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ROCKINGHAM Post-Dispatch

"I'm worried about my mother," a five-year-old confessed to a pal.
"Why?" asked his friend.
"She believes," the first tot replied,
"that a dish ran away with a spoon."

ISAAC S. LONDON, Editor

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ROCKINGHAM, N. C., THURSDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 9, 1959

TOWN PRIMARY

LIST OF CANDIDATES WHO HAVE FILED. DEADLINE IS 5 P. M. APRIL 22

Primary is April 27th. Registration Books Open.

If you are eligible to vote in the Town election May 5th, and are not registered, you had better do so before the night of April 18th.

The deadline for candidates to file is 5 p. m. Wednesday, April 22nd. The primary is April 27th, and election May 5th.

And now that which is very important is the matter of registration. Many voters who have voted in primaries might think they are also registered on the TOWN books. But that isn't necessarily so. You must also be on the town books in order to vote in a Town election.

The registration books open April 11, 18, 25. E. S. Rogerson has the books for the Fire Station precinct, and Walter Scales for the Community Building precinct. Better make sure your name is properly recorded—be too late to try and get on the April 27th primary disinterestedly.

Welcome To Kurtz Family Is Given

Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Kurtz of Mt. Airy are new comers to Rockingham. Mr. Kurtz being an assistant in buying at Woods 5 and 10 Store. Mr. Kurtz was manager of the Mt. Airy Wood's store nine years before coming here.

Mr. and Mrs. Kurtz and Marguerite, who is in the ninth grade of the Rockingham High School, reside at 208 South Randolph St. (the Levine House).

The Kurtz have two sons, one Frank Jr. in Augusta, Ga. and Worrall who is a student at Presbyterian College in Clinton, S. C.

Already getting adjusted to Rockingham, the Kurtz have DAVE HENRY THE OLDEST

The Board of Deacons at Rockingham's First Baptist Church, for themselves and in behalf of all the members of the Church, honored the 10th anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. Carl Lewis Sept. 5, 1959.

With C. B. Deane presiding, there was a special Anniversary service Sunday morning at which time the accomplishments of the church were reviewed by several laymen of the church.

At the end of the service Mr. Lewis spoke on "Yesterday—Today—Tomorrow."

Two members were recognized in the congregation as having the longest record of membership—Mrs. Claude (Bruce Brewer) Gore 57 years; and Dave L. Henry with 56 years.

Carl Lewis officially started his pastorate in Rockingham April 3, 1949. During the time he has been here, the debt on the educational building has

NEW LAUNDRY-CENTER

A new Laundry-Center will be opened in Rockingham within the next sixty days. This new one will probably be on Highway 74-By-Pass, close to the Tanner concrete works. The Company opened a dandy one in Hamlet March 28th. These units are Do-It-Yourself affairs, built and operated by the recently formed Leak-Cockman-Ussery company.

LIEUT.-COM. COVINGTON TO CHARLESTON IN JUNE

Lieut.-Com. Lou Covington spent April 8th with her mother and sister here. She has been in charge of Nurses recruiting for the Navy in Raleigh since April 1, 1956; but is being assigned to duty in Charleston, S. C. effective in June. She looks well and is quite fit.

WAKE ENROLLMENT

Enrollment at Wake Forest College in Winston now is 2321—1805 men and 516 women. President is Dr. Harold Wayland Trible.

The College Freshman baseball team shapes up as one of the best in the state this year. On it is the star pitcher Larry Allgood of Laurinburg, and Rockingham's crack infielder Billy Covington, 5.9, 145 pounds.

NANCY WITH JOURNAL

Nancy Jean Terry, daughter of Wade and Julia Threadgill Terry, and who was graduated from Rockingham High June 4, 1958, began work April 6th with the bookkeeping. She and Bobby Davis handle the proof-reading for the Journal.

TOWN MAY USE THE JONES LOT

ON WHICH TO MAKE PARKING SPACE FOR 76 CARS. THIS AT 25 CENTS PER DAY

Variety of Matters Handled by the Town Board April 7.

Despite four previous meetings in the past five weeks, the Rockingham Town Board session lasted more than three hours April 7 and ranged from city limits expansion to the need for more space for the library, and on to a plan for more off-street parking space.

