

# ROANOKE RAPIDS HERALD

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## PERSONAL AND LOCAL ITEMS

Miss Josephine Tillery is visiting Mrs. Wells D. Tillery.

R. M. James is spending some time in Western North Carolina.

N. D. Cox was in town last week.

Miss Mary Crawley, who has been visiting Miss Estelle Hamlet, returned to her home near Littleton Tuesday.

E. T. Clark spent Sunday here the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Clark.

Miss Rosa Smith returned Monday from an extended visit to Hanover, Pa.

Miss Lutoria Bass, of Richmond, is visiting relatives and friends in town this week.

Clyde Mizelle left Monday for Raleigh, where he entered Page's School of Pharmacy.

Mrs. T. J. Parker is visiting friends in Jackson this week.

Mrs. C. H. Trueblood is visiting relatives in Goldsboro.

Messrs. W. S. Hancock and J. W. House, spent a few days in Richmond on business, this week.

Miss Bessie Mizell is home from a visit to Miss Nell Wicker at Franklinton.

C. T. Kidd, of City Point, Va., spent the week-end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kidd.

Messrs. T. M. Jenkins and L. G. Shell spent a few days in Richmond this week, on business.

Mrs. A. E. Stowe and children, after an extended visit to friends and relatives in Greensboro returned home Tuesday.

Mr. Henry Powell and wife who have been here visiting their brother, Mr. R. B. Powell, returned Friday to their home in Philadelphia.

Mr. Gib Smith returned Saturday from Norfolk, where he had been for some time in St. Vincent's Hospital.

Mr. George Keeter and wife left Saturday for DeWitt, Va.

C. H. Gilliland, after a week's visit to his old home near Macon, returned Sunday.

The Ladies of the Methodist Missionary Society will give an ice cream supper on the Church Lawn Saturday evening. Come and help them in their work.

Mrs. Mary E. Daniel, of Richmond, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Vaughan.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith spent Thursday in Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Britt returned Saturday from Boykins, Va., where they had been the past week visiting relatives.

Mr. Charlie Taylor left this week for Norfolk to spend a few days on a vacation.

Mrs. R. L. Byrd and children after an extended visit to relatives in Durham returned home last week.

Mrs. G. D. Shell leaves tomorrow for Baltimore to buy fall goods.

Mrs. Vincent and daughters, Misses Blanche and Olivia, spent Monday night in town with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Allbrook and children, Mrs. A. A. Shute and Mr. G. C. Weeks, of Scotland Neck, spent a few hours in town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Hayes, Miss Josephine Tillery and Mr. E. H. Ricks spent Sunday at Panacea Springs.

John T. Bishop has been appointed assistant teacher in the Rosemary Methodist Sunday School.

D. L. Wood, who has been working at the Patterson Mills, left last night for Raleigh to accept a position in the mills there.

Miss Bessie Harris is visiting her aunt in Richmond, Va.

B. A. Crutchfield, who has been working at City Point, Va., was brought home by his son, Dewey Crutchfield, Wednesday night. Mr. Crutchfield is sick with malarial fever contracted there.

John T. Bishop and Dever Shell spent last Sunday in Norfolk.

An ice cream supper will be given at the Rosemary Schoolhouse to-night under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist Church.

Mr. Sawyer, of Union, S. C., is visiting Mr. G. N. Gurley. Mr. Sawyer states textile conditions at Union as being good.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Marks will leave Sunday for the North to buy fall goods.

Mr. "Bud" Williams, a former resident of this town, was here from Henderson a few hours Saturday.

Mr. L. G. Chase, of Richmond, spent Thursday here on business.

Mr. A. E. Stowe treated his Sunday School Class to an automobile ride out to the State farm near Halifax, Sunday where they were entertained by the Superintendent of the farm with a watermelon feast.

Mrs. J. R. Jenkins and son, of Parmele, spent the week-end here visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Lynch.

