

## SIMMONS BUYS CONTROL PATTERSON MILLS

### ROSEMARY MERCHANTS FAVOR EXTENSION

#### ACCEPT INVITE OF THE CITY

Committee Appointed to Attend Meeting of Cities and Mills On Sept. 18

#### CREDIT ASS'N.

Also Planned by Rosemary Merchants to Help Credit Situation; Traffic Signals

The Rosemary Merchants Association went on record Wednesday afternoon as favoring the general plan outlined for extending the corporate limits of Roanoke Rapids and authorized president Frank Wilson to appoint a committee of three to represent the Association at the meeting called by Mayor Long for September 18, at which time a general discussion will be held and a permanent committee appointed to work out all detailed plans for acceptance by the various organizations concerned.

The plan was approved by a unanimous vote of the Association with a large number of members present. The resolutions passed recently by the Town Board, together with a letter of invitation by Mayor Long, were read by Mr. George Taylor.

The matter has now been given official approval by the Town Board of Roanoke Rapids and by the Rosemary Merchants Association. It also has the approval of the Rosemary Manufacturing Company and the Roanoke Mills Company. With the acquisition of the Patterson Mills Company by the Simmons Company, this company is also included in the list of those who favor the Greater City Plan. The Virginia Electric and Power Company, thru its manager, Mr. J. T. Chase, has also expressed approval of the plan.

All the manufacturing plants of the Twin Cities will be represented at the general meeting called for the 18th, as well as Rosemary and Roanoke Rapids.

Other business transacted by the Rosemary Merchants Association yesterday included setting the second Tuesday in each month as the regular meeting date of the Association; appointing officer Lester to oversee the work for Ed Purnell, street cleaner; a drive for members of the Association to help pay the expenses of the police, street cleaning and lighting; funds to be raised to set the Twin Cities listed in the pamphlet of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce; appointing a committee, Tom Jenkins, chairman, to raise funds for the replacing of traffic signals, similar to those in Roanoke Rapids, at dangerous corners in Rosemary; placing a traffic man at the Citizens Bank corner at noon hours when the school children are leaving Rosemary school; the formulating of plans for a Credit Association; plans for a Dollar Day, with Walter Crowder as chairman; and a vote of thanks to J. T. Chase, chairman of the County Road Board and to Mr. Gardner of the State Highway Commission for the placing of culverts on the Avenue.

### HALIFAX FARMER GETS RESULTS FROM DUSTING

Mr. R. A. Moore of Weldon is one farmer in Halifax county who is convinced that dusting cotton with calcium arsenate to control boll weevil pays. During early July Mr. Moore found weevils in a small field of cotton on the back side of his farm. He didn't think he had many weevils and didn't pay much attention to them except to go to the field occasionally to see how the weevils were doing. During late July weevil punctures were less than when weevils were first found and Mr. Moore thought his weevil troubles were over for the year. About the first of August weevil punctures began to increase and on August 7th the damage was increasing so fast that Mr. Moore became alarmed and to his amazement found the weevils, doing severe damage in the small field where they were first found and also doing considerable damage in other parts of his crop. The County Agent was immediately called. A careful examination of the crop showed that the weevils had punctured 60 per cent of the squares in the small field and 10 to 15 per cent of the other part of the crop. The County Agent advised dusting immediately with calcium arsenate.

A 3 row Niagara dusting machine was located and rented and sufficient calcium arsenate bought for the entire crop. The first dust was applied on Friday afternoon, August 9th. The cotton crop was dusted every four days until the cotton had received five applications. The last dust was completed on August 27th. A careful inspection on August 30th showed a good crop of blooms, squares and young bolls with about 5 per cent

#### Pet Canary Dies, Undertaker Called

Undertaker Billy Williams was called out Monday night on a sad and somewhat unusual mission, although quite in line with his business. It seems that the pet canary of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert White, Belmont, had chirped its last note during the evening and the children were heart-broken. Nothing would do but that the canary be accorded the same attention given to us more or less humans. So Billy has the canary down at the undertaking parlors where it is being embalmed and prepared for burial in the proper way. So far as we know, it is the first canary in history to receive this attention.

