

DRASTIC FUEL RULING MADE

All Manufacturing Plants East of Mississippi Using Fuel For Power Purposes Must Close for Five Days Beginning To-Day and For Ten Successive Mondays. Plants Using Hydro-Electric and Direct Water Power not Affected. Great Blow to Local Industry

STORES MUST CLOSE ON MONDAYS

An executive order issued by Dr. Garfield, National Fuel Administrator, under the authority of President Wilson, on last Wednesday night, closes down for five days, beginning with to-day, all manufacturing establishments east of the Mississippi river using fuel for power purposes. The order further closes these plants for ten successive Mondays, beginning with Monday, January 21.

All stores and businesses, with the exception of drug stores, banks and trust companies, physicians and dentists offices, are prohibited from maintaining heat in their buildings on the ten Mondays beginning January 21. Food stores are allowed to maintain heat on Mondays up to twelve o'clock. A penalty of five thousand dollars is imposed on each violation of the order.

Under the ruling of the Fuel Administration plants using water power or hydro-electric power are permitted to operate using sufficient fuel to maintain heat, but not for any other purposes.

Locally the order closes the Rosemary Manufacturing Company, the Roanoke Fibre Board Company, and the paper machine of the Halifax Paper Corporation. The chemical pulp plant of this Company will be permitted to operate. All stores and business houses in the community are, of course, affected by the ruling. Dry goods stores will be closed all day on Monday, and grocery stores after twelve o'clock.

Official notification of the order reached this community on Thursday night at nine o'clock, being telephoned here by Mr. N. B. Josey, Fuel Administrator for Halifax County, and served upon the plants affected by J. T. Stainback, Local Fuel Administrator. The Rosemary Manufacturing Company did not resume operations this morning, but the Halifax Paper Corporation and the Roanoke Fibre Board Company operated for a few hours, the notice reaching them too late to be put in effect at the time specified.

Ministerial Union

The Rosemary-Roanoke Rapids Ministerial Union held its first meeting of the New Year with Rev. A. C. Carter, Pastor of Rosemary Baptist Church.

After the devotional exercises, consisting of songs, prayer and scripture reading, Rev. C. M. Lance, the newly appointed pastor of Rosemary Methodist Church, was unanimously received and welcomed into the Union.

This being the regular meeting for the election of officers for the ensuing year it was moved and carried that that election be entered upon. The secret balloting finally disclosed the following elections: Rev. L. N. Taylor President, Rev. A. C. Carter Vice President, and Rev. E. C. Few, Secretary and Treasurer.

The issue of momentous importance to the public was the decision of the Union, to resume immediately the Thursday afternoon prayer services in behalf of our soldiers and nation at this critical hour. The service on next Thursday at 3 o'clock is to be held in the Tabernacle of the Christian Church.

Although the Ministerial Union has for its purpose very serious aims, and although many subjects

ROANOKE RAPIDS PERSONAL AND LOCAL ITEMS

J. H. Squires, of Garysburg, spent several hours in town Wednesday on business.

Mrs. G. D. Shell and sons, Ralph and Jimmie, are spending this week in Williamston and Robinsonville with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Jackson spent several days in Washington last week on account of the death of Mrs. Jackson's father.

Fletcher Vincent, of Garysburg, spent a few hours in town Wednesday.

Sergt. R. M. James, of Camp Jackson, spent Wednesday here with friends.

Walter Cherry, of Fort Myers, spent several days here last week with relatives.

Mrs. T. M. Moore, of Greenville, N. C., spent several days here this week with her sister, Mrs. W. P. Vaughan as she passed through from Richmond, where she had been to carry her daughter, Eliza, to the Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. J. E. Wicker and children left Wednesday for their home in Fayetteville, after spending several days here with relatives.

Miss Eugenia McCoy and Ella Grant, of Littleton, have returned home after spending some time in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hancock.

William Towe, of Camp Jackson, spent a few days here this week with relatives and friends.

Misses Clara and Marie Johnson left Monday for their home in Columbus, Ga.

We are glad to know that Miss Fannie Taylor, who was operated on last Friday for appendicitis is getting along very nicely.

Mrs. W. P. Vaughan is visiting relatives in Fayetteville.

The Girls Friendly Society of All Saint's Church will hold a box party in the hall over the garage Saturday night, January 19th.

H. M. Edwards, of Edward, spent Thursday afternoon here with Seabrook Jones, as he passed through on his way to Hopewell.

Spring session of the Roanoke Rapids Graded Schools will open Monday.