Thad Moore, of Greenville, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Vaughan.

B. D. Webb, of Williamston, spent a few days here this week visiting his sons, B. S. and C. A. Webb.

Miss Anna Hall arrived this week from Petersburg and is opening up a millinery establishment, which will be located over the Hancock-House Company.

The L. G. Shell Company have bought out the C. A. Jones Furniture Company at Rosemary and will continue the business at the same stand.

Mrs. H. B. Foster, and sister, Miss Maude Henry, are visiting friends in Enfield and Suffolk.

### Cradle-Slate

Mr. Jesse L. Cradle and Miss Adeline D. Slate, of Petersburg, Va., were quietly married last Saturday afternoon at the Methodist Parsonage by Rev. Wm. Towe.

## REV. B. E. O'BERN LEADS DOUBLE LIFE

### Rosemary Pastor Flees When Confronted with Evidence of Criminality. Stings Deacons before taking Flight

Rumors of a double life and immoral conduct, proving on swift investigation to be well founded, accomplished last Monday morning the hasty and unceremonious departure from Rosemary of Rev. B. E. O'Bern, pastor of the Rosemary Baptist Church, and the woman who has been living with him as his wife during his sojourn in this community.

The facts in the case as shown by indisputable evidence, seem to be that Mr. O'Bern has a wife living in Pleasant Valley, N. Y., and that the woman who posed as his wife here had no claim to the title, being an actress picked up in the course of his peregrinations.

Surprise and consternation seem to be the prevailing sentiment among the officers and members of the Rosemary Baptist Church that a man so seemingly worthy of the fullest confidence, pastor of their church, and a strong and efficient church worker, should have been capable of such monumental hypocrisy.

Since the first evidence in the shape of a letter dropped on the street in Rosemary by O'Bern came to light three weeks ago, investigations have been under way and suspicions have been growing. The letter was addressed to Rev. B. E. O'Beirne, Norfolk, Va., and was a communication from a firm of attorneys in New York City saying that Mrs. O'Beirne was not able to pay the costs of the divorce proceedings and requesting the addressee to forward at once the necessary amount of fifty dollars.

This letter was found by John Dillon, who read it and carried it to L. S. Hodgson. After conferring over the matter, they sealed the letter and returned it through the postoffice to O'Bern, agreeing between them to keep the matter a secret.

No steps toward investigation were taken until Mr. Dillon felt it his duty to bring the matter to the attention of the Odd Fellows, O'Bern being about to receive the second degree in the Order. A letter to the attorneys who wrote O'Bern revealed that he had a living wife in Pleasant Valley, N. Y. The Odd Fellows promptly communicated with her, and received a complete and accurate description of O'Bern, with the information that she and O'Bern were married on January 1, 1910, at the home of her father in Pleasant Valley, N. Y. Mrs. O'Bern also wrote that her husband at that time was a Methodist minister and that he spelled his name O'Beirne. She stated he lived with her several months, deserting her without cause.

After receiving this evidence, the Odd Fellows summoned O'Bern to a conference last Sunday afternoon, questioned him in detail and confronted him with the evidence. O'Bern denied the charges, but was informed by the Odd Fellows that they would not advance him further in the Order until the matter had been satisfactorily cleared up.

The affair did not get to the general public, before O'Bern's departure early Monday morning, being known in fact to only one of the deacons of the Baptist Church, A. P. Thompson, who knew the facts about ten days ago. O'Bern preached as usual in the Baptist church Sunday night. Monday morning he made the rounds to all his deacons who were ignorant of the charges against him and borrowed various amounts from them, on the pretense that he wished to send his wife to Baltimore to visit her mother, who

was desperately ill. He and his companion then left on the early Norfolk train Monday morning. Mr. A. P. Thompson received a letter from her Tuesday at noon, stating that he had sent the woman to her mother's in Baltimore, but had not yet decided where he would go. He added the information that he did not care whether the people in Rosemary believed the charges against him or not, so it is very evident that this community will see him no more.

