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ROANOKE RAPIDS-ROSEMARY.

Personals and Items of Interest from the Twin City.

[By Our Special Correspondent]
Mrs. Joe Brown and children have returned from a visit with Mrs. Brown's parents at Red Oak.

Prof. and Mrs. E. J. Coletrane and daughters left Friday to spend their vacation in Western North Carolina.

Mrs. Clarence Pyle and little son are spending this week in Rocky Mount.

Rev. S. E. Mercer, presiding elder of the Weldon District, preached in Rosemary M. E. Church Sunday morning and in Roanoke Rapids Baptist church in the evening.

Miss Lelia Urey left Sunday night for Albemarle because of the serious illness of her little niece.

Mrs. Herbert Poe and daughter were the guests of friends here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Ogletree were called to Norfolk the latter part of the week by the serious illness of Mr. Ogletree's mother.

Mrs. B. P. Beckwith and daughter, Miss Winifred, have returned from a visit to Buffalo Springs, Va.

Mr. A. C. Zollicoffer is spending his vacation at Virginia Beach.

Mr. Gordon Council left Thursday to spend sometime in the west.

Dr. and Mrs. Cecil Crank have moved into their new bungalow on Washington street.

Mr. George Smith is visiting his sister in Baltimore.

Mr. A. A. Duncan is visiting friends in Durham.

Mrs. C. L. Smith is the guest of Mrs. Phelps in Norfolk.

Mr. Charles Hoffman, of York, Pa., is installing new machinery for the Roanoke Rapids Power Company.

Mrs. W. P. Taylor has as her guest this week Miss Olive Wilkerson, of LaGrange.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Chase and children are spending sometime at Asheville. While away Mr. Chase will attend the N. C. Section meeting of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Mrs. P. J. Smith and children are spending the summer at Faison.

Miss Annie Louise House, who has been the guest of Miss Corinne Marks, has returned to her home in Scotland Neck.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Green will move to Richmond about September 1st, as Mr. Greene has accepted a position as manager of the sales department of the Virginia Railway and Power Co.

Roanoke Rapids Canning Club, with Mrs. B. F. Brown in charge is camping this week at Panacea Springs. They will be joined there by the County Club under the direction of Miss Bernice Allen, county demonstrator.

Mr. and Mrs. George Savage and son, of Durham, are the guests of relatives here.

Miss Madge Brinkley, who has been visiting relatives here, has returned to her home in Rocky Mount.

Rev. and Mrs. Sidney Cobb and children, of Cartersville, Ga., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Cobb.

Miss Mary Belle Thomas is visiting relatives in Hyde county.

The many friends of Miss Mendenhall, a member of the high school faculty, regret to learn of the sudden death of her younger brother in Greensboro last week.

Master George Hayes entertained a number of his friends on Tuesday afternoon in honor of his fourth birthday.

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THE CROPS.

The crops continue to improve throughout this county. With an occasional rain there will be an average crop made in some sections. Some cotton fields have attained a fine growth, while others will not make enough to pay for the fertilizer used. The crop seems to be about a month behind in fruiting. The corn crop is the poorest we have ever seen in this section. Most of the farmers, from the appearance of the crop today, will have to buy corn next year. The peanut crop generally is very good, also the tobacco.

IN "BY-GONE" DAYS.

Things That Happened 33 Years Ago in Town and Vicinity.

August 13, 1891.—Among the convicts on the State Farms near here is a full blooded African. He has only one hand, the other having been bitten off above the wrist by a tiger in the jungles of the dark continent.

Mr. V. M. Burton hands in the best snake story of the season. Last week while on his way to school in the country he discovered what appeared to be a large brown snake crawling along the road. He procured a big stick and struck the snake a terrible blow, when to his astonishment the snake separated and moved in many directions. He was greatly astonished to find that the snake was composed of an army of small worms about two inches long. The worms had formed a perfect looking snake, tapering down from a large head and body to a long, keen tail.

