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ROSEMARY PERSONAL AND LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. J. R. Sykes, of Norfolk, was in Rosemary Monday.

Messrs. E. Ingelow Ingles and H. Gerber, of Providence, R. I., were visitors in town Saturday.

Dr. W. L. Davis, eyesight specialist, of Plymouth, spent several days in Rosemary this week.

Mr. R. W. Peele, of Atlanta, was here Wednesday.

Mrs. Frank L. Nash and little daughter have returned home after an extended visit to Lumberton, N. C.

Mr. John L. Patterson, of Richmond was in town yesterday.

Mr. J. W. Harris, of Raleigh, spent Wednesday here.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Grissom and family are glad to welcome them back as residents of Rosemary. Mr. Grissom was in the employ of the Rosemary Mfg. Co., many years previous to his removal to Kirtrell last year. He is again with the Rosemary Mfg. Co.

Mr. G. E. Grissom of Henderson was in town this week.

Mr. F. A. Williams, of Victoria, British Columbia, was in town this week conferring with the men of All Saints' (Episcopal) Church in regard to the work of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, the national mens' organization of the Episcopal Church.

Mr. H. H. Smith, of Norfolk was in Rosemary Tuesday and Wednesday.

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

Rev. W. V. H. Filkins, of Arlington, New Jersey spent a short while in town this week.

Mr. G. Porter, of Louisville, Ky., spent Monday in Rosemary.

The officers and overseers of the Patterson Mill Company enjoyed a banquet in the dining room of the Shelton Hotel Friday night.

Mr. H. C. Maness, of Raleigh was in town Tuesday.

Mr. Wm. F. Horner of Henderson was here this week.

POWELLTOWN ITEMS

The "Akers-Cherry Literary Society" held their meeting Friday afternoon.

The minutes of the last meeting was given by Louise Shell.

The following program was given:

1. Discussion of Robert Louis Stevenson's life and his work.
2. Up in a Swing: by Marvin Pierson.
3. Song by Society, "Katie Kline."
4. Poem: My Bed is a Boat.

A discussion of a Society motto followed, but nothing definite was decided upon by the Society.

The meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be held Friday January, 21st.

South Rosemary School reopened last week with an unusually large number of students.

Miss Ethel Leatherwood has organized two Sewing Clubs in the School and work has already begun on the first articles, sewing bags.

Mr. Millard Merritt left Saturday for Norfolk and Baltimore.

Mr. N. L. Etheridge and family have moved to Hobgood, N. C. The community misses them.

Miss Washburn presented an interesting program last Thursday evening at South Rosemary's regular moving picture time.

Supt. Proctor of Goldsboro and two Community Service Workers from other counties were present. The next picture night is Thursday, January 20th.

A Basket Ball Court has been laid off and the goals erected at South Rosemary. Mr. E. R. Hawkins did the work for the school. The teachers and students are grateful to him.

About Our Roads

In the short article last week, you were informed as to the number of bridges in Halifax County of 12 foot spans and greater and what had been accomplished by the Bridge department in repairs, new construction and maintaining same.

What has been accomplished in regards to the roads themselves since the Highway Commission took charge of the roads, or from Aug. 7th, 1919, the date the Highway Commission took charge to Nov. 30th, 1920 as regards the work done by the Maintenance forces only, new construction not included is of interest.

600,160 lineal yards of ditches have been cleaned, ditches of various depths and widths.

14,681,920 lineal yards of roads have been dragged, these roads being of various widths.

42,207 tons of gravel have been hauled on to the roads, spread and shaped up.

146,960 lineal yards of bushes have been cut from the sides of the roads and at dangerous crossings.

52,800 lineal yards of re-constructed roads have been built of various widths and of different types of construction.

These are a few facts, as the records show, and the above figures do not include the new work that has been going on at the same time, the above work simply being necessary to keep the roads in the condition you find them today.

It is interesting to note here that there are on file in the office of Mr. C. F. Gore, Highway Engineer, many petitions all of which have been presented to your highway Commission signed by hundreds of voters in the various parts of Halifax County asking for new, and re-constructed ROADS, the cost of same estimated to run into sums of six figures and which would take two years to complete. This indicates only one thing to the Road Board, that the voters of Halifax County want good roads and after obtaining them, the voters want them maintained.