## TRI-TOWN LEAGUE ENDS THIS WEEK

### Pennant Almost in Grasp of Roanoke Rapids Team. One Game of the Three to be Played will Tie for Championship, Two Games will Win

### TO-DAY AND SATURDAY DECIDE

With only three more games to play before the schedule of the Tri-Town League is completed, Roanoke Rapids faces the close with the brightest chances of any team in the league.

Since last week's standing, Roanoke Rapids has won four games and lost four, taking two out of the three games played here Friday and Saturday with Emporia, losing one at Franklin Monday and getting robbed of the other at Franklin Tuesday, and winding up with two out of the three played with Emporia on Wednesday and Thursday.

While the Franklin team has deteriorated to such an extent that it required the entire support of the umpire and the home grounds to win, Emporia and Roanoke Rapids have both strengthened up considerably and are playing fast ball. Two games out of the three played here on last Friday and Saturday went to extra innings, Roanoke Rapids taking the Friday game in eleven innings with a score of three to two and losing the extra inning game Saturday in fourteen innings two to one.

To-morrow and Saturday's games will decide the championship for this season. Roanoke Rapids has to take one out of the three to tie with Franklin and two out of the three to win the pennant. The games to-day and to-morrow will unquestionably be the fastest ever played on the local grounds.

WHERE THEY PLAY TO-DAY AND SATURDAY  
Emporia at Roanoke Rapids  
Double Header Saturday

STANDING OF THE CLUBS			
August 19, 1915			
	W	L	Pct.
ROANOKE RAPIDS	19	14	.576
Franklin	20	16	.556
Emporia	12	21	.364

### Smith-Hodges

Miss Flossie Smith and Mr. William T. Hodges, were quietly married on last Friday night in Weldon at the home of Rev. J. G. Blalock, who performed the ceremony.

Miss Smith is one of Roanoke Rapids most popular young women. Mr. Hodges has lived here for some time, being in the employ of the Patterson Mills Company, and is universally liked and respected.

The young couple are making their home at the residence of Mrs. Hodges' mother, Mrs. Laura Smith, in Roanoke Rapids.

### Open Air Service

In the park at the Rapids the Presbyterian Congregation will hold their Sunday evening service in the open air. Two weeks ago this was a fine success and a nice large crowd was in attendance. I believe that we can do better this time.

H. F. MORTON.

## SUPERIOR COURT

### August Term Begins With Judge C. C. Lyon on the Bench

The August term of Halifax Superior Court began Monday, with the mercury about one hundred in the shade at noon of the court house square, with Judge C. C. Lyon, of Elizabethtown, presiding.

The grand jurors for the term were drawn from the list as follows: C. R. Liles, W. E. Smith, A. B. Pope, J. W. Tharington, W. T. Neville, J. M. Garris, L. W. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, T. D. Parker, P. E. Hawkins, B. F. Collins, C. A. Hux, W. D. Bass, Paul Robinson, W. H. Wilcox, G. W. Green, R. E. Parker, E. B. Glover.

W. E. Smith was appointed foreman, and W. I. Cullom officer. Judge Lyon did not waste time in a lengthy charge. He recognized the fact that the most of the grand jurors before him had heard charges, and charges, and that it was only necessary to call attention to their sworn duty as grand jurors for the State. Judge Lyon is one of the ablest judges on the Superior court bench, of a smooth, even temperament, yet firm and decided as to questions of law and the enforcement thereof.

Quite a number of cases were taken up Monday the majority being from Weldon and submissions as to engaging in the negroes favorite game the "skin" game. The defendants were allowed to pay costs in the case and go in peace, with the understanding that they would hereafter and forever steer clear of all games of chance.

The first civil cases are set for Friday. Two important cases are set for next Monday, Sugar vs. Egerton, and Nelson vs. the S. A. Line R. R. Co.—Roanoke News.

