

THE HANDLING OF MENTAL DEFECTIVES

SUPT. McNAIRY WRITES IN A VERY INFORMATIVE WAY ABOUT THOSE MENTALLY DEFICIENT, AND EXPLAINS THE BRAIN.

The following is an article prepared by Dr. McNairy, head of the Caswell School for mental defectives. It is so very interesting that the POST-DISPATCH feels that its read. (Continued on Page 9)

SCOTLAND TAX RATE.

S. L. Webb sells more flour for the size of his store than perhaps any similar store in the county. He runs a small grocery over on Watson Heights, and for many months has advertised his King Patent flour in the POST-DISPATCH. He is a firm believer that this advertising has materially assisted him in selling 12 car-loads of flour since January 1st, and he expects to round out 18 car-loads by the end of December.

KEEP AN EYE ON MARS.

Total valuation in Scotland county is \$18,490,000, and tax rate for 1924 is \$1.17.

The planet Mars will swing nearer the earth on this coming Saturday night, Aug. 23rd, than for any time in the past 100 years. For some weeks now it has acquired a rich red luminous appearance, and on Saturday night it will be brighter than any of our people will ever have the chance of seeing again. Keep an eye on old Mars Saturday night.

STATE VETS IN CHARLOTTE.

The annual Reunion of the North Carolina Confederate Veterans will be held in Charlotte Sept. 15, 17, 18.

ANSON COUNTY PICNIC.

A county-wide picnic for the folks of Anson county is to be held at Blewett Falls this afternoon at Aug. 29th. That is a splendid idea—a get-together of the people, and a plan that our Richmond folks could profitably follow. What about it, Mrs. Harris and you Demonstration clubs?

RAINWATERS CUTS BRIGMAN.

On the 12th of August Herman Rainwaters and Bill Brigman had an altercation in front of the Seago store, down at Ewert's mill, and Rainwaters right severely cut Brigman. The matter was aired before Magistrate Smith here Aug. 15th; the defence introduced no evidence and Rainwaters was bound to Sept. 29th term of Court under \$500 bond, which was given. Atty. Boggan represented the defendant, and Atty. Sedberry appeared for Brigman. The litigants and witnesses are close kin.

OTHER MURDERER CAUGHT.

John Leak, negro, sought in connection with the killing of Charles Garwood, white taxi driver of Lexington, whose body was found near that town Aug. 8th, was captured near Cross Mills, S. C., Aug. 15th. The other murderer Kenneth Hale, had already been captured, and now both men have at last been rounded up, and will face trial at once at Lexington.

GREEN LAKE AUG. 22ND.

The public is cordially invited to a gathering at Green Lake church Friday night, Aug. 22nd, at which refreshments of ice cream, cake, candy and cold drinks will be served, and a social time enjoyed.

MORTIMER KING WRITES A LETTER

SLAYER OF MAJOR McLEARY WRITES TO CANTON PAPER AND SAYS HE BELIEVES GOD HAS FORGIVEN HIM. WILL SIN NO MORE. CORRECT THERE.

The following is a letter that Mortimer King last week wrote to the Canton Enterprise. He is the murderer, it will be recalled, of Major McLeary, who was killed July 2nd and whose picked bones were found July 17th 11 1/2 miles south of Cheraw.

King's Letter:

"Mr. Editor, please let it be known through your paper that I have asked the Almighty God and Father above to forgive me. I have given myself to him, soul, mind and heart to be cleansed, so that I might be saved. "I can never forgive myself for this crime, so I have called on "God," our Heavenly Father to forgive me and I am resting assured that he has heard me. Although I have been a sinner, I will sin no more.

"God never does anything wrong or half way, he forgives whole heartedly and gives the weak strength that they might carry on and do His will, to gain a place on the bright road thru this wicked world instead of the crooked byways that lead to sin and everlasting torment.

I, Mortimer King, am also a member of the Baptist Church of North Adams, Mass., and President of the Royale Buddie's Bible Class which was organized in the 38th Infantry in Camp Pike Arkansas.

