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## HALIFAX COUNTY NEWS ITEMS

Contracts for New Jail Awarded.  
Superior Court in Session.  
Criminal Docket Cleared.

### GRAND JURY LIST

At a meeting held last Monday for that purpose, the county commissioners awarded contracts for a modern county jail building, to be erected as soon as possible as follows:

Contract for building awarded to Joseph Beaman at \$21,150.00. Contract for cell work awarded to John Iron Works at \$10,500.00. Heating plant contract awarded to Hunt Bros. & Pettitt at \$1,065.50.

The complete costs of this new jail building will run close to \$22,000.00 and Halifax County will be a jail second to none in the State in scientific construction and arrangements.

The complete list of bids submitted is as follows:

Bidder:

Joseph Beaman \$21,150.00

A. J. Bedford Co. 11,500.00

John Iron Works 10,500.00

W. V. Stout & Co. 10,392.00

W. C. Jones 8,600.00

Robt. Beaman 9,415.00

John Iron Works \$11,255.00

Van Dorn Iron Works 10,750.00

Carlsen Iron Co. 9,000.00

Paul Dahl Co. 9,450.00

Heating Plant:

Young & Hughes 2,519.40

W. C. Underhill 2,082.00

Raleigh Iron Works 1,910.00

American Heater Co. 1,900.00

Weldon S. M. Co. 1,895.00

Hunt Bros. & Pettitt 1,065.50

Halifax County Superior Court convened Monday. Judge Ferguson, of Waynesville, who held court here in January, presiding.

The Grand Jury was drawn as follows: James Cotton, W. C. Best, R. B. Ivey, M. W. Perry, J. D. Tippet, M. D. Reid, L. A. Shearin, George L. Powell, M. B. Britt, James Hale, Thos. Staton, H. L. Grant, C. M. Parson, W. C. Dickens, John H. House, W. T. Green, J. H. Overstreet, H. L. Grant was appointed foreman and M. H. Clark was selected as officer.

Very few cases of importance appeared on the criminal docket and this was very shortly disposed of. Hugh Armstrong, of Rosemary, who was sent up for shooting M. V. Hopkins, was allowed to pay costs and also bond for his good behavior for one year.

Several important cases are to come on the civil calendar, among them being the case against the Seaboard Air Line for damages sustained by failure of the road to provide shelter for passengers boarding the trains at Roanoke Junction. We understand this case came up yesterday but we have been unable to learn the verdict as we were too late.

The civil calendar will probably be cleared and court adjourned by the middle of next week.

### Honor Roll

Seventh Grade

Eugen Lehman 95

Howar Spain 95

Clyde Taylor 95

Jula Gay 95

Eighth Grade

Sarah Lowe 97

Estell Hamlet 97

Dorleyannon 97

Alice Hockaday 95

Melvin Vaughan 95

Harley King 95

The following mail remains unclaimed in this office.

W. C. Bass, P. M.,

Rosemary, N. C.

W. C. Bryant, Miss Mildred Banks, Mr. N. D. Cox, G. W. Conn, Ellen Johnson, Grant Simmons, P. S. Sharr, Junior Taylor, Frank Taylor, C. E. Winstead, W. J. Westbrook.

## PERSONAL AND LOCAL ITEMS

Duke Wade spent Sunday in Halifax visiting friends.

L. W. Anderson, of Halifax, spent a few hours in town Tuesday on business.

Arthur Cushing who has been visiting his brother Mr. S. A. Cushing, in Danville, Va., for the past two weeks, returned last week.

J. D. Shearin, of Aurelian Springs, was here a few hours Monday.

Mrs. Ira Lightfoot and little son, of Norfolk, Va., are here this week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Keene.

Messrs. S. M. Thompson, Alston Garris and Walter Bowers were in Newport News Tuesday where they attended the launching of the battleships Pennsylvania.

Messrs. J. U. Loftin and T. E. Edmondson and Misses Addie Belle Gammons and Irene Cannon motored to Halifax Sunday afternoon.

Monroe Jenkins spent a few hours in Halifax Sunday with friends and relatives.

B. D. Hamill, of Thebus, spent a few hours here Monday on business.

"The St. Patrick's Day" Party which is to be given by the Junior Philatelic Class of the Rosemary Baptist Church in the rear of the Rosemary Drug Company has been postponed from Wednesday evening to Saturday evening, March 20th, from 8:30 till 10:30. Everybody come.

