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## ROANOKE RAPIDS PERSONAL AND LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. Henry Vaughan, of Roanoke, was in town Monday on business.

The special Lenten preacher at the All Saints (Episcopal) Church tonight at 8 will be Rev. Edward Baxter, rector of Emmanuel church, Warrenton. The public is cordially invited.

Mrs. W. L. Long left for Petersburg, Va., where she was called on account of the illness of her mother, Mrs. Heath. We are glad to report that Mrs. Heath's condition is slightly improved.

Mrs. Emily Gooch, of Weldon, is the guest of Mrs. T. W. M. Long for a few days.

The many friends of Dr. Patchin will be pleased to learn that he is once more in our midst and will resume his practice here.

Mrs. R. L. Coleman has returned to her home in Beckwith, West Va., after spending some time here with her daughter Miss Pearl Wilson.

Mr. W. S. Saunders spent several days in Greensboro this week on business.

Mr. G. Vassell, of Pleasant Hill, spent Thursday in town.

Misses Fannie and Claudia Taylor, of Richmond, were called home on account of illness.

Mr. Wade Marks, of Richmond, was in town this week.

Mr. Ed Woodruff spent a few days in Rocky Mount this week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bryant spent several days in Rocky Mount this week.

Mr. Abe Norinsky left for New York this week.

Mr. B. D. Webb, of Williamsboro, visited relatives here this week.

Miss Orle Mosely was called to her home in Kingston on account of illness.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. McDonald left this week for Oxford where Mr. McDonald is to be associated with the Orphanage.

Mr. P. C. Duncan spent a few days in Richmond this week on business.

Mr. Bruce Tillery has returned home after spending several days in Raleigh.

Mrs. T. M. Shock left for Oklahoma this week after spending several days here with Miss Rosa Smith.

The pastor of the Baptist Church, who has been ill with influenza is rapidly improving and hopes to be able to hold his regular services Sunday the 7th.

## ROANOKE FIBRE BOARD CO. CHANGED HANDS MARCH 1

Mr. A. F. Cayford and Associates of Pittsburg, Pa. Assume Control on that Date.

A transaction of interest was consummated last week when Mr. A. F. Cayford and associates, of Pittsburg, Pa., purchased the controlling interest of the Roanoke Fibre Board Company, of this place. The transfer of the same being made March 1st.

Mr. F. M. Brown, of Stubenville, Ohio, a brother in law of Mr. Cayford, will manage the plant for the new owners. We understand that Mr. Brown will move his family here as soon as a residence can be secured.

Mr. C. H. Satterwhite, who had charge of the office under the old administration, will leave the plant, his resignation, which was placed in January, becoming effective March 1.

## Army Offers Opportunity For Education

In the present recruiting drive to bring the army up to its full strength, three branches of the service are already filled up and are no longer open for enlistments, these branches are the Air service, Chemical Warfare service and the Motor Transport Corps.

The following branches are still open for applicants: Infantry, Coast Artillery, Corps of Engineers, Field Artillery, Ordnance Corps, Medical Department, Quartermaster Corps, Remount service, Signal Corps, Cavalry and Dental Corps, of these only the Field Artillery and the Corps of Engineers can now accept enlistments for one year, but all the branches but the three first mentioned have vacancies that may be filled by three year enlistments.

Applicants may enlist for any of these branches and be sent to any station within the continental limits of the United States where troops of these branches are now stationed, and the travel involved is entirely of Government expense.

From the time the applicant is forwarded to a recruiting station his expenses are all paid by the Government.

The army now offers free education and also has free trade schools, among other trades taught are: Motor Mechanics, Truck Tractor and Automobile driving, Machinists shop work, Plumbing, Electrician, Carpentry, Medical and Dental attention, food, clothing and lodging are furnished in addition to the pay.

All interested may obtain information by applying at "Thompson Hotel" Roanoke Rapids, N. C., where a member of the recruiting service may be found between the hours of 11 A. M. and 1:30 P. M. who will be glad to talk to any one.

Never before has such a broad choice of stations or branches of service been offered to applicants for enlistment and never before have such opportunities for learning a trade been offered.

A large number of young men of North Carolina have already enlisted, and the choice of branches of the service and stations will rapidly become smaller as the army fills up in response to the present opportunities of the service.

## CARD OF THANKS

We take this method of thanking our friends for their many tender expressions of sympathy during the illness and death of our dear wife and mother. May the richest blessings of the Heavenly Father rest upon your town and its good people.

