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## OLD WELDON

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

April 2, 1891.—About five or six miles from Scotland Neck lives an old gentleman about 90 years old. His name is Jethro Edmunds. Mr. Edmunds has been married twice, and is the father of twenty-one children.

Mr. Edward T. Clark has bought the residence corner 7th and Maple streets and will move into it in a few days.

Mr. M. F. Hart will bring his family back to town and occupy his house corner 4th and Maple streets.

On Thursday last early in the morning "Big Bill," a negro man, entered Major Emory's stable and stole a lot of tools which had been temporarily placed there. When the stable was opened he was found asleep on a bale of hay. He confessed to having stolen the tools and promised to get them, but when he reached the door he ran for the woods. He was chased by Tom Flagg and caught. He attempted to kill Flagg with a razor, but only succeeded in inflicting a slight wound on one of his fingers.

On the 22nd of March Captain James Simmons celebrated his ninety-second birthday. Captain Simmons is the oldest man in the county and the best.

Married, on Wednesday, the 25th ult., by the Rev. Mr. Grissom, at the M. E. Church, in Halifax, Mr. George Stephenson and Miss Hattie Whitehead, daughter of Mr. J. A. Whitehead, Esq., of Halifax county.

At the regular annual meeting of the congregation of Grace Episcopal church last Monday night the following vestry was elected for the ensuing year: W. W. Hall, Dr. A. R. Zollicoffer, P. E. Lynn, J. T. Evans, Captain T. H. Chavasse.

Vestry elected by St. Mark's church, Halifax: S. M. Gary, J. T. Gregory, Geo. Gilliam, J. J. Daniel, J. L. Ousby.

Miss Mary Pierce is visiting friends in Littleton.

Mrs. W. R. Smith is visiting relatives in Oxford.

Mrs. R. S. Hall went on a visit to Scotland Neck Friday.

Commonwealth's Attorney Mullen, of Petersburg, was in town Monday.

Master George Green spent the Easter holidays at home and returned to school at Warrenton Tuesday.

Miss Eliza Purnell returned from Baltimore last week bringing with her Miss L. E. Walker, who will have charge of the millinery department of Mrs. P. A. Lewis' store this season.

### MOTION PICTURE OF N. C. C. W.

Women from eight counties, who will meet in Rocky Mount Saturday, April 26th, will witness the private exhibition of the motion picture of the North Carolina College for Women. Miss Emily Austin, alumnae chairman for the Fifth District in the student-alumnae building fund campaign, has summoned former students there from Vance, Warren, Northampton, Franklin, Nash, Edgecombe, Halifax and Pitt counties for the preliminary conference.

President Julius I. Foust, Miss Clara B. Byrd, alumnae secretary, and others will address the visitors. College yells, college songs and recollections of alma mater will be additional features.

The motion picture, which it is planned to release for public showings in local theatres before the actual campaign starts, is described as a remarkably enlightening revelation of the scope of the women's college.

Most of the 1,400 students appear in various parts of the film which takes in the academic buildings and dormitories and familiar scenes about the campus, including the rush for dinner hour, chapel and mail hours.

All former N. C. C. W. students are urged not to forget the date and the place of meeting: Saturday, April 26th, at Ricks Hotel, Rocky Mount.

Every Property Owner to use L. & M. Semi-Paste Paint and make his own Paint for \$2.82 per gallon. See advertisement in this paper and note a gallon costs nothing if not satisfactory.

## EASTER SERVICES

At the Methodist Church Enjoyed By Large Congregations.

The Easter services at the Methodist church were enjoyed by a large congregation at both services on Sunday last. The pastor, Rev. G. W. Perry, preached a most inspiring sermon at the morning hour on the Resurrection theme, his text being taken from St. John's Gospel 20th Chapter 19th verse picturing vividly the first appearance to the despairing Disciples of the Risen Lord. The music was appropriate and well rendered and the church beautifully decorated with spring flowers and all the surroundings conducive to a thorough enjoyment of the glad Easter day. At the evening hour there was no sermon but in connection with Scripture lesson and prayer the choir gave an Easter recital which was much enjoyed. Mrs. Alice Hudson with Mrs. C. E. Williamson at the organ as directors had trained the singers so well that when each one so well rendered the part assigned them it would be unfair to make any special mention. It is extremely gratifying that so many people are worshipping with this congregation at every service and the pastor extends to all a hearty welcome.

The following program was rendered:

"Spring Song," Mendelssohn. "God so Loved the World," Choir.

"Let All the World Rejoice," Choir. Scripture Lesson: Rev. G. W. Perry.

