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TRUCK KILLS PIONEER OF TWIN CITIES

B. B. Higgins Dies After Bicycle Crumples Under Big Truck

The man who is said by many to have weaved the first yard of cloth at the old Roanoke Mills back in 1808 is dead.

Thirty-two years ago, B. B. Higgins came to the Twin Cities, then a small village. He was 28 years old and soon after coming here, the older citizens say he stood by the first loom which turned out a yard of cloth in the then newly established mill.

Still living in the past, Mr. Higgins rode a bicycle. At dark Saturday evening, coming from his place of business in South Rosemary, he was struck from his bicycle by a truck and died from injuries at midnight Sunday.

Clarence Bush, colored driver of an Eastern Carolina Service Corporation truck, is held in Halifax on a manslaughter charge. His case is made more difficult by the fact he drove on after hitting Mr. Higgins, and according to a passenger on the truck, with full knowledge of his deed.

The details of the incident as told by one Charles Clements, negro, better known as "Trouble," is as follows: Mr. Higgins was riding on the sidewalk of the road near the Citizens Bank and Trust Co., about 6:15 Saturday afternoon. The truck was headed toward the Junction when it struck the bicycle, the fender striking him and the right wheels running over the body. He was ten feet from the truck when Bush, the driver, and "Trouble," the passenger saw him.

"Trouble" says the truck went Bump, Bump, Bump, when it passed over the body. Bush said "I'm gone," and stepped on the gas. "Trouble" says he wanted to stop but Bush made him stay in the truck until it reached the Junction where Clements alighted. The truck went on toward Weldon. "Don't say a dam word," was the parting words from Bush, "Trouble" claims.

He says he went to Forzo Mitchell's house where his conscience hurt him and he says he told the whole story to Fonzo.

Bush was arrested in Weldon by Sheriff Mitchell a few minutes after he had parked his truck for the night. He claims he never saw the man nor knew he hit him, altho the arresting officer says his first statements on being arrested were about the accident.

Mr. Higgins was rushed to the local hospital in a critical condition, suffering from a fractured skull and internal injuries. Death came Sunday night. The bicycle, which was a familiar sight, was totally destroyed.

Pittard Enters State Finals In Contest



Lorenzo Pittard, Aurden Springs 11th grade student who won the Halifax County American Legion speaking contest, and who was guest of honor at the local Kiwanis Club last Tuesday week, won out in the district finals at Tarboro Friday night and will represent the Eastern Carolina district at the State finals in Edinboro, Young Pittard defeated county champions from Lenoir, Edgecombe, and Green counties at the Tarboro meet, giving his oration "Our Flag" in such a manner as to win the approval of Captains Paul Jones and James E. Lloyd and attorney Henry C. Bourne, the district judges.

His speech on the Flag was printed in full in THE HERALD last week and extra copies have been preserved for those who are interested. The local Kiwanis Club voted the publication of the address after Pittard delivered it here for their benefit. Twin City citizens are delighted at the young man's success and are backing him 100 per cent in the Raleigh finals.

Shot In Leg Last Night; 40 Gallons

Roy Johnson, driving a car with 40 gallons of whiskey was shot in the leg by officers last night as he attempted to pass them on the bridge into Weldon. Police Gray, Keeter and Reid made the arrest. All fired so the hitting gun is not known. Johnson is in the hospital. His condition is not serious.

WOOTEN IS UNDER BOND

Another Night Watchman Accused of Crime; Charged Im- plicated in Car Theft

Another night policeman of Rosemary has become entangled with the law, when Magistrate Thompson placed John Wooten under a \$500 bond Tuesday night to answer charges at Halifax Superior Court of stealing an automobile.

Kap Davis, who is said to have actually taken the car, is under a \$750 bond. Both are in jail at Halifax.

Officer Carl Green returned Tuesday with Wooten whom he arrested at Rutherfordton. Davis was taken here. It is charged Davis stole a car of John Flythe more than a week ago. Driving by the Junction, he picked up Wooten and the two traveled West. The car was sold somewhere in the Western part of the State.

