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## ROANOKE RAPIDS PERSONAL AND LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. J. R. Manning spent Tuesday out of town.

Hon. and Mrs. W. L. Long and children left Monday for Raleigh to make their home during the meeting of the 1921 General Assembly.

Mr. D. L. Traynham, Jr., returned Monday after spending the holiday with relatives in Christiansburg.

Miss Mary Traynham Wyche left Monday for Spartanburg, S. C., accompanied by her mother, Mrs. C. A. Wyche as far as Richmond.

Miss Bessie Reynolds has returned after spending the holidays in her home.

Mr. F. C. Williams spent the week-end in Richmond with friends.

Mr. W. S. Hancock attended the funeral of his aunt, Miss Lucy Hancock, in Scotland Neck Monday.

Mr. Bruce Tillery left Wednesday to resume his studies at Wake Forest.

Mr. Ned Manning left Monday after spending several days in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wyche.

Mr. J. S. Massenburg left Monday after spending several days here with friends.

Misses Minnie Daughtry, Nell Jones and Bessie Hedgpeth left Monday to resume their studies at the N. C. C. W.

Misses Verna Davenport and Louise Grooms, of Richmond, spent Sunday here visiting Miss Lena Rivers Jones.

Miss Elmyra Jenkins left Sunday for Brevard after spending the holidays here.

Miss Rosa Marks has returned to her home in Martinsville, Va., after spending several days here visiting Miss Fannie Marks.

Mr. J. A. Moore is spending several days in New York on business.

Miss Myrtle Holt has returned from a trip to Pinehurst and Rockingham.

Mr. W. J. Wesson, of Louisville, spent the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Honeycutt have returned after spending some time with relatives in Forest City.

Mrs. J. T. Thompson spent the holidays in Williamston with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Graham, of Greensboro, spent a few days here this week.

Miss Inez Mae Jones has returned home after spending a few days in Richmond with friends.

Mr. E. H. Ricks spent several days in Norfolk this week.

Messrs. Carl and Hugh Moore spent a few days here last week visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Vaughan.

Miss Julia B. Harry returned Monday after spending some time in her home at Harrisburg.

Misses Lena Rivers Jones and Ethel Leatherwood returned Sunday from a trip to St. Augustine, Fla.

Mrs. F. G. Jarman spent the holidays out of town with relatives.

Miss Inez Ligon, of Norfolk, spent the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Shell.

Miss Annie Taylor has returned from a trip to Norfolk.

Miss Sarah Daughtry, of Norfolk, spent the week-end here with friends.

Dr. J. C. Braswell, of Whitakers, N. C., Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons of North Carolina, Messrs. Steven E. Burroughs and Professor Allen, of Warrenton, Raleigh Daniel and Willey, of Weldon, Sterling M. Gary and Dr. H. B. Ferguson, of Halifax, attended the Educational Symposium of the local

## McDonald-McGee

Smithfield, Jan. 1st. A quiet but elegant marriage was solemnized in this city at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Roger Smith, Wednesday at 3 o'clock when Miss Elizabeth McGee and Cornelius T. McDonald, of Augusta, Ga., were joined together. Rev. W. M. Baker, of Mount Olive, a former pastor of the bride, performed the ceremony.

The attractive home of Mr. and Mrs. Smith was particularly appealing on this occasion with its decorations of cut flowers, holly and evergreens. The marriage took place in the music room where a temporary altar of pine, cedar and fern had been arranged.

The wedding music was played by Miss Louise Alford. Paul Eason sang "O, Promise Me" just before the bridal party entered.

The bride was attended by Miss Louise Davis, of Mount Olive, as brides maid, and Mrs. Roger Smith as dame of honor, and by her maid of honor, Miss Sadie McDonald, of Maxton. The handsome costumes of these fair attendants, all of whom carried pink Killarney roses made a beautiful picture. The ring bearer was little Miss Claire Davis, cousin of the bride. The bride, who wore a handsome traveling gown, entered on the arm of her brother, J. E. McGee, of Rosemary, and was met at the altar by the bridegroom and his best man, Dan McDonald, of Spartanburg, S. C. After the ceremony was performed, the couple left for a trip to Florida and Cuba.