Solo: "Song of Spring," (Lowden) Mr. John Randleman. Chorus: "Easter," (Lowden) Choir.

Solo: "For Me" (Lowden) Mrs. Alice Hudson. Invocation: Dr. D. B. Zollicoffer.

Organ: (a) Bengel's "Song without Words" (b) Lassen's "A Dream" Mrs. C. E. Williamson.

Solo: "Hosanna," Mrs. Frank Crofton. "The Stone Is Rolled Away," (Lowden) Choir.

Offertory: "Consolation" (Mendelssohn) Organ. Solo: "The Resurrection," Miss Annie Rowe House.

"In the End of the Sabbath," Choir. Lowden's "Praise God for Easter," Choir.

Benediction: Rev. G. W. Perry. Postlude: Selection from Wagner—Organ.

## KITCHEN IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN FOR HALIFAX COUNTY.

The Woman's County Council of Halifax county, under the direction of the Home Demonstration Agent, Miss Allen, is launching a Kitchen Improvement campaign for the spring and summer.

This campaign is not concerned alone with the introduction of these favorite pieces of modern equipment which may recommend themselves to one's fancy. The big fundamental idea behind it is the study of the arrangement and the use of what we already possess in order that the housework may be reduced to a minimum and the efficiency and the joy in the work increased. Many women travel miles and miles of useless distances yearly, trudging from the work table to the water pail and back across the room to the stove and back again, only to repeat the round dozens of times during the day.

But the campaign will go further than this. It contemplates ways and means of health saving as well as labor saving devices. There are so many improvements which might be effected without any great expense and very little work.

The first requisite is to make one's workshop safe for health and convenient for the rapid dispatch of the duties of the day. But there is still another factor in this contest. The place where a woman spends at least half of her waking hours should be made reasonably attractive and so many of these things may be done with very little work on the part of the individual.

The Home Demonstration Agent is meeting the women of all the school communities to explain the details of this campaign. It is her policy to assist the women in analyzing their present situation and plan how to secure the greatest results with the least expenditure of money. The contest will run through the summer months and those who are interested should get in touch with the Home Demonstration Agent and secure her co-operation in re-organizing their workshops.

## FARM NOTES.

By W. O. Davis, County Agent, Weldon, N. C.

This is the time to plan our crops of feed, forage and home supplies that will be grown this summer and run us in 1925. It seems impossible to get our farmers to realize the absolute necessity of growing these supplies at home. In the Southern States that have had weevil damage for some years the supply merchants and bankers refuse to furnish supplies or loan money to farmers who have not produced food for themselves and feed sufficient for all the animals on the farm. Suppose we have a wet June, then we will surely have trouble with the weevils in July and August and may lose 25 to 30 per cent of the crop. This condition can very easily happen and would certainly make it harder for the farmers who have no supplies to get credit to run on in 1925. But the man who does grow his feed and food this summer will not need much help in 1925 and won't have any trouble in getting what financing he does need. It has been the history of weevil damage from the beginning that the man who lives at home is damaged the least by weevils and is the first to overcome him. Knowing these facts we want to urge our farmers to grow home supplies this year.

Farmers that will have wool to sell this spring can get help from this office about selling it. We would like to get in touch with every farmer who has sheep.

We want to caution farmers about the danger of excessive use of nitrate of soda this year, particularly the use of heavy applications of top dressing late in the season. There is also danger of too heavy applications at planting time as this will cause too large stalk growth and produce shade with the consequence weevil damage. Try to balance the amount of nitrogen so as to produce a stalk about thirty inches tall. This size stalk will produce a good yield but not enough shade to cause rotting or protect the weevils. All top dressings should be applied at chopping time. Late applications will produce excessive late growth, preventing early maturity, and also furnishing late weevil feed to shed them into winter quarters in strong vigorous condition so that a large number of weevils will emerge next spring.

## B. Y. P. U. CONVENTION.

Undaunted by the down pour of rain on last Friday morning, quite a large delegation from the Baptist church motored down to Scotland Neck to attend the Roanoke Association B. Y. P. U. Convention.

We were indeed fortunate to have as our speakers some of the leading men in our denomination. Mr. Walter Gilmore, our Stewardship Director, gave us a most unique and happy address on "The High Cost of Loving," the climax of which was "The Cost of Christ's Love was His Life for Us."

The other speakers were Mr. Perry Morgan, our State Secretary, Mr. Bryce Little, our State President, and Mr. C. F. Gore, our Association President.

On entering the church, Mr. Morgan remarked, "Well this meeting will be a test of the interest of this Association."

