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ROCKINGHAM, N. C., THURSDAY Afternoon, DEC. 7, 1922.

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NEW COUNTY OFFICIALS

H. D. Hatch is Chairman of Board of Commissioners. Sheriff Baldwin Makes J. B. Reynolds Chief Deputy. J. D. Covington, Leigh, Barton and McIntosh Re-Appointed.

The new Board of County Commissioners, elected Nov. 7, were sworn in last Monday, Dec. 4th. Retiring Clerk of Court J. A. McAulay administered the oath of office to the Board. Immediately afterwards the five Commissioners—Messrs. H. D. Hatch, L. D. Frutchey, H. C. Wall, A. T. White and G. C. Caddell—selected their chairman—H. D. Hatch unanimously. Chairman Hatch then gave the oath to the new Clerk of Court, W. S. Thomas, and to the new Sheriff, Homer D. Baldwin, and to the Register of Deeds, R. L. Johnson. Later in the day he swore in Coroner A. M. Smith and Surveyor N. A. Graham.

The County Commissioners at once settled down to business. The first transacted was the re-election of J. D. Covington as

Guthrie Deputy Commissioner.

Henry L. Guthrie was last week appointed by State Tax Commissioner A. D. Watts as a deputy commissioner and entered upon his new duties December 1st. Mr. John Morrison held this position, but a vacancy was created when he was transferred to other duties in the tax commission work. Both Mr. Morrison and Mr. Guthrie will keep Rockingham as their headquarters. Mr. Guthrie's district includes Union, Anson, Richmond, Scotland and Robeson counties. Among the many things demanding his attention will be the supervision of the collection of privilege taxes, State income taxes, inheritance taxes, checking up on corporations; and many other taxable matters will require his attention. He is capably suited for this kind of work, and will make the State a valuable officer.

Right Kind of Cleaning.

The business portion of Rockingham—the rear premises and alleys—has never experienced such a general cleaning as has been the case for the past two weeks under the vigilant oversight of Mrs. W. P. Webb and Mrs. B. F. Palmer, the heads of the Civic department of the Woman's Club. Last week the Post-Dispatch published the city ordinances against sweeping trash, etc., on to the sidewalks, and apparently this is having some effect. Every place of business should place the paper and debris from the stores in to boxes in front of their place—and if every one rigidly does this our streets will be the cleanest of any in the country. The street sweeping machine cleans the streets nicely every day, but if the merchants sweep their trash to the pavements the work of the sweeping force goes for naught. Let every one co-operate and keep this town the cleanest of any.

Mullis Commissioned.

Magistrate W. T. Mullis did not run for re-election as magistrate for this township in the recent election, because of the fact that he was the Registrar. However, the Governor has duly commissioned him as a magistrate, receiving his 4-year commission last Friday and being sworn in Monday.

Town Property Sells.

The square owned by the Town of Rockingham, between LeGrand and Roberson streets, and on which the McLendon tent was pitched, was on Tuesday sold at auction by the McAulay, Crosland & Tyson company. The town bought this square several years ago with the idea of erecting the new high school building thereon; but later it was decided to place the building in a different location and where more ground could be secured. And so the town fathers put it in the hands of the auction company and the sale took place Tuesday. The square brought a total of \$14,655. After computing interest and the principal, the square cost the town \$10,000. Allowing ten per cent to the auction company, the town has made a clear profit of over \$3,000 in its real estate investment.

H. C. Steadman bought the 111, 6x135 lot fronting LeGrand street for \$2,025, and Walter and Charlie King bought the adjoining lot of 120x135 fronting same street for \$3,000. Purchaser of the old McNair house and lot of 50, 50x147 was Archie Biggs, the price being \$2,260. Other lot buyers were H. C. Rancke, Cole Nichols 2, W. B. Flake, R. S. Ledbetter 3.

NEW BERN FIRE

500 Homes Destroyed by Fire at New Bern Last Friday, With Property Loss Over a Million and a Half. Rockingham Sends \$100 for Relief and Citizens Asked to Individually Contribute Quickly.

The city of New Bern was visited by a most disastrous fire on last Friday morning, the flames raging for 9 hours. As a result, fully 3000 people are homeless, most of whom are negroes. The property loss is estimated at over a million and a half dollars.

Two companies of troops are doing guard duty and assisting in cleaning the debris. Camp Bragg sent 1030 army tents. Gov. Morrison is on the spot to give whatever aid the State can furnish.

The huge Roper lumber plant, employing 500 men, was destroyed. While the fire companies were fighting this fire, the alarm was sounded from a colored

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Cotton Census Figures.

