ICCRO RECEPCION

CURFEW JONES COMES IN CON-TACT WITH ELECTRIC LIGHT WIRE ON WATSON HEIGHTS WEDNESDAY NIGHT AND IS KILLED. WINDSTORM HAD BLOWN DOWN POLE NO. IN BLOWN DOWN POLE NO IN.

blackened, but no other scarn visi-ble, Curfew Jones, negro, aged 24, with that he came here. The party was found lying dead on the ground in the bottom between the two roads, on Watson Heights, early this (Thursday) morning by some negro school children. It was at once ap-parent as to the cause of his death, but Coroner Smith held a perfunctory inquest anyway.

The rain and windstorm of Wed-

nesday had blown down an electric light pole, and it was the wire, charged with 2,300 volts of electricity, that Cartis came in contact with Wednesday night as he was going home. He evidently stooped to lift the wife out of his way-and the powerful current surged through his body and killed him instantly. The G. B. McCombs, the father, is still body was found next morning.

tained such a death-dealing force. to be cleared.

FACTS ABOUT THE COAST LINE

President Kenly and Officers Spend Day in Rockingham.

On Wednesday, Jan. 9th, the President of the A. C. L. Ry., with associates, was in Rockingham, coming here in his private car over the Senboard.

The majority of the stock of the With his right hand burned and Coast Line, and it was on general were entertained at lunch, at the Rockingham Hotel by J. LeGrand Everett, who is secretary of the Rockingham Ry. Co. H. C. Wall is (Continued on Page 2.)

McCOMBS GOES TO JAIL.

Fulton McCombs, white youth who had skipped his bond, and is charged with retailing and gambling, came up last Friday and surrendered, and is now in jail. He says it was his liquor that the officer's found in his father's house here in Rockingham some weeks ago, and for which the senior McCombs was found guilty. in jail, Judge Ray having committed Curfew was a son of Jim Jones, a him to jail in default of \$750 bond respected negro who lives near Miz-pah church. He little suspected that the apparently harmless wire con- and chiefly for his son's connection

COMPARISON OF RICHMOND COUNTY CROPS

GOVERNMENT AND STATE STATISTICS SHOW CONSIDERABLE INCREASE IN ACREAGE IN CROPS FOR 1923 OVER 1920. ABOUT 20,000 ACRES IN CORN IN 1923 AND 30,000 ACRES IN COTTON. COUNTY DEMONSTRATOR BARTON PRESENTS IN-TERESTING ARRAY OF FACTS AND FIGURES FOR POST-DIS- few years have passed and you still PATCH READERS.

Richmond County has made some wonderful advances along many lines within the past three years, as the following acreages, yields, and dates testify:

According to U. S. Government and State statistics, we have the following per acre yields, showing a great progress within the last 3 years: 1920 yield 1923 yield

	Bu. per acre	Bu. per aci
Corn	16	25
Oats	14.3	22
Wheat	6	10
Rye	6.2	12
Soy Beans	10	15
Peanuts	20	30

Acresge Co.	mparisons:		
All the second s	1920	1923	Acmeage
	Acreage	Acreage	Increase
Corn	18,097	20,530	2,483
Oats	993	3,900	2,907
Wheat (loss)	2,212	1,793	419
Rye	343	500	157
Soy Beans	15	359	344
Cow Peas	684	1,748	1,064
Velvet Beans	400	5,000	4,900
Peanuts	10	62	. 52
Clover	0	40	40
Vetch	0	550	550
Irish Potatoes	167	241	174
Sweet Potatoes	* 498	626	128
Tobacco	The second second second second	250	85
Bearing Peaches	314	1,200	986

Livestock, Land, and Pertilizers.		
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	1920	1923
Brood Sows	798	597
Milk Cows	1,616	1,682
Horses and Mules	2,978	3,072
Land in Cultivation	164,521	207,067

Our cotton acreage has been increased from about 28,000 acres 21, and a huge volume of smoke

in 1920, to approximately 30,000 in 1923.

Our fertilizer bill last year was for 12,377 tons, which would part of town. approximate \$375,000 vs \$775,000 worth in 1920. The difference in cost of fertilizers and the increase in price of cotton, shows Richmond county with over a million dollars more cash from cotton alone, this year than the barn and used it. The building in 1920.

The Weak Places.