W. B. Holt and family.

## SEABOARD OFFICIALS OFFER COMPROMISE

### ADDRESS OF PROF BAKERS AT CEDAR FALLS

Fellow Workers, Though I realize that what we have done is but naught compared to you, I am glad of this opportunity to tell you what Halifax County, North Carolina, has done since July, 1915, in the consolidation and improvement of her schools.

There are 680 square miles in this county which lies on the dividing line between the Piedmont and alluvial sections. One-half of the county is hilly, the other, the eastern, is flat intersected by numerous swamps. These swamps cut the county into many long narrow communities more or less isolated. This condition, however, is being overcome by the good roads movement now so much appreciated by our citizenship who last May voted \$500,000.00 in Bonds to co-operate with the State and Nation in building and maintaining roads.

At the beginning of the school year 1915-1916 there were 2,307 rural white children in Halifax County between the ages of 6 and 21 years, who should attend school in 37 one-room schools, 6 two-room schools and 2 three-room schools. During this year we enrolled 69.5% of these white children and 47% of them were in school every day. Admitting that 30% of the whole census had finished the county school system, were in school somewhere or for some reason or other we had no right to expect them in school, there was 22.5% of the whole census out of school. More than 31% of the enrollment was out of school. No business concern running at a loss of 31% can last long. No system of schools running 69% efficient can do for its patronage what it should. There was a distinct and definite problem presenting itself urgently for solution. How should it be solved? How should this condition be met? The good people of Halifax County are like the good people of other communities. They love their children as dearly as any people love theirs. They will do as much for their children as others. Leadership is what is needed. As soon as the citizen realizes that his child is not getting an equal opportunity with others, he will set about to correct the defect. O! well, once and a while a man who does not believe in public schools, but they are rare.

That this problem might be brought as close to the people as possible, this general policy was adopted at the beginning of the year: That there should be held a two days teachers conference before the opening of schools, and a series of group teachers meetings to be held at designated centers during the school year. This method of holding teachers' meetings prevails to this day with the exception only that the two days conference is extended to three days. One day of this conference is conducted as a county-wide conference, to which we invite the Committeemen, about 60, the County Board of Education, 3, the editors of the County Newspapers and others interested in education. At these county-wide meetings the editors discuss "How I Can Best Use My Paper for the Improvement of the County Schools," the Committeemen "What Qualifications and Duties Have we a Right to Expect of our Teachers?" and the teachers reply to the Committeemen with much zeal and interest on "What aid and Assistance I have a Right to Expect of my Committeemen."

Your original order to the Seaboard that they place a watchman or an electric signal at this point seems to us the only possible plan that will make this crossing safe for the enormous amount of traffic that passes over the same.

Because of the ever increasing traffic and danger we have determined not to stop until we get relief. We want gates or an electric signal as we believe nothing short of one or the other will make this crossing safe or reduce the menace.

Speaking for a large number of the leading business men of this community I ask the support of your commission in our fight for gates or an electric signal at this crossing.

Please let us hear from you further in this regards.

Yours very truly, F. M. Shute.

Mr. Stanley, of the Seaboard Railway offers a compromise in the question of protecting the traffic at the crossing of Roanoke Avenue and the Seaboard tracks at Roanoke Junction. The compromise, if instructions are followed closely, will not reduce the danger but little.

The carrying out of Mr. Stanley's instructions will render useless a rather lengthy side track. For this reason we doubt very seriously any improvement over the old situation. Gates or an electric signal should be placed at this crossing. We would like to know what our people think of Mr. Stanley's proposition as stated in his letter to the Corporation Commission, a copy of which is given below:

Mr. R. O. Self, Clerk, Corporation Com. of N. C. Raleigh, N. C. Dear Sir: Referring to my conference with the Commission in Raleigh last Monday a week ago in regard to protection of the crossings at Roanoke Junction:

I beg to advise that in keeping with the understanding then arrived at, I have arranged, while the yard engine is shifting over the crossing referred to at Roanoke Junction, for one of the train crew to be stationed at this crossing for the purpose of warning approaching pedestrians and vehicles. We will also instruct our crew to place cars on either side of the crossing as far away therefrom as possible so as not to unduly interfere with the vision of those using the public road.

Yours truly, (Signed) W. L. Stanly, Asst. to Federal Manager. Regarding the above we wrote the Corporation the following letter

March 4, 1920, Corporation Commission, Raleigh, N. C. Attention of Mr. R. O. Self, Clerk, Dear Sirs: We thank you for your letter enclosing a copy of Mr. W. L. Stanly's letter in regards to the Roanoke Junction affair.

