

## SHELBY WINS CHAMPIONSHIP

ROCKINGHAM HIGHS WON EASTERN CHAMPIONSHIP, BUT DEFEATED BY WESTERN CHAMPS FOR ALL-STATE HONORS. SHELBY HAS FINE TEAM.

After having won the high school baseball championship for Eastern Carolina, Rockingham High on last Saturday were defeated by the fast Shelby team, 8-0.

While nosed for all-state honors, still the local team feels no sting in their defeat. In order to reach the head of all the teams of Eastern Carolina, Rockingham had to win over a strong list of contenders; likewise did Shelby have to fight for her western supremacy. And the battle between the two teams at Chapel Hill last Saturday was one of giants, with Shelby having the edge. The Rockingham boys are game losers, and cheerfully accord to Shelby the credit that is their due.

This final game was played on the University grounds at Chapel Hill last Saturday. The college band furnished music, and around 1000 people witnessed the contest. Perhaps 150 fans went up from Rockingham. And a continuous telegraphic report (Continued on Page 6)

## RHAM COMMENCEMENT

Graduating Exercises June 6-9, 35 in Class. Program Outlined.

The Commencement exercises of the city high school will take place (Continued on Page 2)

**Farm Demonstration Department**

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

## ALL TOGETHER FOR THE ELLERBE FAIR.

The citizens of the Ellerbe community met last Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock and decided to hold another (Continued on page 7.)

## PEACH SHOW HAMLET.

At a meeting of Hamlet citizens Tuesday night it was decided to again hold a Peach Show there in July. L. E. Blanchard was appointed manager and S. E. Bauersfeldt treasurer.

## 8,000 POUNDS FISH WEEKLY

Perhaps few people realize the amount of fresh fish shipped to Rockingham each week. Figures secured from the express office show that the average weekly shipments this spring amount to eight thousand pounds of fish—in this is not included weight for barrels, ice, etc.

## LEATH HIGH JUMPER

Thomas Leath, student at Trinity College, several weeks ago won second place in the high jump at the track meet at State College, with Carolina winning first place. But in the South Atlantic meet at Richmond two weeks ago, wherein 10 colleges competed, he won first place in high jump.

Trout two, Boy Scouts of Rockingham, will leave Friday morning, 27 strong, for a point on the river below Bennettsville, where they will camp for two days. Scoutmaster P. L. McCall is in charge of the party.

## ELLERBE VOTES WATER BONDS

TOWN OF ELLERBE ON TUESDAY VOTED TO ISSUE NOT EXCEEDING \$75,000 IN BONDS FOR WATER AND SEWER. A FORWARD STEP FOR GROWING TOWN.

Out of a registration of 141, there were 94 citizens of the Town of Ellerbe who on Tuesday went to the ballot box and registered their approval for the issue of bonds for installing water and sewer connections for their growing young city.

Only three votes were actually cast against the proposition, 71 votes constituted a majority of the registration, and so with 94 votes cast for, the majority amounted to 23.

The Town now issue bonds up to \$75,000, but it is estimated that the total cost of the water and sewer will not be over \$60,000, if that.

Ellerbe is perhaps one of the few towns of the State that hasn't a bonded indebtedness. It is true that the Town issued \$15,000 light bonds last year, but the interest and sinking fund for this is paid by the Smitherman company, to whom the Town simply acted as endorser or surety, and the Town therefore really does not owe a penny of bonds.

It will no doubt be a glad day to our Ellerbe neighbors when the new water and sewer system is completed.

## BONUS BILL PASSES

CONGRESS PASSED SOLDIERS' BONUS BILL MONDAY OVER THE VETO OF THE PRESIDENT. SOME WILL RECEIVE \$50 IN CASH. OTHERS AN INSURANCE POLICY.

Washington, May 19.—The soldiers' bonus bill has become a law.

The measure, which has been the subject of a fight between Congress and two successive Presidents, was repassed today by the Senate over President Coolidge's veto by a vote of 59 to 26.