Undertaker Hardin recalls that he embalmed a coon several years ago, and the animal remained on exhibit for a long time. He says it petrified and became brittle, so that when you picked it up its innards rattled like peas in a dry pod. Somebody accidentally dropped it on the floor and it broke into a hundred pieces like glass.

#### HOSPITAL NEWS

Recent births at the hospital: To Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tudor, a girl, Sept. 9. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wright, a girl, Sept. 11. Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Kenter, a son, Sept. 10.

Recent patients who have been admitted to the hospital: Mrs. C. C. Higgins, Mrs. Battle Wright, of Littleton, Mrs. H. P. Davis, of Rosemary, Mrs. H. G. Brown, Mrs. Z. E. Lynn, of Rosemary, Mrs. L. A. Grissom, Mrs. C. A. Sauls of Halifax.

Those that were able to leave the hospital: Mrs. C. H. Bennett, Mrs. W. V. White.

Miss Katie May Gross has resumed her duties at the hospital. She had undergone an operation several weeks ago.

Miss Jiles and Miss Woods spent Wednesday in Littleton.

Miss Agnes Temple of the Piedmont Hospital, Atlanta, Ga., has accepted a position here as dietitian succeeding Miss Cora Love. Miss Love has left for Arkansas on account of ill health.

Miss Mary Crawford of the State Sanatorium, Albemarle, has accepted a position with the Hospital as instructor of nursing.

Miss Virginia Bonds returned this week after having visited relatives for several weeks.

#### Miss Marks Married

Mrs. B. Marks returned today from Boston with the news that her daughter, Miss Fietta Marks, and Mr. Sark Bell of Boston were married there Monday. Mrs. Marks and daughter, Miss Marcella Marks, attended the wedding from here. The young couple will make their home in Iowa City, Iowa, where the groom is a Senior in the Medical College of the University of Iowa. Miss Marks is the very attractive daughter of Mrs. B. Marks and the late B. Marks. She was very popular in the younger set of the Twin Cities.

### CITY SCHOOLS OPEN WITH OVER 1800 ENROLLMENT

Twin City graded and high schools opened with a bang yesterday morning with what bids fair to be the largest attendance in the history of the community.

Incomplete returns from Roanoke Rapids and Rosemary graded schools show more than 1,800 enrolled, while the High School, only four years old, already has more than 500 enrolled.

Superintendent C. W. Davis states that additional enrollments are expected, especially in the High School, which has already passed the peak mark in comparison with past years. In fact, there are more enrolled now than there was at the close of the school year last year.

"Everything is moving as smoothly as I could ask for," said Mr. Davis.

is this morning, who begins his first year as Superintendent of City Schools.

Short periods were held Wednesday so that students could get their schedules straightened and find their class rooms. Today the old grind started in earnest.

The spirit is good this year and with a splendid corps of teachers, the city schools look for a most successful year.

With only one or two veterans back, Coach Parks is faced with the problem of whipping a brand new team in shape for the fast-approaching football season. He reports a good turnout with plenty of pep and interest on the part of the new men. Miss Hearne reports everything beginning nicely in the graded schools.

### REPORT ON COUNTY BY GRAND JURY

Find Convict Camp Hay-Wired; Otherwise County Property In Good Shape

#### COURT NEEDS AIR

Recommends Fans and Ventilation System for Court Room; List of Convictions

All's well with the county property with the exception of one "hay-wired" convict camp, according to the report of the grand jury made to Judge H. Hoyle Sink.

The jail, the county home and the camps all passed inspection except Robertson's camp where the bunks were tied with hay wire.

The following is the complete report of the grand jury: "We have the honor of submitting the following report of our actions and doings. We have acted on all bills presented to our body and returned same into court."

"We inspected the jail in a body and found same in good condition. We have inspected the Clerk's office and that of the Register of Deeds and find everything in order and in excellent condition.

"A committee visited and inspected the County Home and Convict Camps and found the County Home in excellent condition. All the camps are in good condition. The jury recommends that the steel cages, especially the cage at Robertson's Camp be repaired. The bunks were tied with hay-wire.

"We also recommend the Court House install some system of ventilation and place an electric fan over the judge's desk."

