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PERSONAL AND LOCAL MENTIONS

Items of Local Interest in and Around Roanoke Rapids, Rosemary, and Patterson Mills

A. L. Clark is visiting friends in Mount Airy, N. C., this week.

Mrs. K. Jenkins will have her Millinery Opening, Friday and Saturday Sept. 25th and 26th. Advt. It.

Miss Rebecca Clark arrived last week and has taken charge of Mrs. K. Jenkins' Millinery Department.

Miss Hattie Koontz, milliner for B. Marks arrived last week.

Messrs. Clyde Mizelle and John Smith left Monday for Tampa, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Grimmer are visiting relatives in Jacksonville, Fla., this week.

Kirkus Taylor, of the Patterson Mills village, has moved to Weldon to live.

The family of Mr. Jones, new boss spinner at the Patterson Mills have moved here from Greensboro to live.

H. B. Griffin left for Greenville, S. C., Tuesday where he has accepted a position.

R. L. Wood of the Patterson Store Co., spent Sunday with his mother in Enfield.

R. B. Hayes left Sunday for Wake Forest, to enter the Wake Forest College.

Dr. G. A. Smith, of Black Creek, was in town Wednesday.

M. S. Smith, superintendent of the Local Beaver Board Plant left Tuesday for his home in Pennsylvania.

Miss Nell Mercer left Thursday for her home in Norfolk.

Mrs. F. M. Shute is visiting her parents in Williamston.

Mrs. Lykes is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Charlie Webb.

The 9th Annual Fair at Emporia will be held October 20th, 21st, 22nd 23rd. Don't forget the date.

PRESERVING PEARS FOR SALE—100 bushels first class pears for preserving purposes. Place your order with A. L. CLARK. Advt.

The High School girls will give an ice cream supper in the park tomorrow night. Miss Ruto Davis in charge. The proceeds from the supper to go to the Basket Ball Team.

J. B. Boyd and L. S. Mosher will go to Richmond to-night on business.

One of Northampton county's most aged inhabitants passed away on Thursday of this week—Betsy Norwood, colored, age 102 years.

BOX RENTERS TAKE NOTICE—Unless your rent is paid by Oct. 1st your mail will be put in the general delivery.—M. CRAE FAISON, P. M.

In addition to the regular professional races at the Emporia Fair, there will be amateur races for Greenville and adjoining Counties. Write to the secretaries for full information.

Miss Evelyn Boyd left for Charlotte, Sunday, where she goes to resume her studies at Queens College.

Mr. D. Keeter, of Weldon, was in town a few hours Wednesday on business.

Miss Lena Jones, of Rosemary, has returned to her home in Edwards, N. C., on account of the severe illness of her mother.

Mr. W. F. Morton, the new Presbyterian preacher will hold services at Rosemary Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at the Opera House and at Roanoke Rapids, Peoples Theatre, Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. All who are interested in a good cause are cordially invited and the 57 members are especially urged to be on hand with their friends.

Reduced rates on all railroads on account of the "Five County Fair" at Emporia October 29th to 31st. Coupons attached admit you to the fair grounds.

E. H. Rieks spent Sunday at his home in Enfield.

Miss Maude Henry, of Wendell, N. C., came this week to visit her sister, Mrs. H. B. Foster. She was accompanied by her small brother, Ward Henry, who will spend a few days. Miss Henry will stay through the winter.

J. L. Patterson returned home on last Monday from Asheville where he spent a few days with Mrs. Patterson and the children.

Mrs. A. L. Baine and family, of Greensboro, have moved here to live. Mr. Baine is superintendent of the Roanoke Mills Company and has moved into the residence formerly occupied by J. E. Wicker.

W. E. Carroll, of Raleigh, N. C., is here and is putting together the new school desks which arrived this week, and which will be installed for the present, in the Rosemary School house.

Rev. R. L. Topping, of Wilson, filled his regular appointment at the Rosemary Theatre Building Sunday, both morning and evening. He preached two able and instructive sermons to large congregations.

There will be a special service held at the M. E. Church Roanoke Rapids, Sunday morning Sept. 27th at 11 o'clock under the auspices of Roanoke Tribe No. 39. Improved Order of Red Men. Services conducted by Rev. James McClure, of Petersburg, Va. All visiting brethren are earnestly requested to participate with the members in this service, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Brewer-Horne

Miss Lena Horne and J. Herbert Brewer, both of the Patterson Mills village, were quietly married on last Sunday afternoon at two o'clock. Rev. William Towe performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Brewer will make their home in the Patterson Mills village.

Hux--Lynch

Miss Eva Lynch and Lawrence Hux, both of Roanoke Rapids, were married at the residence of the bride's parents on last Sunday afternoon. Magistrate R. W. Brown performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Hux will reside in Roanoke Rapids.

