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ROANOKE RAPIDS PERSONAL AND LOCAL ITEMS

Mrs. C. S. Roughton, of Raleigh, is visiting Mrs. T. M. Faison this week.

Mr. P. C. Duncan spent several days in Clayton this week with his family.

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

Miss Pearl Robinson, of Rocky Mount, spent the week-end here in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Few have returned from a trip to New York.

Mr. S. F. Patterson is spending some time out of town on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Job Taylor have returned from a trip North.

Mr. M. McRae Faison spent the week-end in Norfolk.

Mr. C. W. Humphreys, of Williamston, spent the week-end here with friends.

Mr. W. E. Bryant spent Wednesday in Tarboro.

Rev. Lewis N. Taylor is spending some time in Clinton this week.

Mrs. F. M. Shute and daughter, Catherine, left this week for Williamston to spend some time.

Mr. C. W. Graham spent a few days in Richmond this week on business.

Miss Ruby Williams has accepted a position with the National Loan & Insurance Company.

Miss Mina Smoot, of Richmond, spent the week-end here with relatives.

Mrs. R. J. Rush, of West Virginia, is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smoot.

Mr. E. H. Ricks spent the week-end out of town.

Mr. G. C. Lamm, of Rocky Mount, spent the week-end here.

Mr. Hamilton Block, of Raleigh spent the week-end here visiting Miss Ruby Williams.

Miss Irby spent last week in Richmond.

Mr. Lucious Ward spent the week-end in Kinston with relatives.

Mr. Joe Williams has accepted a position with W. C. Allsbrook.

Mr. Jake Sammet spent a short while here this week with relatives.

Mr. E. J. Coletrane spent several days in Greensboro this week on business.

Mr. Hobart Upjohn, of New York, spent Tuesday here on business.

Mrs. Josephine Cherry and Miss Mabelle Burnette, of Rocky Mount, spent Sunday here with friends and relatives.

Prominent New Jersey Rector to be at All Saints next Sunday. The Rev. W. V. H. Filkins, rector of Trinity (Episcopal) Church, Arlington, New Jersey, will preach in All Saints Church next Sunday at 11 and 7:45.

The public is cordially invited.

NOTICE

The Odd Fellows of this vicinity will celebrate the One Hundred and First Anniversary next Sunday April 25th at 3:30 P. M. in the Rosemary Theatre. Address will be by Hon. Caloin Woodard, of Wilson, N. C. The public is especially invited. All members of Carolina Lodge No. 225 are requested to meet at Hall at 2:00 P. M. Visiting brothers are invited to meet with us in the Hall, every body interested in good citizenship should hear this address.

Carolina Lodge No. 225
I. O. O. F.
C. A. Dickens, Secy.

Watch as Compass.

To use the watch as a compass, bring the watch into a position so that the hour hand is pointing toward the sun. The south then lies midway between whatever hour it may be and the numeral XII on the dial of the watch.

WITH THE CHURCHES

METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Eugene C. Few Pastor

Sunday, April 25th, 1920
Sunday School 9:45 A. M.
W. V. Woodroof, Supt.
Preaching services 11 A. M. and 8 P. M.

Prayer meeting, Wednesday 8 P. M.
Each of our services gladly welcomes all who will worship with us.

All Saints Church

(Episcopal)
Rev. Lewis N. Taylor, Rector
Roanoke Avenue

Next Sunday is St. Marks Day also third Sunday after Easter.

Services: 7:30 A. M. Holy Communion. Divine services at 11 and 7:45. Church school and Adults Bible Class, T. W. Mullen, Supt. 9:45 A. M.

Warren V. H. Filkins, rector of Trinity Church, Arlington, N. J., will preach. Services at St. Lukes at 12 M.

The Church with a welcome.

OFFICERS ELECTED

At a regular convocation of Roanoke Chapter No. 81, Royal Arch Masons, held in Masonic Hall, Weldon, April 7, 1920, the following officers were installed for the ensuing year.

High Priest—T. W. Mullen.
King—G. Pollock Burgwyn.
Scribe—D. W. Seifert.
Treasurer—J. J. Willey.
Secretary—Ashley B. Stainback.

Captain of the Host—C. W. Graham.

Principal Sojourner—E. L. Williams.

