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Plans Underway to Organize Band at R'ham High School

Matter Will Be Presented To The Pupils Week After Next When The Mid-Term Examinations Are Completed.

MEETING WAS HELD JAN. 10TH TO DISCUSS THE FEASIBILITY OF A HIGH SCHOOL BAND HERE.

Plans are taking definite shape for organizing a band in the Rockingham schools. A meeting was held in the Merchants Association office the night of Jan. 10th, called by President Tom Wheeler, to discuss with Supt. L. J. Bell the feasibility of such organization.

Much Construction Here During 1939

Estimate Around 50 Homes Were Built In And Around Rockingham In 1939.

Home-building activity in Rockingham continued at a high rate during 1939, with construction prospects for the coming year indicating another busy twelve months.

Residential construction was a feature of the year's developments, and it is estimated that at least 50 new homes were built inside or within a stone's throw of the city's boundaries.

This is just a conservative estimate. It may have been more or less, and does not include the many new residents built in the rural sections near the city. The past year seemed to mark a trend toward more town homes attributable in part to Rockingham's beautiful Richmond Park which saw many new homes go up there.

Construction activity other than residential continued at a high rate in 1939. Looming large in the public eye was the new \$25,000 Little theatre which will be formally opened next Monday.

A number of buildings were remodeled or otherwise improved during the year.

Fire Alarm Sunday Night

Sunday night during the sleet would have been a bad time for a fire. About 10:30, John Gore phoned the department that a Car. Power pole on N. Randolph street was on fire. The bell was not rung, though Brock and the truck responded. Blaze on pole coming from a live wire; Brock phoned Manager Egerton, and the linemen quickly clipped the wires there and the blaze went out. The town lights were off for just a moment while the adjustment was being made, but several breaks occurred during the night from sleet-laden limbs falling across wires and for a few minutes putting light out in that particular section.

STRAND THEATRE

FRIDAY, Jan. 12th Jane Withers in "The Arizona Wildcat" with Leo Carrillo Fox latest World News

SATURDAY, Jan. 13th DOUBLE FEATURE George O'Brien in "The Cowboy Millionaire" and Jane Withers in "The Arizona Wildcat"

Sat. Night Last Show starts 10:15 p. m.

Morning Shows, Monday, Wednesday, Thurs. at 10 a. m.

1939 Reviewed

In Jan. 4th issue we gave a review or Chronology of the happenings locally of the first six months of 1939—the deaths and chief events. And now in this Jan. 11th issue is given the review of the last six months of 1939. We suggest you file these for some future reference.

\$125.50 CONTRIBUTED

From Richmond County Democrats to Jackson Day Dinner. 5 Went from County

County Chairman J. C. Sedberry raised \$125.50 for the Jackson Day dinner held at Raleigh Jan. 8th—but the bulk of this will be used by Democratic National headquarters in liquidating the 1936 Party deficit.

Attending the dinner from this county were Bob Steele, Mrs. Archie McDougald, Miss Virgie Perry, Ed. Cox and Robt Sherrill. Others contributed, but did not attend.

WPA SCHOOL PROJECT WORK BEGINS JAN. 18

Wire Today From Reynolds.

Supt. Bell Jan. 11th received a wire from Senator Reynolds that the county WPA project for building \$40,000 Home Ec-Gym-Voc buildings at Rockingham and Hamlet had been approved and would be released this week, so that work can start Jan. 18th on the Rockingham unit. The county pays 55%, the WPA 45%.

BISHOP PENICK SUNDAY

At 10 o'clock A. M.

Bishop Edwin A. Penick will make his annual visit to the Episcopal church at Rockingham this Sunday morning, with services at ten o'clock. Two persons will be confirmed.

The public is cordially invited to hear this gifted preacher—one of the silver-tongued speakers of the South. You can attend this service at 10, and then have time to go to your own service at 11.

No Marriage Licenses

Only 7 marriage licenses were issued by the Register of Deeds for the entire month of December—and not a single license has been issued since Dec. 20th—and it is now Jan. 11th.

"Gone with the Wind"

It is likely that the "Gone with the Wind" picture will be shown at the Richmond theatre the latter part of March. The picture will come intact—just as shown in Atlanta at its premiere in December.

35 Drivers Licenses Issued Here Jan. 2nd

Thirty-five drivers licenses were issued at the local state highway patrol office on Jan. 2nd by License Examiner N. R. Stell, Jr., of Raleigh, who has control of issuing licenses in Richmond and Moore counties.

