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The last Legislature created the office of State Tax Commissioner. This office is one of vital importance to the people, and the man who is appointed Commissioner should be one who is really pre-eminently qualified to fill it. Such a man is A. J. Maxwell; his training and ability for this line of work is unquestioned and Gov. Morrison will reflect credit upon himself in selecting Maxwell for the place.

But the Governor is best just now by A. D. Watts, of Statesville, who wants the job. The fight appears to be between Maxwell and Watts. Gov. Morrison will make the appointment shortly. In the interests of efficiency the POST-DISPATCH hopes that Maxwell will be named. And it would no doubt help Mr. Maxwell's chances if our Richmond county people would write Gov. Morrison a letter of endorsement of Maxwell. If you think Maxwell is the man for the position, then drop the Governor a short note telling him so.

A Low-Down Thief.

While the Ellerbe and Rockingham basketball teams were playing their championship game here last Friday afternoon, some thief or thieves slipped into the dressing room of the school, where the boys had left their clothes, and stole every cent the boys of both teams had. Something like \$25 was taken. No clue as yet has been secured.

Enters Lawyer's Home.

While Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Byrum were at a party on Friday night of last week, a thief broke into their home, on Bungalow avenue, and stole about \$30 in cash. The thief cut the wire screen to a front window and entered that way. The nurse was in a back room, but did not hear the intruder who pulled out drawers and books from a bookcase and cattered things generally over the room. The money was concealed in the book-case and evidently the thief knew where to look.

Baptist Sunday School.

The Baptist Sunday School at Rockingham has practically doubled in size during the past year. The attendance last Sunday was 221, and for the past six Sundays the average attendance has been 183. The paper would be glad to have reports from other Sunday schools over the county.

Why Grow 4,000,000 Bales For Nothing?

(The Progressive Farmer.)
What's the sense—common sense, horse sense, or any other kind of sense—of growing 4,000,000 bales of cotton for nothing?

That is the hard, practical, stubborn fact that cotton farmers of the South are now up against. We have got to answer it for ourselves; and upon the answer depends the world's estimate of our intelligence.

Everybody admits that an 8,000,000 bale crop of cotton this year will bring just as much money as a 12,000,000 bale crop. What, then, is the sense of planting, chopping, nurturing, picking and ginning 4,000,000 extra bales of cotton for nothing?

Not only will it be for nothing, but for worse than nothing. We will not only get no more for a 12,000,000 bale crop than we should get for an 8,000,000 bale crop, but there is this other absolutely certain consideration:

If we make only an 8,000,000 bale crop we will BOOST the price of every pound of cotton we have carried over from 1920 and from previous years. On the other hand, if we make a 12,000,000 bale crop, we will absolutely RUIN the profits of every pound of cotton we are holding and have held. Which course will you follow?

It is time to wake up. There is absolutely no chance of a 50 per cent cut in cotton acreage, but anything less than a 25 per cent cut will be a disaster. And if we are to have a 25 per cent average decrease, a lot of people must cut far more than 25 per cent—for thousands are not going to cut at all. Sir Edward Paish, the famous English authority, is predicting that cotton may go to 4 cents next year without a heavy cut in acreage; it will certainly go low enough.

In Heaven's name, let's plant only just enough cotton this year to pay taxes and absolutely necessary store bills and plant every other acre in food crops, feed crops, soil-improving crops, gardens, pastures, orchards, watermelons, and potatoes. Let's live well at home—with homemade bread, meat, milk, butter, vegetables, fruits, chickens, eggs, watermelons, syrup, and honey—and absolutely refuse to ruin prices of 1921 cotton and of cotton already on hand by planting, cultivating, and picking 4,000,000 extra bales of cotton for nothing.

That is the issue. What are you, Mr. Farmer, going to do about it on your farm?

To Federal Court.

Federal officer Carl Shores and other officers on Saturday arrested Clifton Brown and G. A. Melton on the public highway between Hoffman and Drowning Creek bridge; the men each had a pint of blockade whiskey. The officers confiscated the Ford, and brought the two men to Rockingham where Commissioner Guthrie gave them a hearing Saturday night. They were bound over to Federal Court under \$1000 bond each. They were unable to raise this bond until Sunday afternoon, and so were kept in jail until that time.

The men are white, and are said to live in Scotland county. Mr. Shores on Sunday found the location of a still within a few hundred yards of where these men were captured; the still had been moved, but a quantity of beer was on hand. The officers believe this still was operated by these men. They have had search warrants for Melton for quite a while.

War Saving Securities.

According to the official report recently completed by the Rockingham postmaster, the sales of government saving securities amounted to \$632.39 here last month.

Commandery Meeting.

The Rockingham Commandery will be officially visited on next Tuesday night by the Right Eminent Grand Commander of the State, John H. Anderson, of Fayetteville. Every Sir Knight is expected to be on hand, in uniform.

Episcopal Church.

Services will be held at the Episcopal church tomorrow night (Good Friday) at 8 o'clock by the Lay Reader, and again Easter Sunday morning. Rev. Mr. Rottler will conduct services Sunday night, and at that time administer the offices of Holy Communion. The public is cordially invited to these services.

