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RICHMOND COUNTY SCHOOLS SATURDAY STATE SUPT. ALLEN PRINCIP'L SPEAKER

OVER 25 SCHOOLS OF RICHMOND COUNTY TO JOIN IN COUNTY-WIDE COMMENCEMENT AT ROCKINGHAM SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH. ATHLETIC MEET HERE FRIDAY AFTERNOON. SATURDAY TO BE A RECORD-BREAKING DAY FOR COUNTY SCHOOLS. EXERCISES BEGIN AT 10 A. M. IN OLD COURT HOUSE.

Rockingham will undoubtedly have more folks in her borders this coming Saturday than have been here in years. It is doubtful if the memorable "Returned Soldiers' Celebration" of July 18, 1919, will have been larger; and the largest crowds that Cyclone Mack drew here in his revival campaign of June-July, 1922, will not come up to the crowd that will come here Saturday.

The occasion? The annual county-wide school commencement. 25 schools scattered all over Richmond county will take part, and the interest and preparations this year have exceeded that of previous years. The only draw-back has been the handicap under which many schools labored recently by reason of the epidemic of mumps and measles.

The commencement will open with a county track meet to be held at the Rockingham high school grounds beginning promptly at 2 o'clock tomorrow (Friday) afternoon. Prof. J. R. Mitchell is chairman of this athletic committee, and numbers of merchants in Rockingham and Hamlet have donated prizes. The events and prizes are published further along in this article.

On Saturday, April 19th, at 10 o'clock will begin the Big Day. The schedule can be seen in full further on, but the main exercises will take place in the old courthouse, with recitations and oral spelling matches, etc. In the afternoon at 2:30 State Supt. of Education, Dr. A. T. Allen, will make an address, after which the prizes and diplomas will be awarded by W. N. Everett, Jr., chairman of the County Board of Education.

The following is the program for the athletic events for Friday and for the main day Saturday:

PUBLIC EXERCISES.

Exercises open to the public will be held in the old courthouse, if finished by that time, Saturday morning, April 19, beginning at 10 a. m. The program is as follows:

- (For each of the contests below, a prize of \$1.00 in cash is offered.)
- Recitation contest, grades 1 to 3.
- Recitation contest, grades 4 to 7.

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COUNTY CONVENTION

Democratic County Convention Held at Rockingham Last Saturday. Parsons Endorsed for District Delegate. McAdoo Resolution Withdrawn.

The Democratic county convention was held in the courthouse at Rockingham last Saturday afternoon. Inasmuch as the only matter to be transacted was the selection of delegates to the State Convention (held at Raleigh today), the county convention was not largely attended.

Chairman Fred W. Bynum called the assemblage to order, with a ringing five-minute speech, wherein he flayed the National Republican record—emphasizing the rotten disclosures that, as the speaker said, "smells to high heaven." Mr. Bynum then requested J. C. Leigh, of Hamlet, to preside.

Upon motion of W. E. Harrison, the editors of the two Democratic papers of the county were asked to act as secretaries. Mr. Hanly, of the Hamlet News-Messenger, was not present.

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Farm Demonstration Department

Conducted by
W. H. BARTON
Office in Courthouse, Rockingham.

THE CUCKOO FARMER

Load Your Gun for the Cuckoo Bear Speculator. The Season is "Open" for Gunning the Year Round.

Paul W. Mack, of the Co-operative Marketing Association, says that at Pinehurst.

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COUNTY AND TOWN TO BUILD ROAD BRIDGE OVER THE SEABOARD TRACKS

SOUTH LEE STREET ALREADY PARTLY GRADED TO SEABOARD TRACKS. COMMISSIONERS PASS ORDER AUTHORIZING BUILDING OF A ROAD. UP TO S. A. L. RY. NOW TO CO-OPERATE WITH TOWN AND COUNTY IN BUILDING OVERHEAD BRIDGE. THIS WILL PUT SOUTHEASTERN RICHMOND NEAR COUNTY-SEAT.

The long desired opening of a road from the courthouse directly southward, crossing the Seaboard tracks on an overhead bridge, and connecting with the Entwistle mill road at a point between Watson Heights and the new Leak mill, is soon to be realized.

At least active steps have been initiated by the Town and County authorities, at the suggestion of the Civitan Club, to this end.

Active work was begun two weeks ago by the Town in opening South Lee street, and grading same from the new courthouse to the railroad.

At the last meeting of the County Commissioners, April 7th, an

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HAPPY CHURCH SERVICE

Three Congregations in One.

The Presbyterian church last Sunday was completely filled, both main auditorium and Sunday school room, with the union congregations from the Episcopal, Methodist and Presbyterian churches.

The Episcopal minister opened the service with prayer, the Methodist choir furnished the special music, and the Presbyterian minister preached (and a good one, too, on "love.")

