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**COTTON CROP** 

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FRANK HARRELL ANSON MAN IS CAPTURED

GOVERNMENT NOW ESTIMATES THAT COTTON CROP WILL AMOUNT TO ONLY 11,934,000 BALES. NORTH CAROLINA CONDITION 56% WITH INDI-CATED YIELD OF 720,000. THIS COUNTY UNDER 50%.

NOW 11,934,000

The Government issued its report Monday on the condition of the cotton crop to July 16th. This report Leary July 2nd, was arrested in Nash- son county, last Saturday morning. shows the condition to be 68.3% of ville, Tennessee, Wednesday. His normal, as compared with 71.2% on story of the killing differs somewhat normal, as compared with 71.2% on (Continued on Page 6)

# HEAVY RAIN WILMINGTON.

fall Sunday morning. The waters descended in sheets for six hours, the after the Excelsior cotton mill shut total fall being five and one-half in- down; but no trace has been found ches. The culverts and drains became of her in Richmond county. clogged, and many streets were two and three feet deep in water.

#### NEGRO ROBBED 'OF \$27.

Three White Hoboes Hold Up Negro on Main Highway Near Rockingham Sunday and Got \$27 From Pockets.

ingham, no doubt was glad to part highway on July 17th, is now in the with \$27 to three white hobbes Sun- State penitentiary at Columbia awaitday afternoon, so long as they were ing trial at Chesterfield at the term content to leave him his Ford and of Court that convenes Sept 22nd. breath in his body. Tom has an aversion to being fed to the fowls of the to note that King is not a native of air; he prefers to rest under the sod this State. He was born and reared in due time in the negro cometery here.

Sunday afternoon as Tom was com-ing along the main highway, just a short distance from Blewett Falls ferry, a white man stepped out in the road and flagged him down. As he stopped, two other men stepped from July 29th, for the purpose of cleaning the bushes and with pistols leveled same off. If you can't do either, then at Tom demanded his money. Tom send a contribution to Mrs. Geo. G. of course lied manfully-that he Terry or Mrs. T. J. Fletcher, Roberdidn't have any. But with pistols still "pinting" they searched his pock-ets and found \$27. They then gener-ously allowed him to go on his way.

Yes, Tom should not begrudge that money. Perhaps if he hadn't had any, the nighwaymen might have slipped him to the bushes to await the everwith his car.

# **CO-OPS MAILED CHECKS** 130,716 Bales Handled.

ACCOMPLICE OF KING IN SLAY-ING OF ARMY OFFIC'R CAUGHT WEDNESDAY IN NASHVILLE, TENN. HARRELL TELLS DIF-FERENT STORY. HIS WIFE WAS THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN IN RICHMOND COUNTY.

Frank Harrell, whom Mortimer King says helped him kill Major Mcfrom that told by King, His account is published further along in this ar-

ticle It had been reported that Har-Wilmington had its heaviest rain- rell's wife had come to Rockingham from Union, S. C., about May 1st,

On Tuesday a man answering somewhat the description of Harrell was arrested in Mt. Gilead. He was brought at once to Rockingham, but soon established his identity, proving to be a man from Concord.

Mortimer H. King, the self-con fessed slayer of Major Samuel H. McLeary, of the United States Coast

Artillery, whose bones were found By the way, it may be of interest (Continued on Page 6)

GREEN LAKE CHURCH. All who are interested in Green Lake cemetery are asked to be present, or send a hand, on Tuesday

The Home Coming will be at this

church the first Sunday in August.

MePHAIL NOT DEAD.

Dr. I. McPhail, dentist of Hamlet, a bullet into his anatomy, dragged who has been in a Charlotte hospital for two weeks suffering from blood ready buzzards and then hied onward poison caused from a boil, is now convalescent and returns to his Hamlet home this week. It was reported last Friday that he was dead, but this proved to be slightly exaggerated.

SEABOARD SCHEDULE.

CHALMERS SEDBERRY IS SHOT TO DEATH NEAR WADESBORO. ARREST OF NEGRO AT ROCK-INGHAM. WAS WRONG MAN.