A Rare Opportunity.

Mr. J. F. Diggs tells me that on April 14 he will hold a purebred auction sale of high class Jersey heifers, cows and bulls at his barn, and that the terms of sale will be 25 per cent cash, half of the balance in six months and the remainder in 9 months. In times like these, these cattle will sell for less than their worth, and probably never again will there be such an opportunity to buy the best of foundation stock so cheap. I feel that as county agent, I should not be doing my duty to the public if I fail to call attention to this sale.

Buy you velvet beans and get ready to winter your purchase without cost, and add a splendid income to your assets in soil fertility.

W. H. Barton.

Easter at West Rham.

The children will give an entertainment Easter Sunday night at 7:30 at West Rockingham Methodist church; the public is invited to attend.

Phillies vs Rochester.

The Rochester International league team and the Philadelphia with first-string players will play each other at Cheraw on Saturday, April 2nd, at 3 o'clock.

Cotton Grading Notice.

All holders of cotton who want cotton on hand graded by Government grader will call at my office on next Saturday, March 26, and get the necessary tags and directions for drawing samples which will be brought to my office to be graded by the expert who will be in Rockingham to do this work on April 5th.

The service is free. Call at my office next Saturday.
W. H. Barton,
Co. Agent.

Notice to Encampment Members.

Rockingham Encampment I. O. O. F. No. 7, will hold a special meeting next Tuesday night, March 29th, following district meeting to confer the three Encampment degrees on a large class of Odd Fellows. The degree team from Raleigh will do the work.

N. H. McINNIS, Scribe,
R'ham Encampment No. 7.

Easter Cantata.

An Easter Cantata, "The King Triumphant," will be presented at the Baptist church by the choir Sunday night; the public is invited to this special service.

The final result in the plebiscite in Upper Silesia on March 20th was Germany 716,408 votes, Poland 471,406.

Easter Flowers.

Fox Drug store here has the agency for the Hollywood Greenhouses, of Tatum, S. C. Their Easter price list is on page three of this issue.

Miss Luther Dead.

Miss Bettie Luther died Wednesday morning; the remains will be brought to the home of her father, Mr. C. W. Luther, at Exway, in upper Richmond probably tonight or Friday morning, for interment.

Old time prices are certainly silks at E. B. Terry's, nothing high priced—yet the quality as usual is the best.

The Circus is Coming.

A circus is coming, and a good one, too. This will be received with delight by the children, and older ones, for the very bare mention of a "circus" conjures up mingled feelings of anticipation.

Sparks circus will be at Rockingham Wednesday, April 6th. This circus has grown from the small pony show of years ago to the present three-ring size. For years it had winter quarters at Salisbury, but for the past two years it has wintered at the Georgia State Fair Grounds, at Macon. It is now starting on its summer and fall trip, showing first at Macon April 2nd, at Columbia April 5th and at Rockingham April 6th. It goes from here to Raleigh for the 7th, then to Suffolk, Va., remain in Virginia two weeks, then through West Virginia, through Ohio and on into Canada. And so Rockingham has been selected as one of the two towns in North Carolina in which it will show. The circus will come here in spick and span condition, everything new and freshly painted and accoutered; and its parade should be a good one. The new tent for the circus will be used at Macon for the first time on April 2nd; it has a seating capacity of 4500.

The advance advertising car—a handsome new 70-foot Pullman—was in Rockingham Monday billing the town and vicinity. The advertising manager, Mr. Raymond Dean, kept "openhouse" with his car, and a number of citizens were given the opportunity of inspecting such an up-to-date arrangement.

To Pen 10 Years.

Readers of this paper doubtless remember the fake suicide stunt worked by Thomas B. McLaurin, of Bennettsville, at Biewett Falls in the early part of last November. McLaurin had practically wrecked a bank in that town, and last week he was tried for it and sent to the penitentiary for ten years.

Medical Society Meets.

The Richmond County Medical Society met at Rockingham Tuesday for the first time since the flu epidemic of two years ago. The Society named the following officers for the ensuing year: Dr. W. D. James, president. Dr. J. M. Ledbetter, vice-president. Dr. A. C. Everett, secretary-treasurer. The Board of Sensors is: Doctors W. C. Terry, L. D. McPhail, W. L. Howell. Delegate to State Society meeting at Pinehurst April 25-28, Dr. W. D. James.

Picnic Easter Monday.

A public picnic and fish fry will be held at the Jane McKimmon club house (Harrington school building) Easter Monday, and the public is invited to attend. A basketball game will be played in the afternoon.

TAXES AT ELLERBE

Cost Will be Added.

Town tax are long past due, really since last October.

The law requires that all unpaid taxes be published beginning the first week in April. Therefore the list will be made up April 1st of all who have not paid there town taxes and it will be published in the POST-DISPATCH as required by law.

You can blame your self for having costs added.

R. A. Easterling,
Town Tax Collector, Ellerbe N. C.

Charter Oak Camp.

Charter Oak Camp, No. 5, W. O. W., meets every Tuesday night at 7:45 in the hall over Swink's meat market, Rockingham. Visiting members are cordially invited. Regular members urged to attend with due regularity.

