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ROSEMARY PERSONAL AND LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. M. N. Gilbert, of Greensboro, was in Rosemary Monday.

Mr. J. Wesley Keefer, of Norfolk, spent Monday in town.

Miss Annie Medlin is in Washington, D. C. to attend the inauguration.

Mr. E. C. Moseley, of LaCrosse, Va., spent Monday here.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Warp, of Green Bay, Wis., were visitors in Rosemary Monday.

Mr. O. F. Asbury, of Charlotte, was here Tuesday.

Mr. B. H. Roebuck, of Oriental, spent Tuesday in town.

Messrs. W. N. Kirkland, J. A. Perry and L. R. Allsbrook, of Norfolk, were here Tuesday.

Mr. E. F. Lane is building a photographer's studio next door to the Rosemary Banking and Trust Company.

Mr. W. B. Spiers, of Rocky Mount, was here Tuesday.

Mr. J. C. Miggett, of Charleston, S. C., spent Tuesday here.

Mr. R. P. Taylor, of Oxford, was in town yesterday.

Mr. A. R. Baird has resigned his position with the Stedman Store Co. to accept a similar position with the same company which will soon open a branch store in Roanoke Rapids.

Mr. J. B. Markham, of Richmond, was in Rosemary Wednesday.

Messrs. M. L. Whedbee and G. W. Riddick, of Suffolk, spent Wednesday here.

Mrs. L. H. Justis, of Littleton, spent the week end with friends in town.

Mr. E. C. Kendrick, of New York City, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. Julian Warrick, of Seaboard, has accepted a position with the Stedman Store Co.

Dr. Ward, of Jackson, will open a dentist's office in Rosemary over J. J. Wade's store in the very near future.

Mr. A. T. Harrison, of Montgomery, Ala., was here Wednesday.

Triangle Debate

Chapel Hill, Feb. 24—Henderson, Roanoke Rapids and Warrenton, compose one and Jackson, Rich Square and Seaboard another triangle from the northern part of Halifax County in the annual debating contest for the Lycock Memorial Cup. E. R. Rankin, Secretary of the Debating Union announced here today.

The query, "Resolved, That the closed shop should prevail in American industry," will be debated this year by 225 high schools, representing 90 counties of the state. At the same time and in connection with the debate an Inter-scholastic Track Meet and Tennis Tournament will be held.

The preliminary debate comes off some time in March and the finals are scheduled for the middle of April. The exact dates will be announced later.

An Interscholastic Meet will be staged on the same date on which the finals for the debate will be held. The meet will comprise all of the fourteen chief track events the regular high school Tennis Tournament for the championship of the state will be played at the same time.

Miss Dudley at School

Auditorium Friday Night.

Miss Bessie May Dudley, of Richmond, who enjoys the reputation of "the girl who has made more people laugh than any other girl in Virginia," will appear in a benefit performance at the Central School Auditorium tonight.

Miss Dudley's program will consist of humorous recitations and impersonations. Miss Dudley appears under the auspices of the local chapter of the Eastern Star.

Music Lovers Club Organized

Following the Community Sing at the Central School Building on the evening of February 25th, Miss Lucy Crisp asked that those present who were interested in beginning an organization to be known as the Music Lovers' Club, remain. She stated briefly that the objects of the club would be to bring together those who were interested in music, to arrange for musicians of standard reputation to give performances in this community, and to give opportunities for choral work to the members of the club who desire it.

Miss Julia Thompson read the report of the nominating committee of which she was chairman. The committee was composed of the following:

Miss Julia Thompson Chairman, Mrs. R. L. Towe, Mrs. W. S. Hancock, Mrs. J. T. Stainback, Mrs. F. G. Jarman.

Nominations had been made by the committee as follows:

President, Mrs. W. L. Lcng, Vice-president, Mr. E. W. Lehman, Recording Secretary, Margaret Hewitt, Treasurer, Mr. E. A. Telliga, Business Manager, Mr. William Manning.

All the nominees were elected. No definite date was named for a meeting but it was announced that the officers would hold a special meeting in the near future and make further plans.

Below is a list of those who have joined the Music Lovers' Club.

Active members; Mesdames, F. L. Nash, A. L. Taylor, J. T. Stainback, R. D. Jenkins, T. M. Jenkins, J. H. Harrison, Jr., W. S. Hancock, H. P. Thomas, W. L. Long, Misses Margaret Hewitt, Ruth Transou, Mendenhall, Hooks, Julia Thompson, Orie Moseley, Meta Jones, Lucy C. Crisp, Rouss Hayes, Margaret Matthews, Messrs. F. L. Nash, H. W. Atkinson, J. H. Harrison, Jr., H. P. Thomas, W. L. Manning, E. W. Lehman, E. A. Telliga.