Arrested here a few days ago, Davis said Wooten stole the car, picked him up and he left the car and Wooten at Oxford, returning here. Through him the officers learned of Wooten's whereabouts. Evidence at the hearing seemed to show that Davis was the one who took the car while Wooten waited for him at the Junction.

CLEVER KIDS RAISE \$230 FOR BOOKS

Local High School Pupils Earn Almost Double of Quota Set

Thirteen rooms in the local Junior-Senior High School showed that hard times are not for the Twin Cities as long as hard work and clever methods can be used by our citizens. These High School pupils raised a total of \$230.46 from last Monday until yesterday afternoon for the purpose of buying books for their library.

The goal set was \$100 per room which would have meant \$140. They almost increased the quota by 100 per cent. Practically every bit of the money was raised by working, according to the librarian, Mrs. J. W. Ross.

Two large dictionaries, one for Senior and one for Junior High school rooms raising the largest amounts were won by the rooms of Miss Blount and Miss McClary, 91 and 911. Miss Blount's room raised \$22.33 to top the list. Miss McClary's room, 191, followed with \$27.25. The winners raised their money in the following manner: they sold hot chocolate at the school building each room; they held a rummage sale on the business streets of the city; they conducted a museum with an admission price of 5 cents. Miss McClary's pupils sold candy, magazine subscriptions, sandwiches and also held a rummage sale.

Grade 811 had one of the most unique ways of raising their quota. They turned their room into a barber shop and beauty parlor. Here they did hair cutting, curling, facial work, shined shoes and mended clothes. They gave a basketball game. Grade 11 sold peanuts, candy and magazines. Grade 12 staged a trip around the World for two cents per fare.

It is understood the Parent Teachers association has pledged \$100 to the fund so that almost \$350 will be spent for new books for the school library. The books will be ordered at an early date and a list will be printed in THE HERALD.

The thirteen rooms are given below with the amount raised by each room.

71, \$25; 711, \$23.06; 711L, \$15.27; 71V, \$4.85; 81, \$25.11; 811, \$10.00; 91 and 911, \$32.25; 911 and 911L, \$10.55; 101, \$27.26; 1011, \$13.00; 11, \$12.50; 12, \$20.40.

Keeter Downs Bond Skipper After Car of Chief Wrecked

John Wright recently skipped his bond on a liquor charge. Sunday night Chief Gray saw him sitting in a car on Middle Street, and gave chase. The pursuit lasted around town, out the Bolling road, around the cemetery and back to Middle Street where the Chief drove John from the street. In the smashup which followed, the Chief's car was wrecked and Wright escaped.

In the early hours of Monday morning, Chief Gray and police Keeter went to the house of Lucius Dickens. John slipped out the back door. On his heels was Mr. Keeter. They dashed across the field and the Chief lost sight of them. A few minutes later he ran on them. Wright was on the ground, Keeter on top of him, with what is called a hammer blow and a half-Nelson. The bond skipper is in jail at Halifax.

Wreck Victim Leaves After 2 Months Here

Mr. Ned Richardson who has been in the Roanoke Rapids hospital as the result of an automobile accident in which his college chum was killed, near Pleasant Hill, during Christmas week, left Thursday accompanied by his mother, who has been with him during his stay in the hospital, for their home in California.

Band To Broadcast

The Rosemary Band will be on the air over Station WPTF at Raleigh on Saturday, March 1, according to information received this morning. Exact time will be announced later. Listen in on the boys, everybody.

YOUNG SON DIES

Sidney Earl Spragins, four months old son of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Spragins died here last Thursday. Funeral services were held Friday and burial at Gasburg, Va.

ROSEMARY BASCO TAKES THE PRIZE

Efrid's Department Store in Charlotte has the prize winning window of the nation, according to a picture shown this week in an issue of the Charlotte Observer. And here is what it says under the picture: "National Prize Winning Window of Efrid's showing Rosemary Basco Damask, made at Roanoke Rapids." No wonder the window won first prize, we say.

350 SCHOOL CHILDREN WILL SING

In Song Concert At High School Friday Night, February 28th

Friday night, Feb. 28, at 7:30 o'clock in the High School auditorium, three hundred and fifty children of the first four grades will be presented in concert.

