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CIVIL TERM SUPERIOR COURT

Civil Term Court Held Last Week Adjourned Friday Afternoon, 21st. Next Court Begins April 7th for Criminal.

When the POST-DISPATCH went to press last Thursday, the case of M. W. Miller vs Great Falls Mill was being tried. Miller, through his attorney, A. R. McPhail, was suing the (Continued on Page 12.)

CHURCH BEING MOVED.

Work was started today (Thursday) by Contractor Sizemore towards moving the Episcopal church building about 50 feet forward, and at the same time lowering it about four feet. This will give the church a fair amount of space to the rear, whereon later can be built some needed Sunday school facilities.

STREET BEING PAVED

The long delayed process of paving the street from the Rockets to Hitchcock creek, through the Great Falls village, was begun Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock. 308 feet were paved Wednesday and 100 today. The distance is 1700 feet, but the outfit will speed up as the work progresses. It will require from two to three weeks for the concrete to properly "set," but it is hoped the entire street to the creek will be open to traffic Easter.

MAP OF WALL LOTS.

On page 17 of this issue can be seen the full page map of the lots to be sold next Thursday, April 3rd, in "Richmond Park"—the very desirable suburb of Rockingham. A house and lot will be given away free at this sale. The crowds present will almost resemble a fair or circus crowd—such, no doubt, will be the attendance.

A free lot is to be given away at the Leak sale here tomorrow (Friday). See advt this issue.

"Tackey" party at Mfg. building tomorrow (Friday) night at 8 o'clock. Proceeds for U. D. C. monument fund. Admission 25c. Prize for "tackiest."

MINSTREL SHOW.

The U. D. C. will stage a local talent minstrel show the night of April 11th in the high school auditorium. The local actors will be coached and directed by an expert, who will arrive here by next Monday to begin work. The proceeds are for the Confederate monument fund.

GINGER LABELLED CANDY.

Officers at Fort Mill, S. C., Saturday confiscated 2500 bottles of ginger that was labelled "candy." It came by express, and those 2500 bottles contained many a kick.

CIVITANS FRIDAY NIGHT.

The regular semi-monthly supper of the local Civitans will be held at the Hotel Friday night, 28th, at 7:30.

YOUR TOWN TAXES.

This is the last call for settling your Rockingham town taxes. Unless paid by March 31st, all unpaid town taxes will be duly advertised through the POST-DISPATCH in its issue of April 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th—four consecutive issues—and costs of \$1.50 will be added for each name. You have no one to blame but yourself if this is done. This is fair notice. Respectfully,

S. E. Covington,
Tax Collector.

HOUSE AT NORMAN.

For sale at Norman, one 7-room house on four-acre lot. Communicate with T. R. Upchurch, at Mt. Gilead. advt 2t

KILLED BY TRAIN

R. W. Steele, of Mt. Gilead, Killed by Seaboard Passenger Train Near Marston Monday When Coupe is Hit.

R. W. Steele, of Mt. Gilead, was almost instantly killed Monday between 12 and 12:30, 11 miles east of Rockingham, by Seaboard passenger train, No. 41.

It seems that Mr. Steele was on his way in a Ford coupe to visit his brother, who lives near Marston. A freight train was shifting there, and had the northbound track blocked. When the way was finally opened, he started across, perhaps losing sight of the fact that the railroad was double track. The southbound Shooft struck the car just as he gained the center of the crossing, and the impact tore the car to pieces and fatally injured Mr. Steele.

He was placed on the train and hurried to the Hamlet hospital, but died on the way.

The remains were brought to Rockingham Monday night to the home of his nephew, W. Steele Lowdermilk, where members from Rockingham Masonic Lodge kept vigil through the night. The interment was on Tuesday at the family graveyard near Pekin, in Montgomery county, with the services conducted by the Mt. Gilead Masonic Lodge.

Mr. Steele was 54 years old, and unmarried. His mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Steele, who is 88 years old, lived with him.

MEASLES IN ORPHANAGE.

An epidemic of measles has swept through the Thomasville Orphanage recently. Two deaths have occurred, pneumonia having followed the measles. One was a little four-year-old girl sent from Morshead City; and the other was a 7-year-old son of Mrs. Thomas J. Lindsey, of Lilesville.

B. & L. FINE SHOWING.

On page 13 of the POST-DISPATCH can be seen a half page statement of the Richmond County B. & L. Association. The assets amount now to \$175,049.81. The Association is emphasizing the fact that paid-up shares are offered in the form of 6% non-taxable certificates.

