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## ROANOKE RAPIDS-ROSEMARY.

### Personal Items About Folks and Their Friends Who Travel Here and There.

(By Our Special Correspondent)

Mrs. C. M. Pitt and her family spent the holidays in the home of Mr. T. M. Jenkins, of Portsmouth, who is the guest of Mr. T. M. Jenkins and family.

Grace Brown is the guest of Mrs. J. W. Brown in Goldsboro.

Josephine Gowen has as her guest, Miss Emily Davis, of Texas.

Roanoke Rapids Hospital School gave its annual dance to the student at the Nurse's Home on the avenue on Thursday.

Ruth and Viola Glover and Elizabeth Cobb spent last week in the home of Mr. W. S. Kennon and daughter, who are the guests of Mrs. George Jones, Jr.

Walter Humphreys, of Goldsboro, is visiting his mother, Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Humphreys.

Mrs. J. A. Ross, of Goldsboro, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Glover.

Mr. J. C. Crank is visiting relatives in Louisiana, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Younts have returned from a visit to Durham.

Mrs. Amore and little sons, of Goldsboro, are the guests of Mrs. J. Vincent.

The funeral services of Mr. J. Ashworth were held from the home on Roanoke avenue yesterday afternoon by Rev. E. N. Harrison.

Rev. Charles Sheets and family received a severe pounding at the hands of their parishioners on Monday night.

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## OLD WELDON

### Things That Happened 33 Years Ago in Town and Vicinity.

January 1, 1891.—On Sunday, December 21, Miss Willie Cook Simmons, daughter of Capt. J. C. Simmons, of this county, was married at the residence of Mr. W. E. Ivey by the Rev. W. B. Morton, to Mr. Fred Gale.

Joseph Baysmore, a colored preacher, familiarly known as "Parson Baysmore" died at his home in this place on December 21st, in the 68th year of his age.

A delightful hop was given by Major Emory in the large hall over his store Tuesday night complimentary to Mr. Charles Ransom Emory.

John H. Hannon has been appointed postmaster at Halifax in place of Cora Davis, removed.

Hannon kept the office of the Register of Deeds straight when he occupied it and there will be no trouble at the Halifax postoffice.

Mr. Roger Patterson and Miss Lucy Manning were married in Henderson on Wednesday, December 19th, and have come down to their future home in Brinkleyville, where Mr. Patterson is engaged in the mercantile business.

Rev. J. A. Lee, who is to be pastor of the M. E. Church at this place for the next year, at least, arrived Wednesday of last week.

At Pine Forest Baptist church in Northampton county, Mr. T. T. Floyd was married to Miss Duck Garner on the 17th of December, by the pastor, the Rev. Mr. Green.

Mr. Jonie Cohen, of Enfield, has been in town several days.

Miss Etta Allsbrook, of Scotland Neck, is visiting relatives in town.

Mr. E. W. Brown, of Petersburg, has been spending the holidays in town.

Miss Maude Gregory is at home in Halifax from Oxford for the holidays.

Mr. J. H. Burton returned to Warren county after a Christmas visit home.

Mrs. T. N. White left Monday for Richmond where she expects to reside in future.

Masters Norwood and Stuart Hill, of Horner's, spent Christmas at their home in Halifax.

Mr. J. L. Jones, of Brunswick county, Va., who has been visiting Mr. P. N. Stainback, has returned home.

Mr. Andrew Joyner, of Washington City, is visiting friends in town.

Master George C. Green, who has been at school at Warrenton, spent the holidays at home.

Mr. E. T. Clark, of Halifax, has rented Mr. M. F. Harr's house and will move his family to town on their return from a visit to relatives in Raleigh.

Col. A. J. Burton, who has been practicing law for the past ten months at Reidsville, is here on a visit to his old friends.

Married, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. R. J. Allen, near Littleton, on December 24th, by Rev. L. J. Holden, Capt. Willie Clemens and Miss Hattie Allen, of Halifax's fairest daughters.

## AMONG THE VISITORS.

### Personal Items About Folks and Their Friends Who Travel Here and There.

Mrs. J. S. Barr, of Kinston, was in town Monday.

Dr. S. B. Pierce spent the holidays in Durham.

Mrs. J. A. Johnston is visiting relatives at Clinton.

Mr. W. R. Neville, of Heathsville, was a visitor here Friday.

Mr. S. Garfinkle, of Baltimore, Md., is here for the winter.

