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## THE MASS MEETING WAS HELD SATURDAY.

**On Last Saturday Evening The Mass Meeting Was Largely Attended and Favor An Election for Bonds.**

Pursuant to the call published in these columns last week the citizens of Roxboro township gathered in the court house on last Saturday evening for the purpose of taking steps to secure some good roads legislation. There was a good crowd present and great enthusiasm shown, and when a vote was taken to see what the sense of the meeting was as to calling an election to vote on the question of seventy-five thousand dollar bond issue, there was hardly a dissenting vote.

The meeting was called to order by making Mr. C. B. Brooks chairman. He took charge of the meeting, stating the object, etc. Short talks were made by several who were interested in good roads and if the enthusiasm manifested is any sign there is little doubt that this township will vote the issue. When it is remembered that this township voted for the previous issue by 105 majority it does seem that there should not be even a possibility of a failure at this time—in fact there is no doubt in the minds of any one, save those who voted against it before, and we are glad to say a goodly number of those have seen their error and will vote for the issue at the next election.

Now altogether and lets take this good old County out of that list which shows not a mile of good roads in the County. We can do it and we believe the farmers are going to fall in line and see that it is done.

### Series Of Sermons.

Rev. D. F. Putnam, pastor of the Baptist Church, announced last Sunday night that he would preach here every Sunday night. Heretofore he has been preaching the second and fourth Sundays, morning and night, but in the future he will preach every night. Beginning next Sunday night he will commence a series of sermons on the life of Jacob. All are cordially invited to hear these sermons.

## PANAMANS FIRED UPON AMERICANS

**Soldiers Were Unarmed When Mob and Police Began to Use Remingtons.**

Washington, D. C., Feb. 15.—Details of the Panama carnival riot in which a Panama policeman was killed and twenty-five persons, twenty-three American soldiers and civilians, were wounded Saturday, came to the Department today in a report from Brig. Gen. Clarence Edwards, commanding the Canal Zone garrison.

All the wounded are expected to recover, the general said, and no further trouble is expected. He explained that the Americans, all unarmed, were fired on by police and a mob after individual altercations had precipitated a general row.

"The soldiers were without arms of any kind," the report says. "Americans, both soldiers and civilians, were fired on by the Panama police and mob with Remington rifles, with bayonets fixed, and with high powered cartridges and pistols. A few soldiers took small 22-calibre target rifles from a nearby shooting gallery in the tenderloin and fired a few shots. They were immediately disarmed by Lieutenant Edgerly, who turned them over to the police and then summoned all non-commissioned officers and with a small provost guard, locked arms and pushed all soldiers and Americans back. The police and mob moved the other way, but continued firing and throwing rocks, though there were no answering shots from the unarmed Americans. I have forbidden soldiers during the remaining days of the Carnival to visit the city of Panama. Probably all wounded soldiers will get well. Do not anticipate further trouble."

### Living At Home.

We enjoyed a pleasant call from Mr. W. R. Blalock of Route 1. He says he has just killed three hogs which weighed over one thousand pounds, one 280, 340 and 412-1-2. He is one who actually lives at home, raising his own meat and bread, feed stuff for his cattle and some to sell. We sincerely wish there were more of his type in the County.

## WAR ZONE CONTINUES TO BE THE BIG TOPIC

**The Report That American Ambassador Gerard Has Been Requested to Meet Emperor William at Once on the Eastern Battlefront is Taken Here That Berlin Will Make a Prompt Reply.**

London, Feb.—Germany's declaration of a war zone about the British Isle still is an absorbing topic for the English newspapers and public and dispatches from the continent indicate that Germany is equally interested.

The report that American Ambassador Gerard had been requested to meet Emperor William at once on the eastern battle front is taken here that Berlin will promptly make a reply to the American note.

Germans, commenting on the situation, insist that Washington should prevent the use of the American flag by Great Britain and a strict observation of the declaration of London as the best guarantee for the safety of American shipping. At the same time the Germans argue that submarines cannot be expected to destroy hostile merchantmen before destroying them.

The English press insists on regarding the note to Germany as a virtual ultimatum. It does not attempt to forecast Great Britain's reply to the Washington communication regarding the use of the American flag but it does declare that Great Britain cannot forego her claim to the right to use neutral flags in case of necessity.

An indication that England regards the German threat as something more than a bluff is found in the fact that liners are coming to British ports with their life boats flung out, watered and provisioned. No disposition has been made of the cargo of the American steamer, Wilhelmi, which now claims to be under voluntary joint guardianship of the British foreign office and the American Ambassador.

Unusual heavy artillery duels, according to reports from both sides are proceeding in Belgium but definite news is lacking.

In East Prussia the Germans are still advancing except at Lyck where the Russians claim advantage. Vienna reports that the Austrians are still advancing in Bukovina. In the center of the long eastern battle front quiet, apparently, prevails with no change in the relative position.

### Death of Two Good Women.

On last Wednesday Mrs. James Yancey died at the home of her husband near Flat River Church. She was buried at Antioch on Thursday. Mrs. Yancey had been afflicted for many years, unable to walk, but for the past year she had been very much improved. A short time since a horse which she was driving ran away and threw her out of the buggy, and from this accident she never recovered.

On last Friday night Mrs. S. A. Clayton died at her home, and was buried at Mill Creek on Sunday evening. Mrs. Clayton was over 70 years old, and was a most loving and loveable character, and will be sadly missed in her community. She was an especial friend of The Courier and we shall miss her cheerful visits.

### For the Second Time.

Mr. A. Lipshitz will leave the latter part of this week for the Northern markets to purchase goods for his store, this making the second time this season, owing to the steady increase in business this firm is enjoying.

## AEROPLANE IN MAIDEN COMBAT

**Two French Aeroplanes and German Armored Monoplane.**

Dunkirk, France, Feb. 9.—A fight between two French aeroplanes and one of the new "armored" German monoplanes, a type which has only recently begun to appear on the northwestern front, is described in a letter from a French officer. He writes:

"For half an hour the black Taube had been describing infernal circles over our lines, while our men crouched in their trenches, covering with their bodies bayonets, mess-tins and everything else whose glittering surface might betray their positions. I alone stood up, observing the enemy through my field glasses.

"Suddenly a French airman emerged from a cloud above the Taube. The dry bark of a mitrailleuse announced that the French was attacking. The Taube turned tail without replying, but only to return to the battle.

"Then the two great birds charged head-on. From below it seemed that they must meet in a terrible shock. Nothing of the sort; the German passed a little above the Frenchman, the machine guns spoke. Carried apart by the speed of their charge, like knights in a tourney, they swept about in great circles to renew the combat.

"The Frenchman hovered and waited; the adversary returned quickly with clever manoeuvres, flying above, then below the Frenchman, firing when he could, while the Frenchman seeming to remain almost stationary, replied with energy.

"In the trenches our red-patalooned soldiers and the spike-helmeted Germans alike suspended swiping operations and followed that death struggle with equal emotion. An involuntary 'Ah!' broke from a thousand throats as a biplane emerged from the same cloud that had hidden the French monoplane, and the Taube turned to flee.

"But the French monoplane pursued, and it had the advantage here, for the German aeroplane, being armored, was too heavy for high speed. The French machine quickly passed the fugitive, forced it to turn and come again toward the French line, where the biplane was awaiting it. It passed near the latter and again there was the bark of guns, but apparently without decisive result.

"Again the French monoplane returned to the charge. Flying high over its adversary, it suddenly dived headlong upon it, seemed to touch it and then—mounted again gracefully in the air.

"At a dizzy speed the Taube, mortally wounded, fell almost vertically into the German lines."

### Spent The Week End.

Henry Jones, who was found guilty of retailing and sentenced to the roads for seven months last week was carried out to the chain gang and turned over to Superintendent Moore last Friday evening. On Monday he took his departure and left no address, hence Mr. Moore is unable to communicate with him. Don't know whether it was the fare, the hours or the confinement, but evidently things were not to his liking as he only spent the week-end.

### War Will Keep Laird of Skibo in America.

New York, Feb. 9.—For the first time in many summers Andrew Carnegie will not spend his vacation at Skibo Castle his Scotland estate. He said today that because of the war he would remain in America.

### Valentine Party

Miss Eglantine Merritt was hostess last Saturday evening at a pretty Valentine party given at her home on Main street.

On entering the guests were met and introduced by the hostess assisted by Miss Louise Thompson, and delicious punch was served by Miss Marion deVlaming and Master Sam Merritt.

