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ROANOKE RAPIDS PERSONAL AND LOCAL ITEMS

Next Sunday the vested choir of All Saints' Church and members of the congregation will join with St. Luke's (Episcopal) Church, in Northampton County, in holding the services at 12 and 2:30. Dinner will be served on the lawn at 12:30.

The public is very cordially invited to St. Luke's next Sunday.

Rev. Francis and Mrs. Joyner are visiting W. F. Joyner, also Mr. E. H. Joyner.

Miss Frances Davenport, of Richmond, visited friends here Tuesday.

Mrs. P. C. Duncan, after spending several days here with her husband, has returned to her home in Clayton.

Mr. P. C. Duncan and Mrs. Nannie Peele left Sunday for Baltimore and New York to buy fall goods.

Miss Myrtle Bain spent this week in Richmond.

Miss Inzie Mae Jones spent several days with friends in Norfolk this week.

Mrs. W. L. Long and children have returned from an extended trip to Virginia Beach.

Mr. K. C. Towe, of Aurelian Springs, spent several days here with friends and relatives this week.

Miss Lizzie Dalton, of Concord, is visiting friends here this week.

Miss Bessie Reynolds has returned from a visit to relatives in Rockingham.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Harrison and Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Thomas have arrived here to make their home.

Mr. T. M. Faison, of Norfolk, spent Sunday here with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Grimmer, of Wilmington, spent several days here with relatives this week.

Mr. K. B. Taylor, of Oxford, has accepted a position with Patterson Mills Company.

Mr. M. McRae Faison spent the week-end here with his wife.

Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Wood and son, spent Sunday in Boykins, Va.

Miss Alma Wood is visiting friends in Baltimore.

Mr. F. M. Coburn left Sunday for Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Shell and children spent Sunday at Ocean View.

Mr. John Smith spent a few days in Norfolk this week.

Mr. F. C. Williams spent the week-end in Franklin with relatives.

Mr. E. A. Telliga spent the week-end in Norfolk on business.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Bounds and children returned Sunday from a visit to relatives in Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Lynch and son are spending some time in Baltimore and New York.

Mr. A. M. Proctor spent the week-end here with his wife.

Mrs. J. B. Edmonds is visiting her sister at La Crosse, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. House and daughter, Virginia, are spending several days at Ocean View.

Misses Lena Rivers and Meta Jones spent Sunday at Ocean View.

Mrs. J. W. Brewer, of Charlie Hope, is visiting her sister Mrs. C. E. Matthews.

Mrs. C. E. Vaden, of South Hill, has returned to her home after visiting her sister, Mrs. C. E. Matthews for some time.

Miss Rosa Smith is visiting relatives in Philadelphia this week.

A. LeVine left this week for his home in New York City.

B. Marks is on a business trip to New York City this week.

Jake Sammet is in Baltimore this week on business.

Mr. E. M. Story spent the week-end in Franklin, Va., with his wife.

Mr. S. F. Patterson returned Tuesday from a several days stay at Ocean View.

Mr. Geo. Stanley, who for many years has been with the Hancock-House Company and for this year Hancock-Jackson Company, has gone into business at the old Daughtry stand.

On last Saturday afternoon Masters Joseph and Allen Hancock entertained quite a number of their little friends at a birthday party. Miss Helen Moore lead the playing, and the little folk. After an hour fun the children were served with delicious cream and cake.

The Presbyterian Ladies Aid

POLICE COURT QUIET THIS WEEK

Only five people have been brought before recorder Clark thus far this week.

Monday morning Russell Ouland, Lloyd Draper, Clifton Pulley and J. C. Smith faced the recorder for having partaken too freely of the "Very Drowsy" variety of "Bottled in Bush". They each paid a fine of \$2.50 and costs.

Wednesday a discharged negro soldier named Albert Putney, who claims to have seen service on the Mexican Border and Philippines was brought before recorder Clark charged with assaulting one Paul Jones and carrying a concealed weapon. He was bound over to court under a \$150 bond and was carried to jail in default of the same.

TO THE VOTERS OF HALIFAX COUNTY

The undersigned are four of the five men named in an act passed by the last General Assembly of North Carolina as Members of the Halifax County Highway Commission to assume office as soon as the \$500,000.00 Bond Issue is passed on by the voters of the County on August 5th next.

Assuming that the Bond Issue will be approved at the coming election, the new Highway Commission will then, under the terms of the companion or Administrative Act, have entire charge of and be responsible for the expenditure of the Bond money and all road tax moneys of the entire County, for the purpose of building and maintaining a satisfactory system of highways in the County and building and maintaining satisfactory bridges in the County.