We wish to state that we do not believe Mr. Stanly's suggestion will help matters any at this crossing. The shifter is plainly visible to the traffic and has never injured anyone or damaged any property at this point. Consequently this order does not affect the situation at all. In regards to placing of cars as far away from the crossing as possible so as not to unduly interfere with the vision of those using the public roads. These instructions offer very little relief, if any, for the simple reason the further down this side track the cars are placed the more they obstruct the vision. Besides freight cars on this tract, the freight office and warehouse render it impossible to detect oncoming trains until within twenty feet of the main line, which is by the way the real source of danger at this point.

## WITH THE CHURCHES

All Saints Church (Episcopal) Rev. Lewis N. Taylor, Rector Roanoke Avenue. Next Sunday is the third Sunday in Lent. 9:45 Church School and Adult's Bible Class, T. W. Mullen, Supt. 11:00 Celebration of the Holy Communion and Sermon. 7:30 Evening service and Sermon.

Ladies Guild meets at 3:30 P. M. Tuesday in the church. Election of Officers. Lenten Services on Tuesday afternoon 4:30, Friday night at 8. Special preacher, Rev. Fredrick Diehl, rector of Rocky Mount.

The Church with a Welcome. METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Eugene C. Few Pastor Sunday Mar. 7, 1920. Sunday School at 9:45 A. M. W. V. Woodruff, Supt. Preaching services 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening 7:30 o'clock. Special sermon to parents at the morning hour.

To all who desire worship with us, we open our doors of glad reception. Army Schools Promote Citizenship

Of a total of 172,266 enlisted reporting for duty, in a recent check to see what the army schools are doing for the promotion of better citizenship and 100 per cent Americanism it was found that 93,423 or 54 per cent were receiving training that would fit them for vocations when returned to civil life. Of these men 24 per cent were also taking additional training (educational) in the Army Schools that have been established in 117 camps, posts and stations. A dozen special service schools for cooks and bakers have also been established.

The result of the educational schools were recently demonstrated in the office of the Governor of North Carolina when (4) young "Tar Heels", who five months ago could not read or write their names so were presented to the Governor. Those men had attended the school for illiterates at Camp Upton, N. Y., and in four months had reached the sixth grade, having accomplished as much in five months as the average child in six years.

The statistical branch of the General Staff War Department has issued a statement of battle deaths by states, resulting in the war with Germany. It is shown 79,475 "Tar Heels" served in the war and 922 were killed in action or died of wounds resulting from action from the enemy. Of every 1000 of this 11.6 of those serving. The total number of the states dead from all sources is more than 2, 370 as that many memorial diplomas are being delivered to the next of kin to the dead. This number does not include all, as those haven't been delivered for the men who gave their business concern or the name of some friend as the next of kin.

The State of Montana leads in the percentage of her dead killed in action with 17.2 of every 1000.

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## TOWN COMMISSIONERS ELECT FIRE CHIEF

At a called meeting of the Town Commissioners held Tuesday afternoon, Mr. B. R. Weeks was appointed Chief of the Fire Department. We understand that Mr. Weeks will immediately organize a company of fire fighters.

Mrs. Nora I. Dobbin Mrs. Nora I. Dobbin, the beloved wife of Chief of Police, Horace E. Dobbin entered into Life Eternal Tuesday morning at ten o'clock at her home in Rosemary.

Mrs. Dobbin had been ill for several days with influenza, which developed into pneumonia causing her death. Although her many friends knew she was desperately ill yet the news of her death came as a shock.

She was a devoted wife, a loving mother and staunch, loyal-hearted friend.

She became a member of the Baptist Church in early life and from this Church the funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, Rev. A. G. Carter, pastor, and Rev. Lewis N. Taylor, officiating. Interment was made in the local cemetery.

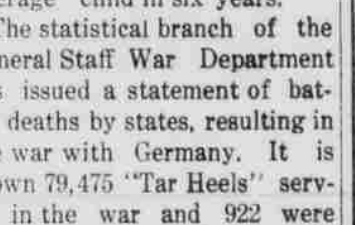
The pall bearers were Messrs. Robert L. Dickens, L. G. Shell, J. W. Harrell, Clyde Taylor, Louis Cannon, J. L. Cobb, C. F. Ogletree and Geo. L. Hayes.