In number of brood sows, we lost 219; in poultry we have sustine building. Mr. Williams had none grapefruit now on sale at Rocking- this (Thursday) morning broke up been paid. This is the last notice, tained a slight loss; in milk cows we have made a gain of only 66; in on the cow, which was valued at cultivated acreage we gained 42,546 acres. More of our idle lands should \$75. Cause of fire probably from per bushel. Cheap. Your opportunity to stack up with more described as PENALTY goes on February 1st. Creek, about a half a mile from the Better save this—money saved is

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DEATHS

JAMES S. GAY MRS. CARRIE HALL MISS RUBY COVINGTON MISS JULIA KING SULLIVAN INFANT LIZZIE PEMBERTON, col. FLORENCE LETMAN, col. MRS. H. D. THOMPSON

JAMES S. GAY.

clock at Roberdel No. 2. He suffered a stroke of paralysis Dec. 24th, and this caused his death.

The interment will be at Bear clock. He was born in October, was Miss Florence Hicks, and one but in 1787 Fayetteville district was son, James S., Jr. Mr. Gay had been formed and Richmond became a part connected with Roberdel mill for 20 of it. years, and was a man of strong traits of character.

MRS. CARRIE HALL. Mrs. Carrie Hall died on Thursday (Continued on Page 12.)

ONE POUND PECANS EQUALS TWO POUNDS PORK CHOPS

Harris Is Getting Up an Order For Trees. Let Her Order YOU a Few

Many times you have thought, yes, I will plant some pecan trees and have an abundance of good nuts within a few years;" but you neglected to order the trees and the not delay another day but send in week. your order at once.

We are ordering the two varieties best suited to this section of the country, in large quantities and are therefore buying them at greatly reduced prices. This is a splendid opportunity to get your trees at these reduced rates. Our order goes off within the next few days and if you have not given us your order, do so at once. Here are the prices: Pecans 2-3 ft.____ _70c each

Pecans 3-4 ft._____ 80c each Pecans 4-5 ft.... 40c each Figs Crepe Myrtle (deep pink) __60c each Georgia Hicks, white. Dr. Kellogg, of Battle Creek San-

itarium, has the following to say of pecans: "You ask my opinion with (Continued on Page 8)

HOFFMAN GROUP MEETING.

The five schools, and 25 teachers, composing the Hoffman Group will meet Saturday at 10:30 at the Hoffman school. The lesson in the Course of Study for the day deals with "health and civics."

COW AND BARN BURNS.

The fire alarm was sounded last Friday morning at 9:30 from Box 21, on North Randolph street; but the electric mechanism perhaps got tangled, for the bell sounded the No. 12 signal. The fire truck rushed to the 12 box, at the graded school, but found no fire. Returning to the station house, it was discovered that the alarm should have been from could be seen from the northern

The barn of R. S. L. Davis was on to L. M. Williams, who lived near with this issue. was destroyed, and cow burned up. Mr. Davis had \$100 insuronce on rats and matches, or perhaps spontaneous combustion.

SOME EARLY HIST'RY EVERETT ELECTED

PEE DEE RIVER THE CAUSE OF EARLY FORMATION OF RICH-MOND COUNTY. SOME MORE OF COL. OLDS' HISTORY.

The Pee Dee River, with its turbulent flood seasons and its sometimes broad expanse, was the cause of the division of Anson county so as to create Richmond county, according to the History of North Carolina Counties compiled by Col. Mr. James S. Gay died this Fred A. Olds, of the State Historical (Thursday) afternoon about 2 o'- Commission. The river was made the dividing line, all of Anson to the South remaining as Anson while the territory to the north was designated as Richmond. The act was ratified Branch cemetery Friday at 3 o'- by the General Assembly in November, 1779. The new county was as-1868. Surviving are his wife, who signed to the district of Salisbury,

"The General Assembly," contin-ued Col. Olds' account, "appointed commissioners to fix upon a site for the courthouse and jail and to buy 50 acres of land on which they were

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ONE PENSION UNDELIVERED.

Of the \$55 State pensions for the are Remarkably Healthy 33 Confederate veterans, and 30 Food. Great Nutritive Value. Mrs. widows, received by Clerk of Court W. S. Thomas in December, only one remains undelivered. That one is the name of Jesse Harden.

INDOOR BASKETBALL FRIDAY.

The first of the indoor basketball games of the season will be played between Rockingham highs and Gibson here in the graded school audido not have the nuts. Now is the torium tomorrow (Friday) night at time to plant these trees and the 7:30. Games with Hamlet and other planting season will soon be over; do teams will be scheduled for next

MUST BE A MISTAKE.

