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## The Woman's Forum

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(Send contributions or suggestions to her.)

We editors have a "hard time." We really do. Even our best friends seem to regard us with a "let George do it" expression of countenance that makes us feel overburdened and oppressed. Everybody seems to want us to open our mouth and put our foot in it, keeping their own discreetly safe. A group of men and women were discussing whether the Carnival feature should be abolished from our County Fair or not. The women were solidly in favor of doing away with the Carnival, thinking that the gambling, the fake side shows, and worse, do far more harm than good in the community. The men climbed on the fence and from that vantage ground agreed on the matter. It seems that the Carnival is of considerable financial value to the Fair Association, paying about \$1,000.00 for the concession, and if the Carnival is done away with this fund would have to be raised by private subscription. One woman said she would rather go over the county and solicit subscriptions rather than have her small son taught that the cheap glitter of the side shows is a wholesome amusement. A gentleman said that the gate receipts would not support the Fair, that "the crowd" came to see the Carnival and not the exhibits. Which being interpreted means that Richmond county which holds up its head as one of the leading counties of our State is not able, or willing, to get together such an exposition of its products that our neighbors will not enjoy meeting together, seeing what has been done for the common good of all and entering into generous rivalry for still better things. This is a question of public interest. If the people of Richmond county want the Carnival as a feature of our county fair, let them say so; if they prefer a clean exhibit of the products of our community then say so and start right now to prepare for the Fall exhibition.

Speaking of Carnivals, did you ever hear of the wedding that took place during the first fair that was held in the Fair Grounds? As the Presbyterian church neared completion a rivalry arose among the girls as to who would be the first to marry in the new

church. Early one morning one of the candidates called up the writer, and announced that further efforts were useless—the first wedding in the new church had just taken place. With a voice shaken by laughter and disappointment she explained that the tattooed man had married the red-headed ticket seller, with the "Hindoo fortune-teller" as best man and the sword swallower as witness. The ceremony was performed by a Presbyterian minister and the only other witnesses were one lady, Uncle Calvin Flowers and a little wooly dog. After the ceremony the lady went up to offer good wishes and a huge armful of pink roses to the bride and asked them why they chose to be married in a half-finished church at seven o'clock on an October morning. The tattooed bridegroom blushed beneath his blue roses and the suture of the Madonna and said that his father and two brothers were Presbyterian ministers, that he himself had intended to follow in their steps but in some moment of youthful folly had "gone wild," run away to sea and "now you see I have that on me that that will forever keep me where I am and where my own folly put me, but I could not bear to be married anywhere but in a Presbyterian church, by a Presbyterian preacher."

It is a tormenting thought that we may apologise for offences, be forgiven sins, expiate our crimes, but earth bears no balsam for mistakes. There seems to be no comfort anywhere for anyone who has made a plain, ordinary fool of himself.

### Child Burned to Death.

Marie Morse, aged 8 years, was the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Morse, of Roberdel No. 2. Her mother had been out of the room only a short while when she heard the little girl scream; the neighbors ran to help, but she was so badly burned that she lived only a few hours. She was conscious to the end; so much of her body was burned that she did not suffer much. The little girl said she reached up to put her school books on the mantle, and all at once the blaze ran up in her face; there was a fire in the grate. She was burned last Friday at 1 o'clock in the afternoon; was buried at new East Side Saturday. This little girl was a pupil of the first grade in the Rohanen school and was the favorite of all the children because of her sweet disposition.

Georges Carpentier, the French champion, has signed contract to fight Jack Dempsey July 2nd. Tex Rickard is the promoter. The place has not been settled upon yet.

### Mr. T. R. Poole Dead.

Friends will regret to learn of the death at Lumberton this (Thursday) morning of Mr. T. R. Poole, who had been visiting his son, J. R. Poole, for some time.

The remains will be brought to Rockingham Friday morning, to the home of Dr. F. J. Garrett, and the funeral will be conducted from this house, with interment at Eastside cemetery. Mr. Poole made his residence with his daughter, Mrs. F. J. Garrett, for the past 12 years, and made many friends here.

### Chamberlain Fined \$250.

In January Dr. E. H. Chamberlain began building a two-story house on a small lot between the residences of Edgard Davis and B. F. Reynolds, on Washington street, extended. The house is directly over where a small branch was or is. The town had a restraining order secured against him on January 22nd for filling up this branch. After this was issued, the town alleges that he continued to put debris into the branch, and so he was given a hearing before Judge Ray at Monroe February 19th on the charge of contempt of court. Dr. Chamberlain stated that he had instructed the workmen not to throw debris into the branch, and that if such was thrown it was not with his consent or direction. However, Judge Ray fined him \$250.

