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PERSONAL AND LOCAL MENTIONS

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

Mrs. E. H. Adkins left for Charlotte Saturday where she will spend sometime visiting friends.

Mr. T. O. Vaughan, of Weldon, was in town a few hours Tuesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian M. Powell, of Hampton, Va., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Jenkins.

Messrs. W. C. Bass and T. E. Edmondson left for Richmond Sunday where on Monday they attended the Fair.

Several horses are now in training at the Emporia Fair Grounds race track for the local races. The local races bid fare to be better this year than usual. --Advt.

Mr. T. W. Mullen and family are in Petersburg, Va., this week visiting at the home of Mr. Mullen's father, Judge J. M. Mullen.

Mr. Samuel Senie, of the Senie Clothing Co., Rosemary, is this week changing his place of business to Roanoke Rapids.

Mr. William Wood and wife, left for Richmond Wednesday, to be gone two or three days taking in the State Fair, which is being held there this week.

Mr. Baldy Hamill, of Thelma, was in town a few hours Monday on business.

Adams Greater Shows is the Carnival Company secured by the management of the Emporia Association, as one of the mid-way attractions. They will have a big brass band, and a splendid free act in addition to Merry-Go-Round, Ferris Wheel, Side shows, Fortune Tellers and other attractions. --Advt.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Crews returned Tuesday from Richmond, where they had been to take their little son to the hospital to be operated on for throat trouble.

Mr. J. C. Butts and daughter, Miss Alice, of Garysburg, N. C., spent Tuesday evening with Mr. J. G. Butts and family.

Mr. L. E. Beckham, of Burlington, N. C. arrived last week, and has accepted a position with the Patterson Mills.

Mrs. J. T. Garner after an extended stay in Raeford, N. C., visiting her parents, returned Saturday.

Besides the local races at the Emporia Fair, the Association is offering six purses of \$500.00 each. Emporia is in the circuit with Richmond, and Petersburg, and a good many horses from these two places will come to Emporia, including Judge Palmer, and others owned by A. A. Slagle, Rosebud, McKenney, and others owned by C. W. Mangum. --Advt.

The Rosemary Christian Sunday School is proving a splendid success. Only recently started, the attendance is steadily climbing. On last Sunday they had, in spite of the rain, an attendance of eighty two pupils, five teachers, three officers and four visitors, making the total number present ninety four. They extend a cordial invitation to everybody.

Carpenters are now being engaged at the Emporia Fair grounds building additional stables for cattle, and coops for poultry. A new building is being erected for the exhibit of swine. The association will be in a better position than ever before to take care of stock, and poultry of all kinds, and it is hoped that a good many exhibits will be made in these departments. --Advt.

The Senie Clothing Company have moved their business from the Second Floor of the Rosemary Theatre Building to a location several doors below the postoffice in Roanoke Rapids. See their advertisement elsewhere in this paper.

W. D. Tillery spent Thursday in Scotland Neck.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Breedlove and children, of Oxford, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Glover.

Misses Florence and Bessie Tippett, of Townsville, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Glover.

J. E. Brown spent three days this week at the Virginia State Fair in Richmond.

Louis Mabry attended the Fair in Richmond this week.

Miss Anne B. Hamilton arrived this week to take charge of the Roanoke Rapids Hospital. Miss Hamilton is a graduate nurse of the Virginia Hospital at Richmond, Va.

Saturday afternoon at four o'clock the Ladies Auxiliary of the Episcopal Church will have a silver tea at the residence of Mrs. T. W. M. Long.

The Alston Furniture Company, Mr. R. I. Jones, Manager, have begun the work of starting their new furniture store, which is located in the new Moore & King Building on Roanoke Avenue at Rosemary. Mr. Jones is from Scotland Neck and has had many years of experience in the furniture business.

Presbyterian services will be held Sunday morning in the Rosemary Opera House, 11:00 A. M., conducted by Rev. H. F. Morton, subject: "The Call from Macedonia." Evening services will be held in the People's Theatre at Roanoke Rapids, 7:30 P. M., subject: "The Dynamics of Christian Life." The Presbyterian Sunday School is held every Sunday morning in the Rosemary Opera House. Mr. J. T. Chase, Superintendent.

Mrs. J. M. Grizzard Entertains

At her home on Hamilton Street, last Friday afternoon, Mrs. J. M. Grizzard delightfully entertained a number of friends at a "5 o'clock tea." The elegant home was beautifully decorated with palms, ferns and potted plants.

Delicious refreshments were daintily served by Misses Mary Norfleet Grizzard, Virginia Hart, Josephine Tillery, Susan Holladay and Mrs. G. L. Hayes.

