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ROCKINGHAM, N. C., THURSDAY Afternoon, MARCH 6, 1919.

\$1.50 PER YEAR

\$60 BONUS

Discharged Soldiers Will Receive \$60 Extra from the Government.

Of financial interest to the soldiers of Richmond county is the information that Section 1406 of the Revenue Act approved Feb. 24th, authorizes the payment of a bonus of \$60 to officers, soldiers, field clerks and nurses of the army upon honorable separation from active service by discharge, resignation or otherwise. This bonus is not payable to the heirs of any deceased soldier.

Those who are discharged hereafter will receive this bonus on the same roll or voucher upon which they are paid their final pay.

Those who have been discharged and have received their final pay without the \$60 bonus, should write a letter to the Zone Finance Officer, Lemon Building, Washington, D. C., stating their service since April 6, 1917, the date of last discharge and their present address to which they desire their bonus checks to be sent and enclosing with this letter their discharge certificate or military order for discharge and both, if both were issued.

Upon the receipt by the Zone Finance Officer, Washington, D. C., of this information and the soldier's discharge certificate, this officer will cause checks to be drawn, and mailed to the claimants in the order in which their claims were received by him. The discharge certificate will be returned to the soldier with the check.

It is estimated that at least one million and a quarter persons have been discharged from the service who are entitled to the benefits of this act and while payments will be made as expeditiously as practicable, it will manifestly take considerable time to write and mail this many checks.

Rockingham at Wake Forest.

The city High School will send a representative to Wake Forest to enter the state-wide declamation contest to be held there on March 13th under the auspices of the Literary societies or that institution. All contestants will be entertained by the College and the winner of the declamation contest will be awarded a gold medal.

Rockingham High School will be most worthily represented in the person of Willie Williams, whose declamation is entitled, "The Eighth Crusade."

Large Tree.

Ed. Rogers Monday cut a pine tree on J. A. Harrington's place that measured five and a half feet in diameter at the stump. It had 136 rings, and was 73 feet to the nearest limb. Mr. Harrington says for truthful folks to bring on larger trees than this.

In the advt of W. E. McNair last week in which he gave the names of those having bought Detroit Ranges from him, the name of Mrs. John Hines was omitted, and instead of T. C. Ellerbe the name should have been T. C. Covington. Since then Mrs. J. A. Horne has bought one of these Ranges.

The condition of Miss Anne Steele is unimproved. As the forms of the paper are closed at 5:15 this afternoon, the news from the bedside is that she is perceptibly weaker. It is scarcely likely she will survive many hours. This is heart-breaking news to a host of friends of this most estimable lady.

DEATHS

M. H. Millican, aged 68, died at Cordova Feb. 28th; remains carried to Laurinburg March 1st for interment. Longer account of death elsewhere in this issue.

Henry McKay, colored, was accidentally shot and killed Feb. 28th by Casey Smith, colored. Further account elsewhere in this issue.

Mrs. John Patterson died in Durham of pneumonia Feb. 28th, and the remains were brought here and interred at Northam Saturday. Last week's Post-Dispatch had notice of the death of Nora May Patterson, her three-year-old daughter, at Durham, the 25th of pneumonia.

Mr. Alex Gaddy died at his home one mile west of Ellerbe Saturday night of Bright's Disease. Interment at Ellerbe Sunday. He would have been 72 years old March 13th.

R. J. Owen, of McFarland, S. C. died of appendicitis at the James hospital at Hamlet Wednesday night at 6:30. Remains carried to McFarland for interment.

W. L. Covington Dead.

Mr. W. L. Covington died at his home in Rockingham Wednesday at noon. His death was not unexpected, as he had been in feeble health for some months, but confined to his home for only the past month.

The interment was held at Eastside cemetery here this afternoon at 3:30, the services being conducted from the residence by Rev. Mr. Ormond.

Mr. Covington was born March 9, 1849. He was married Dec. 6, 1876, to Miss Della Covington, who with the following children survive: E. P. Covington; Mrs. H. C. Cottingham, of Bennettsville; A. A. Covington, Hamlet; Mrs. J. F. Stephenson; Wm. L. Covington, U. S. Army, Americus, Ga.

Mr. Covington was a member of Zion Methodist church, and a quiet, unassuming Christian gentleman; his friends will learn of his demise with real regret.

Marriage Licenses.

The following have secured licenses to marry during the past week, from the Register of Deeds:

- Feb. 27—Arthur Stanback and Hattie Ingram, colored.
- Feb. 28—Elbert Hubbard, Jr., and Rosa Crockett, colored.
- March 1—Jas. M. Jenkins and Emma Hogans, white.
- March 1—Frank Hening and Addie Phillips, white.
- March 2—John Henry Thompson and Lena Locklier, colored.

