

READING CERTIFICATES

CERTIFICATES FOR READING CIRCLE COURSE PRESENTED TO 691 PUPILS OF RICHMOND COUNTY SCHOOLS AT COUNTY COMMENCEMENT AT ROCKINGHAM APRIL 19, 1924. RESULT OF FAITHFUL WORK.

At the County Commencement held at Rockingham April 19, 1924, Reading Circle Certificates were awarded to 691 pupils who had satisfactorily completed the required courses of the Reading Circle work. The POST-DISPATCH is proud to give its front page space to publishing the names of these faithful pupils:

Beaver Dam No. 1
Daniel Dunn, Leonard McDonald, Nellie Boone, Roy Dawkins, George Culberson, Emma McDonald, Lena Marks, Mildred Marks, Eva Sullivan, Clifford Currie, Roy Perkins, Mattie McDonald, James McDonald, Woodrow McDonald, Carl McDonald, Ernest Chappell, Bruce Dawkins, Kenzie Currie.

Beaver Dam No. 2
Grace Davis, Josie Davis, Shelly Davis, Bertha Gibson, Lillian Gibson, Wilma Gibson, Adelaide Haigler, Delorus Haigler, Ernie Haigler, Genola Warner, Viola Warner.

Beaver Dam No. 3
Naomi Biles, Bruce Wrenn, Bo Stroup, Thomas Newell, Margaret Wilson, Mamie Tyner, Beulah Tyner, John Little, Ethel Latham, Betty Lou Wilson, Willie Robertson, Fred Teal, Beatrice Carnes, Emma Little, Margaret Tyner, Margaret Baldwin, Carl Tucker, Virginia Thompson, Ruby Lee Ellis, Roy Robertson, Frances Scarboro, Phebe Gardner, May Thompson, Margaret Simpkins, Emma Seago, Lenora Ellis, Teddy Gardner, Eugene Teal, Vernie Vanceannon.
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\$50,000 FIRE PINE BLUFF.

Fire Wednesday night about 10 o'clock destroyed the Pine Bluff Inn and three large residences, with a loss of around \$50,000. Origin in kitchen. Most of the hotel guests had departed North on Tuesday, and there were only half a dozen guests registered there. The Hamlet fire truck went to the fire, but it was burned down and there were no water hydrants.

PRIMARY OFFICIALS.

On page 12 can be seen the list of registrars and judges for the June 7th primary. The registration books open May 3rd, and close May 24th. May 31st is challenge day.

MARRIAGE LICENSÉS.

April 26—Jno. Eric Thomas and Lenora Katie Warwick, white.
April 26—James Alexander Whiteley and Ruby V. Price, white.
April 26—George Baldwin and Victoria McLean, colored.
April 26—Dr. James Hampton Ellerbe and Willie Edna Millikin, white.
April 29—James L. Winkler and Adele Pettyjohn, white.

DENTIST INSTALLS X-RAY.

Dr. C. C. Steel, dentist at Rockingham, has just installed a new model X-Ray machine for use in his practice and for handling X-Ray work for physicians. It is the Ritter type, and a marvel of ingenuity.

MEMORIAL DAY.

The full program for the annual Memorial Day dinner to be given by the U. D. C. here to the Confederate veterans May 10th will be published next issue. Suffice it to say, the dinner will be held as usual, and a good program rendered.

TARDY NOR ABSENT

LIST OF 150 RICHMOND COUNTY SCHOOL CHILDREN WHO WERE NEITHER TARDY NOR ABSENT FROM SCHOOL THIS YEAR. CERTIFICATES AWARDED THESE SCHOOL CHILDREN FOR FAITHFUL ATTENDANCE.

