

BRIDGE HEARING AT RALEIGH MAY 21ST

PLEA ALSO MADE FOR U. S. AID

County Commissioners Hold Special Meeting; Pass Resolutions

A meeting of Twin City citizens with the County Board of Commissioners Monday afternoon, a plea to the State and Federal Governments for financial aid in building a new bridge, an engagement with the State Highway Commission at Raleigh on the 21st of this month, were the high spots in a week of activity to gain bridge relief here.

Today a bridge crew is busy preparing for the temporary wooden span which will be erected regardless of what action is taken at Raleigh on the 21st. This temporary span will be used by light traffic and will guarantee the resuming of traffic between the two counties.

Nothing has been heard today of a plea sent to Senator Simmons asking for Federal aid on the bridge.

A special meeting of the County Commissioners of this county was held Monday afternoon. Twenty-five representative citizens appeared before the board and their plea was made by J. R. Ashbrook who told the members of the Board of the terrific handicap placed on the heaviest tax-paying section of the county due to the collapse of a bridge totally inadequate for present day traffic.

When informed by the county attorney that the county could not legally touch the bond money which now lies idle in different banks and which was voted to pave roads which have since been paved by the State, all hope from that source was lost. The County Board unanimously passed resolutions calling upon the State to furnish funds to build an entire new bridge at a new site, asked the Commissioners and Road Board of Northampton County to appear with them at the hearing on the 21st, and pledged every support to the fight for a new structure, deeming it unnecessary waste of money to spend \$70,000 in reworking the old bridge at the present site. The resolutions adopted and sent to the Highway Commission are as follows:

Whereas, on the 1st day of May, 1930, the State Highway bridge constructed at or near the Town of Roanoke Rapids, in the County of Halifax, State of North Carolina, collapsed while a truck operated by two men were crossing the same, resulting serious physical and financial loss to the occupants of said truck and the total destruction and collapse of the middle span of said bridge;

And whereas, the communities of Roanoke Rapids and Rosemary and that part of Gaston Township, Northampton County North Carolina, using the same is totally without bridge facilities at this point and it is contemplated by the North Carolina State Highway Commission to reconstruct said bridge at said point to a capacity of ten (10) tons at a cost of approximately \$70,000; and whereas in addition to the local communities adjacent to said bridge being without bridge facilities it has necessitated the closing of North Carolina State Highway Route No. 40 and the United States Federal Highway No. 17-1 as a result of said collapse, which is in the route designated as the Atlantic Coastal Highway;

And whereas, according to the estimate of the North Carolina Highway Commission a new bridge can now be constructed at a more advantageous point within a distance of approximately one-fourth (1-4) of a mile from said present site which will be the means of eliminating present inadequate bridge facilities at other points and will also be the means of permanently raising said highway above all high water marks during flood conditions, thereby insuring permanent and continuous travel to all parties traveling upon said highway; and whereas, in the opinion of the Board of County Commissioners of Halifax County the construction of a new bridge is absolutely essential to the future progress and growth of the communities adjacent to said bridge and the reconstruction of the old bridge in accordance with the specifications of the Highway Commission;

Therefore, the Board of County Commissioners of Halifax County do hereby pass the following resolutions:

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SHEARIN IS SENTENCED 4 TO 8 YRS

County "Bad Man" Breaks Down; Says He Is "Through"

Not less than four years and not more than eight years in the State penitentiary was the sentence of Ernest Shearin, who pled guilty to a half dozen charges, including liquor charges, breaking jail, interfering with officers and similar counts, in Halifax Superior Court, which recently adjourned.

Throughout the trial his aged mother sat by him, according to the correspondent, and when he went on the stand and told of the hardships he had been through trying to support his widowed mother and sister, whom he was trying to help through high school, he broke down and cried and there were not many men and women in the court room who were not deeply touched by his sad story. On Saturday morning when he was ready to leave for Raleigh he was heard to remark that he was through with wrong doing and he was going to lead a better life from now on.

Other cases tried at April term Superior Court for Halifax County, last week were as follows: Charlie Whitby, 12 months roads. Frank Clark, 9 months roads. Ernest Macklin, 6 months roads. Ed Spruill, 4 months roads. Carl Pittman, 12 months roads. Banny Drake, 8 months roads. Bury Thorne, 7 months roads. Henry Cheek, 60 days roads. Jo. Mays, 4 months roads. Wm. Ivey, 12 months roads.