Mr. I. N. Lewis, of Enfield, visited relatives here last week.

Miss Ruth Hancock has returned from a visit to South Carolina.

Miss Annie Rowe House has returned from a visit to Kinston.

Mr. Robert Ransom, of Hickory, was a visitor here last week.

Mrs. N. M. Austin, of Norfolk, spent the holidays with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Roper, of Petersburg, were visitors here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Jones, of Bunn, visited relatives here last week.

Dr. E. W. Larkin and family have returned from a visit to Carthage.

Miss R. N. Hill has returned from a visit to relatives at Warrenton.

Miss Katherine Wallace spent the week end with friends at Seaboard.

Mr. Leslie Daniel, of New York, is visiting his mother, Mrs. L. P. Daniel.

Messrs. Jack Anderson and Walter Sledge visited Richmond Monday.

Mrs. Pierce Johnson and little daughter are visiting relatives in Oxford.

Rev. G. W. Perry who spent Christmas week in Raleigh, has returned.

Prof. and Mrs. W. B. Edwards visited relatives at Pleasant Hill last week.

Mr. W. D. Cochran, of Rocky Mount, spent a few days in town last week.

Mrs. C. R. Chittenden left Tuesday for a visit to relatives at Carversville, Va.

Mr. A. M. Potter, of Dillwyn, Va., visited relatives here during the holidays.

Mr. D. L. Hornaday, of Richmond, visited friends here during the holidays.

Mr. Charles Allen and Miss Narcissa Daniel left last week for a trip to Cuba.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Suiter and son spent Christmas with Mrs. W. T. Whitehead.

Messrs. Vernard and Eddie Summerell, of Norfolk, spent the holidays here.

Mrs. John Foster and children of Portsmouth, are visiting relatives in Weldon.

Mrs. J. F. Timberlake and son visited Mrs. W. T. Whitehead during the holidays.

Misses Sophia, Alice and Olga Safy, of Rocky Mount, visited Miss Nazha Rabil last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Howell Keyser and children, of Thomasville, spent the holidays in Weldon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Travis, Jr., of Scotland Neck, visited relatives here during the holidays.

Mrs. R. P. Coble, of Roanoke, Va., spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Anderson.

## SPRIGHTLY SPARKS.

### Gathered Here and There and Everywhere.

1924. Farewell 1923. Now write it 1924. One winter month has passed. Did you get a Christmas present?

All the fun is over—now for work.

Just keep your eye on Weldon and watch her grow during 1924. There was very little bootlegging done around Weldon during Christmas.

Our merchants all did a great business during the week before Christmas.

It looked like a cyclone had struck some of the stores on Christmas eve night.

There will be some building done in Weldon during 1924, if all reports are true.

Don't always let the fellow who is going to pay you know just how hard up you are.

The pretty Weldon girl soon finds it out, but the homely one goes to the mirror oftenest.

Christmas was indeed a quiet day in Weldon. It really had the appearance of being Sunday.

All the boys and girls have returned to the various colleges and schools, having spent the Christmas with loved ones at home.

Dead leaves bring memories. They often remind us of the five-cent cigars we get a whiff of now and then.

Blessed are the poor in pocket, for a scandal in their family seldom gets on the front page of the big daily papers.

What has become of the old-fashioned Weldon boy who used to sit and listen when his parents were talking?

Maybe one reason why things don't get back to normal any faster in this country is that we crave peace but demand excitement.

If the average Weldon man could make his wife and the rest of the folks believe it, he'd be sure he's nothing short of an angel.

As far as some of us around Weldon are concerned, it's a good thing for the bankruptcy courts that Christmas comes but once a year.

They are talking about simplifying the income tax blank. Here's hoping that they make it so simple we can get along without it altogether.

Why is it that some people think they are in that good shape when they have some money in their pocket, even if they owe nearly everybody in town.

"If we ever do have as many airplanes as we have fivers," said a Weldon man yesterday, "then let's hope they equip their monkey wrenches with parachutes."

We're not hinting, of course, but we often wonder what became of those big hearted fellows who used to bring the editor a pumpkin or a sack of potatoes along about this time of year.

We read in a daily paper that "science has discovered a substitute for coffee." And here we'd been thinking some of the restaurants of this country were the ones that discovered it.

