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FORMAL OPENING

Weldon's New High School Building--Prominent Speakers for the Occasion--Miss Elizabeth Kelly and Dr. Walker J. Matherly.

On the evening of Feb. 22, 1924, at 7:30 o'clock, in the Auditorium of WELDON'S NEW HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING, appropriate exercises were held for the formal opening of this lovely building, which is not only a credit to the Town of Weldon, but to the State of North Carolina. The citizens of Weldon feel an exceptional pride in this splendidly equipped building. It should be made the COMMUNITY CENTER, and all of the activities of the town should be held therein. Weldon has a great opportunity to fall in line, and take her place in the great forward march of progress that North Carolina is playing in the Nation today.

Supt. W. B. Edwards acted as Master of Ceremonies on this occasion.

The exercises were opened with an invocation by Dr. E. D. Poe. The program began with the singing of CAROLINA by the girls in the High School.

Then Supt. Edwards introduced Miss Elizabeth Kelly, President, North Carolina Education Association, and Commissioner of Adult Literacy in the State. Miss Kelly, a woman of unusual personality, and charm, at once enlisted the attention of the audience with her splendid remarks apropos to the occasion. Miss Kelly's interest in education and in progress along all lines is intense. Her vision for greater, and better elementary schools is an inspiration, and is quite contagious. Her short snappy address, full of witticisms, charmed her hearers. Miss Kelly won the hearts and admiration of

the Weldon people a little over a year ago, at which time she was one of the principal speakers at the Inspiration Banquet, held at the Terminal Hotel.

On behalf of the Citizens--the tax-payers of the community--Hon. Chas. R. Daniel, in a most delightful address, presented the High School Building. As Chairman, School Board, Hon. George C. Green, in well chosen words--made a splendid acceptance speech. It was deep regret that Hon. W. E. Daniel could not be present at these exercises. From the organization of the School Board, Mr. Daniel was Chairman, and put forth his best efforts in formulating plans looking towards the erection of this creditable school building.

After the singing of AMERICA by the High School, Hon. Geo. C. Green, presented Dr. Walker J. Matherly, a member of the Faculty of the University of North Carolina. Dr. Matherly discussed the objective of education as follows:

1. Teaching citizenship.
2. Teaching regard for dignity of muscular labor.
3. Teaching morality.
4. Teaching man's relationship to God.

The speaker declared that we might not all be Geologists but we can all know the Rock of Ages. We might not all be Astronomers, but we can all know the Star of Bethlehem, and we might not all be Botanists, but we can all know the Lilly of the Valley.

This is one of the very best speeches that has been delivered in Weldon in many a day. All who were not present missed a treat.

THE TIME TO MARRY

The Ghost of a Murdered Love is Always to be Seen by Looking Over the Left Shoulder.

"Come and kiss me, sweet-and-twenty, Youth's a stuff will not endure."

Let people preach as they will, youth is the time to marry. Yes, early youth is the time too, for he who awakens a girl's heart should be the one to lead her to the altar; and she who first fills the boy's soul with beautiful fancies is the one, it is more than probable, who will make him the happiest during the latter years of life. If any one were to ask me, "At what age shall my daughter marry?" I should answer:

"At the age in which she first falls in love."

I believe that the instincts of the heart are very true. There are eyes that are like no other eyes to us when we first meet them. There are voices that, having been once heard, haunt our dreams. All the cool reasoning in the world is worthless when compared to the signs and tokens with which reason has nothing to do--which say to us, "He has come," or "She is here."

But only in early youth will any one listen to these voices. A few years later, people have had experience. They fancy that they know the folly of yielding to impulse. They act on judgment. The God-given instinct has left them, and on the folly of selections that come of cool deliberation and calm investigation. Oh! the miserable lives those of us ten lead who have made "very sensible matches!" While the "idiots" who loved each other, they couldn't tell why, are as happy as mortals can be.

The time to marry is while you are yet young enough to be what the world calls foolish. And young people "know their own hearts" much better than older people can.