Major Smith, 30 days roads. Paul Josey, 9 months roads. Eddie Moore, 3 months roads. West Johnson, 12 months roads. S. Bradshaw, 60 days roads. Jesse Sassady, 30 days roads. John H. Wooten, 4 months roads. Clarence Bush, 2 years roads. Ivey Gibson, 3 months roads. Red Evans, 30 days roads. James Conwell, 4 months roads. Lomie Green, 4 months roads. Geo. Clanton, 6 months roads. Dave M. Moss, 12 months roads. Clarence Reed, 60 days roads. Henry Walston, 6 months roads. Hulbert Putney, 4 months roads. Peter Warren, Jr., 6 months roads. Roy Johnson, 12 months roads. G. L. Driggers, 12 months roads. James Driggers, 12 months roads. James Smith 3 months County Home. Bertha Hines, 6 months County Home. Ernest Moore, 8 months County Home. Ernest Peavey, 6 months roads.

Those sent to State Prison were Ernest Shearin, not less than 4 years and not more than 8 years, James Peavey, not less than 2 nor more than 4 years, R. G. Davis, not less than 8 months nor more than 12 months, Joe Bates, not less than 2 nor more than 4 years.

Miss Iva Pitt Is Honored At Duke

Miss Iva Pitt, Junior at Duke University, was honored and initiated into the most exclusive and highest order at Duke last week by the Order of the White Duchy. She was chosen one among seven most outstanding of the student body. The Juniors are selected each year to form the membership, being selected on a mathematical basis of leadership and honors already received.

Miss Pitt is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Pitt of this city, and graduated from Roanoke Rapids High School with the class of '27. Her many friends and former classmates will be glad to hear of the excellent work she is doing at college.

Roanoke Rapids Wins

The Roanoke Rapids High School Yellow Jackets journeyed to Henderson Tuesday and defeated the Henderson High School Bull Dogs, 9 to 5. Henderson outdid the locals 13 to 11, but could not bunt the licks. Johnson's homerun over the left field fence with Grant on base was the outstanding feature of the fray for the locals, while Green shone for Henderson.

M. Bert Garris of Norfolk is spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. Cleophray Bray.

FOUND DEAD BY HIS WIFE

R. M. Hudson, Contractor, Dies on Front Porch of Home in South Rosemary

R. Marion Hudson, age 51, contractor of South Rosemary, was found dead in his porch swing by Mrs. Hudson at five o'clock Tuesday morning. The cause of death was pronounced as heart failure. Mr. Hudson had been ill the night before and fell asleep. She went to bed and fell asleep. Awakening early in the morning, the wife discovered Mr. Hudson had not come to bed. She rushed out on the porch and found him sitting in the swing, dead. He had been dead for several hours.

The deceased was a native of Halifax county and had been a resident here for many years. He was described as being a mighty fine citizen and was widely known in this section. Mrs. Hudson, a grown son, Marion, Jr., and five small children survive.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist Church Wednesday afternoon at 3:30, Rev. C. T. Thrift having charge of the services assisted by Rev. J. B. O'Brian and Rev. J. E. Kirk. The Red Men acted as pallbearers. Interment was made in Cedarwood cemetery. The many floral offerings attested the popularity in which the deceased was held. The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the family and loved ones.

Over 300 Mothers Attend Free Show At Peoples Theatre

Over three hundred mothers from Roanoke Rapids, Rosemary and surrounding communities attended the "Mother's Day Theatre Party" at the Peoples Theatre Monday afternoon, when they were entertained by the motion picture "Sarah and Son," starring Ruth Chatterton.

The theatre party was sponsored by the Peoples Theatre, Roanoke Bank and Trust Co., National Loan & Insurance Co., Smith's Service Stations, Inc., Brickell Motor Co., and the Virginia Electric and Power Co. Passes for the party were issued by the sponsors. The supply of passes was exhausted sooner than expected and those who were unable to get them were directed to go to the theatre where they were admitted without passes. Every mother was admitted free of charge.

Charity Fund Drive On Until May 21st

The drive for Associated Charities here will continue until next Wednesday, May 21st, according to W. J. Norwood, chairman of the finance committee. A good sum has been raised to date, which will be announced later, but so many have not yet been seen it was deemed best to continue the drive for another week. It was estimated that almost \$20 which should have gone to Associated Charities was collected here last Saturday by uniformed professionals who are never seen here except late Saturdays. Several refused to give their money telling them they had donated to the local charity work.

BOARD ENDORSES COUNTY COURT

Commissioners Unanimously Favor Establishment of Recorder's Court

The Board of County Commissioners in regular session unanimously passed a resolution endorsing a Recorder's Court for Halifax County, action for the establishment of such court will have to come through the legislature. Last week the Grand Jury recommended the establishment of a county court.

