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Population of Roanoke Rapids More Than Doubled Since 1910 - Census Gives Us 3369

ROANOKE RAPIDS PERSONAL AND LOCAL ITEMS

Miss Annie M. Clements spent Tuesday in town on business.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Journagin, of Jackson, spent Friday in town.

Mr. T. E. Martin, of New York, spent Wednesday with Mr. P. C. Duncan.

Miss Inzie Mae Jones returned Tuesday after spending several days in Portsmouth with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Shell and children, Mr. J. M. Huggins and Miss Gladys Burroughs spent Sunday in Robersonville.

Mr. H. H. Smith, of Norfolk, spent a few days here this week visiting Miss Gladys Burroughs.

Miss Mary Langston, of Hartsville, S. C., spent several days with her parents this week.

Mr. Garland Taylor has resigned his position with Mr. F. M. Coburn and returned to his home in Nashville.

Mr. J. G. Thomas, a student at the Richmond Medical College spent the week-end here with Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Perry and children and Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Wrenn and children, of Wendenon, spent Sunday here in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Williams.

Miss Mary Traynham Wyche left Monday for Converse College, Spartanburg, S. C.

Mr. J. H. Harrison is spending several days in Northern Cities this week.

Mrs. J. H. Harrison has returned after spending several days in Blackstone with relatives.

Mrs. Mac Baldwin is spending several days in Washington this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hancock and children spent Monday in Scotland Neck with relatives.

The Presbyterian Ladies Aid Society will meet with Mrs. Fred Peck next Tuesday at 3:30 P. M. at which time the Orphanage mite boxes will begin. This is a very important meeting and all members are earnestly requested to be present.

Mr. T. B. Attmore, of Stone-wall, spent several days here last week.

Mr. B. Marks spent the Jewish Holidays in Baltimore this week.

Miss Ellen Fields spent the week-end in Enfield.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Bounds and children spent Sunday in Tarboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Parker and son have been spending a few days with Mrs. R. H. Parker in Tarboro.

Miss Susie Allbrook spent the week-end in Norfolk with relatives.

Miss Minnie Daughtry is visiting relatives in Norfolk.

Miss Estelle Hamlet, of Greensboro, is spending several days here with her parents.

Mr. S. B. Jones spent the week-end in Portsmouth with friends.

Mrs. E. W. Ragland spent Monday and Tuesday in Durham with relatives.

Miss Pearl Wilson has returned from an extended trip to her home in Beckwith, W. Va.

Miss Lila Hancock, of Richmond, is visiting in the home of her brother, Mr. W. S. Hancock.

Miss Mary Daughtry, of Norfolk, spent the week-end here with friends and relatives.

Mrs. W. S. Saunders spent several days in Littleton last week during the illness, and death of her father.

Miss Mary Barton is spending some time here visiting Miss Cammie Vaughan.

Mr. C. W. Humphreys spent the week-end here with friends and relatives.

Population of Halifax County as Given by the 1920 Census

Towns of Weldon, Halifax and the Part of Littleton in Halifax County Show a Loss in Population.

ROANOKE RAPIDS TOWNSHIP LEADS IN BOTH POPULATION AND INCREASE

Below is given the population of Halifax County as certified by the 1920 census:

	1920	1910	Loss or Gain in Italics
Brinkleyville Township	5,234	4,858	376
Butterwood Township	1,474	1,449	25
Conocoanra Township	1,046	1,505	459
Enfield Township	6,668	5,790	878
Faucetts Township	2,766	2,159	607
Halifax Township	3,071	2,775	296
Littleton Township	3,070	3,338	268
Palmyra Township	2,815	2,423	392
Roanoke Rapids Township	7,703	4,250	3,453
Roseneath Township	1,346	1,140	206
Scotland Neck Township	4,356	4,065	291
Weldon Township	4,206	3,894	312
	43,755	37,646	

Total Gain for Halifax County 6,109
Total Gain for Roanoke Rapids Township 3,453

Or 797 More Than All Other Townships in the County

Population of incorporated towns:			
Enfield	1,648	1,167	481
Halifax	299	314	15
Hobgood	336	165	171
Littleton	219	571	252
Palmyra	103	94	09
Roanoke Rapids	3,369	1,670	1,699
Scotland Neck	2,061	1,726	335
Weldon	1,861	1,999	138
	9,896	7,706	

PROMINENT LITTLETON MAN DIES AT RIPE AGE

Died at his home in Littleton on Saturday Mr. R. J. Lewis, in the 84th year of his age. He was buried on Sunday afternoon. Rev. Francis Joyner, of the Episcopal church conducting the burial service. Mr. Lewis was born and reared in Halifax county and for many years was prominent in politics while the Republicans controlled political affairs. For several years he was register of deeds, was then elected sheriff of the county and after this was internal revenue collector. In all these positions he was a faithful officer and was popular among people of both parties. Several years since his health failed and he became a great sufferer both of mind and body. He is survived by his wife and four children, one of these, Mrs. W. S. Saunders, of Roanoke Rapids.