The following is the list of school children in Richmond county (outside of Rockingham and Hamlet schools) who were neither tardy nor absent from their schools during the entire school term—fall of 1923, and spring of 1924. The certificates were awarded them at the County Commencement held at Rockingham April 19th:

Pea Dee School
Seventh grade—Nellie Deas, Susie Thomas.
Sixth grade—Eugene Maske, Lacy Davis, Currie Solomon, Fred Gibson, Maurice Black, J. T. Garrett, Catherine Rush.
Fifth grade—Mary Braswell, Grace Black, Margaret Capel, Brama Covington, Velma Mills.
Fourth grade—Charlie Hall, Mary Maske, Ruby Boggan, Ruth Fry, Conley Thomas, Pearl Davis, Elizabeth Tanner.
Third grade—Blanche Boggan, James Covington, Carl Tyson, Ila Davis, Dannie Tally, Nettie McLeod, Margaret McIntosh.
Second grade—Mary Thelma Black, Viola Black, Dorothy Ludlum, Clifford Thomas, William Maske, Luther McIntosh, Nora Lee Spivey.

Campbell School:
Ella Maie Campbell.
Zion School
Betsy Wall Nichols, Lena Perkins.
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CARRIED MAIL 16 YEARS.

Today, May 1st, makes 16 years that Hervey B. Coppedge has carried an R. F. D. mail in Richmond county.

DROPPED DEAD AT HOFFMAN

MR. JOHN BARRINGTON WEDNESDAY DROPPED DEAD IN POSTOFFICE AND NEGRO DROPS DEAD ALSO.

A singular coincidence was the sudden death of two men in Hoffman on Wednesday. Their lives were snuffed out in a twinkling, and within a few minutes' time of each other. Mr. John Barrington, newly appointed list-taker for Beaver Dam township, was in the Hoffman post-office opening a letter when stricken. The other man, a negro, Frank Covington, was standing on Dr. Caddell's office porch when his summons came; he had heart drops.

LEAK INTERESTS 2000 ACRES.

In 1922 the T. C. Leak farming interests had 2500 acres in cotton in Richmond county, from which a total of 2160 bales were raised. This year the T. C. Leak estate has planted a total of 2,000 acres. The final planting was completed last week, and some will be ready for chopping the last of this week.

LIVE COMPANY IN RALEIGH.

According to the daily papers, a new life insurance company was organized Tuesday in Raleigh, to be called the Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company. W. N. Everett was named as President and Gavin H. Dortch as general manager. The guaranteed capital stock is \$100,000, and the company starts off with over a million dollars in insurance already written. The board of directors consists of over two-score prominent citizens of Raleigh and other towns.

CHAUTAUQ'A COMING

REDPATH CHAUTAUQUA OPENS A 5-DAY ENGAGEMENT AT ROCKINGHAM MAY 16TH. ELEGANT PROGRAM. LIST OF 64 GUARANTORS. PREPARE TO BUY SEASON TICKETS NOW. 5 DAYS OF ENTERTAINMENT.

The opening date for the Redpath 1924 Chautauqua at Rockingham is Friday, May 16th, and continues for five days. It is very easy to say that "this is the best yet," but all advance comments indicate that the program is really better than that of any previous year—and that is saying a lot. For the Redpath has proved a popular favorite in Rockingham, and old and young thoroughly have enjoyed the previous entertainments here.

The appearance now of a high-class series of amusements and entertainments must be a contrast to the cheaper forms of amusement that frequent the boards. In 1923 there were 61 guarantors, these losing \$3.50 each. But despite that small deficit, 64 men and women signed up as guarantors for this

That Blue X Mark.
Is there a blue X mark on the front page of this paper? If so, it is a reminder that your subscription has expired, and a request that you attend to the payment of same.

1924 Chautauqua. There is no reason why there should be a cent's deficit if every guarantor would evince the same interest BEFORE the Chautauqua comes as he or she does AFTER it comes.

A Chautauqua such as this one is refreshing; it is educational; it is helpful to a community; it entertains. And this 1924 Chautauqua should go over big, with not a penny's loss to any one. The advance man was here last week placarding the town. The 7-day man (assisting in ticket sales) should arrive about the 10th, and the guarantors will then be called together, an organization perfected, and the sale of season tickets started.

