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The Herald To Be a Bigger, Better Newspaper

The publishing house of Chas. Scribner's Sons, New York, sell Frank Spearman's story, "Nan of Music Mountain," for \$1.35. This story contains approximately 100,000 words.

That is just one twenty-eighth the amount of reading matter the Roanoke Rapids Herald will in the future provide for its readers each year. In other words, The Herald will print over 55,000 words of reading matter each week, more than 2,900,000 words of reading matter for each year, and included in this amount of reading will be not only "Nan of Music Mountain," which the Scribner firm sells for \$1.35, but some three other stories of equal value. We have another excellent story to follow "Nan of Music Mountain" as soon as it is completed.

For three years, or since The Herald was started, it has stood as an ideal local newspaper. Now it is going to be more than strictly a local newspaper—it is going to be both newspaper and high grade magazine. Its magazine features will equal in quality those found in any of the high grade monthly or weekly publications. They will consist of the very best of serial stories printed in liberal installments; of the most interesting of each week's pictures of world news events, including the pictures taken on the battlefields of Europe; of interesting information for the farmers, and of practical fashion gossip for the women.

In the matter of quantity, The Herald will give twice as much reading matter as the largest of the popular high grade monthly magazines, and it gives you this in a home publication.

In the matter of quality the stories will be written by such well-known authors as Frank Spearman, Rex Beach, Mary Roberts Rinehart, Francis Lynde and others of their class. The same class, in fact, that have made the magazines and big national weeklies popular all over the United States.

Through an arrangement just completed The Herald will, in connection with other newspapers, be represented by more than 200 photographers scattered throughout the world. Fully 100 of these are now with the armies and navies of the various warring nations of Europe taking pictures of the intensely interesting scenes that are incident to the great war. These pictures tell more graphically than words can possibly do the intensely interesting week to week story of the war. They will show Herald readers just what is happening in this terrible carnage.

Another of the new features of The Herald will be a department for the women prepared by Julia Bottomley. Mrs. Bottomley is not only the most widely read writer of fashion subjects in the United States, but is recognized as the most practical from the viewpoint of the women of the smaller cities and towns. She writes of and pictures the gowns and hats that are actually worn by the modest women of the smaller cities and towns. She does not tell of the freaks that are worn only by the publicity seeking classes of the larger cities. And she knows her audience for she was for many years a dressmaker and milliner in a country town.

Then there will be the weekly review of the International Sunday School lesson, prepared by Ernest O. Sellers, a recognized authority on this subject and teacher of the Sunday School course at the Moody Bible Institute at Chicago. Mr. Sellers' review is read by more Sunday School students than that of any other writer in America.

All the important holidays of the year will be taken care of with pictures and special features and from time to time we will have special features on important happenings of the present time.

There are now more than 350,000 Boy Scouts in the United States. The motives of the Scout movement becoming more widely understood in this country, the organization is destined to have an enlistment of two or three million under the Stars and Stripes. Realizing the popularity of this movement The Herald will in the future carry a department devoted to Boy Scouts which will be interesting to all Scouts and we know they will be more interested in The Herald now.

The Herald has always been worth, as a newspaper, more than its subscription price, and it will in the future, with its new departments and features and its larger size, be worth much more than it has been in the past. It will, in fact, be worth very much more than the \$1.50 a year which will continue to be the subscription price of the enlarged paper.

We know that The Herald has been worth all, and many times more, than our subscribers have been paying for it in the past, and we know that the additional value we are going to give will be several times in excess of the price of The Herald. In addition to being a more welcome visitor to our subscribers The Herald will be a bigger and better representative of Roanoke Rapids and this community than it could possibly be in the old form, and will also be a better and more valuable advertising medium for our advertisers.

We will appreciate it if the readers of The Herald will let us know if they are pleased with the new features and wish them continued. We are always anxious to please our subscribers. Let us know.

COUNTY COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES HERE

Despite Inclement Weather Most Successful Commencement is Held. Splendid Exhibits and Well Trained Children

LOCAL SCHOOLS WIN MEDALS

Despite a steady downpour of rain, the annual commencement of the county schools held at Roanoke Rapids last Friday was one of the most successful ever held in Halifax County. At a conservative estimate more than 1500 visitors were in attendance. On account of the rain no athletic events were held but the remainder of the program was carried out as arranged. Although confined to the Central Building all day, the crowd was entirely happy and nobody suffered. Something like 6000 sandwiches had been prepared by the ladies of the town and these were dispensed to the crowd washed down with delicious lemonade.

All athletic events were postponed and will be held this Friday in connection with the closing exercises of the Roanoke Rapids Graded Schools.