Just arrived—Big shipment of silks. All shades and quality. Very low priced—W. E. Harrison and Land Co.

Henry C. Covington

Dies Suddenly.

Mr. Henry C. Covington, a bachelor, aged 56, of the Zion community, died suddenly on the front porch of the T. K. Moss store, in West Rockingham, Wednesday morning about 10 o'clock.

Mr. Covington had ridden in earlier in the morning, and had alighted in West Rockingham. He had been drinking, and was seen to fall a time or two. He fell the last time at the railroad crossing near the Dockery-Allen store building; friends helped him to the Moss store porch, and it was seen that he was dying, death resulting before a doctor could arrive. Coroner Smith held an inquest over the remains, with the following jury: J. M. Dockery, Barney Christie, Ed. Thomas, T. K. Moss, John Brazell and S. T. Henry. County Physician McIntosh testified that it was his belief that Mr. Covington died of natural causes, and this was the report of the jury. It is understood Mr. Covington had been suffering from a weak heart for some time.

Mangum Items.

Miss Jennie Matheson is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. C. A. Ballard, at Ansonville.

Mr. and Mrs. John Chandler spent Saturday night and Sunday with relatives.

Misses Josie Chandler, Ruth Greene and Lucy Tice, spent Friday night at Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hornes'.

Mr. T. B. Andrews spent Thursday at R'ham on business.

The ladies of Hebron church met at Mrs. D. N. Curries Monday and organized a Missionary Society.

Mr. E. T. and Miss Rosa Haywood, of Mt. Gilead spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Davis Haywood.

Miss Lucy Tice and Miss Ruth Greene attended group teacher's meeting at McIntyre school house Monday.

Miss Sadie Stanback is visiting her brother, Mr. George Stanback of Wadesboro.

Rev. A. J. Groves spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Horne.

There will be a box supper at Pee Dee School Friday night.

Mr. John Matheson was calling on some of the Mt. Gilead girls Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Johnson was in Wadesboro Monday shopping.

"Bob-o-link"

Steele's Mill News.

Mrs. A. M. Lear, of Albemarle, was visiting her father here Sunday.

Born, last Sunday, to Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Goodwin, a daughter.

We were glad to see Mr. J. L. Grant, of Charlotte, in our village today.

Mrs. Jule Faulkner, of Wadesboro, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Fannie Eddings, and other relatives of this place.

Miss Rosa Faulkner, of Wadesboro, is here visiting her sisters, Mrs. J. C. and Jule Faulkner.

Mrs. J. C. Faulkner, of San Francisco, is visiting her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Garner, and other relatives at this place.

Mr. J. M. Edwards, of Rosemary, was here last Saturday visiting Mr. J. A. Edwards.

Mr. Will Everett is this week moving to Fayetteville.

Hog For Sale.

Hog for sale, White Chester. Will make a splendid brood sow—W. E. Reed, Steeles Mill.

HAMLET OPERA HOUSE

HAMLET, N. C.

Clean Entertainment for the Whole Family.

PROGRAM:

Friday, March 25th.
"HELD IN TRUST", starring Fay Allison. Added attraction, "HEALTHY AND HAPPY", Vitagraph comedy.

Saturday, March 26th.
Roscoe [Patty] Arbuckle in "THE ROUND UP." Added attraction, Buster Keaton in "ONE WEEK." Also 4th chapter "VEILED MYSTERY."

Monday, March 28th.
"SLAM-BANG JIM", starring William Russell. Also Topics of the Day and Selznick News.

Tuesday, March 29th.
It's a circus on the screen. Dainty Mary Miles Minter in "THE LITTLE CLOWN." Added attraction, the Vanity Fair girls in "BURGLARS BOLD."

Wednesday, March 30th.
The one and only Norma Tallmage in "SHE LOVES AND LIES." Added attraction Thomas Santschi in a two-reel western.

Thursday, March 31st.
"THE THIRTIETH PIECE OF SILVER," with Margarita Fisher. Added attraction, Selznick News and Hall Room Boys comedy.

Clean Entertainment for the Whole Family.

HAMLET OPERA HOUSE

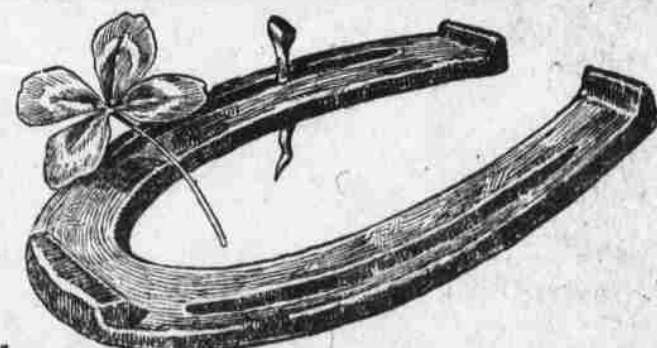
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S. E. Covington,
Tax Collector

Job Printing

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Progressive Methods
Efficient Service

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Rockingham Richmond County