

Two Wilmington, N. C., men had a narrow escape from death a few minutes before five o'clock this morning when a 3-ton International truck, half loaded with vegetables, crashed thru the middle span of the Roanoke River Bridge, here, dropped nearly 50 feet through the air and landed in about five feet of water. The truck, said by automobile men to be worth around \$4,000, was completely demol-ished. Low water saved the lives of two men.

C. Leeuwenborg, of Wilmington who was driving the truck at the time of the crash, was being treated at the Roanoke Rapids hospital this afternoon for injuries received in the accident. He was injured about the head, face, side and one arm was slightly injured. He was extracted from the driver's cab by H. T. Morris, also of Wilmington, who was asleep in the reserve driver's berth, in the rear of the driver's cab, when the crash occurred. Leeuwenborg took the wheel about ten miles from Emporia. Morris drove the truck from Richmond to the point from Emporia, where Leeuwenborg relieved him.

Lecuwenborg was unconscious when taken from the wreckage by Morris He was pinned in the driver's cab with his head submerged in the water. Morris escaped uninjured. An auto-mobile was furnished by H. M. Hudson, night foreman at the Halifax Paper Corporation, to take the two men to the hospital. They were driven place. They were starting on an early it until the State gives it to us in there by A. P. Woodruff and Harvey

Morris related his story to a representative of The Herald this mornroute from New York to Wilmington, from Richmond to about ten miles out falling. They were told wha thad hap ing. He said he drove thetruck, enof Emporia, when he turned the wheel over to Leeuwenborg. He was asleep in the reserve driver's berth when the truck crashed through the bridge. Mr. Moon se-cured a boat and brought the two men from the truck to shore, where Morris said he woke up when the they were placed in an automobile bridge started to give away, but stat-ed he was unaware what was hapand rushed to the hospital. Both Morwas unaware what was hapris and Leeuwenborg were examined

and from road associations.

Promises have been as numerou and beautiful as the apple blossom in the Shenendoah valley.

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This morning, a three ton truck, only half filled with light merchandise, crashed through the huge 800 River. Aspan 166 fee tin length had given away. Fortunately for the two men on the

foot bridge which spans the Roanoke truck that the water was extremely low else they would have been drown More fortunate for the State High-

way commission that it was not one of the many passenger buses which daily crossed that bridge, or a bus full of school children. They would have had to account for many lives.

This accident has aroused the en-tire community and the 12,000 people in Roanoke Rapids Township those of Northampton County across the river are going to raise cane from now on to see that this section get everything coming to it in the way of roads and bridges.

These Parts We mean business. ATTENTION CORRESPONDENTS

Due to the importance of the bridge story which "broke" this morning, several letters and other items of interest had to be left out this week, but will appear in the next issue.

would come to his and Leeuwenborg' Mr. Woodruff and Mr. Moon were near the office of the Halifax Pape

morning fishing trip, but abandoned this idea when they arrived at the bridge. Mr. Woodruff said he and Mr. Moon heard the crash, but didn't know what it was. He said the noise WE WANT pened by Mr. Welch when they ar

Rapids Bridge Co. Mr. J. T. Chase built the concrete foundations and the piers which are the only decent

part of the bridge, but you can't cross on the piers. In 1907 H. C. Cooper was president and S. B. Pierce, secretary and treas-

urer of the Bridge Co. Other officers were J. L. Patterson, T. L. Emry and B. H. Pugh. It was a toll bridge. About ten years ago it was sold to the Counties of Halifax and North-

mpton. A few years ago it was tak en over by the State. "WE TOLD

YOU SO"

An official of the State Highway Department will be here today. On April 3 of this year, this news paper carried the following editorial, marked copies of which were sent to the Highway Department.

"We do not begrudge Weldon its uccessful fight for a new bridge and a new highway, but we would like to know why we are unable to have just as good highway as any other section of the State and why traffic should not be routed through here

forth ?'

Route 481 to this city and a new Lridge over the Roanoke River here -and we intend to worry away with sheer weariness and despair



posed new bridge.

lodges, clubs and theatres will par-ticipate in an appeal which is the most widespread attempted here since their children? In the United States the days of the war-time Liberty Loan drives.

out of public funds \$18 for each man, W. V. Woodroof, local merchant woman and child. In North Carolina. started the ball rolling Tuesday night at the Peoples Theatre with a three less than \$9 per inhabitant is spent, doing only half as well as the nation. doing only half as well as the nation. tre. His talk like those of others, is confined to telling the people what Associated Charities is and what is intended in the drive of next week. doing only half as well as the nation. If compared with California, New York and New Jersey, we are spend-ing less than one-third as much. Re-cently the city of New York increased in one year per child more than the State of North Carolin is spending Other speakers at the Peoples Thea-tre will be Carroll Wilson tonight and J. T., Chase on Saturday night. per child."

