

"ALL FOR ONE AND ONE FOR ALL" ROANOKE RAPIDS HERALD

COMBINE POSTOFFICES HERE NOV. 1ST

GIRL DIES INFANTILE PARALYSIS

Mellie Lewter, 15, High School Student Is Stricken In Class Room

FUNERAL FRIDAY

Mellie Mayo Lewter, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Lewter, died last Thursday afternoon at 4:30 from infantile paralysis at the home of her parents on Hamilton Street.

She became ill Monday afternoon, fainting in her room, and was carried home to break a perfect record in attendance and tardiness. Mellie was in the eleventh grade and was one of the leaders in the school life of the local High School.

The doctors pronounced the case infantile paralysis and every medical attention was shown in a vain endeavor to save her life. This is the only case reported this year and none other has developed. Local doctors state that this is not a contagious disease and point to tests in New York City, where only 14 out of 1,000 persons who were exposed contracted the disease.

The deceased was born June 26, 1913, and became a member of the Christian Church at the age of 12, where she was president of her Sunday School class.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon by her pastor, Rev. V. H. Grantham, assisted by Rev. J. E. Kirk and Rev. R. L. Topping. Burial was in Cedarwood cemetery. Floral offerings from schoolmates and friends of the family attested her popularity. Girls from her High School class acted as flower girls and the pallbearers were Messrs Willie Pridden, Edward Baker, Coby Williams, John Ogletree, Dr. W. E. Murphy and R. G. Harris.

A selected choir and the High School Glee Club sang and "Whispering Hope" was sung by Miss Agatha Moore.

Besides her parents, she is survived by two half sisters, Miss Annie Lewter of St. Lukes Hospital, New Bern, and Miss Marjorie Lewter, a member of the school faculty at Dawson.

The Lewter family has received many messages of sympathy. Below is printed a letter from one Mellie's former teachers.

Roanoke Rapids, N. C., Sept 26, 1931.
Dear Mrs. Lewter:
I have been thinking of you and sympathizing with you continually for the past three days. The pupils and teachers are very deeply touched and sad over the death of Mellie. Everyone of us loved her dearly and shall always cherish pleasant memories of her.

Mellie was a joy and pleasure to teach. She made scholarship, citizenship and attendance honor rolls every time when I had her in my home room in the 8th grade. You wrote me such nice notes of appreciation for what I did and meant to Mellie when I was her teacher. I shall never forget them. There were such strong bonds of love and comradeship between you and Mellie. I shall always remember her as one of the most beloved pupils I've ever taught. I shall miss her.

I am sympathizing and will continue to sympathize, with you as the days go by. I have wished so much to express my sympathy ere this, but have not had a chance. I've asked about Mellie continually by calling Mrs. Ogletree's and from school children. The pupils have been touched so much over this sadness. Those of us who have lost loved ones, know just what you are bearing, how you are suffering, and what it means to get reconciled to this separation. Just five years ago today my mother died suddenly, so I know how to sympathize with you from experience. I know just how dark and sad these long hours and days are to you.

OXFORD

Plays High School Here This Friday—Ayden Forfeits Conference Game

Oxford High School, who defeated Roanoke Rapids on the Oxford gridiron last week, will be the guests of the local boys here this Friday, the battle to start at 3:45.

Roanoke Rapids was scheduled to play Ayden on this date, but a notice was sent from that club that they would be compelled to play ineligible men and the game was cancelled for forfeit to Roanoke Rapids.

In their place, the strong Oxford team was scheduled. This team, with a forward wall averaging 170 pounds, beat Roanoke Rapids last Friday 7 to 0. The first of the season, Oxford played Durham high and gave the big town boys the scare of their lives before Durham finally nosed out a narrow win.

Last Friday, Oxford scored its touchdown and extra point in the first period and thereafter it was an even fight, neither team being able to score. Roanoke Rapids actually outplayed the opponents in the rest of the game, gaining a total of 11 first downs to Oxford's six. They were inside Oxford's ten yard line five times during the game but could not put across the ball. Oxford only threatened one more time after the first period.

Fumbles and penalties at crucial moments had something to do with the local's failure to score. They are ready for the big team and Friday's game here should be one of the best of the season.

DIPHTHERIA VACCINE IS URGED

For Children by County Health Officer Z. P. Mitchell Immediately

FATAL 6 YEARS

Have you had your children immunized against diphtheria? To every individual who has the responsibility for the welfare of some child this is a very important question. Moreover, your answer to this question is of signal importance, for your answer represents your interest and concern for that little one entrusted to your care and keeping, says County Health Officer, Z. P. Mitchell.