Master Edward Stainback, of Greensboro, sang a beautiful solo at the Methodist church Sunday night—"Let Me Live in the House By the Side of the Road and Be a Friend to Man."

## Marriage Near Littleton.

A marriage of much interest to a large circle of relatives and friends in this section of the state took place Wednesday morning, Dec. 26, at ten o'clock, at the home of Mrs. B. F. Moss, when her daughter, Gillie became the bride of Mr. John W. Crews, of Tar River. The ceremony was performed by the bride's brother-in-law, Rev. W. C. Martin, pastor of the First Methodist church at Hamlet. The impressive ring ceremony was witnessed by only a few relatives and close friends. The bride is a popular young woman and from one of the leading families of this section. The groom is a successful business man of Tar River. Immediately following the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Crews left for Jacksonville, Florida where they will spend some time.

## Delightful Music.

The musical program at the M. E. Church on Sunday evening before Christmas was indeed highly enjoyed by a large congregation. Much credit is due Mrs. E. L. Williamson and Mrs. Alice B. Hudson, who took great pains in training the choir for this occasion and for giving us such a fine musical program.

First came twelve or fifteen beautiful girls, dressed in pure white, singing a Christmas carol, and then came the choir, with every voice clear and perfect. The program was concluded by several duets—violin and organ—by Mrs. W. A. Pierce and Mr. Eli Bloom. All who attended felt that they had been highly entertained.

## New Dwellings.

The Carolina Building Company have contracts for the following dwellings:

A six room bungalow for Mr. C. Foster, on Maple street.

A six room bungalow for Mr. J. H. Holdford, on Maple street.

A five room bungalow for Mr. J. R. Cook, on Maple street.

Maple street is coming. It will soon be built up on both sides of the street. Just Watch Weldon Grow.

## Firm Changes.

The Johnson Jobbing Company are making some changes in their business with the beginning of the new year. Mr. C. E. Willis has purchased an interest in the business and the style of the firm will be known as the Weldon Fruit and Produce Company. We wish for the new firm a successful career.

## Married.

Married at the Methodist parsonage, Rosemary, by Rev. E. N. Harrison, on Friday, Dec. 28th, Mr. E. L. Jones and Miss Flora R. May. Mr. Jones has a position with the Weldon Coca Cola Bottling Works and the bride is the head milliner at Mrs. P. A. Lewis' millinery establishment. We wish for them a pleasant journey down life's pathway.

## New Coal.

We call attention to the advertisement of the Weldon Ice and Fuel Company to be found in this issue. They have for sale a new kind of coal, which takes the place of wood for cook stoves. Wood is hard to get at any price and this new coal will prove a great blessing to our readers. In fact it can be used wherever coal is used with the very best results.

## LAW FOR EVERYBODY.

Governor Harding, of Iowa, recently declared that there are 2,000,000 laws and ordinances in effect in the United States, among them some freak measures that most of us never heard of. He declared in the same speech that law-making is one of our worst habits, and we believe many Weldon people will heartily agree with him. The tendency to run the other fellow's business is becoming entirely too general. The "land of liberty" is fast becoming so law-ridden that almost every citizen violates some law or ordinance unintentionally every day of his life. This country needs a rest from legislation. All the honest tax payer wants is protection, and he has those laws already if they are enforced. If our legislators would spend a little more time in repealing some of the poor laws, and laws that are never enforced, instead of trying to get a lot of new and unnecessary ones on the statute books they'd soon realize that their services are worth a good deal more to the people who voted them into office than they are worth now.

## Annual Reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Trueblood held their annual family reunion during the Christmas festivities last week. The occasion was one intermingled with plenty of good eats and much joy and happiness, almost devoid of sorrow or pain, only one in the large party complained of a slight headache on account of so much merriment.

Several of the children, grand children and great grandchildren were not present, but those answering the call were as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wheeden and children, Evelyn Fields, Richard Moseley, Samuel Trueblood, Wilton Hope and Butler, of Rosemary; Mrs. M. L. Shearin and daughter, Eloise, of Raleigh; Mrs. D. B. Trueblood and sons, John Edward and Daniel B., Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Trueblood and children, Ruth, Anna Darden and John B., Weldon; Mr. J. T. Trueblood, of Portsmouth, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Johnston and children, Maud Elizabeth and Jesse Randolph, of Washington, N. C.