Tomorrow (Friday) morning at 10 o'clock the Government will issue its figures giving the total amount of cotton ginned up to December 1st. And on next Tuesday, December 12th, at 2 o'clock the final estimate of what the 1922 crop will be, will be issued. This forthcoming report will be looked for with much interest. It will be remembered that the Government's September estimate was for a yield of 10,135,000. And there was ginned to November 14th a total of 8,809,857. It remains to be seen what the ginning figures tomorrow will show. It is generally believed that the estimate December 12th will indicate a crop of 9,750,000.

Last year there were only 703,500 bales ginned after November 14th. In September the Government predicted the North Carolina crop would amount to 730,000, and the South Carolina crop 620,000. Up to November 14th North Carolina had ginned 688,562 bales, and South Carolina 464,121; and after November 14th last year North Carolina ginned 131,000 bales and South Carolina 101,400. It looks now like the total North Carolina crop will amount to 750,000 and the South Carolina crop 560,000.

The ginning for Richmond county November 14th was 14,835, as compared with 12,370 to same date in 1921. The total crop for Richmond county in 1921 was 13,501.

Rev. Dallas To Georgia.

It is with regret for our townspeople to know that Rev. A. E. Dallas and his wife are to move to LaGrange, Georgia, December 20th. Mr. Dallas has accepted the call to the Georgia church. LaGrange is about 70 miles west of Atlanta, and has around 17,000 inhabitants. The Rockingham Presbyterian congregation will now be without a pastor, for the present. Mr. Dallas has been here for two years and is a preacher of genuine ability; and our people of all denominations regret his decision to give up his work here.

VOTE IN OFF YEAR IS 171,531 SHORT

Democrats, However, Poll Sixty-seven Per Cent of the Total Vote.

Although the Democratic State ticket polled 82,348 fewer votes in the 1922 election than in the general election in 1920, and although the combined vote cast by Democratic and Republican candidates was 171,531 less in 1922 than in 1920, the Democrats polled ten per cent more of the total vote cast in 1922 than in 1920.

An analysis of the vote by counties in 1920 and in 1922 shows that while 538,326 votes were cast by both parties in 1920, the candidates grew out in the off year a total of only 366,795. For Governor in 1920, Morrison's vote was 308,151 and Parker's 230,175. In November of this year, Lee marshalled 225,803 votes for Corporation Commissioner against 140,992 for Hoover. In 1920, the Democratic state ticket polled 57 per cent of the vote cast and in 1922 it polled 67 per cent of the total.

The 28 Republican counties after the general election in 1920 were

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Auction Sales.

The POST-DISPATCH is this issue carrying display advertisements of 6 land auction sales. They are as follows:

Monday, Dec. 11th—The Morgan peac lands 2 1-2 miles from Marston, by the Atlantic Coast Realty Co.

Tuesday, Dec. 12th—The Gibbons property on Rham-Hamlet road, one mile from Hamlet, sale by Thomas Bros. of the American Realty & Auction Co.

Tuesday, Dec. 19th—6 residences and 13 lots on Fifth avenue, Rockingham, sale by Thomas & Reynolds.

Thursday, Dec. 14th—50-acre tract divided into lots on southern edge of Ellerbe. Sale by American Realty & Auction Co.

Friday, Dec. 15th—The Rice and Terry property on Main street, Hamlet. Sale by American Realty & Auction Co. A new Ford is to be given away free at this sale and one at the Ellerbe sale.

Thursday, Dec. 14th—The Ed. Allen farm 2 miles from Rockingham, almost touching the hard surface road. Immediately afterwards lunch will be served free and the newly opened "Ashland Heights" sold in small lots. Sale by McAulay, Crosland & Tyson company.

Officer Hamer Ill.

It is with genuine regret that our community learns of the extremely critical illness of Policeman E. E. Hamer. He was taken ill on Thursday, Nov. 30th, and is now in the crisis of pneumonia. As we go to press the doctors entertain but little hope for his recovery.

The Thomas & Reynolds auction sale of Rockingham lots scheduled for Dec. 12th has been postponed to Dec. 19th.

SUPERIOR COURT

Civil Term This Week. Special Criminal Term Begins Dec. 11th. Judge Long to Preside. Criminal Term Jan. 8th.

Superior Court for civil cases began Monday, with Judge B. F. Long presiding.

A special criminal term will begin next Monday, 11th, with Judge Long presiding. The six months' Grand Jury will be in session at next week's term.

A criminal term will begin Jan. 8th. The juries for next week, for Jan. 8th, and the six months Grand Jury are given below.

Only one divorce was granted this week, Hattie Flowers from Jesse Flowers, colored. In the suit of Minnie McDuffie vs King McLendon, the defendant was awarded \$50. The Dumas Dawkins suit against Steele's Mills was compromised for \$150. The suit of Daniel Miller Co. vs Dockery-Allen Co. was decided in

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Many Flu Cases.

There are many flu cases in town, and the surrounding sections, but fortunate they are of the mild type (as if ANY case of flu could be mild!) and no fatalities have resulted locally.

Almost every family in town has had a case of flu in the past ten days, but the epidemic appears to be disappearing now.

Another Triumph.

The Richmond county political Mogul has added another scalp to his string. The process of house cleaning has reached the point where two civil servants of the government have been forced to give up their jobs—and transferred to other routes.

Several days ago Ralph Hutchinson, of Route 1, was transferred to a tri-weekly route running from Osborne; and now a carrier who has served Route 4 for over 14 years is finally ousted, and transferred to Ghio, or "Scholls," to a tri-weekly route. This carrier is Harvey Coppedge. Of course both are Democrats—otherwise they would not have been molested. The Coppedge transfer takes effect December 31st, and he starts the Schell route January 3rd.

Stokes Manship is carrying the mail now for Route 1, but an examination has been called for January 13th to select a regular carrier. It is supposed to be an examination, but no one expects it to be one based on intelligence or capacity. It is reported that Ralph Benoist will carry the Route 4 mail until a fake examination can be held.

AT THE STAR THEATRE FRIDAY, DEC. 8th

Jackie Coogan in "TROUBLE"

Also a Pathe Comedy.

New Bern Relief.

Whereas, over 3,000 people have been rendered homeless in the city of New Bern by a most destructive fire; and,

Whereas, the people of New Bern are unable to handle the situation without outside help; and,

Whereas, the Mayor of New Bern with great reluctance has called upon the people of North Carolina, through various organizations, to contribute such assistance as they felt a pleasure in contributing; now, therefore,

J. W. Steele Lowdermilk, Mayor of Rockingham, do issue this proclamation calling upon the people in Rockingham and adjoining communities to contribute such amount of money as they are pleased to contribute, by making the payment to either of the Town Commissioners, the Clerk and Treasurer to said board or the Mayor, to be forwarded to the Mayor of New Bern with a contribution of \$100 from the Town. I request the ministers of the various churches in town to give notice of this appeal and if they think proper, receive contributions and subscriptions at their churches on Sunday.

All payments of subscription and contributions must be made by 3 o'clock, Monday, December 11, 1922. W. Steele Lowdermilk, Mayor.

Shot By Mistake.

Mistaking his brown-coated back for that of a large mink, R. J. Hasty was on Thanksgiving Day shot by Pink Simmons, on the creek bank near Steele's Mills. Mr. Hasty is around 70 years old, and though painfully wounded he is pretty apt to recover. Simmons, who unintentionally shot him, is naturally much distressed over the accident.

It was this way. Both men work at Steele's Mills. Thanksgiving Day Mr. Hasty decided to set some steel traps on the creek near the mill; and Simmons decided he would ease through the woods and see what he could bag. Neither knew the other was anywhere near. Mr. Hasty was squatting down on the creek bank setting a trap, and scratching the leaves away, when Simmons came in ear range. Listening intently Simmons located the scratching sound. Craftily slipping from tree to tree towards the sound, he finally came in gun-shot range. Peering through the undergrowth he dimly saw a brown-coated object—and the scratching continued. Sure it was a large mink, Simmons raised his gun and fired—and the yell that ensued quickly made known the mistake. The load took effect in Mr. Hasty's hip, and two shot entered his kidneys. However, he appears to be out of danger now.

The chances are that next time Pink Simmons goes hunting he will be certain of the object at which he shoots—and he probably will not be hankering for it to be a mink.

A Dandy Christmas Gift

What can make a more appreciated Christmas gift—one that will be remembered 52 weeks in the year—than a year's subscription to the Post-Dispatch? Send your home paper to some relative or friend who is out of the county; you can't get a more acceptable Christmas gift for \$2.. Try it.

AT THE GARDEN FRIDAY, DEC. 8

Anita Stewart in "THE PLAYTHING OF DESTINY"

Also a Comedy. Continuous run 2:30 to 11. Six-piece orchestra—the human kind.

INSURANCE IS HOME PROTECTION

Your Home IS WORTH PROTECTING

RICHMOND INSURANCE & REALTY COMPANY
 A. G. CORPENING, Sec-Treas. Office in Hotel Building

We write fire and other insurance in the best companies of America. The cost is small. The protection is great.

You cannot foretell when destruction will occur, but there is nothing to prevent insuring today.

A DOLLAR or TWO



saved and deposited weekly "The-Bank-on-the-Square" doesn't seem much at the start,—but keep it up for a year and you'll have a good amount to your credit.

FORTUNES have had their start from such savings. Isn't time for you to begin? This bank allows 4 per cent, compounded quarterly

ARE YOUR VALUABLE PAPERS SAFE?

Fire or thieves cannot reach your insurance policies, bonds, or other valuable papers, if placed in one of our DEPOSIT BOXES in our vault. Let us show you.

The Richmond County Savings Bank
 ROCKINGHAM, N. C.

"The Bank On the Square"

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