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ROANOKE RAPIDS-ROSEMARY.

Personals and Items of Interest from the Twin City.

[By Our Special Correspondent.] Scout Master Ned Manning and his troop of Boy Scouts left Thursday morning for a two weeks camping trip at White Lake.

Mr. J. L. Cobb and wife motored to Petersburg Thursday.

Mrs. C. N. Wheeler returned Friday from a six weeks visit in the mountains of West Virginia.

J. W. Smoot motored to Rocky Mount Thursday to spend a few days.

Mrs. Ben Summerell, Miss Louise Ayers and Sadie Ausbon, of Plymouth, visited relatives here Sunday.

The prizes given each year in Roanoke Rapids mill village for the best yard and garden, were awarded last week as follows: W. A. Butts won first prize for both yard and garden, \$20 each. T. H. Gardner, 2nd garden prize \$10; M. H. Wilson 3rd prize \$6. R. H. Edmondson 4th prize \$4. Mrs. W. T. Glover and Mrs. J. R. Jenkins tied for the 2nd yard prize and received \$10 each.

Miss Ruth Tramm has returned from Raleigh where she was the guest of Mrs. George Isley.

Ellis H. Joyner was elected assistant cashier of the Citizens Bank and Trust Co., last week.

Mrs. F. G. Jarman and children are staying at Willoughby Beach.

Miss Mary Anderson is at Ocean View.

Wm. A. Murray is visiting in Cheraw, S. C.

Mrs. Dora Thompson, of Chesnee, S. C., is the guest of L. S. Cannon and family.

Mrs. George Gurley and family left Friday via motor for Union, S. C., to spend some time.

Miss Beulah Short won the toy automobile in the attendance contest put on by Mr. Jess Dobbins.

Miss Grace Smith is the guest of relatives in South Hill, Va.

Mrs. Fannie Manning has returned from visiting friends in Henderson.

Roanoke Rapids oldest citizen, Howard Gray died at his home on First street on Friday morning at the age of ninety.

Story hour was held Saturday afternoon between five and six o'clock in Rosemary Park for the Rosemary children and in Roanoke Rapids Park for the children of that town.

Lawrence Smith, of Chapel Hill, is the guest of L. H. Barrow.

Miss Sarah Crawford Towe entertained about fifty of her little friends on Tuesday afternoon in honor of her fourth birthday.

Mrs. W. S. Hancock and children, of Greensboro, are the guests of Mrs. J. M. Jackson.

Miss Lucy Millette, of Chase City, is the guest of Miss Eula Collier.

Mr. Coy Dean and family, of Aberdeen, are the guests of Mr. Sam Thompson.

Master Ray Wrihtmeyer celebrated his second birthday Saturday by entertaining a number of his little friends.

Mr. L. G. Shell and family left Tuesday for the mountains of Western North Carolina.

Rev. R. H. Broom is spending his vacation in Eastern Carolina.

Mrs. W. P. Vaughan has as her guest her mother, Mrs. Mary Daniels, of Richmond.

Mrs. R. R. Fleming and children, of Arkansas, were the weekend guests of W. P. Vaughan and family.

Rev. F. Patrick Dennison, D. D., of Virginia, will hold revival services in Quakey Baptist church next week.

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SECURED CONTRACT.

Major R. T. Daniel last week secured the contract to build the large school building at Macon. The cost of the building will be \$11,000.

Major Daniel drew the plans for the building, and although the school law says the plans shall be drawn by a registered architect, the school board accepted Major Daniel's plans which was quite a compliment to our townsman.

IN "BY-GONE" DAYS.

Things That Happened 33 Years Ago in Town and Vicinity.

July 30, 1891.—Two negroes, Aleck Banks and Jim Exum got into an altercation here Monday night and soon came to blows. During the scrimmage Banks threw a brick at Exum which struck him in the face and broke his cheek bone. Exum lay as one dead for a while, but finally came to life again.

On Sunday last Henry Walston, white, killed William T. Baker, also white, near Enfield. It seems that Baker was whipping Walston's son, when Walston engaged in the fight. He had a gun in his hand at the time, but instead of shooting Baker hit him over the head with it, both hammers sinking into the head through the skull. Baker it is said attacked Walston with a knife.

