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PERSONAL AND LOCAL ITEMS

Mrs. B. P. Dickens left this week for Wake Forest to spend a few days visiting friends.

Miss Addie Belle Gammons, of Phoebus, Va., is here visiting Mrs. T. M. Jenkins.

O. L. Smith, of Weldon, was here a few hours Monday evening to attend a meeting of Odd Fellows.

Miss Ellen Bowen who has been away a few days on a vacation returned Wednesday.

Mrs. S. J. Bounds and children returned Monday after spending some time with relatives in Franklinton, N. C.

Mrs. W. G. Lynch and little son, Graham spent the week-end with relatives near Parmele.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Kirkland returned Tuesday after a week's visit to relatives in Portsmouth.

T. M. Faison left Thursday on a business trip in Western North Carolina after which he will visit his sister, Mrs. J. E. O'Brian, Randleman, N. C.

The Women's Auxiliary of the Roanoke Rapids Hospital will meet in the rooms of the Rosemary Library Association next Wednesday afternoon at 3:30.

Mrs. J. H. Williams and little son, Haywood, returned Tuesday after spending sometime with relatives near Williamson, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cox left Tuesday for Winston-Salem where they will spend a few days visiting relatives and friends. They made the trip by automobile.

TOWN COMMISSIONERS MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of the town of Roanoke Rapids met last Tuesday night in the Mayor's office. Mayor J. W. Taylor, presiding and the following commissioners being present: W. P. Taylor, J. T. Chase and W. E. Woodruff.

Only routine business was transacted, current bills approved, etc., a good deal of the time being consumed in the reading of the voluminous minutes of the previous called meetings.

The matter of private sewer drainage was discussed and the attention of the officers was called to the ordinance covering this matter.

The Presbyterian Ladies Aid Society will meet next Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. G. Batts.

R. F. Edwards, Masonic Grand Lecturer, arrived this week to deliver special lectures in Masonry to Widow's Son Lodge No. 519.

Mr. R. W. Brown and Mrs. A. L. Robertson and children left Tuesday for an extended visit to friends and relatives in West Point, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Gregg and children, of Fayetteville, are here this week visiting in the home of Mr. George Gregg and other friends.

Mr. John D. Berry, of Raleigh, Assistant Grand Secretary of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of North Carolina, who has been here a few days assisting the Degree Staff of the local Lodge of Odd Fellows, left for his home Thursday.

SUCCESSFUL TOBACCO CROP RAISED

Mr. W. T. Pridgen Raises Five Acres Bright Tobacco on J. B. Powell Farm

WILL BRING \$150.00 PER ACRE

The first tobacco crop ever raised in this section, so far as known, was raised this year on the J. B. Powell farm about four miles from here by Mr. W. T. Pridgen.

Mr. Pridgen has about acres of excellent quality of bright tobacco and at prevailing prices he figures that he will get about \$750.00, or \$150.00 per acre for his crop. Mr. Pridgen is an experienced tobacco raiser having cultivated tobacco in other sections of the State.

Miller's 8-4-4 special Tobacco Fertilizer supplied by the I. G. Shell Co., was used. Mr. Pridgen states that this year was not a good year for tobacco cultivation, and thinks he can have greater success next year with better weather conditions. He expects to ship his tobacco to Rocky Mount for sale.

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Signed J. T. Stainback.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this seventh day of October, 1915.

R. L. Towe, Notary Public. (My commission expires September 12, 1916.)

COUNTY MAPS

The Good Roads Commission have decided to reduce the price on the remainder of the recent edition of county maps of Halifax County and will refund fifty cents on all maps purchased up to this time.

These maps can now be secured at any newspaper office in Halifax County at \$2.50 per map. Giving the location of every farm, road, creek, bridge, church, cotton gin, country store, and saw mill in the county, these maps are well worth the price asked for them. We do not see how any business concern who does business over the county or any man who travels through the county much can afford to be without one of these maps.

The HERALD has a limited number of these maps on hand and will be glad to show them to anyone interested.