This was indeed a most enjoyable occasion, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Trueblood as host and hostess to their large family of children and grand children, well displayed the generous hospitality known in Halifax county, and to which they during their long, happy life, have been liberal contributors. The NEWS wishes for them many more home-coming annuities.

## Married.

Married on Sunday, December 23rd, at Emporia, Va., Mr. Forest Shearin and Miss Lizzie Grizzard. Both of Weldon. We extend congratulations to the happy couple.

## Notice of Sale of Land By Trustee.

North Carolina, Halifax County.

Pursuant to the power and authority conferred in that certain deed of trust executed to the undersigned by Joe Robertson and Mozelle Robertson, his wife, bearing date of April the 5th, 1923, which is of record in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Halifax county, State aforesaid, in book 339, page 552, and after having been requested so to do by the holder of the indebtedness thereby secured, the undersigned, will on

## Monday, January 7th, 1924,

at 12 o'clock M., in front of the court house door in the Town of Halifax, N. C., sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, subject to advanced bids, as in such cases provided by law, that certain lot, parcel or tract of land situate, lying and being in the county of Halifax, State aforesaid, lying and being one 52-39-21-10 feet to the beginning, containing forty one acre and twenty one hundredths (41.20), more or less.

Description of lot number two of the Kemp Taylor estate, according to survey of C. E. Foster, C. E. Bequith at center of Brinkleyville and Weldon road, opposite a stake, lot one new made corner in W. J. Collins line; thence with Collins along center of road 824 feet to stake on old fence line, Dick Harris corner opposite a stake; thence with Harris line N. 54-15W. 2310 feet to stake on old fence line, Dick Harris corner in W. E. Bowers' line; thence with Bowers' line E. 43-45E. 740 feet to stake on the said old fence line, lot number one new made corner in W. E. Bowers' line, thence with lot number one 52-39-21-10 feet to the beginning, containing forty one acre and twenty one hundredths (41.20), more or less.

This the 28th day of Nov. 1923.  
J. H. TAYLOR.

## NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION AS ADMINISTRATOR.

Having qualified as Administrator C. T. A., under the last will and testament of Antoinette Allen, late of Halifax county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons holding claim against the estate of said deceased to exhibit the same to the undersigned at the office of Daniel & Daniel, Weldon, N. C., on or before the 5th day of December, 1923, after which time this notice will be pleaded in bar of any recovery thereof.

All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This the 6th day of December, 1923.  
CHAS. R. DANIEL,  
Admr. C. T. A. of Antoinette Allen, dec.

## FOR RENT OR SALE—One six room house and land adjoining.

For terms apply to Miss Agnes McGee, Weldon, N. C.

## FOR SALE—Imported German male canaries for sale.

Guaranteed singers. Also cages. Gold fish and globes.  
CHAS. JONES,  
Phone 2-1-6. 11-8-1f

## MILK—Fresh Milk. Apply to

W. W. Summerell, Woodlawn Avenue. Delivered twice daily.

## MONEY TO LEND—Money to

lend in large amounts, on long terms on farm land and business property.  
H. B. HARRELL, JR.  
12 13 31

## WANTED—A good live man in

Weldon and vicinity to write health and accident insurance. Old line company. Excellent commission contract. Write to J. C. MOORE, District Manager, Elm City, N. C. 12 20 4t

## CHANGING THE CALENDAR.

Should the calendar be changed so we'd have 13 months of 28 days apiece, with a "leap day" at the end of each year? Don't throw up your hands and say it's foolish, for some pretty learned men have been busy trying it out, men who have devoted far more study to such a proposition than any one around Weldon, and they declare that there is merit in such a proposal. In fact, there is an organization known as the International Fixed Calendar League, with hundreds of members scattered all over the world, and they are advocating the change to a thirteen-month year with 28 days in each month. The only drawback is that their calendar would have a Friday the thirteenth in each one of the twelve months, and nine-tenths of the people are too superstitious to take kindly to such an epidemic of thirteens. But outside this there wouldn't be so very much to complain about. If the month started on Sunday, every Sunday in a month would be the 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd. Other week days would also be the same date each month. But we don't know what we'd do with the odd day in each year, unless we'd use it as a holiday for wondering why we didn't let the calendar alone in the first place.

## New Dollar Bills.

A supply of the new dollar bills will be available in a short time it is announced. The new \$1 bills will replace those of previous issues. The new \$1 bills are very plain in design.

