

Prize for Compositions

Post-Dispatch Offers Several Cash Prizes to Women or Girls Writing Best Articles on "Why the Women of Richmond County Should Vote the Democratic Ticket."

The fact that the women are to vote Nov. 2nd makes this coming election of far reaching interest and importance. The Post-Dispatch will conduct each week a special department for the women voters, and the paper is right now offering the following cash prizes to the women and girls writing the best article on "Why the Women of Richmond County Should Vote the Democratic Ticket." The article must not be longer than about 200 words, and must be sent to the paper not later than Oct. 10th. Competent judges will be secured to judge the articles, and the prize winning ones will be published. The first prize is \$5; second \$3; third is \$2, fourth \$1 and fifth is \$1. So get busy, you girls and ladies of the county, and let's have your reasons for voting the Democratic ticket this fall.

School Figures.

The following figures show the first days enrollment of the larger schools of the county as compared with last year's first day enrollments:

	1919	1920
Rockingham	490	572
Hamlet	640	692
Rohanen	236	239
Ellerbe	166	216
Pee Dee	200	178
Roberdel	160	159
Hoffman	110	83
Cameron	128	122
Cameron	16	14

(one teacher)

All children between the ages of 8 and 14 residing in any of the above named school districts are required by the compulsory school law to attend their respective schools.

Every parent or other person having charge or control of a child between the ages of 8 and 14 shall be held responsible for the attendance of such child. Any willful violation of the attendance law is a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be liable to a fine. If any farmer is compelled to have his children help gather the crop, he should get a work permit from the attendance officer.

O. G. Reynolds,
Attendance Officer.

Dog and Pony Show.

Rockingham is to be visited by a dog and pony Show Saturday though the outfit has one elephant. The name is the Sanger Shows, which is one of the several smaller shows that Gentry Bros. have on the road. The outfit travels in three railroad cars. Performances at 2 and 8 o'clock.

School Football.

The young fellows of the Rockingham high school are practicing daily, under direction of Coach Lonnie Sides, and are rapidly rounding into a cohesive football machine. The first game will be played the latter part of next week with the Hamlet High at Hamlet. The captain of the team will be selected the day before the Hamlet game.

Game Laws.

Game laws for Richmond county give the following as the "open seasons":
Squirrel—Sept. 1 to April 1.
Deer and turkeys—Nov. 1 to Nov. 15.
Woodcock—Nov. 25 to Jan. 1.
Partridges, ducks and geese—Nov. 25 to Jan 26.

Fords Reduced.

Elsewhere in this issue can be seen the new prices on Ford cars that went into effect Sept. 21st. The price reductions range from 14 per cent on trucks to 31 per cent on smaller cars. In other words, Henry Ford has put his cars back before-the-war prices. And this reduction of about \$200 a car was made despite the fact that he has 146,065 unfilled orders.

The roadsters now are \$395, f. o. b. Detroit, and touring cars are \$440 f. o. b. Detroit. The full scale of new prices can be seen in the half-page advertisement in this issue.

Kitchen Fire.

The fire alarm was sounded at 7:30 last Saturday morning. The woodwork around the kitchen stove flue at the Sidney Hopkins residence was afire; it was extinguished with but little damage.

DELAY EXPLAINED.

This issue of the Post-Dispatch is delayed from its accustomed time of going to press on Thursday afternoon, to Friday afternoon. The reason can be laid to the loss of a letter between Rockingham and Charlotte.

The paper was short of mechanical help this week, and so sent on Tuesday night's mail to Charlotte a big batch of "copy" to be set by a commercial linotype operator. This copy was all home or "local" stuff and amounted to about twelve columns. Ordinarily this special delivery letter should have reached Charlotte Wednesday a. m., but had not reached there up to going to press today (Friday) afternoon. We held the paper up a day hoping that the letter would reach Charlotte and that we could get the type even though late; but as the letter seems hopelessly lost, we perforce are printing with the twelve columns left out. Our readers will pardon the shortcoming.

It might be of interest to note that in the three years that the Post-Dispatch has been printed at Rockingham, this week's issue is the first that has not gone to press on schedule time! A record of which we are proud, and one that few papers can equal.

FEDERAL COURT L'BURG

Several Richmond County Men Convicted in Federal Court at Laurinburg This Week.

