

# The Roanoke Rapids Herald

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## ROSEMARY PERSONAL AND LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. F. S. Crowder, of McKenney, Va. was here Monday.

Mr. Leland Decker who has been attending Massy Business College, Richmond, is expected home tonight.

Miss Mattie Baird, of Massy Business College, Richmond, is expected home tonight.

Mr. and Mrs. Billups, of Norfolk, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ogletree.

Mr. W. J. Davis, of Raleigh, was in Rosemary Saturday.

Mr. G. B. Korngay, of Dillon, S. C., was in town Friday.

Mr. R. D. Jenkins, County Welfare Officer, leaves today to spend the holidays with his family in Waynesville.

The Burton property, just north of Rosemary, was subdivided into lots and sold at auction Saturday afternoon. Two acres were sold for something over \$12000.

Mr. J. D. Shearin, of New Hope Church neighborhood, was in town Saturday.

Mr. J. B. Browen, of Seaboard, spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gay.

Mrs. Harry Matthews, of Portsmouth, spent the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Matthews.

The Methodist Sunday School is planning to hold their Christmas tree celebration on Christmas Eve night.

Miss Ruth Fleming will spend the holiday's with Miss Medlin.

Mr. D. P. Wike spent Wednesday in Raleigh.

Mr. Lee Weedon spent Friday in Richmond.

Mr. S. C. Lawrence, of Savannah, Ga., spent Wednesday in Rosemary.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Martin, of Erie, Pa., are spending some time in town.

Mr. Stanley Gay, is expected here Saturday from the Mt. Pleasant Military School. He will go from here to Norfolk.

Messrs. H. and E. Falkner, of Henderson, were in town Tuesday.

Miss Margaret Matthews will leave this afternoon to spend the holidays with relatives in New York City.

Mr. C. F. Ogletree spent Wednesday in Henderson.

Mr. P. H. Keller, of Norfolk, was here Tuesday.

Mrs. Chas. M. Lance is visiting her mother, Mrs. Culbreth, in Clinton.

Mr. G. E. Grissom, of Henderson, was in Rosemary Tuesday.

Rev. C. M. Lance and Mr. J. H. Gay attended District Meeting of the Stewards of the Methodist Church held in Weldon Tuesday.

Mr. Ed. Evans, of Raleigh, was here Tuesday.

Miss Lorraine Isley leaves today to spend the holidays with relatives in Burlington.

Mr. W. T. Rowland, of Middleburg, spent Monday in town.

Miss Sue Watking leaves today for a visit to relatives in Middleburg.

Miss Angelyn Alexander is visiting her people in Scotland Neck.

Mr. J. M. Davis, of Baltimore, spent Tuesday in town.

Mr. Eugene Lehman, Jr. is expected home from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, today.

Mr. L. S. Thompson, of Richmond, was in town Tuesday.

Mr. T. C. Alston, of Littleton, spent Tuesday here.

You are invited to attend the Christmas exercise of the River Road School, Wednesday night December 24, beginning at 7:30. No admission will be charged.

### Cook With Bill Closes.

It is a remarkable fact that a pig can cook without opening its bill.

## BAPTIST GO OVER TOP IN GRAND STYLE

In reaching the \$13,000.00 mark in the Baptist \$75,000,000 Campaign the Roanoke Rapids Baptist Church accomplished something of which every member of the church and the other church members of our town should be proud. The quota was \$7,000.00.

There were 200 subscribers, 74 men and 124 women. The campaign was under the direction of Mr. J. K. Dickens, Church Director.

### LAWSON--WILLIAMS

A simple but lovely marriage was solemnized Thursday afternoon at 8:30 when Miss Sallye B. Williams, of Roanoke Rapids became the bride of Mr. Robert Barksdale Lawson, of South Boston, Virginia, the Rev. E. C. Few, pastor of the Methodist Church, officiating.

The church was attractively decorated with evergreens, yellow chrysanthemums and candles shedding their soft glow gave additional loveliness to the scene. The music was rendered by Mrs. Leslie Towe. Just preceding the ceremony Mrs. W. S. Hancock sang very sweetly, "Because" and "I Love You Truly."