Mrs. McDonald is a young woman of rare charm. She is a graduate of Peace Institute and has taught at Farmville and at the orphanage at Barium Springs. Mr. McDonald is a prosperous furniture dealer of Augusta, Ga., where they will make their home. His original home is Maxton.—Greensboro Daily News.

Mrs. McDonald is well known in Rosemary, having been a resident for about a year and a half. She is a sister of Mr. Jas. E. McGee.

## Fire and Explosion at Roanoke Fibre Board Sunday Night

A fire and explosion occurred at the plant of the Roanoke Fibre Board Sunday night about 10:30. People on the streets noticed a glare in the direction of the plant, but thought someone was burning brush. The glare proved to be a blaze which had started in the storage shed and oil house. No one up town attached much importance to the blaze until a terrific explosion occurred, shaking practically every house in town and waking many sleeping inhabitants. The explosion proved to be three tanks of acetylene.

A large crowd was soon at the scene of the fire, but most of them did not seem anxious to get too close fearing another explosion. However members of the local police force led by R. H. Jackson unhesitatingly went to the aid of the management and assisted in extinguishing the fire and for this assistance the management of the plant wishes to express thanks. The damage is estimated at \$700.

meeting.

Mr. A. M. Proctor, former superintendent of the Roanoke Rapids Graded Schools and now superintendent of Wayne county schools, with his community worker, Miss Rachael Maxwell, are in Halifax county this week studying the community service work as it is conducted in the county by Miss Mary Wshburn.

Superintendent R. S. Proctor, of Craven county and Miss Hunter, his community worker for Craven, county are in Halifax county this week observing the community service in the county.

## WHY COTTON DECLINED AND PLANS FOR RELIEF

Dr. B. W. Kilgore Analyzes Situation and Suggests Measure to Meet it.

In response to a request from Harvie Jordan, Secretary of the American Cotton Association, St. Mathews, S. C., Director B. W. Kilgore of the N. C. Extension Service and Experiment Station, has analyzed the cause of the recent heavy decline in cotton values and outlined plans for relief as follows:

The main reasons which have contributed to the recent heavy decline in the market value of cotton are restriction of markets for cotton; the currency deflation program; the general fall in the prices of farm products, and the farm program of the cotton states which necessitates credit for the production of the cotton crop and the purchase of large quantities of supplies in the way of fertilizers, food and feed stuffs, and the like.

The best plans for relief are a thoroughly practical and scientific plan for the warehousing and the commodity marketing of cotton which will insure the pooling and selling of cotton on the basis of grade and staple; and along with this the production of an abundance of food and feed for all persons and animals on the farm, and at least some to spare for town people, if not enough to feed them also, so as to make cotton a really surplus crop. The South can and must produce enough food and feed for all the people and livestock of the South, and this should include enough livestock of the various kinds to meet the needs of the South for livestock products.

The cotton acreage for 1921 should be reduced, but the amount of reduction will likely need to be somewhat different in the different cotton states, and depending on the farming program generally now followed in these states, and in a general way to conform with the statements made in the preceding paragraph.

## CHEER-UP-MABEL

Geo. E. Wintz producer of "Going Up," "Betty Be Good," and other high class musical comedies will offer the patrons of Peoples Theatre on Thursday, January 20, his latest and greatest effort "Cheer Up Mabel." This production is regarded as one of the leaders of its kind in the class of popular priced musical shows. The company numbers 35 players comprising such principals as Nyra Brown, John G. Getz, Helen Janis, Bill Barber, Bettie Earl, Seymour Sisters, Lenard Phillips, and Virginia White. From a fashion viewpoint, "Cheer Up Mabel" is declared to be a real pace maker. In the "Fashion Girl" number it is said that the models will wear \$10,000 worth of gowns. The piece is in two acts and seven scenes staged in a gorgeous and spectacular manner, characteristic of Geo. E. Wintz's offerings in other seasons. A lively chorus of Broadway blonde, brunette and Titian haired beauties in feminine finery dance and prance on a gorgeous illuminated jeweled flirtation walk which extends back 20 rows into the audience.

