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## PERSONAL AND LOCAL ITEMS

W. F. Horner is in Boston, Mass., on business.

Tril Kidd has accepted a position in Petersburg, Va.

J. W. House spent several days in Winston-Salem, N. C., this week.

S. Senie left last Tuesday morning on a business trip to Philadelphia.

Miss Mary Daughtry left this morning on a visit to friends in Lynchburg, Va.

Mrs. J. B. Moody, who has been visiting her mother in Ante, Va., returned last Saturday.

Rev. A. O. Moore, of Warsaw, N. C., spent Thursday night and Friday with Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Adkins.

Rev. H. F. Morton has moved into the residence on Hamilton Street, formerly occupied by M. McRae Faison.

Dr. H. B. Foster and family have moved from their residence on Jackson Street to rooms over the new Horner Building.

Don't forget the bargains to be had at the 5 and 10 cent store, Second Street Roanoke Rapids, N. C. Specials every week. Advt.

Please turn in your saving pass books and have interest credited to January 1, 1915. First National Bank of Roanoke Rapids. Advt.

Mrs. William E. Norris and little daughter, of Waverly, Va., are spending some time here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert West.

Mr. F. H. Robinson went to Petersburg, Va., on last Wednesday to attend the funeral of his brother, who died there Tuesday afternoon.

Rev. I. P. McCurdy, of Wilmington, who has spent several days here in the interests of the Mid-Winter Festival to be held on February 1, 2 and 3, left Monday.

The most interesting announcement ever made to the people of this community may be found on the back page of this paper. Don't fail to read it carefully. Advt.

P. V. Matthews who has been engaged in drilling a deep well at S. F. Patterson's new residence, has completed the work and left on last Thursday for Alberta, Va.

Mr. M. McRae Faison and family have moved from their residence on Hamilton Street to rooms over the new Horner Building next to the First National Bank.

Friends of Rev. Jesse Blalock will be glad to learn that he is doing nicely after his operation for appendicitis, which was performed on last Tuesday at the Roanoke Rapids Hospital.

## HEALTH MESSAGE

### Governor Craig Urges Increase in Health Work And Fight Against Tuberculosis

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 14, 1915.—Governor Craig rings clear on health. In his message read before the General Assembly he urges increasing effectiveness in health work. He especially urges a vigorous fight against the great White Plague. Following is that portion of his message relating to public health.

"The State Board of Health has efficiently performed a beneficent work. By its agency sanitary conditions are improving. This department should be provided with means to continue with increasing effectiveness this most essential work for the preservation of life and for the health and happiness of all the people."

"The problem of dealing with tuberculosis is most serious. In North Carolina it has been ascertained that eighteen thousand people are victims of this disease. Many may have it of whom we do not know. It is an ever present plague that stalks abroad at noon-day, and one-seventh of all the deaths in the State are from this dreaded disease. The State Sanatorium was established in response to the demand that something must be done for the afflicted, and to stop the ravages of the plague. In my opinion this institution, with its present scope and efficiency, is utterly incapable of dealing effectively with the situation. As an institution for the purpose of educating people to care for themselves, and disseminating knowledge of the disease, it cannot be as effective as could a bureau established for the purpose of sending literature to every person in the State known to be afflicted. Such literature could present the situation more intelligently to the people and with more efficacy than could be done by a few patients who are fortunate enough to secure admission to the small establishment at Sanatorium. There are now about ninety patients in this institution. It is most humanely and most ably managed. Yet it is altogether inadequate to deal with this stupendous proposition that so vitally affects the people. It has done good in individual instances, but there are thousands in the State who cannot gain admittance, and who will desire admittance when its efficiency is recognized. This institution can never care for those entitled to admission. On the present plan, the whole revenue of the State could not meet the demand. It is one of the highest obligations of the State to deal with this disease, to do all possible to prevent it, and to cure those who have it. I hope that this General Assembly can work out a practical method that will be effective."

## Educational Statistics

Halifax County School Children Number 13384. Halifax County has 13384 children between the ages of 6 and 20 years and 7192 or 53.7 per cent of them attend school, according to a recent census bulletin. The data contained in the report relates to the year 1910 and has only recently been made public. The distribution, by age groups, and the number attending school is as follows:

Age	Total Number	Number Attending School
6 to 9	4004	2132
10 to 14	4496	3251
15 to 17	2544	1313
18 to 20	7340	436

## Notice

Advertised list of mail at Roanoke Rapids Postoffice. Mr. Elve Tharrington, Mr. T. L. Lane, June Carlies, Mrs. S. M. Taylor, A. R. Lee.

## ROSEMARY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Meets Tuesday Night. Election of Officers. All members and other citizens interested in the work invited.