Diphtheria is a disease of childhood; the majority of cases occur during the first six years of life and practically all the fatal cases occur in children under five years of age. Therefore, it naturally follows that if a child is to be protected against this disease he should be immunized during the period of his greatest susceptibility which means from the age of about nine months to six years old. It so happens that the majority of the children in Halifax County who have been given the diphtheria vaccine have been six years and older, that is to say they have been school children rather than the pre-school children. This means that we have not done our best. We have failed to utilize the knowledge which we have fallen heir to.

The health department is using and recommending the using of what is known as Toxoid as an immunizing agent against diphtheria. The United States Public Health Service, which incidentally is the most dependable research organization in the country, furnishes us with the information that Toxoid will protect about 96 per cent of those who take it. Besides it only take two doses, given 3 or 4 weeks apart.

The health department has given near seven hundred completed treatments during the past year without any unfavorable results.

If your children have not had this diphtheria vaccination, please, in the name of reason, arrange for them to get it by seeing either your family physician or the county health officer. Don't wait until they develop diphtheria to awake to your responsibility to your children. Do something NOW.

DETAILED PROGRAM 1931 FAIR

General Information Of Halifax County Fair Given By Secretary

OPENS OCTOBER 13

The Eighth Annual Halifax County Fair opens to the public Tuesday, October 13, at 10 a. m. and closes October 17th at 11 p. m. There will be special attractions for each day of the fair, announcements of which will be made later by the press and official program.

The admissions have been greatly reduced this year as follows: admission adults day and night 50c, children day and night, 16 years and under, 20c. Grandstand, 20c, automobiles, 20c, helpers season tickets in booths, \$1, truck drivers and helpers, \$3, individuals, \$2.00, according to figures furnished today by Manager W. H. Joyner.

No pass out checks will be issued at any of the gates and it is against the rules for any officer or employee to issue return checks. Automobiles will be parked by competent and reliable attendants employees of the fair, but the management will not be responsible for loss or damage. No money will be accepted by the gate-man. Admission will be by ticket only. Only one person will be allowed to enter with a single ticket. Pass gates will be provided and will be used for passes and season tickets only and cannot be used at any other gate.

The Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company maintain services on the grounds, toll pay station will be located at a convenient point.

Rest room and emergency hospital will be located in the main building. Check room under the supervision of a reliable person will be conveniently located, where parcels may be checked at a nominal fee. Eating booths, ice cold drink stands and accessories will be served day and night.

Magnificent free act program as follows: Hugh M. Smith concert band; Banard's Circus; Aerial Howards, sensation and astounder thriller; Romanoff Troupe; Wheeler and Wheeler, sensational skaters; Lewis Ross, instrumental and acrobatic entertainers. Fire works will be put on each night by Ohio Display Co. Saddle horse contest, horse and mule races will be held each afternoon.

P. T. A. Holds First Meeting Of Year To Hear Dr. Riddick

The first meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association for the school year 1931-32 was held September 24 in the vocational building of the Roanoke Rapids High School with Mrs. J. E. Kirk presiding.

An opening prayer by Rev. J. E. Kirk was followed by the reading of the minutes. The president then read the names of the committee chairman and introduced the new teachers.

After a brief welcome to the teachers by Rev. J. N. Bynum, the president introduced the speaker, Rev. Riddick who spoke on "The Child In The Midst." This was developed by the following points: (1) Possibility that challenges the best that is in the parent and teacher. (2) Children's rights that teachers and parents, state and church have no right to deny. (3) Three contributing factors to bring out these possibilities and to give these rights: (a) Home and parents. (b) School and teachers. (c) Church and minister. (4) These institutions in combined effort to be governed by spirit of loving cooperation. (5) To have definite objectives and prospectives.

WE LEAVE OUT NEWS

A wealth of news, in fact more than usual, from our correspondents in the city and county this week, make it imperative that we leave out "Up and Down the Avenue" and other features this week. What can be, will be used next week.

Walking Across English Channel



Karl Namestnik, European adventurer, is here seen as he "walked" across the English channel on the water skills which he invented. He started from Cape Gris Nez on the French coast and landed at Dover.

450 PUPILS Record Enrollment at Aurelian Springs School For Coming Term

The seventh day of September marked the opening of the school year at Aurelian Springs High School. The student body that gathered in the auditorium was much larger than in 1930. Both the High School and the grades show a great increase with an enrollment of more than 450.

The students extend a welcome to the newcomers in both the faculty and the student body. They wish them all the luck possible for the coming year.

With a splendid school spirit, an excellent faculty and the honest work of the students to uphold the standard and reputation of the school 1931-32 at Aurelian Springs will be one of the most successful years in history.

FARM PROFS MEET AT THE SPRINGS

Halifax-Norhampton Farm Teachers Elect Officers at Monthly Meet

OUTLINE PROGRAM

The Halifax-Norhampton Agriculture Teachers held their first group meeting of the year last Thursday, September 24, at Aurelian Springs School. The following new officers were elected: president, E. K. Veach of Aurelian Springs department; secretary, E. L. Norton of Seaboard department; reporter, H. N. Cherry of Woodland department.

The program of work for these group meetings each month was taken and passed upon as to the topics for discussion each month and the month this topic will be discussed.

For the October meeting "Young Tar Heel Farmer Program for the Coming Year" will be discussed for this group of schools and what each chapter has accomplished the past year. Each teacher in this group plans to carry two Y. T. H. F. members to Rich Square for the next meeting to help carry out the program as it should be done.

The November meeting will be "A Community Program of Work" for each school. "Shop Program" will be the topic for discussion at the meeting in December. The Annual Reports will be the subject for discussion for January.

The problem of "Project Selections" is scheduled for February as this is about the time of the year to begin this work. For the month of March two topics will be discussed, which are "Publicity" and "Cooperative Buying and Selling." "Project Records and Supervision" is the subject for April, while "Illustrative Materials" seems to be the topic for discussion the last month before State Conference for teachers is held in Raleigh.

Mrs. M. C. Morris and daughter, Lois, have returned to Smithfield, after spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Geneva Davis and mother, Mrs. Alice Jones.

AGENT TO COLLECT CROP LOANS

Here Oct. 10 to Explain Method of Collection Of Special Federal Loans

P. O. WARRENTON

U. S. Field Agent Thomas J. Hyder will be at the City Hall Sat. Oct. 10 for the purpose of furnishing information in regard to U. S. crop loans and their collection. This includes seed, fertilizer and rehabilitation loans.

Mr. Hyder has been assigned to this district for the purpose as stated counties of Henderson, Warren, Northampton, Halifax and Edgecombe. His postoffice address is Warrenton, N. C.

Ginners and warehouses have been authorized from Washington, direct, to accept payments on these loans on sale of crops. The Citizens Bank of this city is also designated as a depository for payments on these loans. Payments may be left at the bank at any time the borrower desires and an official receipt will be mailed to the payer.

Mr. Hyder makes the following statement: "In making these loans the government had in view the welfare of the people at large, and the farmer in particular. These loans have placed a great amount of money in circulation, therefore, aiding business in general. Now the government is requesting the cooperation of the entire community in the collection of these loans. No doubt, the collection of these loans will form a basis for loans in the future. Therefore, it is to the interest of the individual borrower, as well as the general public, to cooperate along these lines."

Rally Day Sunday At First Methodist Church

Sunday will be observed as rally day by the Methodist Sunday School. The program will begin at 9:45 a. m. All classes are working for a one hundred per cent attendance. All parents are being urged to come with their children. Mr. W. L. Knight of Weldon will give the rally day address. The children will have a special part in the exercises.

At the morning hour of worship the theme will be, "The Beauty of Righteousness," and the sermon will be followed by the communion service. At the evening hour the subject will be, "The Christian's Resources." The public is cordially invited to attend the above services.

The Presbyterian Young People's society met last Tuesday night at the Presbyterian Manse to open up their new session. Those present were Lelia Murray, Mary Miles Clark, Belmont Murray, John Bounds, Jimmie Shell, William Gaylord, Edward Clark and Allen McNeil. Officers for the coming session will be elected on next Tuesday.

Mrs. Alice Jones has returned home after spending some time with relatives and friends in Rocky Mount and Nashville, N. C.

BOXING

Another Legion Show at Simon's Gym Tuesday Night

Another Boxing Circus will be in town next Tuesday and the fans can expect another treat from promoter Bill Allgood. Newcomers, boxers from out of town will be on the next boxing card and some of the pugilists who have performed in previous bouts will also demonstrate their stuff. This show will exhibit many thrills to the boxing fans and promoter Allgood guarantees satisfaction. Cold drinks and peanuts will be sold for the benefit of the American Legion Juniors.

Damask Post 147, American Legion is again sponsoring the show and the card includes Kid Bryant of Suffolk and Mike Grady of Rocky Mount, Scrapper Outland of Roanoke Rapids and KO Putnam of Rocky Mount, Jimmie Gilbert of Rocky Mount and Battling Butler of Roanoke Rapids, Flash Blanton of Raleigh and Scrapper Howell of Rocky Mount. Additional seats have been built to take care of the crowd.