Especially beautiful were the organ solos of Miss Ruth Harrison, accomplished organist for the Presbyterians. The "Melody of Love" rendition on this elegant Pilcher organ, as the morning offering was taken, was a thing of charm and beauty.

COUNTY MATERNITY AND INFANCY WORK PROGRESSING.

The new health work that is being started in the county is progressing satisfactorily. Miss Jane Coyle, nurse, is now devoting all of her time to maternity and infancy work.

The following is a brief outline by Dr. E. D. Andrews, of the Bureau of Maternity and Infancy, of the State Board of Health, setting forth what the work means to the people of Richmond county, and how it will serve the people here given:

It is not generally known that out of every 100 people who die in Richmond county that 37 out of that 100 is either an infant or an expectant mother. It is not generally known that out of every 100 babies born in Richmond county that 34 of them are brought into the world by ignorant midwives, who cannot read and write in most cases. These midwives don't know the first principles of proper medical treatment. The expectant mothers and babies in this county comprise about 10 per cent of the population of this county, yet out of this 10 per cent, we get 37 per cent of the total death rate in the county. Doesn't this show that something should be done to remedy this condition?

The Bureau of Maternity and Infancy, of the State Board of Health, is attempting to remedy these conditions. The first thing to do is to employ a trained nurse, who knows all about the care of babies and expectant mothers. The nurse will devote her whole time solely to these cases. She will visit the homes where there are babies and expectant mothers. There are a thousand little helps and suggestions she can make to the mothers. She knows about the proper

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ELLERBE PLAY HERE.

A farce-comedy entitled, "Come Out of the Kitchen," will be presented at the Rockingham high school auditorium tonight (Thursday) by Ellerbe high school faculty. It is a professional play, and professionally coached, and those who attend tonight will be rewarded by an evening of enjoyment. The admission is only 20 and 35 cents.

TOWN WATER RATES

Water Collections Monthly.

After this present quarter is ended (Jan. 25-April 25), the meter readings and water collections by the Town will be made monthly instead of quarterly.

The water Supt., Mr. Jessup, has these past few months been overhauling and correcting many meters, and the Town has its water department on a business basis. There is no estimating how much the Town has lost in the past by reason of inaccurate meters, and failures to collect from removals, etc.

The water rate remains unchanged—for those who take the cash discount. But for those who fail to take advantage of the discount offered, the rate becomes 100% higher. The Town Commissioners on March 6th adopted a resolution raising the water rates 100%, but to counterbalance that by allowing a discount by the and 10% on all bills, so you see, this 10th of each month the bills of those who do not take the discount are the same; it simply protects the good payers from the bad.

The new water rates are:
First 10,000 gallons, 60c per 1,000.
Next 20,000 gallons, 50c per 1,000.
Next 30,000 gallons, 45c per 1,000.
Next 40,000 gallons, 40c per 1,000.
Over 100,000 gallons, special rate.

COW TUBERCULAR EXAM.

About a year ago the town commissioners of Rockingham passed an ordinance requiring all cows to be tested every 12 months, from whom milk is sold in the incorporate limits. This test is for tubercular infection, and is a protection to the consumers of milk. The 12 months for the first inspection or testing have expired, and if you who sell milk in town have not had your cows tested again for this new year's period, you had better do so at once.

TUBERCULOSIS CAMPAIGN.

The County Commissioners of Anson have decided to put on a campaign in the county for the eradication of tubercular infection. Every head of cattle in the county will be examined, and those showing tubercular reactions will be killed. When an animal is thus killed, the state pays one-third of the value, the county pays one-third and the owner stands the other third. The cost to Anson county for the campaign will be about \$3,000.

EASTER MONDAY NIGHT.

There will be an old-time spelling bee held Easter Monday night in the courthouse, this being an annual event begun by the Ladies of the Episcopal Guild some years ago.

The fun will start at 8 o'clock, and every one is invited. The admission will be 25 cents. Mrs. T. L. Covington will give out the words, using an old Blue Back. Comical stunts will be pulled, and other entertaining features will enliven the evening, as well as refreshments served. Come out next Monday night and enjoy yourself.

668 MONTHS ROADS PEN AND JAIL TWO CONVICTIONS SECOND D'G MURDER

WILLIE MADISON AND WALTER DOCKERY BOTH CONVICTED OF SECOND DEGREE MURDER AT LAST WEEK'S TERM CRIMINAL COURT. FIVE CARRIED TO PEN FOR 504 MONTHS. ELEVEN TO ROADS FOR 152 MONTHS. FOUR TO JAIL 360 DAYS. HOLDER BOYS APPEAL TO SUPREME COURT AND GIVE BOND.

