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ROCKINGHAM, N. C., THURSDAY AFTERNOON

This Child Got Matters Mixed

Impressions of a Second Grade Charlotte Child.

Dave Morrah wrote a clever story for the Charlotte Observer of April 22, 1956.

It tells how a school Play left its imprint on the mind of his little daughter Elizabeth, in the second grade in the Charlotte city schools.

It is so cute, and could well apply to almost any child, that we believe Post-Dispatch readers will enjoy it too.

So here it is, front page:

"Nothing Ventured"

"My daughter Elizabeth, member in good standing of the second grade, is enjoying the special programs her school offers in great profusion during the springtime. One day last week she came in all bubbly with news of the sixth grade's historical presentation.

"Daddy! Daddy!" she screamed, storming into my study (which isn't hard to storm into, because it's a table right in the middle of the floor). "We saw a play! A play! All about great men!"

"All about what great men, cherub?"

"Lots of them. Engine heroes and muddy evil painters and—"

"Could that be ancient heroes and medieval painters, maybe?"

"Yes. And one of the teachers wore a long white dress and recited a poem about Andy Barton's footprints. Who was Andy Barton, daddy?"

"I was going to ask you the same thing. What did the poem say?"

"It said, 'Andy Barton leave behind us footprints on the sins of Tom.'"

"Oh! That's 'And, departing, leave behind us footprints on the sands of time.' Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote it, 'Lives of great men all reminds us, we can—'"

"I know. He was in the play, with a beard. He said a poem, too, about the rod of paltry fear."

"Well now, that's a new one on me. How did it go?"

"Listen, my children, and you shall hear of the midnight rod of paltry fear."

"Of course, dumpling! I know it well."

"And one girl wore a wig. She was hungry."

"How do you know?"

"She yelled, 'Give me liver tea or give me death.'"

"It must have been quite a play. Did they have the man who invented clocks with pendulums?"

"I don't know about him, daddy. What was his name?"

"Franklin, my sweet. Pendulum Franklin. Now, run along and let me finish my work."

Wood's To Open Wadesboro Branch

The Wood's 5, 10 & 25c chain is to expand still further, bringing the total number of stores in the organization to 16.

The new store will open in Wadesboro probably in February. The location will be in the present Eagles 5 & 10c building. The Eagles store has operated in Wadesboro for the past ten years but is now closing out as of January 1. The Eagles store, and the home in February of the new Wood's, is the second establishment from the corner of West Wade and North Greene streets in Wadesboro.

The Wood's chain was started in Rockingham in the spring of 1934 with Roy L. Phillips as president. Mr. Phillips is still head of the firm, as well as president of the Richmond County Bank.

E. B. MORSE STILL ILL

The condition of ex-Sheriff E. B. Morse remains unchanged. He was carried last Sunday to the Baptist hospital in Winston for medication and a general check-up but he is considered a very sick man. His wife and E. B. Morse Jr. went to Winston on Wednesday morning to visit him. The many friends of this former county official and long-time merchant will hope for his ultimate recovery and return to his store here.

MRS. VICKERY PARALYZED

Mrs. G. C. Vickery underwent another major operation December 20 in Memorial hospital at Charlotte—one of many operations she has undergone in recent years. She is doing as well as can be expected at the present time but is paralyzed from the waist down, and will never walk again.

NEWS BRIEFS FROM HERE AND THERE

LEGISLATURE Feb. 6

Heretofore the biennial Legislature always started in January, but this is now changed. The approaching 1957 session does not start until February 6—and will probably not adjourn until June 13.

SMALL COTTON CROP

Only 2,073 bales of cotton from the 1956 crop had been ginned in Richmond county to December 1st. To the same date for the 1955 crop the total was 2,669 bales.

CONE LAYS 500 OFF

The Proximity mill at Greensboro effective January 2nd discontinues the production of denim cloth, and this lays off 500 workers, or one-twentieth of the total of 6,000 employed in the Cone mills. There appears to be a shift in consumer buying habits, causing a stagnation in the denim markets, and thus the necessity of closing this mill.

RHYNE HAD A BIG ONE

Several weeks ago we printed about a 15-pound Indian-bread potato that Grover Baxley brought to the office. And now R. L. Rhyne, from above Ellerbe, brings one that weighs 24 lbs. The sweet potato is the edible tuber of a South American plant. But this Indian-bread thing is supposed to be poisonous. Got any friends you'd like to send it to? Grows wild.

STUBBS FLORIDA TRIP

Mrs. Jennie Stubbs and Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Stubbs and two of their three children left Rockingham at 9 o'clock Christmas night on a week's trip to Florida—Jim and Betty to tour around, while "Miss Jennie" will visit in West Palm Beach her daughter Rosemary Stubbs King and Jimmy, 5½ years old. They will get home January 2.

DON HAMILTON IS HOME

Airman 2/c Donald Gene Hamilton got home Christmas morning, after 18 months on duty in North Africa, mostly Tripoli. He will be home for 30 days, then be stationed at the air base at Myrtle Beach, and with his wife and baby to join him then. Don and Betsy Covington were married July 27, 1954. Their daughter Nancy Lynne will be two years old next summer. A nice surprise Christmas gift to his family—getting home Christmas morning.