The companion Act referred to provides that as the County assumes responsibility for the Bond issues of the Townships that have been issued in the past, that practically all of the new Bond Issue is to be spent in the Townships that have not issued Bonds, and furthermore provides that the new County Highway Commission shall maintain at all times as far as practicable the roads all over the County in approximately the same state of repair.

The County engineer has already prepared a tentative schedule of expenditures of the new Bond Issue, which schedule is what we think as equitable as any that could from a practical standpoint be formulated.

The County Engineer has also mapped out a system of maintaining the roads in the County, which in a general way proposes to divide the County up into eleven road zones, in each of which a maintenance gang of sufficient size, and with proper equipment to maintain the roads throughout the year in that particular zone, will be kept.

We wish to come before the voters of the County before the election with the statement that if they see fit, and we confidently believe they will see fit, to vote favorably on the proposed Bond Issue, we will to the best of our ability administer the affairs entrusted to us in a broad-minded and fair manner, will expend the Bond and Tax moneys in an economic way, and in a way that will interfere as small an extent as possible with the agricultural and industrial activities of the County, and in a way that will reflect to the benefit of the citizenship of the County as a whole.

We confidently believe labor conditions in the County will not be disturbed unduly by the road work that will be carried on, that after the contemplated roads are built and properly maintained that benefits will accrue to our large and productive County far surpassing the expectations of the most optimistic good road advocate. We believe the passage of the Bond Act on August 5th will be the most progressive and far-reaching step that this County has ever taken, and we urge the voters to carry same with an overwhelming majority, knowing that they will never regret their action.

Respectfully,
J. R. Dickens
S. P. Johnson
A. B. Schlichter
Jno. L. Patterson

will serve Ice Cream and Cake in the Park Saturday afternoon August 2, from 6 to 9 o'clock. The public cordially invited.

Rev. Lewis N. Taylor is expected to return to-day, from a visit to Asheville.

Mr. Jno. L. Patterson was called to Atlanta this week on account of the death of a relative.

HON. W. L. LONG REPLIES TO ARTICLE OF MR. A. PAUL KITCHIN

To The People of Halifax County: Supplementing the analysis of the Halifax County road laws which will be submitted to the vote of the people of the County on Tuesday, the 5th day of August next, made and published by Mr. Darden, Mr. Taylor and myself for your information, and replying to the objections raised in the public press by Messrs. A. Paul Kitchin and Jno. P. Futrell, I wish to reiterate that I earnestly believe that it will be a tremendous step forward in the progress of our County if this election carries in favor of the road bonds and the proposed changes in our public road administration, and I am confident that the progressive and intelligent people of Halifax County will approve this bond issue and these new laws by a favorable vote in this special election.

If the election carries, the County, will, of course, have to pay the interest on the new bonds as they may be issued up to \$500,000.00 worth, and on the bonds of the townships outstanding at present, which amount to about \$250,000.00. The borrowing of money and the paying of interest thereon to make public improvements, and to expand private business when it is done for sensible and legitimate purposes, is the very basis of the structure of our economic life, both private and public. Practically every improved road worthy of the name that has been built in the United States, has been built by means of a bond issue. A principle that is so universal and has stood the test of experience, can not well not be attacked.

To offset the interest charge for the borrowed money; we have the decreased cost of transportation, wear and tear of vehicles, the saving of time, and the increased value of property. I saw just the other day where the United States Department of Roads had studied the experiences of one county that had voted a bond issue to build good roads over the county, and had found that in dollars and cents, in the first year after the construction of the roads in the saving in transportation cost, wear and tear of vehicles, and time of laborers engaged in transportation, the people of the county had saved in one year an amount equal to the entire bond issue.

The only reason any man is opposed to a bond issue is because he does not desire to pay the taxes necessary to pay the interest on, and retire the principal of the bonds. If no tax had to be levied for this purpose nobody would object to issuing bonds. I cannot, therefore, understand the argument in favor of raising the tax rate now to a sufficient amount to build our roads and pay as we go. It seems to be much more sensible and much more just that the succeeding years, which will see our prosperity continue and our taxable property increase, should pay a part of the cost of a system of good roads that will be undoubtedly one of the chief instruments of that prosperity.