An item in the daily papers Friday conveyed the news that Jim Carroll, negro near Warsaw, died last week as a result of being kicked on the head by a mule. No information was given as to what happened to the mule's foot.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Jan. 15-Carl Ernest Garrett and 95c each Alice Steele Baldwin, white, Jan. 16-Arthur Lee Capel and Jan. 17-James Snipes and Lela

O. Watford, white. Jan. 17-Wm. Harry Richardson and Dotsy May McRae, colored.

LOANED BABY TO LULU, STARTS MORE TROUBLE

Wilmington, Jan. 12 .- When Lulu Mosley, negress, appeared in Recorder's court to answer a charge of transporting liquor, she held a baby in her arms, while Recorder Harris sentenced her to six months on the county farm. When she went to jail with the baby, Nora Bright, another negress, appeared and laid claim to the infant, asserting that she had merely "loaned it to Lulu."

The recorder reopened court, established Nora as the mother of the baby, and changed Lulu's sentence from six months to two years. Nora is being held for contempt of court.

S. BIGGS BREAKS IN.

S. Biggs, druggist for soomething less than a century, who now has a drug store at Entwistle mill village, again becoming a POST-DISfire, and in it was a cow belonging PATCH advertiser; he started again

> ORANGES \$1.75 PER BU. A car-load of Florida oranges and

GRAND MASTER

J. LeGRAND EVERETT ELECTED GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MASONS OF NORTH CAROLINA. REV. HOW-ARD HARTZELL APPOINTED GRAND CHAPLAIN. ROCKING-HAM MEN WORTHILY HON-ORED.

The Grand Lodge of Masons of North Carolina in annual session in (Continued on Page 12.)

NORTH CAROLINA MODESTY.

What a Lone North Carolina Confederate Soldier Did, Two South Carolina And One Virginia Regiments Couldn't Do.

(Columbia State.)

A Confederate veteran of Culpeper C. H., Va., has sent a friend in Columbia, S. C., the following: "It was the custom during the war for all gentlemen who, for age or

other disabilities, were not in the army, to visit any soldier who came home sick or wounded. Bill Tucker lived in the piney woods not far from Colonel L.'s

plantation. He was wounded at Fredericksburg, and came home on a furlough. As usual, Colonel L. no sooner heard that Bill was at home (Continued on Page 8)

BEAN NOT WITH STORE.

Josh H. Bean, for the past three years manager of the Hannah Pickett mill store resigned from this work ten days ago, and for the present he is acting as a field representative of the POST-DISPATCH in giving old subscribers an opportunity to renew, and securing new subscriptions.

Went W. Covington is now manager of the H. P. Store.

STILL AT BALLARD'S HOUSE.

Deputies Reynolds and Covington searched the premises of R. H. Bal-lard, down in Wolf Pit, on the H. C. Wall place, on January 10th, and found in a wash-house a complete blockading outfit, consisting of a 50-gallon still, a coil copper worm, two copper caps and three barrels of beer that were said to be nearly ready for a run.

Mr. Ballard was arrested, but waived a hearing and was released under \$500 bond for his appearance ly gets in a few hefty licks. at April 7th term of criminal Court.

GASOLINE ADVANCED.

The Standard Oil Company today (Thursday) advanced the price of gasoline two cents a gallon in Kentucky, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and Florida.

CONVENTION IN NEW YORK.

The Republican National convention will be held at Cleveland, Ohio, June 10th. The Democratic convention will

be held in New York City beginning mittee on Tuesday voting as follows: New York 47, San Francisco 29, Chicago 18 and St. Louis 11.

It's a Democratic year, mates!

STILL ON JOE'S CREEK. Deputies Reynolds and Heeney

ity to stock up with good fruit.— Cameron school house, in Marks money made, J. G. Gillum.

adv. Creek township. adve Creek township.

POSTAL RECEIPTS

RECEIPTS AT ROCKINGHAM POSTOFFICE FOR 1923 100% GREATER THAN IN 1915, AND \$3,000 LARGER THAN IN 1922. CLEAR INDEX TO GROWTH OF TOWN AND COMMUNITY.

Perhaps the clearest and surest index to the growth of a community lies in the postoffice receipts. And so with this as an indicator, it is seen that Rockingham has developed commercially tremendously in the past nine years.