Preliminary to the commencement group center meetings were held in the county, where prizes were given for Oral Reproduction and Reading. These prizes were announced at the county commencement as follows: Primary Reading Medals, William Pierce, Weldon; Marion Crawley, Hollister; Julia Boyd Smith, Scotland Neck. Primary Oral Reproduction medals, Pearl Neville, Mattie Moore Taylor, Vivian Newell.

Grammar Grade Oral Reproduction medals, Elizabeth Steadman, Halifax; Hazel Cobb, Roanoke Rapids; Helen Allsbrook, Roanoke Rapids; May Bellamy, Enfield; Margaret Duncan, Hollister; Rosine Pittman, Scotland Neck. Grammar Grade Reading medals, May Bellamy, Enfield; Hortense Mohorn, Bear Swamp; Wade Lawrence, Palmyra.

Exhibits of school and industrial work were on display from all the schools. These indicated that fine work has been done in the county during the year. Supt. Akers has succeeded in securing a very efficient corps of teachers their work was everywhere in evidence. Prizes for the best exhibits were awarded as follows: To the one teacher school Halifax No. 1 Miss Bettie Register, teacher; to the two teacher school Littleton No. 2 Misses Baskerville and Dunn, teachers; to the three teacher school Hobgood, Miss Miller, and Miss Bailey, teachers; to the school of more than three teachers, Roanoke Rapids, a pupil of Cavalry school won the prize for the best map of Halifax County.

In the Grammar grade recitation contest the medals were won by Gertrude Bray, of Roanoke Rapids and Russell Boseman, of Weldon, Township, May Bellamy, of Enfield won the spelling medal making three medals to her credit.

In connection with the county commencement was held the annual contests of the Halifax County High Union. This is the first year of the Union and the work was not fully organized but the representatives of the various schools showed excellent training and a good quality of work. On Thursday night a contest was held in Declamation, Music and Spelling, a first and second prize being given in each event. Tommie Benton Rose, Jr. of Littleton, won the first prize in declamation, with John Merritt, of Roanoke Rapids, second. In music Pauline Morehead, of Weldon, was first, with Dorothy Burrows, of Enfield, second. After three trials Grace Anderson, of Enfield, was declared the best speller and Bessie Hedgepeth, of Roanoke Rapids, second.

The program Friday night concluded the commencement. The representatives debated the desirability of the Literacy Test

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ROANOKE RAPIDS PERSONAL AND LOCAL ITEMS

Miss Bessie Lanie, of Tillery, spent the week-end in the home of Mrs. Louis Grimmer.

Mr. Willie Grimmer, of Tarboro, spent the week-end with his parents.

Mrs. Lena Boyette and sons John Wesley and Frank, Mrs. G. W. Gallaspy, Misses Elmira Wammack and Louise Allsbrook, of Scotland Neck, spent several days in the home of Mrs. J. L. Daughtry.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Shell and children, Miss Rosa Smith and Joe Williams motored to Robertsonville Sunday for the day.

Mrs. W. S. Hancock and Miss Annie Gannaway spent Sunday in Hopewell and Petersburg.

Mr. Joe Price, of Hopewell, is spending a few days here with friends and relatives.

Kenneth Towe spent several days here this week visiting his brother, R. L. Towe.

G. N. Taylor spent Monday in Raleigh on business.

C. A. Wyche spent a few days in Richmond this week on business.

S. F. Patterson spent several days in Philadelphia.

L. J. Boykin, of Wilson, spent Sunday in the home of Miss Lillian Elmore.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hoskins, spent Sunday in Littleton with their father.

Miss Mary Towe, of Aurelian Springs, spent the week-end in the home of Miss Louise Bain.

W. L. Long spent a few days this week in Richmond on business.

Mrs. W. D. Watson is spending some time with her daughter in Norfolk.

Rev. William Towe and Prof. R. W. Adams, of Aurelian Spring attended the banquet given by the Baptist Blues Monday night.

Miss Vivian Wilkinson, of Scotland Neck has returned to her home after a short visit with her sister Miss Maude Wilkinson.

S. J. Bounds spent a few days in Raleigh and Franklinton on business this week.

Mrs. K. Jenkins spent Tuesday in Scotland Neck with friends.

G. I. Glover who has been visiting relatives here has gone to Richmond.

Messrs. Whitmore and Parson, of New York, spent a few days in town this week on business connected with the Fibre Board Company.

Rev. Stanley White, of the Roanoke Rapids Presbyterian Church, left Tuesday for the West where he will spend several months for his health.

BULLETIN

REGISTRATION FOR CONSCRIPT ARMY

Within the next few days the machinery of the new army draft measure will be put in motion. A news article covering this important matter is included among the other big news in this issue of the Herald.