It is with much regret that we announce the death of Major Will Whitaker which occurred at his home near Enfield, on Friday last.

Miss Hawkins, a bright young lady and the daughter of Mr. B. W. Hawkins, of this county, died at her home Monday of a peculiar disease of the throat. Last February she commenced to experience great difficulty in swallowing and soon after she realized that her throat was closing up. Three physicians were called but the disease baffled their skill. She actually died of starvation, with an abundance around her.

On Thursday morning last, the 6th instant, this community was filled with sorrow by the announcement that Joe Gooch was dead having passed away at 5 o'clock. Mr. Gooch was born in Granville county about forty-one years ago. Five or six years ago he married Miss Sallie Lockhart, who, with one child, a boy, survive him.

Miss Rebecca Hill, of Halifax, is visiting Chapel Hill.

Mr. J. M. Mullen, of Petersburg, was in town Monday.

Mrs. J. H. P. Leigh is visiting friends in Litleton.

Mrs. J. T. Gooch and Miss Emily Long left Monday for Blowing Rock.

Mr. S. B. Pierce left Saturday to renew his studies at Trinity College.

Misses Eva and Estelle Edwards returned home Thursday from a visit to Enfield.

Mrs. W. E. Daniel and Miss Sallie Snead left Friday for a visit to relatives at Fork Union, Va.

Mrs. M. C. Stainback and Miss Nannie are visiting relatives in Brunswick county, Va.

DON'T HOG-TIE DOLLARS.

Here's a maxim that has guided many a merchant to success: "Money is made in turnovers; Honey is lost on leftovers."

Solid stocks, chained to the shelves, eat their heads off in carrying charges. The merchant who lets his goods dawdle in the store for lack of selling policy—backed by steady advertising—is hog-tying his dollars and cheating himself. Quick turnovers cut down interest charges and operating expenses. It multiplies the number of profits per year for each invested dollar, and it therefore permits a lower price on goods. Lower prices bring more customers. Where is there in Weldon a business man who wants to argue that as long as he has got the goods he isn't losing money? Where is there a man who can dispute the fact that no merchant is making money if he isn't turning over his stock? And where is there one to argue that advertising won't turn over a stock—get it off of the shelves—quicker than anything else in the world?

OFFICERS ELECTED.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Weldon Warehouse and Storage Corporation on August 2nd, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President—W. T. Shaw.

Vice-President and Gen. Man.—W. A. Pierce.

Secretary and Treasurer—Election deferred.

Board of Directors—G. E. Ransom, W. A. Pierce, W. L. Knight, H. V. Bounds, W. T. Whitehead, W. L. Reed, W. T. Shaw.

SPRIGHTLY SPARKS. I

Gathered Here and There and Everywhere.

August court.
Cornfield peas are ripe. August about half gone. The crops are improving. The ice business is thriving. Have you been to the seashore? Now for barbecues and Brunswick stews.

The watermelon crop is a complete failure.

Superior court convened at Halifax Monday.

We have been having some cotton weather of late.

The Weldon public schools will open September 15th.

Apples and peaches were never known to be more plentiful.

Hot weather is the thing needed now to make the cotton fruit.

This is the month for protracted meetings at the country churches.

Only a few country-raised canteloupes have been brought to this market.

After all, a man is just as old as he feels and a woman just as old as the tunes she hums.

Insurance men declare the span of life has been increased. Yes, but not at grade crossings.

Five children in a flivver and one dog in a limousine is about the way it averages up in most of our cities.

The editor of a New York paper asks other editors to quit printing "wet" jokes. But who wants to read dry ones?

Probably when Henry begins to manufacture fertilizers he can make two Fords grow where only one grew before.

There are a lot of people in this country who feel that radio is not a success as long as it doesn't broadcast calamity.

A fool and his money are soon parted, but what most people always want to know is where the fool got the money.

Many a Weldon wife can tell you that some men who were perfect babies in their infancy never get over it in old age.