One of the coldest blooded murders perpetrated in this section in a long time was that of Chalmers Sedberry, in White Store township, Anat Wadesboro hospital Sunday moraing. His funeral was at Camden Presbyterian church, 5 miles south of Wadesboro, Monday afternoon, at-tended by his brother, Atty. J. Chesley Sedberry, from Rockingham, and other relatives.

There came near being a lynching of the wrong man at Rockingham Sunday as the result of the murder of Mr. Sedberry. A negro was ob-served stealing a ride on a Seaboard freight, as it passed Wadesboro, and so the officers at Rockingham were notified to be on the lookout for hin: as he was thought to be Jim Collins, the murderer. Officers therefore stationed themselves at the depot. About 4:30 the freight pulled in, and the Tom Lilly, negro painter of Rock- 200 feet from the Cheraw-Columbia strange negro was seen to jump from the train and make off through the Shaw woods, to the south. An officer fired several times to stop him, but this made his going the faster. A crowd of men gathered as if by magic, armed with almost every conceivable weapon, and in short order perin a ditch, scared literally to death. He repeated over and over that he (Continued on Page 6)

Complete returns from the July 5th primary for Commissioner of Labor and Printing show that Frank D. Grist won by a majority of 32,535. The total vote was:

Grist \_\_\_\_\_69,382 \_36,847 Shipman

WORSE THAN BEARS

ATIVE MARKETING, AND YET against Hamer. Involuntary man-TALKS AGAINST ASSOCIA- slaughter is the verdict the State is TION, 1S A MEAN ENEMY.

When we meet a farmer who is er of the Cotton Associa Effective July 15th, a small change tion, but who admits that co-operative The case against J. L. Hawley, was made in the trains passing Ham- marketing has been a help to him in charging him with perjury in swearing he was not a knight of the Ku

MUCH EXCITEMENT ATTENDS Many Cases Handled at This Week's Criminal SCHOOL BUILDING. Term. Hawley Found Not Guilty in Klucker Perjury Case. Hamer Being Tried Today on

Involuntary Manslaughter Charge. Total ducted by the state board of health. This tonsil and adenoid clinic will be Road Sentences to Date Amount to 178 Months. Judge Lane Makes Pleasing Impression. Special Criminal Term Probable Mr. French, Rentor of Garden and in August. Boggan Ellerbe Foreman New Six Months Grand Jury.

### Road Sentences July 21st, 1924, Term:

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	Dave Owens, white, drunk and assault
	Walter Bostick, colored, larceny,
	Fred Rye, larceny of pistol, colored 1 year on roads
	James McRae, colored, farceny
	R. H. Ballard, white, blockading
	K. D. Grant, Jr., white, op. car drunk
	Cecil Shepherd, white, prostitution
	Robt. Harding, white, blockading

1st. and criminal term Sept. 29th, Hamer Manslaughter Case. with Judge Lane here.

As the POST-DISPATCH went to The Grand Jury for the ensuing press late Thursday afternoon, hte six months was drawn, with Boggan haps 150 men were scouring the Shaw case aganst James Hamer, of Dillon, Ellerbe as foreman. E. J. Hale was woods. He was finally found hiding was being tried. It began with con- made officer to the Grand Jury. The Judge's charge to the Grand vening of Court this morning. Jury consumed perhaps two hours,

Court will continue its session to at least noon Saturday. It is probable that a special session for criminal cases will be held in August, to dispose of many cases that cannot be reached this week. The next regular civil term is Sept. 1st, and criminal

This Hamer case is the result of week at the civil term of Superior an auto wreck June 8th at the over-Court. Judge Lane presided. Court convened on Tuesday, July 15th, and head bridge south of Hamlet wherein Charles Brigman was killed. It is adjourned Friday, the 18th. The suit of Miss Betsy Long vs charged that Hamer, the driver of the car, was drunk. The case is being especially hard fought in order, it MAN WHO STANDS OFF AND REAPS BENEFIT OF CO-OPER-a civil action by the Bridgman family Sept. 1st term, directly after the divorce cases are disposed of. asking.

from D. M. Allen, Pete Murphy from (Continued on Page 4) Hawley Not Guilty

IS MURDERED Sentences 178 Months TONSIL AND ADENO ADENOID CLINIC CLINIC WILL BE HELD AUG. 12, 13, 14, 15, IN THE ROCKINGHAM

> The Tonsil and Adenoid Clinic Emergency hospital to be established in the Rockingham school building on Aug. 12, 13, 14, 15, will be confor school children between the ages

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## THEATRES BANKRUPTCY

Star Theatres, Went Into Voluntary Bankruptcy July 16th. Meeting of Creditors Committee at Hamlet Aug. 8th.