Miss Ammie Powers is visiting friends in Goldsboro.

Miss Kate Ousby, of Halifax, is visiting the family of Mr. B. F. Gary.

Misses Annie and Kate Cohen, of Enfield, are visiting Miss Mabel Zollicoffer.

Miss Kate Gary, who has been visiting relatives in Jarratts, Va., has returned home.

Miss Bettie Badger, of Raleigh, who has been visiting Mrs. W. H. Day, returned home Tuesday.

Mrs. J. A. Musgrove and Mrs. A. B. Pierce left for Linton Monday where they will spend several weeks.

Mrs. J. T. Evans, who has been visiting relatives in the neighborhood of Tillery, returned home Tuesday.

Miss Willie Norwood, who has been visiting Miss Mary Pierce for the past three weeks, left for her home in Warrenton last Saturday.

Miss Addie Thorne, of Bethel, and the Misses Barlett, of Mississippi, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Clark, returned home Saturday.

A horrible crime was committed last Thursday about eighteen miles from here, near Margaretsville. Two negroes, Jack Jordan and Dred Francis, made an assault on Mrs. Amanda Lewis, white, in broad day light, in presence of her husband, who was prevented from resistance by weakness superinduced by a long attack of sickness and by threats of the demons. The negroes were arrested and remanded to jail for trial. Dred Francis had been but a short time before discharged from the Virginia penitentiary. They are now in Halifax jail.

GOOD WORD FOR COFFEE.

Coffee so often has been condemned as bad for nerves, complexions and a few other things, that a word in its defense from the New York Medical Journal is interesting. Coffee in moderation, says this publication, does not produce nervous ailments nor does removal of coffee from the diet cure them. Coffee with cream and sugar, says the journal, is a source of food and energy. As a stimulant for many conditions of the stomach, there is no better or simpler preparation than well-prepared coffee. It is also thought to be excellent for relieving kidney troubles. Taken in excess, however coffee is harmful, as many of the best foods are.

ASSOCIATED CHARITIES.

The Board of Directors of the Associated Charities of Weldon held its regular meeting July 21. The meeting was called to order by the superintendent, Mr. C. F. Gore and was led in prayer by Dr. E. D. Poe. The roll was called and minutes of last meeting were read by the secretary, Mrs. H. V. Bounds.

Several worthy cases were reported and committees appointed to investigate same and render such aid that was deemed necessary.

The Board expressed much sympathy for Mrs. Safy in the death of her husband, who left five children. Mrs. Safy will continue the business of her late husband and any patronage given her will be helpful and appreciated. The meeting adjourned to meet in October with Mrs. T. C. Harrison.

WELDON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Formally Presented to the Town Tuesday by Mrs. S. B. Pierce and Accepted by Mr. W. L. Scott.

In 1923 the Board of Town Commissioners of Weldon appointed a Library Board of Directors whose work it was to organize the Public Library and direct it for a designated length of time. As soon as Library funds were available the Library Board of Directors began its work.

The old Town Hall, which was given to the Library to be used as the Public Library Building, has been repainted and properly fitted, very attractive window boxes (which were donated) add considerably to the appearance of the building.

Miss Fleurnoy, of the North Carolina Library Commission, spent several days in town last week helping to organize the Library and instructing the librarian.

On Monday, July 28th, at 8 P. M., at the Library, in the presence of the Town Board of Commissioners and the Library Board of Directors, Mrs. S. B. Pierce, president of the Library Board of Directors, formally presented the library to the Town Officials. Mr. W. L. Scott, Mayor Pro. Tem., accepted it.

On Tuesday, July 29th, at 10 A. M., the Public Library was formally opened to the public. An efficient librarian is in charge. The building will be open every day (except Sunday) from 10 to 12 M., 4 to 6 P. M., and 7 to 8 P. M. There are on hand at present books of fiction, reference, travel, history, biography, science and essays. Many valuable books and sets of books have been donated by citizens of the town. All donations are greatly appreciated and add to the usefulness of the Library.

The public is cordially invited and urged to visit and freely use the library.

A NEW RECORD.

A new record in the campaign by the carriers of the country, to prevent loss or damage to shipments in transit has just been established by the American Railway Express, according to an announcement made by G. L. Cashwell, agent in charge in this city.