Professor: "When Archimedes leaped from his bath and shouted, 'Eureka! I have found it,' what did he mean?" Student: "The soap."

WORK ON NEAL'S HOUSE

Work has begun on erection of a dwelling for Neal and Betsy Reynolds Cadieu (and their present two daughters) on the 260x188 lot in the triangle formed by Richmond Avenue and Moore street in North Richmond Park. They now live on Fenton street.

MISS TAYLOR, WADESBORO

Miss Carolina Taylor, pianist of New York and Wadesboro, will be presented in concert at the Wadesboro High School auditorium on Thursday, January 3 at 8 p. m. under the auspices of the Thomas Wade DAR Chapter.

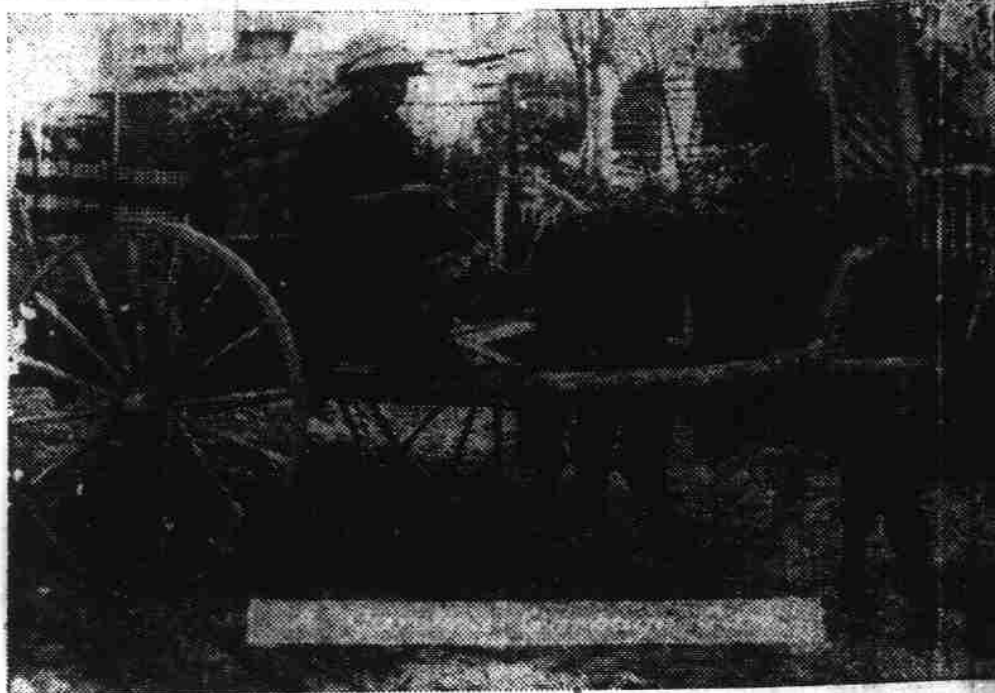
LIKKER PRICES HIGHER

Wholesale whiskey distilleries have raised the price of their product, the first hike since 1947. There have been price raises since 1947 but these were due to tax boosts. Effective January 1, 1957, retail ABC stores will advance the price five cents a pint or ten cents on a fifth. But what does the average likker drinker care for that? But let bread rise a penny a loaf, and the howl he'll raise.

GOING TO BOWL GAMES

Leaving here Friday morning in their car for Jacksonville to see the Georgia Tech-Pittsburgh 'Gator Bowl game Saturday are Mr. and Mrs. Valley Allen and their Metropolitan friends from Wadesboro Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Scott. Leaving by train Friday night for this game are Atty. F. W. Bynum and Dr. T. Boyce Henry. But Mr. Bynum will continue on to Miami for the January 1st Clemson-Colorado game.

"Darling, I could sit here and do nothing but look at you forever."
"That's what I'm beginning to think."



How Garbage was Collected in Town Of Hamlet 46 Years Ago

Quite Different from the Modern Facilities Progressive Hamlet Now in the Year 1956

Above is a postcard picture showing how garbage was collected in Hamlet in 1910—that is 46 years ago. In contrast now would be a picture of the modern facilities.

Hamlet now in 1956 has between 5300 and 6000 population.

The railroad center was "born" on Sept. 17, 1876 when John D. Shortridge deeded to the Raleigh & Augusta Railroad Company a parcel of land, to cross the Central of Carolina track. The place was known for some years as "Sand Hill." But the HAMLET derived its name from John Shortridge who referred to the site of his little woolen mill as a "hamlet," hence Hamlet.

The Town was actually chartered February 9, 1897.

Hamlet is the main town in Marks Creek township—a township of 84 square miles, 54,760 acres and 10,483 population.

Did You Register? Books Close Sat.

'Nother Place to Register

As an added convenience, people who will vote on city limits expansion may register at the Board of Elections office in the courthouse today, Friday, and Saturday. This step was taken, according to county elections chairman John Page Jr. to make registration easier.

