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Select New Register

Commissioners Meet Friday.
 The County Commissioners will meet in executive session at the Courthouse this Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock to take up the matter of a successor to the late T. E. Battley as Register of Deeds.
 Appointment is for unexpired term—ending December, 1940.
 There are a number of applicants—at least two from Hamlet, and several from Rockingham.

EARLY MORNING ALARM

The fire alarm was turned in at 3:35 a. m. Wednesday from Box 53. A motor in the basement of the Bristol drug store had become too hot, and caused a lot of smoke. There was no damage to the store or stock.
 But the alarm, coming from the heart of town, brought out several score citizens on the double quick.

DEATHS

D. F. MORGAN
 HAROLD HART
 T. E. BATTLE
 JAS. T. FIELDS
 C. B. MILLIKIN
 CARL C. CROUCH
 PATRICK FARMER
 HARPER L. MCINTOSH
 MISS FLORA PRIVETTE
 BOOZER JONES, Colored

JUDGE REDWINE DEAD

Robt. B. Redwine, 78, died at his home near Monroe Sept. 14th. He ran for Congress from this district several years ago, but was beaten in the primary.

Y. D.'s CONVENTION

The Young Democrats had a very harmonious convention in Durham Sept. 9-10, and selected Gordon Gray, of Winston, as President. Attending from Rockingham were Frank Eatman, Tom Parsons and Walter Jones, Jr. Mrs. Zeb Morgan, of Hamlet, was named as vice-chairman for the 8th district, with Woodrow Seymour, of Sanford, as chairman.

MELVIN PURVIS MARRIED

Melvis Purvis, of Timmonsville, the former head of the G-men, was married in Charlotte by Dr. Luther Little the night of Sept. 14th, to Mrs. Rosanne Willcox Taylor, also of Timmonsville. He is 34, she 30.

MARTHA RYAN \$15 WEEK

Martha Barkley Ryan, the Morgan girl who last fall married Pat Ryan, heir to a large fortune, is now working in a New York restaurant at \$15 a week. She recently sued Ryan and was awarded \$833 monthly alimony.

RICHMOND THEATRE

FRIDAY and SATURDAY
 Gary Cooper, Geo. Raft, Harry Carey, Frances Dee all in
"Souls at Sea"
 ALSO
"Popeye"

MOVIE QUIZ
 \$250,000.00 in CASH PRIZES
 Free Booklet—Ask Us—

Advertising Taxes

This is to give due notice that the county taxes will be advertised in October, the sale to be Nov. 7th. Come in and settle your due taxes and save advertising costs.—W. E. McNair, Sheriff & Tax Collector.

Driver of Wreck Car is Under Bond

Coroner's Jury Says Accident Due to Negligence of Bankhead.

Coroner W. W. King and a jury held an investigation Sept. 13th into the wreck of Sept. 5th wherein three persons were killed and five are still in the Hamlet hospital.
 The wreck occurred shortly after noon Monday, Sept. 5th, between Marston and Hoffman. Mrs. J. A. Ritchey and three others were driving from Hoffman towards Marston. In the other car were five people, with the car driven by John E. Bankhead of Washington. His wife is in a cast in the hospital. Her sister and sister's husband, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Marvin Gibson of Columbia, Penna., were killed. In
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AIR DEFENSE MANEUVERS

The air defense maneuvers will take place early in October for the section from the Pee Dee river to the coast. The mythical attack will be directed against Ft. Bragg, with attacking air-planes scheduled to come as far as Rockingham and drop imaginary bombs.
 Lt.-Col. J. C. Stanton, of Ellerbe, is the officer in charge of the message centers for Richmond county. He will have observers located on the three tall fire-towers located in the eastern part of the county, as well as phone contacts for citizens who first observe the approach of the "enemy" planes.

"KNOB HILL PARK"

Auction Sale Sept. 23rd.
 J. T. West is putting on an auction sale of very desirable lots on Friday, Sept. 23rd, at 10 a. m. It is the new "Knob Hill Park" development — on the surfaced road leading to Roberdel, just one mile east of Rockingham.
 These lots should sell well, and go like hot cakes. A lot will be given free, as well as 200 pounds of sugar and other prizes. Brass band, etc. This is a good time to get a lot close in at a cheap price.

Mrs. Harris to Be "On the Air" Friday

Station WBT at 1:45.

On Friday, September 16th, at 1:45 P. M. Mrs. Anna Lea Harris, Home Demonstration Agent for Richmond County, will broadcast from Charlotte over Station WBT, her subject being "The Farm Food Supply."
 This is the subject which the Home Dems. Club members of Richmond County have been using for their main study this year and some excellent work has been accomplished.
 This talk will be given as part of the regular Carolina Farm Feature Program. Every farm person should be interested in this subject, as it is of vital importance to the successful farm family.

RAILROAD STRIKE COMING?

The railroads have announced a 15 per cent wage cut effective Oct. 1st. The railroad unions have voted on the matter, and the vote was in favor of a strike. The union committee meets Sept. 26th to set the time for a nationwide strike. About 929,000 rail employees would be affected.
 It is earnestly hoped a compromise can be reached and a nation-wide tie-up of the railroads be avoided.