SERVICE

Halifax County Can Get It At 190 Different Stations

Halifax County had 190 service stations and automobile accessory dealers paying license taxes to do business during the last tax year, ended May 31, of the 12,369 in the State, all paying taxes of \$178,896.50 for the privilege of operating, records in the office of Commissioner of Revenue A. J. Maxwell show. The motor vehicle business paid in license taxes a total of \$267,703.50, in addition to the big gasoline tax.

Guilford led in filling stations with 566, Mecklenburg had 451, Forsyth 411, Wake 372, Buncombe 294. Graham had 15, Tyrrell 24 and Dare 25. All the professional people paid license taxes of \$129,255, doctors taking the lead with 1,980, followed closely by lawyers with 1,943. The 19,011 bottled drink places and 1,322 soda fountains paid the State \$121,917.75. The 21,280 tobacco dealers and jobbers paid 5156,889, and the automobile and truck for hire folks paid \$156,856.11. Total license tax collections for the year were \$1,701,320.76, with \$3,236.79 in penalties for bad checks.

Southern Textile District Meeting Here This Friday

The district meeting of the Southern Textile Association for spinners and carders will be held here this Friday when some 200 members are expected to be present from this section of the State.

Lunch will be served at noon at the Country Club and business sessions will be held at the High School Auditorium. The local committee in charge is expecting some 300 for lunch.

T. W. Mullen, superintendent of Rosemary Mfg. Co., is president of the Southern Textile Association and this is one of several district meetings which are held all over the South. Textile experts from various parts of the country will be on the program and questions of particular importance to spinners and carders will be discussed.

Womans Club Meets At The Country Club

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Club will be held on next Monday afternoon at three o'clock at the Country Club. The program will be under the direction of the Garden Department. Please make this meeting a success by your presence and bring a friend. Place Country Club, 3 o'clock, Monday afternoon.

Caudell Phelps has returned home after spending some time at Columbia, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hasty and children visited friends at Seaboard last Sunday.

PROMISE OF A NEW BUILDING

At Later Date Made By John Kerr - City Delivery Service Daily

DELIVER P. POST

The two postoffices here will be consolidated as of November first, according to letters received by this newspaper from Congressman John Kerr and First Assistant Postmaster General Arch Coleman.

Mr. Kerr states he will move to have a Federal postoffice building erected here "at the earliest practical time." In the meantime, according to the Assistant Postmaster General, the main office will be in the South End with a contract office in the North End.

This latter will receive mail and parcel post and sell stamps and money orders. City delivery to every home and business house in the city limits will be made twice a day and parcel post deliveries once a day, according to the plan.

J. L. Vest will be postmaster and Paul Robinson will be assistant postmaster of the combined offices. All mail after November 1, 1931, should be addressed to Roanoke Rapids, N. C.

The letters from Mr. Kerr and Mr. Coleman follow:
The Roanoke Rapids Herald, Roanoke Rapids, N. C.
Dear Mr. Wilson:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter from Hon. Arch Coleman, First Assistant Postmaster General, in respect to the consolidation of the Roanoke Rapids and Rosemary offices. I will be pleased to have you publish this letter that our citizens of both towns may know the plans of the Department.

I congratulate the citizens of the community of the consolidation of the postoffices, and the introduction of Carrier service. At the earliest practical time I shall move to have a public building erected in keeping with what I conceive will be the future of the town.

With all good wishes, I am,
Sincerely yours,
JOHN H. KERR,
Congressman 2nd District, N.C.
September 23, 1931.

Hon. John H. Kerr,
House of Representatives,
My dear Mr. Kerr:

Referring to your interest in the matter, you are informed that as a result of the recent investigation at Roanoke Rapids and Rosemary, North Carolina, orders will shortly be issued discontinuing the Roanoke Rapids office at the close of business on October 31, 1931, and consolidating it with the Rosemary office, effective November 1, 1931, the name of the consolidated office to be known as Roanoke Rapids which will be located on the same site and occupy the same quarters as the present Rosemary office. The survey disclosed that the present quarters of the Rosemary office was entirely adequate and suitable for housing of the consolidated office.

A contract station will be established near the site of the present Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina office.

An order has this day been issued authorizing the establishment of city delivery service at the consolidated office of Roanoke Rapids, in lieu of the present village service at Rosemary, with two regular carriers and four hours auxiliary carrier service daily, effective November 1, 1931. This change involves the appointment of an additional regular carrier and an auxiliary carrier four hours daily.

The present postmaster of Rosemary will become postmaster of the consolidated office and will recommend the present postmaster of Roanoke Rapids as his assistant.

Sincerely yours,
ARCH COLEMAN,
First Assistant Postmaster General.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Fuller, Edwin, Jr., and Crawford and Herbert Britton, visited friends in Ahoskie Sunday.