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THE JOHN PAUL JONES MEMORIAL

Description of Halifax Home of Navy Hero of the War of the Revolution

WILL SOON BE RESTORED

"I am too devoted an American," said Mrs. Edwin Clark Gregory of Salisbury, N. C., "to admit our country is more ungrateful than Republics are generally, but I do wish we had shown more appreciation of John Paul Jones. The intrepid naval commander, dead or alive, should give the National conscience a twinge whenever the subject is prominent, and it is every time we study the history of the war of independence. "Of course the splendid service of Gen. Horace Porter in a large measure made reparation for the century of neglect, but it is almost humiliating to reflect that the service was the work of love of one generous-spirited public man rather than the prompting of the Nation. Still we have the revered remains of John Paul Jones reposing in a stately mausoleum at Annapolis, and every embryo naval hero going forth from the hallowed shades of the Naval Academy is steeped in reverence to his memory. "For this we are all very grateful. But down in the old colonial Capital of North Carolina, Halifax, the splendid old home where John Paul Jones spent his happy days, the only home he ever knew or loved, is crumbling to decay. Every North Carolina woman with a grain of patriotism has been saddened at the pictures of ruin the old Jones mansion presents, and tried many means to rescue it before we came before the Nation with our plea. John Paul Jones is a National hero, and not altogether a North Carolina celebrity, so it seems proper to have the entire Nation take up the work we have been vainly urging in the State, in the local D. A. R., and afterward at the Continental Congress. "It is our purpose to found a society similar to that which has preserved Mount Vernon; to have regents and vice regents from every State, with as large a membership as we may. The financial obligation will be almost negligible, and the glory of having accomplished something of splendid, patriotic usefulness will be great. Our president is to be Gen. Horace Porter, and the honorary presidents will be Mrs. Marshall, all of the cabinet ladies, Mrs. Donald McLean and Mrs. Matthew T. Scott. There will also be a list of honorary presidents selected from eminent naval officers, of whom Admiral Dewey is typical. "Vice presidents will be selected from every State, with the central authority vested in the board resident in Washington. Just now all we have decided to do is to organize this memorial society to preserve the home. Later we will decide to what use we will put the venerable mansion. A home for aged women has been suggested, or, again, a school wherein patriotism will be the inspiration, but where boys and girls will be equipped for the battle of life, the boys in technical pursuits, the girls along domestic economic lines. "It is also proposed simply to restore the old home, furnished as nearly as it was in the days when the sad-eyed, youthful Scotch sailor, John Paul, accepted the cheery invitation of Willie Jones to visit him at the Grove, and to keep it in perpetuity as a memorial of our greatest revolutionary naval hero. Personally, I favor this last idea, as more dignified, more useful and more in harmony with historic traditions. "Of the mansion, I find so few know of it even superficially

that to spread this knowledge is of itself a useful propaganda. The benefactor of John Paul figures in the annals simply as Willie Jones. Possibly his name was William, but he lived before the days of the "Little Willie" jokes and he signs all documents with the endearing title of Willie. He was the son of that Robin Jones, a Highlander of gentle blood, who was Attorney General of North Carolina under royal rule. His manorial estate, called the Grove, was renowned in pre-revolutionary days for hospitality and for the distinguished guests entertained there. "Allen Jones, brother of Willie Jones, became a general in the patriotic Army and later served his State signally in the Legislature. The Jones mansion, though now in pathetic ruins, retains much of its former beauty. All the wood, carved and richly stained, came from England. No home in the South can show more stately halls and drawing rooms, while the stairways are marvel's even yet. The daintiest of parquetry, still intact after three years of neglect, adorns the floors of the pretty music room, and satinwood in panels, with lovely Cupids flying about the dado, proclaims the wealth and culture of the Jones family. "It was to this beautiful home that Willie Jones brought the youthful Scotch sailor, John Paul. Mr. Jones had met him previously in Virginia. Later when the adventuresome were gathering in large numbers about Halifax he again encountered the Scotch boy and, feeling pity for his lack of success in the new country, cordially asked him to the Grove until his fortune mended. From that time the history of John Paul mingles intimately with that of the Jones family, and to study the one is to secure records of both. From letters and papers of the day we learn that the Scotch sailor was almost unlettered, and that at once the generous host began to take his education in hand. "His great intellect showed itself instantly, so that after few years' tutorage in the home of his benefactor we find the daring sea fighter emerging a polished man of letters, graceful and accomplished, versed in the ways of the world, but yet so unworldly that he asked and received permission to add the name Jones to his own, the greatest tribute he could pay and one which assured his immortality. It is John Paul Jones henceforth in the record, and while he remained on American soil his steps bent toward the Grove and it was to him a refuge and support, even as Mount Vernon was to Washington, Monticello to Jefferson, Sunnyside to Irving. "It was in the grand and sumptuous main drawing room that Commodore Jones received the sword now so sacredly guarded in the Navy Department. And in the fine old library, where the ancient mahogany has defied time and the abuse of negro tenants, Willie Jones wrote his friend, Joseph Hewes, chairman of the naval affairs in the Continental Congress sitting in Philadelphia, commending to his good offices his young protegee John Paul. This letter undoubtedly obtained for the ambitious youth his first commission in the Continental Navy. "Then, at the request of Willie Jones, Hewes interested himself in the valor of young Paul Jones and gave him full support from his adopted State, North Carolina. Lastly Gov. Samuel Johnston wrote to Mr. Jones in