J. T. Chase

GARNER SCHOOL ITEMS

Mr. Charlie Glasgow, of Charlotte, spent the week with relatives in the community.

Mr. Stancil Morris, of Portsmouth, visited Mr. Wilson Glasgow last week.

Misses Lillie and Nellie Garner, Messrs. Raymond, Clifton and Albert Garner motored to Enfield Sunday.

Mr. Bait Lewis, of Halifax, is visiting his sister, Mrs. J. E. Willey.

Miss Mattie Summerell was the guest of Miss Ethel Garner last week end.

Mr. H. L. Green, of Norfolk, spent the holidays with his mother, Mrs. C. B. Green.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Green visited relatives and friends in Enfield last week.

Miss Viola Stainback spent last week with her parents near Littleton.

The building of a stage, installing the new heaters, the erection of a wood house and the raising of the school ground with sand and gravel were some of the improvements which took place at Garner School during the holidays.

Notice to Tax Payers of Halifax County

We beg to advise the tax payers of Halifax County, after having carefully gone into the matter of reducing taxes for the current year, no relief can be granted.

Steps are being taken to reduce taxes for the coming year.

By order of the Board of Commissioners of Halifax County.

Robert L. Dickens, Clerk.

MR. J. PAUL LEONARD MAKES ADDRESS TO MERCHANTS

Business and Professional Men of Community Accept Invitation to Attend

The meeting of the Merchants Association Wednesday night in the W. O. W. Hall was a splendid success. Mr. J. Paul Leonard, Secretary of North Carolina Merchants Association, of Statesville, was present and made the principal talk of the evening.

All the business men of the community were invited and practically all that were in town attended.

Mr. W. S. Hancock, president of the association presided. Mr. P. C. Duncan, introduced Mr. Leonard in a few well chosen words. Mr. Leonard held the undivided attention of his audience from the beginning. He explained the need of an organization among merchants, the purpose of the association, he urged the people to stop talking hard times and pointed out the fact that practically every big business man in the country was of the opinion that the depression had reached its worst and indeed business was picking up in all industries.

Mr. Leonard told of the benefits to be derived from the operation of a rating system giving the rating of everybody carrying charge accounts and recommended its adoption. In closing his remarks Mr. Leonard strongly urged organization and co-operation.

Dr. T. W. M. Long was next to address the meeting. Dr. Long in his characteristic manner urged co-operation as a means of accomplishing any task, and strongly endorsed Mr. Leonard's plea to stop hollering hard times, and kicking about taxes, stating that our state institutions had to be maintained and enlarged, and that this money would have to be raised by taxation.

Mr. J. T. Chase was the next speaker on the program. Mr. Chase is a member of our Road Commission and talked interestingly of their work and imparted the good news that plans were being made to put down a hard surface road from the town limits of Roanoke Rapids on the south to Roanoke Junction. This work will be started in the spring if State and Federal aid can be obtained.

Prof. E. J. Coltrane, superintendent of Public Schools responded to the call of the president and made a few timely and pleasant remarks.

Messrs. J. T. Stainback, G. L. Hayes, Jr., and L. G. Shell were called upon, but all stoutly denied any speech making ability and asked to be excused.

At this point of the program coffee and delicious sandwiches in pleasing variety, prepared by the wives of members were served by Mesdames W. S. Hancock, S. J. Bounds, B. Marks, Misses Ruth Rainey, Lena Rivers Jones, Camie Vaughan, Inzie Jones, Sallie Saunders, Elizabeth Robertson. After refreshments cigars and cigarettes were passed among those present, and those who desired "lit up" for a friendly smoke.

Rev. Lewis N. Taylor was called upon by the president for a few closing remarks and responded in his happy and inimitable manner.

Everyone present seemed to have had a good time and surely many came away thinking differently of the Merchants Association, because after hearing Mr. Leonard they realize that it is not a selfish organization organized to embarrass any honest person.