The Garden and Star picture shows at Rockingham have been closed since the first of last week, and there appears to be no immediate prospect of their re-opening soon.

On July 16th Mr. M. H. French filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy before Referee J. B. Cheshire at Raleigh.

A Trustee to handle the affairs will be elected at a Creditors Committee meeting at Hamlet August 8th.

The liabilites and assets as listed by Mr. French as as follows: I In Lilling

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Priority		2000			30	1,438.0
Secured	cla	ims _	÷.		\$	14,116.0
Unsecur	ed	claim	5		\$	7,532.1

\$23,086.14

Assets:	
ealty\$	500.00
ills and notes\$	535.00
ousehold goods\$	100.00
lachinery etc\$	125.00
ease (value probably	
nothing)\$	6,000.00
tocks and bonds\$	191.00

\$ 7,451.00

PR	IZE	FOR SLOO		GAN.	SAN.		
\$5	and	50	Gallon	Gas.			

The Pee Dee Motor Sales Co. has closed a contract with a concern to furnish a large number of aluminum signs, with "Rockingham" in raised the Town of Rockingham was con- letters, and underneath will be a tinued for the Plaintiff, but the Court slogan appropriate to the town. These directed that it be set for trial at he will then place on the market.

But first, Mr. Tucker, the manager, A divorce was granted Sadie Allen slogan—one that will distinguish the (Continued on Page 5)

GRIST MAJORITY 32,535. Sept. 29th.

Raleigh, July 22 .- The first checks in the final distribution and settlement made by the North Carolina Cototn Growers' Cooperative Association for the cotton crop of 1923-24 went into the mails Friday night and the work will continue until all of the more than twenty-two thousand checks and final statements are

mailed. General Manager Blalock says the members of the association will receive twenty nine cents a lb. for middling cotton instead of 28.80 as announced some days ago. The as-sociation handled 130,716 bales of payments to members for this cotton will amount to something over eightenn million dollars.

#### LEGISLATURE AUG. 7TH.

Gov. Morrison has called for special session of the Legislature to meet in Raleigh Aug 7th. The Leg-islators can be paid for but 20 days. the House by James R. Bennett.

CIVITANS FISH FRY.

The Rockingham Civitans will vary their semi-monthly meetings with a Wednesday was the hottest day fish fry, or catfish stew, on Friday af-

let. No. 2, from Jacksonville to New getting more for his cotton, but who York, arrives Hamlet at 7:45 at night now, and leaves at 8: No. 3, southbound, arrives Hamlet at 8:45 and leaves at 9.

There has been no change in the trains passing Rockingham.

# **RURAL POSTOFFICE AUG. 1ST.**

The new annex, or sub-station to the Rockingham postoffice, at Encotton the past season and the total twistle mill will be opened August 1st. with Druggist S. Biggs in charge. The address for mail for that community will be:

"Mills Rural Station, Route 2, Rockingham, N. C."

### SANDFORD TO HOSPITAL.

Mr. Marvin Sandford, of Roberdel No. 2, and wife will leave tonight seek the relief so earnestly desired. Rosa Love, Lily McEachern, Cora McBride, Rebecca Settles.

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### **NEGRO TEACHERS**

Negro Teachers Attending the Summer School That Started at Rockingham July 14th, 1924. It lasts reported Wednesday night at 8:45, Six Weeks. J. B. Prother and A. B. Amerum in Charge.