This was a margin of two votes more than the necessary two-thirds majority, as compared with the 52 votes there were to spare when the veto was overridden in the house last (Continued on Page 8)

## CONCRETE BRIDGE STARTED

Material Being Placed for Concrete Bridge of Two 40-Foot Spans Across Hitchcock Creek. Contract For Hard Surface Next Winter.

The concrete street from The Rockets to the town limits at Hitchcock Creek, through Great Falls village, was completed three weeks ago, and opened to traffic last Saturday.

Material is now being placed at the creek for a concrete bridge across same. It will be something like 100 feet south of the present bridge. It will consist of two 40-foot spans, with a 20 foot roadway and two five-foot sidewalks on each side. The Yarkin Construction Co. has the contract, and as soon as the bridge nears completion the grading forces will build the fills on each side and connect up. This should be completed by the middle of August.

Grading the new road from Rockingham to the river is going steadily forward. It can be stated with assurance that the contract for hard surfacing this newly graded road will be awarded next winter, so that it can be completed before the summer of 1925. In the meantime, the new fills will have time to properly settle. The big bridge across Pee Dee river will hardly be completed before the summer of 1926.

## PRESS CONVENTION.

The annual meeting of the North Carolina Press Association will be held at Morehead City June 12-13.

## 3,000,000 VETERANS RECEIVE INSURANCE

ADJUSTED SERVICE COMPENSATION IS FIGURED ON BASIS OF DOLLAR DAY FOR HOME SERVICE AND DOLLAR AND QUARTER FOR FOREIGN.

Washington, May 19.—It is estimated that 3,038,283 veterans will be entitled to the insurance policies provided by the soldier bonus bill enacted into law today, while 389,583 will be paid cash of \$50 or less. The bill also provides for payment to dependents of deceased veterans of the amount of adjusted service compensation to which they would have been entitled.

Adjusted service compensation is figured on the basis of \$1 a day for home service and \$1.25 a day for overseas service. The first sixty days (Continued on Page 12.)

## GARDEN THEATRE CLOSING

Garden Will Be Closed From Next Monday to Middle of August, Excepting Pictures on Saturdays. Star Continues Open Daily.

The Garden theatre will close Saturday night, May 24th, at midnight for repairs and a general cleaning. The management states that it will be open every Saturday matinee and night, for Western pictures and comedies, and will run just one day a week until about the middle of August when it will reopen full time.

The Star will continue in operation as heretofore, matinee and night; and on certain days of the week feature pictures will be shown, interspersed with Westerns and comedies.

The management of The Garden requests the POST-DISPATCH to thank the public for the support given it, and to give assurance that the reopening in the early fall will find it an even better playhouse than in the past.

## TO SUCCEED SELVES.

The present Board of County Commissioners have filed notice of their candidacy for re-nomination, subject to the June 7th primary.

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Subject of sermon Sunday morning at 11 will be, "Unsuspected Resources." At night at 8 o'clock "Our Talents." Church school 9:45. Mid-week prayer meeting Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.

## SUPERIOR COURT.

Superior Court for the trial of civil cases convenes at Rockingham next Monday, 26th, with Judge Thos. J. Shaw presiding. The calendar of cases is on page ten of this issue.

The next criminal term will be held about the middle of July. Another civil term comes on June 16th.

## SHERIFF BALDWIN OUT.

When your eye struck this heading, you probably thought that it referred to his being out of the race for Sheriff. But not so. He is very much in, and up to the present time no one has filed notice in opposition to him.

He is "out" after being kept indoors for several weeks with an attack of smallpox. Last Monday was the first day he has been able to get to his office lately, and he looks weak and shows the effect of his "spell." However, he will regain his strength rapidly now, and be ready to "hunt 'em out" as usual.

## TOLBERT SHOWS COMING.

The Tolbert Shows, which played here last year for a week, will again visit Rockingham next Monday for a week's engagement. They appear under their own tent. Ladies free Monday night. See advt page 8.

## PEGUES CATCHES 250-LB STURGEON

HUGE FISH CAUGHT IN TRAP IN PEE DEE RIVER. \$40 IN STEAK SOLD. 19 POUNDS EGGS SHIPPED TO NEW YORK. FINS ETC. BOILED FOR LINIMENT.