SENTENCES:		
Roads 160 months	Penitentiary 504 months	Jail 360 days
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	
Henry Hooker, white, abandonment	12 months	
Sam McRae, colored, a. d. w.	20 months	
J. A. Roberts, white, gambling	2 months	
Penitentiary:		
Junius Holder, white, larceny (appealed, gave \$1,000 bond)	18 months	
Arthur Holder, white, larceny (appealed, gave \$1,000 bond)	18 months	
Corbett Holloway, colored, B. and E.	1 year	
Clayton Walker, colored, B. and E.	3 years	
Tommie Rollins, colored, R. S. P.	3 years	
Willie Madison, colored, second degree murder	20 years	
Walter Dockery, colored, second degree murder	12 years	
Jail:		
(The following sentenced to jail must pay the jail fees—cost of boarding and lodging them.)		
James Hobson, white, receiving whiskey	60 days	
H. C. Clark, white, receiving, driving car drunk, jail 120 days, to begin sentence at July term	120 days	
J. L. Currie, white, receiving and driving car drunk, jail for	120 days	
W. W. Adcock, driving car drunk	60 days	

Last week's term of Court was featured by the large number of cases handled, and the size of the sentences imposed. Court adjourned April 7th and adjourned Saturday at noon. The next term will be for civil cases and convenes May 26th, with another civil term to begin June 16th, and a criminal term in July.

Two murder cases were disposed of last week—that against Willie Madison, of Hamlet, for killing his wife; and against Walter Dockery for killing Ellen Terry four years ago. Madison goes to the pen for 20 years and Dockery for 12. The case against Thos. Nunnery, Jr., and Murr. Morrison, of Carthage, charged with the death of Wade Moore, was continued to July term.

Arthur and Junius Holder, two young white fellows from Wolf Pit, were sentenced to the pen for 3 years each for theft of an overcoat from a tourist; however, Judge Shaw later in the week changed this sentence to 18 months in the pen. The boys through their lawyer gave notice of appeal to the Supreme Court, and were released under \$1,000 bond each, signed by Jno. L. Everett.

Sheriff Baldwin and Deputy Darby Covington Tuesday morning carried Corbett Holloway, Clayton Walker, Tommie Rollins, Willie Madison, and Walter Dockery to the pen to begin serving their sentences.

Tommie Ratcliffe, negro, had been sentenced to the pen for 3 years, but Judge Shaw later decided to withhold judgment until July term, and put his bond at \$400. Tommie cannot raise the bond and is still in jail. He stole a car at Hamlet some time ago. Mgr. Braswell, of the new negro training school 10 miles east of Rockingham was going to take charge of him, but inasmuch as the buildings are not ready yet, the Judge has held up the matter until a later Court.

When the POST-DISPATCH went to press on Thursday of last week, the jury had just been given the case against Willie Madison, charged with

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R'HAM COMMENCEMENT

City School Commencement June 6-9. 35 in Graduating Class. Secretary of State to Deliver Annual Address.

The commencement exercises of the City High School will be held June 6-9. The Senior Class at present numbers 35, the largest class in the history of the school, 18 of them

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WILSON WINS

In the state-wide high school debate at the University last Friday, the cup was awarded to the affirmative team from the Wilson school.

The judges had decided that the Durham negative and the Wilson affirmative were the two best, and these two clashed for the final decision. A boy and a girl represented each of the two schools. The query was, "Resolved, That the Interallied War Debts Should be Cancelled."

Going to Chapel Hill for the final eliminations were 284 boys and girls from 711 schools—11 more schools than were represented last year.

Rockingham won in the "triangular" debates from Laurinburg in March, and so was entitled to send its debaters to Chapel Hill. Representing Rockingham were Miss Sarah Everett and Maurie Cree, for the affirmative and Jim Bell and Ammie Webb for the negative. The four debaters, accompanied by Miss McDougald, of the local faculty, went to Chapel Hill the 10th, and the try-out in the preliminaries was held along about midnight that night. The speeches of all four were splendid, and each reflected credit upon the home school; here's hoping this school will again be represented next year in the final eliminations.

WAS LAID ON COOLING BOARD.

Tuesday, April 15th, was the 69th birthday of Rockingham's premier fisherman, Stephen W. Steele. He now enjoys the distinction of having once been pronounced dead; when about 15 months old he was thought to be dead, and he was actually laid on a cooling board. But even at that early age he developed a pugnacious streak, and came back to life, since which time he has been very much alive.

Mr. Steele was born in Ansonville, son of Robt. L. and Hannah Leak Steele. From Anson the family moved to Arkansas, and then back to North Carolina, to Richmond county where he has spent the most of his life. The POST-DISPATCH wishes for him many more years of piscatorial enjoyment.

I have just received a new line of Tailoring Assn. Prices range from \$16 to \$39. Look them over before buying. C. B. Mills, Agt. at Jimmie's Pressing Club.

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