Newspaper Institute

The 16th session of the annual Newspaper Institute will be held at the University Jan. 18-20, with a banquet at Duke the night of the 19th. Newspaper men of national reputation will speak.

Seaboard Fireman Killed

Leonard Herbert Hoffman, 34, fireman on the Seaboard, was killed at 4:45 p. m. Jan. 4th when struck by the overhead bridge near Vass. He was standing on the tender preparing to take on water at the Vass tank.

A Review Of Happenings For Last 6 Months of 1939

Chronology of Events in Richmond County for the Last Six Months of 1939 as Condensed from Post-Dispatch Files.

IN JAN. 4TH ISSUE WAS THE REVIEW FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1939. HERE ARE THE LAST SIX MONTHS.

July, 1939

June 30—Farmers Bank statement shows resources of \$1,315,624, loans of \$233,440 and deposits of \$1,068,711.
July 1—Officers capture 50-gallon still in Marks Creek. His place is taken by Billy Whitted of Fayetteville.
July 2—Mrs. Sallie Shankle and party returned from 5,360-mile motor trip since June 16th, to Wyoming.
July 2—Leonard Holcombe Cox and Miss Mary Louise Liles married in Presbyterian church at Chester.
July 3—Margaret Reese, of Asheville, succumbs to injuries received in wreck July 3rd 5 miles west of town. Her companion, Myrtle Bartlett, is injured.
July 4—Carl Wall, negro, dies of broken neck when car loaded with 7 negroes overturns near Hamlet; 5 others injured.
July 5—"Bing Crosby," canary of J. A. Seawell, died.
July 5—Leake Terry becomes agent for Anson and Richmond for Preventive Life & Accident Co. of Chattanooga. Office over Penney store.
July 6—Postal receipts for June total \$1,685, a decrease over the same month, in 1938 when \$2,012 was collected.
July 6—H. B. Meiselman leases Little theatre building.
July 9—Guy Mullis, 28, of Rockingham, is cut in affray at

DEATHS FOR MONTH OF JULY, 1939

July 1—W. M. Hatcher
July 1—Edward A. Watkins
July 3—Catherine Kelly, col.
July 5—Mrs. O. L. O'Brien
July 8—L. W. McCaskill
July 9—Mrs. Sarah Thomas
July 16—Mrs. H. L. Hale
July 17—Daniel E. Hooker
July 18—Mrs. P. T. McBryde
July 23—William E. Hamer
July 24—Mrs. E. E. Spittle
July 24—John R. Hooks
July 27—Mrs. B. H. Truesdale
July 29—Coy C. Bethune
July 29—Odell Bryant

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New Theatre Opening

Next Monday, Jan. 15, 1940.

The new Little theatre, with 465 seats, will open next Monday, Jan. 15th—matinee 10 and 20c, night 10 and 25c. The Post-Dispatch on pages 4 and 5 has a very complete history of the movies and theatres of Rockingham, dating back to the time the opera house was built in 1908. Read and save it.

McLEAN LOSES EYE

Owen McLean had the misfortune of having a forty penny nail hit him in his left eye while driving it into the new overhead bridge on Rice Street, where he was employed as a carpenter. His left eye was lacerated which caused complete loss of sight in that eye. Dr. W. D. James removed his eye at the Hamlet Hospital Jan. 6th. Mr. McLean's father is Lawrence McLean at one time a Deputy Sheriff.

Moran in Roofing Business

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Moran spent Dec. 29th here with friends. They last summer moved to Raleigh where Mr. Moran established a roofing business at 303 N. West street under the name of the Moran Roofing & Supply Co.

BANK STATEMENT

The statement of the Farmers Bank, in this issue, shows the largest amount of resources in the history of the bank. The total is \$1,577,305, of which \$1,338,564 represents deposits. The loans amount to \$225,588.

WPA PROMOTIONS

Ed. Hurst who has been WPA roads project time-keeper for the county for some months, was promoted to WPA keeper of records for Richmond and Montgomery counties Jan. 8th. Bill Everett who had been at Charleston since 1936, came home Sunday and began work Jan. 8th as WPA time-keeper for roads projects.

Roy Kelly Scheduled To Die January 19th

Unless given a reprieve, Roy Kelly, former Albemarle man, will die in the gas chamber at Central prison in Raleigh on the morning of Jan. 19th, for the murder of M. P. Robertson, former sheriff of Alamance county, which occurred during the robbery of a filling station at Burlington early last year only a few days after Robinson had assumed the duties of his office.

MERCURY 8 COMING

A Mercury 8 sedan started from Charlotte some days ago in a tour of Ford agencies over the state. Prizes are given to the one guessing how many gallons of gas it will take for the car to go 2400 miles.