### New Ice Plant Begins Business

The Roanoke Ice & Fuel Company have completed the installation and equipment of their new and modern ice manufacturing plant and are now turning out a high grade of product.

Patrons of the local plant may feel absolutely sure that they are getting pure ice. No water is used except that filtered from a deep artesian well. The whole plant is strictly sanitary and visitors will be cordially received and shown over the plant.

The Roanoke Ice & Fuel Company purchased this week the equipment, stock and goodwill of W. S. Hockaday and Son and have almost a clear field in the local distribution of their product.

The opening of the Roanoke Ice & Fuel Company's plant means a considerable saving to every consumer of ice in this community, the price being almost cut in half. For this reason and also because of the fact that they are manufacturing ice right here at home, they deserve the ice business of the whole community.

### Workers Council, Wednesday Night

M. E. Sunday School, programme in part.

1. Devotional, led by Mr. Chas. Welsh, Sr.

2. How to teach the lesson, led by Mr. R. L. Towe.

3. How to get the scholars to learn the lesson, by Miss Lillie Strauther.

4. Study of the Home Department, by Mrs. T. T. Taylor. Every member is expected to be present and prepared to give and receive ideas on the above subjects.

(A round table discussion.)

Every officer and teacher is a member of the Workers Council and is earnestly requested to be present at this meeting.

## Third District Convention I. O. O. F.

The Third District Convention of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows convened in the Odd Fellows Hall Wednesday evening at Rosemary with the local Lodge as its host. There were about twenty five visiting delegates from the various Lodges in the district present. Mr. J. D. Berry, Assistant Grand Secretary of the Order was also present, and on Wednesday evening assisted the degree staff to give the third degree to several candidates. Thursday a business session was held. P. V. Matthews made the address of welcome, to which Mr. Berry responded in behalf of the visiting brethren.

After the business of the meeting had been concluded the election of officers was taken up, the following officers being elected: J. T. Batton, of Rich Square, President; J. C. Tillery, of Lewiston, Vice President; A. J. M. Perry, of Coleraine, Secretary; M. L. Martin, of Rich Square, Treasurer. The next meeting of the district will be held at Lewiston on January 20th. There being no further business to come before this session the meeting adjourned for dinner, which was served in the hall and consisted of Brunswick stew, chicken, ham, etc.

Thursday evening beginning at 8 o'clock the convention held a public session in the Rosemary Opera House. A large crowd was present and all seemed to be well pleased with the proceedings. This session was opened with the singing of the opening ode by the members, after which Rev. C. H. Trueblood offered prayer.

Rev. Wm. Towe, of the Methodist Church in an eloquent speech rendered the address of welcome responded to by A. J. M. Perry, of Coleraine Lodge. P. V. Matthews then introduced Mr. J. D. Berry as one having the reputation of being one of the best posted Odd Fellows on Odd Fellowship in the State. Mr. Berry fully sustained this reputation in the speech he made on the principles and tenets of the order. At the conclusion of Mr. Berry's speech, Rev. C. H. Trueblood, of the Roanoke Rapids Baptist Church was introduced who made a few remarks appropriate to the occasion which thoroughly appreciated and enjoyed. The meeting adjourned with the benediction by Rev. Wm. Towe.

### Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Pearson Entertain

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Pearson gave a most delightful ice cream supper, on last Monday evening at their home in the country, in honor of their guests, Misses Sadie Pearson and Minnie Barfield, of Scotland Neck, and Miss Hope Crawley, of Norfolk.

