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NO STATE FUNDS FOR NEW BRIDGE

KEUGLER ADMITS NEED, SAYS FUNDS LACKING; ROUTE NO. 40 SLIPPING

SUGGESTS TWIN CITY 10 TON SPAN FOR PRESENT TOTAL 9400

Committee Holds Out For New Bridge If Possible Chance

Mr. Frank Keugler, State Highway Commissioner for this district, told a committee of citizens here yesterday that this section needed and was entitled to a new bridge in place of the one which has failed but that unless some plan of financing was worked out, there was no way to build it.

Various plans for financing the building of a new bridge which would cost in the neighborhood of a quarter million dollars were suggested by various members of the committee, by Mr. Keugler and by District Engineer Gardner and bridge engineer Taylor.

Mr. Keugler meets with Mr. Dough-ton, chairman of the State Highway Commission, at Raleigh today, to discuss the matter of a new bridge. Members of the Kiwanis Club bridge committee are also in Raleigh today conferring with members of the commission and other State officials.

Only one or two of the methods for paying for the bridge seem likely of adoption. One of these incurs the lending of County funds to the State.

While a law was passed by the last legislature making this impossible, Halifax County has money which was voted for that purpose prior to the passage of the law and in the case of an emergency, which exists here, these funds might be applied.

Another plan suggested was the donation of funds, which is, of course, impossible.

All funds for this district have been allocated, according to Mr. Keugler, except small amounts held back for emergency cases. Money from the "equality fund" for this district has been put on the bridges at Weldon and Elizabeth City.

Immediate relief can be obtained only by small ferry boats, one of which was promised for completion and service today by the Commission. Highway engineers say it will be impossible to ferry cars and trucks over due to low water, while a temporary bridge of piles cannot be built because of the river bottom of almost solid rock.

Order for a new span to replace the old one was held up today awaiting outcome of the conference of Mr. Keugler and others with Raleigh officials. The first intent was to replace the fallen span and strengthen the present bridge for ordinary traffic. The quickest possible time for completion would be sixty days. It would take a month or longer to get the steel work made at the factory and at least three weeks to install after arrival.

10-Ton Bridge
Mr. Keugler also made the proposition of tearing out all the old spans and superstructure, reworking the piers, and putting in new steel spans and superstructure to make a ten ton capacity bridge. The old bridge was four ton capacity. This work would cost about \$40,000 which the State would pay. The committee would agree to this only as a last resort, but refused to agree on any temporary repair, unless it was to be only for the period of erecting a new bridge which would take more than a year.

It was pointed out by engineers that a new bridge would call for a new site, and the only available one being up the river above the Power Company. Surveys of this site were made when the Department was figuring a location for one bridge somewhere between here and Weldon. (Continued on back page)

TWIN CITY POPULATION TOTAL 9400

Incorporated Area 3,304 —Balance in Rosemary and Suburbs

While final figures for the 1930 census for the incorporated area of Roanoke Rapids, 3,404, show only a slight increase over the 1920 census, that portion of the community known as the Twin Cities, which includes the unincorporated town of Rosemary, South Rosemary, Belmont, Lincoln Heights and other suburbs, shows a total population of 9,400.

The entire township of Roanoke Rapids has a population of 10,783. While two of the census takers have not finished their final reports on the township, those two who have the most populous areas are final, while the others have only a few scattering entries which will not materially affect the final totals.

The figures by sections in the township are as follows; incorporated area: 3,404; unincorporated area West of the Avenue and North of the S.A.L. R. R. which includes Rosemary Mill Village and Bolling: 3,179; unincorporated area East of the Avenue and South of the main Littleton Highway, which includes Patterson mill village, the Junction, Lincoln Heights, that part of South Rosemary East and South of the Highway and the rural section West to Littleton Township: 2,900; area South of the S.A.L. West of Belmont and North of the Littleton Highway: 1,600.

Estimated figures set the number of colored at 700 in the township, leaving a total of approximately 10,000 whites. It is believed the percentage of whites will far exceed any other township in the county as the entire rural population will not exceed 1,500. The industrial makeup of the township differentiates it from the more rural and farmer composition of the other townships.

It will be some weeks before total figures by townships and counties will be available, but allowing for a five per cent increase in Halifax (Continued on back page)

THANKS FOR CLEANING UP

Womans Club Pleased With Co- operation of Citizens Last Week

The civic department of the Womans Club wishes to thank every citizen of the Twin Cities who helped to make Clean Up Week a success. Marked improvements have been noted in yards, alleys and premises. The department wishes to express this appreciation especially to the following who contributed greatly towards this urgent need:

Mr. Lowman and his Boy Scouts who helped move the trash and debris on the cemetery road. As a little compensation for their services, the ladies of the civic department served them apple-jacks and sandwiches.

The Herald for donating the cardboard for the posters. The teachers and pupils for designing these so attractively.

Teachers and school children again for improving so greatly the appearance of the schools and grounds.

Merchants for the great improvement in their stores and business sections.

Mayor Long and the town authorities for having Emory Park in Roanoke Rapids cleaned.

The Kiwanis club for boosting this city-wide drive on dirt and appointing a chairman to represent them in this campaign.

For trucks furnished by Triple P. (Continued on back page)

NEGROES SEARCHED FOR HERE

Two Wanted for Battles- boro Crimes Reported At Halifax

The search for the two Negroes who Saturday night ravished Miss Elizabeth Powell, 18 year old Battleboro girl, shot and probably fatally wounded her escort, Frank Crickmore, and murdered Joe Lee, old Negro man, spread to Halifax County this Tuesday night when reports came from farmers near Halifax that a suspicious looking Negro was prowling around their property.

About dark Tuesday, a farmer near Halifax saw a Negro hiding near his barn. When he called the Negro faded into the woods. A posse of men was organized and began a search of the vicinity. One man reported that about 8 o'clock he saw a Negro, called to him to halt, and when the Negro ran, the white man fired at him.

Later in the night a part of the posse combing the woods near the railroad caught sight of a Negro near the tracks, called to him to stop. He walked on and was fired at several times. Surrounding the woods where he went in between the State highway and the railroad, the members of the posse, which now numbered about 100 men, closed in and a Negro appeared in the other side of the fence near the highway.

Messrs P. L. Harding and Will Moody were just alighting from their car. The called to the man who did not answer their demand to halt. When Moody's gun hung on him, Harding fired several shots at the Negro who slipped into the bushes. This was about nine o'clock and from then until midnight, that section was thoroughly searched without avail.

Later in the night, an old Negro was found in a nearby cabin, shot. But as Mr. Harding was firing a pistol, he did not hit the man who was peppered with shot from a shotgun. The wounded Negro was much smaller than the man seen by Messrs Harding and Moody which leads to the belief there were at least two Negroes seen and fired on. The wounded Negro was a local one and deaf and dumb. Evidently, when called on to halt, he did not hear the challenge and was much astonished to get a load of buckshot. From then on, if he did meet other members of the posse, his fears of consequences was too great to permit him to make himself known at the time.

Between nine o'clock and midnight several hundred cars stopped near the scene of the manhunt, many of them parking so as to throw the lights of the cars on the area being searched. Several hundred people viewed the hunt from the highway.

While the search is about over here, it continues in the vicinity of Battleboro, where the triple tragedy took place, between Rocky Mount and Taboro, where the Crickmore car was abandoned by the two Negroes, and near Elizabeth City where two Negroes, one with a shotgun, fired on a farmers' wife from behind the barn.

Fingerprints found on the car have proved disappointing, according to experts. A half dozen Negroes are under arrest, two of them being taken to Raleigh for safekeeping, although officers say they do not believe any of those being held are the guilty ones. Rocky Mount police have issued an order for all white men to leave their guns at home from now on. This action was taken after reports that armed men were entering houses in the Negro section looking for the two fugitives.

At the hospital today doctors say Crickmore is holding his own and has a chance to recover, although he may never speak again. His entire throat was shot away when one of the Negroes thrust a shotgun into the car and fired.

Miss Powell is in a very nervous state and is suffering from mental illness caused by the fearful experiences of Saturday night. Doctors say it will be sometime before she recovers from the nervous shock.

Mrs. Frank Joyner spent several days last week of Greensboro.

Wear a Charity Button.

SPAN OF BRIDGE GOES DOWN UNDER TRUCK



Above picture shows collapse of bridge over the Roanoke river at Roanoke Rapids early Thursday. Two men went down with the truck. They were C. Leeenborg and H. T. Morris of Wilmington. The former was painfully hurt, it is believed, not seriously injured. Morris was in the hospital only a short while. Low water in the Roanoke is said to have kept the two men from drowning. People of the section are desirous of having a new bridge and regard the accident of Thursday as greatly strengthening their claim. The bridge was taken over by the state several years ago. The State is now building a bridge over the Roanoke at Weldon six miles from Roanoke Rapids.

