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ROANOKE RAPIDS PERSONAL AND LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. S. F. Patterson spent several days out of town this week.

Mrs. Louis Grimmer and daughter, Mattie, spent several days in Richmond this week.

Mrs. E. C. Williams is spending some time in Franklin with relatives.

Mrs. Wood, who has been spending some time here in the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. R. Gentry, left this week for her home in Washington.

Mr. Tillery Robertson spent several days here this week with his parents.

Mr. Elliott Love spent some time in Norfolk this week.

Mr. F. M. Drake spent a few hours in town Thursday.

Mrs. B. F. Brown and Miss A. A. Hardaway spent a few days in Richmond this week.

Miss India Paul, of Washington, N. C., has accepted a position with Roanoke Mills Company.

Miss Carrie Belle Ross spent the week-end in her home at Ayden.

Mr. J. T. Barnes has returned after spending some time in his home at Kenley, N. C.

Mr. Geo. Spivey, of Seaboard, spent the week-end here visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. H. M. son left last week for Elizabeth City.

Mr. Talton O'Briant spent some time here this week.

Marionettes at High School Saturday

Tony Sarg's Marionettes, with a company of eight actors and twenty-five hundred pounds of mechanical energy which will be given form and action in the shape of a perfect miniature theatre, when unpacked and mounted on the stage of the High School on Saturday are sure to surprise those who never have been so fortunate as to see this modern magician.

Mr. Sarg, who is well known for his ventures in motion-pictures as well as having gained national renown as an illustrator and cartoonist of distinction, has a dramatization of Washington Irving's Rip Van Winkle, which made the New York critics sit up and compare this modern marvel with the classic of Joseph Jefferson which played throughout the United States for 40 successive seasons. George Mitchell puppetized the story, which was produced first in New York at the Punch and Judy theatre by the very same company that will be here.

A company of eight or nine puppeteers manipulate the strings that animate the Marionettes, speak the lines, change the scenery, work the electric lighting plant, and play various instruments and sing as the action of the plays require.

Tony Sarg's Marionettes are this season making their first tour to the Pacific coast and return, playing a season of at least six months.

THE GOLDEN ROD

A seed grew in the rocky soil,
Of a heart that was hard and cold;
And it bore on a tiny stunted stalk,
A flower of purest gold.
And some folk wondered how it had come
To bloom in that barren place;
And some folk paused in their journeyings,
To gaze on its golden face.
The flower clung to the hardened heart,
And it raised its face to the sky,
And it gave a message of hope and cheer
To many a passer-by!
And the heart seemed gayer because of it,
And warmer and softer too—
And after a while folk spoke of it
As the heart where a flower grew!

By Evelyn Welch,
3rd patrol,
"Golden Rod Troop."

North Carolina Ranks High Agriculturally

Raleigh, N. C.—Fair play is due everyone in a contest. The enviable position that North Carolina holds in the value of her crops is due further enlightenment, and so the Cooperative Crop Reporting Service offers it herewith.

The Old North State has recovered first rank in the total value of sweet potato and peanut crops, while she also holds first place in the tobacco and soy bean crops.

A preliminary approximation of the rank this state would hold was made by this Service in November and the result was finally exactly in line, although the adjustment with the federal census was not made until afterward. Forecasts can be approximated, even before the crop is planted, as is done each spring with crop acreages.

The large value in this state was due primarily to tobacco, cotton, corn, and several other crops. But that North Carolina has a diversity of crops is evident from the 33 per cent acreage being in corn; 20 per cent in cotton; over 10 per cent in small grains; hays about the same; improved pastures 8 per cent; soybeans, cowpeas, and peanuts combined over 8 per cent; while tobacco has but about six per cent of total cultivated area. It would be interesting to study other states' crops in this respect but only a value basis is available at this time.

Texas ranks first on the 22 principal crops and has half its value in cotton, Illinois is second with 43 per cent in corn, Iowa is third with 39 per cent in corn alone, while Kansas has over sixty per cent and Nebraska 37 per cent of their crop values in wheat.

The Tar Heel is, therefore, less of a one crop state than these so called model states. In fact this state can with credit, compare its year's money return per acre of improved land with that of the other leading states. These values are as follows, North Carolina \$28.00 per acre, New York \$15.80; California \$15.60, Illinois \$11.80; Texas \$10.90; and Iowa with only \$10.00 per acre.

In comparison with these states we rank fourth in value, but an analysis of our percent of farm land and value of crops is surprising. The value of all crops and acreage of farm land in North Carolina compared with that in the other leading states is respectively as follows: Texas 65, and 25 per cent; Illinois 85 and 30; Iowa 68 and 29; New York 110 and 62; while of California's crop value we have 121 per cent and of her improved acreage, this state has only 69 per cent.

Of the crops named, together with the national December average price, the following states hold respective first and second ranks with North Carolina's position following. Corn (42.3c); Iowa, Illinois, N. C. (33); Hay (\$12.13), New York, Wisconsin, N. C. (26), Irish potatoes (\$1.11), Maine, New York, N. C. (20); Sweet Potatoes (88c), N. C. and Alabama; Sorghum (63c), Alabama, Kentucky, N. C. (4); Cotton (16.2c) Texas and Mississippi, N. C. (5); Tobacco (20c), N. C. and Kentucky; while with peanuts averaging 4c per pound, North Carolina ranked first and Virginia second.

Notwithstanding this enviable attainment, our eastern and southern farmers are unfortunately neglecting the ever essential food and feed crops, which might, if grown, permit of the cash crops yielding net returns.

During "Gold Waves,"
The fall of temperature in 24 hours
constituting a "cold wave" is variously
defined by the weather bureau, according
to the part of the country affected
and the season of the year.

Not Even Good as an Excuse

A pretty illustration of what the newer psychologists call "rationalization"—the substitution of an allowable or seemingly motive for one not allowable or unallowable, though true, in explaining something done or not done—is to be seen in what the Canadian Minister of the Interior and Immigration says about his refusal to extradite an American negro indicted in North Carolina for participating in a felonious conspiracy to kill white men.

What the Minister says is that though the man Bullock evaded the Canadian laws when he entered Canada, and is there illegally, his conduct since his arrival has been exemplary and therefore he shall not be sent back to the United States against his will.

This reasoning is obviously absurd. Probably ninety-nine out of every hundred Americans who flee to Canada to avoid prosecution in our courts have sense enough to behave themselves well in their self-selected land of exile, but whether their conduct there is good or bad has nothing whatever to do with allowing them to remain after a demand for their return has been made in due form, and the offense charged, as in this instance, is covered by the extradition treaty between the two countries.

The real reason for the refusal to let us have Bullock is the fear or belief that, once in North Carolina, he would be lynched instead of tried. And that reason, of course, could not be given. Its presentation would constitute an affront both to our Government in Washington and to the courts in one of our sovereign States.

It is possible to pretend that the situation thus created endangers the preservation of amicable relations between Canada and the United States. The pretense would not be very convincing, but our own Department of State will have to do some "rationalizing" itself in explaining why it doesn't resent Canada's departure from established custom as between two nations. —New York Times.

Parent Teachers Association to Meet

There will be a meeting of the Parent-Teacher's Association of Rosemary in the school building at 3 o'clock on Wednesday, February 8, 1922. The program which we were to have at the January meeting will be given. It will consist of a very instructive talk by Mr. Simpson, "The Value of Physical Training in the School."

Every one is cordially invited.

Girl Scout Notes

One of the most successful events of the season was the Box Social given by the Oak Troop, at the home of Capt. Iva Mosely on Monroe St., Saturday evening Jan. 21st. Games and music were the diversions. A special feature was the singing of Scout songs by the Troop. A table full of very beautiful boxes were also in attendance, which realized the sum of \$30.00 to add to the Oak Troop's ever growing treasury fund.

Scouts—The Oak's are Boosters not Slackers.
Scribe Isabella Conn.

WITH THE CHURCHES

All Saints Church (Episcopal)
Rev. Lewis N. Taylor, Rector
Mrs. Katherine Webster, Parish Worker
Roanoke Avenue

Perhaps you insist that you don't pretend to be religious? Well, there are some mighty good men who make no profession of religion. But honestly don't you know that you have adopted a little creed of your own and that you really consider your self superior to a lot of other fellows in this old world who have already passed through about the same experiences that you are meeting, but who are now banded together for the purpose of organically trying to bring more cheer and gladness to thousands of burdened hearts? The Church is after all, the best agency in the world for human helpfulness. Why not become a part of it?

Next Sunday is the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany. Services: 9:45 Church School and Bible Classes for Adults and children. 11 Celebration of the Holy Communion and sermon. 7:30 Evening service and sermon.

Music led by surpliced choir. A most hearty welcome awaits you.

Presbyterian Church
Rev. Stanley White, Pastor
Miss Lucy Crisp, Organist.
Mr. J. H. Harrison, S. S. Supt.

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.

National Week of Song Coming Soon

Last year for the first time, Roanoke Rapids and Rosemary observed what is known as the "National Week of Song." It was an event in the life of our community which we are not likely to forget soon. By common consent, it was a good thing. This year the "National Week of Song" should be a much bigger thing than last. We know what it is and what happy and profitable week it can be.

The "National Week of Song" had a very definite purpose back of it. It was designed to promote happiness and good-will thru singing. We want our community to grow accustomed to singing songs of the better sort—the sort that uplifts and inspires. It will bind us together as nothing else can. Should we not be proud that our community is awake enough to join in with the thousands of communities who are singing thruout our land? Other communities have made this week the biggest time in the year. Let us keep it in mind and all work towards making it a great success here.

The Core of Democracy.
For I say it the core of democracy,
Finally, is the religious element.—Walt Whitman.

**"Hear Dem Play Dose Songs
- and Sing Dat Music"**

Half a Hundred Pretty Girls

February 24, 1922

8:15 P. M.

Compulsory School Attendance Law Enforced.

One of the most successful pieces of work in enforcing compulsory attendance law from Cumberland County, the request of the County Superintendent of Schools, Mr. J. A. Martin, Supt. of Public Fare, visited a school community and found only 73 children school. Upon investigation he discovered 15 families that did not know there was a compulsory school attendance law and the 40 children belonging to these families were not in school. 183 children were in school at the end of Mr. Martin's three days investigation and the next week when he returned for a visit he found that 217 had been enrolled. The school officials had to hustle to find teachers to take care of the unexpected 144.

More than 75% of the children walk to school and many of them come as far as 3 miles. Last year the building was burned and now the teachers are using small rooms in four separate buildings—an old barber shop, the hall over a drug store and rooms over the Masonic Temple. In spite of these handicaps not a single unlawful absence has been reported since Mr. Martin's visit to the community.

Miss Louise Bain Entertains

Miss Louise Bain was hostess last Saturday afternoon, January 28th, at a miscellaneous shower, at her home on Jackson St., in honor of Miss Mattie Grimmer whose marriage to Mr. Louis Witherspoon will take place in February. Four tables were arranged in the spacious reception hall and parlor for the game of Hearts. Mrs. Clarence Grimmer, making the highest score, was awarded a handsome pair of black silk hose; after which a salad course was served. The guests were then invited into the dining room, so tastefully decorated in pink and white, where Miss Grimmer found numerous packages whose inmost secrets were revealed to all. After the cutting of the bride's cake, so beautifully embossed with pink letters, G. W., an ice course, carrying out the color scheme, was served. The guests were presented with pink and white carnations as souvenirs.

Domestic Science Clubs Meet

The South Rosemary Domestic Science Club had their regular meeting Thursday afternoon with all members present. The club has ordered basketry material and expected it to begin baskets at this meeting but as it didn't come we discussed clothing problems and made plans for a special meeting we are to have real soon when Miss Jones from Washington, N. C. will be with us. At this meeting we will invite our mothers and other ladies in the community.

Domestic Science Clubs Meet

In the fall we helped Miss Leatherwood make clothes for a poor family in the country, also gave some canned fruits and vegetables. The club enjoyed doing this very much. As there was no other business we adjourned to meet again in two weeks.

Ruth Glover, Secretary.

The Junior Domestic Science Club at South Rosemary held its regular meeting Thursday afternoon. We have just finished our rag rugs that we started before Xmas and gave them to our mothers. We are now learning to embroider and make tatting then we can help our mothers fix our spring clothes. At most every meeting we are planning to cook some thing to serve to the club.

After our lesson we adjourned to meet again in two weeks.
Carrie Hudson, Secretary.

CRIMINAL DOCKET

In the face of the heaviest snow in a quarter century, Halifax County Superior Court, His Honor, Judge Oliver Allen, presiding, began the January term on last Monday morning. The roads in many directions from Halifax were practically impassable for automobile or horse drawn vehicles, rendering impossible the attendance of many jurors and witnesses. It was fortunate that the Court faced one of the lightest criminal dockets it has had in some time.

In his charge to the grand jury, Judge Allen, called attention to the spirit of change and unrest which exists throughout the world. He deprecated many of the modern tendencies of thought and conduct. Many of these later innovations he considered harmful. He thought that the people were losing sight of the eternal verities in their mad desire to modernize and change the social, religious and political fabric of civilization. Regardless of personal opinion as to whether wisely or unwisely, he stated, the prohibition of the liquor traffic had become a part of our organic law, and it was the duty of every good citizen to aid in its enforcement.

Cases were disposed of up to the Thursday night recess as follows:
R. S. Moody, selling whiskey, guilty, twelve months on the county roads. An appeal was taken to the Supreme Court and bond fixed at \$2,000.00.
O. E. Cherry, selling whiskey, hung jury and mistrial ordered. Case set for new trial at the March term and defendant's bond raised from \$300.00 to \$500.00.
Michael Harrity, assault and battery, judgment suspended upon payment of costs.
J. C. Ray, alleged bogus detective, charged with carrying concealed weapons, judgment suspended, defendant declared insolvent and ordered to go.
George Hale, driving an automobile while under the influence of whiskey, judgment suspended upon the payment of costs.
Tom Walker, Carrie Freeman-John Gary and Emma Daniel, immoral conduct, judgment suspended upon payment of costs.
Harry Pierson, selling whiskey, six months in jail with authority to hire out.
Knowledge Broadus, selling whiskey, guilty, open for judgment.
R. W. Carter, driving an automobile while under the influence of whiskey, not guilty.
Joe Falkner and Bell Wall, assignment, guilty. Joe drew down ninety days in jail with authority to be hired out. Thirty days for Belle.
James Johnson, larceny of goods from the Seaboard Air Line Railway. Five years in the State's prison.
T. Beald, reckless driving of an automobile, judgment suspended upon payment of costs.
Moses Sims, larceny, six months on the county roads.
Kenneth Collins, driving an automobile while under the influence of whiskey, judgment suspended upon payment of costs.
Junius Harrison, carrying concealed weapons, \$50.00 fine and costs.
Lonnie Harrison, assault and battery, judgment suspended upon payment of costs.
James Williams, store breaking and larceny, twelve months in the State's prison.
Jesse and three other brothers Carter, affray, judgment suspended upon payment of costs.
William Owen Richardson and Jud Johnson, trespass, judgment suspended upon payment of costs.
James Taylor and Robert Burt, affray, judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

CRIMINAL DOCKET

Mr. J. A. Taylor, of Oxford, spent Monday night in Rosemary.
Mrs. H. E. Dobbin and son spent the week-end in Norfolk.
Mr. L. C. Draper, of Weldon, was in town Wednesday.
Mr. Abner Nash is spending some time in Raleigh.
Mr. Wm. Terry, of Raleigh, was a visitor in town Tuesday.
Mr. W. A. McSherry, of Baltimore, was here Friday.
Mr. F. Sloman, of Baltimore, spent Friday in Rosemary.
Mr. Edward Lee Foreman spent Monday in Wilson.
Mr. John W. Lewis, of Norfolk, was in town Tuesday.
Mr. H. M. Sledge, of Louisville, spent Wednesday in Rosemary.

"Listen Irene" Has With Them "Nyra Brown" & Johnny Getz."

A clean, wholesome, undeniable and wholly enjoyable musical attraction is announced as coming to the Peoples Theatre, February 14, when George E. Wintz presents the brilliant musical revue entitled "Listen Irene." This lively and optimistic title conveys the purpose of the story and the story merely serves as an excuse to introduce an extraordinary array of musical comedy talent and a galaxy of extremely beautiful and delightfully youthful girls, who through vocal ability could sing in opera and do at all times dance like fairies. These entertainers flash into and out of view in a series of riotously humorous scenes with a continual and bewildering change of ravishing costumes. In witnessing the process of "Listen Irene" it is said that every audience is cheered to the point of exhaustive laughter a riot of laughter the kind that makes the eyes stream and the ribs ache. The entrancing musical score includes every phase of liting harmony from the jazzical to the classical. It is the kind you'll whistle and hum as you leave the theatre and retain in your memory. For a nearer view of the charming beauties of the feminine ensemble a feature of the production will be a "Jeweled Illuminated Runway" an elevated strip of brilliantly illuminated footpath extending from the stage to and over the orchestra seats in the auditorium. Over the runway the singing and dancing maidens will from timeto time trip their fascinating selves over the heads of the audience but not too far above to hide their smiling lips, flashing eyes and alluring dimples. The all prominent cast of entertainers includes Nyra Brown, America's Most Beautiful Actress, John G. Getz, Monkey Man and perfect Nut, Elks Quartette, Helen Janis, Ace Wingfield, Bill Barbee, Seymour Sisters, Betty Earl and Three Browns.

Parent-Teacher Association To Meet

The Parent-Teachers Association of the Central School, will meet Monday, February 6, at 3 o'clock. There will be a program by the children. Every body urged to be present.