Royal Arch Captain—J. W. Smoot.

Master of First Vail—E. Clark Jr.

Master of Second Vail—C. P. Vincent.

Master of Third Vail—J. E. McGee.

Sentinel—S. J. Dixon.

The Chapter is in a growing and prosperous condition and has a membership now of sixty-seven members. ---Roanoke News.

MOTHERS CLUB MEETS

The Mothers Club of Rosemary, will meet next Wednesday afternoon April 28 at 3:30 with Mrs. G. L. Hayes.

Paper. The meaning of the Kindergarten to the Child, to the Home, and to Civic Life, by Miss Hodges teacher of Kindergarten at Rosemary.

A full attendance of all members is requested.

Wanted to Know.

"Excellent floor this," said the dumsy d neer.
"Then why dance on my feet?" asked his unlucky partner.



A VERY PRESENT HELP.

"It's when a man is in trouble that he realizes the value of a wife."
"Sure! He can put all his property in her name."

Something Cheap.
"The price of everything's so dear—it makes one almost weep. But one thing still remains the same—That's talk—as usual—cheap!"

Playing to a Crowd.
"Two is company, three is a crowd."
"I like that adage," declared Yorick Ham. "It has frequently made me feel better when estimating the size of an audience out front."

Unprepared.
"Weren't you taken by surprise when he proposed to you, dear?"
"Goodness, yes. Why, I hadn't even looked up his financial standing."

Address of Prof. Akers at Cedar Falls

I shall mention again that there is a most noticeable improvement in the qualification of the teaching force, better instruction is given, more active community interest aroused and a higher grade of work is done in the teachers meetings. Miss Annie Cherry, our Elementary Supervisor, is the leader in these meetings. She has been able to get, this year, such a splendid response from the teachers that our annual conference and first series of group meetings were much above any previously held, from the standpoint of interest, responsive discussion and enthusiasm.

Our group teachers' meetings have, in my opinion, created as much interest in the minds of the public as any other agency. The County is divided into four groups. The teachers attend the meetings conducted at some central school in the group. The group center school conducts typical morning exercises and teaches its regular classes until eleven o'clock, the visiting teachers observing. If for this year we are studying language all teachers observe a language lesson. After the school is dismissed the teachers assemble for round table discussion of this language lesson. You are wondering how the community gets interested in such a meeting. The County Farm Agent and the Home Demonstration Agent are asked to co-operate with us. Men and women of the community are asked to attend this meeting. When we begin our round table discussion the Farm Agent takes the older boys from the school and the men present and discusses some present day farm topic. The Home Demonstration Agent discusses with the older school girls and the women present topics relating to the home and home making.

The social feature of this meeting is worth mentioning. Everybody brings a lunch. These are spread on some common improvised table and general good time follows. The discussions are lively and interesting. Schools, consolidated schools and larger consolidated schools come in for their share of the discussion.

In 1915-1916 the highest monthly salary paid a white teacher was \$90.00 a month, the lowest \$35.00. The average monthly salary was \$43.48 and the per capital cost per year, deviding cost of administration equally between the races, based on enrollment was \$14.27, on daily attendance \$22.52. In 1918-1919 the highest monthly salary paid white teachers was \$125.00, the lowest \$45.00. The average monthly salary was \$63.30. The per capital cost per year as above stated, based on enrollment \$27.41, was based on av-

age daily attendance \$33.58, for a term of six and one-half months for all schools. This runs high because teachers were paid for full time when schools were closed on account of influenza. In other words, teachers were paid for about 20 days that the schools were not opened. For the year 1919-1920 the highest and lowest monthly salaries are the same as last year, but the average is \$82.08 as against \$63.30.

We have two distinct school systems in North Carolina with no apologies. The law provides that there shall be equal length term, uniform compulsory attendance, and that though taught in separate schools, "there shall be no discrimination in favor of or to the prejudice of either race." You will note that these schools are run for the same length term but in different buildings. In most places the law is followed very well. In Halifax County we employ a Jeanes Supervisor who has charge of all manual training work, domestic classes and health organizations. There have been as many school rooms erected for the colored people since 1915 as for the white race. These buildings are not cheapened any, except we do not use storm sheeting and paper. As to light, pitch of ceiling and size of the rooms, they are standard.

