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TO BUY FERT. TOGETHER.

Meeting of Farmers to Be Held at Ellerbe Jan. 30th to Arrange for Cooperative Buying of Fertilizer.

To all Richmond county farmers: All farmers of the county are requested to meet at Ellerbe School, Wednesday, Jan. 30th, at 10 a. m., to discuss plans for a cooperative purchase of fertilizers for cash.

District Agent O. F. McCrary, of the State College Extension Service, will be present to outline plans for such a fertilizer purchase and to suggest means of financing it.

The county uses over 12,000 tons and by cooperatively buying this amount, \$300,000 can be saved to the farmers of the county.

If you want your share of this amount, be at the meeting to learn how to get it.

Ellerbe School auditorium holds 500 and it is nearer the center of the county than Rockingham.

Yours very truly,
W. H. BARTON.
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COTTON COOPS AT MT. GILEAD.

There will be a meeting of the members of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association at the schoolhouse in Mt. Gilead, Monday, January 28, at 2 p. m., to discuss the plan of the Intermediate Credit Bank to assist the farmers in obtaining cash to buy their fertilizers and supplies on a cash basis.

All farmers are requested to be at this meeting as you may hear things that will be beneficial to your interests.

BISHOP PENICK SUNDAY.

The Rt. Rev. Edwin Penick, Bishop Coadjutor, will be at the Episcopal church at Rockingham this coming Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The public cordially invited to the service.

JOSH BEAN STIRRING ABOUT.

J. H. Bean began work last week soliciting renewals and new subscriptions for the POST-DISPATCH, and his success has been remarkable. In three days time he put on over a hundred NEW subscriptions—and to this new circle of readers this paper extends its felicitation, and trusts they will derive that measure of enjoyment from its perusal that this paper anticipates in the giving.

SMALL STILL NAKED CREEK.

Sheriff Baldwin and deputies Reynolds, Covington, and Henry, broke up a 50-gal. still on Naked Creek, in Beaver Dam, Wednesday morning; the cap and worm were not found. Three barrels of beer indicated that a run was about ready.

TEACHER GROUP MEETINGS.

Group meetings of Richmond county schools will be held as follows, beginning at 8:30, with the Reading Circle assignment of History and Geography:

Pee Dee Friday, Jan. 25
Ellerbe Tuesday, Jan. 29
Rohanen Thursday, Jan. 31
Hoffman Friday, Feb. 1

MAIL 19 YEARS

T. BERRY LILES HAS CARRIED ROUTE 2 MAIL FOR 19 YEARS. USED HORSE TRAVEL FOR 15 YEARS. ROUTE 25 MILES IN LENGTH. FIGURE OUT HIS MILEAGE.

T. Berry Liles no doubt has travelled around the globe several times—but just how many, and how far, the POST-DISPATCH is leaving to its school readers to figure out. Do so and send the paper your estimates.

On January 16, 1905, he began carrying the R. F. D. mail on Route 2 out of Rockingham. Up until 1920 he made his daily rounds of 25 miles with a horse and buggy, and during that time—15 years—he used three buggies and 5 different horses. In 1920 he switched to the faster Ford method of travel.

He has missed but two weeks during the 19 years, excepting annual vacation and legal holidays. One week was when a spell of gripe caught him in 1910, and a week's tussle with the flu in 1918 (any difference between gripe and flu?)

The Route is 25 miles long. On leaving Rockingham it serves a continuous line of boxes—through Watson Heights, Entwistle, Hannah Pickett, and Roberdel villages. And right here the POST-DISPATCH is throwing out the suggestion that a double daily delivery of mail ought to be inaugurated from Rockingham to Roberdel No. 2, serving those five intermediate mill villages. Route 2 should be relieved of this mail, and an entirely separate double daily service put on—something like the city delivery here in Rockingham.

If the folks in these villages really want such a service, it ought to be a comparatively easy matter of securing. But back to T. Berry. His record is unusual, and we doubt if but few carriers in the State can equal it. Like old dog Tray, he is faithful and 'on the job.' Approximately 150,000 miles is "some" distance to travel in 19 years.

(Note, to the school children: Keep in mind, in figuring, that Mr. Liles had 15 days each year for vacation, an average of 7 days each year as holidays, and of course rested on Sundays. Remember, there were several Leap Years in this period, and his Route was 25 miles long, 19 years. Now go to it and let's have your figures as to distance traveled.—Editor.)

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Jan. 18—Ervine Kelly and Julia Thomas, colored.

Jan. 18—Wm. E. Davis and Beulah May Adcock, white.

Jan. 18—Elijah Riggs and Mary Beulah Perry, white.

Jan. 19—Napoleon Martin and Rachael Raddick, colored.

LOWEST WAS 14 DEGREES.

Another cold snap swooped down this week. Monday the thermometer went to 19 above zero, Tuesday 14, Wednesday 21, and today not quite freezing, with a cold rain falling all day.

"THE COST OF A CAR."