Edward Abeles in Screen Adaptation of Great Stage Success, "The Million."

The latest Famous Players-Paramount feature presents Edward Abeles, the celebrated stage and screen star, in a four part screen version of "The Million," Henry W. Savage's successful production, termed by New York dramatic critics at the time of its stage presentation, "A farce in a million." This feature is the Saturday night attraction at the Rosemary Theatre. The subject is an endless chain of laughs, with humor of the cleverest sort. Not even a misanthrope of the most extreme stamp could fail to laugh at the sidesplitting farce. The chase after the lost lottery ticket, worth a million, is participated in by a detail of policemen, a young doctor, a burglar, an Italian tenor, a few art students, an expressionist, an artist's model, and several newspaper reporters. One of the principal characters in support of Edward Abeles in the production is Signor Donatelli who calls himself "The Caruso of the Bowery," played in the film production by Paul Ker, who originated the role in the stage presentation, and who was brought from Berlin by Mr. Savage for this purpose. Mr. Ker made a remarkable hit in the original production, and is considered one of the most valuable recruits to the American stage of recent years. Others of importance in the large cast are William Roselle, Robert S. Gill, Ruby Hogman, Edna Mayo and Ralph Delmore.

Christian Church Cleanings

(Reported)
Prof. A. F. Leighton of Scotland Neck preached for the Christian congregation last Sunday morning and evening. Quite a crowd was present at both services.
Rev. Sidney Love, of Raleigh, Secretary of the Carolina Prisoners Aid Society, preached for the regular pastor the third Sunday morning and evening in June. He lectured to men only at 3:30. Quite a crowd was present.
Rev. J. Fred Jones, Secretary of the Carolina Christian Missionary Society preached in the Rosemary school-house on Monday night June 21st, to a large and appreciative audience.
The ice cream social at the Rosemary school-house held under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Society was fully enjoyed. The profit realized was \$16.25. The expense was \$10.75.
Quite a number attended prayer meeting held at the home of Major Male last Tuesday night. The next meeting will be at the home of Mr. W. J. Thomas in Rosemary.

1789 that the State intended to present a bust of Chevalier John Paul Jones to the State House in Raleigh. Chevalier Jones being among the foremost revolutionary heroes who derived their appointment from North Carolina. This intention unfortunately seemed to have been deferred and finally was lost sight of in the lapsing years. "Though the mansion has been so long neglected, we of North Carolina, who always hoped to restore it, have sufficient records of the interior decoration to reit the home with historical accuracy. We have some of the wall paper from the drawing rooms and the sleeping apartments. Among the ancient gentry there are pieces of the tapestry and of the brocade which adorned the staterooms, and splendid old furniture like that of Monticello and Mount Vernon can easily be traced to the purchasers. Indeed, though the society is merely peeping out of its shell and we have as yet had no chance to make a general appeal, we have received hundreds of offers to aid in the restoration, by gift or by duplication known ornaments in the Jones home."

