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A WORD TO SUBSCRIBERS.

The Commonwealth invites the interest of its subscribers in the Great Auto and Prize Contest just starting. Many of them have the inclination and the qualifications to enter the contest themselves and share in the distribution of the costly prizes offered. Others may show their interest by nominating a popular, energetic young person, lady or gentleman, either married or single, that you know. Every reader of The Commonwealth knows some one who could become a successful contestant and profit handsomely. It is not necessary to be a subscriber to nominate some one or enter yourself, but The Commonwealth is anxious to have its subscribers take an active interest.

Ran Off With Gate Receipts.

Quite a little sensation developed here Thursday afternoon when it was learned that M. Ford, the promoter and manager of the races, had unceremoniously left town taking with him all the gate receipts and entrance fees. The matter was not discovered until just before the close of the races when Ford was missed by the horsemen at the track, and did not become generally known until night.

As soon as Ford was missed at the track and not being able to locate him, officers and citizens instituted a search for the missing horseman and hound. After repeated inquiries it was learned that he had left town with his horse and cart tied behind, going in the direction of Battleboro. Pursuit was immediately made and he was apprehended about fifteen miles from town, going at a slow road speed, not seeming to be in any special hurry. When asked what he meant by leaving as he did he replied that he did not have money enough to pay the purses and he was going to Battleboro to make an attempt to borrow the deficit from a fellow horseman of that town.

When a request was made he unhesitatingly gave up the money, amounting to \$174, claiming that was all he had received. He was brought back to town and after a good bit of parley settled with the winners in the races and satisfied all concerned. But in the meantime a warrant was sworn out by the chief of police charging him with obtaining money under false pretense, and before it could be served at the urgent instigation of his friends he went out the window from the mayor's office and made for Winslow's stables where his horse and cart were. Reaching there he was hurriedly hitching the horse when the chief arrived and arrested him.

He was taken before Mayor J. E. Shields and given a hearing which lasted until almost midnight. After the hearing the evidence in the case the mayor bound Ford over to court in the sum of \$100 justified. It looked at that time like the man would go to jail, having given up what was presumed to be all the money he had, but Mr. N. E. Winslow, a local horse dealer, gave bond for him, holding the horse as security.

Excursion to Rocky Mount.

The Atlantic Coast Line railroad will run an excursion from Scotland Neck to Rocky Mount on Friday, October 3rd, on account of the exhibition of Barnum and Bailey's circus in that city. The train will leave Scotland Neck at 8:30 a. m., Hobgood 8:45, Speed 9:00. Returning this train will leave Rocky Mount at 10:30 p. m.

Important Meeting.

The Daughters of the Confederacy will meet in the graded school building this (Thursday) afternoon at 4 o'clock. All the members are urgently requested to be present as this is a very important meeting.

Card of Thanks.

We take this occasion to thank our friends for the many kindnesses shown us and our mother, Mrs. Geo. A. Pittman, during her recent illness. For every attention shown us we are truly grateful.

MR. AND MRS. C. L. ALLSBOOK.

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For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Hart*

THE AUTUMN RACES

While the Attendance Was Small the Races Were Greatly Enjoyed.

While the attendance to the autumn races here was not as large as had been anticipated, and not as large as had been here on former occasions, yet those who attended saw some of the finest and most spirited races ever witnessed on the local turf. The racing began about 1:30 o'clock and finished about 5:00, and during the entire afternoon there was something doing.

The day was ideal and people came from all the nearby towns, on the trains, in buggies and automobiles and other conveyances, and there was considerable life in the town all day. The purses were large and attractive and some blooded animals were brought to contest for them.

The judges were George A. Holderness of Tarboro; W. H. Dail, Jr., of Greenville; A. Paul Kitchin and N. A. Riddick, of Scotland Neck. W. H. Dail, Jr., was the announcer. The decisions of the judges gave general satisfaction to all concerned, they all being experienced horsemen and well versed in the rules of the turf.

The line-up and results of the first race, three minute class, was as follows:

First Heat—Dr. Floyd, Perry Jenkins owner, Whitley and Mayo, drivers; Lucy H., Chas. Boush, owner, Boush, driver; Ben Harris, D. Harris, owner, Harris, driver; Mary B., Chas. Boush, owner, Lawrence, driver; Lockett, Johnson, owner, Everett, driver; Clara Belle, J. H. Ausbon, owner, Everett, driver. Time, 2:59 1/2.

Second Heat—Mary B. Boush, owner, Lawrence, driver; Lucy H. Boush, owner, Boush, driver; Dr. Floyd, Jenkins, owner, Whitley and Mayo, drivers; Ben Harris, Harris, owner, Harris, driver; Lockett, Johnson, owner, Harris, driver; Lockett, Johnson, owner, Everett, driver; Clara Belle, Ausbon, owner, Everett, driver. Time 2:50 1/2. After this heat Clara Belle was withdrawn.