The following are the 64 signers of this 1924 Chautauqua; and some information regarding the program to be rendered:

- 64 Guarantors:**
Ozmer L. Henry
Mial W. Leak
Howard S. Hartzell
Mrs. W. P. Webb
Burkett Purnell
J. F. Hicks
Mrs. B. F. Palmer
C. C. Steele
W. A. Bost
G. A. Gonthier
B. C. Crawford
Mrs. W. R. McIntosh
J. F. Moore
John Morrison
Claude Gore
Mrs. R. S. Leak
W. L. Parsons
Mrs. W. B. Stansill
Don L. Culberson
R. L. Phillips
J. B. O'Brien
J. M. Ledbetter
J. W. Leak
Geo. P. Entwistle
J. Pat Jackson
J. McDougald
Mrs. R. T. Nichols
Mrs. A. G. Corpening
Bessie Terry
G. M. Coggin
T. L. McRae
Post-Dispatch
A. G. Corpening
Mrs. C. P. Stewart
Wm. H. Entwistle
Robt. N. Stansill
Minor T. Hinson
Wm. G. Pittman
H. F. Long
C. C. Steele
J. D. Chalk
W. F. Long, Jr.
W. E. Harrison
H. J. Rollins
Mrs. W. S. Thomas
O. G. Reynolds
Easdale Shaw
W. H. Covington
Nancy Leak
Robt. E. McNair
J. A. McAulay, Jr.
W. C. Nichols
Rockingham Hotel
H. S. Boggan
Fowlkes Pharmacy
J. M. Scales
J. LeGrand Everett
M. B. Leath
W. B. Cole
B. F. Reynolds
J. A. McQueen
Mrs. T. R. Helms
Lambeth's, Inc.
L. G. Fox

Chautauqua Program:
The great present-day comedy, "Six Cylinder Love"; original musical production, "An Evening in Hawaii," and other splendid musical
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ELECTION AT ELLERBE.

An election will be held at Ellerbe May 20th on the question of issuing \$75,000 in bonds for installing water-works and sewer. Notice of the election is on page 7.

HIGHS LOOK UPWARD

ROCKINGHAM HIGHS DEFEAT BOTH RAEFORD AND LAURINBURG AND THE TEAM IS PITCHED AGAINST LUMBERTON AT LAURINBURG FRIDAY, MAY 2ND. TEAM IS GOING QUITE STRONG. PROSPECTS GOOD.

The state-wide baseball eliminations among the high schools began last Friday, with Rockingham pitted against Raeford at Laurinburg. Hiner and McDowell did the mound work for Rockingham, and Raeford bit the dust to the tune of 11 to 9.

While Rockingham was winning from Raeford, Laurinburg highs were beating Hamlet 7-6, and Lumberton was winning from Wilmington. This then threw Rockingham to play Laurinburg. The two coaches
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PRISONER REFUSED TO EAT.

A young white man, aged about 25, giving his home as Ohio, was arrested in Hamlet Saturday, charged with beating his way on a train from Wilmington. He was tried in Recorder's Court at Hamlet Monday, and sentenced to the roads for 30 days. He was taken to the chain gang of Richmond county Monday afternoon.

But he refused to eat. From the time he was arrested Saturday afternoon, he steadfastly refused to either eat or drink. To all urgings on the part of the officers he simply replied that he "had not done anything to Richmond county, and would not eat its bread or drink its water." He would go out to work with the gang, but would not work; and of course it was impossible to whip or use physical force on a man who was weakening himself by hunger. His fasting continued until Tuesday night when finally he concluded he would eat and drink. He ate Tuesday night, and Wednesday morning was shoveling like the others, and as though nothing had occurred. But he had gone for three full days and nights without eating or drinking, and the officers were becoming worried as to what to do with him. Perhaps his stomach over-ruled his determination.

POLE KNOCKED DOWN.