"I will close now with the best of wishes and my regards to the person or persons that wrote me this wonderful letter of cheer. God only knows that I need all the kind words and prayers given me. I remain,

Sincerely,
MORTIMER KING.

1431 Lincoln St., Columbia, S. C.
 P. S. All write to me that care to."

SEEN A STRAY MULE?

This is not written as an advertisement, but as an act of real charity. On the night of Aug. 10th a mule belonging to a negro, K. R. Roseboro, escaped from his barn, three miles east of town on the John S. Covington place, and she has not been heard of since. The negro is a hard worker, and the loss is a heavy one upon him. If any of your readers hear of this stray mule—a sorrel animal, 5 years old, with black legs and black streak down back-bone—you will be doing a real neighborly act by letting this negro know. Write this paper, or to him direct at Rockingham.

UNION SERVICE.

Union service Sunday night at the Episcopal Church. Subject of sermon Sunday morning at Episcopal church will be "The Mystery of Temptation."

REDUCES 10%.

Ten days ago the big Cone mills at Greensboro resumed full time, but with 12 1/2% reduction in wages. Now comes word that the big Riverside and Dan River mills at Danville will start full time Sept. 1st, but with 10% wage reduction.

CIVITANS FRIDAY.

The Civitans will have their regular semi-monthly supper at the Hotel Friday night at 7:30.

SENT TO ASYLUM.

A negro, aged about 35—Harry Easterling—was sent to the negro asylum at Goldsboro this (Thursday) morning, preacher Jim Little carrying him.

SUPERIOR COURT

Jury and Calendar of Cases.

The regular September term of civil Court convenes Sept. 1st, with Judge Lane presiding; but due to the dedication exercises of the new courthouse, there will be no court the first day. Litigants and witnesses can be governed by the calendar of cases on page seven.

The jury for this civil term is as follows:

Sept. 1st Civil Term:
 M'roe Warburton David F. Rice
 A. N. Graham M. D. Braswell
 Jas. K. Watson C. K. Rhyne
 Neil Prevatt C. J. Covington
 A. M. Gibson R. S. Gaddy
 C. R. Baucum J. A. McRae
 B. F. Palmer W. H. Kellis
 J. M. Hutchinson A. C. Davis
 D. L. Wicker R. C. Cole
 J. R. Hines O. T. Goodwin
 J. A. Allred Marvin Terry
 B. L. Finch W. W. Covington

ELLERBE-HOFFMAN ROAD.

11-Mile Stretch With But One Curve Entire Distance.

The County Commissioners a few weeks ago let the contract for building a clayed road from Ellerbe to Page's Landing, two miles north of Hoffman. There will be but one curve in the eleven-mile stretch—this as the road approaches McLean's bridge.

Morgan & Moore have the contract from Ellerbe to McLean's bridge, and Mr. Tilley from there to Page's Landing. The road will have six inches of clay, 18 feet wide, with roadway 24 feet. It follows the old plank road, and comes towards Ellerbe through the Lovin neighborhood. Work was started a couple of weeks ago. The Tilley end costs \$1,000 per mile.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Aug. 16—Henry James and Callie McRae, colored.
 Aug. 16—Thos. LeGrand and Estella Patterson, colored.

TAYLOR GETS CHURN PATENT

C. C. Taylor Turns Inventor. Ten Years on Job.

C. C. Taylor went to Washington Tuesday morning, returning this (Thursday) morning. His little flight to the National Capital was not on pleasure bent, but strictly business.

For ten years he has been working on an invention that would make churning easier and better, and he has at last perfected his brain-child to the point where he this week secured a patent for same. He has not decided how he will market his invention.

STAGGERED TOO MUCH.

John Russell, white man of West End, staggered a bit too much when he alighted from his muddly Studebaker in Rockingham Sunday night. And the eagle eye of officer George Seawell quickly perceived that he would be the law's meat.

In his car was found a pint or so of whiskey. Russell was put in jail till Monday when the Mayor fined him \$5 and costs for being drunk, and bound him under \$300 bond to Sept. 29th term of Court for transporting and driving car while drunk. Vivian Tucker, of West End, stood the bond; Sheriff Baldwin has the car in custody awaiting trial of Russell.