Maybe the reason some men brag to their wives is the same reason that makes them whistle when they pass a graveyard.

Some Weldon women can have a good time by sitting down and worrying because they haven't anything to worry about.

Those who think the foot-and-mouth disease doesn't affect human beings never watched a Weldon gossip on her rounds.

Sheriffs are always handy men. They're fine to have around to wind up a business when a non-advertiser let's it run down.

We overheard a Weldon boy asking yesterday why, if it's legal to go 20 miles per hour in an auto if it isn't twice as legal to go 40.

An eastern doctor says the hearing is acute when the eyes are closed. Maybe that's why so many men go to sleep in church.

Once upon a time a man obtained satisfaction out of a postoffice pen. But he got the satisfaction by throwing it out of the window.

Sometimes a woman walks that way because she has corns on her toes, and sometimes she has corns on her toes because she walks that way.

Our idea of an old-timer is the man who can remember when our small towns turned out great political leaders instead of great baseball players.

Scientists are still trying to communicate with Mars, and we heard a Weldon man wondering the other day what they would ask Mars if they got it on the line.

These are days when the jealous Weldon wife wonders when her husband starts out with a fishing pole if he's going after speckled beauties or freckled beauties.

Nothing shocks daughter back to life more than to come across an old photo made when she was a baby and showing her sitting stark naked in a wash bowl.

STREET IMPROVEMENT.

The street leading from Sycamore street to Cedarwood cemetery has recently been greatly improved. The street has been widened, graveled and put in first-class condition. In addition to this nice concrete side walks have been put down.

RETIRED FROM SERVICE.

Having reached the age limit prescribed by the United States Postoffice Department for their employees, Miss Laura Powers who has served the Weldon people for twenty-two years faithfully and satisfactorily has been relieved from further duty in the postoffice. Miss Powers entered the office in 1902, while the late John O. Burton was postmaster and Theodore Roosevelt was filling out the term of the lamented President McKinley as President. Through the influence of Dr. I. E. Green and Hon. F. M. Simmons she was appointed assistant postmaster, which place she filled well and to the utmost satisfaction of officials and patrons until 1914, when Mr. D. T. Clark was appointed postmaster. The most of this time Weldon was a third class office with small salaries and three people to do the work. Some years ago it entered second class, the work has greatly increased and the force is double what it was.

Under the new regime, Miss Powers was changed to the position of auxiliary clerk and paid by the hour for the time she was permitted to work. She has served under five Presidents, Roosevelt, Taft, Wilson, Harding and Coolidge, and three postmasters, Burton, Clark and Price. In all these years she has never had a day's vacation, with pay, has never been late to her work and is an expert at deciphering illegible mail. She is thoroughly familiar with every department of the office work, knows the patrons of the office both white and colored, in town and country and has many friends who will regret not seeing her ever again at the postoffice window.

She did not wish to stop work, was willing and faithful, but was not permitted to continue because she had reached a certain age. However, "Miss Laura" or the "Postoffice Lady" as she was often called, carries the good wishes of these friends with the hope that she may spend many pleasant years in the quiet of her home.

PAVED ROAD.

We copy the following from the News and Observer of the 7th inst:

"Wayne and Halifax sent up the only delegations to appear before the commission, Wayne desiring to lend money if the State was temporarily without funds, and Halifax is demanding the construction of a paved road between Roanoke Rapids and Litleton, in the First District. Commissioner Hart told them frankly that he had not the money, and that he did not even with a new bond issue there would be available funds for that much paving in one county.

Chairman Page offered them a solution that was accepted by all sides. Mr. Hart will build them a gravel road and Mr. Page will apply a recently developed surface treatment that will eliminate dust and mud, giving them in point of service a road equal to a paved road. The delegation accepted the judgment and returned to Halifax content with their day's work."

AN APPROPRIATE PLACE.