First Overhead Trolley.

The first practical overhead trolley line was built in Kansas City in 1894, in which double overhead conductors were used, with a trolley wheel riding on the top of the wire.

WITH THE CHURCHES

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

Next Sunday is the Second Sunday after the Epiphany. Services: 7:30 A. M. Holy Communion.

9:45 Church School and Adults' Bible Class. T. W. Mullen, Supt. Divine services at 11 and 7:30. Parish meeting after the service.

The Church with Welcome.

Stockholders of First National Bank Meet

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Roanoke Rapids was held Tuesday January 11, all of the old directors were re-elected except one and three new ones.

The following being elected: C. A. Wyche, W. L. Long, J. M. Jackson, Dr. T. W. M. Long, J. T. Stainback, S. F. Patterson, Wells D. Tillery, J. W. Taylor, E. W. Lehman, W. L. Manning, and L. G. Shell, the last three being new directors.

At a meeting of the directors immediately after the stockholders meeting a 3 per cent semi-annual dividend was declared and \$3,000 ordered added to the surplus. The directors re-elected all the old officers which are, C. A. Wyche, president; S. F. Patterson, vice president; T. W. M. Long, vice president; J. T. Stainback, cashier; H. H. King, asst. cashier.

Building & Loan Retires First Series

The directors of the Roanoke Rapids Building and Loan Association at their regular monthly meeting held last Monday night ordered the first series of stock in their association retired. This series was sold in September 1914 and was in force only six years and four months and came very near breaking all records of building and loan associations for maturing series. The association in retiring this series will pay out some \$6,500.

Two new directors were present at this meeting, J. A. Moore and C. F. Howard.

What Shall We Name Our Cemetery?

The Cemetery Association desires to give our cemetery an appropriate name and asked the Herald to invite the people of the community to submit suggestions.

Those desiring to suggest a name may either mail the same to our office or drop in and leave their suggestion. These will be turned over to a committee of the Cemetery Association and the name accepted published in the Herald as soon as the selection is made.

The Herald staff suggests Cedarwood.

FRATERNAL NOTES

Carolina Lodge No. 225 I. O. O. F. held a very good meeting Monday night, January 10th, in W. O. W. Hall, Rosemary. Some very important business was attended to, the new officers performed their duties like old ones. After the regular routine the degree team conferred the first degree in grand style, and next Monday night, January 17th they will confer the second degree. This degree is very impressive to the candidate. It is one of the greatest lessons that Odd Fellowship teaches and every member of the team is requested to be present and all members of the lodge also. Visitors always receive a cordial welcome. The lodge also referred one application to a committee. There will be a class of four for the degree mentioned above for next Monday night.

COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY ENDORSES HEALTH WORK

Health Officer Reads Report to the Society and Gives Figures to Show That a Part of the Work Was Worth Over \$13,784 to the County. Report is as Follows:

Before beginning a detailed report of the work done by the County Health Department for 1920, I wish to thank the physicians of the county for their splendid spirit and cooperation towards the work of the County and State Boards of Health. Public health in a county is not expected to reach the highest standard of efficiency in one year, but like other organizations must grow gradually as the public is educated to take advantage of it. The detailed report is as follows:

The total number of cases reported in 1920 was 526, while that for 1919 was 675. These were as follows, whooping cough, 1920 200, 1919 184; typhoid fever, 1920 27, 1919 50; diphtheria, 93, 1919 89; chicken pox, 95, 1919 73; measles, 14, 1919 157; septic sore throat, 15, 1919 19; scarlet fever, 22, 1919 2. The total reduction in the number of contagious diseases for 1920 was 149. The valuation of contagious disease reduction is fixed at \$25 per case by the State Board of Health, making a total saving for the county of \$3,725. There has been small epidemics of whooping cough, diphtheria and scarlet fever during the year. A great deal of work has been done and a large amount of literature sent out to get teachers and householders to report diseases when there has been no physician called, for it is recognized that unless there is good reporting there cannot be good work done in quarantining. This will account for at least 25 per cent of the cases of whooping cough, chicken pox and smallpox cases reported this year. Visits have been made as follows: Whooping cough cases 7, measles 1, diphtheria 10, scarlet fever 10, septic sore throat 2, smallpox 7, typhoid fever 6.