CONCRETE REPLACEMENT.

Some weeks ago the concrete pavement to the width of three feet was torn up around the old courthouse square, so that larger water pipes could be put in. It was necessary for the excavated dirt to be allowed to settle before the concrete could be replaced. The Tucker & Laxton forces Wednesday began this concrete replacement work.

STATISTICAL REPORT COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

for year ending June 30th, 1924.

	WHITE	COLORED	TOTAL
Census, Rural children, 6-21	4119	3702	7821
Census, Hamlet children, 6-21	972	363	1335
Census, Rockingham children, 6-21	951	476	1427
Total for County	6042	4541	10583
Enrollment, Rural, 6-21	3506	3128	6634
Enrollment, Hamlet, 6-21	972	363	1335
Enrollment, Rockingham, 6-21	901	434	1335
Total Enrollment for County	5379	3925	9304
Attendance, Rural, 6-21	2402	2124	4526
Attendance, Hamlet, 6-21	820	239	1059
Attendance, Rockingham, 6-21	666	282	948
Total Attendance for County	3888	2645	6533
No. Teachers, Rural	92	49	141
No. Teachers, Hamlet	34	7	41
No. Teachers, Rockingham	26	8	34
Total Teachers for County	152	64	216
Value School Property, Rural	\$314,996	\$ 30,004	\$345,000
Value School Property, Hamlet	192,500	15,000	207,500
Value School Property, Rockingham	217,000	25,000	242,000
Total Value for County	724,496	70,004	794,500
No. Auto Trucks			22
No. Pupils Transported daily			722
No. Miles Traveled daily			404
Total Yearly Mileage, all trucks			64,640
Total Yearly Salary Truck Drivers			\$1680
Gas, Oil, Repairs &c			6623.28
Cost of Transportation per day per pupil			.07

COURTHOUSE OPENING

Formal Opening of Handsome New Courthouse To Be Held Sept. 1st. Speeches and Exercises.

The formal opening, or dedication, of the handsome new \$225,000 Richmond county courthouse will take place Monday, Sept. 1st. That is the first day of the September civil term of Superior Court, but actual Court will not convene until the following day. The new courtroom will be used for the first time at this Sept. 1st term.

The full program of exercises, speakers, etc., will be published in full next week.

A WEINIE COMES TO LIFE

Poodle Locked in Refrigerator Car and Clerk Gets Nervous Prostration.

"Happy," a little brown poodle dog belonging to Miss Hazel Dixon, who works at the Seaboard freight depot here at Rockingham, was missing Tuesday night. Search throughout (Continued on Page 5)

MILLS A BIT BETTER.

Roberdel Mill No. 2, which has been standing last week and this week, will start again next Monday, and until further notice will run four days a week. It is understood the mill has around four million yards of cloth stored away, unable to get a satisfactory market for them.

Roberdel No. 1 has not been shut down at all, but continues on four days a week. Midway was closed last (Continued on Page 5)

STUTTS KILLS AND KILLED

Grover Stutts, Who Killed G. L. McKnight Near Mooresville, Wednesday and in Turn Was Killed, Lived Near Rockingham Several Years Ago.

G. Locke McKnight, business man and farmer of Mooresville, and Grover Stutts, a tenant on the McKnight farm four miles from Mooresville, are both dead as the result of a shotgun and pistol battle between (Continued on Page 10)

BLOCKADERS CUSS AT SAFE DISTANCE

Officers Break Up Blockade Still But Fail to Find Blockaders. On Leaving, However, the Blockaders Emerge From Hiding Place and Have Cussing Spell.

Sheriff Baldwin and Officers Reynolds and Covington made a raid on Big Island, about a mile above the Blewett Falls dam, Tuesday afternoon. They found a big blockade outfit, with two men preparing to fire it up, and 1000 gallons of beer just right for a run. The two men, however, did the running, and despite the fact that the officers beat backward and forward over the 20-acre island for sometime they failed to flush the blockaders. Anson officers were on the Anson side of the river, in wait should the game have come that way.

