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ROSEMARY PERSONAL AND LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. Herbert H. Smith, of Norfolk, was in Rosemary Monday.

Mr. M. P. Williams, of Tarboro, spent Monday in town.

Mrs. M. P. Williams, of Washington, D. C., is the guest of B. P. Cooper.

Mr. George A. Isely, of Raleigh, spent Sunday in Rosemary.

Miss Ruth Fleming spent the week-end with relatives in Raleigh.

Messrs. H. E. and I. F. Green, of Rocky Mount, were visitors in town Sunday.

Mr. W. N. Kirkland, of Norfolk, spent Monday here.

Mrs. W. C. Williams, is visiting friends in Norfolk this week.

Mr. R. E. Shell, is spending several days in Norfolk.

Mrs. S. H. Huff is visiting in Rocky Mount.

Mr. F. M. Walsh, of Norfolk, was in town Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Shell and little daughter, are spending some time in Norfolk.

Mr. J. R. Sikes, of Norfolk, was in town this week.

The W. F. Joyner Motor Co. is installing a gasoline tank in front of their building.

Mr. R. J. Turner, of Henderson, spent Monday in Rosemary.

Mr. John L. Patterson, of Richmond, spent Tuesday in town.

Miss Bessie Green has returned from a several weeks visit to her relatives in Aurelian Springs and resumed her position at the post office.

Mr. J. W. Davis, of Raleigh, spent Tuesday in town.

Mrs. J. T. Rook spent several days in the neighborhood this week.

Mr. J. E. Carrigan, of Burlington, was a visitor here this week.

Miss Agnes Moseley, of Weldon, spent Monday with Miss Annie Medlin.

Mr. R. D. Jenkins has returned from a trip to Jacksonville and St. Augustine, Fla.

The L. G. Shell Co., has recently installed new mahogany fixtures in their stores.

The Ladies Guild of All Saints' (Episcopal) Church will hold their annual bazaar in the Woodmen Hall in Roanoke Rapids Saturday.

Mr. Wm. F. Horner, of Henderson, was a visitor here this week.

Miss Caroline Moncure attended a district meeting of nurses held in Wilson this week.

Miss Ida Gardner, of Oxford, is taking training at the Roanoke Rapids Hospital.

Messrs. T. M. Jenkins, J. W. Smoot, J. A. Moore visited Halifax Monday in the interest of the new road.

Mrs. R. P. Beckwith, Mrs. C. A. Wyche, Mrs. A. P. McPherson, Mrs. J. A. Moore, Mrs. T. W. M. Long, Mrs. J. M. Jackson, Mrs. F. M. Shute, Mrs. Job Taylor went to Halifax Monday in the interest of a new county home.

The Ministerial Union held their regular monthly meeting at All Saints (Episcopal) Church Monday morning.

The Tom Thumb Wedding

On the night of December 17th 8 o'clock in the Central School Auditorium the "Tom Thumb Wedding" will be given under the auspices of the Presbyterian Ladies Aid Society. This is an entertainment of fun and laughter from beginning to end. About 60 children between the ages of 3 and 10 will make up this entertainment. A director will be here to train the children. No one can afford to miss it. Adults 50c; Children 25c.

SOME FACTS ABOUT OUR ROADS

Mr. J. T. Chase, Member of the Highway Commission Presents Interesting Facts.

Short articles from time to time in regard to the business of the Highway Commission of Halifax County, seem to be in order and after going into this matter from A to Z, I feel that there are many matters that should be set before the voters of Halifax County.

On Aug. 7th 1919, at which time the present organization of the Highway Commission was established there were four townships in the County that had some idea of a maintenance organization, these organizations were poorly equipped, outside teams being hired, some organizations consisting of one man only until the roads of Halifax County were in such shape that the voters wanted the County taken "out of the mud", and that is the end in view of the Highway Commission. "To take Halifax County out of the Mud."

Under the efficient leadership and untiring efforts of Mr. C. F. Gore, as county engineer, whose work is pointed to by the Highway Commission of North Carolina as being the best organization in the State, work has progressed, and limited funds available for maintenance is the only reason why more work has not been done.

Work in organization and buying equipment has been the problem before the board for the past year until at this time we have the best organization that can be obtained, fully equipped for business, working along lines for the best interests of the county as a whole. The county has been divided into twelve parts, called zones, in each of these zones a camp has been established fully equipped, to take care of the work in that zone.

Why should we go to this expense of establishing these camps? Because there are, (and this is the point of this short article), 700 miles of county roads in Halifax County to be taken care of, with 300 miles of public roads added making a total of 1000 miles of roads. At this time we are concerned only with the county roads, and to show under what disadvantages Mr. Gore works, with funds available, on Dec. 6th 1920, we had 75 men working on the roads, or in other words about one man per 10 miles of county roads.