In the educational work there has been 47 public meetings with a total attendance of 3090, at which lectures were given on matters pertaining to health, rural sanitation, quarantine, etc. (Valuation not fixed). There have been sent out 4737 letters pertaining to health work in the county. There have been published 124 news articles in the county papers pertaining to public health. A 1000 foot film on T. B. has been shown 16 times to an estimate of 3000 people in the county. One fair exhibit with a baby contest has been held. Forty one hours have been spent in conferences at the office of the health department.

In the soil pollution work we have had built 1757 sanitary privies. The International Health Board has built tens of thousands of privies in the south, and their estimate is that it costs about \$2.50 to reach and persuade the average rural resident to build a sanitary privy. Applying this cost figure to the privies built within the county during the year we have the financial equivalent of \$3,375. There has been 138 examinations for hookworm, valued at \$1.50 each we have the equivalent of \$207. Of the number examined 48 were positive and 3 have been treated and cured, value this at \$5.00 each and we have the equivalent of \$15. There have been 33 water analyses and some improvements made. Valued at \$5 we have the equivalent of \$165 making a total valuation in this unit of \$3,762.

The work in the school consisted of 75 visits during which 285 children were examined (valuation not fixed). A colored dentist was sent here from the State Board of Health for 5 weeks and while here he treated the teeth of 489 colored children, the financial valuation of this based on local prices is fixed at \$879 60. A physical examination was given

THE JURY LIST

The following is a list of Jurors drawn last Monday for the Superior court which convenes on January 31st.

Richard Pettitt, J. D. Rhea, J. R. Patterson, J. B. Bennett, M. F. Cullom, J. D. Johnston, Charles H. Hale, W. W. Pepper, R. W. Harris, Charles Whitaker, J. H. Baucum, W. T. Eure, Jr., W. H. Brown, J. C. Anderson, D. G. Harris, S. B. Butts, R. L. Hardee, R. W. Harper, J. K. Leggett, S. B. Kitchin, E. L. Hamill, J. W. Shearin, W. H. Smith, A. S. Lewis, N. J. Westbrook, Noah Whitehead, E. V. Mitchell, R. H. Hudson, G. E. Pendleton, L. G. Barnhill, Thomas Bland, R. S. Travis, B. S. Webb, W. M. White, J. W. Robertson, D. I. Reid.

SECOND WEEK

W. G. Askew, C. C. Carter, H. L. Matthews, A. D. Clary, R. O. Medwell, Hardy Harrison, W. J. Carlisle, W. P. Hockaday, G. D. Pearson, L. D. Dickens, E. C. Dickens, A. C. Liverman, O. W. Pierce, Billy Stansberry, L. N. Grant, R. B. Robertson, W. H. White, R. E. Shell, Lafayette Shaw, E. C. Bobbitt, J. T. Bowen, J. J. Everette, J. W. King, Joe Bradley, E. A. Walston, C. R. Harvell, Bernard Allsbrook, R. W. M. Harper, N. E. Sears, O. E. Pope, Peyton Keel, Hannibal Shearin, W. T. Jones, A. T. Dickens, W. D. Tillery, T. P. Hale.

COTTON MEETING

The Halifax County branch of the American Cotton Association will be held in the Court House at Halifax, N. C., on Tuesday, January 18, 1921, at 11:30 o'clock A. M.

This meeting will be of interest to the cotton growers of the south. Plans and arrangements will be discussed in regards to direct exporting of the south's cotton crop, thereby insuring the farmers better prices.

Before the war, 1912, the Central Empires of Europe alone took 3,393,997 bales of the South's cotton. In 1919 these same countries took only 55,696 bales. The result is an over burdened domestic market and low priced cotton today.

Every farmer and business man is requested to be present. A sound, comprehensive, business like remedy for existing conditions will be made

to 46 teachers to certify their freedom from tuberculosis and other contagious diseases.