On account of some of the speakers being out of town the meeting of the Debating Club which was to have been held last Saturday night, was postponed one week, and said meeting will be held in the Rosemary School House, Saturday night, March 20th, beginning at 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

John D. Rockefeller could point with pride to his first deposit in the bank. He had enough in the bank to take the first business opportunity. So can you if you put it in the bank. We all know the story of Mr. Rockefeller, and Mr. Carnegie, or Mr. Schwab, or any of our other great fortune builders. They began by putting their money in the bank. Not because they had too much—oh no! They wanted that money in the bank so it would be safe and so it would be there to grasp the first good business opportunity. None of them dabbled in get-rich-quick schemes peddled around by smooth strangers. Make our bank your bank. We pay 4 per cent interest compounded quarterly. The First National Bank of Roanoke Rapids.

Mrs. B. Marks left on last Tuesday night for Richmond and Baltimore where she will buy spring and summer lines of merchandise. She is expected to return to-day.

L. G. Shell spent Thursday in Richmond buying spring lines of goods.

C. A. Jones, of Scotland Neck, spent several days here this week.

L. M. Kitchin, of the Scotland Neck Commonwealth, was in town a few hours last Tuesday.

John A. Parks, publisher of the Raleigh Times spent a few hours here yesterday.

Rev. and Mrs. B. E. O'Brien have started revival services at the Rosemary Baptist Church beginning last Thursday night. Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien have just completed very successful revival services at the Roanoke Rapids Baptist Church.

L. S. Mosher spent several days this week in Richmond and New York, on business.

Mr. and Mrs. V. T. Lamm, of Wilson, spent the week-end here visiting friends and relatives.

## FOR PERFECT REGISTRATION

North Carolina Soon to be Recognized as a Registration State

North Carolina will soon take her rightful place among the states of the Union as a registration state. This is all due to a law just passed perfecting our registration of births and deaths. Hereafter, upon the death of any person in the State, the undertaker or person acting as such will be obliged to file a death certificate with the local registrar in exchange for a burial permit within seventy-two hours after death or before the burial of the body. Heretofore, in the country, ten days were allowed for filing such death certificates after the burial of the body. As a result a large portion of the deaths in the country were forgotten, overlooked and unrecorded, and our vital statistics, particularly for rural districts, are of very little value and in many cases worthless and even misleading.

These conditions were so self-evident that the federal authorities refused, and rightly, to recognize North Carolina as a registration state or to give our statistics a place beside the statistics of other states with proper laws. It is not known if North Carolina will be recognized as a registration state for 1915 or not, as almost one-fourth of the year will have passed before the law can be put into action, but there is no doubt that our figures for 1916 will be accepted by federal authorities. After that North Carolina will be favored with emigrants seeking healthful climates who now have no means whatever of knowing whether North Carolina is a healthful state or not.



MR. D. L. ASKEEW

of Kinston, N. C., who is to lead the singing during the Christian revival which begins Easter Sunday, the first Sunday in April and continues for several weeks.

Dr. H. B. Foster spent Thursday in Greensboro on business.

Miss Lucile Edwards spent the week-end in Norfolk, Va., visiting friends and relatives.

One of the best assets of this bank is our satisfied depositors. They have gained many new accounts for us, helped us to grow. We have an organization for services, second to none, and would like to make a satisfied depositor of you. The First National Bank of Roanoke Rapids.

C. A. Wyche spent Monday in Richmond on business.

"Robbers broke into the home of John Tuttle, an old man who resides three miles east of King, Stokes county, entered the room where Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle were sleeping and carried off a trunk containing about \$700 in cash and some valuable papers—Greenboro Patriot." If Mr. Tuttle had deposited his money with the Bank of King he would now have it. As it is, he is short \$700. There are many people in Roanoke Rapids and Halifax County keeping money in their homes, even though Roanoke Rapids has the largest and strongest bank in Halifax County, whose business it is to safeguard money. If you have money hid away in the house, bring it to us. It will be safe in our bank and will earn 4 per cent interest for you. The First National Bank of Roanoke Rapids.

Advt.

## FIRE AND BURG-LAR ALARM

New and Novel Invention of W. G. Lynch, of Roanoke Rapids Explained

### ECONOMICAL & EFFECTIVE

W. G. Lynch, of Roanoke Rapids, N. C., is the inventor of a new and useful fire and burglar alarm system, and holds with pride, a set of papers from the patent office of the United States, granting him the exclusive right to manufacture and sell same.

What is claimed for this system in part is:

1. A source of electrical energy, an audible signal, a plurality of visual signals, conductors electrically connecting the audible and visual signals with the source of electrical energy, and a plurality of circuit breakers controlling the circuit, a plurality of conductors independently connecting each one of the visual signals with one lead of the source of energy, a conductor connecting the other lead from the source of electrical energy to the bell, a conductor connecting all of the visual signals with the other side of the audible signal, and a plurality of circuit breakers interposed in the conductors between the source of electrical energy and the visual signals.

2. Highly inflammable means normally holding the circuit breakers in open circuit position, and yieldable means adapted to move the circuit breakers to closed circuit position upon the severing of the inflammable means.