Mrs. Hayes Entertains

The Presbyterian Aid Society had a most delightful meeting at the home of Mrs. G. L. Hayes Tuesday afternoon.

The presence of our new minister, Mr. W. F. Morton, and his charming wife gave us new inspiration and made us more determined to accomplish things, for the upbuilding of the community in the name of Christ.

The Society is enthusiastically working for a bazaar to be held at Roanoke Rapids about the last of November. You can depend on us to furnish you with your Christmas presents.

We had two new members and several visitors. Come visit us and see what we are doing. You are always welcome.

Mrs. Hayes served a most delightful concoction that she called "something in a glass" and snow balls. We can't tell you what the "something in the glass" was, no, not because it won't do to tell, but we just don't know, only 'twas "awful" good. Come to see us.—Reported.

MASS MEETING DISCUSSES COTTON SITUATION

Dr. H. Q. Alexander, of Charlotte, Speaks. Resolutions Adopted and Views Expressed by Many Representative Citizens Present

The mass meeting of the farmers, merchants, bankers, manufacturers and others called to meet at Halifax on Thursday, September 24, was well attended. Practically every precinct in the county was represented in the meeting and every vocation had representatives in attendance.

It was a gathering together of men much in earnest—of men from every calling—all realizing the gravity of the situation now confronting the south as a whole and Halifax County, the third cotton producing county in the State of North Carolina, in particular.

Promptly at eleven o'clock the mass meeting was called to order. Mr. Frank P. Shields, of Scotland Neck, presided and introduced Dr. H. Q. Alexander, of Charlotte, who spoke for nearly two hours on the subject nearest to the hearts of his audience—the cotton situation. His talk was forcible, lucid and convincing, giving a vivid picture of the efforts which have already been made to better the situation by the organized farmers and promise that these efforts shall not be abated until relief has been obtained.

Dr. Alexander touched on the work done by the conference of southern farmers and business men held in Washington the latter part of August. He spoke of the relief that will be given the situation by the emergency currency issued by the Secretary of the Treasury and the further relief expected from this source after the Regional Reserve Banks began operation, which will be about October 15.

His treatment of the whole situation was strictly from the farmers' standpoint. He outlined the strong probability that exportation of cotton to England, at least, would soon be resumed, mentioned the fact that the cotton takings of American manufacturers this year would in all probability break all previous records and stated that he did not believe the surplus cotton which would have to be carried over into next year would amount to more than five million bales.

Dr. Alexander stated that all plans to carry over cotton into next year could only be brought to successful termination on the predicate that next year's crop will be materially reduced. He stated that the Farmers' Union was opposed to the scheme of taxing acreage to curtail production on the grounds that it was not feasible or practical and if it could be made so it would set a dangerous precedent.

He advocated the extension of the "Buy a Bale" movement, the inducing of merchants to pay 10¢ a pound for cotton to farmers who were unable to carry over their own cotton and the securing of pledges from individual farmers all over the South to the effect that they would materially reduce next year the acreage they had planted to cotton this year.

The big banks over the South, especially the big National Banks in the money centers came in for a good deal of criticism from Dr. Alexander for having misappropriated to their own needs emergency currency placed with them to relieve the cotton situation. He stated, however, that Secretary of the Treasury, McAdoo, had now come to realize this fact and that the full power of the present governmental administration would be exerted to insure the emergency currency reaching the people for whom it was intended; i. e., the farmers. He advised the farmers to hold every pound of cot-

ton they could.

Dr. Alexander spoke vigorously in favor of the taxation amendment which will be voted on, together with other amendments, at the November elections. He stated that this was the amendment which the big money interests in the State were fighting and that the passage of the amendment would benefit greatly the farmers and poor people in the State. The present assessment all over the State was grotesquely and manifestly unfair—different classes of property should be listed for taxation at different rates. The only fair and equitable basis for taxation being "equality of sacrifice."

At the close of Dr. Alexander's talk, the mass meeting adjourned for dinner, convening again at two o'clock, at which time the Committee on Resolutions introduced the following resolutions:

(1.) Recommending the holding of cotton for better prices by farmers all over the county as far as they can do so without injury to their creditors.

(2.) Recommending the curtailing of acreage planted to cotton next year one third.

(3.) Advising the co-operation and united efforts of farmers, merchants, bankers and manufacturers to tide over this period of distress.

(4.) Endorsing heartily the "Buy a Bale" movement also the "Use Cotton Goods" movement.

Special stress was laid by Dr. Alexander, Mr. Shields and others on the duty of the farmers to stand by and protect the time merchants who had advanced money on this cotton crop and many of whom had obligations which they were compelled to meet. Farmers were urged to carry their cotton to their merchants, merchants were urged to make arrangements to warehouse all the cotton they could; the keynote of the meeting was the importance of co-operation between farmers, merchants, bankers and manufacturers. Farmers were urged not to hold their cotton at home when they were in debt to the merchants, as this was unfair to the merchants, giving them no hold on the cotton at all and therefore no opportunity to use same as collateral with their creditors.

All of the above resolutions were freely discussed and were unanimously adopted by the mass meeting.

It is certain that the citizens of Halifax County as a whole are aroused to the seriousness of the cotton situation and the necessity for concerted and united action as never before. It cannot be but that material benefit will be derived from the mass meeting of yesterday.

Mrs. C. A. Wyche Entertains

Last Monday afternoon 5 o'clock, at her home at Wychecroft, Mrs. C. A. Wyche was a charming hostess, to a number of friends at an informal tea, given in honor of her guest, Miss Amy Butler of Henderson, N. C.

The spacious living room and sun-parlor were attractively decorated with ferns and autumn flowers. A delicious salad course with tea followed by cream and cake was served by Miss Susan Holiday, Mrs. E. H. Adkins and Miss Mary Traynham Wyche. Among those present were: Miss Amy Butler, Mrs. W. F. Horner, Mrs. J. M. Grizzard, Mrs. W. E. Froelich, Mrs. J. G. Eutts, Mrs. M. Y. Froelich, Mrs. T. W. Mullen, Mrs. Andrew, Mrs. Mettitt, Mrs. E. W. Lehman, Mrs. J. E. Cox, Mrs. T. M. Jenkins, Mrs. L. G. Hayes, Mrs. Job Taylor, Mrs. J. T. Stainback, Mrs. A. W. Taylor, Mrs. E. H. Adkins, Miss Gattlin, Miss Bowen, Miss Alston, Miss Mabel Mc Murry, Miss Sallie Watson, Miss Susan Holiday, Miss Webber, and Miss Mary Traynham Wyche.

COUNTY DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Met in Halifax Monday—Dr. Green Resigns—Constitutional Amendments Approved by Resolution

The Democratic Executive Committee of Halifax County met at Halifax Monday for the purpose of nominating three Good Roads Commissioners and transacting other business.

All of the townships were represented. D. E. Stainback holding proxy of W. E. Horner, acted as chairman. N. Fitzpatrick acted as secretary.

The following were elected Roads Commissioners: W. G. Hedgepeth, of Hobgood, P. C. Gregory, of Tillery, and C. P. Bounds, of Weldon.

The following resolution was introduced by W. T. Clement, of Enfield, and adopted:

"Whereas, the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the State of North Carolina are to be submitted to a vote of the people at the regular election to be held in November, 1914, and whereas said amendments have been agreed upon by three-fifths of each House of the General Assembly of North Carolina, both of said Houses being strictly democratic:

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Democratic Executive Committee of Halifax County:

1. That this Committee approve said amendments and each and every one of said amendments.

2. That this Committee urge the Democratic voters of Halifax County to vote for said amendments at said regular election.

This resolution was adopted with the request that it be published in all the county newspapers; so as to get the matter before the people.

Dr. I. E. Green, chairman of the committee, tendered his resignation as chairman, and with regret the same was accepted, and C. D. House, of Thelma, was elected chairman.

A committee was appointed to draw up resolutions on the retirement of Dr. Green from the chairman of the Democratic County Executive Committee, which he has held so long and so acceptably to the great majority of the people.

Resolutions of Respect R. L. Taylor

Whereas the "Great Spirit" who doeth all things well has called to the "happy hunting grounds" our friend and brother R. L. Taylor.

Therefore be it resolved, that while we bow in humble submission to His Supreme Will, we desire to express our grief in the loss of our departed brother, and extend to the bereaved family our sympathy, by sending to them a copy of these resolutions.

And that furthermore be it resolved that a copy be sent to the "Tomahawk" and "Roanoke Rapids Herald" for publication, and that a copy be spread upon the minute book of the tribe.

Respectfully Submitted
P. V. MATTHEWS,
W. J. NORWOOD,
W. G. STINSON,
Committee.
Roanoke Tribe No. 39, I. O. O. R. M. Advt. It.

Patterson-Pearson

The following item from the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot will be of interest to many people in this community.

"Mr. Samuel Finlay Patterson, of Roanoke Rapids, N. C., and Miss Nancy Wyche Pearson, of Portsmouth, Va., were married in Court Street Baptist Church, Wednesday, September 16, at 4:30 o'clock. They left immediately for Washington and other Northern cities. After October 1, they will be at home in Roanoke Rapids, N. C."

COMBINED SHOWS ARE COMING

The Wheeler Bros. Circus & Famous Stampede Wild West Show

All the contracts necessary for the innumerable details of the exhibition of a large circus institution have been made for the early appearance in this city of the Wheeler Bros. Circus & The Famous Stampede Wild West. This is one of the world's largest amusement enterprises, and because of its peculiar combination it is probably the most interesting.