As the strains of the wedding march from Lohengrin pealed forth, the ushers, Messrs. John Williams, J. Rives Manning, C. A. Wyche and Hurley King entered, followed by Allen Webb dressed in a black velvet suit, as ring bearer. Miss Ruby Williams, the bride's sister, was maid of honor and was dressed in orchid georgette with black picture hat and carried pink Russell roses. Just in front of the bride came little Miss Catherine Shute, attired in white organdie dress, as flower girl.

The bride entered on the arm of her father, Mr. G. E. Williams. She was attractively dressed in French blue velour coat suit with black seal trimmings and carried a shower of bride's roses and lilies of the valley. The groom entered with Mr. T. C. Lawson, his brother, who acted as best man. The bridal party left the church to the strains of Mendelssohn's.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawson left immediately for a tour of northern cities after which they will reside in South Boston, Va. where the groom is a prominent business man.

The out of town visitors were: Misses Marie and Catherine Lawson, Elizabeth Penick, John and Stebbins Lawson, of South Boston, Va., Miss Pearl Robinson, of Rocky Mount, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Garrett, of Henderson, Mrs. Macon Stone, of Henderson, Mr. A. P. Williams, Mrs. Nan Bet Williams, J. Ernest Beal, of Nashville, N. C.

On Wednesday night an informal reception was held at the home of Miss Williams just after the rehearsal, in honor of the bridal party. In cutting the wedding cake Miss Robertson secured the thimble, Mr. Hurley King the wishbone, and Miss Elizabeth Penick the ring.

### Bird of Marked Peculiarities.

The yellow-breasted chat is an eccentric bird both when it is singing and in flying. When these birds sing their musical effort seems to require a great deal of stirring of the tail and twisting of the head; and even when they are flying their tail jerks up and down, giving them a strange appearance. The song of this bird is scarcely worthy of the name, having been called a "series of grotesque syllables."

### Baseball's Beginning.

Ahner Doubleday of Cooperstown, N. Y., in 1839, was the first to prepare a diagram of the baseball diamond. The Knickerbocker club, founded in New York city in 1845, is said to have been the first baseball organization.

### Good Reason.

Just thinkin' says he's got to send his boy to college for the reason that the youngster has gotten to be so smart that a college is the only place he'll find anybody with brains enough to give him an argument.

## MORE FRUIT TREES NEEDED

The present high prices of fruits should have the effect of stimulating larger plantings of both home and commercial orchards throughout North Carolina, is the opinion of the horticultural specialist of the North Carolina Extension Service.

Though a fine fruit State, North Carolina has never produced a sufficient amount of fruit for local use. It is a fact that numerous farm homes, both in our lowlands and mountains, do not even have the semblance of an orchard, and that our city and country people alike are greatly dependent, upon outside sources for their fruit supply.

North Carolina is not excelled by any state in the diversity of its fruit crops. It is possible to produce choice fruit of one kind or another from the mountains down to the lower mucklands.

Of course, no one locality in the State is adapted to the commercial production of all the different kinds of fruit, but every section may produce at least one or two, or perhaps more, for market use, and a much greater number for home use. It is simply a question of selecting the kinds which are adapted to the particular section.

In order to assist in the proper selection of different varieties, and to eliminate the common complaint of those who state that they do not know what to plant, the Department of Agriculture has issued a bulletin on "The Home Orchard," which gives the varieties of fruit recommended for planting in the coastal plain, piedmont and mountain sections. This bulletin also gives the plan of the orchard, and the number of trees needed for a certain acre. By following the recommendation outlined, it will be possible for the home owner to supply fruit for his table, as well as to have some for the local markets. In addition, a well kept orchard will add greatly to the appearance and salability of any plantation. Most anyone wishing to buy a farm will be glad to pay an advanced price for the land when it has a well kept orchard. This bulletin, which was issued in February, 1918, is available to any citizen of North Carolina, free upon request, as long as the present supply lasts.

In addition to the bulletin, the Extension Service has now added an Extension Horticulturist, Mr. Paul T. Schooley, who is ready to assist the fruit growers of the State on any of their problems.