In 1918-1919 the negro population 6 to 21 years for the County was 6,942. We enrolled 5,334 and there were present every day 2,653. These children attended 67 schools ranging from one room to five rooms. There were 59 one-room schools and 7 with two and more rooms.

The highest salary paid a negro teacher is \$90.00, the lowest \$45.00. The average is greater than was paid white teachers in 1915-1916. The systems for the races are entirely separate, but the work of the Superintendent is about as heavy for one race as for the other. The Colored Supervisor has charge of the teacher training work, but the Superintendent attends the teachers meetings and joins in the discussions.

A long story can be told of the interest and efforts of the Negro race in Halifax County. There are fourteen communities in which the colored patronage has raised \$500.00 among themselves and asked for aid from the Julius Rosenwald Fund. They have not been turned down.

Mr. George Eastman, Rochester, N. Y., is paying one-half the cost of a beautiful five-room building for the negroes near a farm he owns in the County and 70 per cent of the cost of the furniture that goes in it. Our negro problems are interesting and they are very responsive.

GROUP COMMENCEMENT

Halifax County is divided into four groups of schools with a Central School in each group as the point of concentrated effort. Group Commencements will be held at each of the four Group Centers this year with all the schools in each group taking part in this final get-together at their own central school.

A live program has been planned. Many interesting contests will take place in the morning with thrilling field day stunts of various kinds following in the P. M. Select the Group School nearest you and be there to not only enjoy the sports, but to boost the children from your community as well. You will be given a hearty welcome, so plan to spend the day with your neighbor on a common meeting ground.

The dates and places of Group Commencements are:

Monday, April 26th, Hobgood.
Tuesday, April 27th, Halifax.
Wednesday, April 28th, Hardrawee.

Thursday, April 29th, Aurelian Springs.

RURAL CHILDREN DEBATE

Debating has become an important feature in the larger rural schools in Halifax County this year. Several of these schools have joined into this interesting part of the work with much enthusiasm and have determined to win the Patterson Debating Cup that has been offered by Mr. Sam F. Patterson of Roanoke Rapids.

Three triangles have been formed with the following schools; Hobgood, Halifax and Dawson; Hardrawee, Bear Swamp and Hollister; South Rosemary and Darlington. On Friday evening, April 23rd, the above mentioned will debate the present-day question: "Resolved, That the Re-Valuation Act Passed by the 1919 Legislature Will Produce a Better System of Taxation than the Present System". Those winning both sides of this subject will go to Halifax on Friday, April 30th, and compete for the Patterson Cup.

They realize the need for education and are willing to do their part.

Theodore Roosevelt was right when he said: "This country will not be a good place for any of us to live in unless we make it a good place for all to live in."

Again in the language of Edwin Markham:

"We all are blind unless we see That, in the human plan, Nothing is worth the making if It does not make the man."

Why build these cities glorious If man unbuilded goes? In vain we build the world unless

The builder also grows."

ORGANIZATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Permanent organization of the public safety city commissioners of the various towns of the state was effected here Tuesday. During the two day session, these guardians of city property, peace and safety, discussed many vital points relative to their duties, and are seeking by personal conference to solve various community problems and come upon some uniformity of administrative action. Especially was this evident in the matter of fire protection, traffic regulation and automobile speed control, building and electrical equipment inspection, etc. By special invitation, Insurance Commissioner James R. Young made an appropriate address Tuesday morning, stressing the value of strict official regard and alertness for enforcement of laws enacted to prevent accidents and death from auto speed control, unsafe or insanitary conditions of streets, buildings, or yards, or roofs, where fire and disease, accident and death found congenial breeding places. One fine practical outcome of the first session, is the probability of an early adoption by all Boards of City Aldermen or Commissions of a uniform traffic code, designed and intended to minimize accidents and peril of irresponsible or reckless auto drivers. Upon adjournment Tuesday afternoon the delegates visited the State Insurance Department headquarters, seemingly greatly interested in work of the force there busily engaged in their routine duties connected with the many sided responsibilities of Commissioner Young.