Judging from the big numbers present in spite of the rain, and interest manifested, he must think this Association is running over with enthusiasm and loyalty.

This is certainly the greatest convention we have had, and to Scotland Neck we are indebted for no small part of it. We were entertained royally. Scotland Neck doesn't do things by halves.

## THE BEDDING LAW.

Mr. L. G. Whitley, Chief Sanitary Inspector for North Carolina, paid us a call last week. He is going around checking up on State sanitary privy laws, hotels, cafes, screens, garbage handling and rubbish exposed. The bedding law is a new law and very few people know anything about it. But it is a law passed by the last General Assembly. Here it is: "It is against the law to sell old mattresses which has shoddy material which has been once used." In other words it is against the law to sell a mattress and take it back and resell it.

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## SPRIGHTLY SPARKS.

Gathered Here and There and Everywhere.

Gardeners are busy. One more school month. Who will be Queen of the May. There will be an abundant fruit crop.

The rock fish season is near at hand. It will not be many days before the leaves will be grown.

The early bird catches the worm, but it's liable to be investigated afterwards. Our idea of an optimist is the Weldon man who can see only the auto and not the mortgage.

Of course Weldon people trust in God. Just look how some of them drive their automobiles. Radio isn't going to appeal very strongly to political orators. They won't be able to hear the applause.

If a girl blushes nowadays it's usually when you catch her before she has time to don her make-up. Uncle Robert Epps says it's pretty hard to keep a good reputation, but a bad one will take care of itself.

You have also probably observed that some people are like cider, sweet enough until it's time to work. "As it looks to me," says Mr. S. Trueblood, "a lot of fellows were mistaking Teapot Dome for the sugar bowl."

It's easy for a Weldon man to live on his wife's money if she has any, but he can't go to heaven on her religion. We know some Weldon women who read fiction stories, and others who just listen to their husband's alibis.

Wish some one would come along who could tell us what becomes of all the stocking tops after the feet are gone. If curiosity killed a cat, as the old saying goes, then we know some people who ought to qualify as big game hunters.

The trouble in this world is too many people measure their success in life by the amount of space they get in the newspapers. A New York jockey says a woman has a right to bob her hair even if her husband objects. There's another clean cut decision.

Divorce doesn't always separate the sheep from the goats. It only makes goats out of some men who should have stayed single. Not all the Chinese bandits are busy holding up missionaries. Some of them are shipping Mah Jongg sets to the United States.

R. J. Perry the barber wishes the public to know that while he makes a specialty of shaving necks he never talks behind a man's back. Mr. W. J. Stokes wants to know what has become of the old-fashioned family that used to keep the Bible where they could always find it.

The Weldon auto owner who tries to keep his machine in four tires knows how the fellow feels who has to keep about eight pairs of feet in shoes. A scientist says the next generation will have no taste for liquor. And we thought all along that a coon dog's puppy just naturally takes to treeing coons.

They say skirts are going to be still shorter this year. We hope not, for then the married men of Weldon would have to get a permit to leave their own yards. According to Mr. Paul Joyner, all this talk about labeling married men is foolish. "You can always tell them by the dandruff on their coat collars."

About the time a Weldon man reaches 55 he forgets his boyhood ambition to be president and only hopes that he'll be able to keep his funeral from being held at the poor house.

## REPUBLICANS NOMINATE.

M. R. Vick, of Halifax county, was nominated as Congressional candidate at the Second Congressional District Republican Convention, which was held in the court house at Tarboro on Wednesday, April 16th. There were twenty-five or more delegates present and every county of the district was represented with the exception of Bertie.

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## ROANOKE RAPIDS POWER CO.

Bought By The V. R. & P. Company.—Transaction Involving One Million Dollars, Is Announced.

Purchase of the Roanoke Rapids Power Company at Roanoke Rapids, by the Virginia Railway and Power Company, the transaction involving approximately 1,000,000, was announced last week by Thomas S. Wheelwright, president of the power company.

The deal for the North Carolina power company, which it is understood has been under consideration for some time, was consummated through a local bank. Through it the Virginia Railway and Power Company acquires the power company at Roanoke Rapids, situated on the Seaboard Air Line just north of Weldon.

Thomas S. Wheelwright, president of the Virginia Railway and Power Company made the following statement in regard to the purchase: "In pursuance of a policy of safeguarding the light and power system of this company, the directors of the company have found it desirable to purchase an outlay of approximately \$1,000,000 the R. Rapids Power Co., at Roanoke Rapids. At this point the company has already a large amount of undeveloped water rights and by reason of the ownership of the Roanoke Rapids Power Company it is possible in future to make developments in hydro-electric power and connect with the transmission system of this company by high tension lines, thus curtailing in a measure further investment in steam power to insure the continuity of the service and provide for future extensions.