## RECITAL BY THE PUPILS OF MISS THOMPSON

Monday night the music lovers of Roanoke Rapids had a real treat in the recital given by the pupils of Miss Julia Thompson.

The program was admirably chosen and well executed. It is very evident from the results of Miss Thompson's teaching that she has the power of improving her pupils with a real love for music. All of the soloists played without their notes and every performer showed real feeling in the rendition of their selections. The entire audience felt that Roanoke Rapids owes Miss Thompson a debt of gratitude for laying the foundation for really good music here and hoped that she would remain long in the community to carry on the work she has so well begun.

### Harrow-ble.

Calico Rock Progress (reporting illustrated lecture). "You would be horror-stricken to see some of the pictures that are full of blood and horror."—Boston Transcript.

### Always That Exception.

Too few of us speak with absolutely unreserved candor except when we are telling how good we think we are or how punk somebody else is.—Exchange.

## Warning Against Fires

Raleigh, N. C. Mrs. J. T. Alderman, representing the North Carolina Insurance Department, is sending an appeal to the women of the State, through the presidents of the Women's Clubs and other civic organization, for fullest co-operation in fire and accident prevention in celebrating the Christmas season. She would have "The White Cross" of prevention accorded place at "The Red Cross" of first aid so freely and rightly supported on every hand. "White Cross" of prevention being really an even greater national asset than the "Red Cross" first aid.

Speaking for Commissioner Young, in this important behalf, Mrs. Alderman suggests precautions for preventing Christmas tragedies that follow in the wake of fire works, carelessly staged Christmas trees, and home, school and church celebrations. She would have no sale of fire-works, either in town or country stores since every Roman candle and sky rocket has its train of fire and sparks that may set fire to dwelling, barn, cotton gin or other property with attendant danger to lives.

Mrs. Alderman warns that Christmas trees should be firmly fixed to prevent upsetting, with no cotton or other inflammable material used for decoration. She recommends asbestos fiber and mineral wool and incombustible shells and other ornaments. Care and precaution in the use of candles, if they are to be used when electric bulbs are not available. She would have Santa Claus and his inflammable outfit safe-guarded and all candles removed from the tree before gifts are taken therefrom for distribution. Old Santa's costume should, she warns, be dipped in a solution of four ounces phosphate of ammonia to a quart of water to make it safe from fire. She warns that there should be great care in handling gifts made of celluloid, especially ground Christmas trees and that there should be no cap pistols or Japanese sparklers or mechanical toys that require gasoline or kerosene for running then given to children.

Whatever else is left undone, in the way of precautions, she would urge that there be fire extinguishers or convenient buckets of water to promptly extinguish whatever fire may start. Furthermore, she urges that every open fire place have a fender or other protection about it before the children are allowed to gather around in their cotton flannel or outing nighties to take down their stockings.

## Local Talent Scores Another Success

The comedy, "How the vote was won," presented by the Equal Suffrage Association at the Central School Auditorium Tuesday evening, was a pleasing success.

The play was preceded by a series of "Living Pictures" advertising eleven stores of the community. Rev. Lewis Taylor as "speller" for this part of the program brought much laughter with his clever announcements. The stars of this part of the program were Miss Beckwith and Mr. Peck.

The cast of the play numbered some of the best local talent, with Rev. Stanley White playing the lead. Every member played their part well much to the delight of those present. It was under the direction of Mrs. Cowper with Mrs. Fred Peck as business manager.

### Goodness of Apples.

"Because we like apples we use them out apart from that we use them because they contain healthful acids, needed minerals including iron, lime and sulphur, many calories of energy, and some real nutrition. True, an apple is eighty-five per cent water, but so is milk, and the apple has thirteen per cent of sugar and starches."

## "AYCOCK SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT DAY"

Both our State Superintendent of Schools and the County Superintendent are anxious to have every school in the county, both rural and urban, white and black, observe "Aycock Improvement Day," next Friday, December 19 as required by law.

On that day the patrons and friends of every school are expected to meet at the school house and discuss—or better still, provide—such of the following fourteen improvements as are most needed.