### Barn Burned.

The barn of J. M. Lowe, five miles north of Rockingham, caught fire Saturday afternoon about 4 o'clock, and was completely consumed. In a shed adjoining the barn were ten bales of cotton, and this was a total loss. Also in the barn was a quantity of cotton seed and corn, and was lost.

The barn was built last fall. Mr. Lowe had insurance on his old barn, and when the new one was built the insurance was transferred. However, this expired about two months ago, and he had let it drop. His friends sympathize with him in his loss.

### Gibson Mill Opened.

Since the breaking of the dam at the Gibson mill last year, the property has been idle. However, in December Mr. J. W. Currie moved to the mill with his family, and has been busy putting the plant in shape and repairing the dam. The mill was started up last Saturday, and is now prepared to grind wheat and corn; the cotton gin is also in operation, as well as his crush and feed mill. A little later he intends putting in a machine for dressing lumber.

### Dried Apples.

I will have a limited amount of good dried apples for sale at 14c per pound Saturday at the apple house, near Farmers Bank.—Burkett Purnell.

### February Weather.

The weather figures for Rockingham for the month of February, as compiled by Weather Reporter C. E. D. Egerton, was as follows:

Tem. maximum, 77 on 15th.  
 Tem. maximum 25 on 26th.  
 Tem. mean, 46.1.  
 Precipitation 4.68 inches.  
 Greatest in 24 hours, 1, 10 inches on the 7th.  
 Snow-fall 1.75 on 21st.  
 Killing frost on 26th.  
 Thunderstorm on 27th.  
 Number days rain 10.  
 Number days clear 11.  
 Number days cloudy 14.  
 Partly cloudy 3.

### Group Teachers Meetings.

The second round of group teachers meetings for the white teachers of Richmond county will be held as follows:

March 10—Oakridge.  
 March 11—Zion.  
 March 18—Roberdel school.  
 March 21—McIntyre.  
 March 25—Ellerbe.

L. J. BELL, County Supt.

### Community Club.

The Community Club met at Bostic school house Saturday afternoon, 19th.

Mrs. John Sandy Covington was present and you know we have something worth while when she is with us. Mrs. Covington gave us some good advice in hat making and sewing.

We hope to give our club a name next meeting, the club will meet again on Saturday, March 19, at Bostic school house at 2 o'clock strictly. The people of the community are invited to join us on that date.

Mrs. B. W. Walker,  
 Secretary.

### Mayor's Court.

Alec McQueen was given a hearing before Mayor Phillips Monday morning on the charge of being drunk, of assaulting an officer and for resisting arrest. He submitted, saying that he had no remembrance of what happened. The Mayor fined him \$5 in the first case, \$10 in the second and \$25 in the third, a total of \$40 and costs which amounted to \$10.20.

Another case handled by the Mayor was that against John Benoy, for being intoxicated Sunday afternoon; he was fined \$5 and costs.

Raymond Gaddy was fined Monday \$5 and cost of \$3.60 for disorderly conduct.

Jack Grant was fined \$5 and costs of \$4.40 for being intoxicated Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Eugene Payne and family returned at noon today from Charlotte where Mr. Payne has been taking treatment under Dr. Monroe.

Arenson's tailoring opening begins Wednesday for ten days.—Advt.

### Marriage Licenses.

Feb. 25—E. Herbert Shankle and Mishie Louise Greene, white.  
 Feb. 26—Robert Matheson and Netta Little, white.

Feb. 26—Wm. F. Smith and Rosa Strickland, white.  
 Feb. 28—Vester Polk and Magnolia Bailey, col.

### Manor Begins Sentence.

At the January 10th term of Superior court Arch Manor was convicted of the theft of a Ford Coupe from H. H. Anderson, of Hamlet, the car being taken the Sunday night before Christmas. Judge Ray sentenced him to the penitentiary for a term of five years. His attorney gave notice of appeal to the Supreme court, and bond was fixed at \$3,000. However, he did not raise the required bond and so since his conviction he has remained in jail here at Rockingham. Later he gave up the idea of further fighting the case, and so on Tuesday at noon Sheriff McDonald carried him to Raleigh to begin serving his five-year sentence.