Two recommendations from the Rockingham Planning Board were received April 7, one concerning the use of the old cemetery lot across from the

Marriage Licenses

April 2—John Lewis, Wilson 35 of Dillon, Miss Joyce Eddings of Rockingham.

April 2—David Franklin Boyette and Miss Patricia Carol Herring, she a student nurse in Hamlet hospital, married 7:30 a.m. April 5th in Community church.

April 4—James Elvin Wainwright 30 of Tampa, Miss Barbara Dean Sever 24 of Rockingham.

James H. Yates Died In Hamlet

James Clarence Yates, 43, manager of the Hamlet Building Supply Co. died suddenly Wednesday, April 8th, in the Hamlet hospital.

Funeral services for the well-known Hamlet resident will be held Friday with burial in Richmond Memorial Park. Other arrangements for the funeral are incomplete at this time.

Mr. Yates is survived by his wife, the former Alice Joyce Hawkins; his mother, Mrs. Amanda Thompson Yates of Laurinburg; two brothers, Donald Yates and Harvey Yates of Charlotte; three sisters, Mrs. Marie Gibson of Laurel Hill, Mrs. H. C. Hawkins of Asheboro, and Mrs. Olin Plummer of Spencer.

He was the son of the late J. H. Yates. He was a member of the Hamlet Fellowship Methodist Church.

The Gibson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

STOLE GROVER'S CAR

Grover Blue, of the paper's mechanical staff, was at work Monday night in the shop. His 1952 Chevrolet was parked on the incline on Lee street by the shop's door. When he started home at 11, the car was not to be found. Police were notified.

The car was found abandoned Wednesday, April 8th, on a county road near Lancaster, some 65 miles southwest of Rockingham. Lindsey Davis drove Grover there late Wednesday and they brought the car home, fortunately undamaged. But Grover had not left the keys in switch. Any first-rate thief can splice wires and crank up regardless of a key.

Grover again smiling, glad he won't have to daily walk the one mile home.

HOME COMING THIS SUNDAY AT ELLERBE

Rev. J. D. Aycock is having Home Coming at his Ellerbe Methodist Church this Sunday, with service at 11, dinner 12:30 in the Church basement, and Sunday night at 7:45 starts a week's revival. Rev. Sidney Boone of Wendell will be the guest-revivalist.

N. C. BEAUTY MAY COME TO CELEBRATION

Charles Sauls, in charge of that phase of the June 21-27 175th Rockingham anniversary celebration, announces that there is a strong possibility that Miss Betty Lane Evans of Greenville may attend and be a guest.

Betty is a lovely girl, chosen by the Jaycees July 12, 1958, as Miss North Carolina. She was rated fifth in the National Beauty finals at Atlantic City. Betty is now 19, 5 1/2, weight 115, and her measurements are 34-21-34 1/2—brown hair, brown eyes, and a knock-out, sez Brer Charles. She would be an interesting stimulus to Rockingham's doings, come June.

RICHARD ON HONOR ROLL

On the honor roll for Wingate Jr. College for the third quarter is Richard Wallace O'Brien, in the high school division, a Senior.

100 YEARS AGO COMPARED WITH MODERN 1959



At left is Miss Carolyn Benoist, a demure Puritan maid. In the center is the more "modern" bathing beauty type, 16-year-old Miss Nicole Covington, crowned Queen at the Lions Fall Festival here Aug. 30, 1958. And at the right is old-timer Charles Seago, very suitably bearded and of Before-de-War vintage. These and more will be at the 175th Celebration in Rockingham on June 21-27, 1959—except more so.

OBSERVER BUYS NEWS

Effective April 5, 1959, the Charlotte Observer has bought the afternoon competitor, the Charlotte News. However, for the present, the News will continue with its own staff in the News building, but with the paper printed from the Observer press. The Knight Enterprises now own the Miami Herald, the Detroit Free Press, the Akron Beacon-Journal, and both of the Charlotte big papers.

The Observer owners announce that the "rivalry" and competition between the two papers will continue despite, the sole ownership. The price paid by the Observer for the rival News is said to be about two million dollars.

The Charlotte News was founded in 1838 by the late Wade H. Harris, and later run for so many years by the Carey Dowd family. Charles Robinson from New England bought the paper January 9, 1947.

