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BLAKE-BOWLES

Furniture Folks

Celebrating 5th Birthday. Prizes, etc. at their Store.

On Friday, June 18, 1948, the new furniture store of Blakobowles was opened in the former Hope or Thomas building on Pearl street. The new firm (Continued on Page Five)

Steinbeck Canadian Trip.

The paper on June 18th received a card from Frank Steinbeck, now making a motor tour into Canada. He is to be in New York June 21-25 for the Kiwanis convention.

Frank is J. C. Penney manager at Greenville. He was manager of the Rockingham unit of Penney from Jan. 6, 1941, to June 12, 1950. Succeeding him as manager at Rockingham was A. O. Bradshaw.

Ben Hears from Charles.

Charles Deane Jr. went by plane June 6th to London to join sisters Betty and Carol for the Coronation. Ben Wall, our w. k. Negro shoe-shiner, window-washer and handy-man, got a card from Charles this Thursday morning: "ever" thing o. k.

Mrs. Huneycutt This Sunday.

Mrs. J. E. Huneycutt will return to her home on Foushee street this Sunday from Memorial hospital in Charlotte where she underwent an operation June 9th.

Highway 74 at Wadesboro.

Surveys are to be made for a possible re-routing of Highway 74 leading west out of Wadesboro.

MRS. BLALOCK

Mrs. Jennie Blalock, a Gold Star Sister, Died Here June 12, 1953. Funeral June 14.

Mrs. Albert Franklin Blalock former Jennie Cordelia Blalock, died in our Memorial hospital at 11:57 p. m. June 12, 1953. She had worked as usual June 10th, getting to her Jefferson Apartment around 2:20 p. m. Daughter Virginia had the afternoon off, and was at home. Mrs. Blalock ate lunch, then complained of her head hurting. Virginia called Dr. Watters who at once sent her to the hospital, via the Seeberry ambulance. She was soon in a coma, and it developed she had suffered a brain hemorrhage. She did not regain consciousness and slipped away two days later, just before midnight of Friday night.

The funeral was held from the First Methodist Church at Rockingham at three o'clock Sunday, June 14th, conducted by Rev. L. A. Tilley, her pastor, and Rev. (Continued on Page Four)

Bertha, Husband and Step-D.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. McDonald left Iowa Park, Texas, June 15 in their car, coming to Rockingham by way of Florida. Coming with them is Mrs. Maurine Lancaster of New London, Texas, his daughter. They will visit kindred for two weeks. Mrs. McDonald was our former Bertha Baxley, married Dec. 8, 1945.

Closing Camps

The Army has announced that the following army camps will be closed:

Close by Jan. 1, 1954: Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky 101st Airborne Tr. Div. Camp Robert, California, 7th Armored Training Division. Camp San Luis Obispo, in California, Signal Tr. School.

Close by June 30, 1954: Camp Rucker in Alabama, 47th Infantry Tactical Division. Camp Atterbury in Indiana, 31st Infantry Tactical Division. Fort Crockett in Texas. Fort Adams in Rhode Island.

DEATHS

Knox Jones
W. H. McLemore
Charles L. Weill
Vance Barrington
Mrs. Jennie Blalock
Mrs. Andrew J. Stadler
Mrs. Hugh Gordon McCall
Manzella Jenkins, Col.

DR. P. F. WHITE IN NEW OFFICE

Model Brick Building Now Open Near Presby. Church.

One of the ablest physicians of this section is Dr. Philip F. White who came to Rockingham June 1, 1948, and located. And now as he starts on his sixth year here, he is doing so in his own office building—occupying it Tuesday, June 16, 1953.