Housekeeping Problems Are Similar Everywhere

The geography of housekeeping does not differ widely in North Carolina or New York, in California or Maine, as does the agriculture which shows such a variety of crops. The geography of housekeeping does not even stop at the city limits as farming does. Housekeeping problems are as widespread as homes and women's work in the home and community is essentially alike the country over. I look upon my pilgrimage to North Carolina as a special privilege, and I have not come to boast of New York's home bureaus, as you may fear from the program, but really I came to learn of North Carolina's ways in home demonstration work for you have one of the leading ladies of the land in Mrs. McKimmon's leadership here, and I plan to carry back much of inspiration from you all.—Dr. Ruby Green Smith.

PUBLIC SCHOOL OPENS

Fine Enrollment First Week. Many New Pupils Enter Every Day.

The public schools opened Monday morning with a good enrollment which has increased constantly since the opening day and which bids fair to pass the 1200 mark next Monday. Last year the opening week showed fewer than 900 children, but this number was increased to about 1400 during the year. With an enrollment of over 1100 in the beginning it is expected that more than 1600 will be enrolled during the year. The school buildings are so crowded that 14 teachers in the first and second grades are compelled to teach on the half-day basis. Every available bit of space is being utilized. In order to find quarters for the high school it was necessary to cut the balcony of the auditorium into and put a class on each side. In addition the ninth grade occupies space on the floor of the chapel. A fine corps of teachers has been employed, among whom are some who have been trained in such institutions as the University of North Carolina, Peabody College and Columbia University. In a later issue we hope to present a brief statement which will show the preparation of the teaching force. It is safe to say that no better teachers can be found in any town in the state.

Lyceum Course Opens October 4

The first number of the lyceum course will come Monday night, October 4, Ralph Bingham the foremost humorist in America will be the first attraction with five other excellent numbers to come later. Season tickets for the entire course are now on sale, the price being \$2.50 for the six numbers.

WITH THE CHURCHES

METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Eugene C. Few Pastor
Miss Julia Thompson, Organist
Miss Alice Hockaday, Musical Director

Sunday, Sept. 19th 1920.
Sunday School 9:45 A. M.
W. V. Woodroof, Supt. Our School is anxious to serve all who will cooperate with us.
Services 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.
Preaching each hour by the pastor.
Prayer-Meeting Wednesday 7:30 P. M.
All our services are at your command, and a hospitable welcome awaits you.

All Saints Church
(Episcopal)
Rev. Lewis N. Taylor, Rector
Roanoke Avenue
Miss Mary Duke, Parish Visitor

Next Sunday is Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity.
Church school and Adults Bible Class, T. W. Mullen, Supt. at 9:45
7:30 A. M. Celebration Holy Communion
Divine services at 11 and 7:45 P. M. The rector is expected to officiate.
A cordial welcome is extended to you.

Baptist Church
T. S. Crutchfield Pastor.

Sunday school 10:00 A. M.
W. S. Hancock, Supt.
Preaching 11:00 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.
Prayer meeting each Wednesday evening at 7:30.
The Public cordially invited to all services.

Presbyterian Church

Rev. Stanley White, Pastor
Miss Lucy Crisp, Organist

Sunday School 10:00 A. M.
Morning Service 11:00 A. M.
Christian Endeavor 6:45 P. M.
Evening Service 7:30 P. M.
Prayer meeting 7:30 P. M. on Wednesday.
The Christian Endeavor Society will have a social evening Friday to which all members are invited.
Remember the series of meetings to be conducted by Dr. Fincher begins September 29th.