The last Legislature did not pass an act for Halifax County, authorizing an increase of the road tax to fifty cents, as was stated in the article by Mr. Kitchin. The bill was introduced and passed the House, but it was so late in the session before it was done that it failed to pass its third roll call in the Senate before the adjournment of the Legislature. Our ability to tax remains, therefore, exactly the same as it formerly was, and is totally inadequate to provide even for the maintenance, let alone the building of any system of good highways. Unless this bond issue carries, and the taxpayer incident thereto is approved by the vote of the people your high-way commission and your taxes will be just where they are now, and we will remain in the mud until we become disgusted and by our votes substitute a rational road tax for the irrational and more expensive mud tax that we now pay. Under the general state road law passed by the last Legislature, the State Highway Commission out of the funds derived by the State, takes over the maintenance and the building of the principal State highways, that is, the roads leading from County seat to County seat. Under that law, the State Highway Commission may if a County desires to proceed at once with the building of one of these main highways, permit the County to proceed to

do so and pay one-fourth of the cost thereof.

The Federal Government is expending large amounts of money under the Federal Road Law, in aiding the building of roads, and where they approve the project, put up dollar for dollar put up by the county and State. This State and Federal aid is in the discretion of the State Highway Commission and the United States Department of Good Roads, and it will be up to our commission, if the bond issue carries, to secure their approval and assistance in our projects. I know of one instance now in this State where the County is paying one-fourth the State one-fourth and the Federal Government the other one-half of the cost of the construction of a road. Roanoke Rapids Township in this County has already gotten from the Federal Government part of the cost of the road from Roanoke Rapids to Littleton. I am confident that our Highway Commission will be as capable of impressing and securing the assistance of the Highway Officials, State and Federal Governments as any other in the State, and that we may reasonably expect very considerable aid from these two sources.

With respect to the form of the ticket which will be voted in this election, I desire to resent for your members of the General Assembly any insinuation that the form of the ticket was selected to secure any unfair advantage. In every road bond election that I have ever heard of, seen, or read about, it has been the same. Unless a majority of those voting in the election vote ballots "For Good Roads" in favor of the bond issue, the bond issue will be defeated, and its companion administration act will also be inoperative. To my mind this means exactly the same thing as requiring a majority of the qualified voters who vote, to cast their ballots "Against Good Roads" to defeat the bond issue.

Your Representatives named Mr. A. Paul Kitchin a member of the new Board in the act which is submitted to you for your approval, for the reason that he had had the opposition to the passage of the act by the General Assembly, and we thought it fair to put on the Board at least one man who was opposed to the bond issue and would vote against it in the election.

A tax rate of thirty-five cents on the total property of the County assessed for taxation will yield \$70,000.00 on a valuation of \$20,000,000.00 and the total property assessed for valuation in the County is now in excess of that amount. \$70,000.00 annually will pay the interest on, and provide a sinking fund for the retirement of all the bonds of the County and townships after the whole amount of this new issue of \$500,000.00 worth of bonds has been issued. In addition to this interest and sinking fund tax, the commissioners will annually levy a tax for maintenance of the roads, which shall not be in excess of six-fifths cents for that purpose.

If the election carries, every special and local tax will be automatically repealed and the road tax will be exactly the same all over the County, and the money will be expended by the commissioners in the County as they may think best to secure a uniform and adequate system of roads without any regard to township lines. In order to make just and equal this change to a County system from our present township system, it is nothing but fair that the people of the whole County should assume the bonds and notes already issued by the several townships for the purpose of building good roads. Otherwise we would be taking over their assets in the form of the roads which they had built and taxing them for the purpose of building roads in the townships which have not already issued bonds and built good roads without giving them anything in return. As it will be, if the bond election carries, the remainder of the County will be getting the benefit of the taxes which they have already heretofore paid to pay the interest on, and provide a sinking fund for the bonds which they have already issued, and nothing could be more just than for the County to relieve them of their special taxes and levy a tax applying equally all over the County. A road that gives out at a township line is valueless, and a system of road administration which contemplates township limits is necessarily wrong. To my mind the biggest thing in this election is the question of changing our system of road ad-

ROSEMARY PERSONAL AND LOCAL ITEMS

Miss Mary Trayham Wyche delightfully entertained the Cottillon Club Tuesday evening.

Miss Margaret Hewitt entertained the Card Club Saturday.

Miss Mattie Roberts spent Sunday in Norfolk.

Mr. W. H. Roberts and family spent Sunday at Ocean View.

Mr. Lewis Daniel returned Sunday from a week's vacation at Ocean View.

Messrs. William and Rives Manning spent the week-end at Virginia Beach.

Mr. A. J. Boyd spent Wednesday at Warrington.

Messrs. Robert Dickens and J. J. Wade spent Sunday in Norfolk.

Misses Pearl Cooper, of Rocky Mount and Iva Shelbourne, of Greenville, are visiting Miss Bessie Cooper.