Dr. White was born in Vermont, received his BS degree from the University of Vermont and his MD from Hahnemann Medical College in Philadelphia. He was in the Navy 3 1/2 years, a Lieutenant with two years overseas. Soon after locating in

Wheat Tumbles

Wheat dropped the full ten-cents limit June 15th, with July wheat touching \$1.88 1-3, the lowest price for wheat since Feb. 14, 1950. The expanding wheat crop, concern over storage space and belief that a Korean truce (not peace) is near, were factors in the decline. October cotton on June 15th was selling at 33.70.

MORE OF THAT BANK OF NORMAN ROBBERY OF FEBRUARY 21, 1928

"Fantastic" Tale of How Payne, Borden Gang Robbed Bank Hemingway, S. C.

(Continued from Issue of June 4, 1953)

The Post-Dispatch in its issue of June 4, 1953, gave in detail the account of the robbery at 1:15 p. m. Tuesday Feb. 21, 1928, of the Bank of Norman. We were right in assuming that there would be much reader interest now in that event of 25 years ago. Many readers have phoned a and written of their appreciation of the re-cap.

As was stated in that article, the two ring-leaders in that robbery were Bill Payne and John Washington Turner, alias Jack Borden. These escaped from the pen several times, and in 1937 shot and killed Highway Patrolman George Penn of Carthage. They were arrested at Sanford Jan. 3, 1938, tried in Asheville Jan. 20, 1938, and died in the gas chamber in the pen at Raleigh July 1, 1938.

Robbing our Bank of Norman Feb. 21, 1928, were Bill Payne, Jack Borden, Worth Davis, Della Black and Essie Foster. They had induced aged K. F. Lowdermilk to leave his lunch table across the street from the bank in Norman, and come over to the bank to make some (Continued on Page Three)

Marriages

June 11—Elmer Alberto McGruder, 24 of Toledo, Ohio, and Jean Elizabeth Jackson 22, of Hamlet, colored.

June 11—Marvin Lloyd Watts, 25, Miss Audrey Anne Dabbs, 22. June 13—Robert Stevenson Price of Indian Head, Maryland, and Miss Margaret Jewell Kelly of Hamlet.

June 17—Lee Roy Chavis 22, Miss Marilyn Astor Martin 20.

Sandhill Firemen

Convention Held Wadesboro on Wednesday, June 17th.

The 27th annual convention of the Sandhill Firemen's Association was held at Wadesboro Wednesday, June 17th. The local firemen felt, and still feel, that their beauty nominee, pretty Norma Kearsse, should have been crowned; but the judges selected a Wadesboro girl for Queen.

The Rockingham Firemen have invited the 1954 meeting to be held here.

The Association includes fire (Continued on Page Five)

CHARLIE WEILL

Died in Greensboro June 13. Born in Rockingham in 1884. Mother was Carrie Covington.

Charles L. Weill Sr., 69, died June 13 at his home in Greensboro. (Continued on Page Six)

5 DIVORCES

Granted in Court Here June 15, as Compared with 14 on May 25. 39 Since Feb. 16.

In Superior Court at Rockingham on June 15th, before Judge J. A. Rousseau, a total of five divorces were granted. At the May 25 term fourteen were granted. The 7 Monday brings the total since Feb. 16th to 39.

Mary from Don E. Bess Winslow from Cath Ellerbe. Hazel from Richard English. Wm. F. from M. G. Hayes Oscar from Callie Kennerly

Watermelon Crop Larger.

An appetizing note for watermelon fanciers: The North Carolina 1953 crop is expected to produce 1,935,000 melons from 9000 acres, as compared with 1,784,000 melons on 8,700 acres last year.

Masons This Friday Night.

An emergent communication of the Rockingham Masonic Lodge will be held this Friday night, June 19th, at 7:30, for the purpose of conferring the first degree on two candidates. F. B. Stanley is Master of this Lodge.