INMANS BOUGHT HOUSE

Druggist and Mrs. Graham Inman on April 2, 1959, bought from Aubrey R. and Gail Johnson their two-story house on Ann street. The revenue stamp is \$8.80, indicating \$8000. The lot is 68x200, on west side of the Billy and Ann Steadman Pothouse, Graham and George Honeycutt came here March 25, 1948, when they bought the Federal Pharmacy. Bob Johnson and family came here in April 1955 he as an assistant officer in the Farmers Bank. He has resigned effective April 15th to be cashier in one of the units of the Commercial State bank at Laurinburg.

LATE FOR SS AND CHURCH

Folks have short memories, or just don't listen. The Carolina Power announced through the papers and radio last week that power would be off last Sunday for 35 minutes, from 5:30 to 6:05, to make some adjustments. That's right. Those with electric clocks were mostly late for Sunday School or Church—plumb forgot that the 35 minutes stoppage put their time pieces out of kilter.

MAC'S NEW ADDRESS

Address now of E. Mac Phillips is "Apartment 203, 2001 Sixteenth street, N. W., Washington, D. C." Brother of "Skeet," Miss Mae etc.

Editor Weimar Jones Writes Personally

This personal letter received April 8th by your Post-Dispatch editor from Weimar Jones, editor of the Franklin Press, refers to this paper's sketch of Miss Kate Finley, for 37 years principal of Rockingham high, who died here March 27th:

Dear Mr. London: I have never met you personally. I have never been in Rockingham, and until she died, I had never heard of Miss Kate Finley. That is, there was nothing whatever, of a local nature, to interest me in your article about Miss Finley when she died.

Yet I read every word of the more than 2 columns with keen interest. I choked up a bit at the picture of the football boys stopping by her car to speak to her. As a reader, I felt, when I finished, that I had known her. As a reporter, I marveled at the amount and detail of information you had and put on paper.

It's too bad we don't have more reporting like that. Now, I am looking forward more than ever, to the opportunity to meet the man who wrote this piece.

Sincerely,
Weimar Jones

LAMBETH NARROW ESCAPE

Ex-Congressman Walter Lambeth, of Thomasville, had a narrow escape from being burned to death in his apartment in Washington April 3, 1959. The fire apparently was caused by possibly a cigarette in his bed. He was forced on to a narrow ledge of the 7-story apartment building. Walter is 63, and was in Congress from this 8th district 1931 to 1939. A charge was preferred against him by Washington officers for negligently causing the \$5000 apartment fire and he was arrested April 8th but released under \$500 bond.

LIKES REP. BYNUM

Mrs. R. C. Cagle Sr., the former Elizabeth Wadsworth, takes both the Journal and the Post-Dispatch at her home on Cartledge route 2. In renewing, she writes "I like the way Richmond county's Representative, Fred W. Bynum Jr. is carrying on in Raleigh—a clean young man like his father. I recall the fine representatives from Moore county—Walter Hines, Frank and Robert Page. And I recall the big sum given anonymously to the new Methodist Church in Aberdeen some years ago—but everyone knew the donor, was Henry A. Page Sr. (father of Mrs. F. W. Bynum Sr.)"

MEACHAMS LEAVING NOW FOR STRETCH IN HAWAII

Lieut. and Mrs. A. J. Meacham and young Mark spent this past week-end in Rockingham with their families—a sort of farewell. The young Naval officer has received orders to report to the staff of the Commander of Submarine Forces, Pacific Fleet, at Pearl Harbor.

They were in Hawaii from 1949 to 1953, then to San Diego, and for the past three years assigned to Charleston where Lieut. Meacham has been on duty at the Navy shipyard. They will leave Charleston April 10th in their car and drive to California where they will then fly to Honolulu. Their car and household effects will follow them by ship. Their new address will be "Lieut. A. J. Meacham, Staff ComSub-Pac, Navy 128, Fleet P. O., San Francisco."

RAYMOND BACK HOME

Sheriff Raymond Goodman, who has been in Memorial hospital at Rockingham since a heart flare-up of March 20th, returns to his home on N. Randolph street this Friday April 10th, for a longer period of rest—that is, if the wife and children and physician can keep him in. He's champing at the bit to get back in circulation.

MURDER CASES TO JULY TERM

JUDGE JOHNSTON HANDLED MANY CASES THIS WEEK

Court Adjourned Thursday.