## Bands of Roanoke Rapids and Rosemary Treated to Oyster Roast

Last Friday evening the members of the bands of Rosemary and Roanoke Rapids enjoyed an oyster roast in their respective band rooms tendered them by Mr. S. F. Patterson. We were fortunate in being invited to the roast of the Roanoke Rapids Band and can testify as to their enjoyment and appreciation.

## Many Attend Mass Meeting At Halifax Monday

A mass meeting of dissatisfied tax payers was held in the court house in Halifax last Monday morning at 11:00 o'clock.

Mr. W. T. Shaw, the chairman stated that the purpose of the meeting was to make recommendations to the proper authorities looking to the immediate reduction in county expenditures.

Mr. W. E. Daniel was called upon to address the meeting and responded giving some facts and figures regarding the County Board of Education. Mr. Daniel recommended retrenchment in county expenditures as a means to secure relief.

Mr. A. Paul Kitchin, of Scotland Neck, was the next person to address the meeting. Mr. Kitchin was in favor of asking our legislators to introduce a bill in the approaching session to reduce real estate values one-half and to make a similar request of the various county boards to do like wise.

## RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT A MASS MEETING OF THE CITIZENS OF HALIFAX COUNTY, JANUARY 3d, 1921.

The following committee was appointed to draft resolutions: A. P. Kitchin, W. E. Daniel, W. A. Pierce, W. R. Neville, N. B. Josey, D. S. Moss and J. R. Dickens. The Committee reported the following resolutions:

### RESOLUTIONS.

On account of the present stress of the tax payers of Halifax County and by reason of conditions unforeseen and for which there appears no blame or responsibility, the Citizens of Halifax County in mass meeting assembled resolve as follows:

1. That the members of the legislature be requested to support a law reducing the present valuation of real estate in Halifax County not less than 50 per centum.
2. That the members of the Legislature be requested to have repealed the present law under which the taxes are collected for Halifax County and instead of collecting the Taxes by Tax collectors for each Township, to provide for the collection of the same by the Sheriff and as many deputies as may be necessary and this meeting recommends that the salary of the Sheriff be fixed at \$3000 per annum and a salary of \$1500 per annum be fixed for the deputies, the number to be fixed at three.
3. That the members of the Legislature of Halifax County petitioned to support a law repealing the present exemption from taxation of \$300.00, fixing the same as under the old law \$25.00.
4. That the members of the Legislature of Halifax County are requested to support a law repealing the penalty of one per centum for the non payment of Taxes, provided this relief cannot be obtained through the Board of Commissioners.
5. That each administrative Board be petitioned to organize a system of retrenchment in County expenses, abolishing places unnecessary and reducing salaries that in their judgment are excessive.
6. That it is the sense of this meeting that the office of Superintendent of Public Welfare be abolished.
7. That it is the sense of this meeting that the salary of the Health officer be reduced to the sum of \$1500.00 the County's part, together with reasonable expenses, and that the members of the Legislature be requested to support legislation amending the Health Laws to this end.
8. That the Road Board is requested to dispense with the Superintendent of Bridges and the Assistant Engineer and that the salaries paid the Superintendent of Zones be reduced to One

## MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

J. Paul Leonard to Deliver Address

The Merchants Association is making preparations for their next meeting to be held Wednesday evening, January 12th, in the lodge rooms of the B. Marks building. A smoker is on the program for this meeting and a big added attraction in the form of an address by Mr. J. Paul Leonard, secretary of the N. C. Merchants Association. It is expected that a large crowd will be present, as invitations have been sent to all merchants in the county and to all other business concerns and manufacturers.