When Randolph Pegues went to his fish trap in Pee Dee river, a few miles south of Rockingham, one morning last week he found to his amazement a fish that literally looked like a whale. It was a Sturgeon. He towed the huge thing to shore, and found that it was seven feet long and weighed 250 pounds.

And the catch proved quite profitable. He found an eager local market for the steak, selling \$40 worth from it. He then took the eggs and shipped them, 19 pounds, to New York where the market price is quoted at \$3 per pound. He then boiled the fins, skin, tail and head, and put up sufficient liniment to last his farm for a long time.

The prepared or salted roe from Sturgeons is used as a relish, especially in Caviar. But such Caviar, beloved, is used only in the largest hotels; it is considered a delicacy by some, but little relished by the masses. In other words, it requires a cultivated (and expensive) taste to like it. POST-DISPATCH readers may recall Shakespeare's reference to it in "Hamlet" in referring to a play, "Twas caviare to the general," meaning above the taste of the so-called common people. But a soup made from fish roe that costs \$3 per pound sounds as though it might be good, whether it is or not. Just about as good as the Peacock's brains that History says Nero and his friends enjoyed some several years ago.

The Sturgeon is a ganoid fish; they have elongated bodies which are covered with tough skin and protected by rows of bony plates. The tail is heterocercal, the head is prolonged, and the toothless, protrusile mouth is on its under surface. Another use to which Sturgeons are put is the manufacture of isinglass, which is a semi-transparent and very pure form of gelatin chiefly prepared from the sounds, or air bladders, of this species of fish. Mr. Pegues did not save the air bladders, otherwise he would have realized still more from his catch. Instead he boiled this in with the fins etc to make the much coveted and valuable liniment.

It was a fine morning's catch and Mr. Pegues realized handsomely thereby. Skinning and properly preparing such a fish for market is quite a job, and one that requires experience. Never having prepared one before, he called in a man from the neighborhood who some years ago had paid \$10 to some one to teach him the art; and so he put his knowledge into service and butchered the fish at a cost of \$10 to Mr. Pegues. Perhaps in the distant years someone else in that community may catch a large Sturgeon, and then maybe Mr. Pegues can pass his knowledge on at \$10 per knowledge. At any rate, his fish was worth that and more and the people who bought the steak had a meal fit for a king.

## CLUBS MEET SATURDAY.

Mrs. Anna Lea Harris requests all the women's club in the county, and other women who may not be members, to keep in mind the meeting that is to be held at her office in the new courthouse here Saturday at 11 o'clock. A business meeting first, and then a demonstration in canning English peas by the steam pressure cooking. Every woman interested is asked to be present, no matter whether a club member or not.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES.

May 16—Robt. Hilton Hoyle and Verlie Iola Williams, white.  
May 19—Joe Levine and Gladys Blacker, white.

## CHAUTAQUA OVER TOP

GUARANTORS OF CHAUTAUQUA MADE PROFIT OF \$55.63. THIS TO BE A SINKING FUND FOR A POSSIBLE FUTURE DEFICIT. 53 GUARANTORS.

The 1924 Redpath Chautauqua has come and gone—and it is doubtful if a single person can be found who will say that it wasn't fully worth the Season ticket price paid.

And it leaves with a "good taste" all around, for the 64 guarantors who thought they would face a deficit and have to "dig down," on the contrary (Continued on Page 2)

## B. Y. P. U. CONVENTION

Baptist Young People of Pee Dee Association Have Convention in Hamlet. Will Meet Next Year in Laurinburg.

A very instructive, entertaining and enthusiastic meeting of the Pee Dee Association of the Baptist Young Peoples' Union met at the First Baptist Church at Hamlet, N. C., May 18, 1924, at 2 o'clock.

Mr. Chas. B. Deane is president of the Association, which comprises Richmond, Anson and Scotland counties, and he is every inch of a live (Continued on Page 9.)

## CHIEF JUSTICE CLARK DEAD

JUDGE WALTER CLARK DIED MONDAY MORNING AT HOME IN RALEIGH. A JUDGE FOR 39 YEARS. FUNERAL TUESDAY.