CANDIDATE LATHAM HERE.

F. P. Latham, of Beaufort county, was in Rockingham Monday, making himself known. He is a candidate for Commissioner of Agriculture, and has been a member of the Agricultural Board for 11 years. Latham is a practical farmer, as well as a theoretical one, and this past year raised and shipped to Norfolk 55,000 pounds of hogs.

ARCHITECT LOCATING HERE.

L. A. Holborn, an engineer and architect, will open an office in Rockingham in front of the new W. P. McRae building, now in course of erection on Hancock street. The building should be finished in a couple of months. Mr. Holborn has offices in Hamlet and Southern Pines, and has supervised many dwellings in those towns.

IN HANDS OF THE LAW.

J. M. Hornsby was taken into custody Wednesday morning on a capias from Laurinburg. Mr. Tucker stood his bond for \$50 for his appearance at Laurinburg next Tuesday for trial. He had previously been under bond, furnished by Little Bill, but had failed to show up there at the appointed time.

Wayne Dawkins submitted before Magistrate Smith Monday night to drinking; he was charged with drunk and disorderly conduct. He was made to pay the costs.

Watt Covington, colored, was on Tuesday given a hearing before Magistrate Smith on charge of removing a land corner (Lewis Little prosecuting) and was required to give bond for April 7th term of Court.

LAW'S ARM IS LONG

Walter Dockery, Negro, Finally Caught in Richmond. Charged With Shooting Negro Girl June 8, 1920.

The reach of the Law is long, and tho' one may escape for a while, yet sooner or later is bound to be caught.

This is well illustrated in the case of Walter Dockery, negro. On June 8, 1920, while he and a negro girl, Ellen Terry, daughter of Calvin Terry, were returning from a revival in town to her home near the County Home, he is alleged to have pulled her from the buggy, near the negro cemetery, and shot her. She became paralyzed, lingered for 9 months and 18 days, dying March 20, 1921. After shooting the girl, Dockery ran. Nothing more was heard from him; he never returned home.

But last week an item appeared in the daily papers to the effect that a negro, Walter Thomas, had been arrested in Richmond on suspicion of being the man wanted in Rockingham county for shooting some one. The name sounded familiar to Sheriff Baldwin, who at once thought the man might be the Walter Edgar Thomas who escaped from the Richmond county chain gang some weeks ago. Accordingly, he wrote to the Richmond authorities, and asked that a picture of the man be sent him. This picture was received this (Thursday) morning, and instantly the Sheriff recognized the man as none other than Walter Dockery who shot Ellen Terry! He had gone under a different name.

Sheriff Baldwin today prepared papers, and these will be carried to Raleigh for Governor Morrison to sign, and then carried to Richmond, where Dockery will be secured. He will then be brought back to Rockingham for trial, probably at the criminal term that begins April 7th. It was a long run for Walter Dockery, but the Law finally got him.

TWENTY PAGES THIS ISSUE.

The very crowded condition of the POST-DISPATCH last week has forced the paper to change from its usual 12 pages, to 20 pages for this issue; and appear in two sections.

HIGH SCHOOL DEBATE.

The 13th annual debating contest held under the auspices of the high school debating union will take place Friday evening, March 28th, at 8 o'clock. The query to be debated this year is, "Resolved, That the Inter-Allegheny War Debts Should be Cancelled."

Rockingham high school debaters will be pitted against Laurinburg as has been the case for several years. The Rockingham affirmative team composed of Sarah Everett and Maurie Cree will debate against Laurinburg's negative team in the high school auditorium here, when Rockingham's negative team, composed of Annie Webb and Jim Bell, will oppose Laurinburg's affirmative team at Laurinburg.

The subject for debate is a live issue and one in which the public is interested. A splendid exhibition of forensic skill may be looked for and should draw a large crowd of our townspeople.

The hour is 8 p. m. at the high school building, and the public is cordially invited to attend. The debate will begin sharply at the hour designated.

(Annie Webb, who was one of the selected debaters for this contest, has been ill from mumps this week, and is therefore unable to take part in the debate tomorrow night. His place will be filled by Miss Virginia Benton.)

DISEASES THIS WEEK.

The cases of contagious diseases reported to the County Health Officer this week are as follows: Smallpox 17, Chickenpox 2, Measles 1, Diphtheria 1, Scarlet Fever 1.