PERSONAL AND LOCAL ITEMS

Mrs. G. D. Shell left Sunday to spend a few days at Ocean View, Va.
Messrs. M. E. and B. F. Williams spent a few days at Ocean View, Va., this week.
Messrs. C. D. Williams and C. T. Kidd, of City Point, spent the week-end here visiting friends relatives.
W. J. Norwood spent Sunday at Ocean View.
Mrs. W. C. Allsbrook and children and Miss Susie Allsbrook are visiting relatives and friends in Tarboro and Norfolk.
J. E. Brown spent Sunday at Virginia Beach.
Miss Iva Wheeler spent Sunday at Virginia Beach.
Misses Rosa Harrison, Ruth Gums, Annie Mabry, and Georgia Spain spent Sunday in Norfolk.
W. E. Britt spent a few days in Norfolk this week.
Mr. Thomas Barrett is at home from West Point Va.
Messrs. Ben and Richard Hymond, of Charlotte, arrived here Wednesday to visit friends.
P. B. Matthews and sister, Miss Atwood Matthews, of South Hill, are here visiting friends and relatives.
F. H. Pierce, of Atlanta, Ga., is here erecting machinery in the ice plant recently started by Mr. S. M. Thompson. Mr. Thompson expects to have the plant running by the 25th of this month.
Mr. J. W. Taylor has recently started the erection of a new home on Jackson Street.
Mrs. L. R. Welch, of Mount Holly, N. C., and her son, Mr. J. E. Welch, of Kings Mountain, N. C., spent several days here last week visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Welch, returning to their homes last Saturday afternoon.
Mrs. M. T. Norris, of Raleigh, who has been visiting Mrs. J. W. House, returned to her home last Saturday.
Mrs. G. B. Crews and little son left Wednesday night to visit at Andrews, S. C.
J. L. Patterson spent the week-end at Ocean View.
Messrs. F. S. Smith and C. E. Mizelle and Misses Rosa Smith, Carrie and Mamie Fleischman left Monday for Hanover, Penn. They are making the trip on Mr. Smith's car.
Misses Fannie Mizelle and Maude Wilkinson spent a few days this week at Ocean View.
Messrs. S. J. Bounds and C. W. Graham spent the week-end in Norfolk.
Mr. and Mrs. T. M. House, Mrs. Mary E. Daniel and Johnnie House, of Richmond, motored here Saturday, returning Monday.
Miss Alma Lee Vaughan, who has been in Richmond, several weeks under treatment for an ear trouble returned home Saturday.
Mr. A. L. Roberson returned Thursday from Birmingham, Ala., where he was called on account of the shooting of his brother, Mr. H. L. Roberson. Friends here are glad to learn that his brother will recover in spite of the seriousness of his wounds.
Messrs. Newsom Riddick and Gavin Hyman, of Scotland Neck, N. C., were here Tuesday on business.
The Baracca Class of the Baptist Sunday School installed officers last Sunday as follows: W. C. Allsbrooks, President; G. E. Underwood, Vice President; T. M. Faison, Secretary; Dr. H. E. Foster, Assistant Secretary; J. B. Stanley, Treasurer; J. W. House, Teacher; J. W. Womble, Assistant Teacher; J. M. Underwood, Press Reporter.

Prof. A. E. Akers Elected County Superintendent

Prof. A. E. Akers, of Roanoke Rapids, has been accorded a signal but well deserved honor in his election to the important post of County Superintendent of Education. While Mr. Akers has not definitely decided, we understand that he will accept the position, because it offers him a wider field of usefulness in his chosen work. Prof. Akers is an enthusiast in educational work, has wide training and experience, combined with natural aptitude and love for the work of education and it is needless to say that Mr. Akers, acceptance of this position will mean that Halifax will have at the head of her schools an educator second to none in the State. Mr. Akers' election occurred last Monday at the first meeting of the Board of Education. He was placed in nomination for the position by W. E. Daniels, Dr. Collins casting the vote deciding his election. Mr. Akers succeeds Dr. A. S. Harrison, of Enfield, who has held the position for many years. In nominating Mr. Akers, Mr. Daniels explained that he recognized the good work Dr. Harrison had done but that he felt that the time had come when Halifax County required the entire time of an experienced educator at the head of her public school system. Mr. Akers has had sixteen years of experience in public school work, having taught for six years in Franklin and Roanoke counties, Virginia, was principal of the Henderson Graded Schools for three years and has been superintendent of the Roanoke Rapids Graded schools since their organization seven years ago. If Mr. Akers accepts the position, as we understand he will, he will continue to reside in Roanoke Rapids, but will, of course, make periodical visits to all of the public schools in the county.

Gums-Wheeler

On last Saturday night Miss Fannie Gums became the bride of Mr. G. D. Wheeler. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. G. Wilcox, of Brinkleyville, in Halifax, N. C., at the home of friends. Mrs. Wheeler is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Gums and has a wide circle of friends in this community. Mr. Wheeler has been a resident of Roanoke Rapids for several years and is popular with all who know him. Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler left for Norfolk, Va., immediately after the ceremony.

Stores Will Close At 7:00 P. M.