The girl of eighteen is perfectly sure that Ned is the only one who can make her happy--not Will. The woman of twenty-eight, with several offers on hand feels that she does admire Mr. Brown the most; but Mr. Smith is such an excellent man! and ends, perhaps, by marrying Mr. Jones, whose property is larger than that of either. Or, if she accepts Smith, perpetually wonders whether Brown might not have been better. Trouble will come in this world, but those who start upon its path mated to their first loves, escape so many pangs--so many embittering memories.

The ghost of a murdered love is always to be seen by looking over the left shoulder, let man or woman be as brave as may be. One may avoid the backward glance, but one knows it is there. Don't send your girl or your boy into life attended by such a spectre, if you can help it. Though doctors preach, and elderly people, who forget the past, advise, and there are young women ridiculously kept at school at twenty now a days. Your daughter of eighteen is quite old enough to be a happy wife if she is old enough to love.

NEW JUDGE AND SOLICITOR.

The Governor has appointed Solicitor G. E. Midyette, of Northampton county, to succeed Judge Thomas M. Pittman, resigned. The Governor has also appointed Mr. R. Hunt Parker, of Enfield, solicitor to succeed Mr. Midyette. The new judge is well and favorably known throughout the 3rd Judicial District and in our opinion, will make a most excellent judge.

The new solicitor is regarded as in every way capable of handling the affairs of the office. He is well versed in literature and is a vigorous lawyer. He represented this county in the last General Assembly and was a captain in the army during the world war.

ANOTHER LARGE DWELLING.

The Carolina Building Company has the contract to build for Mrs. R. P. Morehead a residence, to be located on Sycamore street, with basement, nine rooms, closets, halls and other modern improvements, with modern plumbing and heating system, with modern garage and woodhouse and concrete walks and driveways. All as per plans and specifications by Mr. W. M. Elks. Work will be commenced as soon as weather conditions will permit. Keep your eye on Weldon and just watch her grow.

WORK COMMENCED.

Roanoke River Development Company Installing 300 Horse Power Engine Here--Rebuilding Plant at the Locks on the Canal.

From semi-official sources we learn the Roanoke River Development Co. will install a 300 H. P. fuel oil Engine at the power plant here and that the plant at the locks, Roanoke Rapids, is being repaired and will shortly be in service producing about 300 H. P. additional. All of this is preliminary to installation of their big plant at Thelma, where the whole of Roanoke River will be harnessed. This development was projected and surveys made several years ago, but was delayed by conditions incident to the World War, work is now beginning and we hope for large results both to the power company and to the community.

AMONG THE VISITORS.

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

Judge G. E. Midyette was a visitor here Sunday.

Miss Annie Futrell spent the week end at Smithfield.

Miss Pattie Shaw is visiting relatives in Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Allen have returned from a trip to Florida.

Miss Lillie Stainback, of South Hill, Va., was a visitor here Sunday.

Mr. Charles Vincent visited Trinity College, at Durham, last week.

Miss Narcissa and Master John Daniel spent the week end at Wake Forest.

Mrs. T. C. Harrison and Miss Kate Garrett are visiting friends in Norfolk.

Mrs. A. W. Dunn and children, of Scotland Neck, spent Monday in town.

Miss Erma Claude spent the week end with relatives at Drewryville, Va.

Miss Katrina Wiggins, of Emporia, spent the week end with relatives in Weldon.

Miss Elizabeth Kelly, of Raleigh, was the week end guest of Mrs. Willie Green Cohen.

Rev. H. C. Caviness visited friends in Weldon Sunday. He addressed the Epworth League Sunday evening.

Misses Richardson, Cheatham and Green, teachers of the Weldon high school, spent the week end in Richmond.

Mrs. Emory Green, who has been visiting relatives here for the past week, has returned to her home in Greensboro.

Mrs. Jim Simpson and daughter, Miss Katherine, of Richmond, spent the week in Weldon, the guests of Mrs. C. P. Rodwell.

Mrs. I. E. Green has returned from Powhatan county, Va., where she was called to attend the funeral of her aunt, Mrs. H. S. Jervey.

DEATH OF REV. G. T. SIMMONS.

Died in a hospital in Richmond, Va., on February 3rd, Rev. Geo. T. Simmons. Before entering the ministry, he was clerk of the Inferior Court, in this county, for many years. He joined the N. C. Conference at New Bern in 1888. For thirty years he rendered faithful service to his heavenly Master. Three or four years ago he ceased to do active service and moved to Richmond to be near his daughter. He had many friends and acquaintances in this county who will read of his death with sorrowful hearts. Peace to his ashes.