In Federal Court at Laurinburg Tuesday and Wednesday, the following cases of Richmond county were disposed of:

W. C. Whitley, white; distilling; sentenced to 60 days in jail and to pay a fine of \$100 and costs. Ellis Quinn, white, found guilty by jury of having blockade whiskey in his possession. Sentenced to one year and a day in Atlanta pen, and to pay a fine of \$100 and costs. He was represented by Cox & Dunn, of Laurinburg, and Nash LeGrand, of Hamlet.

J. Frank Thompson, white, of Exway, having whiskey in his possession; fined \$50 and costs.

"Rev." T. T. Tucker, charged with distilling, forfeited his bond. The Reverend went to Laurinburg for his trial, but developed cold feet and betook himself to parts unknown, thereby forfeiting his bond. He is a white man and was arrested at Ellerbe some months ago.

V. M. Pate, of Scotland county, white, who was arrested several weeks ago for having whiskey in his possession, was sent to Atlanta pen for a year and a day, and made to pay a fine of \$100 and costs.

Ed Harris, colored, of Moore county, distilling; 30 days imprisonment and costs.

COUNTY TAX RATE

1920 Tax Rate for Richmond County is 58 cents and \$1.74 on the Poll as Compared with \$1.58 and \$3.15 Poll Last Year.

The County Commissioners have placed the tax rate for Richmond county for 1920 at 58 cents on the \$100 valuation of property and \$1.74 on each poll.

This compares with \$1.58 tax rate and 3.15 poll tax for last year.

A tax of one dollar on male dogs and two dollars on female dogs was ordered.

On all special school taxes in local taxation districts a rate that will produce the same amount as last year plus ten per cent additional, will be levied.

The valuation of all property, etc., in Richmond county under the Revaluation amounts to approximately \$31,325,804, as compared with \$10,671,105 last year.

The new tax rate of 58 cents on the \$100 valuation, and \$1.74 on the poll, is divided as follows:

\$100 Val.	Poll.
Schools, State	\$.13 \$.39
Schools, County	.18 .54
County	.08 .24
County Home	.01 .03
Confed. Pensions	.01 .03
County Bonds	.03 .09
County Roads	.14 .42

Total\$.58 \$1.74

White Women Register.

Inasmuch as the ballot has been granted to the white women of Richmond county, it behooves them to register. The books in your respective precincts will be open from Thursday, Sept. 30th, to Saturday, Oct. 23rd, inclusive.

The same regulations that disqualify the colored man from voting of course holds true in the case of the colored woman.

Superior Court.

The second September term of Superior Court for trial of civil cases will convene next Monday, 27th, with Judge P. A. McElroy presiding. The calendar of cases is elsewhere in this issue.

The jury as drawn Sept. 6th for this term is as follows:

P W Watkins	W J Bowen
C G Pepper	R H Allen
J W McIntyre	S A Lamplly
J D Pence	I T McCollum
A Arenson	W E Crossland
Jno W Covington	Neill Campbell
B H Key	W C Steele
H B Humphrey	C A Greene
J G Liles	J C Matheson
M L Altman	D M Stogner
J J Henderson	

Ford Roadster Body.

For sale, a new Ford roadster body. See E. B. Morse.

ROBERT GREER ARRESTED FOR STEALING CAR

Robert Greer, of Highway Robbery Renown, Arrested By Chief Braswell at Cheraw Sept. 17th, on Charge of Stealing Studebaker Car from Raleigh. Kent Greer in jail at Danville.

One switching seems not to correct the badness of a child. And a conviction and heavy fine for highway robbery evidently does not tend to mend the ways of Robert Greer, a young white man of High Point who several months ago was made to pay a heavy fine for highway robbery in Richmond county. And now Robert Greer is once again in the toils of the Law and is in jail at Raleigh charged with the theft of a car.