Persons convicted and sentenced to serve on the public roads and at the County Home during the term of Superior Court just finished are as follows: John Alphin, assault, 8 months; L. F. Coppedge, driving auto while drunk, 3 months; Tom Mabry, liquor, 8 months; General Anthony, liquor, 12 months; Paul Price, liquor, 3 months; Ernest Powell, larceny, 2 months; Alex Smith, forgery, 8 months.

Henry Clark, driving auto while drunk, 4 months; Eddie Sovey, driving while drunk, 3 months; Louis Miller, assault, 2 months; Albert Cull, assault, 4 months; Patterson Banks, liquor, 2 months; Mary Whittaker, liquor, 4 months; Wm. Jennings, liquor, 10 months; James Lee Palmer, larceny, 6 months; Henry Richardson, assault, 6 months; John Thompson, assault, 8 months; Mack Parker, larceny, 8 months; John Vaughan, liquor, 4 months; Harvey Harris, liquor, 3 months; M. F. Lassiter, liquor, 4 months; John Daughtry, liquor, 15 to 18 months; S. L. Meadows, liquor, 5 months; Geo. Roberts, liquor, 3 months.

Staton Liverman, larceny, 3 months; Felton Moore, assault, 2 months; J. E. Evans, larceny, 2 months; John T. Gray, larceny, six months; Cornelius Nelson, larceny, 6 months; Pete Williams, liquor, two months; Grover Whittaker, bigamy,

#### Rich—Don't Know It

Two questions were asked by Mr. Frank Joyner at the meeting of the Rosemary Merchants Association yesterday.

What is the approximate taxable valuation of the Twin Cities and what is the annual industrial payroll?

He informed the meeting that the taxable valuation was about twelve million dollars and the annual payroll \$2,900,000.

### NEW BRIDGE AT WELDON

Will Cost Quarter Million Dollars; Commissioner Says New Bridge Also Needed Here

A new bridge costing approximately a quarter of a million dollars will be built across the Roanoke River at Weldon, according to State Highway Commissioner R. A. Doughton, who met Frank Kuefer, commissioner from the First District, at Weldon the past week-end to inspect the existing bridge.

Engineers from the bridge department accompanied Commissioner Doughton and selected a site for the new structure just below the Seaboard Air Line trestle.

Weldon is in the First Highway District and hence under the jurisdiction of Mr. Kuefer, Commissioner Doughton pointed out, saying that he did not know when the new bridge would be constructed, but predicted in view of the condition of the old bridge that it would be soon.

A new bridge is also needed over the Roanoke River at Roanoke Rapids, Commissioner Doughton said, adding that the need for a new bridge there was not so acute as at Weldon.

Rough plans have already been drafted for the bridge at Weldon, he said.

#### Home Coming Week

Please mail me at once, either to Enfield or Halifax, the names and addresses of any of your relatives, friends or acquaintances, natives of North Carolina, now living outside of the State, so that an invitation may be extended them to return "Home Coming Week," October 12-19, 1929. W. T. CLEMENT.

#### INFANT SON DIES

Norman Page Williams, 4 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Williams, Pattersontown, died Tuesday afternoon of colitis at the Roanoke Rapids Hospital. Funeral services were held Friday by Rev. C. T. Thrift and interment was in Cedarwood Cemetery.

2 years; Ernest Coniers, disturbing public worship, 3 months; Fred Dawson, manslaughter, 18 months, to 2 years; Ennis Powell, liquor, 4 months; Henry Singletary, assault, 6 months; Tom Brown, resisting an officer, 2 months; Willie Cooper, liquor, two months; Mittie McLemore, liquor, 6 months; Carl Smith, destroying property, 3 months; Ulysses Beal, larceny, 4 months; Billie Danner, liquor, 2 months.

#### Residents Watching For Peeping Toms

Residents on Hamilton Street between 9th and 10th streets have been bothered for several nights by "Peeping Toms" and the old guns have been oiled up and reloaded in several homes. One house, in particular, has been the scene of several visits on the part of one or more persons for at least three nights, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. On the last night, the police arrived just a few minutes late as the visitor had been there just prior to their arrival. While no proof has been obtained yet, one of the prowlers has been recognized and is being watched for the next outbreak. The police say they will get him unless some irate house-keeper gets him first. There are said to be two of the "Toms," one a mere boy.