EASY WORK.

"There is one thing in the world that is always easy to stir up," said one the other day, "and this is dislike or hate, to the other fellow. Prejudice is easy. You can change love to hatred in a word--tell some one that So and So said this or that about him and he doesn't wait to see So and So and ask him about it, but immediately dislike, or hatred, is engendered, and haven't you ever noticed how much easier it is to stir up strife than create love? Or, in other words, it is easier to be wrong than right."

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

SPRIGHTLY SPARKS.

Gathered Here and There and Everywhere.

Changeable weather. Now for March winds. Two months of 1924 gone. The days are rapidly spreading at both ends.

The first spring month steps in next Saturday. For toothache or neuralgia blow a pinch of salt up the nose.

The dollar bill has no eagles on it but we notice that it continues to fly just the same.

The honey moon is over when he quits biding his faults and she quits hiding her hair.

If you want to be good all you have to do is to obey God, love man and hate the devil.

As we look at it, these "centers of culture" are places where girls never learn how to cook.

In the game of crack-the-whip it seems that the ultimate consumer always get on the short end.

The man who first called them "easy payments" was certainly a mighty poor judge of adjectives.

A slowpoke is the Weldon man you pass in your car: the speed demon is the one who passes you.

Why is it that the man who is too old or too fat to run always has the most trouble with his hat blowing off?

What has become of the old-fashioned man who wore a black bow tie that fastened on with a little wire loop?

The handsome bungalows in South Weldon being erected by Mrs. D. B. Howell, are nearing completion.

Suicide is all wrong. No man has a right to kill himself and leave his share of the taxes for the balance of us to pay.

We know one Weldon husband who said he'd be more polite to his wife only he's afraid she couldn't withstand the shock.

The wave of crime over this country merely proves how hard some fellows are trying to keep from going to work.

Occasionally we meet on the streets of Weldon a fellow who is so careful of his conscience that he only uses it on Sunday.

One of the hardest things to figure out is what becomes of all the labor that is saved by the so-called labor saving machines.

It has been our observation that the Weldon man who has sunshine in his heart can get along without moonshine in his stomach.

Judging by the length of some of their earnings, we wouldn't be surprised to see the old-fashioned cowbell become fashionable.

Civilized man is a good deal like an over-ripe egg--you never realize how bad he is until adversity gives him a pretty hard crack.

The man who never speaks ill of a woman or religion may not wear silk shirts and kid gloves but he's a gentleman just the same.

With the constant clamor for beer, lower taxes and a bonus it looks as though politicians will have plenty to talk about this year.

Mrs. W. T. Shaw's Circle will meet Friday night at the residence of Mrs. John Zollicoffer. Seventy o'clock is the hour of meeting.

"It strikes me," said a Weldon man yesterday, "that if a fellow wants his dreams to come true the best thing he can do is to wake up."

When a Weldon man gets it into his head that he owes his family as much loyalty as he owes his country he commences to make a pretty good citizen.

Figures show that we spend more for chewing gum in this country than for books. Well, isn't it easier to exercise the chin than the mind?

Throughout our life's brief span On this terrestrial ball, Kind Heaven protect us from the man, The man who "knows it all."

If the mothers of Weldon must teach their boys that money isn't everything then they should not feel disappointed if they take a job in a bank instead of learning to be plasterers.

ROANOKE RAPIDS-ROSEMARY.

Personals and Other Items of News From the Great Manufacturing Twin-City.

Mr. C. W. Davis and the basket ball team motored to Raleigh Saturday.

Miss Bernice Decker has accepted a position with the Fayette Insurance Company in Durham.

Miss Sallie Medlin, of Richmond, spent the week end with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Wright, of Ebony, Va., were the guests last week of Mrs. C. B. Taylor.

Miss Mabel Tippet, of Roanoke Rapids, and Mr. George Harvey, of Thelma, were quietly married last Wednesday afternoon in Emporia, Va.

Mrs. J. M. Grizzard has returned from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Page Taylor, in Ashland, Va.