R. H. SCARBOROUGH, JR.

R. H. Scarborough, Jr., of Mt. Gilead, died in a Charlotte hospital Sept. 14th from the effects of a .22 caliber 4-barrel pistol that discharged a bullet into his head accidentally Aug. 12th. The burial was in Charlotte the 15th. His parents, three sisters and three brothers survive.

FARMERS VOTING

Those land occupiers who are entitled to vote on the question of joining the Brown Creek Conservation District, and who have not yet voted, are urged to do so by Saturday night. If you have misplaced your voting card, call at the office of O. O. Dukes, county agent, and get new one.
 This is important. There are about 1800 land occupiers in this county, and everyone should express himself on this matter. There will be no means of continuing soil conservation work in the county except through the organized district, if the local CCC camp should ever be removed.

MAYBANK THE WINNER

Burnet R. Maybank of Charleston, won the second primary nomination for Governor of South Carolina Sept. 13th by around 12,000 majority over Wyndham M. Manning of Sumter.

HINES TO THE PEN

Will Hines, negro, was charged in Federal Court Sept. 9th with ownership of a still, but Judge Hayes directed a not guilty verdict. However, Will was sent to Atlanta pen for a year—because he had violated his Probation.

NEW ONE. Apropos of the present European tangle between Germany and Czechoslovakia, is the following "good one": Hitler has demanded that President Benes certify all Czechs (checks).

NEW MOVIE TIME

Beginning this coming Monday, the two theatres here will start at 7:15 at night instead of the summer schedule of 7:30. The doors open for matinee at 3:15, start at 3:30. Doors open at night at 7, start at 7:15. Saturday shows are from 10 a. m. to 11 p. m.

ZION AND MOUNT PLEASANT COMINGS

On Page eight can be seen the well-written and interesting accounts of the Home Comings held at Mt. Pleasant on Sept. 4th, and at Zion on Sept. 11th—both attended, and written by, the inimitable Billy Covington.

Seaboard Norfolk Excursion

The Seaboard is giving a roundtrip rate of \$2.50 from Rockingham to Norfolk for this week-end—Sat., Sun., Mon. Tickets for coach travel. Can leave here Friday night, and leave Norfolk Monday night.

Another excursion to Atlanta \$3.00 for roundtrip, Sept. 23-24. Children 5 to 12, half-price. Tickets good on all trains Friday, Sept. 23rd and Saturday, 24th (except on No. 9), and returning as late as Sunday night, 25th on any train except No. 10. mzi9

Threat of War Slashes Cotton Price Below 8c

Even Federal Loan Program Fails to Prevent Cotton Decline.

The threat of war in Europe and conflict elsewhere in the world has had a repressing influence on cotton prices.
 Even a Federal loan program, based on 8.30 cents a pound for
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MUSIC CLUB SEPT 20TH

The Rockingham Music Club will hold its first fall meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 20th, at the home of Mrs. Roy Phillips. An interesting program on "Folk" music will be presented, and year books will be distributed containing programs for the entire year. All members are urged to be present.

DEANE-BURGIN TO BE DECIDED 21ST

Supreme Court Opinion Will Be Announced 6:05 p. m.

The arguments in the Deane-Burgin matter were made before the Supreme Court at Raleigh Sept. 10th by Attorney General Harry McMullan and Major L. P. McLendon for the State Board of Elections, and by ex-Gov. Ehringhaus for W. O. Burgin.
 The 7-man Supreme Court may possibly give a decision before Sept. 21st, but it is hardly likely. If the usual procedure is followed, the decision will be announced over WPTF radio at 6:05 p. m. Wednesday, Sept. 21st, by Henry M. London, the Legislative Reference Librarian—and this will be the first inking or information as to the decision.
 So tune in on WPTF Sept. 21st, at 6:05 and get the decision.

\$85,000 in New Taxes Paid to Date

Books in Hands of the Retiring Sheriff Dec. 5th. The New Sheriff Does Not Collect for First Year.

The total paid to the County Auditor for 1938 new taxes to date is \$85,000. This amount is paid mostly by the larger corporations who wished to take advantage of the discount allowed for so paying.

The new tax books do not go into the hands of the Sheriff until Dec. 5th—and will then be collected by Sheriff W. E. McNair, who is the retiring Sheriff. The new Sheriff, E. B. Morse, will have nothing to do with the tax collecting for his first year—until the 1939 books are turned over to him in the fall of 1939.

The law allows a discount of 5 per cent for new taxes paid in June, 2-1/2 per cent in July, 2 per cent in August, 1-1/2 per cent in September, 1 per cent in October, 1-2 per cent in November, and net in December and January.

T. E. BATTLE, REGISTER OF DEEDS, DIED WEDNESDAY AT HOME IN HAMLET

Stricken in the Early Morning Just After Dressing to Come to His Office. Funeral at Hamlet This Afternoon. Was Former County Commissioner, Ran for Congress in 1928, and Was Register of Deeds for the Past Four Years. New Man Friday.