Mr. Voter, as you speed over your roads, keep in mind that they are being kept in the condition they are, with your money, and one man for every ten miles is the record. The records are on file, open for your inspection. The Highway Commission of Halifax County has nothing to keep under cover.

Other short articles will follow.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT

Next Wednesday Night - School Auditorium.

"Christmas in Song and Story" is the title of an appropriate entertainment to be staged in the School Auditorium next Wednesday evening at 7:30. The program is being prepared under direction of Miss Crisp, Director of Public School Music. The children will take the principal parts. There will be no admission charges and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Thanks

The Ladies of the Presbyterian Auxiliary desire to express to the Junior Order, Woodmen of the World, and Order of Red Men their thanks for the ball which was used on Saturday, December 4th, to hold their annual Bazaar. They feel great appreciation of this courtesy.

Prof. Akers Receives Second Invitation to Participate in National Educational Program.

Friends of Professor Akers and the Educational Department of Halifax County will share with us the pleasure afforded by the fact that he has received a second invitation to participate in a program of the National Bureau of Education. Last year Professor Akers took part in the program at Cedar Falls, Iowa. The second invitation is to the conference at Daytona, Florida. We are pleased to be able to publish below the invitation received by Mr. Akers.

Mr. A. E. Akers, County Superintendent of Schools, Roanoke Rapids, N. C. My Dear Mr. Akers:

We are to hold a conference at Daytona, Florida, January 21-24, 1921, similar to the one we held at Farmville, Va. It gives me great pleasure to extend to you an earnest and cordial invitation to attend the Daytona Conference and take part on our program there. I think we can take care of your expenses for the trip out of funds furnished by the local management for the purpose of securing some A1 talent, like yourself, from the outside.

Hoping to have your acceptance of this invitation at your earliest convenience, believe me, Very Sincerely Yours, J. L. McBrien, Director, Rural School Extension

The Band

Everyone recognizes the fact that a good band is a town asset that comes in handy on occasions of the community interest. The Roanoke Rapids band is in need of a few recruits to complete the instrumentation. This is a splendid opportunity for the young men of this city to acquire a musical education, and learn to play the instrument of their choice. Each member of the band is provided with an instrument, the best procurable and is paid for attending rehearsals. Every three months prizes are awarded to those making the greatest progress, and for regular attendance. An instructor is furnished, also a comfortable room for rehearsals.

What is more refining or pleasure giving in a home or community than music? Musical people are undoubtedly among the most interesting in the universe, for added to the education expected of every citizen is the advantageous equipment of music, the most potent force in the world.

Quoting from a noted Baptist divine, "Nothing stimulates the love of music so much as practice in a good band under the leadership of capable and conscientious director." The Roanoke Rapids band has opened this opportunity for the young men of the city, anyone wishing to join, make application to secretary for membership.

POWELLTOWN ITEMS

The members of the Intermediate Girls Class of Smiths Sunday School are cordially invited to be the guests of the Senior and Intermediate Boy's Classes on Monday evening, Dec. 13th at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. A. J. Medlin visited her son in Petersburg last week.

Mr. T. J. Glover, of Camp Pike, Ark. was a visitor in South Rosemary Sunday.

Mr. Robert Medlin made a trip to Petersburg and Richmond Saturday.

Mr. A. D. Glover accompanied by Mr. Robert Merritt went to Henderson last week on business.

South Rosemary School is planning a Christmas Tree for Dec. 21, if possible. Everyone will be cordially welcomed

FIFTH STREET TO BE OPENED TO BOLLING

Highway Commission Orders The Construction of Road From Roanoke Avenue to Bolling.

The Highway Commission of Halifax County last Monday ordered a road to be built from Roanoke Avenue to Bolling extending Fifth street.

The need for this road has been felt for a number of years and possibly would have been constructed before but for the war.

The order for immediate construction of this road was passed after a committee composed of J. W. Smoot, J. A. Moore, S. J. Bounds, J. K. Dickens, T. M. Jenkins and R. L. Topping appeared before the road board with petitions signed by a large number of citizens of the community, asking for the same.

Parent-Teacher's Association

At the regular meeting of the Parent Teacher Association on Monday, December the sixth, reports were given of the State Parent Teacher convention at Greensboro and of the Teachers Assembly at Asheville. Mrs. George Taylor and Miss Ross, delegates to the State Convention of the Parent Teacher Association reported that the State Association would soon join the National Association. Interesting glimpses of the work in other towns and cities in North Carolina were given. The work of Burlington seemed especially commendable. Some of its features were, raising \$15,000 by subscriptions, the providing of a lunch room and library for the pupils, and a rest room for the teachers.

