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ROCKINGHAM, N. C., THURSDAY Afternoon, AUG 14, 1924.

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**COLUMBUS LEVY \$1.55.**

The tax rate for Columbus county for 1924 will be \$1.55 on the \$100 valuation. The total property valuation is \$21,900,000.

**HAMLET SCHOOL.**

The Hamlet city schools open Sept. 8th. Rockingham schools open Sept. 11th.

Born, Aug. 7th, to Mr. and Mrs. Pres Wilson, of the Mountain Creek section, a son, Pres, Jr. The little fellow has three older sisters.

**HAS MANY DESCENDANTS**

**Had Ten Daughters-in-Law**

J. A. Godfrey, of the Ellerbe section, was a visitor in Rockingham Sat., and he had with him quite a collection of old and interesting relics, of the 'Sixties.

An interesting fact in connection with this Godfrey family is that he had two children by his first marriage and 13 by his second. Of the 15 children, eleven are living. One son, his oldest living at Wingate, has been married three times.

All in all, Mr. Godfrey has had ten daughters-in-law. It would have required an adding machine to have computed his grandchildren, but off hand he estimated his great grandchildren at 18.

Mr. Godfrey was 80 years old on last April 5th. He moved to this county from Union about five years ago; he was in the Confederacy in the 9th Battalion, Hoke's Division.

The POST-DISPATCH would like to get records of other large families in Richmond county.

**ORANGE SNAP.**

Mr. Porter, of the Whistle Bottling Co., is now putting out an orange drink called Orange Snap, which he is advertising on page five of the POST-DISPATCH.

**NO CLINIC FRIDAY.**

The regular maternity clinic scheduled to be held at the Rockingham graded school Friday, 15th, is postponed to Friday, Aug. 29th, at 3 o'clock, on account of the tonsil-adenoid clinic now in progress there.

The regular maternity clinic for Ellerbe will be held as usual next Tuesday at 3, and at Marston hotel Friday, 22nd, at 3.

**CATTLE TUBERCULAR.**

Dr. Neely, veterinarian from the State Department, began on Monday the work of testing the cattle of Richmond county, in the tuberculosis eradication campaign. He is at present located at Hamlet, and is working Marks Creek township. He will cover the county township by township.

**"NEAR" INSTEAD OF "AT."**

Last week this paper stated that Anna Benton, who killed George Brawley in Hamlet, Aug. 1st, was arrested "behind a hedge at 'Lying' Bill Leak's house" in a drunken condition. Bill requests the paper to state that she was not found on his property. Substitute the "near" for "at."

**FLASHED MANY CHECKS.**

Sheriff Baldwin has to date received no less than 15 checks that were given by J. B. Weatherford, and which were no good. Weatherford is a likely looking young white man, hailing from around Gibson, but who is making his temporary quarters in jail here, pending Sept. 29th term of Court. Many of the n. g. checks were passed on Rockingham merchants.

**MARRIAGE LICENSES.**

Aug. 7—Archibald W. McKay and Olive McNair, white.  
Aug. 9—Oscar Turnage and Jessie Tyson, white.

**COMMUNITY HAS PROTECTION**

**Officer For Mill Villages.**

The villages of Roberdel, Hannah Pickett, Entwistle and Leak mills now have real police protection and patrol.

A meeting of a number of citizens was held at Roberdel No. 2 some weeks ago, and the County Commissioners were petitioned to put on a whole time rural officer for those four big communities. This the Commissioners agreed to, and J. J. Heeny was assigned to that job, effective Aug. 1st. The County pays him \$50 a month, and each of the four mills pay him \$25, making \$150 per mo.

Mr. Heeny on Monday moved to his new "beat," and is boarding at Will Ivey's. The community served is no better or worse than other communities, but the mere fact that an alert officer, with motorcycle, is stationed handy will act as a deterrent for any rough stuff that otherwise might be attempted. He has already made his presence felt, and the atmosphere has distinctly improved.

**UNION SERVICE.**

Union Service Sunday night at Presbyterian church, with sermon by Rev. Howard Hartzell, subject "Discouraged."

**DROVE CAR IN POND.**

A Buick roadster, in which were Will White, Vann Thomas and C. C. Pressley, all of Steele's Mills, narrowly escaped being submerged in Everett's pond Sunday afternoon. It ran off the road that runs across the dam, and but for a stump at the water's edge it would have plunged into 15 feet or more of water. Will White appeared to be the "worse for wear," and was brought to jail; on Monday Magistrate Smith fined him \$5 and costs for being drunk. Thomas was let off with the costs. Pressley and family are said to have departed Sunday night for South Carolina.