This week's term of Superior Court for criminal cases adjourned today (Thursday). Judge Walter E. Johnston of Winston sticks to the job, and runs his Court rapidly and smoothly.

The writer (I. S. L.) reported for the Journal Wednesday that Court would adjourn Wednesday afternoon. This was a mistake on his part—Court continued until well into Thursday.

The next criminal term is due (Continued On Page Seven)

THE WILLIS RECEPTION

The First Baptist Church was crowded April 5, 1959, for the farewell service for Dr. J. E. Willis who has been pastor since 1922. And from 2 to 5 the Fellowship hall witnessed a steady stream of friends at the reception in his honor. At the head of the receiving line was Dr. Willis and his wife, the former Mrs. Margaret Hudnell.

APARTMENTS AT AUCTION 15TH

13 BRICK UNITS TO THE HIGHEST BIDDERS

Built in 1943 on 3 1/4 Acres. Relieved Housing Shortage in the World War Two Days.

NAMES OF COUNTY FOLKS OUT-OF-COUNTY

The chairman of the Hospital-ity committee for the 175th anniversary is Miss Mary T. Covington, county Auditor. She wants the names of home folks (county or town) living away, so she can write them, urging they come home for the June 21-27 celebration. So please tell, phone or write her such names and addresses.

BISHOP PENICK DIED FUNERAL IN RALEIGH

Bishop Edwin A. Penick died in Memorial hospital at Chapel Hill April 6, 1959, following a cerebral hemorrhage suffered about March 18th. The funeral was held April 8th from the Church of the Good Shepherd in Raleigh with burial in Oakwood cemetery. Bishop Penick was born April 4, 1887, in Kentucky, and served the Episcopal Church of St. Peter's in Charlotte when made Bishop-Coadjutor in 1922 and succeeded Bishop Cleshire at his death in 1932.

Bishop Penick was beloved with his people. His last visit to Rockingham was on November 16, 1958, when he confirmed a class of five boys—driving from Raleigh that morning, having lunch in the Parish House with his friends and driving back to Raleigh in the afternoon.

Only two among the six bishops, who have served the Diocese of North Carolina since it was established in 1833, held the Episcopal post longer than Bishop Penick. None gave it more devoted service with great gentleness and great strength, unalterable purpose with deep piety. He will be missed not only by his church but the whole congregation of Christians in North Carolina.

B. & L. Invites You To "Open House"

PICTURE AT 3:30 THURSDAY OF COSTUMES AND OLDSTERS

The Building & Loan Association is observing its 53rd anniversary on April 9th and 10th with "open house" throughout the day. Lemonade and tea cakes will be served—the "ade" stirred with a silver spade by Joe Haywood and Arlie Baldwin, and the cakes cooked by the staff of pretty girls.

The B&L cordially invites you to drop in Thursday and Friday.

This strong financial institution was chartered March 21, 1906, and began operation in April 1906. The total resources as of April 1959, total a huge \$7,200,000. Walter Covington is president of the Association, and Joe H. Haywood is the Manager.

The new home of the Association is on Lawrence street, on the old grammar school grounds, a building 33,11x96 having been erected and occupied May 17, 1956.

Draft For May

The local Draft Board sends three for induction and one for physical on April 21st. There is no induction call for May, but there is a pre-induction call for five selectees.

100 Years Old

The old Wesley Dawkins house was torn down last week by Clyde Sikes, and in the wall was found a jar containing two letters, a card and other items—placed in the receptacle in November, 1859—just 100 years ago. One letter directed to Future Generations was written by Colonel Walter L. Steele, and the other letter by Capt. Lewis H. Webb who was Clerk of Court at that time.

This is a valuable and interesting contribution to the Times, and the Post-Dispatch will print the whole story April 16th. Look for it.

Local Baseball

LUMBERTON HERE FRIDAY

Rockingham lads went to Wadesboro April 3rd but lost to the Anson boys by 3-4. Thomas Thrower started but was wild and lasted only an inning, with 8 runs scored against him. Jimmy Brown then pitched five innings and gave but one run, and that on an error. This lad weighs 120 and won't be off until July 6th.

An April 3rd Hamlet walloped Rohanen 17-7 at Hamlet. On April 7th Raeford played at Hamlet with Hamlet winning 16-0. Buck Hodges gave Raeford but 3 hits.

