ROCKINGHAM, N. C., THURSDAY Afternoon, APRIL 3, 1924.

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ROCKINGHAM DEBATERS WIN

Rockingham Highs Win Signal Honors in Debates Last Friday. This School Will Now Send Debaters to Chapel Hill.

Rockingham has won many honors in the past in football and baseball, but no former victory was received more joyfully by the high school pupils that that of last Friday night when the school won in the Statewide high school debating contest.

Rockingham was pitted against Laurinburg, with an affirmative team debating here, and a negative team (Continued on Page 12.)

METHODIST SERVICES IN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Until further notice otherwise the services of the Methodist church will be held as follows in the Presbyterian church. The preaching services, morning and evening, will alternate between the pastors of the two churches respectively, beginning with preaching by the Methodist paster next Sunday, 11 a. m., and the Presbyterian paster 7:30 p. m. The Methodist Sunday school will be held at 3 p. m. each Sunday, and the Senfor Epworth League will meet at 7:39 each Monday evening. Union prayer service 7:30 each Wednesday evening. This announcement is made in acceptance of the kind and courteous invitation of the Presbyterian paster and his people. With one accord, the Methodist people and pastor hereby publicly express their apreciation of the Christian and-fraternal spirit prompting the kindness

Pastor.

FEED GRINDER DEMONSTRAT'N

The Everett Hdw. store will have a demonstration of feed grinding at the store Saturday. You are asked next issue. to bring a few bags of corn on the cob or in the shuck and have it ground free.

SUICIDE WITH KNIFE.

Themas Coleman, aged 35, assistant manager of Brown's restaurant years, and has many friends in the in Charlotte, early Tuesday merning | county. committed suicide by stabbing himself through the heart with a butcher knife, the blade of which was six inches long. He died in 20 minutes.

HEAVY SNOW FOR APRIL.

Frenkish weather prevailed in the northeastern states Tuesday, April 1st. In New York there was thunder and lightning and several inches of measured 11 inches deep.

BALDWIN GOES FOR MAN.

Sheriff Baldwin left here Wednesday morning for Richmond to get return here with Walter Friday

WILL LONG HIT IN HEAD.

Alec Alexander, a middle-aged negro tenant on Will Long's land, east of town, was lodged in jail Wednesday night to await the extent of Mr. Long's injuries. It seems he and Long had an alterestion Wednesday, as a result of which Long was hit on the head with a stick. As to which was at fault the paper is unable to

WILL DELIVER KEY-NOTE

Secretary of State W. N. Everett liver the key-note address at the ous locals in the county will meet Raleigh April 17th, Owing to the for next year. friends has finally decided him to to the above county convention.

W. H. Barton,

CRIMINAL SUPERIOR COURT

Court Convenes Next Monday, Judge Shaw Presiding. 21 Prisoners in Jail. 100 Cases on Docket. Next Civil Terms May 26 and June 16.

Superior Court for trial of criminal cases will convene at Rockingham next Monday, April 7th, with Judge Thos. J. Shaw presiding.

mostly sent there for vagrancy from in the votes cast in November. (Continued on Page 12.)

HAMER COMMITS SUICIDE.

Mr. P. E. Hamer, for some years clock committed suicide by shooting exclamation of "why, Mr. Harding!" himself through the temple with a seemed to have reached down into thought to give a relative a good pistol. He was in the bath room of his heart, for later in the night he April Fool, so she phoned her and stantaneous.

He is survived by his wife and several children.

MINSTREL SHOW.

Active progress is in progress for the U. D. C. Minstrel Show to be Friday night, April 11th. The Southland Film Co., is the producing management, with W. Van Plancke and B. M. Mitchell, of Greensboro, directors. 25 local young men and ladies are in the show, and though the fore has a show of this proportion in Memphis June 4th. been attempted here. The best voices in town are in it, and best local actors; and all are taking part enthusiastically.

The full cast will be published in

USED TO BE OLD.

Rev. A. J. Groves, at present pastor of West End circuit, was in Rockingham today. He served the Roberdel and Richmond circuits for seven

In conversation with him this morning, the writer remarked, thought you were an old man," "I used to be," replied the Reverendand for a fact he does look to be getting younger, despite his 67 years.

MORSE VISITS HOME.

Henry and John Morse, and other relatives in the county.