Registration for the Jan. 7 city limits vote has been light, particularly in the Richmond Park-Roberdel road section. The registrar for that section, Paul Scholl, reports that only 176 of the 655 qualified voters have registered to vote.

In the Maplewood-Watson Heights area, about 180 have registered to vote, almost 100-percent of the qualified voters.

The books will be open for registration for the last time this Saturday. For the Richmond Park-Roberdel road section, which includes Ann street, both Roberdel roads, Eastside Park, Knob Hill, Sherwood Park, Deweese and Surgin streets, and Sunset Drive in Skyline Terrace, registration is at Taylors Grocery on the "old" Roberdel road. People may also register anytime before Saturday at Scholl's home.

For the Maplewood-Watson Heights area, registration is at Terry's Grocery on US 74 bypass in Maplewood. Thomas Carter is registrar.

Since this is a special election, only those who register will be eligible to vote. Anyone living in the areas since Dec. 7, is 21-years of age and meets state voting requirements can register and vote.

The small number registered to vote in the Richmond Park-Roberdel Road area indicates to some that most of the people are "for" expansion and have not taken the trouble to register, while those "against" expansion have done so. At any rate, a last minute rush to register is expected.

Mother Likes to Know

"Darling," a mother reproved her daughter, "you were very late getting home last night. It's old-fashioned of me, but I should like to know where you were."

"Certainly, Mom. I dined with what's-his-name, and then we went to several places you wouldn't know, and finished up at a little night club... I forget it's name, but it's a cellar somewhere in town, so everything's all right, isn't it, Mom?"

"Of course, darling. It's only that I just like to know."

"About all a girdle can do is to keep an unfortunate situation from spreading."

Pay Cuts Jan. 1st

Workers in Rockingham and throughout the entire United States will find themselves with slight pay cuts starting January 1st. The new Social Security tax goes into effect on that date. The workers' tax will go up 1-4th of one per cent—from the present 2 to 2 1-4%. And at the same time the tax the employer pays will likewise go up one-fourth of 1%. Thus the tax after January 1st will total 4½%. Every employer must deduct the tax at the higher rate on wages and salaries PAID AFTER January 1st, even in cases in which the wages were earned before January 1st.

Postal Receipts About \$97,000

Over 5% Greater Than 1955. 211,000 Pieces of Mail Through Office in 7 Days.

The total receipts for the Rockingham post-office for the year 1955 amounted to \$91,508, but the total for 1956 will exceed that figure by some \$5,000—for a total around \$97,000. Acting Postmaster John McCracken will release the exact figures after the close of business December 31st.

Mr. McCracken, on the job since April 6, 1956, reports that his staff handled 211,000 pieces of mail during eight days before Christmas, as compared with 174,000 for the same eight days in December 1955. The office was literally flooded with mail this past week.

The most mail ever handled in the Rockingham office was on Dec. 19, 1955, with 37,550 pieces. The second biggest day was on Dec. 18, 1956, when the total was 34,253 pieces.

For the record, here are the pieces of mail daily:

Dec. 17, 1956	34,095
Dec. 18, 1956	34,253
Dec. 19, 1956	26,292
Dec. 20, 1956	27,668
Dec. 21, 1956	23,363

Coarse Yarns

A young man got a door-to-door job selling yarn. At one house, a beautiful blonde answered the doorbell.

"I work for the Amalgamated Woolen Company," the young man informed her. "Could I interest you in some coarse yarns?" Her face lighted up. "Gosh, yes. Tell me some."

MONROE HOUSE LIGHTS

The Christmas lights at the home of Misses Mamie and Pat Monroe (and Alex) on Fayetteville Road show up especially well, as are the lights in front of Jim and Ellen Nicolson's home on Scotland Avenue.

Christmas Was Clear And Cool

Miss Elizabeth Hall Died December 27th

Miss Elizabeth Hall died this Thursday morning, Dec. 27, 1956, at 1:30 in the hospital at Banner Elk. The funeral will in Belmont Friday morning.

Miss Hall had many friends in Rockingham where she often visited her close friend Miss Bessie Terry. Not only had Miss Hall been a frequent visitor here but she was for three years Supervisor of schools for Richmond county back in the 'twenties when L. J. Bell was Superintendent. She was a very fine lady, quiet, dignified and with close ties to friends and kindred.

She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. Quincey Hall of Belmont.

Surviving her now is a brother W. M. Hall of Belmont and four sisters. These are Mrs. Boyden (Helen) Nims of 115 N. Central avenue, Belmont; Miss Laura Hall teacher at Banner Elk; Miss Martha Hall head of the cataloging department in Princeton University library; and Miss Ann Hall teachers at Salisbury.

THREE BABIES DEC. 26

Three babies were born in Memorial hospital at Rockingham the day after Christmas. These are—

At twelve noon Dec. 26th a daughter to James E. and Josephine Coble Hurst of 16 Dale street East Rockingham.

At 10:30 p. m. Dec. 26th a daughter to Ernest and Augustine Orr Cole.

At 10:48 p. m. Dec. 26th a daughter to Ernest R. and Shirley Coble Covington of Ellerbe.