NIGHT SCHOOL OPENS WITH GOOD ENROLLMENT

Night schools were opened last night in both Roanoke Rapids and Rosemary with splendid indications of success in each place. Miss Hattie Ross and Miss Edith Stafford are in charge of the school which is conducted in the old Methodist Church on Jackson Street. In the Rosemary School, which is now being conducted in the school building, Miss Ava Myatt, Miss Louise Alford and Miss Annie Will Siler are teaching. These five workers have canvassed the three mill communities thoroughly during the last week and will continue to visit the people in their homes. The constant desire and purpose of these young women is to be of service to the people of the community. No better work has yet been projected for the people who live in the villages, and it is the earnest desire of the promoters that all the people take advantage of the opportunities offered by these schools. More than 100 men and women attended the first night. In addition to teaching four nights each week these five teachers will organize classes among the women that will meet in the afternoon and will also teach a great many women individually in their homes. Every one who wants instruction will have an opportunity to get it.

CLEVELAND GIBSON STABBED BY FATHER

Affray Occurred Early Sunday Morning in Gibson Home. Wound Very Serious, Probably Fatal. Son in Hospital. Father in Jail

Sunday morning about two o'clock Gid Gibson, stabbed his son, Cleveland, just above the eye with a pocket knife. According to a statement made by Mrs. Gibson, mother of the young man, the affray occurred when Cleveland Gibson went to his father, who was lying on a bed drunk, and asked for a chew of tobacco for his uncle, Willie Gibson. Gid Gibson got up and struck his son, and Willie Gibson caught hold of the young man and carried him to the kitchen. The boy's father followed and young Gibson told his father that he hit him without cause. The father stated that if he hit him he did not know it; then suddenly reached over Willie Gibson's shoulder and stabbed his son in the face. Mrs. Gibson's statement ended as follows: "My son then went upstairs and Willie Gibson went with him. When he came down he had a cut on his arm and said he knocked his Uncle Willie down stairs. He said he knocked the last man who cut him down stairs." The young man's condition has been so critical that a hearing could not be given the father, who is in the Halifax jail awaiting the outcome of the injuries he inflicted on his son, who is now in the Roanoke Rapids Hospital.

AN APPEAL

Holding at heart in vital sensitiveness every phase of the community's welfare, we deem it but a logical part of our responsibility to throw our influence into the successful carrying of the urgently needed School-bond issue. If perchance we may be of assistance to our various constituencies by making clear our cooperative position, as well as our individual attitude, we gladly sound an earnest appeal to each of our several following that there be no turning back now in the day of battle, but that each of you may prove by your registration and vote that you are a man or a woman come to the kingdom for such an opportunity as this.

Signed: Eugene C. Few
Stanley White
L. N. Taylor
T. S. Crutchfield
A. G. Carter
Chas. M. Lance
Ministers of the town and community.

Reception at the Baptist Church

On last Wednesday evening there was held in the Roanoke Rapids Baptist church a reception in recognition of the many new members received into the membership of the church in the last few weeks. The revival and evangelistic services recently held in the church have had a very wholesome influence upon the membership of the church as well as resulting in the addition of new members.

NEW PARISH VISITOR FOR ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Miss Mary Duke, of Charlottesville, Va., is expected to arrive tomorrow night to become parish visitor for All Saints' (Episcopal) church. Miss Duke is a graduate of the Training School in Philadelphia, and has had considerable experience in similar work in the mountains of Virginia. She is a daughter of Judge Duke, of Charlottesville.