### ADDRESS ON VALUE OF READING

On next Tuesday night, the Rosemary Reading Room & Library Association will hold its regular annual meeting for the election of officers and outlining of plans of work for the coming year.

All of the members of the Association are urgently requested to come out and attend this meeting, and everybody who is interested in this Library work is cordially invited to be present.

The Rosemary Reading Room and Library Association is the only institution of its kind in Halifax County. It is splendidly and thoroughly equipped, well housed, has a large and complete library consisting of nearly one thousand volumes and would be a very creditable institution for a community many times larger than the one in which it is situated.

The Board of Governors of the Library are planning to have an able speaker deliver an address next Tuesday night on the "Value of Reading." No admission will be charged at this meeting. In fact, the membership fee of the Rosemary Library Association is merely nominal, the fee being \$1.00 for a year's membership.

It is hoped by the Board of Governors that co-operation from the citizens of Rosemary will be given even more freely this year than last, in order that the Library may be able to be of greater help to a larger number of people during the year 1915.

### Donation Day Roanoke Rapids Hospital

Friday, the 22nd. of January will be Donation Day for the hospital.

Every one who has the interest of the hospital at heart is asked to come to Mrs. E. H. Adkins residence at Rosemary on the 22nd, between 4 and 6 o'clock. Bring your donation, and have a cup of tea with the members of the Woman's Board.

The articles most needed are bureau covers, tray covers, towels, sheets, pillow cases, preserves, jelly, groceries, and in fact anything will be gratefully received.

### Pitt County To Have Whole-Time Health Officer

A telegram from Greenville announces that Pitt County is the next to have a whole-time health officer. The commissioners of Pitt had the right kind of a New Year spirit when they voted unanimously, January the fourth, for a whole-time health officer. This was the termination of long and continuous efforts on the part of many of the county's wide-awake and progressive citizens in behalf of their people's better health and welfare, and the decision is a positive one.

The next step in which the commissioners will again make no mistake, will be to get the right man for the office. Health work is not the peculiar fitness of every physician. Neither is it a matter of experience and training easily to be had. As in other similar professions, a special fitness and efficiency is required. It will not be Pitt County's policy to rush unadvisedly in filling the office.

Mrs. K. Jenkins, selling out at cost. My entire stock of goods offered at cost for fifteen days. Sale commences Friday Jan. 15th, to Feb. 1st. Advt.-2t.

## MARKET REPORTS

### Prevailing Prices Paid for Cotton and Country Produce Friday, January 15, 1915

Cotton, middling basis, 7-18 cents	Cash	Trade
Eggs	20c	20c
Butter	30c	30c
Fresh Pork	12 1/2c	12 1/2c
Ham, Country Cured	21c	21c
Shoulders	18c	18c

### 8000 VACCINATED

#### Nash County to Have No More Smallpox in Her Schools

There's to be no more smallpox in Nash County schools. That matter is settled. According to a high authority about 8000 school children from 95% to 98% of all the school children in the county have been vaccinated against smallpox since the beginning of school this year.

This wholesale vaccination was the result of an order of the progressive county board of health passed last August.

The county health officer vaccinated all applicants free of charge. As a result of this action the present generation of school children of Nash County will be protected from smallpox absolutely for five years or more and practically all of them for ten years and many for life.

Next year only the new pupils will need to be vaccinated. Vaccinating 8000 children out of a population of 40,000 will in all probability reduce the number of smallpox cases and deaths in the county a fourth or a third. There will be no occasion for closing down the schools even though an epidemic of smallpox should result among the adult population. Hereafter the task of vaccinating the new school children each year will be comparatively easy and each year we may confidently expect a reduction in the number of smallpox cases throughout the general population of the county as the result of this policy.

### The War Drama of the Eastern Theatre

The immensity of the war drama unfolded during the summer and fall in France and Belgium has held the imagination of the world in an awful fascination. Here was to be seen the test and fruitage of the science of modern militarism, constantly developed for 40 years. Here was the bursting of the anger of France, pent for decades, the struggle for a "revanche" that was in the national spirit not so much the desire to return evil for evil as the yearning to see the scales of justice balanced. Here was the historic battleground of Europe once more ensanguined; the mingling of Saxon and Teuton and Latin, with the modern engines of destruction in their hands. It was and is, vast and awful beyond all comprehension; but we are beginning to perceive comparisons, to make a new adjustment of values.

With the imminent recurrence of the flames of war throughout the Balkan region, we are invited to contemplate a battle front of 1,300 miles, stretching its tortuous course from the chilly surt of the Baltic to the gentle Adriatic. It follows, first, the general course of the valley of the Vistula, sweeping eastward into Poland, bending back toward the border stronghold of Craeow, thence through the Carpathian passes; Roumania's frontier would supply the link to complete the dreadful chain. Indeed, Russian claims in recent dispatches, of lines thrown out far to the southward across Hungary, indicate the closing the majority portion of this gap.