Third Heat—Lucy H., Boush, owner, Boush, driver; Ben Harris, Harris, owner, Harris, driver; Mary B., Boush, owner, Lawrence, driver; Dr. Floyd, Jenkins, owner, Whitley and Mayo, drivers; Lockett, Johnson, owner; Everett, driver. Time, 2:59 1/2.

Fourth Heat—Lucy H., Boush, owner, Boush, driver; Ben Harris, Harris, owner and driver; Dr. Floyd, Jenkins, owner, Whitley and Mayo, drivers; Mary B., Boush, owner, Lawrence, driver; Lockett, Johnson, owner, Everett, driver. Time, 2:59 1/2. Lockett was withdrawn after this heat.

Fifth Heat—Lucy H., Boush, owner and driver; Mary B., Chas. Boush, owner, Lawrence, driver; Dr. Floyd, Jenkins, owner, Whitley and Mayo, drivers; Ben Harris, Harris, owner and driver. Time, 2:59 1/2. Lucy H. was given first money; Mary B., second; Dr. Floyd, third; Ben Harris, fourth.

Second Race, Free for All—First Heat: Billy Hill, Chas. Boush, owner and driver; Limber Twig, Barnhill, owner, Whitley, driver, Zack, W. L. Harrell, owner and driver; Frank, J. E. Woolard, owner, Johnson, driver. Time, 2:25.

Second Heat—Billy Hill, Boush, owner and driver; Limber Twig, Barnhill, owner, Whitley, driver; Frank, Woolard, owner, Johnson, driver; Zack, Harrell, owner and driver. Time, 2:25.

Third Heat—Lamber Twig, Barnhill, owner, Whitley, driver; Billy Hill, Boush, owner and driver; Frank, Woolard, owner, Johnson, driver; Zack, Harrell, owner and driver. Time 2:20 1/2. After this heat Zack was withdrawn.

Fourth Heat—Lamber Twig, Barnhill, owner, Whitley, driver; Billy Hill, Boush, owner and driver; Frank, Woolard, owner, Johnson, driver. Time, 2:26 1/2.

Fifth Heat—Lamber Twig, Barnhill, owner, Whitley, driver; Frank, Woolard, owner, Johnson, driver; Billy Hill, Boush, owner and driver. Time, 2:24.

In this race Limber Twig was given first money; Billy Hill, second, and Frank, third.

Ringwood Items.

Ringwood, N. C., Sept. 29. — Rev. J. E. Pritchard filled his regular appointment at the M. P. church Sunday. His sermon was very helpful and uplifting.

Rev. Mr. New, of Weldon, preached at the Episcopal church Sunday afternoon. Mr. New has been away for several months and the people are glad to have him back.

Mrs. L. G. Roberson, who has been right sick, is improving.

Mr. M. E. Cousins, Jr., is right sick. Hope it is nothing serious.

Miss Grace Browning has returned home after spending two weeks with relatives near Essex.

Farmers in this section are busy grading tobacco and gathering in the fleecy staple.

Champion Peanut Threshers.

FOOS GASOLINE ENGINE.

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Josey Hardware Comp'y,
Pioneer Hardware Dealers,
Scotland Neck, North Carolina.

No New Trial.

The Supreme Court rendered a decision last week refusing to grant R. W. Cobb, convicted in Halifax Superior Court of the murder of Thomas Shaw, a new trial. It now becomes the duty of Governor Craig to fix the date for Cobb's electrocution, since the date first set has passed.

Special Announcements.

FOR SALE.—A SECOND HAND Champion Pea Thresher and 8 h. p. Gasoline Engine. G. K. Moore.

HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM the North with a full line of Ladies' Coat Suits and Long Coats. We cordially invite you to come and inspect them. Edwards & Company.

WE ARE REPRESENTING THE best Tailors in New York and Baltimore. Let us make your Suit for the Fall. Every Suit and Overcoat guaranteed to fit. Edwards & Company.

WE HAVE THE MOST COMPLETE line of Men's and Ladies' Walk-Over Shoes. Be sure and see our stock before buying. Also a full line of Lenox Shoes for children. Edwards & Company.

FOR SALE.—MY HOUSE AND lot where I am now living. Terms easy. W. J. Battle, or see J. B. Edwards. 9-25-31

FOR SALE.—THE VACANT LOT adjoining the residence of Mrs. W. A. Dunn. Will sell the whole lot or in separate lots. Terms satisfactory. J. B. Edwards. 9-25-31

WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE the arrival of our watchmaker, Mr. L. S. Grimm. We are now prepared to give the public the benefit of expert work. A trial will convince the most skeptical. Bring your watches, clocks and jewelry. We guarantee each and every piece of work. E. T. Whitehead Co.