COUNTY NEWS

First Monday at Halifax. Three Board Meetings. Good Roads Address by Mr. D. H. Winslow. Special Roads Election in Littleton Township

Last Monday was first Monday and therefore was the date for the monthly meetings of the Board of County Commissioners, the Good Roads Commission and the County Board of Education.

The County Commissioners transacted only routine business, excepting the granting of a petition for the purpose of holding a special election for a bond issue for Good Roads for Littleton Township.

The feature of the day was unquestionably the address of Mr. D. H. Winslow, Superintendent of Construction of the United States Office of Public Roads. Quite a gratifying audience was present at the address which was delivered in the Courthouse at noon.

Mr. Winslow's subject was the Maintenance of Roads. The meeting was called to order by Jno. L. Patterson, Chairman of the Good Roads Commission, and the speaker was introduced by Mr. Geo. C. Green. Mr. Winslow's address was very interesting and instructive and he presented many good ideas concerning the maintenance of roads.

He drew the distinction very clearly between the construction, repair and maintenance of roads. The latter means simply to keep the road in the condition in which it was built. He suggested as the best method of maintaining roads to employ patrolmen to have charge of different sections varying in length according to the amount of travel and the character of the road and suggested the following instructions to patrolmen.

Inspect your road, its entire section during a rainy day and locate all pond holes.

Use the road drag immediately after a rain.

Fill all depressions with good material.

On no account use worn out material, silt or sand from ditches.

Remove all glass, tin cans, nails, old iron, etc., from the road bed.

Renew all defective punks at culverts when necessary.

Should your road surface be very rough, a spike toothed harrow used while the road is wet will improve an earth, sand-clay, top-soil or gravel surface.

Cut the weeds both sides of the road. Use a mowing machine for this purpose if practical.

Cut all brush at inside of the curves and at railway crossings and culverts.

Remove the ridge between the wheel rut and the gutter by using the one-horse cultivator and then use the drag to push the material toward the ditch.

See that all culverts are clear, with outlets and inlets in good order.

Paint all guard rails at culverts and bridges, etc.

Renew all signboards, mile posts, etc., when necessary and give the traveling public all the advice in regard to the routes within your power.

See that all labor and teams in your employ render full and satisfactory service.

Receive all information and criticism from the general public in a courteous manner.

In addition to his address on the maintenance subject, Mr. Winslow discussed the question of the relation of the child to improved highways, appealing to the fathers in the rural sections for their co-operation for the health and future life of the child. He also reviewed the effect of improved highways on the lives of women in the rural section and the duty of the county in building improved highways in behalf of these women who struggle hard for existence with very few pleasures.

BIRTHS AND DEATHS MUST BE REPORTED

State Board of Health Employs Prosecuting Agent

The Bureau of Vital Statistics of the State Board of Health closed a contract to-day with Mr. J. A. McIntyre, of Mount Olive, wherein the latter becomes prosecuting agent for the Vital Statistics Bureau in North Carolina. McIntyre is ex-deputy sheriff of Wayne County, a former local registrar, and a young man fully equipped for this particular work. He starts on his first trip Monday, October 4, to visit those counties where incomplete registration is suspected. His itinerary will be arranged at once by the Bureau of Vital Statistics in accordance with those counties reporting low death rates, that is to say, those counties that rest under suspicion of incomplete registration. Mr. McIntyre will travel by motorcycle, which will enable him not only to hold down traveling expenses, but to reach the remote districts of the State.

"The State Board of Health is determined to enforce the State registration law," declared the Secretary of the Board to-day. Mr. McIntyre's continuance in office will be based on his ability to find infringements of this law and to secure convictions. In addition to knowing where people are dying and the relative importance of the various causes of their deaths, the Board proposes to secure good standing with the United Bureau of the Census and to be admitted as a registration State. To this end the Bureau will employ county and district agents in addition to the State agent, to find and prosecute violators of the Vital Statistics Law.

Women are funny. The more they hate each other the more affectionately they kiss each other. The State.