West Bros. have an advertisement that is out of the ordinary, in this issue. They claim that the cost of a car is no measure of its value—and that Studebaker fills the bill. Turn to the 13-inch four column advt and read.

TAX NOTICE.

Your taxes for 1923 have not been paid. This is the last notice, as PENALTY goes on February 1st. Better save this—money saved is money made.

H. D. Baldwin, Sheriff.

2586 DIED IN 1922

2,586 PEOPLE DIED FROM TUBERCULOSIS IN NORTH CAROLINA IN 1922. MORE FEMALES THAN MALES. MORE DEATHS OCCURRED BETWEEN 20 AND 40 YEARS. MORE COLORED THAN WHITE.

That more women than men die with tuberculosis in North Carolina, and more negroes than whites, and that over one-half of all the deaths occur during the productive period of life, between 20 and 40 years, are some of the facts brought out in

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GASOLINE ADVANCES TODAY.

The price of gasoline at the stores around Rockingham last week was 20c. The trusts advanced the price a few days ago two cents, and now again today (Thursday) another jump of two cents was made. So that the stores are now selling it at 24c, and the filling stations (where free air and water and other service is secured) are charging an even 25c.

HOT IN SCOTLAND COUNTY.

The fight for the nomination for Sheriff in Scotland county, in the Democratic primary to be held in June, is getting hot. Three more candidates have entered the field in the past week, they being J. W. Odom, of Laurel Hill; Edwin F. Hargrave, of Laurel Hill; and Dan Hugh Shaw, of Spring Hill. The other 3 candidates already announced are Lamar Smith, Jasper T. Gibson, and Robert N. Monroe.

The present Sheriff some time ago announced that he would not be a candidate to succeed himself, hence the fight for his shoes now.

RAWLS' CAR HITS TRAIN.

On Thursday morning last week a Buick Six Roadster, driven by J. B. Rawls, hit a Seaboard freight train, at the North Main street crossing in Laurinburg. The auto was badly damaged, but Mr. Rawls was unhurt. The train likewise suffered no damage.

Mr. Rawls is now working in Laurinburg, connected with the Tucker & Laxton company. He had been with the T. C. Thompson Bros. for some years, but resigned his work with them several weeks ago. Among the building operations hereabouts handled by Mr. Rawls was the Rockingham High School building, and some of the several cotton mill additions. He is an experienced constructor, and combines the asset of courtstourness with efficiency.

He figured quite prominently last year in the courts. A woman from Warren county had him arrested, claiming that he was J. B. Reid and her husband. He denied this, and the jury acquitted him at Henderson, principally because the woman had sworn that the Reid man had a broken tooth and it was proved that Rawls' teeth were solid and sound.

REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION

The Republican State convention will be held at Raleigh Wednesday, March 19th. The National convention meets in Cleveland, Ohio, June 10th.

An informal poll taken of the executive committee, that met last Friday to set the time for the State convention, shows that the majority favor Coolidge for President, instead of Hiram Johnson. The delegates from North Carolina to the National convention will be solidly for Coolidge. The "outs", or Johnson forces, are simply barking up a tree. The "ins" have the meat.

HAND-MADE FEATHER FANS.

Just received from Georgia, a shipment of beautiful hand-made feather fans.—Mrs. A. G. Corpening.

CHURCH CONTRACT LET BY METHODISTS

CONTRACT FOR ENLARGING AND REMODELING ROCKINGHAM METHODIST CHURCH AWARDED TO J. P. LITTLE & SON, COST TO BE AROUND \$50,000, THIS INCLUDING NEW PIPE ORGAN AND HEATING.

The building committee of Rockingham Methodist church, of which W. B. Cole is chairman, last week awarded the contract for remodeling the church and building a handsome Sunday school annex, to J. P. Little & Son, of Charlotte. The total cost, including a new pipe organ and vapor heating system, will approximate \$50,000.

Building material is already being placed on the grounds, with two cars of brick arriving this week; and the entire job is expected to be completed by October 1st. In the meantime, the congregation will not be greatly inconvenienced, and will manage to hold services in their own building while the work is in progress.

The architect is Nat Gaillard Walker, of Rock Hill, S. C. The building committee consists of W. B. Cole, S. S. Steele, I. J. Myers, Mrs. J. LeGrand Everett and Mrs. J. M. Ledbetter. The chairman of the important finance committee is W. L. Parsons.

The present structure was built about 1900, and cost around \$20,000. Naturally there is a great deal of sentiment surrounding the present edifice, and for this reason it was decided to remodel it and build a Sunday School annex instead of completely tearing down and building.

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JUDGE GRADY, KLUCKER, SMOKED OUT

JUDGE GRADY MAKES PITIABLE CONFESSION TO BEING HEAD OF THE KU KLUX KLAN IN NORTH CAROLINA. A COWARD IS NOTORIOUSLY AN INVETERATE LIAR. HOW ABOUT THE "REFORMER" WHO "ENFORCES" LAW WITH HIS HEAD HIDDEN IN A SACK? JUDGE GRADY'S CONFESSION A COLLECTION OF CLAP-TRAP AND HOKUM. THE KLAN IS JUDGED BY ITS RECORD AND NOT BY ITS PROFESSIONS. MASONRY AND THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TOO BIG TO BE HURT BY HIS DISCLOSURE.