Union Prayer Meeting

The Union Prayer Services which were held on several Thursday afternoons before Christmas will be resumed next week. Special service of intercession, for the nation and her allies, with a brief address, will be held in the Tabernacle at 3:30 P. M., conducted by the Rev. Chas. M. Lance. The public is cordially invited and urged to be present.

of vital interest were dealt with in this first meeting, a bit of variety was afforded by the host to the great delight of his guests, immediately after the pronouncing of the benediction refreshments in the form of steaming chocolate and wafers gave to the last few minutes of the first session of the Ministerial Union a distinct social aspect and recalled the ability of the host to unify the serious problems that confront the ministry with the delicacies of life that are gladly welcomed at times by men, women and preachers.

E. C. Few, Sec'y.

AN APPEAL FOR BIGGER SALARIES FOR TEACHERS

A serious situation confronts the public schools of the State. Teachers' salaries are utterly inadequate to meet the greatly increased cost of living in these war times. Many teachers—perhaps a majority of them—find their present salaries insufficient to meet their actual expenses of living. In many instances teachers are paid \$40.00 per month for not more than five or six months a year, and are paying \$20.00 per month, or more, for board alone. The average annual salary for white teachers in North Carolina in 1916 was \$296.62. While the salaries have been increased slightly during the present year, the small increase has not been at all in proportion to the great increase in their living expenses, nor in proportion to the increase made in other lines of work in the State and Nation. Many of the young men, especially at the High Schools, have been drafted for service in the army; many of the women teachers, on account of increased demand and increased compensation in other lines of work, and many on account of their absolute inability to meet actual living expenses on the salaries offered for teaching, have been forced to leave the profession. The result is that there is a great dearth of teachers in North Carolina. The demand for teachers is greater than the supply. Many schools have not yet been able to secure teachers. It seems likely that many will not be able to secure them and will be compelled either to be closed for lack of teachers or to employ untrained or inefficient teachers.

Realizing the seriousness of this situation, the North Carolina Teachers Assembly, at its recent meeting in Charlotte, passed strong resolutions calling attention to the necessity for increased salaries of teachers. At the same session of the Assembly, the Department of School Boards, attended by sixty representatives of county and city boards of education and the State Association of County Superintendents, devoted much time to the serious discussion of this situation, and passed strong resolutions urging the increase of funds and increase of salaries for meeting the situation. Committees were appointed to co-operate with the State Department of Education in waging a campaign in devising ways and means for increasing school funds and increasing the salaries of teachers with a view to relieving this serious situation and thereby preventing a serious interruption of the work of the schools and serious injury to the efficiency of the educational work and of the teaching profession in the State.

A conference with these committees, including the Executive Committee of the Teachers Assembly, will be called by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction on the 18th day of January to formulate plans and inaugurate a state-wide campaign for increasing school funds and teachers salaries for relieving this serious situation. The following means for increasing school funds and salaries are available by the people under the law:

1. By voting special county wide taxes for schools under Chapter 71 of the Public Laws of 1911 and by voting special township taxes for maintenance of township high schools under Section 4113 of the Public School Law.

2. By increasing the number of special tax school districts and voting therein special tax for the maintenance of the district schools under Section 4115 of the Public School Law and by increasing the special tax for schools in special tax districts heretofore established under said Section to a maximum of 50c on the \$100, and \$1.50 on the poll, and in special chartered city and town schools, to a maximum of \$1.00 on the

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WOMANLESS WEDDING AT PEOPLES THEATRE

The following program of the "Womanless Wedding" which will be given at the Peoples Theatre on next Friday night, January 25th, for the benefit of the Local Red Cross is sufficient proof of the worthwhileness of attending the show:

Act I. Musical Program and Specialties—Under direction of Miss Mabel Boyd.

Act II. An Old Fashioned Wife—Sextette. Soloists, Mrs. Mosher, Mrs. Hancock, Mrs. House, Chorus, Mrs. Stainback, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Taylor.

O Promise Me—Mrs. Jackson. Wedding (Cast of Characters)

Bride . . . C. A. Wyche. Groom . . . W. L. Long. Minister . . . Job Taylor. Maid of Honor . . .

Dr. T. W. M. Long. Best Man . . . Dr. Martin. Matron . . . M. M. Faison. Brides Maids—W. E. Byrnes, J. T. Chase, R. L. Towe, Holland Brantly, Hurly King, J. W. House, R. L. Dickens.

Groomsmen—Rev. Lewis Taylor, Rev. E. C. Few, J. T. Stainback, E. H. Ricks, Monroe Jenkins, Charles Humphreys, W. C. Bass, Emmett Matthews. Flower Girls—Geo. L. Hayes, J. H. Harrison.

Ring Bearer . . . L. S. Mosher. Soloist . . . J. M. Jackson. Father of Bride . . .

A. M. Proctor. Mother . . . J. J. Wade. Maiden Aunt . . . D. L. Lesle. Other members of the family too numerous to mention.

Admission will be as follows: balcony 25c, downstairs 35 and 50c.