EVERETT FOR KEYNOTE

Secretary of State Selected to Make Keynote Address at Democratic State Convention at Raleigh April 17th.

Chairman John G. Dawson has designated Secretary of State W. N. Everett to make the keynote address for the Democratic State Convention that meets in Raleigh Thursday, Apr. 17th. Mr. Everett will accept, if his physical condition at that time will permit. He has been under medical treatment for some months, and may possibly go to Baltimore early in April for an operation. The preparation and deliverance of the kind of speech he would make is a demanding job, and this would require much time.

Brook Barkley says if Mr. Everett accepts the call, the convention will not hear any apology for the program of progress. Mr. Everett is standing back of all the progressive undertakings of the administration and he wants the state to go further yet. The great expenditures for the big programs of road construction, educational expansion, and enlargement of the charitable institutions have brought the cry of "extravagance" from some quarters. A good many democratic leaders have become sensitive to the term and are about ready to slow down and rest for a while. Mr. Everett is with the crowd that can't see the "extravagance" and thinks the state has gone no further than good government demands. If he makes the keynote speech, he will boast of the great expenditures instead of apologizing for them and he will call on the democracy to keep up the good work.

Congressman Ed Pou made just that kind of a speech at the 1922 convention. He glorified the program of progress and the democratic platform followed along by pledging the party to keep up the forward movement. The progressive party leaders want the work to go on. A keynote speech by Mr. Everett would contain the encouragement that would put the convention back of the right kind of a platform.

DEATHS

W. D. INGRAM.

Mr. W. D. Ingram, a veteran who served with bravery and faithfulness in the Confederate army, died here March 18th. The remains were carried to Randolph county, near Farmer, for interment, beside the grave of his wife, who was Miss Abigail Lewis.

Mr. Ingram moved to Rockingham over a score of years ago. He was unusually tall—around six feet, seven inches, and was 80 years old. He had two daughters, both of whom married Lowdermilk, and one of whom is now the wife of Mr. E. S. Davis, of Rockingham.

Robert Stansill, the two-days-old infant of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. R. Currie, died March 2nd, and was buried at Green Lake.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Ingram died at Hamlet hospital March 25th. The babe's mother was formerly Miss Jeanette Covington, of Rockingham.

"Uncle" Cicero Thomas, aged 82, colored, died near Philadelphia colored church March 26th.

BREAKS INTO CAMP.

It is nothing unusual for a convict to break out of a prison camp, but it is unusual for a man to break in a camp and steal. That happened in Mecklenburg county last week, when a former negro prisoner returned to the camp and broke into the commissary. He was caught shortly afterwards, and is now again doing time.

STATE COTTON CROP

Full Figures for 1923 Cotton Crop. North Carolina Produced 1,050,474 Bales, and Richmond County 20,384.

The Government on March 20th issued its complete ginning figures for the cotton grown in 1923. These figures show that North Carolina produced a total of 1,050,474 bales and total bales for the entire South were Richmond county 20,384 bales. The 10,159,498 running bales, or 10,128,474 equivalent 500-pound bales. The average gross weight per bale for the crop was 498.5, compared with 501.7 for the 1922 crop.

The total cotton crop was 10,128,474 equivalent 500 pound bales, exclusive of linters.

That includes 15,204 bales ginned estimated would be turned out after the March canvass.

A crop of 10,081,000 bales was estimated last December by the department of Agriculture.

The number of running bales was 10,159,498, including 242,177 round bales, counted as half bales; 22,426 bales of American-Egyptian and 785 bales of Sea Island, compared with 9,729,306 running bales, including 172,182 round bales, 32,824 of American-Egyptian and 5,125 of Sea Island in the 1922 crop.

The average gross weight of bales for the crop was 498.5 pounds, compared with 501.7 for the 1922 crop.

The 1923 crop, in equivalent 500 pound bales by states follows: Alabama 586,512; Arizona 77,504; Arkansas 626,306; California 54,346; Florida 12,345; Georgia 587,969; Louisiana 367,658; Mississippi 602,808; Missouri 120,449; North Carolina 1,017,325; Oklahoma 655,356; South Carolina 769,416; Tennessee 226,622; Texas 4,339,940; Virginia 50,250. All other states 33,672.

