

COUNTY COMMENCEMENT NEXT WEEK

OVER 25 SCHOOLS TO TAKE PART IN COUNTY COMMENCEMENT AT ROCKINGHAM APRIL 19TH. ATHLETIC CONTESTS THE 16TH. STAKE SUPT. A. T. ALLEN TO SPEAK. SEVERAL THOUSAND SCHOOL CHILDREN EXPECTED HERE.

Saturday, April 19th, is to be County Commencement Day at Rockingham, when over 25 schools of Richmond county will take part in a county-wide Commencement. Supt. Bell and the various committees have mapped out a splendid program, and one that is instructive and which will be beneficial to the participants.

Briefly, on Friday afternoon, April 18th, beginning at 2 o'clock, the various athletic contests will take place at the new high school grounds. Prof. M. R. Mitchell and his assistants have arranged a strong series of events, and a score of prizes have been donated by business men in Hamlet and Rockingham. Every merchant approached generously donated.

On Saturday, April 19th, is the Big Day. The exercises will open at 10 o'clock in the old courthouse, with recitations and oral spelling matches. At 2:30 State Supt. A. T. Allen will speak in the old courthouse and the prizes and awards will be made.

UNIQUE OCCASION

Fiftieth Anniversary of Mr. Coppedge's Ministerial Service.

On the third Sunday in April 1874, Rev. W. R. Coppedge preached his first sermon. Marks Creek church, of which he has been pastor for 18 years, expects to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of this event Sunday, April 20th. There will be appropriate exercises at eleven o'clock in the morning and about 1:30 in the afternoon.

Among the speakers expected are Rev. Dr. J. R. Bridgers, of Charlotte, a college mate of Mr. Coppedge, and Rev. Mr. McQueen.

Everybody is invited.

WALL SALE \$52,000.

The auction sale of 65 lots of the Wall property just east of the corporate limits, held April 3rd, brought a total of \$52,000. The winner of the free house and lot, as stated last week, was D. A. McInnis of Wolf Pit.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

April 3—Chas. B. Graham and Margaret Hasty, white.
April 5—James Nicholson and Ardelia Wall, colored.

HINES LOSES APPENDIX.

Hobson Hines seems destined for hard luck. On March 12th the McNair transfer truck that he was driving ran off the overhead bridge, between Hamlet and Gibson, badly injuring him; his jaw was broken in two places. And now last Saturday he suffered an attack of appendicitis, and his appendix had to be removed by Dr. James.

IT WAS DAVE AND HOGAN.

Dave Henry, who generally picks up an almanac of the vintage of '61 whereby he learns when the fish will bite, happened upon one of the old Raleigh almanacs, printed by Turner in 1843. The very second page bore the news in bold-face type that Mar. 28th, at 8 p. m. would be the right time to catch chinkapin perch. And Dave lost no time in following those fresh directions. He and J. P. Hogan were at the mouth of Big Mountain creek soon after sun-up on the morning of the 28th—and caught 103 chinkapins in an hour and a half.

MARRIED VS. SINGLES.

The married men will try a comeback against the single men of Rockingham tomorrow (Friday) at 3:30; proceeds for athletic fund.

DISEASES THIS WEEK.

The following are cases of contagious diseases reported to County Health Officer for this week: Whooping Cough 5, Measles 1, Smallpox 12, Chicken-pox 3.

COVINGTON IS ROAD SUPT.

W. B. Covington Elected County Supt. of Roads Succeeding Baldwin, Resigned. Jury Drawn. List-Takers Appointed.

The Board of County Commissioners were in session Monday, with all five members present—H. C. Wall, chairman; L. D. Frutchey, T. E. Battle, A. T. White, and Dr. G. C. Caddell.

There were several applications for the position of Supt. of the county roads. J. C. Baldwin had the position for the past five years, but recently tendered his resignation. The Board after due consideration selected W. B. Covington for the job, and he began active work Tuesday, one of the first acts being to carry a 30-day hobo from the Hamlet Recorder's Court to the chain gang. Mr. Covington was superintendent of county roads for seven years prior to his resigning in 1919. He then served as supt. of roads for Robeson county for three years, and since then has been doing road contract work. He has been doing road work now for the past 21 years, starting in 1903 under Capt. Everett's direction grading on Rockingham township roads.