Does It Take You In?

Those who go out of the city to do their trading.

Those who oppose improvements.

Those who prefer a quiet, listless town to one of push and improvement.

Those who think business can be done slyly without advertising.

Those who oppose every movement that does not originate with themselves.

Those who put on a long face when a stranger talks of locating in the city.

Those who oppose every public enterprise which does not appear of personal benefit to them.

C. E. GADDY ELECTRICAL CO.

Commissioners Meet.

The county commissioners met in regular monthly session Monday in the Register of Deeds' office, present being the chairman, B. F. Reynolds, and his four associates: Messrs. H. D. Hatch, Jas. L. Baldwin, John A. McNeill and John W. Capel.

Ordered, that John F. Flowers, colored, Marks Creek, be released of \$150 valuation in household effects on error of listing.

Ordered, that Allen Jackson be released from paying tax on one dog on account of non-ownership.

Ordered, that Wesley Downer, colored, Marks Creek, be exempt from poll tax.

The board instructed the superintendent of roads to inspect the private road west of Steele's Mills and help the community in shaping it up, on basis of dollar for dollar, the county's part not to exceed \$100.

Expense of County Home for month of February was \$250.56. (The allotment for the Home per month is \$275, but February being a short month the apportionment was not reached.)

Expense for chain gang for February, \$624.87.

Expense of Recorder's Court, Hamlet, February, \$25.01.

The next term of criminal court begins April 7th. The commissioners drew the following men as jurors for the criminal term:

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| E T Ballard | C K Rhyne |
| R R Ussery | D W Bethune |
| D L Henry | D T Roscoe |
| S D Townsend | T M Rose |
| R H Sessions | J T Parker |
| Sidney Hopkins | E V Covington |
| W R Smith | Lee C McDonald |
| J W Hodges | J H LeGrand |
| J E McDonald | Claud Polk |
| W M Dunn | J B McColman |
| P C Clark | J N W Collins |
| Nelson Gibson | W M Hale |
| Jason Norman | C P Dawkins |
| Lacy Lampley | H F Thomas |
| B F Thomas Jr | J C Gibson |
| J C McCrosky | J R Dawkins |
| D M Stogner | W R Land |
| S F Key Jr | R B Coble |

Library Meeting Friday Night.

The petition to submit the support of the Rockingham Public Library to the voters at the next municipal election, has been circulated, and a great many more names were secured than were necessary to have it submitted. Practically everybody who was approached for a signature signed. And not only did the people sign willingly, but they seem to be anxious to see a Carnegie Library here as one of the town's permanent assets.

Mrs. Minnie L. Blanton, who is Secretary and Director of the North Carolina Library Commission, with headquarters at Raleigh, will be in Rockingham Friday to confer with the members of the Rockingham Library Association regarding the work of the library here. A public meeting of the Library Association will be held in the Library Friday night at 8 o'clock. This meeting is for members of the Association and for all others who are interested in the Library, whether members or not.

Elsewhere in this issue appears the announcement of the buying of the Hall Auto Co., by Jas. G. Allred and Jas. A. Hall, who will open the business next Monday at the same stand under the name of the Auto Service Company. Mr. Allred is a son of Mr. John Allred, of Rockingham, and for the past several years has been in the auto repair business at Greensboro. Mr. Allred and family have moved here and at present are with his father. Mr. Hall is an auto mechanic of reputation, and was given special mechanical training by the Government last fall.

INTERESTING TRIAL

Referee Hearing of S. A. L. Ry. Versus John R. Henderson.

A trial of much interest, particularly to Hamlet citizens, began in the courthouse at Rockingham Monday morning. Or rather it is a Referee's hearing of facts, which will later be reported to the Court.

The suit is a civil action of long standing, brought by the S. A. L. Ry. against John R. Henderson over the possession of a strip of land 100 feet wide and 1770 feet long, lying in Hamlet between the Terminal hotel and the depot. The plot in controversy may be better recognized as that on which the famous "Happy Hooligan" of ancient days, stood.

This case was started by the Seaboard ten or more years ago; it has been tried twice in superior court, and now is being heard by order of Court by a Referee. The Referee is Judge W. F. Harding. The hearing was begun Monday morning at 10 o'clock. Yards of blue prints, of surveys, were in evidence before the Referee, and surveyors Arps, Wetmore and Moncure were examined for the plaintiff Monday and Tuesday; also President Riddick, of the State A. & E. College, was on the stand Tuesday.

The defendant has examined surveyors Graham and A. F. Lynam, and Wednesday morning the Referee transferred the hearing to Hamlet where a large number of witnesses were heard, many of them negroes.