Chief Justice Walter Clark, of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, died at his home in Raleigh Monday morning at 8 o'clock, the victim of a stroke of apoplexy. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

## U. D. C. MEETING.

The regular monthly meeting of the Pee Dee Guards chapter U. D. C. will be held with Mrs. W. L. Parsons next Wednesday, May 28th, at 4:30 o'clock. The Daughters who will attend are asked to notify the hostess.

The district meeting is to be held at Laurinburg June 11, and it is hoped to have the entire Pee Dee Guards chapter attend.

## JUNIORS CELEBRATE.

The flag raising and bible presentation to the Rockingham High School Tuesday afternoon by the Juniors was attended by perhaps 75 members of the order, and an auditorium full of pupils and citizens. The parade up the street to the school was led by the Pee Dee band, followed by 4 Juniors holding each corner a huge flag. The two Roberdel and two Pee Dee mills shut down for the day Tuesday in order that members of the order might attend the exercises. It was a red-letter day locally for the organization which at the Rockingham chapter numbers 95 members.

## DEATHS

MISS SALLIE McDONALD  
MRS. J. W. GARDNER  
MRS. L. C. STANTON

MISS SALLIE McDONALD.

Miss Sallie McDonald died Monday night at the home of her sister, Mrs. R. F. Brewer, at Johnson City, Tenn. She had been practically an invalid for a year, and her death was not (Continued on Page 7.)

## RICHMOND \$93.95 PER SCHOOL CHILD

NINE COUNTIES IN STATE HAVE AVERAGE SCHOOL TERM OF 8 MONTHS. FACTS AND FIGURES ABOUT SCHOOL INVESTMENTS EACH COUNTY.

Ten counties in North Carolina own more than one third of the school property in the State and only nine counties have an average length of term of eight months, according to figures made public by State Superintendent A. T. Allen to indicate how far off is the goal of an eight months term and equal opportunity for every child in the State for an education.

Forty three million dollars invested by the 100 counties in educational equipment, with an average investment of \$82.06 per child enrolled in the schools. Sixty eight counties fall below this average, with Clay county occupying the foot of the column (Continued on page 4.)

## LICENSE BUREAU

State Auto License Bureau to be Opened at Rockingham May 28th. Lloyd Jenkins in Charge.

One of the 28 auto license bureaus to be scattered over the State is to be located at Rockingham, and this will be opened on May 28th at the Jenkins Buick garage, with Lloyd Jenkins in charge. Also, title registrations can be secured through him, from the main office in Raleigh.

The law now is that no auto license can be secured unless the title registration accompanies the application. Establishing these branch license offices will be cheaper for the State and give quicker service and less trouble to the general public.

## METHODIST-PRESBYTERIAN.

Rev. J. A. McQueen will preach at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning, and Rev. J. D. Bundy will preach at the graded school auditorium also on Sunday morning. On Sunday night Mr. Bundy will preach at the Presbyterian church.

## A COSTLY LESSON

A Variety Store, in Albemarle, was closed last week under execution by the Stanley Sheriff.

The News-Herald in its last issue mentioned the above fact, and added this very significant comment: "The concern did not believe in advertising."

Enough said. The wonder is such a store lasted a year.

## GAME ON FRIDAY.

The last game of the present school ball season will be played here tomorrow (Friday) afternoon when the Champs of Eastern Carolina play the Carthage Highs.

Picture of Rham ball team is on page five.

## JEWISH WEDDING

Levine-Blacker Wedding Witnessed in School Auditorium by Many Gentiles and Jews.

As can be seen elsewhere in this paper, the marriage of Mr. Joseph Levine, son of Rabbi A. Levine, and Miss Gladys Blacker, daughter of Mr. F. Blacker, was solemnized in Rockingham Wednesday night at 7:30. This is written from a news viewpoint, inasmuch as rarely is a Jewish wedding publicly performed in this section.

There being no synagogue here, and the Blacker home too small, the graded school auditorium was secured. And not only was every seat occupied, but standing room was at a premium. Many of course went out of curiosity to witness a Jewish rite. (Continued on Page 12.)

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