Dr. Joe Fleetwood, of Jackson, visited his uncle, Mr. J. W. Fleetwood who is undergoing treatment in the Roanoke Rapids Hospital.

Miss Winfred Beckwith has returned from an extended visit to Washington City.

Mrs. W. C. Williams spent Sunday in Norfolk.

Mr. T. O. Eden, of Lumberton visited Mr. Frank L. Nash Tuesday.

Miss Hart, of Boykins, is visiting Miss Mary Norfleet Grizzard.

Mrs. W. F. Horner is visiting friends and relatives at Natural Bridge, Va.

Miss Mabel Boyd, of Gastonia, is visiting Miss Betty Cooper.

Miss Clara Gilliam, of Boykins, Va., is visiting Mrs. H. G. Coleman.

Mr. D. P. Wike spent Sunday at Ocean View.

Miss Rebecca Williams visited Miss Mary Norfleet Grizzard this week.

Mr. C. T. Johnson is remodeling the front of his barber shop. L. Wheeden and Company, Contractors, have established their office over the Rosemary Post Office.

Mr. Edward Manning, of Henderson, is visiting in the home of Mrs. C. A. Wyche.

ministration from that of a township system to that of one uniform County-wide system, and in voting on this matter we should be sure that our thought is upon the broad lines of County-wide economic development rather than upon the selfish basis of having our township pay as little tax as possible and let the other fellow build his roads or not build them, as the case may be. Certainly it is that Roanoke Rapids Township with its large amount of property assessed for taxation can much better build its roads when it has but a few miles, than can Brinkleyville with a tremendous mileage of roads and a small amount of property; but equally certain it is valueless to Roanoke Rapids Township to have a good system of roads and be surrounded by townships that on account of the heavy burden of taxation involved would be unable to build and maintain their roads. The public road system must be County-wide if we are going to deal with the matter sensibly and intelligently.

So far as I am able to see, and certainly so far as your Representatives in the General Assembly intend, there is no "nigger in the wood pile" in either of the acts submitted to you for your approval at the special election, but simply a square and fair submission of the question whether the people of Halifax County desire a good uniform system of highways efficiently administered and are willing to pay the taxes necessary to secure such a system. I believe that the people of the County will vote "For Good Roads" and the issuance of the bonds for the following reasons: First, in order to secure a central, uniform and efficient administration of the public roads of the County supported by a tax intelligently calculated each year from a budget and levied justly at the same rate all over the County; Second, in order to place the County Highway Commission in a position to be able to make application for and receive financial aid from the State and Federal Governments in building a uniform system of good roads throughout the County.

W. L. Long

POSTOFFICE ROBBERS CAUGHT LAST NIGHT

Thomas Boone Confesses After Being Taken From Locked Closet For Another Offense.

A MUCH TANGLED AFFAIR

Local authorities here believe that many robberies will be cleared up by the confession of Thomas Boone made early this morning to H. C. Smith, of Rosemary, and a party of men from Henderson.

Yesterday Thomas Boone went to Henderson and stole a Ford returning to Rosemary. His brother John Boone and his wife, took the car Thomas purloined at Henderson and left for parts unknown. Thomas then went to Chief Dobbins with the story that his brother had stolen his car. He then hired H. C. Smith to take him to Henderson with the same story. A party there recognized his car by the description and made Thomas return with him in search of his brother, John.

Upon their return to Rosemary Boone asked Smith what his bill was, after being told he stated that he would have to go to his home to get it. Smith took him there, but instead of bringing the money out, he told the woman he was boarding with that the men on the outside were after him and asked her to lock him in the closet and tell them he was not there. Smith persuaded the woman to let him in to search for Boone and found him locked in a closet. He asked the woman for the key, and she told Smith that the closet had not been unlocked since she had been living there and that she did not have a key. Smith opened the door with his screw driver and pulled Boone out by his heels. After being questioned at length Boone who seems to be a half-wit said his brother told him to steal the car and use the bluff so he could get away.

He then confessed the Rosemary postoffice robbery, relating how he, his brother, John Boone, and another man, who lives at Rockingham, broke in, blew the safe open, and made their getaway in Mr. Collin's car, stating that they returned to Rosemary the next morning on the early train, after stalling the car near Macon.

Thomas Boone is now in the Henderson jail and the other parties are expected to be arrested to-day.

HIGH WATER PUTS BRAKES ON INDUSTRY

The heavy rains for the past ten days caused Roanoke River to rise to its highest level since 1912. Monday morning it had reached the point where operation of the mills on the river became impossible and continued to rise till Wednesday morning, water backing up from the low grounds below the Halifax Paper Corporation, and covering bridge with some two and a half of water, blocking auto traffic to the mills. The water started falling at Wednesday noon and continues to recede.