Attorneys appearing for the railroad are R. C. Lawrence, of Lumberton, George Bellamy, of Wilmington, and M. W. Nash, of Hamlet.

For the defendant are A. M. Stack, of Monroe, and E. A. Harrell, of Hamlet.

Among the other "big" men here for the hearing this week were Major Sedden, general manager for the Seaboard, whose private car was switched to a siding here during his stay.

Mrs. W. R. Jones is doing the stenographic work.

It is said that one of the chief reasons the Seaboard is so desirous of getting possession of this land is in order to erect a suitable building thereon, to serve as a depot and office building.

Mayor's Court.

Before the Mayor the past week:

"Bud" Henry submitted Monday night to simple assault, and was fined \$10 and costs, \$3.05. E. V. Hinson and P. W. Hinson were bound over to superior court under \$100 each, charged with assault with deadly weapon. These two cases were the result of an affray in the Busy Bee cafe Saturday night, the younger Greek being the fourth party in the melee.

Frank Northcutt submitted Monday night to charge of being drunk Saturday, and was fined \$5 and costs, \$1.95.

Careless Readers.

There is some excuse for folks to misunderstand a conversation but there is done for misunderstanding plain English when it is WRITTEN or PRINTED.

Last week's Post-Dispatch contained an item giving the new phone rates from Rockingham to Hamlet from all pay stations. And yet dozens who read it lost sight of the plainly printed words "pay stations" and got the idea that a toll was to be charged from all stations in Rockingham.

No, the increased person to person rate applies to PAY stations and not to private phones.

Civil Term Court.

The March term of civil court will convene March 17th, with Judge Shaw presiding. The calendar of cases can be seen on page nine of this issue.

Accidental Killing.

On Friday morning of last week a colored youth named Henry McKay was shot accidentally by another negro, Casey Smith, and died from the injury an hour or so later.

The two negroes were in Smith's pressing room, to the rear of Norman Leak's barber shop, on Franklin street, Rockingham, and Smith began cleaning his pistol. After reloading it he carelessly began toying with the trigger, when the inevitable happened—the gun fired, the ball entering McKay's side. The boy was at once carried to the James hospital at Hamlet by Dr. Quick, and he was placed on the operating table in an effort to save his life, but the injury was too serious and he died a few minutes afterwards.

Coroner A. M. Smith impaneled a jury of E. E. Hamer, R. A. Manship, A. B. Chandler, Raiford Terry, J. S. Boggan and S. A. Johnson Saturday morning and after investigating the facts etc., the jury returned a verdict that the deceased came to his death at the hands of Casey Smith in an accidental manner; Smith was thereupon released from custody.

Two mules and machinery at auction Saturday at 2 o'clock in front of courthouse by G. E. Hinson. See his advt in this issue.

Only two more days of the free cooking demonstration by a renowned chef, at Nathan W. LeGrand & Co., Hamlet—Friday and Saturday afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock. See his quarter-page announcement elsewhere in this issue.

Elsewhere in this issue appears a 40-inch advertisement of the Crown Carbonating Company, of Hamlet. Mr. J. P. Gibbins is the owner of this plant; he is a successful business man and a man of integrity. And he is putting out a bottled product that the trade may rest assured is as near perfect as it is possible to make it.

Cigs. And Gas Higher.

Effective March 1st the new tax on gasoline and tobacco products caused an advance in the prices.

Cigarettes that sold for 6c, are now 8c; those that sold for 8c, are now 10c; 15c are now 20c; and 20c are selling for 25c.

Gasoline is now retailing for 27c per gallon, instead of the heretofore price of 26c.

Recorder's Court, Hamlet.

A. F. Craven, white, tried before Recorder Austin at Hamlet Monday for drunk and disorderly; fined \$10 and costs.

Sandy Ivey, white, drunk; fined \$5 and costs Monday.

Splendid Aircraft Picture

WILLIAM S. HART

in
"RIDDLE GAWNE"

at
THE STAR

FRIDAY, MARCH 7TH

Matinee 3:30 Night 7
Admission 15 & 25c.

Store Moved

Arenson Moves from old stand into the handsome, new Little building, next to Richmond (Building was formerly used by the old Rockingham Post as its office.)

This is to inform the public that I have moved my store from the cramped room next door to Barrett's, to the new Little building (about 50 feet west of my old stand). We have commodious quarters in this new stand and can much better serve the trade. New goods are being opened daily and we will make it to your interest to come to see us. This is the store with a welcome, whether you buy or not. Come in and see how nicely we are fixed.

Very truly,

A. ARENSON

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