There have been 2161 vaccinations for typhoid, and 2089 for smallpox the equivalent of this fixed at \$1 per vaccination makes an equivalent of \$4,254.

The health officer has made 28 examinations for individuals and assisted in the examination of 142 made by the specialist for tuberculosis 35 of which were positive. Valuing this work at the minimum of \$5 we have the equivalent of \$850. There have been 37 visits to the county home, valued at \$5 we have \$185. Visits to the jail 28 valued at \$3 we have the equivalent of \$84. The total number of inspections of hotels, markets and drinking places amounts to 507, valuing these at 50¢ each we have the equivalent of \$253. Fifteen visits were made to the convict camp. Value these at \$5 each and we have the equivalent of \$75. There has been 10 paupers treated, 33 prisoners examined and 13 lunacy examinations made.

In addition to the above there have been presented to the County Board of Health and passed laws requiring the registration and instruction of midwives by the county health officer. Laws governing the sanitary management of hotels, restaurants, markets and drinking places, and a law requiring the vaccination of all the school children in the county. There have been a num-

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ROANOKE RAPIDS PERSONAL AND LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. E. B. Love left Tuesday for Miami, Fla., to spend some time.

Mr. Rice of Greenville, N. C., spent several days here visiting Mr. Basil Glover this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Askew and family, of Durham, have arrived here to make their home.

Mr. Jess Mebane, of Greensboro, spent a few days here this week on business.

Mrs. J. S. Getsinger and little son, of Williamston are spending some time here.

Mr. William Baxter spent the week-end in Norfolk with friends.

Mr. B. Marks is spending some time in Greensboro, Winston-Salem and other cities.

Mr. Jesse Herbert, of Rocky Mount, spent this week here in the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Duncan.

Mr. C. M. Clary, formerly with the Hancock-Jackson Company, spent several days in town this week.

Mr. J. W. Smoot spent a few days in Richmond this week.

Mrs. D. L. Traynham returned this week after spending some time with relatives in Christianburg.

Miss Lillie McArthur, of Hope Mill, has returned here to make her home.

Miss Collins, of New York, is spending some time here visiting Mrs. S. P. Scott.

Mr. C. A. Wyche spent a few days in Richmond this week on business.

Miss Ina Allen has entered the Roanoke Rapids Hospital for training.

Rev. Stanley White spent Thursday in Richmond.

On last Friday evening Master Ralph Shell celebrated his tenth birthday. There were about thirty-five little friends present who made the evening quite a jolly affair. Prizes were given Miss Jane Stainback and Master Francis Starke for pinning the key nearest the lock of a big red heart.

Mrs. G. D. Shell and son Ralph spent Monday in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Vann White are being congratulated upon the arrival in their home Sunday morning of a son.

The Plan of Supervision in Halifax County

The following paragraphs taken from the last issue of the East Carolina Training School Quarterly are of interest to the people of the county.

The Supervisor in Halifax County, Miss Annie Cherry, is truly the "helping teacher" that the teacher in charge of the routine work of the school needs. Much has been said about the limitations of the supervisory and of the system of supervision, until many are not in favor of using the term. It does not matter what the word is, if the right interpretation is put on the word. The World's Work, in the September number, has an article on "The Helping Teacher" and from that one would judge that she is a rara avis found only in New Jersey, or Michigan or some other place remote from North Carolina. This work has been going on in Halifax for some time. This is the third year that it has been definitely organized along the lines it is now following. The editor of the Quarterly asked for an article, but as it was just at the busiest season (there is no season that is not her busy season), she sent reports of her work just as she had made them out, no revision, no changing of any kind. She also sent copies of the school paper referred to in her report. She gave permission for the use of these in any way the editor should see fit to use them. We are taking bodily word for word many parts of the report, and regret that lack of space prevents the use of every word of it.

THE SUPERVISOR, OR HELPING TEACHER NEEDED

It seems that in some counties the superintendent and the county Board of Education do not see the value of having a supervisor. After seeing what is being done in Halifax County they should be convinced.

There are still many strong teachers left in the profession who can manage well for themselves, but there is a majority of young, inexperienced and oftentimes poorly prepared and un-

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