Figures just tabulated for the month of June show that only 2.26 shipments in every thousand are involved in claims, giving the express service a performance record of 99.8 per cent. The June claim ratio is the lowest in the history of the express company since its formation six years ago. It is an improvement of over 25 per cent. compared with June 1923.

Agent Cashwell states that he is much gratified by the progress made in solving the claim problem. Local shippers have co-operated by giving more attention to the careful preparation of their shipments.

Employees are holding monthly "Right Way" meetings to study and discuss various problems of the service and the best methods for handling the current traffic.

NEW HEALTH SERVICE STARTS IN THIS ISSUE.

The News' new health department, "Keeping Well," makes its initial appearance today on another page in this issue.

Dr. Frederick R. Green, editor of "Keeping Well," is listed in "Who's Who in America," as a graduate of two universities, instructor in anatomy at Northwestern University, 1898-1918; instructor, adjutant and major in United States army medical reserve corps, 1917-1918; at present a lieutenant colonel of M. R. C., and a high official of the American Medical Association.

Doctor Green's varied experience, together with his training as editor of Health, combine to make his writings both scientifically sound and easy to read and understand. Health is the most important subject in the world, and in offering this service The News believes it is satisfying the growing demand for accurate information about health topics.

Turn to another page and meet Doctor Green now.

THE CROPS.

The crops have improved wonderfully in the last ten days, but with the very best weather conditions, not more than a half crop can be made.

SPRITLY SPARKS.

Gathered Here and There and Everywhere.

Hot days and cool nights. One more summer month. August steps in to-morrow. The huckleberry season is here. It will soon be time to sow turnips.

The preserving season is in full blast.

The blackberry season is drawing to a close.

One more month vacation and then back to the books.

Watermelon—red meat and black seed, are in the market.

The political pot hasn't commenced to boil, in these parts.

The best way to break up a crowd is to take up a collection.

The boll weevil has made his appearance in some sections of this county.

Home-made watermelons are behind this year, owing to too much rain.

Some Weldon women's idea of necessity is most anything they can get at a cut price.

Even at that, a man would rather be kept awake by a crying baby than by a scolding wife.

The trouble with a great many men is they are like steel—all right until they lose their temper.

Our idea of a model husband is the Weldon man who is as nice to his wife in private as he is in public.

The reason life is so quiet and peaceful in rural sections is because country doctors don't tell all they know.

Of course there are crooks in politics, but did you ever see any other profession that didn't have its share?

Higher education is usually obtained at an institution that pays its football coach more than it pays its president.

A man is usually considered ignorant because he doesn't happen to know the same things you happen to know.

Home, according to the idea of some Weldon men, is a place where they can go when they want to have a quarrel.

We met one Weldon citizen yesterday who says he only believes half he hears and at that generally hears the wrong half.

The world must be in pretty good shape. No European nation has tried to borrow money from us for over two weeks.

The Weldon woman who gossips enjoys hearing herself talk but still get a lot of thrill when she's only "listening in."

This country uses thirty million dollars worth of lead pencils a year. The wear and tear comes in figuring out tax returns.

A lot of fellows spend their life trying to live up to a lot of promises they once made a certain young lady in the moonlight.

The Democrats appear to have learned one thing at their convention, and that is that New York City is a poor place to hold one.

When a Weldon girl says she'd rather walk home from church with one boy than ride home in a fine auto with another—that's love.

One reason why we never believe the fisherman who tells us about the big one that got away is because he never gives us any of the little ones that didn't.

Old Job had his boils, but he never knew what patience was compared with the man who has to stand in front of a barber shop and wait for his wife to have her hair bobbed.

SHOT ON HIGHWAY.

A chattering statement from Cheatham Evans, 21-year-old frightened negro, barricaded in Taylor's store, nine miles from Nashville Monday afternoon saved Evans from the hands of a determined mob outside, resulted in the recovery of the body of A. L. Joyner, 40-year-old chauffeur of Hollister, missing since Saturday night, landed Evans behind the stone walls of the State prison for safe keeping, and five other negroes in the hands of authorities of Nash and Halifax counties.

Elijah Lynch and Walter Evans were arrested and brought to the Nash county jail, in Nashville, while Ernest Lee, Tom Lee and George Brown were held by the Halifax authorities.