It is advertised by the management that it is without a peer in point of performance, and it would seem as if this boast is justified in a combination which includes two such shows. The Wheeler Bros. has for years been conceded a place in the front rank of circuses, and in many points it has been given first place. It could not be excelled for its horses, the quality and completeness of its equipment or the attention given to the numerous details which are essential for the production of a performance of unusual merit. Although The Wheeler Bros. have always refrained from featuring some five-second act as a thriller, used purely for advertising purposes, their patrons have always found many surprises in store and now they have come forward with the boss thriller of them all a Mexican Bull Fight, a thrilling reproduction by the Mendaza troupe of genuine Mexican bull fighters.

When the combination of the Wheeler Bros. Circus & Famous Stampede Wild West was accomplished, the amusement world was not surprised, as the combination had been predicted. The deal was a fortunate one for amusement patrons, inasmuch as they are now able to see the two shows for the prices formerly charged for one. To enable the performances of the two exhibitions to be given simultaneously and without cutting out a single act of either, has been a great herculean task, but it has been accomplished, and the result will be seen when the Wheeler Bros. Circus & Famous Stampede Wild West Shows appear in Roanoke Rapids on October 9th.—Advt.

Announcement

We desire to announce to our farmer friends that on account of the present low market price of cotton, we will allow all of our customers 10¢ a pound for cotton on account.

Our price for cotton seed this week is 26¢ per bushel cash, or 27¢ per bushel on account.

HANCOCK-HOUSE COMPANY. Advt.

Serious Accident To Mr. W. D. Bass at Roanoke Mills

On last Tuesday Mr. W. D. Bass suffered a serious and most painful accident, piercing his eyeball with a nail. Mr. Bass was in the shipping room of the Roanoke Mills Company hurrying the work of packing some cases. He was standing near one of the cases which was being nailed up and a careless stroke of a workman glanced on a nail and shot a portion of it into his eye.

He was rushed to Richmond at once to Dr. White, one of the best eye specialists in the South. We understand that Dr. White operated on Mr. Bass yesterday and thinks there may be some chance of saving his eye.

Special Notice

We are expecting to arrive this week our celebrated line of HEYWOOD SHOES for fall and winter. The word Heywood is sufficient for quality, style, fit and comfort.

ROSEMARY SUPPLY COMPANY
Exclusive dealers-Rosemary, N. C. Advt.

DOING THINGS

Nash County Health Officer Shows What One Man Can Do In Health Work

Vaccinating over 3,000 people in one county against typhoid in about three months is a fine record. That is just what Dr. B. E. Washburn, whole time county health officer in Nash County, reports. During the month of August he immunized 1,531 people. The people of Nash County as well as their health officer seem to realize more than ever the real value of a health officer in saving lives and preventing sickness. The results of only a few months of this kind of work are beginning to show in the decrease in the typhoid fever rate in Nash County. On August 31, at the height of the typhoid fever season, there were only sixteen cases in the entire county. This is said to be much less than usual.

Besides the special work against typhoid, the Nash County Health Officer during the last month vaccinated seventy-eight people against smallpox, examined and treated twelve for hookworm disease, examined four specimens of sputum for tuberculosis, gave eleven lectures on health subjects, besides doing the usual work formerly done by the county physician, namely, visiting the jail and county home and making commitment examinations for the State Hospital.

The story of the progress of health work is best told in the closing paragraph of the August reports of the Health Officer, where he says: "Citizens in all parts of Nash County are becoming interested in public health work, as is shown by the large attendance at the dispensaries. The health officer is constantly called upon to give advice on problems relating to the betterment of sanitary conditions about the homes and places of work, and the demand for literature on health topics is also increasing. These things show that Nash County has developed to the point where the citizens realize the value of health and are ready to co-operate in any endeavor to prevent sickness."

Railroads Innocent By-Standers

A committee of railroad presidents, headed by Mr. Frank Trumbull, has presented to President Wilson a brief of the difficulties confronting the railroads brought on by the European war. The President, in turn, has transmitted the memoranda to the American people, directing attention to the extraordinary emergency now confronting the railroads.

The railroads are innocent by-standers in this war and they have been more severely wounded than any other industry, for railroad property, although privately owned, is devoted to public services, and while the government makes the rates and requires expenditures, it does not guarantee receipts.

The farmers suffer for lack of a market and business stagnates by the closing of foreign ports, but the warehouse and the bank vault will preserve their property from destruction while the railroads, like Tennyson's Brook, must run on and on and cannot resort to any such expediency to protect their interests.

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There is no place like the House of Commons for a "nice derangement of metaphors." It will be a long time, however, before we have a mixture equal to the outburst of an effusive orator who said:

"The British lion, whether it is roaming the deserts of India or climbing the forests of Canada, will not draw in its horns or retire into its shell!"—Tit-Bits.