Mr. Coltrane, Miss Crisp, Miss Hearn, Miss Powell and Miss Workman gave reports from the Teachers Assembly. Mr. Coltrane emphasized the importance of the survey as a basis for future efforts in education both in North Carolina and Roanoke Rapids. In this connection he explained the survey that is now being made of the Roanoke Rapids schools, and how this survey will be used in planning for the future of the schools. An interesting report was given on Physical Education in the school. The startling and almost desperate situation in higher education in North Carolina was presented to the members. These reports served to stir the Association to an appreciation of the great task of North Carolina in education.

The Association will hold its next meeting on the second Monday afternoon in January.

Laurant and Co. Coming

Fifth Number of Lyceum Course Next Thursday Night.

The fifth number of the Lyceum Course is scheduled to appear next Thursday night in the school auditorium. Laurant and Company who will be the next attraction promises to be the very best in the entire course. For more than fifteen years the famous Laurant has been with the Redpath Bureau, a fact which speaks for itself. The program will consist of magic and music. Mr. Fred Larson will assist Mr. Laurant as stage manager and Mrs. Laurant, a talented pianist, will have charge of the musical program. The public may expect a presentation of the most elaborate entertainment, mystery and impersonation. The usual price of 75c for adults and 25c for school children will be charged.

His Blamed to Rats. Besides damage to food, rats bring the dreaded bubonic plague, typhoid, scarlet fever, typhoid, diphtheria and many other infectious diseases. Mr. Worthington says that "of the thousands of flies of 'unknown' origin having their origin in the walls, attics or ceilings, probably 90 per cent are due to the material accumulated by rats—mainly by spontaneous ignition."

THERE IS NO ROOM

Almost nineteen hundred and twenty years ago a man and his wife were told at the inn in Bethlehem, "There is no room." And the world's saviour, He who came that man might have life more abundantly, was born in a manger. Inspired by his message men have laboured that each succeeding generation might have life more abundantly than the preceding one. And yet in 1920 North Carolina was guilty, unconsciously perhaps but guilty nevertheless, of saying to one out of every four of her applicants for higher education "You cannot have a higher education, there is no room." Further there will be thirty five hundred boys and girls in 1921 who will be prepared for college, and unless further provision is made only those who are already prepared may be taken care of. What will the thirty five hundred do?

Have we a right to allow such a situation to continue to exist? If our youth desires a college education have we a right to say "There is no room"? We believe in democracy. But democracy is futile without an intelligent citizenship. The vote is not a safeguard but a danger in the hands of the ignorant. We believe with increased vigor that all men should be given opportunity for development. No boy or girl should have the door shut in his face with the cry, "There is no opportunity for you!"

Conditions in our state university are appalling. Rooms built for two hold four, and the "triple deck bed" is an honored institution. At the North Carolina College for women, this fall, three hundred students were refused admission and one hundred and eighty one were discouraged from applying. All the colleges are full. All have turned away applicants. From Halifax county fourteen girls applied for admission to the North Carolina College and three were refused while one was discouraged from applying.

We cannot stand true to our ideals if we allow such a condition to exist. Nor can we hide behind the curtain of poverty. The peanut crop for last year could have paid for, several times over, the total expenditure for higher education in North Carolina. North Carolina stands fourth from the top in agricultural wealth in the union and fourth from the bottom in education. In 1919 she paid to the United States treasury one hundred and sixty three million dollars in taxes. Last year she spent \$140,000 a day for automobiles. In one hundred and twenty-five years she has invested in University property fifty four cents per capita. Last year she invest d fifty dollars per capita in automobiles. Is it to be brain power or gas engine power for North Carolina?

Rouse yourself North Carolina shake off the poverty myth. Refuse the proffered standard of greed and selfishness! Rise to your ideals! Remove the guilt of forbidding your young their chance! Carry On!—By a member of the faculty of the Roanoke Rapids High School.

FRATERNAL NOTES

Carolina Lodge No. 225 I. O. O. F. conferred the initiatory degree on a class in W. O. W. Hall in Rosemary Monday night, Dec. 6, and referred one application to a committee, and closed the nomination of officers for the next term, the following officers were nominated: M. R. Vick, Noble Grand, B. A. Lewis, Vice Grand, C. A. Dickens, Recording Sec., E. B. Davis, Financial Sec., R. B. Powell, J. A. Pridden and O. L. Smith, Treasurers, O. L. Smith, Trustee. Had an unusual large attendance; one visitor from Lee Lodge in Norfolk, Va. Next Monday, night Dec. 13th election of officers will take place, every member of the Lodge is requested to be present. Visitors always welcome.

R. L. DICKENS TAKES OATH AS REGISTER

At Regular Session of County Commissioners Last Monday Womens Clubs Make Appeals For A New County Home.

Much interest was manifested at the meeting of the County Commissioners Monday. The County officers elected on November 2nd were sworn in, only one change is being made however, that of Mr. R. L. Dickens, succeeding Mr. J. H. Norman as Register of Deeds.

Quite a number of people were on hand seeking the reduction of their taxes, all were positive that some mistake had been made.