**CROP ESTIMATE NOW 12,351,000**

GOVERNMENT SAYS COTTON CROP WILL EXCEED TWELVE MILLION BALES. NORTH CAROLINA CROP ABOUT 763,000. HOWEVER, MONTH OF AUGUST YET TO BE HEARD FROM.

The condition of the cotton crop for the entire South up to August 1st was given at 67.4%, in a report issued by the Government last Friday. This indicates a crop of 12,351,000 bales, provided there is average normal weather from now on. The condition of the crop in North Carolina is as follows:  
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**WATCH WHERE YOU SPIT**

Ordinance Regarding Spitting.  
With the handsome new \$200,000 courthouse especially in mind, the Town Commissioners have just passed an ordinance placing a penalty for spitting on, or disfiguring, any public building in the Town; also, an ordinance regulating the establishing of public wash racks.

The two ordinances, in part, are as follows:  
**Spitting and Disfiguring:**  
"Section 1. That no person shall spit in or on any part of any public building in the Town of Rockingham."  
"Section 2. That no person shall do any act or thing that will disfigure, mar or damage any public building in the Town of Rockingham."  
"Section 3. That any person violating the provisions of this ordinance, upon conviction, may be imprisoned in the common jail of Richmond county for not more than 30 days or fined not more than \$50.00."

**Public Wash Racks:**

"Section 1. That no person, firm or corporation shall erect, keep or maintain, a wash rack where automobiles are washed, for hire, without providing an escape for the water used, into a storm sewer by means of a pipe, in accordance with the Code of Town Plumbing."  
"Section 2. That any person violating this ordinance upon conviction, shall be fined not more than \$50.00 or imprisoned not more than 30 days."

**CLOTHES IN WRONG CAR**

Pays to Advertise.

Both Sam Thomas and Hoyt Hinson are thoroughly convinced that it pays to advertise.  
Saturday night Sam Thomas drove his car to the postoffice about 11 o'clock, and on his arrival at home found a basket of freshly laundered clothes on the back seat. Monday he came to the POST-DISPATCH office and left an order for a "found" advt to be inserted.  
Shortly after Thomas informed the paper of his "find," Hoyt Hinson came in and said he wanted to advertise for a basket of clothes that he had lost. Of course the paper promptly put him in touch with Thomas and the clothes were gladly recovered.

**BANKRUPTCY SALE.**

At a meeting of the creditors last Friday, Chas. B. Deane was appointed Referee in the matter of the Garden and Star theatres bankruptcy (M. H. French.) The equipment etc will be sold Friday, Aug. 22nd, at 2:30 to highest bidder.

**RHAM-HOFFMAN ROAD EXPERIMENT**

ROAD FROM ROCKINGHAM TO MARSTON TO BE SUBJECT OF EXPERIMENT IN NEW ROAD CONSTRUCTION. TRAFFIC CENSUS SHOWS ROAD MORE TRAVELED THAN THE H.-M. ROAD.

A census taken of the traffic on Highway 50, from Marston to Rockingham, and from Marston to Hamlet, taken by the Highway engineering forces last Saturday, shows that the road from Marston to Rockingham is traveled by a greater number of vehicles than the road from Marston to Hamlet.  
The observation time was from 6 a. m. to 7 p. m. August 9th. It is as follows:  
Marston to Rockingham:  
No. vehicles 1237  
No. tons 2064  
Marston to Hamlet:  
No. vehicles 468  
No. tons 835

**Experiment on Road.**

This 9-mile stretch of sand-clay road from Marston to Rockingham is soon to be the subject of an experiment on the part of the State Highway Commission. The road is to be "treated" to a course of medicine, this to cover a period of three years, at the end of which time it will appear.  
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**THIS THING IS BILLIOUS**

Another Taxi Driver Killed, and Car Stolen. This Time Near Lexington. One of the Murderers Captured.

First, Major McLeary was killed by two white ruffians and his body given to the buzzards.  
Next, within the same month, a white jitney driver down in Halifax county was killed, his car stolen and his body hid in a creek.  
And now a third murder, almost identical with the other two, has taken place, this time in Davidson county. On Thursday night of last week two negroes hired a white jitney driver of Lexington, named Charles Garwood, to drive them into the country. On a secluded spot they knocked him in the head, beat his brains out and then robbed him of \$150 and stole his car. However, the car, a new Buick, was the next day located in Greensboro, abandoned, and on Saturday one of the murderers, Kenneth Hale, was captured near Charlotte. The other murderer, John Leak, is still at large, though rewards amounting to \$800 have been offered for his capture.