MASONIC EDUCATIONAL MEETING.

The district conference of the 4th Masonic district composed of all the Masters, Wardens and Educational Secretaries will meet at the Masonic Hall Friday night, August 1st, at 8 o'clock P. M., and all Master Masons are invited to attend this meeting.

Dr. W. C. Wicker, Educational Field Secretary, A. F. & A. M., North Carolina, will be present and deliver an address on masonic education and the district will be thoroughly organized and work in masonic education started. All lodges in the district are urged to send a large representation. The masonic educational work has two main objects in view: First, to instruct masons in the meaning of masonic teaching; second, to develop an organization which will give the solid, loyal support of all masons to the public schools of the State in particular and to higher education in general.

Dr. Wicker is a speaker known all over the State and his work now is devoted entirely to masonic education. He is a clear, forceful speaker and it is hoped that a large number of masons will be out to hear him.

FUNERAL OF MR. SAFY.

The Mullin, (S. C.) Enterprise in speaking of the funeral of the late Mr. Safy who died here last week, says:

"The funeral which attracted more than usual interest was held Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, when the remains of George J. Safy, in charge of the local Masonic order were laid to rest in the beautiful little cemetery of Cedar-dale, just outside of the city limits.

The body, in charge of the family, arrived here Saturday morning from Weldon, N. C., where Safy had lived for some time, Mr. Safy dying Friday. He had been ill for several months and just before his death he expressed a desire to be brought back here for burial.

Mr. Safy was about 47 years of age, having come to this country from Sidon, Syria, something like 24 years ago, about eight years after which he came to Mullins and went into dustness and remained for about 15 years. During this period he made friends by the hundreds and at the time of his death was highly respected because of his honesty in business affairs and his devotion to his church and fraternal connections. He was a member of Macedonia Methodist church; also a member of the local Masonic lodge and always showed a keen interest in local civic movements.

Fellow countrymen and friends from all over the central and Pee Dee section of the State came in large numbers to pay their last respects and to assist the people of Mullins to render service to Mr. Safy.

Mr. Safy is survived by a widow, who likewise has a large number of friends here; five children and a sister, Mrs. Alexander Nofal, of Florence.

THERE'S A REASON.

Some farmers can work twelve hours a day on a piece of land and make a bare living.

Other farmers can work on the same piece of land ten hours day and make a living and a profit beside.

Some men can take a business enterprise, and not only fail to make a living, but go seriously in debt.

Other men can take the same enterprise, with all its handicaps, and make it profitable.

There's a reason for the difference.

The successful man studies conditions and analyzes suggestions and makes improvements as rapidly as it is possible for him to do so. His returns are in proportion to the activity of his brain.

The failure is slow to change. He doesn't take any stock in new fangled notions. What was good enough for his father is good enough for him. And that is all he gets.

When put to a practical use, brains become a valuable asset.

REVIVAL MEETING.

A revival meeting will begin at the Baptist church in this place on the 4th Sunday in August. Dr. E. D. Poe will do the preaching and Mr. James McCrary, of Laurens, S. C., will lead the singing.

DOTS AND DASHES.

About Folks You Know, Will Know, or Ought To Know.

Mr. C. L. Jones spent the week-end at Bunn.

Mr. N. J. Shepherd spent the week-end in Richmond.

Master Ovid Pierce has returned from a visit to Goldsboro.

Mr. A. C. Sledge is spending a few days in Norfolk.

Mrs. T. C. Harrison has returned from a visit to Enfield.

Mr. S. B. Allen, of Greensboro, visited relatives here last week.

Mr. Fritz Smith, of Newbern, is the guest of Mr. Grainger Pierce.

Mrs. E. G. Garlick and children are visiting relatives in Richmond.

Mrs. F. M. Shamburger, of Roxboro, is visiting relatives in town.

Dr. E. D. Poe conducted a revival at South Hill, Va., last week.

Mrs. C. E. Williamson and little son are visiting relatives at Townsville.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Scott and children spent the week end in Petersburg.

Mr. W. W. Sledge, of Durham spent the week-end with relatives here.

Mr. E. G. Garlick is attending the Furniture Exposition at High Point.

Mrs. C. F. Gore and children are visiting relatives at Washington, N. C.