### L. G. SHELL RESIGNS OFF BOARD

All Health Causes Resignation of Civic Leader From Board of Commissioners

#### WOULD HAVE

Sooner But Good Work on County Board Caused Leaders to Insist on His Remaining

The County Board of Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting at Halifax Monday without attending any business of great importance, routine county affairs taking up most of the session.

The resignation of Mr. Shell was read and accepted. Mr. Shell's health has been bad for some time and he would have resigned from the Board quite a while ago, but the people of Roanoke Rapids township, which he represented were so pleased with his work that they insisted he remain on.

During the several years he was a member, Mr. Shell has taken the lead in many county affairs and has given of his time and efforts unsparingly. He was a public official who felt that his office was a public trust and in his every action he had the interest of the county first.

The clerk of the Superior Court, Mr. Gary, will appoint a successor to fill out Mr. Shell's unexpired term, but this has not yet been done. This will probably be done at once so that Roanoke Rapids Township will have representation at the next meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

The Board appointed the following gentlemen members of the Board of Agriculture for the Eastern section of the county: T. R. Whitehead, J. L. Holliday, J. H. Pope, W. L. Bailey, V. B. Everett, R. D. House, L. H. Kitchen, Lawrence Whittaker, T. D. Temple. These gentlemen will give their services to the county gratis.

The chairman of the Board was authorized to borrow \$5,000 for a period of 60 days for the road fund. A motion to donate \$50 toward the booklet of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce was lost.

An engine and motor at the County Home was sold to Jess Hedgepeth for \$100. A report on the County Home and county roads by Clerk S. M. Gary was read and accepted. Mrs. Rebecca Stansbury was allotted \$2.00 per month and the E. B. Turner allowance was increased to \$5 per month.

#### Champ "Rat" Killers

Dr. W. E. Murphrey, Rosemary dentist, was called home Tuesday night to kill a big rat which was running at large in the house. Joining in the hunt were Mr. and Mrs. Dick Brown, Miss Mildred Bond and Homer Jones.

It was the biggest "rat" any of them had ever seen. When it was finally caught and killed, the "rat" turned out to be a full grown "possum." Where it came from and how it got in the house is still a mystery.

Mrs. Melvin and Mrs. Parker of Raleigh visited friends here last week.

### OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PURCHASE IS MADE BY LOCAL MILL OFFICIALS

Simmons Bed Company Acquires Controlling Stock In Third Big Mill In Twin Cities; Plan Full-Time Operation

### SUPERIOR COURT TO OPEN 30TH

Halifax Superior Court Starts Regular October Term on September 30th.

#### FOR THREE WEEKS

Two Weeks Civil Court, 1 Week Criminal is Schedule; Juries Are Chosen

The regular October term of Halifax Superior court will open at Halifax on Monday, September 30th, according to present plans, the first two weeks will be given over to civil cases and misdemeanors, while the third week, beginning October 21, will be for criminal cases.

Juries selected for the first week, beginning September 29, are as follows:

C. R. Ivey, C. R. Phelps, Wade C. Moseley, E. M. Carter, J. B. Dickens, W. T. Morecock, R. L. Harris, E. P. Butts, C. L. Kelly, C. E. Drake, W. M. Neal, D. G. Jones, R. C. Jossey, Jr., E. G. Bond, L. A. Dickens, J. W. Avant, J. L. Wyche, Jr., W. T. Duncan, L. S. Cannon, J. W. Boleman, R. M. Harper, D. M. Wilson, P. E. Shields, Walter Moon.

The jury for the second week, starting October 7, will be chosen from the following:

J. C. Gaylord, J. H. Cullum, Robt. L. Dickens, T. A. Cooper, N. Denton Earl Staton, W. R. Curtis, A. L. Durham, J. W. Cotton, Joe A. Hamlet, J. F. Boleman, B. F. Collins, C. E. Carter, J. D. Pittard, Gus Epps, R. F. Coleman, C. R. Emry, Eugene W. Lehman, H. H. Burrows, E. W. Crawley, Mark Whitley, W. C. Elmore, Sandy Lovegrove, J. K. Moore.