The program has been arranged by Miss Mary Scates who is supervisor of music. Assisted by the teachers, she will direct the singing of these children. The first grade chorus will consist of 100 children; the second grade chorus, 80; the third grade chorus 60; the fourth grade chorus, 80. The second part of the program will consist of an overture, "Picnic Day in the Woods," which will be presented by one of the third grade rooms under the direction of Miss Lee Arnold. Miss Thelma Tiler will be at the piano.

The program will be as follows:
 PART ONE
 America—Combined primary choruses.

"Choo-Choo-Choo," "When Mother Sings," "Soldier Boy," "A Goodbye Song," "First Grade Chorus." "Rock-a-bye Little Papoose," "Song of the Wind," "If," "The Goblin"—Second Grade Chorus.

"The Gingerbread Man," "Winter Roses," "The Elves and the Shoemaker," "Benediction"—Third Grade Chorus.

"The Sand Man," "A Trip to the Moon," "An Old English Nurses' Rhymes," "Children's Hymn"—Fourth Grade Chorus.

Skipped Bond 3 Years Ago, Caught this Week

More than three years ago Pete Bonds skipped his bond and left the country. He had not been heard from since. More than a year ago, Chief Gray sent a warrant out for his arrest on a charge of deserting his wife and two children. Last week, police in Hampton, Va., arrested Pete and he was returned here where he awaits trial Friday. During his absence, the wife has had a hard time supporting herself and children. With much work and a little charity she has managed to pull through.

Duke Shearin Caught

Duke Shearin of Weldon was caught by the police in Elizabeth City. Sheriff Johnson of Halifax was notified and he went down and brought him to jail at Halifax where he is wanted on a liquor charge.

YOUTH DIES AT FARM

Several months ago, William Fulford, 24, was discharged from the U. S. Navy. A short time after, he was driving a car in the Western part of the State and ran into another car. Two persons died as a result of the wreck. Fulford was sentenced to from two to ten years at Caledonia Prison Farm, this County. Last Friday he died of pneumonia.

Byron Gurley of State College, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Gurley on Franklin Street.

500 ATTEND BANQUET AT WELDON

Banquet Sponsored By Mrs. Wheeler and Co. Agent Is Success

Over five hundred people attended a "Live-at-Home" banquet on Friday night at the Coca-Cola bottling plant, sponsored by Mrs. Hazel Ervin Wheeler, home demonstration agent, and W. O. Davis, farm demonstration agent for Halifax County. The rural clubs of the county prepared and furnished the eats for this occasion with the financial help of the banks of the county.

Mrs. N. L. Stedman, president of the County Council was master of ceremonies, and invocation was made by Rev. Shore of Weldon. Mr. Charlie Daniel, Mayor of Weldon, welcomed the folks who had come from every section of the county for the occasion, in a most cordial manner. Mr. W. M. Perry of Dawson, a farmer from that section of the county gave the response. He stated that he was a farmer from choice because he loved farm life.

The chairman recognized the various leaders of the county, the Board of County Commissioners, Board of Education, the presidents of the various clubs and the teachers of the rural schools.

It was a rare treat to have Mrs. James McKinnon of Raleigh, State Home Demonstration Agent, to speak on this occasion, and she told in a most helpful way how people should "live-at-home."

Mr. James Gray, who is connected with the Chilean Nitrate of Soda Co., spoke briefly on the first steps in the live-at-home program which was "Feed the Soil." Mr. W. O. Davis thanked the many people who had helped to make the banquet a success. During the evening most delightful music was enjoyed by the Saunders and Murchorn orchestra.

Mrs. Hazel Ervin Wheeler was recognized by the chairman, who expressed her delight in having so many of the club women present at the banquet. She stated this would be an annual affair.

The banquet was served by 25 members of the Halifax Junior Club. The dinner consisted of fruit cocktail, ham, dressing, creamed potatoes, pickled beets, tomato aspic salad, corn bread, rolls, ice cream, cake, popcorn and peanuts; everything being raised in Halifax County.