The law requiring licenses to be obtained by Insurance Companies and their agents, in order to do business, makes April first the beginning of the license year. Since there are about 600 life and fire companies, and nearly 20,000 agents in North Carolina business the job of getting all these papers not only passed upon, but blanks filed and licenses mailed out in less than three weeks time must be worked at to be appreciated, or its magnitude realized. But by midnight of March 31, the department expects to have in the mails the last batch of addressed envelopes satisfied that no Company or Agent wishing to work on all fools day will have to let up for not having a license.

The fire and accident prevention department last week was also called upon for extra activity in thoroughly posting county and city officials, schools, clubs and other civic organizations of Clean-up-Wood importance. The mails have been loaded since with responses to calls for more literature from interested and sympathetic men and women everywhere one school alone sending for literature for 4,000 deeply interested children. This being the official state wide clean up week, reports from officials and newspapers sent in indicate widespread and enthusiastic effort to have a brand new clean state for the Easter celebration and holiday. Several cities which had clean-up last week including Raleigh, by request of the Mayors, continued the work on through this week, when everybody everywhere else was doing it. The truck loads of trash being hauled in Raleigh seem undiminished this week, both an old and a new incinerator being kept busy.

Face the Truth.

As courage and intelligence are the two qualities best worth a good man's cultivation, so it is the first part of intelligence to recognize our precarious estate in life, and the first part of courage to be not at all abashed before the fact.—Stevenson.

Baseball's Beginning.

Almer Doubleday of Cooperstown, N. Y., in 1839, was the first to prepare a diagram of the baseball diamond. The Knickerbocker club, founded in New York city in 1845, is said to have been the first baseball organization.

NEW CREDIT UNIONS ORGANIZED IN APRIL

Three new credit unions have just been organized in the State at Chadbourne, Delco and Wilmington. This makes a total of 33 credit unions organized since 1916 under the state credit law. Their combined resources have doubled each year and now stand at \$90,000. Three more unions are being organized in Robeson, Bladen and Columbus counties, and Gorrell Shumaker of the Division of Markets states that they will be transacting business this summer.

Credit unions are proving a great help to farmers who desire short credits to produce and handle their crops, according to Mr. Shumaker who is enthusiastic over the success they have already achieved in North Carolina. The loans are made on a conservative basis and there have been no failures among organized unions, although credit is extended to individuals that ordinarily would not be able to obtain loans at local banks.

MORE MILK PRODUCED IN STATE LAST YEAR

North Carolina produced \$45,990,000 worth of milk in 1919, according to estimates compiled by the Dairy Extension Office, at West Raleigh. This represents a total production of about 1,150,000,000 pounds of milk from 315,000 cows, which is an increase over 1918. Although these are large figures, they represent but a small part of what the State could produce, according to investigators, because estimates show an average of only 1.15 cows to a farm while the daily consumption of whole milk in the State is less than one-third of a pint for each person.

More than a third of the total production, or 566,000,000 pounds of milk were made into butter, most of it on farms. Ice cream manufacture took 72 million pounds; there were 304,200,000 pounds consumed as whole milk, and 40 million pounds were made into cheese. The balance of the milk was fed to stock, or lost in handling. The latter item represents 28,000,000 pounds valued at about \$1,100,000.

Christian Church Cleanings

Work on the church has already begun. We may be a little slow at first due to the fact of contracting for material, labor, etc. We also take into account the fact that it is money given by the people and we must spend it to the very best advantage. We shall endeavor to make a dollar go just as far as possible. In the "White" and "Orange" contest in the Sunday-school M. C. Clippard is captain of the "White", and J. T. Kelliebrew is captain of the "Orange". Every person present whether visitor or student counts one point, and the side having the largest offering gets twenty-five points. At present the standing is as follows. "White" ninety-nine points, "Orange" eighty-seven points. So you can see that the "White" is twelve points ahead. The Sunday-school offering last Sunday was \$23.61. Twenty-three dollars and sixty-one cents. You should come and get in this contest.

The Ladies Aid Society held an ice cream supper in the Rosemary Park last Saturday night and realized a profit of about seventeen dollars.

The Junior Christian Endeavor Society will have a social on Three hundred street, Saturday night, (tomorrow.) All the young people are invited.

The Cottage prayer-meetings are progressing, you should attend.

Women of the Sikhs.

The women of the Sikhs occupy a very high place in the society of the race. When the Sikhs took the sword as their profession many of the women made themselves distinguished for their courage and statesmanship.