"Does your daughter play the piano by ear?" "No; she uses both hands and feet, but I don't think she has learned to use her ears."—United Presbyterian.

Life is one long dream, with an occasional nightmare for a thriller.

"What caused the coolness between you and Jones?" "A heated argument."

Boy Scouts

Registration in the local organization of Boy Scouts will close with their next meeting Monday evening October 11, 1915. No new candidates will be taken in until sometime after the first of the year. All boys between the ages of 12 and 18 years who desire to enter either of the two troupes now organized must enter not later than Monday night. Only a few more are needed to complete the second troop of scouts. Apply early or you may be too late.

The Debating Club held a meeting last Saturday in the Rosemary Schoolhouse. The query Resolved "That Germany's war policy is and has been justifiable" was debated. The speakers for both, affirmative and negative sides brought out many points and the issue was hotly contested throughout the discussion. Those representing the affirmative were Messrs. J. H. Gay, H. T. Batton and J. C. Grace, for the negative, Rev. R. L. Topping, Messrs. W. J. Norwood and P. V. Matthews. The judges rendered their decision in favor of the negative. The Club meets again Saturday night October 16th and a live question has been selected for discussion at that time of which further notice will be given in next week's paper.

Mr. Winslow's address had a profound effect on his hearers, and should result in much good, especially in regard to the maintenance work which the Good Roads Commission, under the efficient leadership of John L. Patterson, is endeavoring to establish in all sections of the county.

PROTRACTED SERVICE WITH THE CHURCHES

Presbyterian Church

Protracted services at the Presbyterian Church, October 13th to 21st inclusive. Dr. William Black, of Charlotte, State Evangelist of North Carolina, with his singer is to be here.

Dr. W. D. Morton, of Rocky Mount to begin the services Wednesday night October 13th.

Dr. Morton needs no introduction to the people of this community and Dr. Black who for many years has toured the State is well known and beloved by numbers of people in this community. We trust that a veritable feast of good things is in store. Let us pray for a blessing.

Special Welcome Service For New Members

The following program will be rendered next Sunday night at the Baptist Church, for the special benefit of the new members, who have united with the church during the last three months.

1. Opening hymn and prayer.
2. Hymn No. 729.
3. Scripture Lesson.
4. Announcements and offering.
5. Special music.
6. Seven three minute speeches as follows:

- (1) The Prayer Meeting. By J. K. Dickens.
- (2) The Sunday School. By Supt. W. S. Hancock.
- (3) The B. Y. P. U. By George Stanley.
- (4) The Woman's Work. By Miss Eugenia Moody.
- (5) The Business Side of the Church. By W. D. Tillery.
- (6) Our relation to the Roanoke Association. By J. W. House.
- (7) Our relation to the Baptist Denomination. By M. McRae Faison.

7. Hymn No. 615.
8. A hearty welcome. By the pastor.
9. Roll call of new members.
10. Right hand of fellowship extended.
11. Benediction.

Every member of the church, old and new, is urged to be present. Every body else is cordially welcome.

Paper Products Company to Rebuild

Captain Paul Garrett, of Norfolk, was here Tuesday and looked over the wreck of his former splendid three story brick building at Chockayotte, where for many years he operated a winery. At the time of the fire Mr. Garrett did not have one dollar insurance on the building. Yet the loss of a building valued at \$15,000 or \$20,000 does not effect a man of Paul Garrett's indomitable will and energy. He takes his loss philosophically and in all probability he will rebuild. He was here to confer with the members of the Paper Products Company, and while it is not positively stated that he will rebuild the plant, it is generally believed that he will do so.—Roanoke News.

Episcopal Church

Henry Clark Smith, Rector

Services every Sunday as follows:

Sunday School and Bible Class, 10 A. M. W. S. Whitaker, Supt. Morning Prayer and Sermon, 11:00 A. M. Evening Prayer and address, 7:30 P. M.

Holy Communion takes place of Morning Prayer on every first Sunday.

Choir practice Friday 8:00 P. M.

In the absence of the Rector every fourth Sunday morning, Morning Prayer will be read by a Lay Reader.