All of the proceeds will go to the Red Cross, Mr. Paul Robinson having generously donated the building for this worthy cause.

"How is your wife making out with those onions she is raising in a flower pot?"

"They're drooping. Stirring the soil with a hairpin was all very well, but I don't think perfume from an atomizer is the sort of irrigation they need."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

\$100, as provided by the General Assembly of 1917.

3. By increasing the district funds by private subscription, public entertainments, providing wood free, etc.

4. By increasing the budget for salaries of teachers, etc., submitted by the County Board of Education for necessary expenses for a four months school for the year 1918, under Chapter 33 of the Public Laws of 1913, as subsequently amended by the General Assembly and increasing the special county levy by the County Commissioners required thereunder for the necessary expenses of the four months term.

5. By the adoption at the November election of 1918 of the constitutional amendment making it mandatory upon the County Commissioners to levy a special tax to supplement the regular county and state tax for schools sufficient to provide a minimum school term of six months instead of four months, in each county.

Whatever happens, whatever it may cost in money and sacrifice, our schools must be maintained at full efficiency for the preparation of the present generation to fill the gaps made by the red hand of war in the ranks of our young men. For service at the front if the war continues, and for efficient service at home in civic and industrial life when such service will be needed worse than ever before.

J. Y. JOYNER, State Superintendent. Public Instruction. Raleigh, N. C. January 4th, 1918.

ROSEMARY PERSONAL AND LOCAL ITEMS

Henry Weeks, of Edgecombe County, is here visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Pridgen.

Horace Robinson, of near Littleton, spent a few days in town this week as the guest of his daughter, Mrs. W. E. Matthews.

A. L. Cawthorn left the past week for Norfolk, where he has accepted a position.

Frank Cox visited friends and relatives in and near Jackson a few days this week.

H. E. Matthews, of Portsmouth, spent the week-end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Matthews.

C. M. Dickens left a few days ago for Norfolk, where he is doing construction work in the Government service.

A. C. Overton arrived the past week and has accepted a position with the Rosemary Manufacturing Company.

J. M. Trueblood, of Weldon, was in town a short while Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Thompson, of Emporia, spent the day Sunday here in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Isham Cherry.

E. D. Dickens, of Halifax, spent a few hours in town Tuesday on business.

L. H. Query, of Charlotte, arrived this week and has accepted a position with the Rosemary Manufacturing Co.

Joe Anderson, after a week's visit here to friends and relatives returned to his home in Danville Saturday.

Miss Mattie Cullom, of Littleton, is here visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Cobb.

Miss Edith Matthews left Tuesday for Warrenton for a few days visit to her sister, Mrs. Walter Kidd.

M. Shaw, of near Thelma, was in town a few hours Wednesday on business.

G. E. Rose, of Henderson, spent a few days in town this week with friends.

R. G. Brown spent the week-end in Enfield with his family.

B. D. Hammill, of Thelma, spent the day here Saturday on business.

Miss Addie Finch, after an extended visit to friends and relatives in Nash and Franklin Counties returned home Tuesday.

J. J. Wade spent Sunday in Halifax with friends.

M. P. Collins, of near Garysburg, was here a few hours Wednesday on business.

Miss Boyd Entertains

On last Saturday afternoon from four to six, Miss Mabel Boyd delightfully entertained in honor of the bride elect Miss Virginia Olive Hart at a hose and handkerchief shower.

When all the guests arrived they were asked to write a first day menu in rhyme for the bride, also a recipe. A very laughable and original composition by Mrs. George L. Hayes, won the prize which she presented to the guest of honor. The menu and recipe follow:

"For breakfast we'll have love with a little bit of toast, I have tried it my dear, so you see, For dinner we'll have love with a little bit of roast

Its splendid just take it from me. For supper we'll have love and of course we'll have pies With a steaming hot cup of tea. Now hear her sighs The bride almost cries, Listen I'll give you a nice recipe: Take a big lot of love mixed well with a hug, To this add 1 plate of kisses, This mixed well with years, And served free of tears Is called—"Wedding Blissess".

After the contest a little colored girl came in dressed as a laundress bringing a large clothes

Hart-Shelton

A very beautiful home wedding was solemnized on last Tuesday morning when Miss Virginia Olive Hart became the bride of Lieutenant William Roy Shelton. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Charlena Hart, in Rosemary. The home was decorated most appropriately for the occasion.

Just before the bridal party entered Miss Julia Thompson rendered some very beautiful piano selections, after which Miss Mabel Boyd sweetly sang "At Dawning". To the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March, the maid of honor, Miss Charlena Hart, sister of the bride, entered from the end door of the living room, then the bride entered from the side door leaning on the arm of her brother-in-law, Mr. George Lewis Hayes, who gave her away. The groom entered with his brother, Lieutenant Henigor Shelton, of Camp Jackson, and met his bride under an improvised arch at the entrance to the cozy corner. There the ceremony was performed by Rev. E. C. Few, pastor of the Roanoke Rapids Methodist Church, the ring ceremony being used.