The car will reach Rockingham at 1:45 this Friday, at the McInnis-Rummage agency and be on display for a couple of hours. You are invited to call and guess; you may win.

New Rector Wadesboro

Rev. W. M. Latta assumed the rectorship of the Episcopal church at Wadesboro Jan. 7th. He was formerly at Lumberton and Windsor. He graduated at Duke in 1926, and in the Seminary in 1933; is a Pi Kappa Alpha; his wife was Elizabeth Harding of Washington, N. C., and she graduated from St. Mary's and the University; they have a son, aged 3. He succeeds Rev. Frank Pulley who resigned to accept a church in Florida last fall.

Many Cases Of Flu In County

Drug Stores Report Big Demand for Medicines.

But Schools Not Hurt Much.

In many cities of the state, flu seems to be in much worse form this winter than for many years—in some places almost like the bad days of the World War.

Here at Rockingham there are about the normal number of cases of colds and flu, but so far they are not severe.

However, a full check of flu cases is not available at the County Health office for the reason that all the doctors are not reporting their cases promptly.

Inroads are being made in school attendance, but so far not sufficiently as to cause any school to close. If you get a cold, stay at home and begin doctoring it; don't move about with any fever.

Succeeds London as Sec.

On Jan. 8th Alston Stubbs, lawyer of Durham, was named as sec.-treas. of the N. C. Bar Asso. to succeed Henry M. London who died Dec. 30th after being sec.-treas. for 21 years. On Jan. 2nd Atty. Wofford Humphries, of Asheville, was named Legislative Reference Librarian.

Edmund Caulk Injured

Edmund Caulk, of Bennettsville, who is well known throughout this section, received a lacerated chin and two broken teeth Jan. 1st when his car was run into by a truck on the bridge over the Pee Dee river at Society Hill, S. C. His car was practically demolished.

DAVENPORT TO MOVE

Harold Davenport has rented the building just vacated by the former Culberson Motor company, and will move there Feb. 1st. He handles Chevrolet, and opened here June 15, 1937, in the former Page building, owned by Gore in Great Falls section of town.

Born in January:

Alexander Hamilton, Jan. 11. Benjamin Franklin, Jan. 17. Robert E. Lee, Jan. 19. Stonewall Jackson, Jan. 21. Pres. Wm. McKinley, Jan. 29. Pres. F. D. Roosevelt, Jan. 30. Judy Garland, Jan. 10, '23. Kay Francis, Jan. 13, '05. Cary Grant, Jan. 18, '09. Oliver Hardy, Jan. 18, '92. Eddie Cantor, Jan. 31, '93.

COUNTY ENUMERATORS

The business enumerators for this and neighboring counties for the 1940 census, who began work Jan. 2nd, are:

Richmond—Ed. Ellerbe, Anson—Dennis Whitlock, Jr., Montgomery—C. W. Bruton, Chas. B. Cameron, Hoke Luke Marion, Jr., Moore Walter V. McCall, Scotland John W. Liles, Lee Quentin Veach, Davidson Stokes A. Smith, Davidson Rike L. Willson, Davie A. S. Cassel, Wilkes R. L. Huffman, Jr., Wilkes Frank Woodhouse, Yadkin Wm. H. Rooker, Union.

Names of population census enumerators will not be announced until the last of March; that census begin early in April.

County Visited by Ice, Snow, Sleet

Mean Temp. for First Ten Days 27% Lower Than The Average for 21 Years.

Sleet and Cold. Schools Out 2 Days.

The first ten days of January, 1940 have been much below normal winter weather—(Continued on Page Nine)

POSTAL RECEIPTS

Postal receipts for year 1939, were: Rockingham \$26,380 Hamlet 21,103

GEORGE McNEILL DEAD

Member State Elections Board. Col. George McNeill, 58, died Jan. 9th at his home in Fayetteville. He had been a member of the State Board of Elections for about 10 years.

TAX LISTING NOW

Listing Changed April to January

SEE YOUR TOWNSHIP LIST-TAKER NOW!

Grand Jury Says the Courts Should Act More Severely

County Court Collects \$4,820 in Fines In 7 Months Compared with \$2256 in Fines from Old Recorder's Court for Entire '38.

SUPERIOR COURT IN SESSION HERE THIS WEEK. LIST OF CASES TRIED BEFORE JUDGE CLEMENT.