AN EXCURSION

The thing I am writing about may lack the charm of novelty for most of you, but it was so interesting to me that I feel impelled to set my appreciation of it down in print. It was my good fortune to be invited to go as a guest of the Rosemary Manufacturing Company on an excursion to Norfolk, which it gave to its employees last Saturday. I went, and I can testify the fun began early and ended late. The first of the morning was still with us when we arrived at the siding by the Rosemary Manufacturing Company's office, but the train must have arrived before it, for there stood ten or twelve coaches filled with people who were ready for a holiday. I thought the whole village must be there, but I was mistaken. However the mill management does not leave the stay-at-homes out of all the fun, but actually pays them the price of the tickets they do not use. The logic of that evades me, but not the gracious generosity. Nobody who really understood what the day would bring forth could be persuaded to stay behind. I got a vision of this after we were well on our way, when the men in charge of arrangements began producing big rolls of ferry and street car tickets for free distribution. It was part of a generous gesture. On arrival in Norfolk our folk in the most orderly fashion made their way toward the street cars which were to carry them out to Ocean View. The car company had gotten its part of the business mixed up, but the crowd took everything with unbroken good humor. In time enough cars appeared to set down the whole crowd at the beach, and the real business of the day began. Mr. S. F. Patterson was the presiding genius. He had gone up the day before in order to buy up the place in my private opinion. It was certainly his for the day, and his one idea seemed to be to give it away for the benefit of all of us. As the country newspapers used to say "A good time was had by all"—One felt he had almost gotten to Wonderland with Alice or at least touched the fingers of the fortunate Isles; there was so much pleasure, and no price on it. To get and give tickets for anything and every thing without measure was to experience a new sensation. There were over seven hundred people on the excursion but it was like one big family. Teachers and welfare workers, ministers and mill employees, managers and children were all of one heart and mind. Everybody entered into the fun of the amusement places, and forgot about being old or young, just remembering to be happy. I have been on excursions in different places, but I never had part in one before where everything went off so smoothly. As far as I saw, or could find out, not an unpleasant thing occurred in the course of the day. A better mannered or behaved crowd has never gone into Norfolk and the spirit of mutual courtesy was delightful. One usually has a feeling of pride in this community, but I overflowed with it that day. When the head of a mill system takes real interest in all of his people and enters into their life, the management is so considerate and kind, and the people respond finely and loyally and exercise themselves in good citizenship, I know there is no limit to what they may accomplish as a people and a community.

Stanley White

How About Other Skates?
The first roller skate was patented in 1823.

ROSEMARY PERSONAL AND LOCAL ITEMS

Misses Sylvia and Helen Owens have returned to their home in Baltimore after visiting Mrs. Harry Welsh of Rosemary.

Judge J. M. Mullen, of Petersburg spent the first of the week with his son, Mr. T. W. Mullen.

Mrs. Lynwood Justis, of Littleton, spent Monday afternoon with friends in Rosemary.

Mr. John W. Vick left this week for Lexington Va., to enter Washington and Lee University.

The excursion to Norfolk and vicinity run by the Rosemary Mfg. Co. last Saturday for their people was an enjoyable success. Seven hundred and twenty made the trip and had a lovely time. The conductor said it was the best behaved crowd he had ever carried on an excursion train.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Jenkins and family have moved into Mr. W. F. Horner's residence.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Council and Miss Mary Council are now occupying their new home on the corner of Hamilton Street at Tenth.

Mr. J. T. Stainback left Monday for Macon, Ga., accompanied by his little son, Charles, whom he placed in a private school.

MR. J. B. BOYD DIES IN GASTONIA

The members of the Rosemary Methodist Church and Sunday School and the people of the community in general were greatly distressed by the news of the death of Mr. J. B. Boyd, which occurred in Gastonia last Friday. While a resident of the community Mr. Boyd was superintendent of the Rosemary M. E. Sunday School and chairman of the Board of Stewards of the church. His faithful and unselfish services in these and other capacities endeared him to the members of both the Sunday school and the congregation, and his friends here deeply mourn his loss. During his residence here Mr. Boyd was Superintendent of the Patterson Mills Company.

WOMEN ORGANIZE AT THE FARM CONVENTION

Delegates from home demonstration clubs attending the Farm Women's Convention at Raleigh sprang a surprise on the joint session of men and women Thursday afternoon, August 26, by announcing that they had organized the State Federation of Home Bureaus. This action followed upon a morning given over to the question of organizing, at which Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon, State leader of Home Demonstration Agents in North Carolina, Mrs. Grace Bradford McDowell of Mecklenburg County, and Mrs. Ruby Green Smith, State leader of Home Bureaus in New York, led the discussion on organization. North Carolina is the second state in the Union to organize a State Federation of Home Bureaus, New York being the only other State having such an organization, although many of the northern and western states have county home bureaus. This action makes North Carolina the first state in the South to organize home bureaus in the counties, the plan being to build on the membership already available in the home demonstration clubs. The home demonstration agents have been working on plans for organizing home bureaus for some time and have felt the need of organization in carrying on the various community activities in their own counties. The success of the home bureaus in New York and the way in which they have fostered the growth of community spirit and enterprise were explained to the women delegates by Mrs. Smith and to the joint meeting of men and women on Wednesday. The officers of the new State Federation of Home Bureaus are: Mrs. Grace Bradford McDowell, president, and Mrs. R. N. Person, secretary. Both of these officers are residents of Mecklenburg County.