Associate members; Mrs. C. M. Pitt, Misses Ruth Rainey, Clara Hearne, Louise Wofford, Messrs. W. S. Hancock, A. E. Akers, E. J. Coltrane.

Margaret E. Hewitt, Recording Secretary of the Music Lovers' Club.

Cemetery Association Meets

An important meeting of Cedarwood Cemetery Association was held Wednesday night, Mar. 2, in Masonic Hall. The principal matter discussed and acted upon was a plan by which funds may be secured to purchase additional land for cemetery purposes, the demand for such land having become imperative and acute. After much discussion it was decided to send out solicitors to appeal directly to individual citizens for contributions to supplement the donations being made by organizations and corporations in the community. The names of those authorized to do this soliciting will be published in the Herald next week. It is hoped that all citizens will give worthy consideration to this matter that has already been neglected too long.

Special Meeting of the Parent Teacher Association

The regular monthly meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association will occur next Monday evening at eight o'clock instead of the afternoon as usual. At this time a program in the Teaching of Citizenship is to be presented by the children of the elementary grades. In addition Professor H. T. Hunter, of Wake Forest College, will make a short talk on the same subject. The people of the community are cordially invited to attend this meeting which promises to be the best of the year.

A WARNING

Mr. Editor:

The following letter was received by Mr. E. L. Green, the Chief of Police of Warrenton, on Sunday, the 13th of this month.

"Let me say to you Mr. Green I am a Colored Man but I want to let you know that the colored people is fixin to burn, to burn up Norlina and Warrenton in March and is now getting the guns and all ready. I write because I don't want no trouble tis the young nigers and they say they is going to kill you because you kept them from shooting the men that took the 2 out of jail that night.

Watch out in March.

There is 5 white men they say they is going to kill and if this is done I am afraid you all will Kill us all."

The same information as that contained in the above letter has come to me from different sources, and I believe it is due to the better class of colored people in this county and to the white people that it be made public. Between the older ones of both races, there is now, and always has been, the kindest of feelings. "With the faults of the colored man, the white man has borne patiently; to the faults of the white man, the colored man has bowed submissively. But a new generation has sprung up, and the kindly feelings that formerly existed between the races is fast passing away. Many of the youths of the colored race have in recent years been "UP NORTH" and many more in the late World War, wore the uniform of the government; and this class returned home with an exaggerated idea of their own importance, claiming much for themselves and conceding little to others, is a continual menace to the peace of the South. The sooner they learn that there are certain customs of the North which they can never safely exercise in the South, the better it will be for the peace of all the people.

To those who are planning to commit the crimes mentioned in the above letter, I desire to say that the following facts are known to me and others:

1. We know that immediately after the dispute about the apples which led to the recent shooting at Norlina, a shipment of rifles and ammunition was ordered, this shipment was stopped and never reached its intended destination.
2. We know the names of some of the negro leaders, men who should be wiser, who have been advising the young men of their race to organize and arm themselves.
3. We know that numerous orders have gone to Sears-Robuck and other Northern and Western firms, for pistols and ammunition.
4. We know the names of the leaders who organized and armed those who met on Sunday night, the day of January, in Warrenton and who were gathered at the colored Methodist church, in the field near the church, in the stables near the jail and at the cafe of John Watkins.
5. We know of the frequently held, and large attended, meetings that have taken place near the old Ridout Home, near Haithcock's Store, near Macon, near Paschall, at Blue Mud, near Perrytown, at Snow Hill and other points.
6. Information has been brought to us (much of it true and much of it doubtless exaggerated) of what has been discussed and what has been planned at various meetings.

Peace between the races is absolutely necessary for the prosperity of both and the safety of all; and with that leading thought in my mind I desire to urge upon the white people of Warren the duty and importance of being particularly patient with colored people at this time, carefully avoiding all personal altercations.

Rosemary Syrup and Bottling Corporation Stockholders Meet

The stockholders of the Rosemary Syrup and Bottling Corporation held an enthusiastic meeting in the offices of Mason, Long & Matthews Wednesday afternoon.

The temporary officers which are Dr. T. W. M. Long, president, L. G. Shell, vice-president, G. L. Hayes, Jr., vice-president, J. T. Stainback, treasurer and E. A. Matthews, secretary were retained, also the board of directors which includes the above named officers with W. S. Hancock, J. A. Moore, W. T. Council and L. B. Suiter, of Scotland Neck.

Probably the most important action taken at this meeting was the decision of stockholders to buy the syrup rights in North Carolina for Coa-Ola, the new drink that is actually better than other Cola drink, instead of six counties as originally planned, and to increase the capital stock from \$30,000 to \$40,000.

At this meeting the stockholders "got down to brass tacks" and made plans for the beginning in the near future of the erection of their plant, which will be a two story brick structure located on the corner of Roanoke Avenue and Thirteenth Street. The lower floor will contain the bottling plant and the second floor the laboratory where the syrup will be made will be located.

As soon as this plant begins operation branch houses will be opened all over the state as quickly as possible.

The increase in the capital stock has placed more of the stock on the market which the directors expect to dispose of in a short time. The officers believe they have a good opportunity to build up a strong company that will pay big dividends and are now offering our citizens a chance to share with them. Any of the directors or officers will be glad to talk with interested parties.

POWELLTOWN ITEMS

Mr. Millard Merritt, of Norfolk, spent the week-end with his parents in South Rosemary.

Mr. Edward Medlin, of Petersburg, is visiting his parents this week.

Miss Burwell Patterson was the guest of relatives in Warrenton last week.

Mr. Frank Merritt, of Norfolk, was a visitor in South Rosemary last Sunday.

Mr. J. R. Edmondson was called to Tarboro last Wednesday to the bedside of his brother who died before Mr. Edmondson reached him.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Coburn and Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Cherry, of Roanoke Rapids, spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. L. Powell in South Rosemary.

Dr. Carter and Miss Washburn made a very interesting lecture on Health at South Rosemary Wednesday.

and giving no possible excuse for trouble.

The colored leaders in Warren County are hereby notified that they MUST control that element among the younger ones of their race who, according to the above letter, are planning the crimes therein mentioned. The white people in this County do not desire trouble, but rest assured they are prepared to meet it in the proper manner when it comes. If the threats contained in the above letter are carried out, or attempted to be carried out, the leaders will be held personally responsible, and punishment swift and certain will be meted out.

This letter is written for the purpose of avoiding, not provoking, trouble, and for the purpose of letting the vicious and ignorant ones know that their every act is being observed and their every move is being watched.

TASKER POLK.

GARNER SCHOOL ITEMS

Miss Bessie Jones, of Weldon, was the guest of Miss Essie Rawlings last week-end.

Mr. A. W. Garner was in Henderson last week on business.

Messrs. J. R. and A. L. Garner and Mrs. A. L. Garner motored to Aurelian Springs Sunday.

We are glad to know that Mr. J. E. Willey who has been very ill with pneumonia is improving.

Mr. Raymond Garner, Miss Ethel Garner and Mrs. H. L. Andleton spent Sunday with friends at Aurelian Springs.

Miss Viola Stainback, who has been spending this school term with Mr. S. G. Stainback and attending school in Weldon, has returned to her home near Littleton on account of sickness.

Miss Katie Collier was called home Thursday on account of the illness of her mother.

Miss Ethel Garner entertained a number of her friends at a candy party last Thursday evening. All attending spent a delightful evening.

O. F. Hutton Charged With Forgery

O. T. Hutton, a former policeman of Roanoke Rapids, was arrested in Raleigh Wednesday night charged with forging a \$50.00 check on C. O. Keeter, of Rosemary. The warrant was sworn out by the Citizens Bank and Trust Co., of Rosemary.

Hutton was brought to Roanoke Rapids Thursday afternoon by Chief Jackson and given a hearing by Justice J. K. Dickens, who found probable cause and placed the defendant under a \$500.00 justifiable bond. This Hutton was unable to give and was taken to Halifax jail to await trial.

Hardawee Sewing Club

Teachers meeting was held here at our school Wednesday Feb. 23. Some of the girls of our club under Miss Leatherwood's direction served fruit salad to the teachers at lunch.

We had our meeting in the afternoon and we are getting along splendidly with our sewing and like it very much.

Pauline Bethea, Secy.

Double Wedding Performed Last Wednesday Evening

A very unusual marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. T. S. Crutchfield at his home on Jackson Street on last Monday evening when by one ceremony two couples became man and wife. The contracting parties were Mr. Dallas D. Reaves and Miss Mary E. Faison and Mr. Ernest Capell and Miss Lottie Clary.

Muller - Cannon

The following announcement will be of interest to many of our readers:

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Cannon announce the marriage of their daughter Irene Forrest

to Mr. Frank Louis Muller on Monday, January the third nineteen hundred and twenty one Norfolk, Virginia At home Rosemary, North Carolina

Rev Betram E. Brown Here Tonight

The special Lenten preacher at All Saints' (Episcopal) Church tonight at 7:30 will be the Rev. Betram E. Brown rector of Calvary Parish, Tarboro. Mr. Brown is well known here. He conducted a mission here a few years ago and made a host of friends. The public is very cordially invited to the service.

Roanoke Rapids Takes Part in National Celebration

Last week we had a Community Celebration that was a small unit in the big national celebration of the national week of song. Posters made by school boys and girls were on display in the shop windows, reminding passersby to "Be Wise, Sing," "Join Us In Our Songs," "Join the Frog Chorus," etc. Attracted by these posters, and by various announcements, numbers of the people of our community came together to hear the musical programs given by the different departments of the schools. The interest in Music and singing grew as the week went on, each day with some new program, until the climax was reached in our first community sing, held in Central School Auditorium on Friday night, with Mr. Wade R. Brown as Conductor. The auditorium was well-filled for the occasion and evidently the best singers were there. After a prayer by Rev. Mr. Brown, and our national hymn, Mr. Brown soon had the whole "Community" singing "Howdy-do," and shaking hands heartily with each other. Then came some of the old songs, "Old Black Joe," followed by the little ditty "Lil Liza Jane," and others that everybody loves to sing. Mr. Brown quickly made friends with the whole crowd, and made it a pleasure to sing under his direction. Mrs. F. L. Nash gave several very attractive readings, "Mary Jane and Her Melodeon" provoking many hearty laughs. The names of the prize-winners in the poster contest were announced by Miss Hearne, and the posters shown. The prize winners were as follows: First Kathleen May; second, Edna Wafford; third, Gilbert Brown. Honorable mention, Roy Medlin, Doris Vaughn, Maud Vaughn, Ellen Westbrook, Flora Pritchett, Wilbur Anderton, and Rosalie Corbett. The people went away in a happy mood, looking forward to the next community sing with with pleasure. The music lovers of our town remained for a short time to begin the organization of a music lovers club.

Already school children are saying "when is the next national week of song?" Our first celebration was a success, and now we have in our town two events to which we look forward - "Christmas" and "National Week of Song."

Miss Mary Duke has returned after spending some time in her home at Charlottesville, Va.

Miss Annie Laurie Patterson left Wednesday for her home at Patterson Springs on account of the illness of her parents.

Mr. David F. Jones, of Greensboro, visited Miss Catherine Campbell for the week-end.

Mrs. T. W. M. Long spent a few days in Richmond this week.

Mr. B. D. Webb, of Williams- ton, spent several days here this week visiting his sons, Messrs. B. S. and C. A. Webb.

Mrs. S. M. Parshley, of Brooklyn, N. Y., is spending some time here with her daughter, Mrs. S. P. Scott.

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Miss Shackleford, of Baltimore, has arrived to take charge of the Millinery Department of B. Marks.

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Miss Florence Yates, of Seaboard is spending some time here with friends and relatives.

Rev. Stanley White has returned after spending some time in Texas with relatives.

Mr. S. J. Bounds and son, John Preston, attended the Inauguration in Washington today.

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Mr. J. W. Taylor and daughter, Mildred, and Mrs. T. B. Brown- ing spent Wednesday in Tarboro where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Taylor's brother.

Miss Fannie Sue Donal, of Red Oak, spent the week-end here with Miss Majorie Mendenhall.

Miss Louise Smith, of Bethel, spent the week-end here with relatives.

Mrs. W. B. Simmons, of Portsmouth, spent this week here with her parents.

Mr. G. C. Outland spent the week-end in Suffolk.

Mr. W. S. Dean and son, Graham, spent the week-end in Oxford.

Mrs. A. O. Pendleton has returned from an extended visit to relatives in Greenville, S. C.

Mr. C. W. Graham spent the week-end here on business.

Mrs. L. S. Mosher is visiting friends here this week.

Miss Norine Cranwell, of Richmond, spent the week-end here with her parents.

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FRATERNAL NOTES

Carolina Lodge No. 225 I. O. O. F. at its regular meeting Monday night February 28, 1921, in W. O. W. Hall, Rosemary, N. C. conferred the second degree on one candidate, had their usual attendance, and next Monday night, March 7th they will confer the third degree on the same candidate and the members of the degree team are requested to assemble at 7 P. M., to confer the degree before the lodge takes up the regular routine business. Every member of this lodge and all Odd Fellows of the community are urged to attend the meeting Monday night, March 7th, as there will be a smoker and refreshments served. Lodge called to order promptly at 7 o'clock.