, and judgment suspended on payment of costs.

State vs Wash (alias Boshey) Covington, charged with larceny; verdict of not guilty.

State vs Chas Smith; charged with an assault with deadly weapon. This assault took place upon M. L. Tucker in early December, Tucker being severely stabbed. The jury found Smith not guilty.

State vs Allen Jacobs; larceny. Pleads guilty and required to give bond of \$200 for appearance at Jan. and Sept. Courts for 2 years to show good behavior.

State vs Sam Streeter, charged with car-breaking. Sentenced to roads for one month, sentence to begin at expiration of present sentence on the roads, which he is now serving.

State vs Sam Streeter; larceny and receiving. Sentenced to one month on roads, at expiration of previous sentence.

State vs W. L. Brown. Palse pretense. Jury returned verdict of not guilty.

Joe Richardson pleads guilty to distilling, and judgment had not been pronounced up to press time.

Bunk Wall pleads guilty to attempt to break and enter; fined \$50 and costs.

Will Lowe, guilty of retailing in two cases. Fined \$100 and costs in one case, and in the other prayer for judgment was continued and he required to give \$200 bond to appear at Jan. and Sept. courts for 2 years and show good behavior.

The case against Jim Luther, charged with distilling, is being tried as we go to press.

Next term of Superior Court will be held beginning the first Monday in March for civil cases only, and beginning last Monday in March for criminal cases only.

This present term will hardly end before Saturday noon.

Raymond Manship was convicted at April term, 1917, of retailing and sentenced to three months on roads in six cases, for total of 18 months. Hector Little was convicted at July, 1917, term of retailing and sentenced to 12 months on roads. Jim Little was convicted at July, 1917, term of retailing, and sentenced to 16 months on roads; he was also fined \$100 and sentenced to one month in jail for contempt.

All three of the above parties appealed to Supreme Court, but that tribunal found no error in the trial court. Accordingly judgment was last Monday rendered in conformity with judgment of the Supreme Court, and the men were remanded into the custody of the Sheriff to begin serving their sentences. They are now in jail and will go to the roads as soon as court adjourns; the two Littles have cases pending against them in court this week.

Mr. W. C. Leak was carried to the Charlotte Sanatorium this morning for treatment; he was accompanied there by Mrs. Leak, Dr. Ledbetter and T. C. Leak.

Relatives here today received word from Robert Steele that he was en route to Hoboken, N. J., the presumption being that orders had been received for embarkation. Steele was recently transferred from Camp Jackson to the aviation service.

Engine Freezes.

The Rockingham railroad was hard hit by the recent cold weather. On Sunday night, Dec. 30th, one of the two engines was derailed in the repair house of the company here, and the next night the other engine suffered a burst air pump and cylinder and was put completely out of commission until it can be carried to the Florence shops for repairs. The derailed engine was rerailed by aid of an S. A. L. engine Wednesday, the 2nd, and after repairs was enabled to resume work the following Sunday. The road was without transportation service for six full days.

Quick Gain in Weight.

Carl Garrett, son of Dr. F. J. Garrett, tried several times to get into the army, but each time was rejected an account of his weight, he lacking four and a half pounds of the requirements. Not to be outdone and determined to do his bit, he last week went again to Charlotte, "laid" away sixteen bananas and half a gallon of water and presenting himself at the recruiting office passed the physical weight test with flying colors. He was accepted and will report at Charlotte next Monday, and from there be sent to the aviation squad at Ft Thomas, Ky.

Business Changes at Wadesboro.

(From M. & I., Jan. 3rd.)

Messrs. E. K. Dunlap and R. T. Bennett, who have been doing business under the firm name of Hardison Company, have dissolved partnership, and it is understood will devote their time chiefly to their farming interests. A new company, which has not been completely organized as yet will do business in the building formerly occupied by Hardison Company.

Mr. J. P. Gathings, who has been with the Rose-Gathings Furniture Co. has bought the grocery stock of Mr. E. S. Marsh, and will conduct a grocery store on the Chesterfield and Camden roads south of town.

Miss Ellen Pinkston has accepted a position with Fox & Lyon.

Mr. R. L. Lindsey, who has been assistant cashier of the Bank of Lilesville for some time, has accepted a position with the Anson Real Estate & Insurance Co.

Miss Hallie Leggett has accepted a position with the Bank of Wadesboro. Miss Augusta Little takes Miss Leggett's place with H. W. Little & Co.

Mr. Philas Morgan, of Albemarle, has accepted a position with the Rose-Gathings Co. Mr. Morgan has been with a furniture store at Albemarle.

Mr. John Bennett Allen has severed his connection with the Bank of Wadesboro, and will go into another business.

Roberdel Bridge.

The county convict force, No. 1, consisting of about 20 men and in charge of foreman G. M. Kirk, was transferred from the Osborne section Tuesday to remedying the bridge at Roberdel No. 1. An expert from a bridge Company is present to direct the raising of the steel bridge, and the force, besides aiding in this, will raise the fills approaching the bridge four feet and also cut down the steep hill some. The work will require about four weeks, upon the completion of which the force will be returned to the Osborne section.

Force No. 2 is now at work near Little's Mills. W. B. Covington is superintendent of the county road work.

LABEL

Did you pay any attention to your subscription label last week? If not, do it now. The top label shows your Dispatch subscription and the bottom is that of the Post. Won't you please attend to it, if in arrears?

Shankle in France.

The following is an extract from a letter received last week by his mother here from Willie W. Shankle, who is with the American Expeditionary Forces in France. It is dated Dec. 12th and he had just returned from the trenches:

"Somewhere in France, Dec. 12th 1917.
Dear Mama and All:

Will write you a few lines just now, as today has been a day of rest. I have cleaned all my equipment and have the afternoon off.

We received orders saying we could write that we had been to the trenches, but cannot tell how long we stayed or just where we went. I wanted to go and now that I have been I can say that I enjoyed it splendidly. I stood guard one night on the firing line in our trenches, and a fellow wouldn't think it was war unless he gave particular attention to the guns roaring and bullets flying. I had to go the hospital with my tonsils again while up there, so I didn't see all the fun. It seems like a game and a great big hunt and camping, only at nights the coldness makes the boys say anything but Sunday school words. But we all got back safe and sound."

County Commissioners Meet.

The county commissioners held their regular monthly meeting Monday. Among the matters transacted was the election of W. T. Baldwin as superintendent of the County Home, at a salary of \$25 a month and board and lodging for self and family. He has served three years as superintendent. There were two other bidders.

Shockley Peele was allowed \$5.00 for support.

M. J. Peele was released from overcharged taxes to amount of \$1.48.

N. N. Gibson was released from poll tax.

It was ordered that a road be built from the railroad crossing at Calvin McNairs, in Beaver Dam township, to the McPherson place, Scotland county line, a distance of two miles. Supt. W. B. Covington will let the clearing of the road at a cost not to exceed \$50 a mile, and the convict force will work same when it can be gotten to.

Howard-Paschal

Engagement.

Mrs. F. W. Leak entertained at five tables of bridge this (Thursday) afternoon complimentary to Miss Marguerite Isabella Paschal, at which announcement was made of the engagement of Miss Paschal and Mr. James Rufus Howard, of Columbia, S. C., the wedding to be solemnized February 20th.

The score cards for the game were of Cupid design, and the favors carried out the idea. A salad course was served.

After the game young William Covington appeared, bearing a large corsage of orchids and valley lilies, which was presented to Miss Paschal. Within this corsage nestled a card which Mrs. Leak read to the happy circle of friends, announcing the approaching marriage.

The many friends of the bride-to-be will learn of the engagement with interest. Mr. Howard has a position with the Southern Ry. at Columbia, and is to be congratulated at his approaching acquisition.

Misses Annie Mowry and Willie Belle Breeden, of Bennettsville, S. C., arrived Wednesday afternoon to visit Miss Marguerite Paschal until Saturday. They came to attend the Howard-Paschal announcement party given by Mrs. F. W. Leak this afternoon.

Nitrate of Soda.

The government has made arrangements with the Chilean government to purchase 100,000 tons of nitrate of soda for the southern states. 18,000 tons are to be delivered in January at the seaboard. This is to be sold to farmers only and not in excess of the amount used last year. The price at seaboard is \$75 f. o. b. The farmers will have to pay freight charges to their local towns and a tag fee which will make the total cost amount to about \$80.00.

Let your county agent know the amount you want for 1918.

NOTICE.

Sixty-Fifth Interest Period.

Begin the New Year right by opening an account with The Richmond County Savings Bank.

Deposits made up to, and including January 5th, will bear interest from the first at 4 per cent per annum, compounded quarterly.

You are earnestly requested and urged to join our 1918

Christmas Savings Club

which is now open

In class A you pay 10c per week.
In class B you pay 25c per week.
In class C you pay 50c per week.
In class D you pay \$1.00 per week.

These payments are made for FIFTY weeks. If these payments are kept up, at the end of FIFTY weeks you will receive the FULL PAYMENT paid in WITH INTEREST. If the payments are not kept up, you will receive check for FULL AMOUNT paid in without interest.

You Have Nothing to Lose—All to Gain.

Richmond County Savings Bank
Rockingham, N. C.