In trying to avoid another car at the corner of Lawrence and Greene streets Monday night, a touring car (driver not known) crashed into an electric light pole on the corner. The large pole was broken in half, but the car kept going and was not hurt.

McADOO UNOPPOSED.

W. G. McAdoo's name was the only one filed with the State Board of Elections for the June 7th Democratic primary for President, and so he will receive North Carolina's 24 votes without opposition.

K. K. K. IMPERIAL WIZARD.

Dr. H. W. Evans, Imperial Wizard of the Ka Klux Klan, made an address in the auditorium at Raleigh on Friday night of last week. It had been predicted that the seating capacity of the auditorium would be taxed—that fully 5,000 people would be present. But this was not the case; one report said there were 1200 present; another that the attendance was possibly 1500. It is not locally known who from Richmond county attended, but the News & Observer stated that J. L. Hawley, of Rockingham, was registered at the Sir Walter on April 25th, the day of the speaking.

ELLERBE 1, HAMLET 0.

Ellerbe highs defeated Hamlet highs in baseball at Ellerbe Monday 1-0. Price pitched a fine game for Ellerbe, besides driving in the winning run.

EVERETT OPERATION

SECRETARY OF STATE UNDERGOES SERIOUS OPERATION AT CHARLOTTE SANATORIUM ON WEDNESDAY BY DR. BRENZER, WHICH IS VERY SUCCESSFUL. PATIENT IS DOING WELL. OPERATING TABLE 2 HOURS.

Secretary of State W. N. Everett came to Rockingham from Raleigh Saturday night to spend several weeks in the hope that the rest would enable him to regain the strength that was undoubtedly depleted in the preparation for, and delivery of, the keynote speech at the Democratic State Convention April 17th.

But upon his arrival here it became evident that the internal forces that were dragging him down were gaining a hold at so rapid a rate that an operation was necessary. He accordingly went to Charlotte Tuesday morning, consulted with Dr. Brenzer, and on Wednesday morning at 8:30, at the Charlotte sanatorium, Dr. Brenzer began operating. The patient was on the table for over two hours. Dr. Brenzer found and removed an ulcer from the stomach, which was caused by adhesions from the gall bladder, then removed gall bladder entirely, and then took out the appendix which showed adhesions. Either of the three operations might be considered a major one.

Mr. Everett rallied nicely from the anesthetic, and his condition is entirely satisfactory at the present time. Dr. Brenzer apprehends no bad effects; on the contrary, he sees no reason why Mr. Everett shouldn't be able to return home before the end of the month, and after a few weeks of rest be his normal self again. All of which will be good news to his friends "back home" and throughout the State at large.

With him in Charlotte for the operation were Mrs. Everett, W. N. Everett, Jr., Miss Everett, Jno. L. Everett and J. LeGrand Everett.

RHAM LADY LOSES LIFE IN STORM

CYCLONE KILLS 86, INJURES 400 WEDNESDAY IN FIVE STATES. ROCKINGHAM LADY KILLED, 3 KILLED IN CHATHAM.

Storms of cyclonic proportions swept over parts of five states Wednesday morning, and the estimated number of dead is 86 and injured more than 400, with property damage exceeding ten million dollars. Not in years has such destruction been wrought in this part of the South. The storms started in Alabama and extended northward thru Georgia and South Carolina, with the principal loss of life near Anderson, S. C.

A Rockingham lady was killed by the storm at Anderson—Mrs. Janie Covington Rast, wife of Prof. Rast. The chimney was blown over and fell on the house, killing her. Mrs. Rast was a daughter of the late E. D. Covington, of Rockingham, and her mother now lives in Plant City, Florida. She is survived by four sisters and two brothers, her husband and a grown daughter, Martha. Prof. Rast taught school here many years ago, but more recently has conducted a furniture store in Anderson. Mr. E. C. Cole here is an uncle of the deceased.

The storm did its worst damage in North Carolina in Chatham county, near Pace's mill, about four miles west of Bynum. A family of three
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MRS. LEAK BETTER.