WE EXPECT A FULL LINE OF Ladies' Dress Goods this week. Come and see them. We will take great pleasure in showing you. Edwards & Company.

RED RIPPER HAY PRESS.—Only used one season, will sell at a bargain. Geo. W. Bryan. 9-18-31

WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED A very attractive lot of Ready-to-Wear Suits for men; also boys' Norfolk style Suits. Be sure and see our stock before buying. Edwards & Company.

HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE.—Near Greenwood, Scotland Neck, N. C. Apply to Mrs. Carrie Ward, Bethel, N. C.

OUR STOCK IS COMPLETE IN in Cook Stoves, Ranges and Heaters of all kinds. Give us a look before making your purchase. Edwards & Company.

FOR SALE.—THE MORRISSETT house and lot on the corner of 12th and Church streets. Apply to J. B. Edwards or Jas. Cotten.

FOR SALE.—MY RESIDENCE in Scotland Neck, N. C., and the Walston farm about 1 1/2 miles from Scotland Neck in front of Mr. Webb's avenue, containing about 16 acres, more or less. Mary W. Hilliard.

NOW IS THE TIME TO BUY your Galvanized and Rubber Roofing. Come to see us, we can suit you. Edwards & Company.

FOR SALE.—THREE HORSES, four buggies and harness, one surry, one 1-horse wagon, one dray, four plows and harness. Apply to Mrs. Anna Morrisett or J. B. Edwards.

I AM STILL WRITING ALL kinds of Fire Insurance and can place it with the best of companies. See me before insuring your Cotton Gin. Bernard Allsbrook.

WE RECEIVE PITTSBURG PERFECT Fencing in car lots. We can supply any height you like. Also plenty of Barbed Wire. We will make prices right. Come to see us. Edwards & Company.

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WE KEEP A FULL LINE OF Furniture, Mattresses, etc., and the prices and quality are very attractive. Give us a call. Edwards & Company.

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New 1913 40-horse power Buick Automobile, electric lighted, with extra tire and cover. Tires 36x4. Been run 1,500 miles. In perfect order.

The fast trotting horse, "Zack." Track record 2:14 1/2.

New rubber tired buggy and new harness.

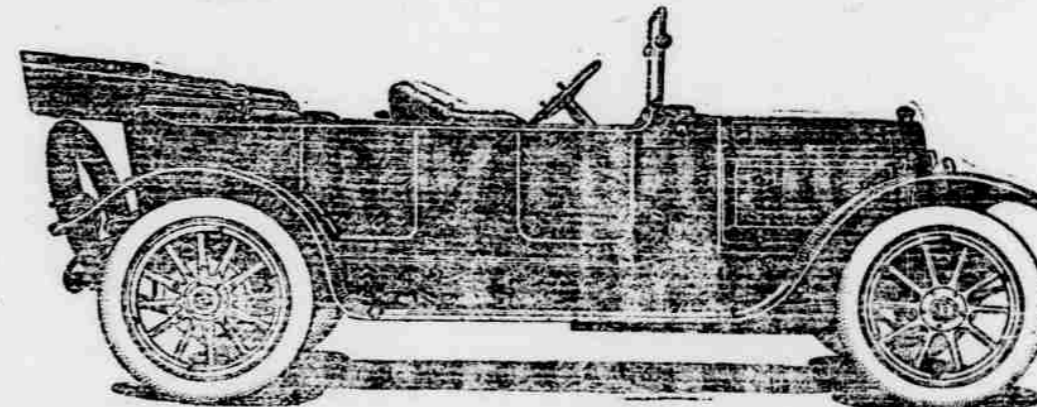
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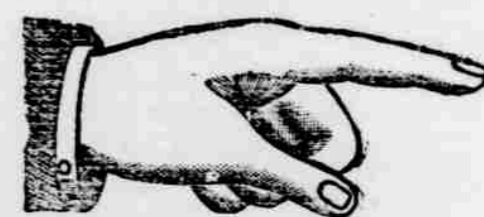
Ford Model 1914 Touring Car

THE DISTRICT PRIZES.

Two \$65 Genuine Diamond Rings, purchased of E. T. Whitehead Company, Scotland Neck, N. C.

Two \$25 Gold Watches, either Elgin or Waltham, guaranteed, also purchased of E. T. Whitehead Company.

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The Commonwealth Great Auto and Prize Contest

I Nominate

Address

Telephone

Signed

Address

Only the First Nomination Blank Cast for Each Candidate will count as 1,000 Votes.

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Contest Department,
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