This situation has been fully appreciated by the bankers with whom the company is dealing and to whom we must look for future credit and the appropriation of funds is justified for development of the light and power departments only because the investment in this department is protected by regulation and control of the state commissions.

The Roanoke Rapids Power Company was organized 33 years ago by Maj. T. L. Emry and others. Now it will be smoothed sailing for the V. R. & P. Company. They already own the water power here and also at Thelma.

It is the purpose of this company, so we learn, to build an immense dam at Thelma at once and they may decide to develop the power at Weldon. We also learn that Weldon will be the distributing point for the power for hundreds of miles.

We don't know of anything that has happened in quite a while that means so much for the advancement of development of this tremendous water power. It will cost a large sum of money to harness the Roanoke, but the people behind this scheme have both brains and money to push it to a successful end.

## ATTENDED THE CONVENTION.

The following from Weldon attended the B. Y. P. U. Convention at Scotland Neck last week: N. J. Shepherd, C. F. Gore, Dr. E. D. Poe, Miss Maude Harris, Miss Pearl Harris, Virginia Pope, Elizabeth Anthony, Katherine Jones, Gladys Jones, Margaret Johnson, Leo Dixon, Charles Chappel, C. R. Daniel, Annie Sue Howell, Mabel Howell, Maxine Holzclaw, Mrs. O. P. Mohorn, Mary Reaves, Verna Reaves, Ellen Reaves, Harvey Williams, Robert Morehead, Dail Williams, Daisy Dudash, Dason Dudash.

## MEASURING PARTY.

The Sophia Lenneau Circle of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist church will have a Measuring Party at the home of Mrs. J. H. Rowell, Friday evening, April 25th, at 8 o'clock. Everybody cordially invited to go and take a penny for every inch tall they are. A good time is being planned for all.

## A CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all the kind people of Weldon for their sympathy, flowers and financial help at the time of the illness and death of our dear little boy "Tug." May God bless and help each one of you.

Mr. & Mrs. M. A. TURNER.

## THE TIME TABLE

In Which You Will Find Correctly Scheduled the Arrival and Departure of Your Friends and Acquaintances.

Miss Ella Lindsay spent the Easter holidays in Norfolk.

Miss Erma Claude spent the Easter holidays at Drewryville.

Mr. John Johnson, of Newbern, spent the Easter holidays here.

Mrs. S. B. Valentine, of Norfolk, is spending a few days in town.

Mr. D. L. Hornaday, of Richmond, was a week-end visitor here.

Mr. and Mrs. Camm Tilghman have returned from their bridal tour.

Miss Eunice Clark, of Richmond, spent the week-end with relatives here.

Miss Marvel Mitchell has returned from a visit to Rocky Mount.

Mrs. W. E. Crutchfield, of Greensboro, spent the holidays in Weldon.

Mrs. D. B. Zollicoffer spent the Easter holidays with relatives at Smithfield.

Mr. Alex Johnson, of Bell buckle, Institute, spent the Easter holidays in Weldon.

Mr. Walter S. Wilkins, of Norfolk, spent the week end with relatives here.

Mr. Sterling Pierce, of Randolph Macon Academy, spent the Easter holidays here.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Travis, Jr., of Scotland Neck, were visitors here this week.

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

Mr. Carlisle Snead, of Richmond, spent the Easter holidays with relatives in Weldon.

Mr. S. B. Allen, of Greensboro, spent the Easter holidays with relatives in Weldon.

Mr. W. W. Sledge, of Durham, spent the Easter holidays with relatives in Weldon.

Mr. Albert Rabil, of Richmond, spent the Easter holidays with relatives in Weldon.

Miss Lucile Allen, of Greensboro College, spent the Easter with relatives here.

Mr. William Johnston, of the State College, Raleigh, spent the Easter holidays here.

Mrs. A. W. Dunn and children, of Scotland Neck, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Daniel.

Miss Evelyn Brown, of Roanoke Rapids, spent the week end with Miss Elizabeth Vaughan.

Messrs. John Wyche and Grainger Pierce, of Trinity College, spent the holidays here.

Dr. Donald Daniel, of the Richmond Medical College, spent the Easter holidays in Weldon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Howard and children, of Kinston, spent the Easter holidays in Weldon.

Mrs. A. W. Hall and little son, of Warrenton, spent the Easter holidays with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Stainback and children, of Greensboro, spent the Easter holidays in Weldon.

Mrs. Ed Hall who has been visiting relatives in Fayetteville and Warrenton, has returned to Weldon.