## EPIPHANY PLAY TO BE GIVEN TONIGHT

Yesterday was the Feast of the Epiphany, sometimes known as old Christmas. An Epiphany mystery play, "The Light of the Star of Peace" will be given by the children of the Church Service League of All Saints' (Episcopal) Church at the Church tonight at 7:30. The offering will be devoted to the relief of the sufferers in China. The public is very cordially invited.

## Hon. W. L. Long Elected President Protem of the Senate.

The many friends of Hon. W. L. Long are glad to learn that he was elected president protem of the State Senate in Raleigh Wednesday--an evidence of the high esteem in which he is held by his colleagues. This is an honor worthily bestowed upon one who is fully capable of filling the office with credit to himself and to the State.

Hundred Dollars per month each; and that all salaries paid the administrative force of the Road Board be reduced. If the board should be of the opinion that the salaries should be adjusted, they are requested so to fix the salaries.

9. That the members of the Legislature are requested to provide legislation reducing the salary of the Treasurer to \$1200.00 per annum.

10. That the Board of Commissioners are requested to reduce their Budget for the current year as much as possible and to grant a rebate of Taxes to be fixed by them, repaying the same to those who have already paid their Taxes and crediting the unpaid Taxes with the rebate allowed.

11. That the General Assembly is requested to repeal the law taxing each bale of cotton ginned 25 cents.

12. That a copy of these resolutions be furnished each Board and each member of the General Assembly for Halifax County and that the same be published in the County papers.

These were adopted section by section.

The mass meeting after the adoption of the resolutions reported by the committee adopted the following resolutions:

### RESOLUTIONS

1. That our members of the General Assembly be instructed to support a law repealing our present road board and law, and put the matter of Roads in the hands of the County Commissioners.
2. That no allowance be made to any officer of Halifax County for office rent where an office is provided for said officer at the Court House.
3. That our members of the General Assembly be and they are hereby instructed to vote against the Eighteen Million Bond issue for higher education and any and all bond issues proposed in the next session of the General Assembly for roads and otherwise.

W. T. Shaw,  
Chairman

## COUNCIL-DAUGHTRY

The following clipping from the Augusta, Ga., Chronicle is of much interest.

No marriage of the season will be the occasion of more cordial good wishes and sincere congratulations than that of Miss Jean Daughtry and Mr. Gordon Stuart Council, of North Carolina, which occurred yesterday morning at 10 o'clock at St. Paul's Church, Rev. G. S. Whitney officiating.

While the engagement was an open secret to their friends, no date had been set and no cards sent, and the wedding was a very quiet one with only a few close friends and relatives present.

The bride's blonde beauty was enhanced by a smart coat suit of midnight blue and dark velvet hat. She was given in marriage by her uncle, Mr. Irvin Alexander, and the only attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Arrington. Immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom left for Richmond, Va., and will later be at home at Rosemary N. C.

Mrs. Council is the daughter of Mr. and L. G. Daughtry and her mother before marriage was Miss Lizzie Alexander of this city. She is a lovely and charming girl and one who has always been popular with both girls and men and has enjoyed a flattering amount of attention from her childhood. Her friends will hate to give her up, but will follow her to her new home with most loving wishes for her happiness.

Mr. Council was in Augusta at Camp Hancock with the Machine Gun School and made many friends here then. He is a member of a well known Carolina family and a most successful young business man.

## Highway Commission Meets

Halifax, N. C.,  
January 3rd, 1921

The Highway Commission of Halifax County met in Halifax, N. C. on the above date, the following members being present: Mr. S. P. Johnston, Mr. A. B. Schlichter, Mr. J. T. Chase, Mr. A. Paul Kitchin and Mr. J. R. Dickens.

The minutes of the meeting of December 6th, 1920 were read and approved.

The following checks were presented:  
Town of Weldon work on streets \$83.22  
C. F. Gore, Incidentals 14.22  
\$97.44

Same ordered to be placed to the credit of the General Road Fund.

A petition signed by forty five citizens of Littleton Township was presented to the Highway Commission asking that the road from Roper Springs to King's Cross Roads, (a distance of five miles) be reconstructed. The petition was accepted, survey ordered, estimate of cost requested to be prepared by Mr. Gore to be presented at the next meeting.