On Thursday of last week, Sept. 16th, a 7-passenger Studebaker car was stolen from B. C. Bullock at Raleigh. It was thought the thief had gone towards Hamlet, and sure enough he had. Chief J. S. Braswell was wired at Hamlet to be on the lookout for a stolen car. Next morning Mr. Braswell heard that a large car had been overturned on a fill near Marston. Going up there he found the stolen Studebaker, upside down. Inquiry developed the fact that the driver, who turned out to be Robert Greer, had offered to sell the overturned car to "Slim" Dunn for \$600 and had gotten a jitney to take him to Cheraw. Mr. Braswell and Officer T. W. Miller at once went to Cheraw and about 4 o'clock the same afternoon, Friday, they found Robert Greer in a garage and arrested him. They brought him back to Hamlet, kept him in Hamlet calaboose all night, and Saturday an officer came from Raleigh and carried him to that city on the Saturday noon train.

Greer told Mr. Braswell that a man named Hendricks had wired him to come to Sanford and get this car, and that he knew nothing about it being stolen; that he was carrying it to Cheraw for this man Millard Hendricks. Mr. Braswell got a description of Hendricks, and later on in the afternoon of Saturday he and Miller arrested Hendricks in front of the Terminal hotel at Hamlet. Hendricks denied all knowledge of the car, stating that he had just come from Charlotte.

However, Hendricks too was carried to Raleigh jail Sunday morning, and he and Greer are incarcerated there to await a hearing. Both men live at High

Point. Hendricks has a wife and child there.

Robert Greer is a familiar name to our Richmond county readers. He is the High Point man who submitted at April term of Superior Court to highway robbery (robbing Robert Steele and Henry Harrington last Spring.) He was sentenced by Judge Finley to 12 months on the roads, but commitment not to issue pending good behavior, and he was made to furnish a \$500 bond for his appearance at each November and April term to show that he had been of good behavior. In addition, to this he was required to pay a fine of \$2,000. His brother, J. Kent Greer, submitted at the same term to conspiracy to commit highway robbery and he was fined \$200 and required to give \$500 bond for appearance at November and April terms to show good behavior.

In connection with the Greer brothers, it might interest the Post-Dispatch readers to know something as to Kent Greer. The editor wrote to the Chief of Police at Danville, Va., last week asking as to what disposition had been made of Kent's car robbery case there, and in reply we were informed that Kent had been convicted in the Corporation Court at Danville and sentenced to the State penitentiary at Richmond for a term of six years. His attorney appealed, getting a stay of execution until same can be heard in the Appellate Court. And so at present Kent Greer is in the city jail at Danville awaiting disposition of his appeal.

Douglas MacLean and Doris May

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THE STAR THEATRE
Monday, Sept. 27

"MARY'S ANKLE"

Admission 20 and 30c.

Mule Lost.

Lost, a dark mare mule weighing about 850 pounds. Scar over each eye. Reward for return, or information leading to her recovery.—J. A. McNeill, Roberdel, N. C.

HOW MUCH?

"How much did he leave," is a sure question asked when a fellow dies. "Nothing much; he had no insurance!" Poor wife: poor little kiddies. How neglectful of a sensible man not to provide for his loved ones in case of his death. Don't delay this matter. Insure your life and thus be sure of a steady income for your family if you should die. We represent the leading companies. Let us show you some attractive policies. Phone, come to see us, or write us and our representative will come to you.

Richmond Insurance & Realty Company
A. G. opening, Sec.-Treas. Office in Hotel Building.

New Interest Quarter

October 1st is a new interest quarter at the ONLY SAVINGS BANK in the county. This being the 77th quarter.

On this date OUR BANK will have paid to its Depositors INTEREST amounting to ONE HUNDRED, EIGHT THOUSAND and THIRTY-ONE DOLLARS.

WHAT IS AN INTEREST QUARTER?

It is the beginning of a THREE month's period when interest starts to accumulate on all Savings Deposits, usually beginning January first, April first, July first and October.

WHAT DOES COMPOUND INTEREST MEAN?

It means that if your money has been on Deposit THREE full months from the FIRST to the FIFTH day of any of the quarterly periods above mentioned, the THREE month's interest is added to your account, thus becoming a part of the PRINCIPAL and it also begins to earn interest.

Why Do We Give the First Five Days of Each Quarter?

Because it would be impossible for us to serve all of our Savings Depositors on the FIRST day. It gives us more time to open up new accounts, credit depositors with interest due them, and gives our customers better service.

Open a Savings Account today, while you are thinking about it. WE INVITE YOUR BUSINESS.

The Richmond County Savings Bank