1. Lengthening the school.
2. Getting an additional teacher.
3. Getting better school buildings.
4. Painting the building.
5. Improving school grounds.
6. Getting a school library.
7. Getting a traveling library.
8. Getting sanitars drinking fountains or individual drinking cups.
9. Getting picturey for the school.
10. Arranging for a school farm in 1920.
11. Arranging for a school fair.
12. Arranging for a course of lectures, music, etc. for the entire community.
13. Teaching illiterates in the community to read and write.
14. Getting boys and girls into club work.

Another purpose of "Aycock School Improvement Day" is to raise money to complete the monument to Charles Brantly Aycock, North Carolina's beloved "Educational Governor," soon to be erected in Raleigh. Several thousand dollars have already been raised, and work on the monument will soon begin. An average of "A Nickel Apeace From Every Pupil" is the hope of the State Superintendent Brooks, and pupils are asked to carry their contributions to school next Thursday or Friday morning. If any parent feels unable to send a nickel apiece, let him send a penny apiece; and others who feel disposed may send dimes or quarters. But the hope is to have every child in North Carolina feel that he has had a part, even if only a penny gift, in the erection of a beautiful memorial to a great man. In afterlife, when a boy or girl of today goes to Raleigh, and sees the beautiful Aycock memorial, he will be glad to think, "I gave a dime toward it," and even if he never goes to Raleigh he will be a better citizen for having expressed his gratitude to the memory of one who so loved and served the school-children of North Carolina.

It is hoped that no school in the county will fail to observe "Aycock School Improvement Day" next Friday.

A. E. Akers, Co. Supt.

## MOTHERS' CLUB MEETS

Wednesday night the Mothers Club of Roanoke Rapids and Rosemary, held a joint meeting in the auditorium of the Central School. The fathers of the town were especially invited. Miss Cooke read a very illuminating and helpful paper entitled, "The Relation of a Perfect Development of the Child's Apparatus for Digesting, Breathing and Acting, to Right Conduct and Life." This was followed by a very interesting paper on "Faulty Positions," read by Miss Hardaway. Dr. Frank West spoke of the care of a Child's Teeth and gave some valuable information unknown to the majority of parents and offered some timely suggestions. Miss Moore, of the Hospital, read a splendid address illustrating the Value of Outdoor Exercise. Rev. Lewis Taylor spoke of Mind and Morals, showing that morality was contingent upon a rightly trained mind. Dr. T. W. M. Long congratulated the Club on its work and made some appropriate remarks based on the addresses.

## L. L. BRASWELL BUYS FURNITURE COMPANY

Mr. L. L. Braswell formerly of Scotland Neck, has purchased the Joyner-Jones Furniture Co. form Mr. C. A. Jones and will conduct the business in the future under the name of Braswell Furniture Company.

Mr. Braswell is a successful business man from lower Halifax and we confidently predict for him success in his new undertaking. Mr. Braswell has bought the old home of Mr. J. W. Smoot on Jackson street, and is now occupying the same with his family.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Braswell and their children to our town.

## "YANKEE DOODLE IN BERLIN"

On Xmas Day December 25 and 26 will present a combination entertainment of exceptional character.

The photoplay will be represented by Mack Sennett's new and comical angle on the "all-highest," Mr. William Hohenzollern, entitled "Yankee Doodle in Berlin," in which the master satirist of the screen has pictured the war lord as a pompous, conceited rounder, and as a romantic rival of his own son. There is not a foot of film in the play, it is announced, that cannot be shown to women and children, but it is "clean, fast satire, with something doing every minute." Withal, it is not a war play. Bothwell Browne is pictured as an American Aviator disguised as a woman to "vamp" the Kaiser; Marie Provost, known as one of the prettiest of the Sennet bathing beauties, as a comedienne as well as an emotional actress; Ford Sterling as the Kaiser, with Mal St. Claire, Ben Turpin, Chester Conklin, Bert Roach, Baldy Belmont and dozens of others. The management announces also the personal appearance of the Sennet Bathing Beauties, and as an added feature Miss Geraldine Karma, in her famous Nautch Dance, and the Sennet Jazz Band, the Jazziet Jazzers in Jazzland. A special matinee will be given at 4 P. M. Xmas day. Reserve seats now.