ANNUAL NURSES SERMON

Graduating Class Roanoke Rapids Hospital Hear Rev. Hodges

The annual sermon for the graduating class of the Roanoke Rapids Hospital was preached at the Rosemary Baptist Church Sunday night, May 4, by Rev. J. L. Hodges of New Bern.

The class, the nursing staff and the medical staff attended in a body and were welcomed by Rev. J. E. Kirk, pastor of the church. Special music was rendered by the choir and a solo "A Dream of Paradise" was beautifully sung by Mrs. I. E. Mason. The church was filled and many turned away because of lack of room.

Rev. Hodges preached an inspiring sermon from the text "What Shall it Profit a Man if he Gain the Whole World and Lose His Own Soul?" The members of the graduating class are Mes. Edna McCombs, Stella Giles, Blonnie Taylor, Margaret McDonald, Annie M. Etheridge, Martha Daughtry, Nannie Mae Wood, Lucy M. Hodges, Estelle V. Lilly and Nellie E. Williams.

The nursing staff is composed of Mrs. Anne Hamilton Moore, Supt., Mrs. Broadhurst, Miss Clara Ruth, Mrs. J. M. Moss, Miss Avah Wood, Mrs. Carl Wallis, Miss Mary Joan Crawford.

The medical staff is composed of Dr. T. W. M. Long, president, Dr. F. G. Jarman, Dr. J. W. Martin, Dr. R. P. Beckwith, Dr. L. H. Royster and Dr. Bolson Weathers.

Associated Charities Drive Started Yesterday

The drive for Associated Charities started yesterday and will continue all this week until Wednesday of next week.

Workers are out combing the Twin Cities with the hope of raising at least \$1,500 to carry on the charity work of the community for the next year in a business like manner.

A button is given to each donor. Please wear your button until the drive is over next Wednesday night.

Another Apology

Last week it was necessary to leave out several items because of the late bridge story. All those items were run in this issue. However, yesterday we were again swamped as tax collectors from three townships dumped in their lists of delinquent tax payers which had to appear in this issue and which made it necessary to again leave out several items of interest. These will all be run next week.

Give to Associated Charities.

WOMEN OF HALIFAX ARE GUESTS

Better Homes Week closed in Halifax County with a big picnic at the Chocoyotte Country Club with the Roanoke Rapids Womans Club as hostess.

Many Club women of Halifax County gathered in Roanoke Rapids on Saturday morning at the close of a full week celebrating National Better Homes week.

The club members met at the home of Mrs. Fred Brown, president of the local club and were shown over the lovely ground surrounding her home by the members of the club. They then visited the Virginia Carolina Power Co's. offices where an electrical demonstration was held. Following the demonstration they visited the Carolina Furniture Co. and observed a bed room, a living room at the Webb Furniture Co. and a dining room at the Shell Furniture Co.

A visit to the manufacturing plants in the Twin Cities was much enjoyed by the visitors. At 1 o'clock the women from the county and members of the local club gathered at the Country Club, which was made beautiful by the use of many flowers, and a delightful dinner was served by the Better Homes department, of which Mrs. A. L. Taylor is chairman.

Mrs. Fred Brown welcomed the visitors, and Mrs. N. L. Stedman, president of the County council, responded in a most gracious manner. Mrs. F. L. Nash gave two musical readings accompanied on the piano by Miss Helen Brown. Miss Ruth White gave two interesting readings. Two interesting contests were greatly enjoyed, and Mrs. J. G. Butts of Halifax won both prizes.

Following the bounteous dinner served in the Club House a brief business meeting was held by the local club and the following officers for the coming year were elected: Mrs. F. M. Brown, president; Mrs. J. N. Bynum, 1st vice president; Mrs. C. L. Whipple, 2nd vice president; Mrs. Hugh Camp, recording secretary; Mrs. A. L. Clark, corresponding secretary; Mrs. W. H. Pruden, treasurer.

NOTICE TO VOTERS

All voters in Roanoke Rapids precinct No. 1 who have not registered in the past must do so before May 24, if they wish to vote in the June 7 primary. Every Saturday the books will be at the old Methodist Church on Jackson and Second Street.

J. F. WELCH, Registrar. All new voters in Rosemary precinct to vote may register at Triple R Gro. Co during the week and at the Rosemary Band Hall on Saturdays.

MONROE JENKINS, Registrar. 31-5-22.

Wear a Charity Button.

