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MINSTREL DATE SET APRIL 1st

The 7th annual Kiwanis Club Minstrel-Revue will be staged in Roanoke Rapids on Friday night, April First. This is not an April Fool joke but it was the only date available by John B. Rogers Producing Co. with the services of John (Slim) Hutchings, who has so ably directed the last four shows here.

Rehearsals will start about March 21st and all local actors are advised to begin their private rehearsals on skits, dance numbers and songs at once so as to be able to give an audition to the director on his arrival. Dance teams, comedy sketches, string bands and novelty teams will be given a chance to "strut their stuff" before the director who will have several spots on the program for short skits.

A packed house greeted the show here last year and the proceeds of that show has been used in helping finance the 20 weeks dental clinic for Roanoke Rapids school children which is still under way. More than 1,000 children have been examined and several hundred have received free dental work as a result of this last year's show.

The 1938 show will help continue this fine work with a follow-up clinic later and part of the proceeds will also be used in providing free school lunches for undernourished school children.

J. M. Midgett Funeral Held

Funeral services for John M. Midgett, 77 years old, were held this afternoon at the residence of his son, G. T. Midgett, 934 Cedar St. by the Rev. J. L. Willis with interment in Roanoke Rapids Cemetery.

Mr. Midgett, who had been ill several months, died Tuesday night at the home of another son, H. H. Midgett, 1016 Rapids Street.

Surviving are these two sons and a third, B. R. Midgett of Hyde County, three daughters, Mrs. A. C. Jarvis, Mrs. E. P. Martin and Mrs. Lucy Jarvis of Roanoke Rapids, a sister, Mrs. Sade Williams of Hyde County, and two brothers, Adolphus of Baltimore, Md. and Alfred of Hyde County.

Mr. Midgett came to Roanoke Rapids from Hyde County many years ago and he and his sons were employees of Rosemary Mfg. Co.

Mrs Susie Colem'n

Mrs. Susie Coleman, 70 years old, died yesterday afternoon at her home at Barley, Va. Funeral services were held today at Oak Grove Church with interment in the church cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, P. C. Coleman, two daughters, Miss Anna Coleman and Mrs. Milton Gorham of Spring Hope and one son, Charley Coleman, of Baltimore, Md.

HALIFAX COUNTY OFFICIALS



Left to right: A. L. Hux, Clerk of the Superior Court; County Commissioner June Collier; County Commissioner Marcus Perry; County Commissioner N. W. Warren; Sheriff Joe L. Riddick. This picture, in which The Herald asked all county officials to pose, arrived too late for a cut to be made for the Halifax County Today edition last week.

THE ROANOKE RAPIDS HERALD EXTENDS INVITATION TO FASCINAT'G NEW COOKING SCHOOL

There is always something new under the sun.

Entertaining proof of that statement will be presented by the Roanoke Rapids Herald, which is bringing to the Imperial Theatre, in Roanoke Rapids, a motion picture that pioneers in fresh, stimulating treatment of the oldest and most important subject in the world—Homemaking.

Long ago the Cooking School graduated from a curiosity to a popular necessity in many parts of the country. Now it has graduated again, leaping this time into Hollywood stardom.

For this is no routine lecture, no methodical demonstration which the Herald will give to the women of the community for two days without charge, starting Thursday, February 3rd, at 10 a.m.

The Herald takes a genuine pride in being among the first to sponsor "The Bride Wakes Up" a full-length feature picture, directed and filmed in Hollywood, with a competent cast to interpret the appealing story.

Women young and old, and men too, will appreciate the humanness of this romantic screen story, in which home problems have been approached from an entirely new angle. Entertainment, profitable instruction, humor and romance are woven deftly into a production which abounds in ingenious camera studies and remarkable close-ups. The camera has modernized the Cooking School, magnifying its benefits, losing none of its hospitable, friendly charm.

Experienced housekeepers will (Continued on Page 8, Sec. A)

• • Saturday, Jan. 15th is the last day that car owners of Roanoke Rapids will be able to get city auto license tags for one buck. After Saturday, the price goes up to \$1.25 with the news that the police will be after delinquents.

• • H. R. Tanner, 915 Jackson St., reported to police Tuesday that his boy's bicycle, a new one brought by Santa Claus, had been stolen from the home late Monday night or early Tuesday morning.

• • A gang of young ruffians, said to have been the same group which has terrorized the town for some time, are beginning to find that crime does not pay. Their latest escapade was the theft of valuable property from Roanoke Mills Co. These same boys are said to have destroyed property on clothes lines on Jackson St. recently and are the same ones who a few weeks ago threw rocks at milk bottles on Avenue porches. There are about three in the crowd, ranging from 12 to 16 years in age, utterly unafraid of the law, and quite cool about their various escapades. Hardened young criminals already and a menace to society, rotten apples liable to spoil a whole barrel of good ones. Arrested several times, some of them look on the whole thing as a clever joke. One has been to a reform school. Police can't understand why he was ever released.

Fred Gupton Is Fatally Hurt By Fall

Frederick Gupton, 24 year old Halifax County boy, died at 3 o'clock this afternoon from injuries sustained when he fell from a roof at the West Halifax Resettlement Farm.

Young Gupton, a sheet metal worker on the project, died just as he entered Roanoke Rapids on his way to the Roanoke Rapids Hospital, immediately after the accident.

He lived between Littleton and Hollister.

His foreman, who was bringing him to the hospital when death came, reported that Gupton had been working on the roof of a house, fell off the roof and struck his head on a saw bench below. A great gash was torn in the skull.

P. M. Bragg of Weldon was treated for injuries at the Roanoke Rapids Hospital. Bragg, an employee of Bounds Motor Co., was working on the roof of a building when he slipped and fell off the roof.

Gang Leader Is Sent To Reformatory

Three young boys of Roanoke Rapids, all minors, were sentenced to the reform school in Juvenile Court this week. One of the boys, who had been to a training school before, was ordered sent back again, while the other boys were placed on probation.

The boys comprise a gang which has given local police much trouble. They were charged with breaking in a local mill and a local warehouse and there are several other unofficial charges against them.

The same crowd were arrested here about one month ago but released after being given a lecture.

Mrs. Pope Hit By Car On Avenue

Mrs. J. W. Pope was injured early Monday morning when she was struck by a car near the corner of Roanoke Avenue and 3rd Street. She was taken to the hospital where she was resting comfortably yesterday.

She received bad bruises but it is thought no bones were broken.

Roland Coker is reported as the driver of the car which hit Mrs. Pope as she started across the Avenue at 7 o'clock Monday morning. Coker was arrested but was later released at the request of the Pope family.