Among those attending from Rosemary-Roanoke Rapids were: Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Akers, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Jenkins, Miss Annie Cherry, Mrs. W. S. Dean, Rev. C. T. Thrift, Misses Johnson, Cobb, Bell and Glover.

E. C. WINS AFTER TIE

High School Loses Tight Game By One Point; Girls Ruin Weldon Girls

Elizabeth City blasted the High School chances for Conference leadership when they defeated the local boys here Friday night in a bitterly fought battle which went an extra five minute period.

The Yellowjackets led at the end of the half by the score of 7 to 6 and when the final whistle blew the score was tied 15 all. S'chard was the playing and close the guarding no field goals were thrown in the extra period. With a minute to play, the score was 16 all. A Yellowjacket foul called for a free throw by Elizabeth City which was successful and the game ended 17 to 16.

If the locals could have won as they came so far doing, they would have retained second place in the Conference with a chance to tie the leaders. They played a valiant game and deserve much credit for the showing this season.

The girls varsity practiced with Weldon in the second game of the doubleheader. We say practiced altho it was hardly that. The first quarter ended 10 to 0; the half was quartered 20 to 0; the third period was 25 to 0. With the stellar guards pulled in the last period, Weldon was allowed two goals by the subs. Captain Shearin had no trouble finding the basket at will.

Misses Nancy and Minnie Johnson spent Saturday afternoon in Rocky Mount.

8 PERSONS ARE CHARGED IN OAK STORE ROBBERY

NEGRO INJURED WHEN HE RUNS IN FRONT OF CAR

Isaac Mayhope, colored, 50 year old resident of Northampton, was hit by a car here Monday night and is in a critical condition at the hospital. It is reported the accident was unavoidable.

Mayhope lives three miles from Garysburg and was walking between the old canal and the river. A friend passed and offered him a lift. When Mayhope ran out to get in the car, he was struck by a car driven by T. M. Bullock, employee of Roanoke Mills Co.

The negro suffered a broken leg and fractured jawbone. Witnesses clear Mr. Bullock of any blame.

MUSICAL PROGRAM

Excerpts From The Oratorio "Elijah" To Be Sung At The Methodist Church

Sunday evening, Feb. 23, at 7:30 o'clock the two choirs of the Roanoke Rapids Methodist Church will present a musical program which will consist of excerpts from the famous oratorio "Elijah" by Mendelssohn.

The music of this oratorio follows very closely the Scriptural story of Elijah and is very beautiful as well as dramatic. The English words were arranged from the Scriptures by Bartholomew and the music written by Felix Mendelssohn. The oratorio was written and first performed in 1845. Later, various alterations were made in the revised version was presented in 1847.

The program will include all the principal solos and duets from the oratorio as well as several chorus numbers. Soloists for the evening will be: Miss Agatha Moore, soprano, Miss Mary Scates, soprano, Mrs. Charles Miller, contralto, Mrs. Nellie Scates, contralto, Mr. E. A. Telliga, bass, Mr. Harvey Saunders, baritone, Mr. R. L. Towe, tenor.

The program has been arranged and directed by Miss Mary Scates. Miss Gladys Cox will be at the organ.

Prelude—Consolation, Mendelssohn.
 Doxology by the choir and congregation.
 Prayer.
 Lords Prayer chanted by the choir.
 Announcements.
 Offertory—"Spring Song"—Mendelssohn.
 Excerpts from "Elijah"—Mendelssohn.

Scripture.
 "If With All Your Hearts"—Junior Choir, Violin Obligato, by Mrs. William China.
 "For He Shall Give His Angels Charge"—Junior Choir.
 Scripture.
 Duet—"Help Me, Man of God."
 "Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord"—The choir.
 "Te Deum" arranged by Buck—the quartet.
 "Hear Ye, Israel"—Miss Moore, Scripture.
 "It Is Enough"—Mr. Saunders.
 "Lift Thine Eyes"—Misses Collier, Akers, Taylor, Elmore, Barrett.
 "O Rest in the Lord"—Mrs. Miller and choir.
 Benediction.
 Postlude.