### Birthday Party.

Twenty-one of Miss Hester Stephenson's friends were present at a birthday party on Tuesday, the 22nd, at her parents' home, Mr. and Mrs. Joe F. Stephenson, on Hamlet road. After all the young people had arrived they were ushered into the dining room and served with ice cream and cake. At one end of the table stood the cake surmounted by twelve candles. On the other was a miniature cherry tree. The children had a merry time finding their places. They were directed to their places by a tiny hatchet. Favours were given each, they being colonial-three cornered hats, filled with red and white mints. After the refreshments were served the young folks were told to don their wraps and all were soon on their way to the pictures. Every one declared they had a most enjoyable time.

Champ Clark, for 26 years member of Congress from Missouri, died in Washington Wednesday. He would have been 71 years old next Monday. For 8 years he was Speaker of the House, and came near being the Democratic Presidential nominee in 1912.

We make our own clothes right in Danville, giving you from tailor to your back and cutting out the middle man's profit.—Arenson.

### Hat Found.

Found on streets of Rockingham Sunday night a black felt hat. Owner can get same by identifying, and paying for this advt.

### Wanted.

Wanted—bids for building 2 two-room school house. Plans at my office.—L. J. Bell.

PUSH ROCKINGHAM FORWARD.

## BASKETBALL LEAGUE

### Standing of Teams in Contests For Championship of County.

| BOYS:      |        |     |      |
|------------|--------|-----|------|
|            | Played | Won | Lost |
| Ellerbe    | 3      | 3   | 0    |
| Hoffman    | 2      | 1   | 1    |
| Rockingham | 2      | 1   | 1    |
| Roberdel   | 2      | 0   | 2    |
| Derby      | 3      | 1   | 2    |

  

| GIRLS:     |        |     |      |
|------------|--------|-----|------|
|            | Played | Won | Lost |
| Rockingham | 2      | 2   | 0    |
| Ellerbe    | 2      | 0   | 2    |
| Roberdel   | 2      | 1   | 1    |
| Derby      | 1      | 0   | 1    |
| Hamlet     | 1      | 1   | 0    |

### Friday, March 4th.

Rockingham vs. Derby, at Derby.  
 Hoffman vs. Roberdel, at Roberdel.

### Friday, March 11th.

Hoffman vs. Rockingham, at Rockingham.  
 Ellerbe vs. Roberdel, at Roberdel.

### Friday, March 18th.

Final championship game at Rockingham.

(Note: the above schedule is for both boys and girls teams, except in case of Hoffman; that school has no girls team, and so the Hamlet school girls' team plays where Hoffman girls are scheduled.)

The Hornets, the Charlotte league team, have signed for this summer Reb Williams. This man, Rockingham fans will remember, played on the fast Belmont team in three games at Rockingham last summer. He was formerly with Cleveland and New Orleans.

### Woman's Club Thursday.

Mr. Hinnart, secretary of the Boys' Welfare Work at Wilmington, has been invited by the Home Economics Department of the Woman's Club, to speak to the club of Thursday afternoon of next week, March 10th, at 4 o'clock at the school auditorium. The public is cordially invited to attend this address.

### Auto Crank Found.

Found, an auto crank Monday, near Rockingham depot. Apply at Post-Dispatch office.

### Dog Lost.

White and black hound dog; course hair, medium size, well built. Name "King"—Call at Post-Dispatch for liberal reward.

## J. WARREN KERRIGAN

IN  
 "THE HOUSE OF  
 WHISPERS"  
 AT

### STAR THEATRE

Friday, Mar. 4

Admission 20 and 30c.

Matinee 2:30: night 7

## They Hadn't Expected It!

"OCONEE, GA., Feb. 10.—A tornado that struck the Garnder settlement, one mile from here, shortly after the noon hour today brought death to two white persons and nearly 30 negroes, and serious injury to five white persons and more than a score of negroes.

"A stretch of land extending from Oconee almost to Toombsboro, in Washington county, nearly five miles long and about a half-mile wide, is as barren as a prairie tonight not building nor a tree being left standing."

## And Neither Do You.

But it will come some day, and when least expected. Be prepared; get insured. We insure against Fire, Tornado, Burglary, Auto Theft etc. See us.

**Richmond Insurance & Realty Company**  
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 Because its officers and directors are all home people and are all known to you, AND ARE YOUR FRIENDS.  
 Because your friends are more vitally interested in YOUR welfare than others can possibly be.  
 Because the bank is conducted on safe and sound business principles, and takes no chances with other people's money.

**BECAUSE YOU NEED THE BANK, AND THE BANK NEEDS YOU.**

**The Richmond County Savings Bank**  
 ROCKINGHAM, N. C.