Also, on April 7th Laurel Hill played Rohanen with Rohanen soundly trouncing Laurel Hill by 10-1.

On Friday, April 10th Lumberton plays Rockingham here and Laurinburg plays at Hamlet.

FEDERAL COURT GOT TWO COUNT MEN

Judge Wilson Warlick in Federal Court in Charlotte on April 6, 1959, sentenced Duncan McDonald of Richmond county to a year and a day in prison for possession of sixty gallons of non-taxpaid whiskey when arrested in Charlotte recently.

Charles Kenneth Webb, also of Richmond county, was ordered by Judge Warlick to pay \$1445 before April 10th for possession of ninety gallons. Court records for Richmond county show he was up for speeding 75 mph at session Feb. 16, 1958, his age then listed at 22 and again driving 65 mph and tried Jan. 29, 1957.

BASEBALL ON TV

The Big Leagues opened the season today. This Saturday and Sunday afternoons, Channel 9 will carry the Braves-Pittsburgh games, and Channel 8 (Florance) and Channel 3 (Charlotte) the Yankee-Boston games. 3, 8 and 9 will carry a big league game every Saturday and Sunday throughout the summer.

DR. FRUTHEY WEDNESDAY

Dr. L. D. Fruthey of 738 Adger Road Columbia (5), S. C., spent April 8th in the upper part of the county. He is now retired from active practice, due to a heart condition. His mother also is in Columbia, in a neat little home with a companion and friend for company. Lloyd is married (1948) and has three children.

SWINK'S OPEN AT NIGHT

The Swink super-market on eastern edge of Rockingham, on the Hospital paved road, is now open every night except Sunday—8 to 10 p. m. This ought to be popular with forgetful shoppers, or last-minute-ers.

FRANK KY. VISIT

Frank Pickett left by bus this Thursday for a brief visit to his sister, Virginia Hoge at 772 Lynn Drive, Lexington, Kentucky. He will probably fly back, to get home Sunday night for work Monday. Frank sticks to his job.

Commencements

May 31, 1959:
R'ham colored, sermon 4 p.m.
R'ham white, sermon 8 p.m.

June 2, 1959:
R'ham colored grad, 8:15 p.m.

June 3, 1959:
R'ham white, grad,—8 p. m.

U. S. MARSHAL DIED IN WILKESBORO

William Bingham Somers, 62, died in the hospital at Wilkesboro April 4, 1959, from a long illness. He was US Marshal for this Middle District but had not attended a court here at Rockingham in some months. He was Republican sheriff of Wilkes county 1923 to 1936. He is survived by his wife, a daughter, a brother and six sisters.

Judge Stanley April 8th appointed James H. Somers (brother of the late Marshal) as temporary Marshal until the powers-that-be can agree on a successor. James operates an insurance agency in North Wilkesboro; he says he will not ask for a permanent appointment—just this temporary.

STEVENS MILL IS ENLARGING

A HEALTHY SIGN FOR ROCKINGHAM'S FUTURE

Water and Sewer Facilities Were Prime Considerations.

The big woolen interests of the J. P. Stevens & Co. evidently regard Rockingham as good community, and a healthy one, speaking in business and civic vernacular.

Plant Supt. George Browder announced a healthy expansion by the Stevens mill which has

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LEO LIKE A BEAR

Leo Allen, veteran Rockingham agent for the Equitable Life, is going all-out in cooperation with the June 21-27 175th celebration. He has one of shaggiest beards hereabouts—locks like a cross between Hemingway and McCartney, the Goat Man. The Equitable's monthly magazine for March 26th carried several pictures of Leo and his beard.

'I G ALL'

AN ATTEMPT AT A BIT OF HARMLESS HUMOR

When Mr. London suggested that I "write a piece" about beards I tried to brush him off—because that is a ticklish subject.

But it is spring—and in springtime a young (?) lady's fancy turns to thoughts of—well, if not beards, those who grow them.

The town's male population looks like nothing that has ever been seen around these parts before. Many of the ladies are

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DEATHS

Mrs. Best
W. B. Somers
Wm. H. Barfield
William W. Clanton
James Clarence Yates
Thomas Ratliff, colored
Bishop Edwin A. Penick
Mrs. Hattie Clark Sweatt