Perjurers Kicked Out:

Judge Grady says: "Every man who has sworn falsely in any of the Courts of this State, and is a member of the Klan, has been or will be banished. There can be no exception to this rule."

Do You Believe it?

Judge Grady furthermore says: "We are not fighting the Jew, the Negro or the Catholic. The Klan believes in religious liberty, and it acknowledges the right of the Catholic to worship God as he sees fit, and likewise the Jew."

Judge Henry A. Grady, of Clinton, issued a public statement January 20th at Raleigh, in which he admitted that he is Grand Dragon of the Ku Klux Klan in North Carolina, and has held that office since September, 1922.

Judge Grady attempts to defend the order—but about the most striking feature of his statement is that wherein he asserts that any man who gets in Court and swears he is NOT a member, when he in reality is, should be kicked from the order and be found guilty of perjury! As a matter of fact, it is commonly reported that more than one man who has sworn so in Court has already been fired from the ranks of the Ku Kluckers—but perhaps more about this later.

The POST-DISPATCH is printing Judge Grady's statement in full, further along in this article, but right here a few remarks by the POST-DISPATCH will be in order.

To begin with, Judge Grady's statement is to the effect that the K. K. K. is but another fraternal organization, like the Masons, or Junior Order—but then neither of these are political in character, whereas the Klan most certainly is. Membership in the Masonic or other fraternal orders is not secret, and it does not concern itself with governmental functions except in open cooperation with other citizens. The K. K. K. is CLEARLY IN VIOLATION of the State constitution when it ASSUMES THE RIGHT to enforce the law or take part in politics!

What would you think of a Mason, or an Odd Fellow, or a Presbyterian who would be unwilling to disclose his affiliations, or who would deny it, even to the point of making false oath in Court, or who, when appearing in public, would wear disguises?

True, Judge Grady says the K. K. K. ought not to wear disguises in public, but that is HIS private opinion. The fact is evident that the practice is to WEAR THEM.

As a matter of fact, Judge Grady's confession is pitiable. This paper does not intimate that the Judge does not want to do the right thing, and yet to justify his position he parades such an array of clap-trap and hokum as ought not to deceive even a school boy.

And the gist of the answer to his confession is simply this: because the Klan professes respect for everything in which he believes, Judge Grady assumes it has such respect. And this causes one to laugh!

Any man who would judge the Ku Klux Klan by its RECORD and NOT BY ITS PROFESSIONS can see the disgusting insincerity of all its blather about respect for womanhood, for Christianity, for law.

Everyone knows that the Klan lays CLAIM to all sorts of high and holy purposes. But so does every swindler and crooked politician. The oldest trick in skin games is to adopt a set of professions as high sounding as possible.

Unless the average Klucker can work in the dark, he will do nothing. The coward is an inveterate liar. The law recognizes that when it demands that the accused in any criminal action be confronted with his accusers. That is one of the fundamental tenets of Americanism—and this fundamental tenet the Ku Klux Klan violates, and in violating it, it forfeits its right to be called an American institution!

On Flogging Case.

Coming down to the notorious case against Jule Brodgen, John Hedgpeh and Mike Lawson, charged in Robeson county with whipping two defenseless white women, Grand Dragon Grady says that he understands that one of the defendants was a member of the Ku Klux Klan. All three denied the charge specifically on the stand, with the questions stated in every conceivable form.

Such evasion is perjury, Grand Dragon Grady declares, and brings banishment from the Klan. He makes mention of a proclamation issued by him following the acquittal of the three men but does not disclose the identity of the Klansman involved in the trial. According to documents understood to have been in the hands of the prosecution, both Lawson and Hedgpeh were Kluckers, the former having been Knight Hawk. Lawson was also chief of police in Fairmont, but has since

been dismissed.

Judge Grady's Statement.

"I am yielding to what I consider my duty to those who are affiliated with me, and, in response to a wide-spread demand among the more than 30,000 klansmen of North Carolina in giving to the press my own connection with the Klan, and some facts that may be of interest to those who want to know the truth—those who believe in good government, good citizenship, and in those lofty ideals which mark every true American citizen. I am not interested in, or swayed by the views of those who do not favor or believe in the things that I am working for, and no amount of criticism or denunciation can alter my determined purpose to build for my children and grand children a better place to live in here in North Carolina.

"I was appointed Grand Dragon for the State of North Carolina in September, 1922, and have held that

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ARE YOU A GOOD HUSBAND?

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
A. G. CORPENING, Sec.-Treas.
Office in Hotel Building

People Who Saved and Banked

have plenty of New Year money to spend right now. Those who didn't save may find it difficult to spend.

Begin now to save for Christmas, 1924. Put it in this Bank and forget to draw it out.

If you save for Christmas you will also save for other purposes. Saving is a mighty good habit.

The Richmond County Savings Bank