ROCKINGHAM'S FIRST FORD AGENCY IN 1912

McInnis Motors Now Celebrating Ford's Fiftieth Anniversary



Above is the McPhail Auto Company that had the Ford Agency here from May, 1912 to 1917. The building is next door to Dewey Coleman's Station (Mrs. Guy Hudson occupies the east part of the building in 1953 for a Beauty Parlor, and Paul Scholl has the west half for his plumbing and heating business. You older readers will well recall the McPhail agency, with J. W. Jenkins operating in a Buick Agency in that building later).

This month all Ford agents throughout the world are celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Ford Motor Company.

All dealers in this area went to Charlotte June 17th, over 500 of them, for the 50th Anniversary banquet in Radio Center. From Rockingham went Manager and Mrs. Lawrence L. McInnis of the McInnis agency. The Ford Company was officially formed June 16, 1903, by the late Henry Ford.

And 50 years later, for the year 1953, the Company is making Ford, Lincoln and Mercurys at rate of 2,378,000

The Rockingham Agencies.

Now with the 50th Ford anniversary, it will interest readers to recall the agencies who have handled Ford cars at Rockingham.

The first agency was that formed before World War One by Dr. L. D. McPhail, Bob Ledbetter and W. L. Scales. It was the McPhail Ford Agency, and was in the Fowlkes-owned building directly across the street from the Mfg building, and on west side now of Dewey Coleman's station. This McPhail agency was established about May 1, 1912. The accompanying picture will show that old agency, which also did a plumbing business. Dr. McPhail later moved to Charlotte and

Fords in 1918

An advt. in the Post-Dispatch of Feb. 22, 1918, listed the following prices,

Job Detroit, Touring \$450
Runabout 450
Chassis 400

And John Scales advertisement in the 1918 paper told the public that his Agency was "physicians to sick and disabled Fords."

annually—with half a billion dollars to be spent in the next two years to vastly increase even this huge production.

And carrying on the FORD dynasty are his three sons—Henry, Benson and William, all grandsons of the unpredictable, profoundly radical genius who began the age of mass production and created a billion-dollar empire. Henry died in 1947, born in 1863; and his wife died in 1950.

The three grandsons now running the business are: Henry, aged 35, 6 feet tall. Benson, 33, 5 ft. 9 in. Billy, 28, 5 feet, 7 in.



R. M. McINNIS
Born 6-1-1906, died 1-18-1953
Spark Plug of Ford Agency

This McPhail agency was sold to Henry A. Page Jr. during the war.



Lawrence L. McInnis
President and Treasurer of the newly incorporated McInnis Motor Sales (Apr. 27, 1953).

COURT RULES ON HIGH PT. BONDS

May Result in Court Action Rockingham

Supreme Court Invalidates High Point Bonds Venture. Test Case May Be Planned for Rockingham Bonds.

The Supreme Court on June 12, 1953, handed down a decision in a High Point tax appeal that may effect the \$175,000 water bonds expansion voted by the Town of Rockingham on May 5, 1953.

In fact, Rumor has it that certain persons in Rockingham are contemplating bringing a court action to upset the issuance of those bonds, based on the Supreme Court's decision in the High Point case.

Rockingham voters went to the polls May 5th and by 457

NURSES HOME SUNDAY

Open House June 21 Hospital 2 to 5 p. m.

The Nurses Home at the Richmond County Memorial Hospital is now completed, and it will be formally opened to the public this Sunday, June 21st, in the nature of "Open House."

The public is cordially invited to come and inspect the new building—YOUR building, because it and the hospital belongs to the people of the county.

The Nurses Home is 80 yards due north of the Hospital, one mile southeast of Rockingham. It is near the top of that hill—perhaps the highest point around Rockingham. The entire hospital land of twenty (Continued on Page Eight)

The Dickersons

Contractors who Started On Shoe-string but Have Now Developed Into Big Time.

The contracting firm that built the Nurses Home to be opened June 21st is DICKERSON, Inc. of Monroe. And the same company is building the new Howard Johnson restaurant building half a mile south of

Scott Opines

The Post-Dispatch on June 16th received the following wire from Scott M. Thomas:

Weldon, June 16th
In my opinion the State Supreme Court ruling in High Point bond case nullifies the affirmative action of Rockingham voters on the \$175,000 bond issue.