He is at present pastor of Riverside Baptist church in Columbia. He was baptized at Cartledge's Creek church 33 years ago by Livingston Walter Dockery, who was arrested Johnson, who was then pastor there. there last week charged with killing It was not until he was in the 'thir-Ellen Terry four years ago. He will ties' that he decided to become a preacher, being somewhat like Cyclone Mack in that respect-and, by the way, his sister and Cyclone's sister married brothers. He moved from this county 23 years ago, and has been actively preaching for 17 years.

NOTICE, FARMERS AND CO-OPS.

Tuesday night, April 8th, a cotton Co-op oyster supper will be given at Mt. Gilead. T. D. McLean and others will make addresses

Wednesday night, April 9th, the Roberdel Co-op Local will meet at T. B. Baxley's.

Belford church.

Friday, April 25th, the Cotton Wednesday definitely decided to de- Marketing delegates from the vari- to be nearly a score of applicants.

DEMOCRATIC MEETINGS

ings. Elect Delegates to County Convention. Official Republicanism Nauseating.

Perhaps never before in the history of the Nation has the Democratic Party been in better shape to win the National election this coming There are 21 prisoners in jail Nov. 4th. The graft and rottenness awaiting trial, and around 100 cases now being unearthed among the high closest friends were not aware that on the docket. The chain gang has official Republicans in Washington he was contemplating such a step. a membership of 30 now, though has nauseated the entire country, and many of these are short term fellows, this will most certainly be reflected

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GOT RELIGION IN JAIL.

C. G. (Robert) Harding was remanager of the farming interests of leased from jail March 24th under day from Box 14 at 7:55 a. m. The Mrs. Nell Pegues, just across the \$300 bond. The week previous his fire truck responded, but there was State Line from Richmond county, wife visited him at the jail, and no fire. And thereby hangs an inon last Menday morning about 8 o'- found him playing cards. Her pained teresting story. his house at the time. Death was in- experienced a new awakening, got asked "is your house on fire?" The conviction and read 40 chapters in said relative instantly thought the the bible before daybreak. Since his house must be on fire, so she called release under bond, he has had fam- to a servant to turn in the fire alarm, ily prayers every night. Mrs. Hard- and this was done. It is a question ing says that the paper made a slight now as to which one the joke is on. error in its account of his arrest; we said there were 50 gallons of beer and two quarts of whiskey found at given in the high school auditorium his house, when really there were not more than 25 gallons of beer and a quart and a pint of whiskey.

CONFEDERATE REUNIONS.

The State Reunion for Confeder- McPherson, colored. statement may seem extravagant, yet ate veterans starts at Charlotte May we feel safe in saying that never be- 9th, and the general reunion starts

Elmer Long, of Durham; Bob Rey- the case several years ago. nolds, of Asheville; W. C. Femster, Ashe county.

BAPTIST Y. P.'s IN JUNE.

June 17, 18, 19.

EPIDEMIC OF MUMPS.

Never in the history of the town U. D. C. monument fund. has mumps been as prevalent as is them) has been no respecter of per- others. sons or age. Even from Dentist Bob Rev. Giles C. Morse, of 715 Cal- Cole down to very young infants has houn street, Columbia, spent the mid- the big jaw affected, and in the past two weeks scores of children have temporarily had to drop out of timber to work on.

7 DEGREES BELOW FREEZING.

This section experienced a bit of the cold weather that swept the North and East this past week. The thermometer registered 25 degrees Wednesday morning and 26 degrees quite "airish", and a heavy frost accompanied the cold snap.

Many peach blossoms were of course killed by the frost, but is not believed that the crop is really dam-

TO ELECT ROAD SUPT.

Monday night, April 21st, the Pin- tion to the County Commissioners, and Printing. M. L. Shipman is the ey Grove Co-op Local will meet at and it falls upon that body next Mon- present Commissioner. day to elect his successor. This will

will run a 9-horse farm near town.

GOV. MORRISON MARRIED

ternoon Married Mrs. Geo. Watts, of Durham, Widow of a Multi-Millionaire.

Governor Cameron Morrison and the news comes as a pleasant surprise to the people of the State. Even his The following is the detailed ac-

count of the marriage, as appeared in the daily papers today, and the (Continued on Page 12.)

UNINTENTIONAL FIRE ALARM.

The fire alarm was sounded Tues-

An estimable lady of the town

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

March 28-Jas. B. Soles and Frances Carpenter, white.

March 29-Bruce Bennett Coving ton and Judie Catherine Caudle,

April 1-Sam McLove and Mamie

FRIDAY WAS A BUSY NIGHT.