SUMMER SCHOOL PLANNED

Six Weeks Work For Children Behind in Any Studies

A special summer school for children behind in their studies will be conducted for six weeks if there are enough to warrant it, according to Supt. C. W. Davis.

A charge will be made for the work by studies as there is no means of conducting the school at the expense of the town or state. Mr. Davis is anxious to know how many children will attend before more definite plans are made.

His statements regarding the summer school are as follows:

"We realize that some of our children are behind in their studies, and that others are weak in some of their and need to be strengthened for the next grade. Since this is true some of our teachers have consented to remain here after June 6 and conduct a six week's summer school, provided the demands justify their staying."

"Of course, you understand that we are unable to draw upon school funds for the support of an undertaking of this kind, and consequently will have to charge a small tuition fee. The amount, however, I think, should not exceed \$5 per subject in the High School and \$4 per subject in the grades."

"In case this summer school is conducted it will be our purpose to begin immediately after the close of the regular session so we can end before the weather gets so hot. We would also want to begin at eight o'clock in the morning and end by twelve o'clock if possible."

In case you are interested in this undertaking, we should like to know it at once, so that we may secure the needed teachers."

C. W. DAVIS,
Supt. City Schools.

Rosemary Methodist

Next Sunday is Mother's Day. Every mother in our church is urged to attend service next Sunday morning. A hearty invitation to all mothers is given to come and worship with us. Husbands ought to come with their wives. Children ought to come with their mothers. Let everybody come. Sunday School at 9:45 A. M. and preaching by the pastor at 11 A. M.

MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE

Special Mother's Day services will be held at the Presbyterian Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. All the children are being urged to bring their parents to the services. Among other features will be a solo by Mr. Lipscomb.

Give to Associated Charities.

PHALA VICK WINNER OF 4TH PRIZE

Essay Is Worth \$3 - Mrs. J. G. Humphries Is Dollar Winner

After three sessions of reading and rereading the many letters and essays handed in on the subject "Why We Should Trade With Home Owned Stores," the judges held a final meeting Tuesday night and selected twenty seven of the best. From this number, they chose nine for the money winners and then proceeded to list the nine in order to see how the prizes should be awarded.

Each judge selected and numbered the nine in order and then the decisions were added together. It has been decided to print the letters of the four major prize winners, one each week. This week, we announce and print the letter of the three dollar prize and also announce one of the one dollar winners. Next week, we will print the winning essay of the five dollar prize and also announce another dollar winner. And so on until the winner of the grand prize of \$15 in gold will be announced last.

This week, we print below the essay of Miss Phala Vick, winner of the three dollar cash prize. We also announce as one of the dollar winners, Mrs. J. G. Humphries.

In selecting the best papers on the subject, the judges tried to keep in mind the subject itself. It was not "Why We Should Not do so and so, but an affirmative question calling for such arguments. Originality counted high as many of the arguments given were the same.

It will be kept in mind that the money for these prizes is given by the independent merchants of the Twin Cities, seeking means of keeping at home for home consumption the many thousands of dollars which leave the community every year for the necessities of life, as well as the luxuries. The above prize winners are asked to call for their money at the store of J. H. Matkins, grocer, Rosemary, N. C. Mr. Matkins was appointed treasurer for this particular campaign.

Below is printed the essay of Miss Vick. Watch for two more winners next week.

WHY WE SHOULD TRADE WITH HOME-OWNED STORES

By PHALA VICK

Why should we trade with our home owned stores? How many people stop to think about this question? Perhaps a few, but not as many as should although it is a very important question and means much to the welfare of our town. All of our people should begin to think about the importance of this question before it is too late.

The home town merchants are here for service as well as profit, while the chain stores have the interest make money for themselves. The home town merchants have the interest of their customers at heart while the chain stores have the interest of their employer at heart. The home town merchant keeps his money at home, while the chain store's proceeds go to the head office in other states. Would it not be better to keep this money here? If people saved the money they spent out of town, and spent it at home, the home town merchants could buy and sell a better and larger variety of merchandise.

How does the home town merchant help us? In supporting the home merchants we help support ourselves in the organization that serves for our benefit. The churches, schools, homes and even the home papers are helped because the home merchants advertise in the papers more than the chain stores.

Who pays school and county taxes? The home merchants. The chain store pays practically none. The school taxes enable us to have a bigger and better community, in this way helping the unfortunate. The home merchants contribute regularly to our churches, schools, charity and community enterprises. The chain store helps no one. By aiding the different organizations, the poor are helped and the citizens are given a cleaner and more liveable community. When a person spends money in a chain store, (Continued on back page)