An object of equal importance with the foregoing was to so design the system and apparatus that it might be cheaply manufactured, will be durable and efficient in service, and may be readily and easily installed on any premises with a minimum expenditure of time and labor, and when once installed, will at once automatically give notice of the outbreak of fire through the audible signal and show its location through the visual signal, hence, no delay need be experienced in locating the fire and extinguishing same. Said audible and visual signals may be placed in any desired apartment of the home, this at the option of the owner.

Additional lines may easily be extended from the dwelling house to any outbuildings, such as stables, granaries, barns etc., and will at once give notice of the existence of fire in any of said outbuildings and at the same time showing in which building the fire has occurred, through the audible and visual signals as before described.

Circuit breakers as above described in this system have been provided with an extra circuit closer independent of the one provided for fire, that may be extended around the rooms, connecting with all doors and windows, and will give notice of the intrusion of any unwelcome intruder and at the same time showing through the visual signals in which room the burglar has entered, hence you can stand in front of your visual signals in your sleeping apartment and read the route of the unwelcome night raider throughout the entire building as he passes from one room to another, and without his having the least knowledge of your whereabouts.

Such fire and burglar alarm systems as has in part been described are now being manufactured and installed under the personal supervision of the inventor. Don't allow your little innocent children, your wife or yourself to be cremated in a fire that may mysteriously break out during a silent hour of the night, when it can be so easily prevented by the use of Lynch's new system of protection.

"How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed un-

## March An Unhealthy Month Vitality Lower and the Death Rate Rises

In late winter and early spring vitality is at low ebb. The death rate at this season, especially for the month of March, is decidedly high. It is at this time tuberculosis and pneumonia claim the greater number of their victims, and so do the diseases of the nervous and circulatory systems. Old people find it hard to resist disease now and look with dread to the season's approach.

Why is this? Is it merely a physical condition? Would its effect? Scientific investigation shows that this depression which is both a mental and a physical condition is a matter of no little import on clearness and health. Professor H. H. Henshaw of Yale University has recently made a careful study of the effect of the weather and season on the earnings of 5000 men engaged in piece-work in the factories of Connecticut. The results showed that earnings followed a regular seasonal curve, that their earnings were lowest in January, February and March, when they began to rise steadily. In the hot weather they fell again but reached their highest point in November. The same careful observation was made of 1600 students at West End and Annapolis and the figures showed the same thing; that the lowest points of efficiency were at the fall and late spring and at the lowest points were in hot weather and late winter.

The falling off of physical vitality in late winter must necessarily affect health and consequently the death rate. Unfortunately it affects the patent medicine business no little. In many cases it furnishes quite a boom to the corner drug stores where spring tonics, elixirs and balm are continuously sold across the counter. But nothing soifies the meeting of this sort of stringency like a strong body resistance. Perhaps the condition is poor from staying too much in doors in heated rooms, with too little fresh air and exercise during winter, or perhaps from a special strain from seasons of hard work. In such cases rest, sleep, good food, open air and moderate exercise are necessary to restore the body's vitality and build up a resisting power of the body. All exercises must be avoided. Anything that saps vitality is a hindrance to health. Avoid the rigors of winter would do well to maintain a strong body and a bright outlook on life.

### Resolutions of Respect

GEORGE EMMETT ALLEN

Whereas, on January 20, 1915, the pale messenger of death visited our community and took from our brother, George E. Allen, to that Heavenly Home above where the Saints are awaiting us as we only, and we seek admission; where our friendship shall be blessed, where our morality shall shine resplendently in the light of spirituality; where our brotherly love like charity shall ever last.

Be it therefore resolved:

1. That in the death of George E. Allen, a true and faithful member of whom we brethren are rejoicing, we lose.

2. That we extend to his widow and relatives our warm sympathy, praying Heaven's richest blessing upon them in this their hour of bereavement.

3. That these resolutions be spread upon our minutes, and be sent to his widow, and a copy be sent to the Roanoke Rapids Herald and to the Roanoke Friend for publication.

Committee:

WILLIAM T. HILL,

G. L. HAYES, Jr.,

L. S. CANNON.

to us by them that heard him," Hebrews 2:3.

Further information may be obtained concerning this new Fire Alarm System as to price, infallibility, etc., by writing or calling upon W. G. Lynch, Roanoke Rapids, N. C., who will take pride in explaining the entire system to any one interested.

## WITH THE CHURCHES

Episcopal Church

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

Sunday School every Sunday morning at ten o'clock. Mr. Whitaker, Superintendent. Everybody invited to all services.

Christian Church

Raleigh L. Topping, Minister

Sunday School at Rosemary Opera House every Sunday afternoon at 2:30.