The hearts of our people go out in tenderest sympathy to her husband and little son Haskell, who are both confined to their beds and their relatives. She is also survived by her parents two sisters, Misses Mable and Ruby Moore, of Rosemary and four brothers, Messrs. M. E. Moore, of Portsmouth, Westley M. Exum and Percy Moore, of Rosemary.

Attending the funeral from out of town were Mr. W. H. Mark, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Collins and two children, Mr. R. V. Moore, of Richmond and Mr. Dobbins father and brother from South Carolina.

## NEW WORLD PROGRAM DEVISED BY CHURCHES

By S. EARL TAYLOR



Dr. S. Earl Taylor, General Secretary Interchurch World Movement.

It is Christ, on the day He was born, had started on a tour to preach in every village in India. He would still have 30,000 more to visit.

We now believe we have found a way by which the leaders of the Protestant churches can sit around a common table and have the Christian program of the entire world laid before them. By means of the Interchurch World Movement we can see where the Methodists are, and where the Baptists are. We can see the general outline of their forces, their present status in this great world struggle, and may also have some idea of the unoccupied places, and what may be done by all of us to enter these unoccupied parts of the world field which Christ sent us to occupy.

A very deep sympathy is felt for her devoted husband and five children who survive her.

As a mother, as a wife, as a friend and neighbor, she was an inspiration to all who were fortunate enough to know her. She was a consecrated member of Smith's M. E. Church. Funeral services are to be held this afternoon by her pastor, Rev. C. M. Lance and the burial will be made in a private cemetery near her home.

## ROSEMARY PERSONAL AND LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. C. B. Compton, of Baltimore, was in town Tuesday.

Mr. I. Gardner, of New York City, spent Tuesday in Rosemary.

Miss Anna Rowe, who has served efficiently as director of the canning and dehydrating plant and teacher of domestic science for the Rosemary Mfg. Co., left Monday to take up her duties as county demonstration agent for Durham County, with headquarters at Durham.

Miss Rowe has made scores of friends since she has been in the community who deeply regret her departure.

Mr. W. P. Williams, of Petersburg, was here Tuesday.

Mr. J. B. Powell, of Rocky Mount, was in town Tuesday.

Mr. D. P. Wike spent the week-end in Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dromgoole, of Northampton County, spent the week-end here.

Mr. Luther E. Ogburn, of South Emporia, was in town Tuesday.

The family of Mr. R. D. Jenkins county welfare officer, have arrived from Rosman, N. C. and are occupying the residence recently vacated by Mrs. F. M. Hight.

Mr. L. A. Windell, of New York, was here Tuesday.

Mr. Thomas M. Jenkins left Wednesday afternoon for a business trip to Richmond.

Three new enterprises were added to the business life of Rosemary this week, J. L. Cobb and Co., the Braswell Furniture Co., and the William Wood Co.

Mr. Cobb is opening and arranging his stock of men's furnishings in the building vacated by The Johnson Barber Shop, which has moved into their new parlor next to the Rosemary Banking and Trust Co. Mr. Cobb and his associates are planning to equip a haberdashery worthy of the name.

The Braswell Furniture Co., have just moved from Roanoke Rapids, where they occupied a store in Horner Building.

The Rosemary Banking and Trust Co., are occupying their handsome new quarters.

Mr. William Wood has opened a grocery and feed store just north of the new bank building.

## MRS. JOE NEAL

Mrs. Joe Neal died at her home near Rosemary yesterday morning after an illness of several days. She suffered from influenza which developed into pneumonia.

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Mr. J. H. Griffin, of Atlanta, was in town Tuesday.

Mr. T. O. Vaughan, of Weldon, was here Tuesday.

## GOWAN-TAYLOR

The following announcement was received with interest Wednesday.

Mrs. John D. Blount announces the marriage of her sister

Mrs. Annie Howerton Gowen to

Dr. Job Taylor

on Tuesday the second day of March

Nineteen hundred and twenty Rocky Mount, N. C.

Dr. and Mrs. Job Taylor will be at home after the twenty-fifth of March, Roanoke Rapids, N. C.

Mrs. Taylor was from Halifax and is already well known by the people of the community and gladly welcome her as an addition to the life of our town.

Dr. Taylor is president of the Halifax Paper Corporation.

## PIECE OF FUR FOUND

Some one lost a piece of fur while attending the funeral last Sunday, of Mr. T. J. Rook. The finder can get the same by calling at this office.