CONVENTION COMING

(Contributed)

The Nash - Edgewood District Convention met with the church of Christ in Rosemary on June 27 - 29 and was probably the best convention ever held. Upon the invitation of the Rosemary church the next session will convene here August 29 - 31. Some of those who will appear on the program at that time are, Rev. Geo. C. Zeigler, the Sunday morning service; Miss Maud Wilkinson, of Norfolk, Va. who will render several musical selections; Rev. J. S. Williams, of Elm City who will fit in anywhere; Mrs. Dr. Weeks, of Tarboro, N. C. who has charge of the C. W. B. M. work.

The minister of the Christian Church at Petersburg, Va. and many others.

NOTICE

Under the auspices of the Methodist Church of Roanoke Rapids a series of protracted services is to be conducted by Rev. Thurston B. Price, of Asheville, beginning Aug. 24th. Mr. Price is a pulpit wanderer and a successful mixer, but his powers alone will not afford a great meeting. Therefore, in this early note I wish to sound a challenge to all Christian faces of this community.

E. C. Few.

DEBATE

(Contributed)

On Saturday night July 26, there will be a public debate at the Christian Tabernacle. The subject is "Resolved, That Woodrow Wilson is the greatest living man." The affirmative side will be ably upheld by Messrs. Jasper Davis, Tom Betton and T. J. Topping, while Messrs. W. J. Norwood, J. G. Harrison, and J. H. Gay will defend the negative. Come out and listen to the speeches made on both sides.

AN OLD TRAIT

Uncle Eben—"I just had a letter from my English cousin. He was in the trenches. He says one day his company was ordered to charge, and the first thing he knew he ran into a lot of barbed wire, several mines and a hundred German batteries." Aunt Nancy—"Just like George—never looks where he's going."—Edna.

HOBART V. UPJOHN TO PLAN NEW SCHOOL

Through the decision of the Board of School Trustees to accept Hobart V. Upjohn's plans for the new high school building the community is assured a building as modern and scientific in plan as is unique and artistic in appearance. Mr. Upjohn's plan calls for a building with a frontage of 212 feet consisting of three floor stories almost entirely out of the ground and containing 19 regular class rooms with manual training apartment, printing, domestic science, music and other accommodations for general educational work. Some of the special features of the building are entire modern apartments to be used in connection with domestic science, an auditorium with seating capacity for 1700 people, the gymnasium with swimming pools and shower baths.

The architect has planned for a future development by means of wings into a rectangle containing light and air to all parts of the building and when completed as planned will measure 212 feet square.

Materials will be of brick with terra cotta trimmings and slate roofs. The style of architect is very different from the usual type of High School Buildings, being the Elizabethan style with gabled wings and turreted entrance, combining in a most effective manner scholastic and religious atmosphere. Its cost will probably exceed considerably but the trustees feel that the proposed building will be a credit to the town and that a long step forward will be taken in its erection.

Although many plans were submitted, that of Mr. Upjohn's was so much superior to those of all others, the board was unanimous in its decision to accept it. It is interesting to note that the firm of Upjohn, of 1256 5th Ave. New York City has been a continuous business since 1835 when it was started by Richard Upjohn, the grandfather of the present head Hobart V. Upjohn. Among the buildings that Richard Upjohn designed in America are: St. John's Church, Bangor, Christ's Church in Baltimore, the Chapel of the Cross at Chapel Hill, Richard Upjohn was succeeded by Richard Upjohn, his son, who built the State Capitol at Hartford, Conn. Since 1903 the firm has been carried on by Hobart Upjohn. Among the buildings he has designed in North Carolina are: the Church of the Holy Comforter in Burlington, the Parish House and Christ's Church in Raleigh, Sprunt memorial at Chapel Hill, and the Parish in connection with the Church of the Holy Comforter in Henderson. The firm of Upjohn is predominant in Church and School architecture in America.

A half tone of the new High School building taken from the Artist's drawing will be printed in the Herald in an early issue.

The Board of School Trustees has accepted the resignation of Superintendent A. M. Proctor, who is to take charge of the work of County Superintendent of Education in Wayne County and has elected in his stead Mr. Coltrain, of Jamestown, N. C. Mr. Coltrain is one of the leaders in educational work in North Carolina and is fully competent to carry on the work here which Superintendent Proctor has conducted so efficiently. He will arrive next week and further details in regards to his plans will be given later.

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