C. H. Spaight, Supt. L. G. Allen, Sec.

Services at Rosemary Opera House Sunday morning at 11:30 a. m. and evening at 7:30 p. m. Revival services begin Easter Sunday.

Baptist Church

Rev. Jesse Blalock, Pastor

Sunday School every Sunday at 10:30 a. m. W. S. Hancock, Supt. Services both morning and evening 11:45 A. M. subject, "Universal Arm" 7:45 P. M. subject, "No Difference".

Sunday evening will close my services as pastor of the Roanoke Baptist Church. I will be glad to see as many as possible at both morning and evening services.

Presbyterian Church

Rev. H. F. Morton, Pastor

Sunday School Rosemary Opera House Sunday morning at ten o'clock.

A full attendance is desired in order to discuss the Sunday School room of our new church.

Accordant invitation is extended to the public to visit us. No morning or evening services as the pastor will be away at Enfield.

Methodist Church

Rev. Wm. Towe, Pastor

Sunday School Sunday morning at 9:45. W. V. Woodruff, Supt. Services at 11 o'clock. Subject "Christ, Our Mediator" 1:30 to 2:30.

Evening services at 7:30 o'clock. A Layman. Free Will Contribution.

Sunday school at ten o'clock. H. H. Gould, Supt.

Evening services at 7:30 o'clock. "The Mission of John the Baptist" Rev. L. S. Cannon and worship with the choir.

In Historic Halifax

We are pleased to announce that the first class of Halifax graduates for the return of an action held in Halifax county in 1825. It will be observed that these were only eight persons, and that they played a very important part in the history of the county.

The following is the list of the graduates:

Name	Age	Birth	Death
John A. Parks	25	1890	1915
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James Matthews was elected to the Senate without opposition. He received 201 votes. Jesse A. Synn and Thomas Nicholson were elected to the House.

The town of Halifax was then entitled to a special representative and Wm. L. Long was elected without opposition.

The same year Northampton county was represented by Col. W. Barnes, Senator, and R. B. Gray and James Hayley, Commons.

Warren county was represented by Isham Davis in the Senate, and Green Jones and John Green, Commons. Roanoke News.

## COUNTY FARM AGENT ADVICE

Best Method of Handling Green Cover Crops

This is probably the first year you have used a green cover crop to improve your soil. We therefore wish to call your attention to a few important points regarding the best method of handling your land for the succeeding crop.

The state at which a cover crop should be turned under depends upon the soil, weather conditions and the crop that is to follow. Where corn is to be planted on crimson clover land, the clover should be turned under just when the blooms begin to fade. The crop at this stage will contain about the maximum amount of plant food. Besides, it will decay much more readily than if permitted to reach full maturity. It may be necessary to turn the clover under a little earlier in order to get the corn planted at the proper time. It is sometimes advisable to turn under earlier on account of the soil being in good condition, whereas to put it off a few days or a week, dry weather might prevent doing the work as it should be. When the land is to be planted to cotton it will be necessary to turn the cover crop earlier regardless of the stage of growth. This will allow a few days for the land to settle and to be gotten in proper condition for a good seed bed. The plow should be followed closely with the harrow to pulverize the soil before the wind and sunshine dry it out. Unless the soil is full of moisture, or there are prospects of an early rain it is best to run a roller over the land to firm it, which will aid in holding the moisture. The roller should always be followed with the weeder or light smoothing harrow to mule the top soil.

When the cover crop consists of rice or other small grain, it should be turned under when about knee high. If the condition of the soil prevents plowing at this time, double dice the crop a couple of times and this will prevent the further drying out of the soil, and frequently the soil will be mellow enough in a few days to plow even if it does not rain. This, of course, is true when cover is to be followed by corn also.

Never turn the clover or other crop under without first thoroughly cutting up with a dice harrow, or the material plowed under in a large seriously interferes with the capillary action of the moisture in the soil. The effect of turning under in a layer is what is sometimes called souring the soil with green manuring crops. Double dice the cover crop two or three times with a sharp dice harrow before plowing, plow soil by taking a narrow furrow and edging rather than inverting the furrow; then double dice the land again rather deeply, and no manure effect will result however large the growth may be. This is the important point I wish to impress upon you: The thorough incorporation of the vegetable matter with the soil. Don't get in a hurry and neglect this important part of the work if you expect good results from your cover crop. Use the dice harrow and smoothing harrow until you have the soil well pulverized and the vegetable matter mixed throughout the soil.

If you are in doubt about the fertility of ingredients do use on soil thus prepared, communicate with me.

Very truly yours,  
J. A. PATTERSON,  
County Agent.

### Honor Roll

Fourth Grade

Rose Pearson, Fannie Towe, Ruby Woodruff, Alma Vaughan, Onie Glover, Ida Wicker, Charlie Adkins, Miss Byrd, Teacher.