Girls Friendly Society every Monday at 7:30 P. M.

Rosemary: Sunday School Rector's Bible Class every Sunday at 9:30 A. M. T. W. Mullen, Supt.

Prayer meeting every Wednesday, 7:30 P. M.

Girls Friendly Society every Thursday at 7:30 P. M.

You are cordially invited to every service of the Church.

Green Murphrey

Cards have been issued reading as follows:

Dr. and Mrs. Isaac Edwards Green invite you to be present at the marriage of their daughter Mercer

to

Mr. Alonzo Weightman Murphrey

Wednesday afternoon, the twentieth of October

at four o'clock

Grace Episcopal Church

Weldon, North Carolina

FIRES IN SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Many Educational Institutions are "Built to Burn" Says Insurance Engineering. Some Examples in This State.

No one would think for one minute that schools and colleges in this country are built to burn, but according to Insurance Engineering, a most valued publication, and indeed, according to recent investigations right here in North Carolina, great numbers of the school buildings are so faulty in design (and many of them in the case that is given them) that they might as well be "built to burn" so far as actual results are concerned. Insurance Engineering finds that out of 21 typical fires in a given period of time the average fire loss per fire was \$2,000 and the aggregate loss of school property \$100,000.

A striking illustration of the North Carolina situation is that of Sturphy School building (Edenton) which had two fires within a year and was found to be so damaged that the burning plant was actually right under the main staircase that extended through

the two stories of the building in such way that a fire starting from the furnace would leap right up through the main staircase where it would have the maximum draft for quick burning and greatest means of cutting off the escape of children and teachers. There are others just like it in many parts of the state, most likely.

Now the North Carolina Department of Insurance is cooperating with the State Department of Education in efforts to bring about definite adoption of exterior stairways for school buildings. These to be provided through the construction of the fire escape tower stairways in such a way as that they will take the place of the stairs that usually go up through the center of the building. The Department of Education is taking hold of this matter, and it is not likely that many more "built to burn" school houses will be erected in North Carolina.

FIRE WASTE IS ATTRACTING ATTENTION

Several States Have Realized Enormous Destruction by Fire and Established Legislation to Prevent Some of Waste

The fire waste throughout the country is attracting more attention than ever before, and several states have shown a disposition to recognize the principle that the enormous destruction of property annually is an economic waste of the country's resources with the result that they have expressed a decided sentiment in favor of establishing special legislation, which will tend toward greater conservation, and are abandoning their former attitude of assuming that as long as property is insured there is no loss.

In the face of facts, the attitude mentioned is absolutely erroneous, and it can be corrected by the education of the public, starting with the children, whose receptive minds are open to instruction in the saving of

life, which is of the most importance, and the preservation of property. Let people know the full danger of fire chargeable annually to carelessness through the thoughtless handling of matches, the storage and handling of gasoline, oil, fireworks and explosives. Show the menace of permitting trash piles to accumulate or in the unsafe cellar inflammable materials to be stored in closets, attics or elsewhere.—Safety Engineering.

Show your employees that safety activity is in their interest and that of the Nation. Once they realize this, they will say, "This business of preventing accidents is my business, I shall attend to it, and would like your cooperation."—Alexander Shantz.

RAT FIRES

A rat will not gnaw the head of a match, but takes a keen delight in gnawing the wood part. A rat gnaws the wood part away from the head and the finished job looks very much like a log cut by a beaver. He will, however, run with a match in his mouth and there is no law against his striking it against a wall as he runs; and he also takes a match or two sometimes to his nest. A rat will build a nest against a chimney during the summer and when the fires are started in the fall there is generally quite a number of fires from this source.—Safety Engineering.

MATCHES

The match is designed to start fires it does.

A single match may cause the burning of a city.

Most fires are of the same size when they start.

A thoughtful husband or father will have no matches in his home except those which light only on the box. Such matches, if accidentally dropped or secured by young children, cannot be lighted on any ordinary surface. Hundreds of baby children are burned to death every year, playing with the "strike anywhere" match.