The drive will be carried into ev ery room of the mills and key men are being chosen for this work. W. J. Norwood is in charge of the work in the South end of the community. Leon Hall has charge in the North end.

Associated Charities has been very successful in every city where it has been instituted. It is a community wide organization with everyone in membership and a Board chosen of representative citizens of the commu-This Board serves without pay nity. Its duty is to collect all monies for charity work, investigate all cases brought to its attention, pass on them and if possible render financial and other aid

The aid given is of temporary na ture. Associated Charities nor any other organization other than the cates. Hymn, America. State can give permanent aid to pauper cases. But when a man is sick and out of work, Associated Charities can step in and help tide the family over with food and heat until the man is able to work again. In many to a full house. These pictures were divided into the following groups; cases, it lends the man a few dollars

and when he is able he pays it back so that the organization can help some other family in temporary dis-It has been estimated the peo-

ple of this community give away several thousand dollars a year to beggars and other similar people. Many of these cases are unworthy of help while there are many worthy cases played on the screen.

Recently the world's largest pear! was offered for sale in Shanghan China, for \$1,650,000. Marriage Announ

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HIGH WINS

Crush Wilson 11-6 — Johnson Grant and C. Womble Star

noon and annihilated them 11 to 6.

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The Shearin Motor Company occushould parents invest in schools for pies the new brick building in Roa noke Rapids which they recently puras a whole there is invested in schools chased from the Paragon Development Company. The building is a one story structure, 50 fee tin width and 140 feet in depth. After its pur-

doing only half as well as the nation, chase by the motor company addi-If compared with California, New tional floor space was added, making York and New Jersey, we are spend-it one of the most spacious business buildings in the Twin Cities.

Organized in Weldon, N. C., in 1926, the Shearin Motor Company entered the automobile field in Halifax County with the Chevrolet agency, a The sixth and seventh grades from product of General Motors. At the

all the rural schools, about two hunclose of its first year in business it dred, gathered at the Halifax schoolsurrendered the Chevrolet franchise house about 10:30 m., Friday, April 25. At 11:15 a group of children from General Motors product, Oakland Aurelian Springs School rendered Pontiac. The Company was organ-musical selections (after which the ized by N. M. Shearin, and in addition program was as follows: Hymn, Lead to selling automobiles, conducted a On, O King Eternal. Invocation, Rev. Watson of Halifax. Devotional, 7th The Shearin. Motor Company of

grade led by Marvin Taylor from Au-relian Springs. Nineteenth Psalm. Chant, The Lord's Prayer. Chorus, Roanoke Rapids was incorporated in March, 1930, Mr. Shearin, its original organizer, being elected to the offices of president and general ma-Welcome Pretty Primrose, South Rosemary sixth and seventh grades. nager. The company moved its busi-Address, Dr. A. T. Allen, State Suness from Weldon to Roanoke Raperintendent of Public Instruction. pids early this year, bringing to a Chorus, Over the Meadows, Aurelian Springs seventh grade class. Prpclose a four year period as being iden-tified with the business interest: of sentation of seventh grade certifithe neighboring town.

During the three years period the company has held the Oakland-Pon-The auditorium was filled to over tiac franchise in this territory they flowing with parents and interested citizens from every part of the coun- have sold around 500 new automobiles ty. In the afternoon about 80 slides, snapshots from real life in Haiifax representing approximately \$500,000. This does not include the second-hand County Rural Schools, were presented cars disposed of by the firm. The Shearin Motor Company's

business here represents an investnamely: Health, Nature Study, Mu- ment of \$30,000. Ten persons are emsic appreciation, Pleasure Reading ployed by them at present. Included in its personnel are N. M. Shearin, Free Activities, Children of Other Land and Live-at-Home. The Live president and general manager; M. at-Home group, the largest of them F. White and O. S. Suitor, salesmen; H. E. White, shop foreman; Miss Maall, grew out of Governor Gardner's Live-at-Home program. Every school ry Hall Brenn, bookkeeper and Edgar in the county had one or more pur-Mountecastle, who has charge of the in the county had one or more pur-posive Live-at-Home projects dis-

HALIFAX TOWNSHIP

helped him make a get-a-way will face trial at a later date.