Only the more intimate friends of the family witnessed the ceremony. The bride is the second daughter of Mrs. Charlena Hart and has lived in this community practically all of her life. She is a graceful and attractive young lady and is extremely popular in the younger social set. Lieut. Shelton is from Asheville, N. C. and is a man of sterling character. He is a graduate of Trinity College. For six months he was pastor of the Rosemary Methodist Church from which he was appointed Field Secretary of Sunday School Work in the Western North Carolina Conference.

When the call for volunteers came he was among the first to respond and his action in putting aside the cloth for the sword in this time of National stress won for him the distinction of a standing vote of endorsement by the Western Methodist Conference at its last meeting. He received his training at Fort Oglethorpe, where he was commissioned a Lieutenant.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelton left on the noon train for Asheville. From there they will go to Columbia, S. C. where they will make their home for the present. The best wishes of the entire community for happiness and all prosperity go with the young bride and her soldier husband.

NEWS FROM CAMP

Interesting Facts About the Local Boys Who Have Gone to the Camps

Roland M. James has been promoted from Corporal to Sergeant. Sergt. James is serving as Company Clerk for the 321st Infantry.

Corporals John R. Manning and W. P. Boyd have been admitted to the Officers Training School at Camp Jackson and will probably receive commissions.

William Towe has been sent to an aviation school for training.

basket decorated with flags and presented to the guest of honor her "laundry", which consisted of a beautiful collection of handkerchiefs and hose.

Miss Boyd's guests were: Misses Virginia Hart, Lessie Buchanan, Margaret Hewitt, Zoe Porter, Elmira Jenkins, Irene Cannon, Minette Marshall, Ruth Transou, Susan Holladay, Esther Marshall, Charlena Hart, Cammie Vaughan, Mrs. R. L. Towe, Mrs. Charlena Hart, Mrs. Job Taylor, Mrs. C. A. Wyche, Mrs. A. M. Proctor and Mrs. George Lewis Hayes.

WITH THE CHURCHES

Baptist Church

Rev. C. H. Trueblood, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 A. M. W. S. Hancock, Supt.

The school has made a fine beginning in the new year. Election of officers this Sunday, let every member of the school be present.

Preaching 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Aid and Missionary Society 3 P. M.

Helping Hand Society Monday 7:30 P. M.

Men's Bible Class Tuesday 7:30 P. M.

Prayer meeting and choir practice Wednesday night 7:30.

The Church has just had its third and most successful Every Member Canvass and the Church starts the New Year with bright prospects. Every member and friend is urged to be present Sunday.

Rosemary Methodist Church

Rev. Charles M. Lance, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00 A. M. J. B. Boyd, Supt.

Preaching 11:00 A. M. Subject: To Know Christ.

Preaching again at 7:30 P. M. Subject: Jesus the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Prayer meeting and choir practice Wednesday 7:30 P. M. A Cordial Welcome to All.

Rosemary Baptist Church

Rev. A. G. Carter, Pastor

Services Sunday Jan. 20th. Sunday school 10:00 A. M. G. S. Gregg, Supt.

Service 11:00 A. M. Subject: "Hallowed Be Thy Name". Service at 7:30 P. M. Subject: "The Gifts to the Prodigal". B. Y. P. U. Monday evening at 7:30.

Prayer Meeting and choir practice Wednesday evening at 7:30.

All Saints Church

Rev. Lewis N. Taylor, Rector

Next Sunday is the Second Sunday after Epiphany.

Services: 7:30 A. M. Holy Communion.

9:45 Sunday School and Men's Bible Class, T. W. Mullen, Supt. Services at 11 and 7:30. Girls' Friendly Society Monday night at Mrs. E. W. Lehman's.

Wednesday night choir rehearsal, Friday, January 25th is the Feast of the Conversion of Paul.

The public is most cordially invited.

Methodist Church

Rev. Eugene C. Few, Pastor

Sunday School at 9:45 o'clock. W. V. Woodruff, Supt.

Services at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Preaching by the pastor at both the morning and evening hour.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

All the officers and teachers of the Sunday School, together with the appointed advisory committee, are requested to meet at the Church Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Welcome Service

At the conclusion of the regular Church services in the community last Sunday night, a special welcome service was held in honor of Rev. C. M. Lance, new pastor of the Rosemary Methodist Church. Notwithstanding the very cold weather a large crowd was present, and all seemed to enjoy the fine fellowship which was a natural result of such an occasion. The following ministers were present, each making short addresses: Reverends C. M. Lance, R. L. Topping, E. C. Few, A. G. Carter, L. N. Taylor and C. H. Trueblood.