Those enjoying Mrs. Grizzard's charming hospitality were: Mrs. W. D. Tillery, Mrs. Job Taylor, Mrs. T. W. M. Long, Mrs. A. W. Taylor, Mrs. McMurray, Mrs. W. E. Froelich, Mrs. J. G. Butts, Mrs. M. V. Froelich, Mrs. Charlena Hart, Mrs. W. F. Horner, Mrs. G. L. Hayes, Mrs. E. W. Lehman, Mrs. R. P. Beckwith, Mrs. T. M. Jenkins, Mrs. Beckwith, Mrs. C. A. Wyche, Mrs. R. J. Wyche, Miss Josephine Tillery, Miss Mabel McMurray, Miss Charlena Hart, Miss Virginia Hart, Miss Watson, Miss Alston, Miss Elizabeth Bagley, Miss Bowen, Miss Susan Holladay.

A Factory on the Farm

A silo is a factory on the farm and therefore lends to co-operation of the commercial and agricultural interests. The farmer gets the profit of both producer and consumer.

We need more of these twin agencies of prosperity on the farms of North Carolina and business men cannot render a better service to their communities than in encouraging the building of silos. The silo is a great business educator. It arouses the spirit of enterprise, develops business ingenuity and awakens the joy of ownership.

A farmer can build a silo for two or three hundred dollars, and it will, under ordinary conditions, pay a dividend of 40 per cent where it is run to capacity.

LATEST HEALTH SURVEY OF COMMUNITY

Splendid Tribute to the Success of the Sanitary Measures Adopted. Government Engineers Praise Dr. Long's Work

Mr. La Prince, Sanitary Engineer, and Drs. R. C. Derivaux and R. H. Von Ezdorf, sent out by the United States Government, completed a thorough survey of the sanitary conditions of the entire community this week.

Dr. Von Ezdorf, who was in charge of the work, is an expert in his profession, having had charge of the medical work in the Canal Zone and has just recently returned to this country from Vera Cruz.

Dr. Von Ezdorf stated that they had made a thorough inspection of the work that had been done here in the way of drainage to get rid of the malaria bearing mosquito. He stated that the work has been very effective; in fact, the only place containing the anopheles, or malaria carrier, is the creek on the other side of Roanoke Junction.

He stated also that ninety five per cent of the malaria cases in this community this summer were relapsed cases. Especially gratifying to Dr. Von Ezdorf is the fact that his recommendations made on a previous visit have been so painstakingly carried out. He mentioned as an encouraging phase of the situation, the fact that so many people are carrying out Dr. Long's advice in regard to "quinine prophylaxis" or the taking of daily doses of quinine as a precaution against malaria.

In addition to the health survey, the party obtained blood specimens from 780 persons in this town, about one half the number being children attending school. These specimens will be examined and a report rendered as soon as possible of all specimens found to be infected with the malarial parasite. Last year one person out of seven was found malarial, but Dr. Von Ezdorf feels confident that the percentage this year will be much smaller.

Dr. Von Ezdorf stated: "I have never seen a place of this size where the sanitary arrangements are any better or more vigorously kept up. The arrangement in regard to the sanitary closets and the anti-malarial work are simply fine. Your Dr. Long is one of the best health officers in the South. We are working only in places that are particularly interested in the work and where we can get the fullest amount of co-operation. This place was selected from many other places in the State because we could get the complete co-operation of your health officers."

He summed up by saying: "Remember the beginning of this work has just been realized. Vigilance, energy and co-operation are necessary to carry it on. The benefits will be felt in your community to an even greater degree next year than now."

The Undertaker A Developer

There are in many communities successful business men and farmers who stand like stumps in the highways of progress and in such a situation the Undertaker is an important factor in development. Scarcely a day passes that they do not add a new terror to death by refusing to join with public spirited citizens in a movement for the upbuilding of their community or by their difference snag an industrial enterprise.

It takes five men to build a community and there is no sadder sight in life than a few noble spirited citizens staggering under a load of dead timber. The undertaker is oft times a developer.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Miss Estelle House to Wed J. M. Johnston in November

Scotland Neck, Oct. 4.--The Sewing Club was delightfully entertained by Miss Estelle House on Friday afternoon from four to six o'clock.

The guests were met at the door by the hostess and invited under the trees, where there were comfortable chairs placed, these adding to the pleasant informality of the occasion.

After an hour spent in happy laughing and talking, and "some sewing," a delicious salad course was served. Afterwards the guests were invited into the parlor where quite a surprise awaited them.

On a table was a lovely wedding cake surrounded by a circle of holly leaves. From the leaves were suspended bags of rice tied with blue ribbon. Each guest was told to pull a bag, and on the end of the holly leaf was fastened, which told the "old but ever true story of a wedding that is to be. In white on the green leaf were the letters, J. M. J. -- A. E. H.

November 25th

This announcement came as a surprise to the many friends of Miss House, and they all with one accord showered her with rice and good wishes.

The cake was cut amid much fun, the thimble being cut by Miss Mattie Josey, the ring by Miss Hattie Leggett, and the coin by Miss Lillie Bell Allsworth.

The wedding cake and ice cream were then served by Misses Mattie Josey and Sallie May Josey.

Miss House is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John T. House, is one of Scotland Neck's most attractive young ladies, and her marriage to Mr. J. M. Johnston, of Roanoke Rapids, will be looked to with unusual interest.

Those present were Mesdames A. C. Liverman, Chas. J. Shields, J. B. Edwards, W. T. Hancock, Kathleen Kelly, J. E. Bowers, and W. H. McDowell; Misses Lillie Bell Allsworth, Sallie May Josey, Louise Josey, Mattie Josey, Cornelia Josey, Hattie Leggett, Lizzie Leggett, Stella Hoffman, Louise Futrell.

New Enterprise for Roanoke Rapids

On Thursday afternoon was organized the Roanoke Rapids Cotton Storage Warehouse Company, which will incorporate at once for \$5000.00 capital stock. The incorporators are S. F. Patterson, W. S. Parker, of Henderson, and C. A. Wyche.

The object of the new concern is to provide storage facilities for the cotton crop of Halifax and Northampton Counties. Work will begin as soon as possible on the warehouse which will be large enough to contain some thousands of bales. Further details in regard to the Company will be announced later.

North Carolina Farmers Moved Frequently

Washington, D. C. Oct.--In compiling data for the last Federal Census, the enumerators asked every farmer in North Carolina this question: "How long have you lived on the farm you now occupy?" This question was answered by 225,657 of the 233,725 farm operators in this State. More than 61,000 stated that they had occupied their farms only one year or less; 54,746 from 2 to 4 years; 36,170 from 5 to 9 years and 73,463 10 years and over. The most restless class of people in this State is the tenant who operates his farm on the share basis. There are 82,248 of these farmers in this State; 78,290 of them made answer to the query and their replies indicated that 39,041, or about 40 per cent of them moved every year.

Duties of a Commercial Organization

It is a common thing for a man to become a member of a commercial organization such as the Board of Trade of Roanoke Rapids Township, without knowing just what the organization stands for and strives for. Why should a town have a commercial organization? Because if it lives up to its duties, it will be the most potent force in the community for progress. Its duties are to do anything and everything necessary and incident to the upbuilding and better building of the town and its environs. Its duty is not only to make a town grow, but also to make it better, a more sanitary, a prettier and more enjoyable place in which to live.

Its province or field of work reaches out in every branch and takes cognizance of every phase of the town's life. The commercial interests, wholesale, retail and manufacturing; the professional interests; the government of the City, County and State; the social side of the city's life where it touches the questions of public morals and health; all of these, and in truth, every channel of activity comes under its practical eye.

It must always and everywhere preach the gospel of sane, safe and sound development, unselfishness, public spiritedness and civic pride. Its motto, must be: "If its good for the community, then let us have it." What helps the community as a whole, has a like beneficial effect upon every one within its boundaries.

It is the duty of the commercial organization to interest itself in educational matters. Upon the schools depend the future ability and activity of a city's people.

In short, the duty of the commercial organization is to do any and all things necessary and incident to the upbuilding of town, county, state and nation in all channels of commercial and social activity and this duty should be performed upon an impartial, unselfish, non-political basis and in a wise and safe manner.

The Board of Trade of Roanoke Rapids Township, will meet next Monday night in the Mayor's office.

We will be glad to have you come up and join us and help us to boost the community in which you live.

M. McRAE FAISON, Secretary.

Results Of Frequent Change By Farmers

Washington, D. C. Oct.--An official of the Federal Census Bureau, in discussing the report recently issued by the government, dealing with the term of occupancy of farms in the United States, said:

"This frequency of moving from farm to farm, or instability of occupancy, very likely, forms one of the chief causes for the decline of rural prosperity, or is a hindrance to greater progress. Frequency of removal of farmers results in general shiftlessness; the roads and bridges are generally in a poor condition because the farmers, moving at frequent periods, are not particularly interested in their upkeep. Farm buildings of such farms are not usually kept in good repair, as the farmer who is about to move will leave the repairs for the next tenant to make. The same reasons will apply for lack of interest by the 'unstable' farmer in the schools, churches and general welfare of the community. They move frequently; they do not remain on a farm long enough to get the best results from it, consequently they are usually in a poor financial condition."

If you have more free advice than you can dispose of, can it up.

A Statement of Persons Prominently Interested in The Hancock-House Company Piano Contest

We, the undersigned, desire to say that we are entirely satisfied with the way the Piano Contest of the Hancock-House Company was managed. We believe that it was at all times the desire of the management to accord just and impartial treatment to all parties concerned, that they showed no prejudice in the contest and did not, either by influence direct or implied, work to further the interests of any contestant over any other.

We are satisfied with their management, are confident that every one who participated in the contest received full value for every dollar spent during the time the contest ran, and we unhesitatingly recommend to the public at large the courtesy, prompt service, and fair business dealing of the Hancock-House Company.

Mrs. Chas. Welsh, Sr., J. T. Chase, Mrs. J. M. Jackson, Mrs. L. S. Mosher, Mrs. Eliza Keeter, Mrs. R. H. Banks.

Ownership of Halifax County Homes

The United States Census Department at Washington has just issued a bulletin dealing with the ownership of Halifax county homes. The important facts contained in the bulletin relating to this county are as follows:

There are 7511 homes in Halifax County.

FARM HOMES--Of this number 4068 are farm homes; 1054 of the farm homes are owned by their occupant and are free of mortgage incumbrance; the mortgaged farm homes number 292; renters occupy 2684 farm homes in this county.

URBAN HOMES--Out of a total of 7511 homes in the county 3443 are urban homes; there are 770 urban home owners in the county; of this number 117 are mortgaged; 609 of the urban owned homes are free of incumbrance; there are 2410 rented urban homes in the county.

The census enumerators were unable to secure data pertaining to the ownership of a small percentage of both the rural and urban homes in this county.

War on Tuberculosis--Red Cross Seals Compose the Army

Yuletide will soon be here. Your letter of good cheer to a friend, or your package that you send as a present, will not be complete without the Christmas Sticker. The Red Cross Seal is as representative of Christmastide as any other sticker you can buy. Besides, the entire proceeds from the sale of Red Cross Seals is spent in the fight against tuberculosis.

The people in North Carolina who desire to do some good, who desire to be of service to mankind, bought a million of these Red Cross Seals last year and used them on their letters and packages and the \$10,000.00 they paid for them was every bit spent in North Carolina, fighting tuberculosis.

The larger part of the money is used in the community where the seals are bought. In some places they employed visiting nurses; in others they sent patients who are unable to pay to the State Sanatorium; in others they bought eggs, milk and food for tuberculosis patients who were unable to provide these things.

Why buy Christmas Stickers from a corporation when you can do as much good as this with your money? These Red Cross Seals will be on sale in every town and in every community in the State. Buy them, use them, and enjoy the good you can do to others thereby.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Held in Halifax, Monday, October 4. New County Jail Contemplated. Tax Assessments Made

The County Commissioners of Halifax County held their regular monthly meeting in Halifax on last Monday. Complete tax returns for 1914 show a total tax receipt from the county of \$128,934.75. Taxes from Roanoke Rapids Township amounted to \$26,512.37. The new tax rate for 1914 is as follows per hundred dollars of property: for county 19¢; roads, 25¢; school, 20¢; State 27¢.

The Board of Commissioners appointed Messrs. Whitfield, John Branch and W. F. Horner as a Committee to get plans and specifications for the contemplated new county jail. This jail has been badly needed for a good while and this action of the Commissioners will very probably meet with the approval most of the citizens of the county.

German Citizen of Roanoke Rapids Receives Letter From Sister In War Zone

Mr. Baker, a citizen of Germany who is at present residing in Roanoke Rapids, has handed this office a copy of an interesting letter he received this week from his sister, near Mulhausen, Lorraine, a province of Germany very near the scene of the present military operations. We are printing a translation of this letter for the benefit of our readers:

"I will write you a little about the war. Our peace-loving Germany has been forced into war with other countries. We are fighting against France, England and Russia. The old proverb that says the Lord will never leave us is being fulfilled for far the Germans have had battle after battle. On course, many of our people are losing their lives. The French are terrible people. It they would come to this country, we would all be lost. There has just been a three or four days battle right by Saarburg. It frightened us all. Many towns have been destroyed and the French troops have treated the inhabitants very cruelly.

"The second day of August was the first day of mobilization. Every man from seventeen to forty five had to leave on that day. It was terrible. You can imagine how hard it was for every wife to see her husband leave and be left alone to take care of the children. At the same time everybody was willing to do their duty, believing fit that that God is with King and Fatherland.

"My husband was gone only fourteen days, after that time all postmasters were allowed to return to their homes. I thank the Lord, because I have six small children and it would be hard for me to go through life without him.

"The crops are pretty nearly harvested. The son of the schoolteacher was one of the first from our town to get killed. We all pray to the Lord that the war will soon be over and that Germany will win, then we will never have to be anything but Germans.

Reward Offered

By the Board of County Commissioners.

There will be paid to the person or persons the sum of FIFTY DOLLARS for any information and conviction of the person or persons who murdered Will Lawrence in the month of August in this County, near the Fed Whitehead place on the A. C. L. Rail Road.

Board of County Commissioners of Halifax County
J. H. NORMAN, Clerk
Oct. 8, 1914. --Advt.