Those who have seen Johnson at Plose quarters say his leg is not healed good yet and he has difficulty in walking. He and his friends re-moved the cast while officers were searching some three weeks after the escape from the hospital.

On the night of February 19th, local officers, receiving information that Johnson would pass over the Weldon Bridge with a load of whiskey, awaited him. He refused to stop his car and the officers fired. One bullet struck Johnson in the leg. In the car the officers found 40 gallons of liquor. It was on this charge he pled guilty and was sentenced.

The officers broughtthe wounded man to the hospital here where it was ecessary to put the entire leg from foot to hip in a plaster cast. Johnson was helpless to move alone yet on March 12th, in the early hours, he disappeard, nor was he captured or seen for three weeks. It later de veloped that two men had entered his room on the second floor with a ladder, carried Johnson to the window placed him on the back of one of the men who carried him down to a waiting car in which he was whisked away to Virginia. On April 1, local officers picked up a trail and fol-lowed Johnson and his party half way across Virginia. At one time they missed them by only a few minutes. This was when the cast was removed from the leg and found still warm by the officers at the home of a relative of Johnson. The trail was lost near Franklin, Va.

Three days later the officers surrounded a house six miles from Elizabeth City, with the knowledge that Ernest Shearin, wanted on several charges, was staying there. The capture was successful and in another room they also found Johnson. Shearin, who later escaped from the Halifax jail, only to be recaptured last week, has not been tried yet. He faces more than a half dozen charges of criminal nature.

Superior Court this week, crowded with criminal cases, partly disposed of another local case when Joe Bates, Ernest Peavey and James Peavey vere found guilty ing out of the robbery of the Oak Stores here a few months ago. Bates, was charged with robbery, pled not guilty, was tried and found guilty, Sentence had not been passed boys pled terday. The two Peavey guilty, James to a robbery charge and Ernest to a charge of receiving stolen property. They have not been sentenced yet. Another local robbery is partly cleared up with the arrest last week Mrs. W. T. Eure and sister, Miss Dorothy Bennette went to Rocky Mt. ged with robbery of the freight depot here some months ago. S. A. L. Mr. Gavin Hyman of Scotland Neck detectives have been working on the case ever since and finally unearthed evidence to arrest the two above and are said to have others implicated who have not yet been arrested. The Rocky Mount were visitors here on tw owere als ocharged with robbing Monday.

just as much as by any other route ia the same direction. Why are we not entitled to a new bridge over the Roanoke River in place of the antiquated, one-wagon affair which still holds Is this Route 40 or isn't it? We are going to demand a concrete road from

It developed today that the State where pride keeps people from telling It developed today that the black is more or less aware of br'dge con-ditions here Blueprines and plans, engineering work, etc., have been completed for some time on a pro-

The bridge would cross the river lieves the citizens of being bothered

rening. When the muck landed in the by hospital physicians. The exam water, he kicked open the door, which nation disclosed that Morris was uninwas submerged in the water, and jured, but that Leeuwenborg receiv worked himself out through the ed injuries that are not of a seriou wreckage. He said he thought Leeu- nature. The two men were water soake

enborg had left the road and accidently ran into the river. The truck was owned by a Wil-

The truck was owned by a Wil-mington trucking firm. It had a light soaked watches, which had stopped load of vegetables, including potatoes, running, pointed to ten minutes be lettuce, pineapple and peppers. J. F. Welch, night watchman at fore five o'clock.

Nearly three thousand persons view Roanoke Mill No. One, was the only ed the wreck this morning. Early eye witness to the crash. Mr. Welch risers received news of the acciden

shortly after it occurred, and as the said he was standing in the doorway morning grew nearer noon, severa hundred automobiles carried anxious of the boiler room at the mill about ten minutes before five o'clock this spectators to the scene. Traffic be-tween Virginia and Roanoke Rapids morning when he saw the ill-fated truck drive upon the bridge. A few was directed around another route. minutes before its arrival, he stated,