EUROPEAN
 Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain this Thursday morning flew to Germany from England to personally confer with Hitler in an effort to avert the impending Czech-German war. The war clouds hang ominously low.

DUKE BUYS TARPULIN

Duke has bought a huge tarpaulin (no, this isn't a sea-beast or fish) to protect the gridiron in case of rain.

It will be known with genuine sorrow over the county that T. E. Battley is dead.
 He died as he would have liked—in "harness"—and while still actively performing the duties of the office of Register of Deeds to which he had been elected in 1934 and 1936.
 Mr. Battley was at his office as usual Tuesday. He had not felt especially unwell, and around 8 o'clock Wednesday morning he dressed. His wife left the room for a moment, and when she returned she found him lying across the bed, dead. A heart attack had snapped his life.
 The funeral was held this Thursday afternoon, Sept. 15th, at 3 o'clock from the Presbyterian church in Hamlet, and burial in the Mary Love cemetery there. The various county offices were closed out of respect to his memory. The officers and the Bar attended in a body, and the church was full to overflowing with hundreds of friends.

T. E. Battley was born Oct. 20th, 1866, in Clinton, son of Wm. H. and Jeanette Edwards Battley. On March 5th, 1890, he was married to Mary Hunsucker of Carthage—and this devoted couple would have celebrated their golden wedding anniversary had he lived until 1940. There were eleven children born to them—only one of whom is dead—Aubrey J. Battley who died in 1924 at the age of 27.
 Surviving besides his wife, are the following ten adult children—Mrs. Frank (Neta) Rankin of Mt. Holly; Mrs. C. D. (Ruth) Miller of Rutherfordton; Gilbert M. Battley, Hamlet; Mrs. L. E. (Mary Glenn) Cannady, Raleigh; Mrs. Harold (Helen) Barber, Portsmouth; G. L. Battley, Rockingham; Mrs. G. B. (Dorothy) Smith, Greenville, S. C.; W. R. Battley, Statesville; Mrs. E. C. (Faye) Dunn, Hamlet; T. E. Battley, Jr., Poughkeepsie.
 He operated for years the Fairview Dairy, and had a large peach orchard. He was always civic-minded, charitable, and with a keen sense of the milk of human kindness. He was a Mason, Shriner and belonged to the Jr., O. U. A. M.
 And now here is a brief sketch of his public life, as gleaned by the Post-Dispatch from its files:

Tenant Loans

96 TENANTS APPLIED FOR NEW FSA LOANS.

Charlie B. Utter, Rockingham, County Supervisor for the Farm Security Administration, said today that 96 tenant farmers in Richmond County have applied for the FSA loans with which to purchase farms with Government money at a low rate of interest.
 Throughout the United States more than 2,000 loans ranging from \$3,000 to \$5,000 were made last year under the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act of 1937. From the \$25,000,000 set aside for beginning July 1, 1938, the FSA th isurpose for the fiscal year expects to make more than 7,000 loans which will spread over 700 designated counties and allow for an average of about 10 loans per county.
 "Applicants are given a wide choice in selecting the family size farms they want to buy. The price of the property must be in keeping with its value as determined by the County Committee and the FSA," Mr. Utter said. Richmond County is composed of The three-farmer committee for Mr. A. M. Waddell, Rt. 1, Rockingham; Mr. F. S. Hawkins, Rt. 1, Rockingham; and Mr. W. B. Dawkins, Rt. 2, Rockingham.
 No loans are made to persons who can obtain adequate credit from other sources.

PARKER WITH BALTIMORE

The Philadelphia Athletics on Sept. 9th traded "Ace" Parker, former Duke star, to Baltimore Internationals in exchange for Pitcher James Reninger. In addition to getting Parker, the Baltimore club received \$20,000. Reninger must be some pitcher, because Parker is certainly no slouch of a player.

Renew that subscrip'tn

HIS PUBLIC LIFE
County Commissioner
 H. D. Hatch, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, died May 17, 1923. The Board appointed T. E. Battley in his place, and he took the oath of office on June 4, 1923.
 Mr. Battley was re-nominated for County Commissioner in the June 7, 1924, primary, leading the ticket, his high vote being 3105. The other four, in order of their vote, were Dr. G. C. Caddell, H. C. Wall, A. T. White, L. D. Frutchey.
 In the June 5, 1926, primary, he was again re-nominated, again polling the highest vote—3476; the other two nominated were White and Caddell; and in the second primary Covington and Frutchey were named to make out the 5-man Board. He was chairman of the Board from 1926 to Spring of 1928 when he resigned to run for Congress.

Candidate for Congress

In the June 2, 1928, primary, he ran for Congress against Wm. C. Hammer of Randolph, in this (then) old 7th district. He carried Richmond county by a majority of 660, the vote being Battley 2360, Hammer 1700. But Mr. Hammer carried the district by a majority of 13,639—the district vote being Hammer 19,634, Battley 5995. In that primary,
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