Finally, just as darkness was about to descend, the officers decided to leave. They had rowed perhaps half a mile, when from back on the island there sounded two voices in a terribly vituperative strain—and cuss words of choice vintage was wafted to the unwilling ears of the departing officers. The two blockaders yelled to their hearts content, secure in the knowledge that the darkness would prevent their being found even if the officers did decide to turn around and come back.

But the Sheriff had called it a day, and all three officers directed their conversation about the weather, the state of crops and whether a port can be developed on Falling Creek—and none heard the endearing terms that were still echoing from hill to hill.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Among the bills introduced this week in the Legislature was:

Provide a six months Grand Jury for Scotland County, and provide for the election of an Auditor for Scotland county.

Another bill is to repeal the law providing for a popular election of the attorney for Montgomery county. The Legislature will probably adjourn Saturday sine die.

UNION TAX RATE \$1.34.

The 1924 tax rate for Union county is \$1.34, with \$3.50 on the poll.

HAMLET HOSPITAL HAS SMALL BLAZE

FIRE UNDER ROOF OF HAMLET HOSPITAL EARLY TUESDAY MORNING. NO PATIENTS WERE ENDANGERED. APPENDICITIS PATIENT ASSISTED IN REMOVALS.

Tuesday morning at 5:20 a nurse on the second floor of the James hospital at Hamlet observed a trickle of smoke coming from the attic space overhead. With no excitement or undue haste, Dr. James was informed, and almost immediately the nurses quietly began the work of removing the patients, starting first on the second floor. There was no smoke filling the rooms or corridors at all during the removing process, nor were the patients over-wrought or unnerved.

In the meantime Dr. James and (Continued on Page 3)

BRICK VENEERED CHURCH

Rockingham Episcopal Church To Be Brick Veneered. Unique Plan to Assist in Building Fund.

The congregation of the Rockingham Episcopal church has plans for brick veneering the church building. The congregation is the smallest of the various denominations here, and it is quite a big undertaking and an ambitious program that is mapped out.

The members have pledged loyalty to the building fund, and to supplement this they are sending to friends out of Rockingham a "Buy a Brick" card from which plan it is hoped to raise sufficient funds to complete the projected building operations.

RHAM COLORED SCHOOLS

Opens Sept. 8th With 8 Teachers. James C. Williams is New Principal.

The Rockingham city colored school will open Sept. 8th. The teachers for the coming year are as follows:

James C. Williams, Prin.; Lelia Gordon, Vinnie O. Murray, Minnie C. Blue, Jessie McLendon, Mary W. Murray, Elsie G. Steele, Theresa Mae Benton.

The teachers have been carefully selected and all hold State Certificates. The principal, James C. Williams, is 34 years old, is an A B graduate of Fisk University, with post-graduate courses at A. & T. College and Shaw University. He has served as principal of schools for 3 years, his last work being as principal of Schofield Normal and Industrial School, of Aiken, S. C. All other teachers are well equipped for their work.

PEACHES SOLD WELL.

The two carloads of Hale and Elberta peaches recently shipped by Roger A. Derby and Edward A. Manice, of upper Richmond county, to England, brought just double the prices that prevailed on the New York market. They sold from four to six dollars a carrier.

The peaches were carefully packed and shipped on Aug. 5th from Richmond county, by way of the Norfolk Southern to Aberdeen, and thence by fast freight to New York. There they were rushed aboard the fast liner, Olympic, which sailed from New York the 9th. The peaches were on sale in London on the 18th.

It will be interesting to know just what Messrs. Derby and Manice realized from their experiment—whether the big expense ate up the larger price obtained. If the shipment cleared a fair margin, why it will likely be the forerunner of shipments on a much larger scale to the European countries.

Wash silk dresses greatly reduced. The new stripes, neatly made, \$14.75 now \$9.00.—W. E. Harrison & Land Co. advt

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. S. CORPENING, Sec.-Treas. Office in Hotel Building

Your Savings Our Business

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.

START A SAVINGS ACCOUNT TODAY

Our bank makes a special effort to develop this phase of the banking business because we believe we are performing a real service for our patrons when they are induced to save regularly.

The Richmond County Savings Bank