Although a little nervous from his a hog truck, driving north, passed over the bridge with safety. The ve narrow escape from death, Morris was in a calm mood when describing getable truck was traveling South. the accident later in the morning. His Before the truck arrived on the midclothes were nearly dry when he talk-ed to a representative of The Herald, dle span, Mr. Welch said, he turned nd to look at a boiler, and when and he said he was waiting for one he again looked toward the bridge, he saw the big truck crashing through of the owners of the trucking firm he was employed by to come to the air

He left his post and ran toward the scene of the wreck. Later he tried to secure help by telephone, but stated was unable to get anyone at the telephone office to respond to his call. Then he said he heard some one whis-Then he said he heard some one whis-the, the sound coming from the di-rection of the wrecked truck. He lat-ber found it was Morris, who was whistling in hope that he might at-ract the attention of some one who tle, the sound coming from the di-rection of the wrecked truck. He lat-

center piers on the first island. The new bridge wolud eliminate two of the smaller birdges now in use. It would shorten the distance. It would

throw the road much higher than the the proper way. when they were removed from the present level which was covered by high water early this Spring.

It would be a modern bridge built to handle the heavy traffic which now travels every highway of consequence It should be built at once. There is no excuse for delay.

High School Orchestra Wins First Place At Greensboro State Meet feel lik eyou have to give to any beg

The orchestra of Roanoke Ranids High School under the direction of R. L. Martin, won first place in the class B. contest of the State High School orchestras at Greensboro last Friday. Major trophies were won by Greenshoro, China Grove and Bragtown. More than 2,500 High School boys and girls of the State took part

noke Rapids and take him and Leeuin the different contests. This was wenborg home. Neither Morris nor the 11th annual high school music Leeuwenborg are married. It is ex contest attended by winners in dipected Leeuwenborg will be discharge ed from the hospital late this evening vision contests over the State. Sixtyseven local boys and girls of the orestra, glee clubs and choruses attended from here.

Nearly 100 million pounds of tea are imported into the United States, each year.

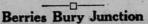
one need do is tell the beggar that Mr. and Mrs. Walter McKelly Lew

one has contributed to Associated Charities and cirect the party to cac er announce the marriage of their of the members of the Board. If the daughter, Rose Mavis, to Mr. William case is worthy, help will be given in Edward Spencer on Sunday, the 20th of April 1930, at Severn, N. C.

amount to be raised for this The amount to be raised for this kind of work, which will be spent here at home for home people in distress is \$1,500. It is estimated there are

more than 2,000 wage earners in this community. If half of them will give one dollar each, then the balance can raised by the school children lodges and other organizations. So everybody will be asked to give one collar for membership. Then don't gar or plate holder on the streets for

you have done your share of local charity work for the year. Give your dollar, get your button. wear it all during the week, and lets see a button worn by every person in the Twin Cities. Business like, systematic charity giving that counts that's Associated Charities.



A huge strawberry truck crashed into a signal post at Roanoke Junc

Mr. John H. Taylor of Littleton

as here on business Wednesday. Miss Bertha Thomas of Rocky Mt. spent the week-end with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Thomas.

Miss Bonnie Millikin is spending the week with her aunt Mrs. E. L. Branch in Rich Square.

Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Midgette of Norlina spent Tuesday and Wednes-day with Mrs. W. A. Wilcox.

Mrs. W. G. Kearney of Henderson reporting court here this week. Mrs. W. T. Eure and sister, Miss

With blood in their eyes over their first Conference defeat by Wilson last week, the local High School fell or aturday.

the same team here Tuesday aftervas here Saturday on business. Miss Bertha Lee Hux has return In the terrible seventh, the local ed from a visit to Pinetops.

boys sent six runs across the plate, Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Norman of four of them coming when Johnson poled one over the fence with the bas-

Womble kept his hits well scattered, pulled out of several bad holes, and finished the day with 12 strikeouts to his credit. Grant had a per-

Pennsylvania Monday. fect day at the bat with a double Pennsylvania Monday. two singles and a walk out of four

Court opened with a large attendtimes up. Jimmy Womble and Burnett were good for two singles each. ance Monday at 10:30 with Judge The game was loosely played by Clayton Moore of Williamston pre-

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shields of Hobgood were here Sunday as the guests of Mrs. S. S. Norman. Mr. Gnu Coult Mr. Guy Caudle and Mr. N. L: Trial date has not been set.

> Bush, negro truck driver, who hit and killed B. B. Higgins on Roanoke Ave-

nue here a few months ago. Gert Driggler, in jail on a