## WITH THE CHURCHES

### All Saints Church

(Episcopal)  
Rev. Lewis N. Taylor, Rector  
Roanoke Avenue

Next Sunday is the Fourth Sunday in Advent

7:30 Holy Communion and Sermon

9:45 Church School and Adult's Bible Class, T. W. Mullen, Supt.

Divine services at 11 and 7:30.

Special service for the Order of the Eastern Star and the Masonic Fraternity 3:30 P. M.

Tomorrow being an Ember Day a service will be held at 11 o'clock.

The Church with a welcome.

The I have said that I do not think it a great thing for a nation, in all periods of its fortunes, to be able to look back to a race of founders and a principle of institution in which it might seem to see the realized idea of true heroism. That felicity, that pride, that help is ours. Our past, both its great and its small, should be remembered, should be taught, should spontaneously evolve as from a germ a wise moral and glorious future.—Henry Chorley.

### To Renovate Old Oil Paintings.

When old oil paintings have become dark and cracked they may be made to look like new by the following process, says the Illustrated World: Pour alcohol in a dish and put the picture over it, face downward. The fumes of the alcohol dissolve the paint of the picture, the cracks close up and the color becomes more fresh. Caution is absolutely necessary, as the paint may become so soft as to run together, thus spoiling the whole picture.

### Work—the Staff of Life.

If you want knowledge, you must toil for it; if food, you must toil for it, and if pleasure, you must toil for it. Toil is the law.—John Ruskin.

## ROANOKE RAPIDS PERSONAL AND LOCAL ITEMS

Mrs. P. C. Duncan and son, of Clayton, spent some time here this week.

Mr. T. M. Faison, of Norfolk, spent the week-end here with his wife.

Mr. McRae Faison spent the week-end here with his family.

Miss May Cobb, of Portsmouth spent some time here with Miss Mary Traynham Wyche, last week.

Misses Kitty and Marye Lawson, of South Boston, attended the Williams-Lawson marriage here this week.

Mr. John William, of Wise, N. C. spent Wednesday here with his brother, Mr. Geo. Williams.

Mr. E. J. Coltrane spent a few days in Richmond this week.

Mrs. Robert Long, of Pleasant Hill, spent Saturday here on business.

Mr. C. W. Humphreys spent the week-end here with friends.

Mr. C. W. Graham spent a few days in Norfolk this week on business.

Mr. W. E. Bryant spent Monday in Rich Square.

Mr. T. W. M. Long and Mr. E. H. Ricks spent a short while in Petersburg last week.

Mr. J. Taylor West has accepted a position with Taylor and Collier, in Rosemary.

Mr. F. C. Williams spent the week-end in Franklin with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Duncan spent Monday in Richmond.

Mr. Jno. Shaw, of Vulture, was in town Monday.

Mr. Hartwell Heath, of Petersburg, was in town Monday.

Miss Josephine Cherry, of Rocky Mount, spent the week end here with relatives.

## Red Cross Combatting Tuberculosis

Sanatorium, December 14.—If the plans formulated by the State Red Cross Seal Commission for an intensive statewide program for combating tuberculosis in North Carolina during 1920 are to be realized there must be a renewed and continued effort in all sections of the State between now and Christmas. While preliminary reports to State headquarters have been encouraging, it is evident that there is still need for additional hard work. In the endeavor to reach the goal of \$90,000 desired for this work against the enemy of all the people of the State the sale of seals will continue until the holidays.

Winston-Salem and Greensboro are leading the State with practically the same amount reported, \$3,000, Asheville, Charlotte and Raleigh are close behind the leaders, a number of the smallest towns have reported their quotas reached or exceeded.

Particularly encouraging have been the reports from the Negroes. The first county reporting Hoke, with a quota of \$100 for the colored people, was well on the way to twice that amount early in the first of the week of the sale, and several other counties have reported their quotas reached.

Seals will be furnished direct to those unable to secure them in their home communities by address—Dr. L. B. McBrayer, Sanatorium N. C.

## CENSUS-TAKERS APPOINTED

Messrs. W. F. Horner and E. A. Matthews have been appointed Census Takers for the community. It is the duty of every person to answer their question accurately while making their canvass, and all are urged to do so as they have only twenty days in which to do so.