The following resolution was presented by Mr. J. T. Chase.

"Resolved: That the Highway Commission of Halifax County pledge their support to C. F. Gore, Superintendent of Highways, believing fully in his ability and efforts for good roads in Halifax County."

Resolved: further that the plan for the construction and maintenance of Highways and Bridges as outlined and agreed upon by the Highway Commission of Halifax County be continued.

Resolved: further that Mr. Gore continue his efforts in economy, reducing expenses to the lowest point consistent upon maintaining the roads and bridges as we believe the majority of the voters in Halifax County desire.

This resolution was seconded by Mr. A. B. Schlichter and voted upon. Those voting Aye, Mr. J. T. Chase, Mr. A. B. Schlichter, Mr. J. R. Dickens and S. P. Johnston, Mr. A. Paul Kitchin having left the meeting before this resolution was presented.

There being no further business the meeting was declared adjourned.

S. P. Johnston, Chairman.  
C. S. Vincent, Secretary.

## ROSEMARY PERSONAL AND LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. A. L. Bell, Jr., of Beulahen, spent Wednesday in Rosemary.

Mr. J. Macoye, of New York, was here Wednesday.

Mrs. B. P. Cooper has returned from a visit to friends in Norlina.

Mr. R. A. Pruett, of Petersburg, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Ogletree spent several days during the holiday season with Mr. Ogletree's parents in Georgia.

Mr. D. P. Boyer, of Richmond, spent Wednesday in Rosemary.

Mr. Charlie Spencer left Wednesday for Chapel Hill to re-enter the University of North Carolina.

Mr. W. H. Faulkner, of Concord, was in town this week.

Mr. Eugene Lehman, Jr., left Wednesday for the University of N. C.

Miss Annie Medlin attended the McDonald-McGee wedding in Smithfield last week.

Mr. R. J. Turner, of Raleigh, was here Wednesday.

Miss Bertha Cox returned to Peace Institute, Raleigh, Wednesday.

Mr. Jonah Leach, of Raleigh, was in town Tuesday.

Mr. John W. Vick left Sunday afternoon for Lexington, Va., where he is attending Washington and Lee University.

Mr. J. H. Harper, of Rocky Mount, was here Monday.

Mr. F. L. Nash spent several days with relatives in Lumberton last week.

Miss Nancy Johnston returned Sunday from Rowland where she spent the holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Baird and are occupying the residence recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Glover. Mr. Glover has moved into his new home on Hamilton street. Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Gay have moved into the apartment vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Baird.

Miss Ruth Transou spent last week with relatives in Bethania.

Miss Margaret Hewitt spent several days last week with friends in Goldsboro and Smithfield.

Mr. Jas. H. Holloway, of Raleigh, was in Rosemary Tuesday.

Miss Florence Bingham has returned from a visit to friends in Bethania and Winston-Salem.

Mr. J. B. Ellington, of Henderson, spent Tuesday in town.

Mr. Charles R. Barkley left Thursday morning for a visit to Baltimore and Washington.

Mr. H. H. Hofmeister, of Baltimore, was here Tuesday.

Misses Sallie Medlin, Minnie Johnston, Bettie Sue Buffalo, Clarence Fulgham, spent Sunday afternoon in Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Curtis have returned from a visit to relatives in Greensboro.

Misses Nancy Johnston and Mary Gatlin are occupying an apartment in the Citizen Bank Building.

Mr. Abner Nash spent last week in Lumberton.

Mr. Ellis Joyner spent the holidays with his parents in Littleton.

Mr. D. P. Wyke has returned from a visit to his home in Granite Falls.

Mr. Peter Evans, of Dallas, was a visitor in town this week.

Mr. S. H. Isler, of Greensboro, spent Tuesday in town.

## Meeting of Parent-Teachers Association

The regular monthly meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association will be held next Monday afternoon at 3:45 in the School Auditorium. In addition to other features of the program there will be a demonstration of teaching beginners to read. A full attendance is desired.