All the Balkans, and Italy finally decided to cast the weight of its forces of 3,000,000 men into the fray, the circle of warfare in Europe would be completed. Greensboro Daily Times.

## COMMUNITY HEALTH WORK REINFORCED

### Six Model Health Communities; Three New Ones Started

The new year finds many changes in the personnel of the Hookworm Commission and the Community Health work in North Carolina. Dr. M. W. Steel, of Kentucky succeeds Dr. D. C. Absher in community health work in Scotland County. Dr. W. H. Kibler succeeds Dr. Washburn as whole-time health officer of Nash County, while Dr. P. W. Covington goes to Wayne County and Dr. M. E. Champion to Pitt County to enter new fields of community health work. Dr. John Colissen, who has been Field Director for Hookworm Eradication in North Carolina since September, 1913, and who has recently been engaged in community health work in Sampson County, is now with the Georgia State Board of Health.

Dr. Steel, formerly with the Kentucky State Board of Health, was graduated from the Louisville Medical College in 1905. He comes with an experience gained from seven years of general practice and two years of public health work. Dr. Steel will complete the work begun by Dr. Absher in Scotland County, the latter having been elected whole-time health officer of Vance County.

Six communities in all have completed the Commission's plan of health work. These are Salem, Sampson County, Mt. Pleasant, Philadelphia and Hills.

With few individuals in these communities has been examined for hookworm disease and every infected person treated. Every home, school and church has been provided with sanitary closets, while rural sanitation has made marked advances along numerous other lines.

### Cotton Pool A Disaster

Fort Worth, Tex., Jan. 14.—Peter Radford, National Lecturer of the Farmers' Union, who was asked by a representative of the press today if the farmers of the South would apply for loans under the terms of the \$150,000,000 cotton pool, said:

"I do not know of a banker in Texas or elsewhere who is willing to lend money to the farmers at six per cent under the provisions of the pool and I do not think many farmers would care to qualify for a loan. It is to be regretted that the officers of that movement are not frank enough to admit that the failure of the pool is due to inherent defects of the plan. It has not only failed completely, but it has indirectly cost the Southern cotton producers millions of dollars. I think it can be truthfully said that had the plan never been suggested, several millions of dollars would have been loaned against cotton in the South by the many banks who subscribed to the fund in good faith, and naturally, with such a pledge becoming a liability they might be called upon to assume, they did not give consideration to making direct loans as the Southern banker has always done, and as a result the pool cut off the local money supply and forced the cotton on the market. I have no doubt the promoters acted in good faith, but the movement has been a serious disaster to the South."

"How useless girls are today. I don't believe you know what needles are for." "How absurd you are, grandma," protested the girl. "Of course, I know what needles are for. They're to make the graphophone play." —Louisville Courier-Journal.

## EUROPEAN WAR SHATTERS KING COTTON'S THRONE

### FLEECY STAPLE MUST PAY RANSOM INTO THE COFFERS OF WAR.

By Peter Radford, Lecturer, National Farmers' Union.

King Cotton has suffered more from the European war than any other agricultural product on the American continent. The shelling of the bolling plants has burst over the throne, trampling his subjects and shattering his markets, and panic-stricken, the nation cries out "God save the king!"

People from every walk of life have contributed their mite toward rescue work. Society has danced before the king; millions have danced that the fleecy "Washington" shall contain only cotton goods. The press has plied with the public the "buy a job" banners have been forming and legislative bodies have deliberated over relief measures; statesmen and writers have given eloquent exhorting the "inalienable rights of His Majesty" and presenting schemes for preserving the financial integrity of the stricken staple, but the sword of Europe has proved mightier than the pen of America in fixing value upon this product of the sunny south. Prices have been bayoneted, values riddled and markets decimated by the battling hosts of the eastern hemisphere until the American farmer has suffered a war loss of \$400,000,000, and a bale of cotton brave enough to enter a European port must pay a ransom of half its value or go to prison until the war is over.

### Hope of the Future Lies in Co-operation.

The Farmers' Union, through the columns of the press, wants to thank the American people for the friendship, sympathy and assistance given the cotton farmers in the hour of the stress and to direct attention to co-operative methods necessary to permanently assist the marketing of all farm products.

The present emergency presents a grave situation as ever confronted the American farmer and from the viewpoint of the producer would seem to justify extraordinary relief measures, even to the point of bending the constitution and straining business rules in order to fit a portion of the burden off the backs of the farmer, the plan something is done to check the ravages of the war forces upon the cotton fields, the pathway of the European pestilence on this continent will be strewn with mortgaged homes and famine and poverty will stalk over the southland, filling the highways of industry with refugees and the bankruptcy court with prisoners.