The Board also on Monday night appointed the list-takers for the various townships. They are:

- Rham—Thos. L. Covington.
 - Marks Creek—Robt. B. Terry.
 - Wolf Pit—M. W. Blue.
 - Mineral Springs—W. H. Lassiter.
 - Beaver Dam—John Barrington.
 - Steele's—A. Baldwin.
 - Black Jack—Frank Key.
- Civil Jury May 26th:
The following is the jury drawn April 7th for the civil term of Court to begin May 26th:
- H. B. Booth E. W. Terry
 - R. L. Steele, Jr. E. N. Covington
 - Jasper Forbis C. V. Williams
 - J. M. Billingsley J. Marvin Andrews
 - T. L. Maske H. T. Jones
 - Oscar Carriker Claude Gore
 - Vernon Allen S. B. Smith
 - Jno. M. Scales Jno. S. Covington
 - J. Lee Cashion Guy L. Webb
 - Walter E. McNair R. Rankin
 - Willie McDonald D. C. Farlow
 - A. Baldwin B. W. Pegram

ATTRACTIVE EASTER ADVTs.

Your especial attention is called to the well arranged and attractive Easter advertisements in this issue of the POST-DISPATCH.

QUARTERLY BANK REPORTS.

In this issue can be seen the quarterly reports of the Rockingham banks, as required by law to be published.

MINSTREL POSTPONED.

Owing to unavoidable circumstances, the minstrel show that was to have been given here Friday night by the U. D. C., has been postponed until after Easter.

HIGH SCHOOL DEBATERS.

Leaving here this morning for Chapel Hill to take part in the final eliminations of the state-wide high school debates were Miss Sarah Everett, Maurie Cree, Jim Bell and Ammie Webb. These four were the successful debaters against Laurinburg two weeks ago, thereby being entitled to take part "higher up." Miss Virginia Benton was to have taken part in the eliminations, but unfortunately developed mumps this week. The eliminations begin tonight, with the finals Friday night. Miss McDougald accompanied the team.

Also, going to Chapel Hill was Jack McDowell, who with Maurie Cree and Ammie Webb will take part in the state-wide track meet at the University. Coach Lawrence had planned for a large squad to represent Rockingham High, but so many of the boys had mumps—and in fact, Coach Lawrence himself is this week sick with mumps, and unable to go to Chapel Hill.

COOPER HOUSE BURNS

Fire Started in Mattress Factory Here Last Saturday Morning. Lady and Day-Old Infant Have Narrow Escape.

Last Saturday morning while Simon Rainwaters was operating a small ginning outfit underneath the old Tom Cooper house, on West Washington street, a gravel or perhaps a nail came in contact with the revolving teeth, and a spark set fire to the ginning cotton. Almost instantly the basement (used for W. Continued on Page 8.)

BOUGHT WORTHLESS MARKS

Rockingham Greek Invested \$205 in German Marks Which Proved Worthless. Balance Now Wiped Out. And He Receives Letter Telling Him So.

Along about 1920 a Rockingham Greek, George Costas, conceived the idea of buying some German marks, which at that time had declined from a normal value of around 23 cents each, to a little over one cent each. He was lured by the "bargain buy," as indeed were thousands of other people in America. All thought that the German people and Government would eventually come out from under, and cause their money to enhance in value.

But George, and these thousands of other suckers, reckoned not on the wiliness and duplicity of the German mind.

George "invested" \$205.50 in the German marks, buying 15,000 at \$1.37 per 100. The marks were duly deposited in a German bank. And George sat back with visions of much (Continued on page 8.)

POSTMASTER LONG TO HOSPITAL

Postmaster W. F. Long, Jr., left here at noon today (Thursday) for the Charlotte Sanatorium for a small operation. He has been sick since Sunday, but hopes to return from the hospital by the first of next week.

ESCAPES FROM GANG.

A white man, Sam Harrison, escaped from the chain gang Monday. He was a trusty, and of course could easily get away. He was on for 12 months, and had served about 9.