All bills of the same denomination soon will look exactly alike, but will be almost entirely different in appearance from bills of other denominations. The object of the change is to make counterfeiting doubly difficult. Under the new system it will be almost impossible to raise a \$1 bill to a \$10 bill or a \$2 bill to a \$20 because of difference in appearance.

The new \$1 bill bears the picture of George Washington where the eagle will be taken off. The new bills will start with the number A-1-A. The first bill A-1-A was presented to President Coolidge.

At the present time there are two different kinds of \$1 bills, two or three kinds of \$5 bills and seven different kinds of \$10 bills.

## 666 Cures Malaria, Chills and

Fever, Bilious Fever, Colds and Grippe.

## It's A Mistake.

We occasionally encounter in our rounds of Weldon and the neighboring community the type of man who believes that a newspaper is eager to publish derogatory things or items about people that are sure to embarrass or render those same people unhappy. This is a mistake, and one we regret to call attention to, because it is so unnecessary.

There isn't a newspaper man in this country but who could spring a sensation in his community if he wanted to, at any time, by merely printing the things he knows, but does not print. Deciding what not to print is the most troublesome part of editing a newspaper. How many news items are suppressed for the public good nobody outside a newspaper office has any idea of. In some instances the man who flies into a passion because a newspaper prints something about him which he considers uncomplimentary has every reason to feel grateful to the editor for publishing so little what he knows about the case and the circumstances surrounding it. And often times the loudest bluffer is the man who is more guilty than the public generally credits him with being. A big noise is often a device to cover cowardice.

Newspapers put up with more bluffing than any other agency. Not because they lack the courage to "call the bluff," but because their editors are unwilling to use the power they have in hand to send sorrow into innocent hearts of the relatives of the man who is doing the bluffing. No, gentle reader, an editor doesn't hunt trouble. On the other hand, he is kept pretty busy turning his back on that which he knows can only stir up trouble, and that cannot do anybody any good or make anybody happy.

A Quiet Christmas.

Weldon enjoyed a very quiet Christmas. No casualties, no robberies, no drunks. There seems a clearly indicated fact that prohibition is getting a grip upon the nation. What has been generally referred to as the "crime wave" has obtained in diminished force. This was truly a sane and safe Christmas. And this is the way Christmas should be observed—celebrating the birth of the Saviour of the world. Nearly everybody enjoyed the usual turkey dinner, with all the sweets following. It really seemed like Sunday.

## Automobile Accident.

On last Saturday afternoon, Mr. A. F. Stainback was engaged in strapping a wheel to the side of his car and in pulling very hard the strap broke, throwing him flat on his back on the street. Just as he fell, an automobile, driven by a colored girl, passed over him, inflicting a very severe wound. He was rushed to the Roanoke Rapids hospital and on arriving there a careful examination showed his injuries were not of a serious nature, as at first thought. He was considerably bruised and cut about the face, but we are glad to state, he will be out again in a few days. We regret this accident very much, for we claim him as one of our best friends. He is well liked by all the people in Weldon who will rejoice with us to know that his injuries were not of a serious nature.

## Children Cry

FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

666 quickly relieves Colds, Fever and LaGrippe, Constipation, Biliousness and Headaches.

## A Nice Christmas Gift.

The members of the Baptist church in this place, on Christmas day, presented their pastor, Rev. E. D. Poe, with a nice automobile as a Christmas present. Dr. Poe is a very popular pastor not only with his own flock, but with all the people in town, regardless of denomination.

## New Year Party.

Mr. Grainger Pierce gave a New Year party on Monday night. There was a large number of both ladies and gentlemen present to enjoy Mr. Pierce's hospitality. They watched the old year out and the dawning of the New Year. Delightful refreshments were served.

## 25th Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Vaughan celebrated the 25th anniversary of their marriage on last Friday, the 28th ulto. Some of their neighbors were invited to partake of a sumptuous dinner with them. Our wish is that good fortune may follow them throughout life.

## A Grand Sermon.

That was a grand sermon at the M. E. Church last Sunday. Rev. G. W. Perry, the new pastor, was at his best. "A Cup of Cold Water" was the theme. The large congregation was warmed up almost to the shouting pitch. The whole service was thoroughly enjoyed by all those present.

## Given A "Shower."

The ladies of the Baptist church a few days before Mrs. M. M. Drake left for her new home, Warrenton, entertained her at a "shower," in appreciation of her work with them in the different societies of the church.