Richmond County:

This 20,384 yield for 1923 was the second largest Richmond County has ever made. The largest was in 1920 when 23,744 bales were made. The yield for the past several years for this county is as follows, the ten-year average (1912-1922) being 15,303:

1900	7,854
1901	4,888
1902	8,176
1903	8,297
1904	8,224
1905	7,742
1906	8,208
1907	9,702
1908	11,494
1909	11,830
1910	14,539
1911	18,272
1912	15,868
1913	13,931
1914	17,867
1915	13,976
1916	9,259
1917	11,015
1918	15,100
1919	18,769
1920	23,744
1921	13,501
1922	15,623
1923	20,384

NORTH CAROLINA CROP

Ginnings by Counties.

County	1923	1922
The State	1,050,474	879,294
Alamance	1,698	937
Anson	23,847	21,692
Beaufort	11,233	13,455
Bertie	20,765	16,309
Bladen	6,535	5,692
Cabarrus	12,114	11,522
Camden	6,707	2,998
Carteret	485	640
Catawba	12,369	9,334
Chatham	9,857	9,270
Chowan	9,376	6,148
Cleveland	39,686	36,540
Columbus	396	536
Craven	2,424	4,079
Cumberland	22,165	20,055
Currituck	1,699	(1)
Davidson	2,218	1,642
Davie	3,398	2,813
Duplin	7,734	7,864

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RIVER BRIDGE CONTRACT LET.

Contract Awarded Tuesday by State Highway Commission for Pee Dee River Concrete Bridge 1685 Feet Long.

On Jan. 31st the State Highway Commission received bids for building a concrete bridge across the Pee Dee river, 6 miles west of Rockingham, but only one contractor submitted a bid, and this was rejected.

However, at the new letting of contracts on Tuesday, March 25th, the Hardaway Construction Company were finally awarded the contract, the price being \$292,609.10. This company is building the concrete bridge across the Yadkin river near Spencer, and part of their material has already been shipped for this new job. The bridge will be 1685 feet long, and it will be the finest spandrel arch type bridge in the state. It is estimated that it will be finished in 18 months. The contract for grading the road from Rockingham to the bridge, 6.20 miles long, was let Jan. 31st, and the Chandler firm already have teams between Rockingham and the river grading. In the course of a few months (after the graded road has settled) the contract for laying hard surface on this road will be let. It is to be hard surfaced, in pursuance of the plan to have a hard surface road from Charlotte to Wilmington.

The Commission also on Tuesday let the contract for hard surface road 11.22 miles between Whiteville and Lake Waccamaw; for 1.34 miles between Sanford and Jonesboro; for 10.99 miles from Greensboro to Randolph county line, on Asheboro road; for 76.50 miles between Albemarle and Cabarrus county line, on Concord road; and for grading 11.96 miles between Carthage and Pinehurst.

BETTER BUTTER MAKING

Points as Brought Out by Mr. Kimery at the Meeting in Rockingham March 21st.

Mr. A. C. Kimery, of the Dairy Division of the State Extension Department, gave a most interesting demonstration in butter-making at the new courthouse last Saturday. Representatives were present from Scotland, Stanly and Richmond counties. These representatives will go back to their clubs carrying instructions for making better butter. This will do much to raise the standard of butter in their communities.

A few of the points brought out by Mr. Kimery are listed below:

1. Use a cream separator when possible and do not churn the whole milk. If a separator is not available skim the milk by hand.
2. Chill milk as quickly as possible after milking, as this aids the (Continued on Page 2.)

BLOCKADE STILLS BROKEN UP.

Officers Reynolds, Heaney and W. D. Smith on Monday broke up a blockade outfit about half a mile from Ghio. The still of 60 gallons had been run Sunday night, and was still hot. Nearby was a new outfit in process of construction, consisting of two large zinc tubes braded together.

On Tuesday officers Reynolds and Darby Covington destroyed an outfit about three miles east of Ellerbe. The officers were just a bit previous, as the outfit had been moved in with a one-horse wagon and had not been erected.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

March 22—Julius Paul Davis and Elma Davis, white.
March 26—Boyd Russell and Rosanna DeLane, colored.
March 27—Mack Robinson and Fronie Clark, white.
Rham Highs will play Hamlet Highs here in baseball April 4th.

Superstitious?

OF COURSE YOU AREN'T.

You don't need to be insured before you buy an accident insurance policy. The most sensible people invest in this kind of insurance because they realize that hazards are increasing all the time and that it's safer to be insured.

Protect yourself against the loss of time and money if you meet with a mishap. Don't neglect it.

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