Our subscribers will find that the news in the Herald covers practically all the important events of the week locally, in the State and in the Nation.

in our Immigration laws. Katharine Eagleton, of Roanoke Rapids was awarded first prize and Carry Clark of Enfield second. In the recitation contest Ione Kitchen, of Scotland Neck, won first prize and Nellie Jones, of Roanoke Rapids, second.

The Halifax Warren County Club

The Halifax-Warren County Club, an organization of the students from these two counties was organized at the University of North Carolina last September.

The officers of the club are as follows: President, Robert Madry, of Scotland Neck, Vice President, Mr. Forest Miles, of Warrenton, Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. Brodie Jones, of Warrenton. The members of the club are: A. A. Andleton, C. B. Allen, Don Daniel, C. E. Daniel, E. T. Davis, J. B. Davis, W. K. Falkener, W. B. Jones, K. Jenkins, H. B. Ferguson, Jr., R. W. Madry, C. E. Matthews, M. C. Miles, F. T. Miles, V. R. Mountcastle, W. T. Polk, E. L. Travis, Jr., L. G. Travis, S. R. Travis, A. Z. Travis, and Allen Zollcoffer.

The primary purpose and aim of this organization is to be of the greatest possible service and usefulness to these respective counties which it represents in any way whatsoever. It has endeavored to accomplish this purpose in several ways: (1) by keeping in touch with the school superintendents in these counties and rendering them any assistance possible; (2) by sending the University newspapers and magazines edited by the students to some of the schools in these counties; (3) by sending representatives to the county commencements; and (4) by studying the social and economic problems with which these counties are being continually confronted.

However, the social value of such an organization to the students on "the Hill" from these counties cannot be overlooked, for it is only by mutual understanding and helpfulness that anything is accomplished. At regular intervals meetings are held, and sometimes, after the business has been transacted, the business meeting is converted into a "smoker" or "feed" where all gather around the festive board and partake of the delicacies spread before them. It serves as a means of enabling the men in the counties to become acquainted with each other, the fruits of which acquaintance can best be realized when as full fledged and responsible citizens they can better "pull together" in their after college career with the common purpose of "service" in view.

At a recent meeting the club decided to send student representatives to the county commencements at Warrenton and Roanoke Rapids. Mr. F. G. Miles was elected as a representative to the Warren County Commencement, at Warrenton, and Mr. Sidney Allen to attend the Halifax County Commencement, at Roanoke Rapids.

The purpose of sending men to these county commencements is: (1) to get in touch with prospective University students and show them the advantages at such an institution as well as give them necessary advice; (2) to be of any assistance to the school authorities in carrying out the program; and (3) to interview the citizens of the community and feel the public pulse, that is, to find out what the people like or don't like about this state institution.

The Enfield Graded School was the only school represented in the debating contest for the "Aycock Memorial Cup" during High School week, the 18th, 19th, and 20th, their representatives, Miss Harrison, Miss Matthews, Miss Mitchell, and Miss Billikan, making a very creditable showing. Members of the club entertained these visitors while on "the Hill" and on their departure they declared themselves thoroughly in love with the place.

W. Erodie Jones, Secy.

Calvin Cook

Calvin Cook the little 2 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Cook died at the home of his parents on back Street in new town Tuesday Morning. Calvin had been sick only a short time. He was buried Wednesday over in the family grave yard in Northampton County.

GRADED SCHOOLS COMMENCEMENT

Primary and Grammar Grades This Morning. Athletic Contest Base Ball Park This Afternoon. Class Day Exercises

GRADUATING EXERCISES TO-NIGHT

The commencement exercises of the Roanoke Rapids Graded Schools for the 1917 school year will take place at the Central Schools Auditorium to-day.

The Primary Grades and the Grammar Grades presented a most interesting program this morning, athletic contests will be staged this afternoon at the Baseball Park, and Class Day Exercises will be conducted by the Graduating Class this afternoon at six o'clock at the Auditorium.

The Graduating Exercises proper will be conducted at the Auditorium this evening, beginning at eight thirty. An interesting and ambitious program has been arranged, the most important feature of which will be an address by Prof. W. H. Wannamaker.

The 1917 graduating class roll is as follows: Pauline Ashworth, Doyle Cannon, Herman Floyd, Hurley King, Ruth Norwood, Katharine Eagleton, Irene Cannon, Mattie Grimmer, Sallie Medlin, Cammie Vaughan, Maybelle Warren, Clarence Grimmer, Susie Crumpler, Alice Hockaday, Peter Norwood, Melvin Vaughan.