"This decision will make it impossible for Town authorities to carry out mandate of Rockingham voters.

"Either the Local Government Commission at Raleigh will revoke its apparent approval, or in the absence of such revocation the bond attorneys in New York will certainly refuse to recommend the bonds.

"This latter prospect means the bonds will never be sold and therefore the Rockingham water situation will indefinitely remain as is."

—Scott M. Thomas

to 104 voted a \$175,000 bond issue for expansion of its water system. The plan was to im-

Local Officials Are Not Uneasy

And while Scott "opines" that Rockingham and High Point cases are alike, local officials take the opposite view. In fact, say Rockingham officials, there is not a particle of similarity in the two cases; and that our bonds will be issued in due time, and be legally certified. So that is how it stands.

prove the water system in town and expand it so that more (and the present) water users (Continued on Page Two)

GET BUILDING PERMIT JULY 1

New Law Requires Building Permit from Tax Office to Make Repairs or Build at Cost Exceeding \$100.

The last session of the Legislature adopted a law pertaining to Richmond County requiring a building permit to be issued by the county before any one may commence construction of (Continued on Page Two)

New Judge at Wadesboro.

Judge Walter Brock and Solicitor M. D. McLendon Jr., of the Anson County Court, have resigned in order to form a partnership for private practice.

The Anson commissioners last week appointed ex-Judge Barrington Hill as Judge, and ex-Solicitor George Childs as Solicitor. They take charge July 1st, each at \$250 per month.

Berta's Op.

Mrs. Robert N. Stansill, of the Richmond County Bank staff, went to Baltimore June 8th for a check-up on her eye. She underwent a successful operation June 17th at one p. m., with a tumor removed from just back of right upper eye-lid. She expects to get home next week.

MANEUVERS

Donaldson Air Base In Exercises Camp Mackall.

Report has it that "exercises" or maneuvers by the Donaldson Air Base from Greenville, S. C., will be held at Camp Mackall for two weeks beginning June 22nd.

RUMMAGE-FURR

Harris and Jo Ann were Married April 5, 1953. He Improving in Hospital.

Mrs. Carl Furr of West End announces the marriage of her pretty daughter, Jo Ann, to Harris Rummage, the marriage having taken place at Bennettsville on April 5, 1953.

Harris, as you readers may know by this time, has waged a terrific fight for life in our Memorial hospital; but he is definitely on the mend now. He was taken off the critical list June 11th, and will be allowed to sit up a bit June 19.

Harris had a major operation here last February, and then between May 20 and June 4 he had three more major operations. His will to live, fine nursing and surgery and hospital care—the loving attention by his parents, sisters and this little bride-sweetheart, have combined to enable him to pull through. Harris will be 20 this July 29th. His bride of Easter is 17.

MRS. STADLER

Mother of Mrs. Whittemore Died June 17 Burlington.

Mrs. Bertha Enoch Stadler, 72, died at her home at Burlington Wednesday, June 17, 1953.

The funeral was held today, June 18th, at the Rich & Thompson. (Continued on Page Four)

Peach Crops Looks Good.

Early peaches have been moving to market but of course not the large and superior varieties.

But the peach outlook for the Sandhills is good. The Agri. Department forecasts a peach crop of 1,360,000 bushels for North Carolina and 3,380,000 for South Carolina. The Georgia crop is expected to total 3,220,000 bushels.

Urological X-ray

The Picker X-Ray Corporation has installed a complete Urological X-ray Unit in the Clinic of Dr. V. Gregg Watters and Dr. A. M. Covington at 303 Leak Street, Rockingham. This Urological X-ray Equipment is of the very latest type and makes it possible to do complete urology examinations, utilizing the most modern techniques.