The decorations and program arranged were especially attractive and interesting, carrying out the Valentine idea in every way.

At the close of the games, the guests were invited to the dining room where cake, cream and mints were served. The table was laid with a handsome cover decorated with hearts and cupid's and centered with a silver vase filled with fragrant spring flowers. At each corner of the table were silver candlesticks with pink candles, this casting a very pretty glow over the room.

The favors were cupid's and tiny pink baskets filled with mints. Prizes were awarded to Mr. Landon Bradsher and Misses Christine Walker and Esther Thompson and Mr. Lawrence Woods.

The out of town guests were, Misses Daisy Stephens, Lillian Harris, Mildred Younger, and Miss Annie Thompson Bradsher and Mr. Francis Bradsher, of Oxford, N. C.

### Vital Statistics Report.

The following report for the month of January has been made to the Bureau of Vital Statistics by local Registrar, C. C. Cunningham:

ROXBORO	
Births 9.	Deaths 3.
ROXBORO TOWNSHIP.	
Births 10.	Deaths 11.
WOODSDALE TOWNSHIP	
Births 0.	Deaths 0.

Miss Lillian Clayton will have charge of the Millinery Department at Harris & Burns' this season. She will visit the northern markets next week to get the new ideas and make Spring purchases. We venture the prediction that this talented and skillful young lady will make a big success with this department of this popular store.

### To Board of Education.

Mr. Editor: As yet we are some what puzzled; therefore we would be pleased to submit to the honorable County Board of Education one more question.

Upon examination of your statement of receipts and disbursements of the school fund we find in the disbursements three items that will not have to be paid this year, which will more than counterbalance the overdrafts to wit:

Painting \$554.74, Desk \$400.00, and Insurance \$295.84 making a total of \$1249.84. Less the overdrafts \$633.70, there will remain a surplus of \$616.14. Now allowing the receipts to be the same as last year, why cant we have at least a six months school as we had last year and still have a surplus of \$616.14.—W.

### Bushy Fork High School News.

The Preliminary contest for the Recitators and Declamation contests at County commencement were held Friday night at the High School. Twelve girls contested. The successful contestant is Miss Ola Rice. The successful declaimer is Master Lemuel Allen.

On the same night a "Popularity" contest was held for the purpose of buying a new basketball. Miss Susie Blalock, one of the High School girls, was voted the most popular in the house. The prize was a beautiful white pound cake which the young lady sliced and "passed around," to the delight of many a youthful swain's palate. \$8.24 was raised.

Mr. Hunter Crompton has been seriously ill for the past week, we are sorry to note.

Miss Mae Branch has been ill for a few days.

The Literary Society will have a debate next Friday night on the "Bond Issue for good roads".

Friday a week ago "The Merchant Marine" question was debated. The question was decided in favor of the negative which was ably represented by Jemmie Allen and Walter Baynes.—N. P.

## New Goods At Lower Prices

Owing to a general lowering of prices of all staple cotton goods by manufacturers we are enabled to materially lower our prices on these goods. We are selling the same grade of wide sheeting for 25c which before Christmas was sold at 30c, the same grade of bleaching and cambric which sold at 12 1-2c for 10c, a fair grade of yard wide brown sheeting at 5c, good apron gingham at 6c and other staples at just as low prices.

We have already good assortments of these goods as well as Gingham, Percals, Galateas, Madras, Devonshire Cloth, etc., and are daily expecting another big shipment including some splendid values in 36 to 40 in. Nainsooks at 15c to 25c a yd.

Our buyers will visit the Northern markets next week and you may rest assured that our stock will as heretofore be the best in Roxboro and what the people want. It will pay you as well as us for you to trade with us.

**Harris & Burns**  
ROXBORO'S BEST STORE.



WE HAVE BUILT UP OUR BUSINESS BY NEVER RUNNING DOWN THE QUALITY OF OUR HARDWARE AND BY ALWAYS CHOPPING THE PRICES DOWN AS LOW AS THE BEST STUFF CAN BE SOLD FOR.

WE DO NOT MISREPRESENT ANYTHING WE SELL: OUR HARDWARE STANDS HARD-WEAR AND MAKES GOOD WHEN YOU BUY IT.

WE ASK YOU TO DEAL WITH US JUST ONCE. OUR VALUE WILL BRING YOU BACK AGAIN AND AGAIN.

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