Klux, when he later admitted being a member, was tried Wednesday. The jury found him not guilty. The full account of the trial is further along in these Court proceedings. In dismissing the jury after they

Judge Lane took occasion to tell the jury that this was a case of utmost importance and gravity, and that he

Daisy Bowden, Ida Mai Beckham; hoped they had very conscientously Venetta Bostick, Hattie Crump, Ila Mai Carroway, C. W. Dockery, Mollie Dobbins, Mary Douglas, Annia May "not guilty" was in accord with their Fletcher, Hattie Frieson, Argatha conscientious judgment. Was there Hasty, Mary Hines, Rosa G. Harris, any inference to be deduced from Hattie Jones, Rosa Imak, S. J. Leak, what the Judge left UNSAID? T. J. Leak, Elizabeth Leak, S. C. Mc-Millan, Ruth W. Mumford, Susie find no distinction or difference be-Mitchell, Corinna Nichols, Daisy Pat-tween being a "knight" and a "mem-tal. Both negroes lived between El-

Mitchell, Corinna Nichols, Daisy Pat-terson, Amanda Pemberton, Georgia ber," can be gathered from the fact lerbe and Gibson mills. Richmond county is represented in for Johns Hopkins, Baltimore, to be treated. Friends in the community ard, Hattie E. Womble, Caroline Wall, in the record of any difference." and in Rockingham have raised a Flora L. Williams, Alberta Williams, in the record of any difference." purse of \$300 to defray the necessary Annie L. Covington, Mamie Davis, said the Judge, "there is no evidence

Superior Court for the trial

ternoon at 6:30 on the Anson side of the river at the Ferry. since the intense heat wave in June. The thermometer touched as high as on page seven. Mr. Coppedge's sketch of his recent trip to Mexico begins in this issue, on page seven. Mr. Coppedge's sketch of his recent trip to Mexico begins in this issue, on page seven. Mr. Coppedge's sketch of his recent trip to Mexico begins in this issue, on page seven. Monday, that the next instance of a dog biting trip to Mexico begins in this issue, on page seven. Monday, that the next instance of a dog biting trip to Mexico begins in this issue, on page seven. Monday, that the next instance of a dog biting trip to Mexico begins in this issue, on page seven. Monday, that the next instance of a dog biting trip to Mexico begins in this issue, on page seven. Mr. Coppedge's sketch of his recent trip to Mexico begins in this issue, on page seven. Mr. Coppedge's sketch of his recent trip to Mexico begins in this issue, on page seven. Mr. Coppedge's sketch of his recent trip to Mexico begins in this issue, on page seven. Monday, that the next instance of a dog biting trip to Mexico begins in this issue, trip to Mexico begins trip to Mexico begint trip to Mexi The next civil term begins Sept. cers.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Claud D. Smith and Blanche Reynolds, white.

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CIVIL TERM COURT

CASES TRIED AT LAST WEEK'S

DIVORCES.

TERM OF CIVIL COURT. TWO

Only a few cases were tried last

July 15-Wm. F. Lane and Jewel Fletcher, white. July 16-Stephen Wall and Ila Ty-

son, colored. July 18-Edward R. McLean and

Essie Kennedy, white. July 19-Isom Ingram and Alene

Wall, colored.

## TRAIN KILLS TWO MEN.

Seaboard Shoofly from Hamlet to "not guilty" was in accord with their a Ford tourng car at a crossing three Raleigh shortly after dinner struck miles east of Hamlet, tearing the car to pieces and instantly killed Harlee Terry (McLean) and injuring James To show that Judge Lane could Covington so badly that he died a

# WATCH YOUR DOGS.

The Mayor requests the POST- were on July 17th given a hearing DISPATCH to advise owners of dogs there, on the charge of violating the

keep them up or muzzled; he states Federal Court under bonds of \$2000 criminal cases convened Monday, that the next instance of a dog biting each, which they so far have been

HAMLET PEACH SHOW

Annual Event July 30-31. 13

The annual Peach Show at Hamlet to be held next Wednesday and Thursday, July 30-31 promises to be even larger than the very successful one held last year.

The exercises open at 10 o'clock July 30th, and the peaches will be arranged in a horse-shoe effect in the big tobacco warehouse. Gov. Morrison and other notables expect to be present, and music will be furnished by the Camp Bragg military band.

### \$2,000 STOGNER-BALLARD

Two White Men Held at Charleston in Default of \$2,000 Bond Each, on Mann Act Violation.

Herschel Stogner and Clyde Bal-lard, who left Rockingham two weeks ago with George Lineberry (alias George Henderson) and two girls of ill repute, for Charleston in a Ford, and who were arrested in that city,

that are inclined to bite at folks to Mann Act. Both men were bound to

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