The following merchants have agreed to close their stores at seven o'clock each night, except Friday and Saturday nights, beginning with next Monday night, and continuing until September 1. The merchants in question are taking this action for the benefit of their clerks during the hot summer weather, and it is to be hoped that other merchants will follow suit. Hancock-House Co., Samuel Senie, B. Marks, G. D. Shell, E. B. Glover, W. F. Lee, J. L. Doughtrey, B. B. Higgin, Wells D. Tillery, Mrs. K. Jenkins, B. S. Webb. Dr. E. H. Atkins, left this week for his new home in Charlotte, where he will devote his entire time to surgery. His place at Rosemary will be filled by Dr. F. G. Jarman. "How do you account for Nero fiddling during the burning of Rome?" asked the professor. "I suppose he had the place heavily insured," suggested the senior who was specializing in finance.

CONTEST DRAWS NEAR CLOSE

Only Four More Weeks Before Prizes Will Be Awarded. Contestants Who Expect to Win Must Get Busy Now

CHANCE FOR LIVE MAN YET

With only four more weeks to run before the close of the Herald's Base Ball Player's Contest, it is certainly up to each contestant to get busy and do what he is going to do toward landing one of the gold prizes. As seen by the standing of the contestants published below it is no sure thing for any contestant yet. A little work on the part of a dark horse during the next few days would certainly revise the standing. We have only one thing to say and that is that we do not believe that there is a baseball player in this community who is going to let twenty five dollars in hard coin get by him as easy as the present standing of contestants makes it appear. If it doesn't take more votes than have already been cast to win in this contest we lose our guess, that's all. We don't want any contestant to be disappointed when it comes to the showdown, so we urge them to get busy and cinch the thing now.

Baseball Players' Popularity Contest

Below is given the standing of contestants according to votes turned in up to Wednesday noon, June 30, 1915.

Clarence Grimmer	203,050
Clyde Mizelle	170,300
H. V. Welsh	106,500
N. A. Dodgins	36,150
J. E. Dobbins	11,500
A. G. Ausley	5,950

Ball Player's Popularity Contest

VOTING COUPON

50 V O T E S 50

If mailed or handed in before July 18, 1915

NAME OF PLAYER _____

COMMISSIONERS DRAW JURY HOME BOYS TAKE THE LEAD

For August Term of Halifax Superior Court

Three Straight Games Give Them Top Place in League and Cheer Fans Considerably

The county Commissioners at their regular monthly meeting in Halifax on last Monday drew the jurors for the August term (beginning August 16th) of the Halifax Superior Court as follows:
First Week: W. Wilcox, H. T. Davis, T. D. Partin, J. C. Anderson, B. F. Collins, P. E. Hawkins, J. T. Bell, J. R. Carter, S. P. Harris, J. T. Riddick, J. D. Lawrence, W. E. Smith, W. E. Nicholson, J. M. Harris, W. D. Bass, G. A. Hux, W. D. Womack, Paul Roberson, B. E. Parker, R. E. Sheridan, W. E. Britt, L. A. Grissom, L. W. Anderson, E. B. Glover, W. J. Hockaday, E. Clark, Wiley Matthews, A. B. Pope, W. B. Neville, Joe Winborne, J. W. Farrington, L. J. Baker, G. W. Green, L. R. Iles, J. R. Liles, J. S. Turner, W. H. Ivey.
Second Week: S. W. Whitehead, W. N. Alexander, J. E. Shields, S. W. Staton, Swain Norman, G. D. Insko, W. L. D. Ivey, Joe Jenkins, S. B. Butts, James Bradley, H. R. Newsom, E. A. Allsbrook, R. D. Wilcox, I. A. Daniel, E. E. Dickens, A. L. Stainback, R. E. Brickell, B. A. Pope.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS

July 8, 1915

	W	L	Pct.
Roanoke Rapids	5	2	.714
Franklin	7	5	.583
Emporia	1	6	.143

WHERE THEY PLAY SATURDAY

Emporia at Roanoke Rapids

ROSEMARY PARK

Kelford at Rosemary

"I give my wife half my salary every week to spend on the house keeping and herself."
"And what do you do with the other half of your salary?"
"Oh my wife borrows that."
—Houston Post.

"He gives twice who gives quickly."
"That's right. Those charity collectors always come back for more."
Redd—"Is he improving in his golf?"
Greene—"Oh, yes, he can say 'fore' in three languages now."
—Yonkers Statesman.

Mrs. Nuwed—"When we were married didn't you promise me a new hat every season?"
Nuwee—"But you never told me there were about a dozen hat seasons a year."
—Life.