Among those present were: Misses Mary and Byrl Pearson, Mamie, Annie and Kate King, Elizabeth, Margaret and Ethel Cook, Annie Wooten, Susie and Mary Medlin, Hettie, Kate and Becky Hockaday, Annie and Lucile Powell, Burla and Grace Hawkins, Lottie Hudson, Annie Hockaday, Beatrice Harrison, Mary Laelson, of Berkley, Va., Messrs. Skid Morris, Charlie and Tom Lee King, William and Tom Cook, Paul and Tommie Hawkins, Paul, Herbert Green, John Henry Wooten, Canaan Jenkins, Jesse Garner, Sidney Hawkins, Hubert Cox, Bill Collins, Sam, Hugh and Bernard Hockaday, F. M. Churn, Jim Boseman, R. E. Shell, Wilks Hawkins, T. F. Parham, C. W. Cannon, Robt. and Ernest Medlin, Millard Merritt, Charlie Lynch, Jake Matthews, and J. B. Powell, of Rocky Mount, Mrs. L. Powell, Mrs. E. R. Hawkins, Mrs. C. M. Pearson and Mrs. W. R. Crawley, of Norfolk, Va.

### Annual Picnic at Rosemary

To-morrow will be the date for the annual mid-summer holiday and picnic for the employees of the Rosemary Manufacturing Company. Every wheel will stand at Rosemary Saturday and the day will be devoted entirely to merry-making.

Elaborate preparations for the picnic, which will be given at the Rosemary park, are now under way. Music for occasion will be furnished by the Rosemary Concert Band and refreshments will be served on the picnic grounds by the Rosemary Manufacturing Company. Nothing will be left undone to give every employee of the Company a joyous Holiday.

Contractions of Old Saying. "Drat 'em" and "dod rot 'em" are said to be contractions of "May the gods outrot them."

## WITH THE CHURCHES

### First Christian Church

Raleigh L. Topping, Minister  
Sunday School will be held at the Rosemary Opera House at 9:45 next Sunday morning. C. H. Speight is the Supt.

### Baptist Church

Rev. C. H. Trueblood, Pastor  
Sunday School every Sunday at 9:45 A. M. W. S. Hancock, Supt. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night at eight o'clock. Choir practice Wednesday night immediately after prayer meeting.

There will be no service at the morning hour at the Baptist Church next Sunday. The pastor will be away in meeting near Elizabeth City.

At 8:00 o'clock Rev. J. H. Blanton, of Fayetteville, will conduct the service. Rev. Blanton is an old veteran preacher, a man who has spent about 45 years in the service of the Master. Come and hear him, he will do you good.

Sunbeam Band will meet Saturday afternoon at four o'clock.

### Presbyterian Church

#### Rev. H. F. Morton, Pastor

Sunday School at ten o'clock. Morning service at 11:00 A. M. The Pastor wishes to speak to the fathers and mothers of this community.

Night service at 8:00 o'clock in the open air at the Park if the weather permits. Subject: "The First Eternal Question of God."

### Methodist Church

#### Rev. Wm. Towe, Pastor

Roanoke Rapids: Sunday school Sunday morning at 9:45. W. V. Woodruff, Supt. Evening services at 8:00 o'clock. Subject: "Broken Obligations."

Workers Council Wednesday evening at eight o'clock.

Wednesday evening, prayer meeting at 8:00 o'clock.

Rosemary: Morning, Sunday School at 10:00 o'clock. J. B. Boyd, Supt. Evening services at 8:00 o'clock, conducted by a layman.

Tuesday evening, prayer meeting at 8:00 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to all services.

### Episcopal

#### Henry Clark Smith, Minister

Services every Sunday as follows: Sunday School and Bible Class 10:00 A. M. W. S. Whitaker, Supt. Morning Prayer and sermon 11:00 A. M. Evening Prayer and address 8:00 P. M.

Celebration of Holy Communion in place of Morning Prayer on first Sunday of each month.

In the absence of the Minister on the fourth Sunday morning the service will be read by Mr. Chas. Webb.

Sunday School Hymn Practice every Monday night at 8:00 P. M. Prayer meeting in the Rosemary Mill school house every Wednesday at 8:00 P. M.

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