Road Worker Hurt

Mr. Robert Freuler who works for the State Highway Commission at Halifax, had one of the bones in his leg broken while cranking the tractor. The crank handle jumped or kicked back and struck him on the leg.

FREE TO THE LADIES

A special offer to the ladies is made by Taylor-Matthews Drug Co., with a free drink to the first 25 who present coupons at the store between 10 and 10:30 on this Friday morning and the same offer to 25 ladies on Saturday morning. The coupon will be found in the advertising columns of this issue.

FIRE PLUGS PAINTED

The local fire department was busy Tuesday repainting all the fire plugs in the city. The tops of the plugs were painted white while the bottoms are a bright red.

2 FAMILIES INVOLVED

Quick Work By Police Land 8 in Jail When Loot is Discovered

Sleuth work by local police landed two entire families in jail charged with the robbery and acceptance of goods stolen from the Oak Stores here Friday, February 7th.

The police arrested James Peavey, Ernest Peavey, J. W. Peavey, Mrs. J. W. Peavey, a daughter, Mrs. Ernest Peavey, Willie Allen and Richard Allen on last Saturday and this Monday.

James and Ernest Peavey charged with the actual robbery, are in Halifax jail under bonds of \$1,000 each, placed by Mayor Long after preliminary hearing this Monday. The balance are under bonds ranging from \$50 to \$100 each for receiving stolen property and all are in jail in default of said bonds.

More than \$600 in dresses, mens suits and cash was stolen from the Oak Stores on Friday night of last week. No trace of the robbers could be found after they had entered thru the back door and cleaned the higher priced racks in the mens and ladies departments. Eleven mens suits were found last Saturday after the robbery, in the alley between the bandhouse on Jackson Street and the B. S. Webb property.

At the Monday hearing all denied knowledge of the robbery. Ernest admitted finding the stolen property near their home and carrying part of it to his house.

Acting on reliable information, Chief Gray went to the woods between the old canal and the Taylor-Collier slaughter pen on Friday afternoon and found a sack under a log which contained four of the stolen suits and six dresses. Going to the Peavey house on Bunker Hill, the Chief found the three Peavey women. He searched the house without results until he opened a pillow on one of the beds. Cutting open this pillow, he discovered eight of the stolen dresses. The pillow had been slit and then carefully sewed back.

Officer Massey was sent to arrest Ernest Peavey who was on the street. Trailing part of the stolen property to Emporia, Massey, with the aid of local police, arrested a brother, James Peavey, at the home of Willis and Richard Allen, three miles the other side of Emporia. The Allen boys formerly lived here. Each of the Allen boys had on a stolen suit and told officers that James Peavey had given them to them. In their house was found three more pilfered Oak Stores suits.

James Peavey is reported to have served time in Richmond County for a filling station robbery and for liquor charges. The Peavey family have been living here about six months, part of them working in the mills.

Two others who are said to be implicated in the Oak Stores robbery are still at large with officers confident of further arrests. James Peavey is 26 and Ernest Peavey is 22. The Allen boys are younger.

Improve Court House

The public will be interested to know that new light fixtures have been installed in the Halifax County Court room. Also some more seats for the deputy sheriffs and other officers. This will be a great relief to the Clerk, he says, if they will use the seats and not stand between him and the judge.

LEAVING FOR ATLANTA

R. H. Brantley, junior druggist for Rosemary Drug Co., has accepted a position with a drug firm in Atlanta, Ga. and will leave soon with his wife and son to assume his new duties.

The Herald Unable To Correct Report In Last Edition

Rachel Pulley, 15 year old girl, who was connected by the police with accepting goods stolen from the Oak Store in Rosemary by Chester Vaughan, stated to THE HERALD this week that the paper was wrong in its last issue in stating she took two pair of bloomers after receiving two pair of hose from young Vaughan. She said friends had advised her to seek correction in order to protect her name. This THE HERALD is glad to do.

However, on rechecking its source of information, we find that Chief of Police Gray is emphatic in his statement that the boy accused of the girl of taking the bloomers and that she admitted the fact. Police Keeter was a witness to the confession. Therefore, THE HERALD is unable to make the desired correction.

The boy is still at large having run away after being released in the custody of his father.