COMMANDERY INITIATES.

Rockingham Commandery Knights Templar this afternoon and tonight (Thursday) are conferring the various Sir Knight degrees upon 13 candidates from Hamlet.

At 7:30 the Commandery will be served a banquet by the Episcopal Guild at the new high school building; covers will be laid for 150.

The 13 candidates taking the degrees are: J. R. Lucas, J. E. Balkman, C. H. Medlin, C. R. Cook, J. W. Fletcher, E. A. King, A. C. Gardner, A. G. Huguélet, R. M. Meredith, William D. Kaufman, L. A. Sox, Albert James and E. C. Cowan.

On last Tuesday night the following newly elected officers were inducted: Eminent Commander: Stansill Covington.

Generalissimo: T. O. McEwen.
Capt. Gen.: Howard Hartzell.
Senior Warden: H. F. Long; Junior Warden: H. C. Gibson.
Prelate: Bruce Benton.
Treas.: W. N. Everett, Jr.
Recorder: Jno. M. Scales.
Standard Bearer: W. K. McNeill;
Sword Bearer: E. B. Liles.
Warden: Monroe Warburton.
Sentinel: J. E. Sandford.

DEM. COUNTY CONVENTION

County Convention to be Held at Courthouse Saturday Afternoon at 3 O'clock.

The Democratic county convention will be held at the courthouse at Rockingham Saturday afternoon, April 12th, at 3 o'clock, the various precinct meetings having been held last Saturday.

The chief business at the approaching convention is the selection of delegates to the State convention which meets in Raleigh next Thursday, April 17th. Inasmuch as all nominations are now made by the primary, a convention loses somewhat of its old glory and interest. But it is expected this coming convention will be a lively one for all that.

The big fight at the State convention will perhaps be the effort of McAdoo supporters to have the convention go on record as endorsing that man's candidacy. And the McAdoo supporters may try this at the Richmond county convention also.

But it seems to be the sentiment of the State that unless a home man (Josephus Daniels) is endorsed, it were better to send an un instructed delegation to the National convention which meets in New York June 10th. And it would no doubt be better for the Richmond county convention to send an un instructed delegation to Raleigh rather than have their hands tied in advance. Richmond county is entitled to 81 (Continued on Page 4.)

324 MONTHS ROADS AND PEN

WEEK'S TERM CRIMINAL COURT GRINDING OUT MANY CASES. TO DATE ROAD SENTENCES TOTAL 132 MONTHS, PEN 192 MONTHS, MORE YET TO BE SENTENCED. MADISON HOMICIDE CASE FINISHED LATE TODAY. WALTER DOCKERY HOMICIDE CASE FOR TRIAL FRIDAY. COURT WILL ADJOURN SATURDAY NOON.

SENTENCES TO DATE SUMMARIZED:

Total roads and penitentiary sentences imposed at this term of Court, up to time of POST-DISPATCH going to press Thursday afternoon, April 10th, amounted to 324 months, divided as follows: roads 132 months, penitentiary 192 months. Judge Shaw presides.

At January term of Court the roads sentences amounted for the entire week to 204 months, and pen sentences: 156 months, a total of 360 months. Judge J. Bis Ray presided.

Roads 132 months	Penitentiary 192 months	Total 324 months
Roads:		
Eli Prince, colored, immorality.....	4 months	
F. B. McCombs, white, transporting and possessing.....	22 months	
Walter Baldwin, colored, forgery.....	6 months	
John Harrington, colored, L. and R.....	48 months	
George Owens, white, driving car drunk.....	3 months	
Charlie Harrington, colored, mfg liquor.....	4 months	
Lewis Williams, colored, L. and R.....	36 months	
Bill Jones, white, transporting.....	3 months	
Ed. Hinson, white, receiving and possessing whiskey.....	6 months	
Penitentiary:		
Junius Holder, white, larceny.....	3 years	
Arthur Holder, white, larceny.....	3 years	
Corbett Galloway, colored, B. and E.....	1 year	
Clayton Walker, colored, B. and E.....	3 years	
Tommy Rollins, colored, R. S. P.....	3 years	
Tommy Ratcliffe, colored, larceny.....	3 years	

MURDER CASE TRIAL.