Mr. Earl Mountcastle, of the State College, Raleigh, spent the Easter holidays with relatives in Weldon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Tyree and children, of Rocky Mount, spent the Easter holidays with Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Owen.

Messrs. Eli Bloom, Ellis Farber and Walter Allen, of the State University, spent the Easter holidays with relatives here.

Mr. David Jackson Ward spent the Easter holidays in Washington, D. C., where he witnessed the great game of base ball.

## ROANOKE RAPIDS-ROSEMARY.

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

Mrs. Sledge and daughter, of Norfolk, were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Williams.

Fletcher Batchelor, of Nashville, spent Sunday with his uncle, Rev. E. N. Harrison.

Misses Eoline Everett and Marjorie Craig left Friday to spend a few days in Winston-Salem. They attended the Moravian Easter service held at sunrise Sunday morning.

Mrs. C. F. Ogletree and Mrs. Ella Wooley motored to Henderson Wednesday.

Misses Josephine Hedge and Thelma Mills, of the N. C. C. W., are spending the Easter holidays here with their parents.

Miss Eva Sadler, of Richmond, is visiting relatives in Rosemary.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dalton, of Selma, were the week-end guests of relatives here.

The funeral services of Mrs. H. R. Bryant who died Tuesday in R. R. hospital were held in Nashville on Friday by Rev. E. N. Harrison.

The funeral services of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Crutchfield were held on Sunday afternoon by Rev. E. N. Harrison.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Taylor left Monday for Nashville where they will make their home.

Mr. W. M. Martin, of Henderson, was a visitor here this week. He is a native of this county.

Mrs. Earl James and children, of Elkin, who have been spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Johnston, have returned home.

Misses Margaret Hudson, Louise Hayward, Annette Boney, Virginia House, Louise Farber, Bessie Jones, and Helen Rowell, of N. C. C. W. Greensboro, spent the Easter holidays with relatives in Weldon.

Miss Katie Parsons who has been filling a position in the Bank of Weldon, has tendered her resignation and accepted a position at her old home, Salisbury, Md. Her many friends regret exceedingly to see her leave.

## WORK IT OUT.

A young lady, who had tired of her lover's calls and fearing that he would never depart, gave him a little problem to solve. She handed him a pencil and paper and told him to "make a row of eleven ciphers; then to make a perpendicular line downward at the right of the first, fifth and tenth ciphers, and upward at the right of the fourth, seventh and eighth ciphers." After he had completed the task he surveyed it for a minute, and then without a word of explanation, suddenly departed. Work it out.

## PRIMARY OPERETTA, SCHOOL BUILDING.

On Monday evening, April 28, the music department will present an operetta—On Mid-Summers Days. The characters chosen from the lower grades will represent flowers, bees, butterflies and fairies.

The queen of the fairies is represented by Alice Garner. This is given by the high school music club for equipment used in this department. Admission 20 and 40 cents. Come.

## ANNOUNCEMENT.

The following announcement has been received by friends in Weldon: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thomas Hancock announce the marriage of their daughter, Eva Ruth, to Mr. Julian Brown Coppedge on Tuesday, April the fifteenth, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, Scotland Neck, N. C.

The bride formerly held a prominent position in the office of Registrar of Deeds in Halifax and the groom is one of Weldon's prominent business men and is very highly thought of. We wish for them a long life of happiness.

## NOTICE.

There will be a called meeting of the Civic Department of the Woman's Club at the residence of Mrs. M. E. Bounds on Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Every member is requested to be present.

Messrs. Walter Daniel and Browne Holoman, of Wake Forest College, spent the Easter holidays with relatives in Weldon.

Misses Ethel and Elsie Mae Crew, of N. C. C. W., Greensboro, spent the Easter holidays with relatives at Pleasant Hill.

Mr. & Mrs. M. A. TURNER.

## DIED OF PNEUMONIA.

Died at the residence of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Turner, in this place, on Wednesday evening of last week, Alva Brooks Turner, or "Tug" Turner as he was familiarly known. He was in the 9th year of his age and died from double pneumonia. The funeral took place on Thursday from the Baptist church, Rev. E. D. Poe, officiating and the interment was at the family burying ground in Northampton county.

## QUEEN OF THE PANTRY.

The Queen of the Pantry, a cook book published by the Woman's Auxiliary and Guild of Grace Episcopal church, of Weldon, is just from the press. It is indeed a very valuable book and should be in the home of every one in the city. It is very neatly printed and contains many valuable recipes. The price is only \$1.00. Buy one.

## Why is this leap year?

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