Rockingham has fast gone beyond FOUR CANDIDATES LIEUT. GOV. the infant clothes class, and it has been demonstrated that various pub-There are now four candidates lic gatherings can be scheduled for for the Democratic nomination for the same night, and each be largely Lieutenant Governor. They are: J. attended. This would not have been

Last Friday night the high school of Catawba; and Tam C. Bowie, of auditorium was practically filled by friends attending the high school debate, with Laurinburg. The same night the Civitans had their regular semi-monthly supper; the Garden The state convention for the B. Y. theatre was packed, and a half house P. U.'s will be held in Wilmington at the Star; the spelling bee was in progress at Zion school; and the Manufacturers hall was crowded with fully 250 people enjoying the "tackey" and square dance given for the

A lot doing on the same night, and now the case in Rockingham. It (or yet none seemed to detract from the

DISEASES THIS WEEK.

Cases of contagious diseases as reported to the County Health Officer school. However, the number of new this week, were as follows: Smallpox cases is getting less each day now, 10, Chickenpox 10, Measles 5, Scarlet possibly because there is little new Fever 1, Diphtheria 1, Whooping Cough

BABY LEFT ON PORCH.

A week-old baby boy was left on the porch of Clerk of Court J. A. Little, at Albemarle, on Friday night, this (Thursday) morning. Seven de- March 28th. It was warmly wrapped grees below the freezing point is with expensive baby blankets, and was lying on a hot water bottle in a large clothes basket. There is no clue to the babe's identity.

GRIST A CANDIDATE

Frank D. Grist, of Caldwell county, was in Rockingham today. He is 1 to 3. About two weeks ago Road Supt. a candidate for the Democratic nom-J. C. Baldwin tendered his resigna- ination for Commissioner of Labor

Grist will make a splendid run, and be no easy job, for there are said his friends expect him to beat Shipbe nearly a score of applicants. man. He is a practical printer, and 50c per doz., on Curb Market Sat-Hannah Pickett Mill is one of the Mr. Baldwin has been superintend-has served in the Legislature. He urday, April 5th.—Mrs. W. H. Cov-few largest mills in the State and is Demograte convention to be held at in the court house to elect directors ent, of Richmond county roads for was in France for 14 months, in Co. ington. nearly five years, and prior to that A. 2nd Machine Gun Battalion, and present state of his health, he had All Co-op Locals will meet on or time was chief of police of Rocking. was shot through the eye—or rather declined; but the insistence of before April 16th and elect delegates ham for three years. He intends now between eye and eyebrow, the bullet to devote his time to farming, and ploughing through his face and coming out under his jaw.

WALL PROPERTY \$47,000

Saturday is Time for Precinct Meet- Chief Executive on Wednesday Af- 65 Lots Sold at Auction Today Just East of Rockingham Limits. Total Brings \$47,000. 1500 People at Sale. D. A. Melnnis Wins.

> Fully 1500 people attended the Mrs. Geo. Watts were married in auction sale of the H. C. Wall lots, Durham Wednesday afternoon, and just east of the Rockingham limits, on what was the Fair Grounds, today, The weather was ideal, and the bid- the new building for the new school ding spirited. The McAulay, Crossale to the satisfaction of all.

65 lots were sold, these bringing a total of \$47,000. At the conclusion of the sale, a public drawing took place for the free house and lot (valued at \$2,000.) This was the magnet that doubtless drew the bulk of the where the Rockingham and Hamlet crowd-for which hundreds had waited all day and for which they had man; this is 9 miles from Rockingpatiently plodded through fields and ham and one mile from Marston, lots. The last lot was sold at 3:30; there had been no stoppage for din- brick, and have ten rooms, and an ner, but with a free house and lot in prospect, what mattered dinner? At have electric lights, water and sewer 3:45 the auctioneers drew up in front of the house to be given away, tem. the cards on which the people had written their names were shuffled in a big box, and a little girl was hoisted (Continued on Page 12)

RHAM HIGHS BEAT HAMLET

Rockingham Highs Defeated Hamlet Highs Here This Afternoon 17 to 4. Charlotte Highs Will Play Here Friday and Saturday.

Hamlet Highs came over to Rockingham this (Thursday) afternoon for the first of the inter-town ball games, and were decisively defeated 17 to 4. The local lads knocked out three Hamlet pitcher, and bagged a total of 19 hits, three of them hom-

Ludwig twirled for Rockingham, and gave but four hits. Elisha Gibon caught-and secured a single, a double and a triple. Getting homers were Harry West, Jack McDowell, and Maurie Cree. The Hamlet pitchers were Coats,

Baucom and Shortridge, with McGilvery catching.