An editor and a merchant were discussing the virtue of billboard advertising. The merchant contended that more people read the billboard than the newspapers. After a lengthy conversation in which neither man would give in, the men parted. The next week the merchant came tearing down the street to the newspaper office wanting to know why the obituary of his wife's mother was not in the paper, especially after he had seen that a copy was taken to the newspaper. "Well" said the editor, "I knew you wanted the obituary read by the people so I took it out and nailed it up on your billboard."

SCHOOLS OPEN SEPTEMBER 15TH.

The Weldon High School and the Weldon Colored School will open on Monday, September 15th. Teachers will please reach Weldon on Friday, Sept. 12th. The white teachers will meet at 10 A. M., on Saturday, Sept. 13th, and the colored teachers at 2 P. M., on the same day.

All new pupils for the white school, who were not in Weldon school last session, please meet at the High School on Friday, Sept. 12th, at nine o'clock, for registration.

WALTER W. BARNHART, Superintendent.

NOTICE TO PARENTS.

I wish to inform parents of all school children that the compulsory smallpox vaccination law will be enforced this year. All children who need to be vaccinated and living in towns where this law exists must be vaccinated this fall. If the parents wish to have this work done before school begins they can bring them to my office any Saturday or have their family physician do the work. All children not vaccinated before school begins will be given the vaccine by the health officer as soon as school begins.

E. W. LARKIN, Health Officer.

NICELY GRADED.

Workmen have been busily engaged for the past week grading the grounds in front of the school building. A new top soil has been put on and in future there will be a fine growth of beautiful grass.

Work is now in progress laying the concrete walks from Washington avenue to the school building. Mr. R. T. Daniel has the contract to do the concrete work.

NEW TAX COLLECTOR.

At a special meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners on Friday night of last week, Rev. R. E. Loven was elected tax collector for the town. In addition to collecting the taxes, Mr. Loven will collect the water rent and act as tax taster and clerk to the Board. His salary will be \$175.00 per month, a saving to the town of \$700.

A CLUTCH TEST.

A clutch can be tested for slipping by letting the engine run at about 20 to 22 miles an hour. Put the emergency brake on tight and shift the gear to high speed, then gradually engage the clutch. If the motor stalls the clutch is not slipping. If the motor continues to run, then the clutch needs attention at once.

DEATH OF MRS. SQUIRE.

Died at her home in Northampton county on Wednesday of last week, Mrs. Ellen C. Squire, in the 74th year of her age. She was the mother of our former townsman, Mr. Peter Squire. The funeral took place at her late residence on Thursday and the interment was at the family burying ground.

BARBECUE AND BRUNSWICK STEW.

The Knights of Pythias of Weldon enjoyed an old-fashioned barbecue and Brunswick stew at Slagle's Pond on last Thursday. Slagle's pond is in the neighborhood of Emporia. All expressed themselves as spending a most delightful outing.

PROTRACTED MEETING.

A protracted meeting was commenced at Pierce's church, about five miles from town, last Sunday. The pastor, Rev. Julian Midgett, is doing the preaching.

WILL PREACH.

Rev. R. H. Broom, of Roanoke Rapids, will fill the pulpit at the M. E. church, in this place next Sunday evening.

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DOTS AND DASHES.

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

Mr. Pierce Johnson visited Oxford last week.

Miss Lucille Allen is visiting Virginia Beach.

Miss Mabel Alston is visiting friends at Emporia.

Mr. R. M. Purnell is visiting his brother in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Ruth Hunter is visiting friends at Douglas, Ga.

Mrs. Ann Russell is spending the week at Ocean View.

Mr. John B. Sledge spent the week end in Greensboro.

Mrs. A. S. Allen is spending some time at Panacea Springs.

Miss Mary Pierce is spending a while at Virginia Beach.

Mr. James Pierce is spending a few days at Virginia Beach.

Miss Ida V. Hayward spent the week-end in Margaretsville.

Miss Blanche Johnson is visiting relatives at Rocky Mount.

Mrs. E. C. McLennan, of Wake Forest, is visiting relatives in Weldon.