For instance, in 1915 the postoffice receipts amounted to only \$9,437.64. Whereas for 1923 the receipts amounted to \$19,222.27an increase of over double the 1915 receipts!

And, too the increase for 1923 over 1922 is very striking. In 1922 the receipts were \$16,200.90-or \$3,021.37 LESS than for this past year.

Yes, Rockingham and surrounding . communities are steadily growing, and this development should be a source of pride to our people.

The POST-DISPATCH is pleased to chronicle this growth, as shown by the following yearly comparisons: 1915 _____\$ 9,437.64 1920 14,210.45 1921 15,306.90 1922 16,200,90 1923 19,222,27

GINNING TO JAN. 1ST.

The exact ginning to Jan. 1st for Richmond county amounted to 20,-212 bales, as compared with 15,550 to same date last year. There were 73 bales ginned for the 1922 crop after the 15,550 report was issued. However, it is likely there remains fully 300 bales yet to gin to add to the 20,212 bales for this 1923 crop.

BRIDGE CONTRACT JAN. 31st.

The State Highway Commission will let the contract for the steel and concrete bridge, over 1,600 feet long, across Pee Dee river, on January 31st. At the same time, the contract will be let for grading the six miles from Rockingham to the Anson county line (the river.) This is on what is known as Route 20.

WAS COLD IN FLORIDA.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Steele are spending the winter months at Hawthorne, Fla., about 75 miles south of Jacksonville. But even down in that Sunny Clime, Old Boreas occasional-

As for instance the intense freeze Sunday, Jan. 6th. The m Rockingham that day dropped to 6 above zero, while at Asheville, this State, it was 6 below zero. The cold weather extended down into Florida and killed the orange and grapefruit trees on a small fruit farm of ten acres, belonging to Mr. Steele. near Hawthorne.

BIG POWER DEVELOPMENT.

An immediate \$5,000,000 construction program of hydro-electric and steam-power plant development, including the construction of 40,000 horse-power hydro-electric plant at Tuesday, June 24th. This is the first Rhodhiss, uear Hickory, N. C., and time in 56 years that a Democratic a 40,000 stetam plant at Duncan, S. convention has been held in New C., near Spartanburg, was announc-York. Chicago, St. Louis, and San ed Saturday afternoon by the Sou-Francisco were strong bidders for thern Power Company, upon being the convention, the National Com- advised that the rate increase petitioned for by the Southern Power Company some time ago had been granted in full by the State Corporation Commission.

TAX NOTICE.

Your taxes for 1923 have not

H. D. Baldwin, Sheriff.

OOD HUSBAN

If your family was left fatherless, would your wife and children be helpless and destitute? Would they have to depend upon charity and assistance from relatives and friends ?

Would they have to undergo suffering and hardship because you had not taken the precaution to insure your life; suffering is the more pitiful because it is so easily avoidable.

Insurance provides the best and most practical protection for your family. Insure yourself today. You cannot tell what tomorrow will bring.

RICHMOND INSURANCE & REALTY COMPANY

********************************** Yuletide Greetings from the Only Savings Bank in the County Announcing the opening of their Christmas Savings Club for 1924. Life-size, Chubby, Chuckling Santa Claus poiets out Your Christmas Club Department.

On December 15th-20th, this Bank will open its CHRISTMAS SAVINGS CLUB for 1924. Payments to be made on or before said date. On December 15th—20th, we will distribute to our SEVERAL HUNDRED Club-Members for 1923, Christmas Glub Checks in aggregate from THREE to FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS. These payments have been made weekly, and no depositor has missed the small amount paid into the club each week.

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10c each week, Christmas 1924 you will have ____ 25c each week, Christmas 1924 you will have ___ \$12.50 50c each week, Christmas 1924 you will have ___ \$25.00

\$1.00 each week, Christmas 1924 you will have \$50.00 \$1.00 each week, Christmas 1924 you will have \$50.00 \$2.00 each week, Christmas 1924 you will have \$100.00 and to the above amount will be added your interest, ALL YOUR OWN, and saved from amounts you would have absolutely thrown away. COUPON SYSTEM, no trouble, no mistakes. Just think of spending your own money next Christmas for presents, and not having to ask anyone for it. Join our 1924 Club, which opens December 15th—20th. Keep up the Christmas spirit for the sake of the little folks. Keep it alive that the world will be better and brighter for everybody.

The Richmond County Savings Bank