Charlotte Highs will come to Rockngham tomerrow for two gamesone game Friday afternoon at 3:30 and one Saturday afternoon. It will be recalled that Charlotte beat our boys up there two weeks ago 10-9, and now Coach Lawrence is getting the money that counts, the two crops primed to reverse the score.

CHARLOTTE 6, ELLERBE 1.

Charlotte Highs defeated Ellerbe ternoon 6 to 1. Charlotte plays Rham es at \$45.00 and \$17.00 per ton. highs at Rockingham Fri. and Sat.

CHARLOTTE-ROCKINGHAM.

Rockingham Highs, after taking things easy and returning from their western road trip, will stack up with (Continued on Page 12)

CO. SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

More in Detail of the Plans for Richmond County Schools Commencement for April 19th. State Supt. Allen to Speak.

Plans are maturing nicely for the County Commencement for white schools of Richmond county. The public exercises will be held in the old courthouse as follows:

Saturday Morning, April 19th: 10 a. m. Recitation contest, grades

Recitation contest, grades 4 to 7. Oral spelling contest, grades 1-3. (Continued on Page 5.) DALIAH BULBS.

For Sale-Fine daliah bulbs, at

FOR SALE.

can. Both in good condition .-

Jake Hinson

PEACHLAND SCHOOL CONTRACT

Contract Awarded March 28th For 10-Room Brick Building for Peachland School District. Total Cost Around \$28,000.

The County Board of Education and the Peachland School District committee met March 28th and awarded the contract for building district. W. S. Weaver was the best land & Tyson firm conducted the bidder, the price being \$24,890. To Dermott Heating Co., of Raleigh, went the contract for installing a two-pipe line vapor heating system, to cost \$2975.

The new building is located on a ten-acre tract, just at the point roads converge, going towards Hoff-

The building will be one-story, of auditorium that will seat 500. It will connections, and a model heating sys-

This new school district is com-(Continued on Page 5.)

SOUTH'S COTTON CROP United States, 10,128,478

(Equivalent 500-lb. bales.)

ı		1923	1922
I	Alabama	586,512	823,498
l	Arizona	77,504	46,749
ı	Arkansas	626,306	1,017,928
ı	California	54,346	28,243
1	Florida	12,345	25,021
ı	Georgia	587,969	714,998
1	Louisiana	367,658	343,274
1	Mississippi	602,808	989,273
	Missouri	120,449	142,529
	North Carolina	1,017,325	851,640
	Oklahoma	655,356	627,419
	South Carolina	769,416	492,535
	Tennessee	226,622	390,994
	Texas	4,339,940	3,221,158
	Virginia	50,230	26,515
	All other states	33,672	19,310
	The cotton c	rop ginning	s for the

past season total 1,050,474 bales in-North Carolina to March 15, 1924. This is the second largest crop in our history. The 1911 crop showed 1,-126,276 bales ginned. The average prices of that crop was 9 cents as compared with about 30 cents for the 1923 crop. Of course, since it is are not comparable at all.

The two largest bale crops had value comparisons of about \$175,000,-000 for 1923 and \$55,000,000 for 1911. This allows lint prices at 30 Highs at Ellerbe this (Thursday) af- and 9 cents per pound and seed pric-

SMALL FIRE SATURDAY

Again Box 21 got in action, this time last Saturday afternoon at 1:36. A small barn to the rear of J. C. Stubbs' house was on fire; a strong wind was blowing, with adjacent property endangered, but the fire fighters in short order had it under control, thereby again demonstrating their efficiency and the value to the town of their services.

In the barn was stored some old furniture etc. It is presumed it caught from grass burning outside, beside Bickett street, possibly set by small boys smoking or playing.

MILL TO SELL STOCK.

Hannah Pickett Mill is issuing and offering for sale \$500,000 in seven per cent preferred stock, interest payable semi-annually, May first and November first, and is free from county and town tax. This is one of the best and safest investments offered to the public in a good many years and the stock will sell rapidly. advt modern and up-to-date in every way. This preferred stock issue is in shares of \$100 each and those wish-Lawn mower, and also a 5-gal. oil ing to subscribe in any amount will -Mrs. do well to get in touch with W. B. advt Cole, Treas., at once.

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.

IMOND INSURANCE & REALTY COMPANY

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You will never be able to arrive any place

Unless You Open a Bank Account

You will never be able to save any money

We can show you how to save intelligently and wisely for the future so that you will not live in constant fear of poverty in your old age.

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