Mr. G. L. Cashwell and family are visiting friends in Pennsylvania.

Mr. J. B. Grimmer is visiting relatives at Whitakers and Tarboro.

Miss Caroline Daniel has returned from a visit to Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Bounds are spending a few days at Virginia Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Gray are spending a few days at Virginia Beach.

Miss Mozelle Chilshalm, of Richmond, is visiting Miss Margaret Garlick.

Mrs. R. W. Carter is spending some time at Portsmouth and Ocean View.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Carter and children are spending a few days at Ocean View.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Harvell and children are spending some time at Ocean View.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Zollicoffer and children are spending a while at Virginia Beach.

Mrs. J. B. Fountain and children, of Lakeland, Fla., are visiting relatives in town.

Mrs. Clark Moore, of Portsmouth, visited her aunt, Mrs. P. A. Lewis, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Boseman and children are spending a few days at Ocean View.

Mrs. Sallie Brickell spent several days in town last week, the guest of Mrs. P. A. Lewis.

Mrs. C. F. Gore and children have returned from a visit to relatives at Washington, N. C.

Mrs. Rosa Goren, of Baltimore, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. M. Freid, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Smith and little daughter, Margaret, have returned from a motor trip to Washington, D. C., and Richmond, Va.

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

Mrs. Emory Green, of Greensboro, is visiting relatives in Weldon.

Miss Katherine Crew, of Pleasant Hill, is visiting Master John Crew, Jr.

Miss Margaret Garlick who has been visiting friends in Richmond has returned home.

Mr. and T. B. Jenkins, of Portsmouth, Va., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Anderson.

Mrs. C. L. Jones and children have returned from a visit to relatives at Bunn and Raleigh.

Mr. C. R. Daniel who is a member of the Legislature, is attending the extra session in Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Dickens and children, of Nashville, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Hull.

Miss Ernestine Renn who has been visiting Miss Elizabeth Allen, has returned to her home in Portsmouth.

Mr. Jack Anderson who is attending the summer school at Trinity College, spent week end in Weldon.

Miss Mattie Summerell who has been visiting friends in Rocky Mount and Mount Olive, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. James T. Tyree and children, of Rocky Mount, who have been visiting Mrs. C. J. Owen, have returned home.

Miss Sarah Grainger Edwards who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. A. Pierce, returned to her home in New York City last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Stainback and children, of Greensboro, spent several days in town last week. They were en route to Ocean View.

Mrs. E. R. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Yeoman motored from Rochester, N. Y., arriving here Sunday evening. They were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Anderson.

Dr. W. G. Suiter was in Richmond several days last week and during his absence his patients were looked after by Dr. Donald Daniel. Dr. Daniel is here on a visit.

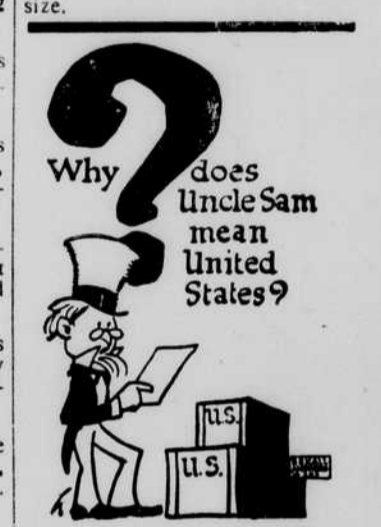
Mr. W. T. Shaw District Chairman in the absence of the pastor C. M. Lance, visited Seaboard at 11 o'clock last Sunday morning and Concord church at 3 p. m., speaking in the interest of the superannuated fund.

SEWER LINE EXTENDED.

The sewer line has been extended from the graded school to the bayou, a distance of nineteen hundred feet or more.

WORK COMMENCED.

Work has begun on the new addition to the water works, and when completed, Weldon will have an up-to-date water system. There will be water enough to serve the people should the town throbble in size.



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