Messrs. C. A. Massey, F. C. Hege, R. D. Jenkins and J. F. May spent several days in Raleigh last week attending the district meeting of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.

Mrs. Howard Younts and little daughter have returned from visiting relatives in Durham.

The funeral services of Mr. Roderick Matthews were conducted by Rev. E. N. Harrison from Smith's church, on Wednesday afternoon.

The funeral services of Capt. J. M. McMurray were conducted from the Presbyterian church on Thursday morning and the body taken to Greensboro for interment.

ENTERTAINED.

Mrs. H. G. Lassiter entertained the study class for the Young Woman's Missionary Society last Monday evening. The subject was "Save America," ably led by Miss Ruth Hancock. The next meeting will be held with Miss Fannie Mae Shearin, Monday, March 3rd.

RESPONSIBILITY.

"Now, children," said one of the teachers in the Weldon public school, "you are all to write a composition on 'responsibility.'" Then one boy handed in this: "Boys have two buttons to their suspenders to keep their pants up, and when one button tears off there's a lot of responsibility on the other button."

TIRE SOME STOPS.

Waiting for the go signal of traffic. Waiting for the end of a sermon. Waiting for a train to pass a crossing. Waiting for telephone connection. Waiting for a woman. Waiting for the fellow who walked after gasoline.

SENIOR CLASS PLAY.

The senior class of the local high school will present its annual play, "The Masonic Ring," on Tuesday night, March 11, at 8 o'clock in the new high school auditorium. Watch for the posters and ticket letters. Also watch for further announcement in the next issue of the Roanoke News.

THE SPEAKER.

The speaker at a dinner usually begins: "Mr. Chairman and gentlemen"--you see what he thinks of the chairman.

NOTICE OF PENDCY OF SUITS.

North Carolina, Halifax County, In the Superior Court, Skinner Engine Company vs. THE SAME, The Crane Company vs. THE SAME, Chattanooga Sewer Pipe Works vs. THE SAME.

NOTICE OF PENDCY OF SUITS.

Notice is hereby given of the pendency of the above-entitled suits in the Superior Court of Halifax County, the purposes of said suits being to recover judgments against the defendants on account of labor and materials furnished in the performance of a certain contract entered into on the 10th day of February, 1922, by and between defendant Town of Littleton for the installation of a water and light plant and a sewerage system and to subject a certain bond executed by defendants Bacon & Moore and Maryland Casualty Company to the payment thereof.

Trustee's Sale of Land.

By virtue of power vested in me by that deed of trust executed to me on the 15th day of December, 1917, by Mrs. Glenn C. Johnston, Lottis A. Brown and husband, S. B. Brown, and Fannie Johnston, which deed of trust is of record in the Register of Deeds Office for Halifax county, N. C., in Book 280, page 448, I will, on

Saturday, the 29th day of March,

1924, in the Town of Scotland Neck, N. C., in front of Burroughs-Pittman-Wheeler Company's store, between the hours of twelve and one o'clock, sell at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, that tract of land in Faneuil Township, Halifax county, State of North Carolina, known as the "Bill Daniels Farm," and being the same land devised by will of W. Daniel to the children of the late Charles Johnston, and containing five hundred and fifty-four (554) acres.

This the 21st day of February, 1924. S. A. DUNN, Trustee.

WHY do vegetables differ from fruit?

—because, in general, vegetables (radishes) are, or grow on, plants that die after yielding once. Fruits (Apples) grow on plants that keep yielding, year after year. Each of the following

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from the others in action, yet all are effective, pure and safe.

PURETEST EPSOM SALT—An epsom salt at last that is easy to take.

PURETEST MINERAL OIL—Russian Type—A gentle intestinal lubricant.

PURETEST CASTOR OIL—Positive in action and easy to give to children.

Three of 200 Puretest preparations. Every item the best that skill and conscience can produce.

WELDON DRUG CO.,

The Retail Drug Store

WELDON, N. C.

NOTICE.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Dallas Johnson, deceased, this is to notify all persons holding claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned within one year from date hereof or this notice will be plead in bar thereof. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 14th February, 1924.

J. E. BRANCH,

Adm. of estate Dallas Johnson, dec'd. 2 16 24.

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