Friends will be glad to know that Mrs. R. S. Leak is improved today, following a sudden indisposition about 6:30 Wednesday afternoon. It was feared at that time that a second slight stroke of paralysis had been suffered, but today she is apparently her usual self again.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE

21 HORSES AND MULES BURNED TO DEATH IN ROCKINGHAM FIRE SUNDAY AFTERNOON. LOSS \$14,700 WITH ONLY \$2500 INSURANCE. STABLE, OLD CHURCH, SEVEN BUILDINGS. HAMLET COMPANY HELPS.

LOSS:
T. C. Leak Estate:
Stable, old church, 6 small houses \$5500
3 mules 750
L. & W. Lbr. Co.:
8 mules 2000
Collier Mule Co.:
(Owned by Leak Estate and J. T. Collier.)
8 horses and mules 1200
Wagons, etc. 500
Amer. Ry. Express Co.:
Horse and wagon 300
Ed. Ingram, col.:
1 mule 250
Dr. Rollins:
Equipment 250
W. R. Jones:
House 3250
(\$2500 insurance)
L. M. Pruetto:
Damage to furniture, covered by insurance 300
New Courthouse:
Damage to cracked windows (fully insured) 400
\$14,700

Rockingham was visited by the worst fire Sunday that has occurred here in years. It was the most stubborn, and spectacular, and tragical in that 21 horses and mules lost their lives.

The financial loss consisted of around \$14,700, as noted above, and
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TWO MULES BURNED

Coley Barn Burns Four Miles From Rockingham Wednesday Night and Two Mules Lost.

Right on the heels of the Sunday fire when 21 horses and mules were burned to death in Rockingham, comes another fire last night (Wednesday night) when a barn belonging to Mrs. Queen Coley, 3½ miles northwest of town, was burned; she had a small amount of insurance on it.

A negro, Will McLaughlin, farms there and used the barn. He had two mules burned to death, 125 bushels of corn, a ton of hay, harness and farming tools, with no insurance. A strong wind was blowing from the southwest, and this fortunately kept the flames from catching the house. The Coley boys, who live in the Hicks house overlooking the barn, discovered the barn on fire about midnight, but it was impossible to save anything other than an oat drill and drag tooth harrow.

ATHLETE WINS HONORS.

Coach Lawrence, of the Rockingham High, carried Jack McDowell and Maurie Cree to the state-wide track meet at Guilford College last Saturday, and single-handed McDowell won 13 points.

Charlotte, with a large team, won the meet with 33, Greensboro 20, Chapel Hill 18, and Rockingham (one man) 13.

KILLED NEAR GHIO.

Another killing occurred near Ghio Wednesday night about 9 o'clock when some one through a crack in the house shot Willie Lee, colored. He lives about 100 yards from the Richmond county line, over in Scotland. He died in a few minutes. This makes six people killed in that vicinity in the past two years—Tom English, Lloyd Quick, Will Walters, Jasper Guinn, Marshall Friday, and now Willie Lee.

Read Jim West's add. on page 5; then see or phone him quick.

It Is Never Too Late to Insure Against ACCIDENT FIRE LIGHTNING TORNADO DEATH

After one accident, the chances are equally as great that you may have another one. If you have made the mistake of carrying no insurance, profit by it NOW. When the need for insurance comes, it is too late, but you can always guard against a recurrence of the same thing by making the most of the lesson you learned.

RICHMOND INSURANCE & REALTY COMPANY

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

The Book of Smiles

It is not a joke book, but one that always brings a happy, contented smile to the possessor. It pays you to own one of these books. And it gives you business standing, too. We refer to one of our bank books which shows regular entries. Come in today and start yours—your book of smiles.

WORRY — WANT — UNCERTAINTY

Bitter, persistent enemies of your happiness, are never known in the homes of savings depositors. A well-tended savings account in this bank will introduce you to Security, Happiness, and Contentment.

The Richmond County Savings Bank