All calamities teach us lessons and the present crisis serves to illuminate the fruitages of our marketing methods and the weakness of our credit system, and out of the financial anguish and travail of the cotton farmer will come a volume of discussion and a mass of suggestions and finally a solution of this, the biggest problem in the economic life of America. If, indeed, we have not already laid the foundation for at least temporary relief.

### More Pharaohs Needed in Agriculture.

Farm products have no credit and perhaps can never have on a permanent and satisfactory basis unless we build warehouses, cold storage plants, elevators, etc., for without storage and credit facilities, the south is compelled to dump its crop on the market at harvest time. The Farmers' Union in the cotton producing states have for the past ten years persistently advocated the construction of storage facilities. We have built during this period 2,000 warehouses with a capacity of approximately 4,000,000 bales and looking backward the results would seem encouraging, but looking forward, we are able to house less than one-third of the crop and warehouses without a credit system lose 50 per cent of their usefulness. The problem is a gigantic one—too great for the farmer to solve unaided. He must have the assistance of the banker, the merchant and the government.

In production we have reached the high water mark of perfection in the world's history, but our marketing methods are most primitive. In the dawn of history we find agriculture plowing with a forked stick but with a system of warehouses under governmental supervision that made the Egyptians the marvel of civilization, for who has not admired the vision of Pharaoh and applauded the wisdom of Pharaoh for storing the surplus until demanded by the consumer, but in this age we have too many Josephs who dream and not enough Pharaohs who build.

### Same Old Story.

"There seems to be something radically wrong in the way the present war news is concocted." "What makes you think so?" "Why, this morning I accidentally picked up a paper five days old and never noticed the difference."

He—"I want to know, once for all, who is boss of this house?" She—"You'll be much happier if you don't find out." —Boston Transcript.

## WITH THE CHURCHES

### All Saints Mission

Services every Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. Sunday evening at seven thirty.

Sunday School every Sunday morning at ten o'clock. Mr. Whittaker, Superintendent.

Everybody invited to all services.

### Methodist Church

Rev. Wm. Towe, Pastor

Roanoke Rapids Sunday School at 9:45. W. V. Woodruff, Supt.

Services at 11 o'clock, Subject, "Fidelity." Night services conducted by J. B. Boyd.

Rosemary, Sunday School at 10 o'clock. J. B. Boyd, Supt. Night services at 7:30 o'clock, Subject, "Thy Kingdom Come." Come and worship with us.

## HALIFAX COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

### Re-elects Dr. Green Health Officer

At the regular meeting of the County Board of Health at Halifax, Monday, Dr. I. E. Green was re-elected County Superintendent of Health by a unanimous vote. The Board of Health is composed of W. R. Harvey, chairman of the county board of commissioners; J. H. Fenner, Mayor of Halifax; Dr. A. S. Harrison, county superintendent of public instruction; Dr. J. A. Collins, of Enfield, and Dr. H. L. Clark, of Scotland Neck.

### Mrs. R. H. King

Mrs. R. H. King, of Thelma, died on last Wednesday morning at the Roanoke Rapids Hospital. Mrs. King had been in bad health for a long time and underwent an operation at the Hospital about a week ago. The operation was a successful one and she was recovering nicely when she suffered an acute attack of pneumonia which resulted in her death.

The interment took place on Thursday afternoon at one o'clock at the old family cemetery near Thelma.

FOR SALE—MIDWINTER FEASTER, good condition. Will consider trade for Halifax County Real Estate. Apply to A. L. Clark. Advt.

### Norwood-Worrell

Jacob W. Norwood and Miss Amanda Worrell, both of Roanoke Rapids, were married in Weldon on last Sunday, January 10th, by Magistrate Knox E. Kilpatrick.

"Have you read the beautiful new set of books the agent persuaded you to buy?" "No, I haven't read any of them yet. But I have looked at most of the pictures."—Washington Star.

Cranque—A wife is an expensive luxury.

Blanque—So is an automobile. Cranque—Sure. But you can get a new model every year. —Judge.

"Mamma, when people are in mourning, do they wear black night gowns?" "Why, no, of course not."

"Well, don't they feel just as bad at night as they do in the daytime?" —Judge.

Housewife—"Did Mrs. Jiggs give you any references?" Applicant—"Yes, mum. She said if I could get along with you for 10 minutes I'd be a wonder!" —Buffalo Express.

### Market at Hand.

"Why don't you ship your produce to market any more?" "I don't bother. There's a gentleman farmer located near me now and it takes all I care to sell to supply his table."—Kansas City Journal.