The trial of Willie Madison, negro of Hamlet, charged with the murder of his wife some weeks ago, came to an end late this afternoon, the Judge completing his charge to the jury at 5:50 o'clock.

As the paper goes to press at 6:30 the jury has the case. Madison is alleged to have killed his wife, and then placed the body at the foot of the steps of the house to make it appear she had fallen; the motive alleged is another woman and to collect about \$500 insurance on her life.

The trial began Wednesday afternoon; it required 40 men before a jury could be secured. The 12 jurors passing on the life or death of this man were W. Coney Steele, Monroe Warburton, P. A. Parsons, W. H. Puseer, H. T. Rollins, E. N. Covington, A. Z. Williams, W. M. McLeod, W. E. Crosland, W. B. Nelson, R. R. Stubbs, Grady Jenkins.

Solicitor Hydrick, of Orangeburg, S. C., was employed by the dead woman's father to assist Solicitor Phillips in prosecuting. Atty. Cox, of Laurinburg, defended Madison. The evidence was concluded at noon today. Mr. Hydrick spoke for 45 minutes before dinner, and Cox and Phillips finished their speeches at 5 o'clock. The Judge's charge lasted an hour, and the jury got the case at 6 o'clock.

Another Homicide Case.

The trial of Walter Dockery, for his life, began immediately after the jury retired with the Madison case. The selection of a jury from the special venire was begun at 5:55. Court adjourned at 6:30 with 2 jurors selected, and the trial will be resumed at 9:30 Friday morning. He is defended by Atty. Jones. He is a negro, charged with killing Ellen Terry about 4 years ago, but managed to evade arrest until two weeks ago when he was finally apprehended in Richmond.

The homicide case against Nunery and Morrison, of Carthage, charged with the death of Wade Moore, all white, some months ago, will not be tried until July term.

Court will continue in session until noon Saturday. Superior Court for the trial of criminal cases convened at Rockingham last Monday, April 7th, with Judge Thomas J. Shaw, of Greensboro, presiding.

The members of the Six Months Grand Jury, empanelled at the January term, and of whom W. M. Covington is foreman, were all present at opening of Court, with the exception of H. R. Bolton, who has moved from the county. W. C. Lisk was sworn in as foreman of the Grand Jury.

Solicitor F. Don Phillips was as usual promptly on the job. The following jurors summoned for the petit jury this week, were excused: Eli Barrington, William Brown, D. N. Poindexter and J. B. McNealey.

The Court Mill began grinding promptly. After a charge to the Grand Jury, the docket was taken up as follows:

State vs Henry Hooker. He was convicted at April term, 1923, of abandonment, but appealed to the Supreme Court. The verdict was affirmed, so Hooker goes to the roads to serve his 12 months sentence.

A. P. Gurganus pleads guilty to transporting and possessing whiskey. He is fined \$50 and costs.

State vs Junius Holder, Arthur Holder and Henry McGee. A nol pro taken as to McGee. After hearing the evidence, the jury returns verdict of guilty as to the two Holder brothers. The Judge sentences them to the penitentiary at hard labor for three years each. It seems that two young tourists on their way from New York to Florida got stuck in a ditch while getting gas at Everett's mill, down in Wolf Pit. A colored man helped them out. They got an overcoat, leaving it inside the

\$5,000 FIRE AT ELLERBE

Fire in Hogan Building at Ellerbe Tuesday Night Entails a Loss of \$5,000. No Insurance. Town to Vote On Waterworks Bonds.

The most disastrous fire the town of Ellerbe has experienced in some years was on Tuesday night when the brick building owned by E. G. Hogan was gutted by fire.

A petition was circulated in Ellerbe a few days ago for the purpose of having an election called to issue bonds for installing waterworks and a fire protection system. The town commissioners will doubtless call an election on this subject. (Continued on page 4.)

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.

LIFE FIRE ACCIDENT HEALTH

RICHMOND INSURANCE & REALTY COMPANY

A. C. CORPENN, Sec-Treas.