Now that three crimes of like nature have been committed, perhaps here will be a let up. Whenever one fire occurs, there is apt to be three; and when one unusually atrocious murder takes place two others generally follow.  
**PAYS A SMALL FINE.**  
Frank Northcutt was picked up by Officer Heaney Monday night reclining in a car on the public highway, intoxicated. Magistrate Smith Tuesday taxed him with \$5 fine and the costs.  
**LAWYER JAILED.**  
Zeb Sanders, lawyer at Carthage, was this week sentenced to jail for 5 days by Judge Lane for contempt of Court in appearing in open Court at Carthage Tuesday in an intoxicated condition.  
Also during the noon recess Tuesday at Carthage, a Mrs. George Garner attacked with her fists a deputy sheriff. He had testified in a case wherein her husband was charged with having intoxicated.

**DOES A BIG BLUE X MARK APPEAR ON THE FRONT PAGE OF YOUR PAPER? YOU KNOW WHAT IT MEANS.**

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.

**MILL STARTS NEW MACHINERY**

H. P. MILL STARTING MACHINERY IN NEWLY BUILT MILL. MILLS WILL HAVE 82,000 SPINDLES AND 1808 LOOMS WHEN FINALLY IN OPERATION. HAS 7 ACRES OF FLOOR SPACE.

Hannah Pickett cotton mill here at Rockingham now has one of the most modern and completely equipped mills in the country. And by the recent enlargement of the plant, it totals now 82,000 spindles and 1808 looms.

The new addition, or rather new mill known as Hannah Pickett No. 2, is 250x390 feet, one story and a half, and of the most approved concrete and steel construction. The old and new mills have a total space of 7 acres.

Mill No. 1 was shut down two weeks ago, so that the machinery could be placed. The looms in Mill No. 1 have been moved now into the new mill, together with new looms, and all the spinning and carding will be done in Mill No. 1, and all the looms in the new Mill No. 2. Mill No. 1 was started up again Wednesday, and the machinery in No. 2 will be gradually set in motion until in the course of perhaps three months the entire 1808 looms will be in operation.

**ADENOID-TONSIL CLINIC.**

A clinic for the removal of adenoids and tonsils, for the school children of Richmond county, is being held at the Rockingham graded school building this week. It began Tuesday, and 75 children were operated these three days. The last day (Friday) will be devoted to operations upon colored children.

Dr. Murphy, of Wilmington, is surgeon in charge, with a staff of registered nurses and other assistants. The first floor of the graded school is used as an emergency hospital, with operations performed in what was formerly the domestic science room.

A similar clinic was held here by the State Board of Health about three or four years ago, with nearly a hundred children receiving the benefit of it.

**COUNTY SCHOOLS AUDIT.**

The annual audit of the receipts and sources, and disbursements, of the Richmond county schools can be seen epitomized on page twelve.

A. Z. Williams, of Ellerbe, and E. J. Woodley, of Jackson Springs, returned Tuesday from a motor trip that extended into lower Georgia. The two left Ellerbe Aug. 6th and were gone six days. In all a thousand miles was covered, and they had a very thorough inspection of the cotton crop prospects of South Carolina and Georgia. It looks now as though each of those states will make better yields this year than North Carolina, whereas last year this state raised over a million bales and was second largest producing state.

Clerk of Court W. S. Thomas went to Wrightsville Beach Tuesday, stopping at the Harris cottage. He returns here next Monday.

Atty. W. R. Jones and Walter returned Tuesday from a week's motor trip through the mountains of western Carolina. Mrs. Jones will come home Saturday from ten days spent at Gastonia.

**DON'T WAIT UNTIL YOUR CAR IS STOLEN, BURNED, DAMAGED**

You can't stay the hand of fate if it is turned against you. You can't avoid accidents by the most extreme caution.

You can't match a safety lock against the ingenuity of an auto thief. He acts when you least suspect him.

FIRE IS AN EVER-PRESENT MENACE TO YOUR MACHINE. PROTECT YOURSELF WITH AN INSURANCE POLICY. OUR RATES ARE LOW AND OUR COMPANIES SOUND.

**RICHMOND INSURANCE & REALTY COMPANY**  
A. G. CORPENTH, Sec'y-Treas.  
Office in Hotel Building

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While it is your business whether you save any part of your earnings, it is our business to help you in the matter if you decide to make saving a regular weekly habit.

Thrift has its champions among leaders in every walk of life. President Coolidge says: "The one who saves is the one who will win." Saving is the daily practice of all who win.

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**The Richmond County Savings Bank**