The womens clubs of various sections of the county were on hand with petitions requesting the immediate betterment of conditions at the County Home and erection as soon as possible of a modern home for the poor of the county. Mr. Geo. C. Green, county attorney spoke for the commissioners and told the committee of the clubs of the efforts of the commissioners to secure a better location for the home. Stating that it was their plan to erect a modern home as soon as a desirable location could be obtained.

Mr. Green thought the suggestion of the Weldon Club that an advisory committee of three be appointed a good one, and recommended the same to the Board, the Board immediately adopted the resolution and asked the ladies to appoint their own committee.

It will be the duty of this committee to pay regular visits to the home and make recommendations to the Board.

MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED

The merchants of Roanoke Rapids met on Monday night in the offices of the Herald Publishing Company and completed the organization of what will be known as the Merchants Association.

The meeting was called to order by F. M. Shute, who submitted the by-laws recommended by the by-law committee, which were discussed and adopted. The following officers were elected. Mr. W. S. Hancock, president; Mr. P. C. Duncan, vice president; Mr. A. Norinsky, secretary-treasurer; Messrs. J. W. Taylor, F. M. Shute, S. J. Bounds, and J. H. Harrison, Jr. board of governors.

The Merchants Association was organized for the promotion of the welfare of its members and the community as a whole, and will take an active part in the support of any movement for community betterment.

It is not the purpose of the association to meddle into the affairs of any organization, but to co-operate with any worthy movement in which its aid is desired.

In justice to the association we wish to state that it was not organized to place the trade of Roanoke Rapids on a cash basis, in fact no such movement has ever been entertained or discussed by the association. On the other hand the association will go the limit to guarantee credit to every person in the community worthy of credit, all rumors to the contrary notwithstanding.

WITH THE CHURCHES

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

Next Sunday is the Third Sunday in Advent. Services: 7:30 A. M. Holy Communion. Divine services at 11 and 7:30. Church School, T. W. Mullen, Supt. at 9:45. The Church with a welcome.

ROANOKE RAPIDS PERSONAL AND LOCAL ITEMS

Miss Mary Brown, of Garysburg, spent Sunday here with Miss Eunice Jerome.

Mrs. Williams, of Franklin, spent the week-end here with her son, Mr. Frank C. Williams.

Miss Strawbridge spent several days here in the home of Mrs. K. Jenkins this week.

Miss Annie Taylor is spending some time here in the home of her brother, Dr. Job Taylor.

Mrs. Pete and daughter, of Monroe, and Mrs. Robert H. Lawrence, of Charlotte, are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Taylor.

Mrs. R. H. Herbert who has been here for some time nursing Mrs. J. W. Taylor left this week for her home in Richmond.

Mr. Isham Glover spent the week-end with his brother, Mr. Mr. E. B. Glover.

Mrs. E. W. Ragland has returned to her home in Pennsylvania, having finished her season here as milliner for B. Marks.

Mr. and Mrs. Myer Cohen, of Enfield, spent Sunday here in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. Marks.

Mr. L. C. Barbour spent the week-end at Spring Hill with friends.

Mr. Ray Barnhill, of Scotland Neck, spent Sunday here with friends.

Mr. W. B. Simmons, of Norfolk, spent the week-end here visiting friends.

Mrs. Howard Hay, of Norfolk, spent last week here with her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Harvell, of Charleston, W. Va., are visiting relatives here.

Mr. Williams, of Franklin, Va., spent one day last week here with his son.

Miss Gladys Barber, of Clayton, spent a few days here this week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Duncan.

Mr. E. R. Aiken, of Richmond, spent a short while here this week on business.

Mrs. Viola Collier is visiting in Raleigh this week.

There will be a called meeting of the local chapter of the American Red Cross Monday afternoon at 3:30. The meeting will be held in the Red Cross rooms in the First National Bank Building. All members are urged to be present.

NEW HOPE ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. King and little daughter, Florence, visited Mrs. W. M. Hockaday Sunday.

Miss Mamie King spent the week-end with her mother this week.

Miss Minnie Powell spent Saturday night with her sister, Mrs. Joe Shaw.

Quite a large number of our people attended the Community Service Program at the school building Saturday evening. Miss Washburn will not be with us again until after the Christmas Holidays.

Miss Ethel Leatherwood met with her Sewing Club of the New Hope School Monday. The girls are very enthusiastic and are doing excellent work.

We are glad to welcome Mr. and Mrs. C. Jenkins into our midst.

Daniel-Smith

Mr. William J. Smith, of Richmond, Va., and Miss Kate Allison Daniel, daughter of Mrs. L. D. Daniel, of Weldon, were married by Rev. Lewis N. Taylor in All Saints' (Episcopal) Church Wednesday night at seven o'clock. Mr. Smith is connected with the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad.