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Schools Next Monday.

The influenza situation throughout Richmond county, and in the city, has so far improved as to permit the city schools to reopen next Monday, Dec. 30th. Also the churches of the city are now allowed to re-open, as well as the picture show. Very few cases of flu are reported in the city and none of a very serious nature.

General News Items.

Squire Fry, of Carthage, has performed 141 marriage ceremonies.

In the recent Methodist conference at Goldsboro, the Creed was changed by a vote of 100 to 59, whereby the words "Christ's Holy Church."

Six merchants of Troy and two of Star were required to close their stores for a day for violation of the food rules; they sold flour at a too high margin of profit.

Gov. Bickett last Thursday appointed Owen H. Guion, of New Bern, as successor to Judge H. W. Whedbee, of the Fifth Judicial District, who resigned. It becomes effective Jan. 1st.

Sheriff Blalock, of Stanly county, last Thursday settled with the State Treasurer for his 1918 taxes, he being the second sheriff in the State to make settlement. The amount was \$18,704.85.

President Wilsou will go to England Thursday, arriving at Dover at 12:10 p. m. He will be entertained by the King, given public functions, and between times hold important conferences. He will return to Paris Dec. 31st.

Dr. J. Y. Joyner, for 17 years Supt. of Public Instruction for the State, has resigned, and Gov. Bickett has appointed Prof. E. C. Brooks, of Trinity College, as his successor. This takes effect Jan. 1st. Dr. Joyner gave as his reason the need of a rest, and the necessity of attending to his private business.

Jim Wilcox was last Friday pardoned by Gov. Bickett, and is now a free man. He was convicted in 1902 and sentenced to the pen for 30 years; he has served over 15 years without a mark against his record. Nellie Cropsey, of Elizabeth City, disappeared from her home at 11:05 p. m. Nov. 20, 1901, and her body was found floating in the river 37 days later; he was her suitor and was charged with her death.

The paper wishes it could get the names of ALL the boys of the county who are returning home from the service. When your soldier-son returns, or if he has already returned, write the paper, giving the name of his company and regiment, from what camp and date of discharge.

Marriage Licenses.

Six marriage licenses were issued last Saturday: Robert Bright and Eddie Leak, col., issued 21st. John D. Walden and Lina Sutton, col., 21st. Henry Crouch and Maggie Little, col. 21st. Jake Dockery and Ida M. Griffin, col., 21st. Jas. LeRoy McKay and Thelma R. Marks, white, issued 21st. Ernest Hart and Bessie McAskill, col., 21st.

Charlie Chaplin in "Tilley's Punctured Romance," at Star picture show Tuesday and Christmas Day.

Christmas Paragraphs.

It is sad to note that the average Christmas stocking is longer than most purses.

Money gets tight the same as well, we won't call names—along about Christmas time.

It really requires a marvelous amount of tact to appear thankful at Christmas for something you didn't want.

A nice, easy exercise for Christmas Day is counting the change you have left. It can generally be done with one hand.

Just because your wife tells you to buy her something useful, don't think she will be satisfied if you send her home a barrel of flour.

Use a little judgment in buying Christmas presents. Don't give your girl a pair of No. 8 boots, or purchase a looking-glass for a blind aunt.

The person who shall do the most to cheer the hearts of the needy poor will have the merriest Christmas and the happiest New Year. Try it and see.

Ice Plant.

The Dockery-Allen Co. will have a 20-ton ice plant in operation by May 1st, in West Rockingham. The company will also have a fertilizer mixing plant in operation by that time.

A year's subscription to the Post-Dispatch would make a splendid Xmas gift. Better send it to some friend or relative for a year. Call or phone the Post-Dispatch Tuesday and let us have this year's subscription; a card will be sent by the paper, notifying the recipient of the gift and the name of the giver.

Merry Christmas From +.

The Rockingham Red Cross Chapter wishes to extend the Christmas Greetings to the returned soldiers, and bid them each and all a hearty welcome home. The organization is at their disposal. Call on us; 'tis a pleasure to be of service. Rockingham Red Cross Chapter.

Mrs. T. F. Boyd, of Hamlet, received a letter a few days ago from her son, Robert C., written Nov. 14th, in which he stated that he was in action Nov. 10th, but had come out without a scratch; and was on the firing line on the 11th when the armistice went into effect.

DEATHS

Mrs. Willie Covington Lovelady died at the James hospital Friday morning, after an illness of not quite a week with flu. She had been nursing the late Mrs. Gasque, when taken sick, and was carried to the hospital the Saturday before. Her untimely death is a source of sorrow to many friends. The funeral was held from Zion church Saturday. This makes the 71st death in the county from influenza.

Rev. Henry H. Covington died at the home of Mr. G. Hal Kelly Saturday, aged 76. The interment was at the family burying ground Sunday. He was well known as "Speaking Henry" Covington.

Mrs. Gertie Murphy died at Steele's Mills Sunday; burial at Mizpah this (Monday afternoon.)

Walter Hines Page, former ambassador to Great Britain, died at Pinehurst Saturday night. The funeral will be held at Aberdeen Tuesday at 11. Mr. Page was 63 years old. He resigned as ambassador in the summer, and returned to the States Oct. 12th.

Geneva Gurganious, 17-year-old daughter of A. P. Gurganious, of Hamlet, died Saturday night and was buried at Mackin Creek church Sunday afternoon.

Food Administration.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 23rd.—In line with the policy it has pursued since the signing of the armistice, the State Food Administration is rapidly removing definite regulation effecting the handling and consumption of food stuffs. It was announced today that practically all rules effecting wheat and corn milling industry have been rescinded effective immediately. Mills will remain under license and be subject to some degree of control, but the regulations fixing a fair price schedule on feeds, the percentage of extraction, etc., are removed.

Effective Monday, December 23rd, the definite regulations governing public eating places are rescinded. The State Food Administrator has written to the 2000 public eating places in North Carolina advising them of the removal of these restrictions, but pointing out that there is even greater need for food conservation now than there would have been at this time had the war continued. The definite restrictions are removed because there is no longer any war necessity for them. The motive for conservation from now on is humanitarian, and, therefore, the matter of conservation must be left to the conscience of consumers.

On account of the removal of a large number of rules and regulations, and a consequent decrease in the volume of work handled by the Food Administration effective January 1 the organization of the Food Administration will be very materially reduced. Already the sugar division has abandoned the field.

The State organization, consisting of County, city and township Food Administrators, will remain intact, keeping steadfast on the job until the Food Administration automatically goes out with the coming of formal peace.

The chief activity of the Food Administration, until the signing of the treaty of peace, will be the preventing of speculation and profiteering in essential products and the direction and promotion of such a degree of food conservation as will enable America to fulfill its pledge to export 20,000,000 tons of food stuffs to starving European nations.

Because of the necessity for the continued control of food prices and profits, the Food Administration will maintain a sufficient inspection force in the State to detect and punish any merchants who are disposed to take advantage of the World food situation in order to profiteer.

The schedule of wholesale and retail profits promulgated by the Food Administration remain effective, and will no doubt be effective until the treaty of peace is formally signed. The schedule of prices on cottonseed and cottonseed products it is indicated will also remain unchanged.

Cotton on R'ham market today 25 1-2c for middling. New York market up 60 points, spots closing at 32.10.

Miss Lee Aycock arrived Friday to spend the holidays with Mrs. E. G. Scott.

Mr. E. B. Barbee, of Norlina, arrives tonight to spend two days at Mrs. F. L. Cole's.

Mrs. T. F. Stanback and Miss Pauline Stanback are spending the winter in Wadesboro.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Galloway, of Greenville, are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. John Allred.

Ray Baucom came home Sunday to visit his family. He will return to Chester, Pa., Friday night.

Hervey B. Coppedge returned from New York Sunday. He will resume his Route 4 duties in a few days. Mr. Joe Brigman has substituted for him during his absence.

A letter from S. T. Snead, Battery A, 316th F. A., to his wife, dated Nov. 25th, says unfortunately for him he did not get into actual fighting. He describes the country; how the people live in villages, instead of on farms, going out to their work each day; villages are as close as two and three miles. All houses of stone.

A wire last Thursday to Mrs. Ernest J. Allred stated that her husband had been released by his German captors, and was again with the 318th Machine Gun Bn, 81st division. He was captured Nov. 9th.

RED CROSS CAMPAIGN

Christmas Roll Call for New Members and Renewals Coming Nicely. Have YOU Joined? You Are Needed. "A Heart and a Dollar."

The campaign now underway to secure new members and renewals from old members for the Red Cross Chapter is progressing nicely, despite the Christmas rush and the handicap of influenza in many sections.

The community that so far has done the best is Midway. That mill village to date (Monday) had enrolled 96 members, and they are working with 125 as their goal. They'll reach it, too. They have the pep and spirit, down there. The Steele's Mills community is alive with the Red Cross spirit, also. M. L. Tucker Saturday secured 70 members, and workers there expect to bring this well above a hundred by tomorrow.

A booth was placed at the postoffice in the city Friday, and 200 have been enrolled that way. A canvass of the city has secured several hundred more. To date the total number of new members and renewal members, for the year 1919, is 500. This is not quite half what the Chapter had enrolled the past year, and so much energetic work is necessary to make our Chapter not be a laggard.

Many folks misunderstand about joining. They think by having joined last year or last summer that their membership carries them into next year. This is a mistake. Unless they joined since Sept. 1st, they are not members now, but they are earnestly asked to renew for 1919.

If you have not joined, send your membership fee of \$1, to Treasurer J. LeGrand Everett. The Post-Dispatch wishes the full list of members by next week so they can be published.

That Label Again.

The subscriptions of nearly 200 subscribers expire January 1st. We urge you to look at your label, and renew if it shows your subscription has about expired. The paper is on a strictly cash basis. No pay, no paper.

Ellerbe Streets and Walks.

The sidewalks of Ellerbe are being nicely cleaned, as well as the streets. The material is especially good.

County Financial Statement.

This issue of the Post-Dispatch contains 16 pages, seven of which contain the county's annual financial statement, together with the Clerk of Court's witness fee statement. File it away for reference.

Post-Dispatch Earlier.

The Post-Dispatch is being printed on Monday afternoon of this week, instead of on Thursday. The paper is issued earlier in order that the paper's "force" may enjoy the Christmas season without let or hindrance.

Carriers on the Job.

The postoffice will observe Sunday hours Christmas Day but the Carriers will make their rounds as usual. It is not a National holiday.

The stores and banks, as is their custom, will be closed Wednesday.

Here and There.

The Post-Dispatch wants EVERY part of Richmond county represented in this paper. We welcome correspondence from every mill village, every R. F. D., every town and every school in the county. We want soldier-letters from the rich, from the poor, from white and black. The Post-Dispatch endeavors to be a medium for the entire county—and we will be glad for YOU to take this as a personal invitation to write up your local happenings, or phone them to the paper. Our phone is 182—and this office is no further from you than your phone!

Last Saturday was shortest day in the year; days will gradually lengthen from now on; and, according to proverbial wisdom, the cold will begin to strengthen. The weather so far this season has been the mildest of any winter in many years.

General Fight.

Kenny McLean, Clyde Ingram, Sebert and Bascum Howell engaged in a fight in Boggan's restaurant Saturday night about 10:30. Sebert Howell received a stab in the arm, while Bascum was cut across the face and across the abdomen; the latter was carried to the James hospital for treatment. McLean received a bruise over the eye. The matter will be aired before Mayor McNair Friday at night 8.

Cotton Ginned.

Number of bales of cotton ginned in Richmond county to Dec. 13th was 13,597, as compared with 9,662 to same date last year. Cotton ginned throughout the county prior to Dec. 13th was 10,252,402 running bales, including 139,094 round bales, 12,793 bales of American Egyptian, and 31,060 bales of Sea Island.

Buyers, Not Shoppers.

Even the casual observer is impressed with the fact that those who have visited the stores of the city the past few days, have been buyers, not shoppers. The pre-holiday trade has been splendid.

For a couple of months the fall trade was hampered by the flu, but the crowded stores recently have relegated the flu depression. Despite the cloudy weather, the streets Saturday were crowded.

The high cost of living is having no pronounced effect in slackening the demand for merchandise. While the buying power of the dollar is less than formerly the earning power has increased until the weekly wage now will buy almost as much as would the weekly wage when prices were far lower. Money is changing hands as of yore and everybody seems contented and happy.

Bibles on Sale.

An association was formed here while the draft was on, through which small bibles were presented each soldier. When the draft ceased, the association had on hand about 150 of these testaments. These have been placed on sale at Miss Legg's, Scott's Pharmacy, Fox's, Watson-King, and Whitlock's. The proceeds from them will be turned over to the Red Cross Chapter.

Christmas Gifts

We still have the useful kind. Gloves, Ties, Belts, Handkerchiefs, Mufflers, Sweaters and numerous other things.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS for you ALL

GARNER & HINSON Phone 214

Don't destroy the Saving Habit!

In the effort to take care of the many demands on the Christmas purse refrain from withdrawing your bank account. It has taken time and economy to build them up. You owe something to yourself this Christmas—bear that in mind. Don't destroy your habit of Christ. Save or nest-egg anyway.

The Best Wishes of this Bank—are with you for the Merriest Christmas ever and a coming year of prosperity, health and happiness.

SIXTY-NINTH INTEREST DAYMENN

The 69th interest quarter begins at the ONLY SAVINGS BANK in the county on January first

Deposits made on, or before January 6th, will draw interest from the first, the INTEREST being credited April first. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES for rent.

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