Juries for the one week of criminal court, beginning October 21, are as follows:

Hinton Dunn, J. M. Sherrod, W. C. Bowers, W. B. Lawson, Frank Butts, Walter F. Bell, J. P. Grizzard, E. C. Brown, J. D. Shearin, Jno. E. Lucas, D. A. Hunt, A. G. Bobbitt, J. R. Brewer, J. E. Moore, J. B. Rives, J. R. Glasgow, A. G. Wilcox, A. F. Johnson, W. D. Womack, J. E. Martin, H. C. Bass, R. A. Musgrove, G. E. Buckner, P. E. Neville, Dewitt Hardison, Moody Lovegrove, C. C. Fleming, Ivey A. Crawley, J. W. Carlisle, E. T. Adcock.

### OFFERS TO BUY PUREBRED BULL FOR FARMERS OF THE AURELIAN SPRING SECTION

By C. W. JACKSON

The time has come when farming must be elevated to a higher standard in order to favorably compete with other occupations. Not only farmers, but big business men, either directly or indirectly connected with farming, are beginning to realize the truth of this statement and are exerting great effort to stabilize farming.

Congress and State governments are attempting in the very best method possible to encourage and help the farming population. Little good can come from farm legislation unless there is a fine cooperative spirit behind it; an unselfish cooperative spirit on the part of the leaders as well as on the part of those who toil in the fields of harvest. If this spirit of selfishness exists among all people associated with farm life, great results may be expected from the actions taken by our governments concerning the agricultural welfare of our nation.

Farm legislation will probably help in many ways, but real relief that will put farming on a sound basis must necessarily come from the actions taken by the farmer himself. North Carolina is principally a crop-producing state. The majority of the farmers in the state depend almost solely upon one, two or three principal crops for their existence. There is too much at stake in a one-crop farming system or even two crops, such as cotton and tobacco. Thanks to the State Department of Agriculture for emphasizing the value of more and better livestock in North Carolina.

Governor Gardner has outlined a State program of agriculture. In this program is included "better sires for our farms." The Governor realizes that more and better livestock will materially help the farmer, and that a well balanced system of farming will bring greater farm relief than legislation can ever hope to accomplish. The farmers of Aurelian Springs are being offered a wonderful opportunity to stock their farms with better dairy cows. Mr. F. L. Nash, Cashier of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company, of Rosemary, has offered to buy a purebred Jersey bull, place him in the care of a reliable farmer of the Aurelian Springs section, and

It was officially announced today by executives of the Roanoke Mills Company and the Rosemary Manufacturing Company that the Simmons Company, world's largest manufacturer of beds, springs and mattresses, had bought the controlling stock of the Patterson Mills Company.

The Simmons Company now controls the three largest mills in the Twin Cities: Rosemary Manufacturing Company, which is the largest damask mill in the country, Roanoke Mills Company and Patterson Mills Company.

While the method of operation of the Patterson Mills has not been made public, it is said that the mills should be on a full time basis within the next two or three months, if plans under way now are realized. The other two mills have been on full time day and night for the past several months, with no sign of a let-up.

Patterson Mills, at present, makes suiting, dress goods and cotton flannels. Just how much work will be done by these new mills for the Simmons Company is not yet known, but the acquisition has been made with a view to the future growth of the Simmons business and the time when the other mills here could not supply the needs of the company.

All the present production of Patterson Mills will be sold through the Rosemary Sales Corporation of New York, which is the sales organization of Roanoke Mills Company and Rosemary Manufacturing Company.

Plans now being formulated call for the ultimate replacement of part of the machinery now in use at Patterson Mills with new machinery. The placing of the mills on full time will, of course, mean an increase in the total payroll of the community, which is now approximately \$3,000 per day. This figure includes the industrial payroll only. Patterson Mills have been running part time for some length of time.

While the above negotiations have been under way, work on the finishing plant at Rosemary Manufacturing Company is progressing speedily with the excavation work for the large two-story brick structure well under way.

New houses, fill-ins in the Roanoke Mills Co. village, are under construction at this time.

Mrs. Arthur Williams and Mrs. Mattie Wilcox, have returned home from a visit to Kinston, Henderson and several other places where they visited friends and relatives.

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