POLICE COURT NEWS ITEMS

Out almost within sight of home plate was the heartbreaking experience of Jessie Coley, and son John, colored, of Littleton, on last Wednesday morning. The pair were fresh from the Nation's Capital and well supplied with liquid refreshments—thirty gallons in all of prime whiskey in direct violation of the well known Grier restriction upon interstate commerce.

Nor was this all, for when Chief Baird and Sheriff House torpedded the craft, Jessie was found to have been navigating an armed merchantman. Jessie was bound over to Halifax on the liquor charge under \$100.00 and on the carrying concealed weapon charge under \$50.00 bond. Son John produced bond for \$100.00 for having in his possession unlawful amounts of liquors.

The liquor and car were taken to Halifax by Sheriff House for disposition at the June term of the Halifax Superior Court.

D. L. Wood, of the Patterson Mills village, paid \$1.00 fine and costs for being drunk and disorderly on the streets.

BASEBALL TO-MORROW

The boys of the Wilson Company of the National Guard, now on duty at the Seaboard and A. C. L. bridges at Weldon, will play the first game of baseball to be played here this season to-morrow afternoon. The game will be called at 3:30 at the Roanoke Rapids Baseball Park, and it will seem like old times to see Pace again on the mound for the home team.

Colored School Commencement

The Commencement Exercises of the Roanoke Rapids Colored Graded School will begin on Sunday May 13.

The Commencement Sermon will be delivered by Prof. A. M. Proctor, Supt. of the Roanoke Rapids Graded Schools, on Monday at 2:30 the graduating exercises will be held in the church.

The Annual Address will be delivered by lawyer C. F. Hicks, practicing attorney, of Rocky Mount. On Monday night a play May Festival will be given in the School room. There will be no admission fee for any of these exercises. The public is cordially invited to be present upon each occasion. M. W. Williams, Jr. Principal.

ROSEMARY PERSONAL AND LOCAL ITEMS

Mrs. Sarah Carpenter, of Brooksville, is visiting her daughter Mrs. Charlie Barkley.

Mrs. Frank Elliott, of York Town, Va., is visiting her daughter Mrs. Murray Wesson.

Pendleton Grizzard, who has been here visiting for the last two weeks, left for New York where he goes to study Aviation having enlisted in the Aviation Corps of the U. S. Navy.

Miss Myrtle Wood, of Thelma, is here visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Wood.

Miss Mattie Foster left Saturday to visit friends and relatives in Liberty N. C.

J. H. Harrison spent Sunday in Brinkleyville with friends and relatives.

J. R. Lisle, of Littleton, was in town a few hours Friday on business.

The game of base ball that had been arranged to be played here Saturday between Rosemary and the Soldiers, located in Weldon, through some misunderstanding has been called off.

L. G. Chase, representing the Coal and Export Co., of Richmond, was in town a short while Tuesday on business.

R. J. Jones left Saturday for Philadelphia where he has gone to accept a position.

Wade Dickens spent the week-end in Enfield with relatives.

Mrs. John Matthews left Saturday for Norfolk to visit relatives and friends.

W. C. Dickens, of Aurelian Springs spent the day here Friday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Matthews after an extended visit to relatives here returned this week to their home in Portsmouth.

Mrs. W. L. Dickens and J. E. Neville, of Aurelian Springs, spent Saturday in town on business.

G. B. Crews, of Littleton, spent Sunday in town with friends.

Baptist Church News Notes

Next Sunday special Mother's Day services will be held both morning and night. At the morning service a special sermon will be preached by the pastor appropriate to the occasion, and every body is requested to wear a flower. At the night service the choir will render a special musical service.

The Touring Contest in the Sunday School was a great success; the climax of this contest came last Monday night when the entire school, and many invited friends, enjoyed together the evening socially. An interesting program was rendered. Rev. C. H. Trueblood called the house to order and Rev. William Towe offered prayer, then all joined in singing "My Country 'Tis of Thee". Mr. Trueblood in a few words extended a welcome to all, and stated the object of the occasion. Stirring brief speeches of an inspiring nature were made by Rev. Wm. Towe, Prof. Adams, Prof. Proctor, Rev. L. N. Taylor, Mr. J. M. Underwood and Mr. McRae Faison. The Roanoke Rapids Glee Club contributed largely toward making the occasion one of enjoyment and merriment by the rendition of several fine selections of music.

Captain Faison and his crew from the Blue Ship, wearing white aprons, served delicious cream and cake. Notwithstanding the very disagreeable weather, about three hundred people came and had "a good time in a good way."

The pastor is planning to start a series of cottage prayer meetings assisted by the men of the church. Two fine young men united with the church last Sunday.