CASES TRIED

Judge John H. Clement convened Superior Court Jan. 8th on the stroke of 10—and he lets no grass grow under the court. He pushes matters. In fact, the first day kept Court in session until 5:45, and convenes daily at 9:30. The next terms are: civil Feb. 5th with Judge G. V. Cowper; civil March 18th, Judge Clement; criminal April 8th, Judge Clement.

A Six Months' Grand Jury was drawn, with H. E. Gibbons, of Hamlet, as Foreman. This Grand Jury made its report Jan. 9th and was discharged for this term. However, they will be on hand for April 8th term.

The Report is elsewhere in this issue. In it, the Jury urges certain repairs in jail and courthouse, and that a phone be installed in a room next to the main Courtroom. It commended the officers for their efforts to keep the county clean, but felt that violators were not (Continued on page ten)

\$4,820 COLLECTED BY COUNTY COURT

In Just 7 Months

This Money Goes to the County School Fund.

A total of \$4,820 in fines was collected by the County Court from May 2nd of 1939 up to Dec. 1st, 1939!

The court was formed on April 14th by the County Commissioners after the old Recorder's court was abolished by the Legislature on April 4.

The first session of the court was held on May 2nd, 1939, with J. Chesley Sedberry as Judge and Tom Parsons as Solicitor, the former having been appointed Judge by Gov. Hoes. H. F. Brown, judge-elect of the Recorder's court, was ousted from the bench (Continued on Page 10)

RICHMOND COUNTY PAID \$99,470 SALES TAX TO STATE AT 3 PER CENT

For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1939.

The 3% on sales paid by consumers to the State of North Carolina for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1939, amounted to \$10,948,761.

Five counties paid almost a third of this—Mecklenburg, Guilford, Forsyth, Wake and Buncombe. The people of Richmond county paid \$99,470. Camden county paid the smallest—\$2,540. It is interesting to see how neighboring counties came out:

Table with 2 columns: County Name and Amount Paid. Includes Richmond (\$99,470), Anson (\$70,382), Moore (\$86,904), Montgomery (\$29,363), Scotland (\$45,179), Chatham (\$34,394), Union (\$65,625), Stanly (\$95,793), Lee (\$88,076)

Joined the Marines

A Number of Local Boys.

A recruiting party was at the Federal building here from Jan. 8th to 11th, recruiting young single white men for the Marines.

The following have so far joined, and will be furnished transportation to Raleigh for further examination and then enlistment. They will be sent to Parris Island, S. C. for six weeks of training, after which they will be assigned to foreign stations, Marine barracks or ship duty:

Daniel Earl Lathan, Everett Morris Lathan, Grady Henry Turnage, Rufus "Pete" Johnson, Horace Geary Shoe, Jr., Leroy Smith

The two Lathan boys are from Hoffman, and graduated from Hoffman high school. Turnage is from East Rockingham, attended Rockingham high, and has been working at the local A. & P. "Pete" Johnson goes to Rockingham high, and was depended upon as the mainstay of the 1940 football team, as tackle.

Horace is 19; Leroy is also 19, and was in 11th grade Elberse school this past fall.

Golf Course

Committee Is Trying To Make Town-Golf-Minded.

The Committee of the local Country Club golf course is trying to make Rockingham golf-minded and to get every person to go out and play on the Country Club course.

If you're a "greenhorn" at the game, but interested in learning to play, then buy your self some clubs and go out and join the fun. If you haven't played on the course since the sand greens were transferred to grass, then you're in for a treat.

Just jump in your auto any afternoon and go out and play a round. There is only a small fee.

PEOPLE ASKED TO LIST TAXES EARLY

Around 300 Listed in R'ham Township Last Week.

The annual work of listing taxes in the county for taxation went off fairly well the first week. Around 300 persons listed in Rockingham township, leaving 2,700 yet to list.

County tax supervisor Tommy Covington issued an appeal for taxpayers to list their taxes early and avoid the last-minute rush. Persons who fail to list this month are subject to penalties.

PACKARD AGENCY HERE

On Jan. 1st Garland Norwood and Glenn Baxley acquired the agency for the Packard line of cars, from the C. W. Upchurch & Co., of Charlotte, state agency. Friends here will remember Mr. Upchurch as having been at the Seaboard depot about 22 years ago.

The new agency will be known as the Norwood Auto Service; two new Packards are now on display.

RICHMOND THEATRE

Friday Robert Montgomery, Edw. Arnold in "The Earl of Chicago" Metros Latest Release.

Saturday Big Double Feature Program Big All Star Super Western "The Bad Lands" with Twenty Stars. Also Robert Montgomery and Edw. Arnold in "The Earl of Chicago" Cartoon and Serial. GET THE HABIT!