Mr. J. R. Crew and family have returned from a visit to Duplin county.

Mr. J. B. Brickell, of Salisbury, is visiting relatives in Weldon and vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Johnston, of Littleton, were visitors here Sunday.

Dr. E. D. Poe and family are spending a while at Ogburn's Springs, Va.

Miss Ola Bell Whitehead has returned from a visit to relatives in Rocky Mount.

Mr. H. Farber and family have returned from a visit to Baltimore and New York.

Messrs. R. S. and J. B. Hall, of Scotland Neck, were visitors here last week.

Rev. R. G. Kendrick and family, of Portsmouth, are visiting relatives in Weldon.

Mrs. J. P. Holoman is at home after having spent two weeks at Panacea Springs.

Misses Ida Bloom and Anna Seigal, of Richmond, are visiting Miss Louise Farber.

Mrs. N. J. Shepherd and children have returned from a visit to relatives in Richmond.

Mrs. James Tyree and children, of Rocky Mount, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Owen.

Mrs. W. E. Crutchfield and son, of Greensboro, spent the week-end with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hardison are spending a few days at New Bern and Morehead City.

Mrs. E. L. Williams and daughter have returned from a visit to relatives in Washington, N. C.

Mrs. Sallie Brickell who has been visiting relatives in Dillon and Marion, S. C., has returned home.

Master A. H. Suiter who has been visiting relatives here has returned to his home at Rocky Mount.

Messrs. Charles, Walter and Beryl Allen and Mr. Christobel Rhodeigo, are spending a few days at Virginia Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Tilghman, of Mecklenburg county, Va., were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Barnes.

Mrs. N. S. Barnes and daughter, Mary Letha, who have been visiting relatives at Waverly, Va., have returned home.

Mrs. Alma Lankford, of Salisbury, Md., is visiting in the families of Mrs. M. E. Bounds and Mrs. J. I. Wyche.

Misses Virginia Joyner and Byrd Suiter, of Garysburg, who have been visiting relatives and friends here, have returned home.

Notice!

BILLS for light and power for month of July 1924 NOW DUE should be paid promptly by check to the

Roanoke Rapids Power Co.,
at Roanoke Rapids, N. C.

Or at
Weldon Bank & Trust Co.,
Weldon, N. C.

No discount allowed after the 10th of the month.

J. T. CHASE,
General Manager.

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PHONES: 161-Roanoke Rapids

CONTRIBUTED.

Mr. Hobson Stainback, Mrs. W. T. Birdsong and children motored to Kittrell last week to attend the family reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Cooper and children attended the birthday dinner given by Mr. S. G. Stainback at Kittrell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Moss, of Weldon, spent Wednesday with their father, Mr. S. G. Stainback, Kittrell.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Glasgow and family visited Kittrell last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Stainback, of Aurelian Springs, attended the Stainback family reunion at Kittrell last week.

Mr. E. S. Stainback and family, of Roanoke Rapids, visited Kittrell last week.

Miss Nancy Belle Stainback attended the reunion at her father's last week.

If you want an up-to-date Brunswick stew, get in touch with Mr. S. C. Glasgow. He can suit the most delicate taste.

THE POTATO'S RIVAL.

If there's a single soul in Weldon or for many thousand miles around who doesn't like potatoes in some form or other let him now speak or forever hold his peace. The fact that the potato has so many friends makes an item in a southern paper of interest, the item being to the effect that attempts are being made to introduce into this country an oriental vegetable known as the "dashen," a rival of the Irish potato. The south has to import the bulk of its potatoes from the north and since the "dashen" is said to grow profusely in southern soil there are many who will welcome its appearance and who will find a place for it in their garden. It will also be favorably received by other sections, since people are always anxious to greet a new kind of food. But when it comes to replacing the potato in the heart of our people—there's nothing doing.

SERIOUS LOSS BY FIRE.

Fire of an unknown origin destroyed the stock room of the Enfield hosiery mills, Monday morning about 2:30. The loss is estimated from \$75,000 to \$100,000 which is partially covered by insurance.

THE END.

With this issue we publish the last installment of the beautiful story, "Miss Kitty." Those of our readers who have kept up with it, will readily agree with us, that it is among the best stories we have published in a number of years.