The commissioners appointed Auditor G. A. Hawkins as their representative to go into the question of land valuation adjustments wherever the condition warrants such revaluation to represent the board at the meeting of the Halifax County Taxpayers Union. Other matters were of routine nature.

The Board of Commissioners and the Board of Education will hold a joint meeting May 20 to study the school budget.

Wear a Charity Button.

MISS PRUDEN WINNER OF 3RD PRIZE

Her Essay Worth \$5.00; Paul King Is Dollar Winner

Miss Gladys Pruden is winner of the third prize of \$5 in cash offered by the independent merchants of the Twin Cities on the subject "Why We Should Trade With Home-owned Stores."

Another one dollar prize winner is Paul W. King, Rosemary. These winners are instructed to see Mr. J. H. Matkins, grocer, Rosemary, who is treasurer of the independent merchant's association.

Next week, the second prize winner of ten dollars and another dollar winner will be announced. Below is Miss Pruden's winning essay.

WHY I TRADE WITH HOME-OWN- ED STORES.

By GLADYS PRUDEN
The thinking people of America are gradually awakening to the horror of the passing of the independent shop-keeper—one of the pioneers of industry—a leading booster of any community. These men, or as many as still survive, are the men who are always ready to render any possible service to a customer or to the customers of the community. President Hoover was thinking of just such men when he said in his Palo Alto address,

"As Secretary of Commerce I have been greatly impressed by the fact that the foundation of American business is the independent business man. . . ."

Whenever one decides to trade regardless of whether it is at home with an independent dealer, or out of town with a catalog house or big city merchant, or from some chain store, one's first idea is economy, whether such economy exists or not one must believe it to exist. To best discuss the economy of trading at home we must consider two questions. (1) Is the article really cheaper, and (2) our direct profit from the independent merchant.

The low cost of chain store had mail order merchandise is easily explained—you get what you pay for. You may see in the chain store windows or in mail order catalogs, standard brands advertised at below the wholesale cost, and on the other hand you see their "just as good" brands or brand articles, such as hats and loose coffee, bringing them a tremendous profit. Then, in the case of the city store or mail order house, there is the time lost and the expense of delivery. Of course, most mail order houses row pay postage, but we only have to compare the new catalogs with those of a few years back to see who pays ultimately. Again, in the case of city stores, why should we spend several dollars in gas, oil and hotel bills in order to save a few cents on a pair of socks in Richmond or Rocky Mount.

Of all the problems confronting the American people today, the most perplexing is that of taxation. Whenever we fail to trade with a home-owned store the bulk of our money is going out of the State, county and community in which we live, and as a result we grow poorer in taxable values, while we have gained nothing by failing to patronize these merchants but a false idea of economy.

The independent merchant represents the highest type of American citizenship. He for many years has been a loyal taxpayer and his earnings have been invested in his community. He has taken active interest in the schools, churches, and in the community as a whole, and it would be a moral and economic blunder to refuse to give him our wholehearted support. However, he is not begging for it. He only wants his just dues.

In addition to being a loyal community booster, giving you your money's worth, the independent dealer gives you service which would cost every mail order house and chain store in the country should they be required to give it. A simple test would be to let each independent dealer discontinue his telephone and delivery service for a few days or even a few hours and watch the result.

The principal argument in favor of the city stores and catalog houses is that the local merchants do not carry a satisfactory variety of merchandise and as a result we are unable to get what we want. This fact is an admitted inconvenience at times, but business is only builded on volume and the merchant tries to carry only the items he has calls for, because of (Continued on back page)

NURSES GET DIPLOMAS

Graduating Exercises Held On Tuesday Evening at The High School

On Tuesday evening the commencement exercises of the Roanoke Rapids Hospital were held in the High School auditorium, with a large number present. Dr. T. W. M. Long, president of the medical staff, was master of ceremonies, and Rev. Hugh Bradley, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church made the invocation.

The speaker for the evening was Dr. James M. Northington, of Charlotte, N. C., who was introduced by Dr. Long. Dr. Northington gave a brief history of the progress made in the nursing field within the past few years, and mentioned a few "Donts" that the nurses' profession should observe.

Miss Crawford, instructor of the hospital, explained the Nightengale Pledge, and this was repeated in concert by the graduating class.

Diplomas were presented by Dr. Long, and Dr. Robinson Weathers presented the pins. Music was furnished by the High School orchestra. The members of the graduating class are Misses Edna E. McCammon, Stella M. Giles, Blonnie Taylor, Marguerite McDonald, Annie M. Etheridge, Martha Daughtry, Nannie Mae Wood, Lucie H. Hodges, Estelle V. Lilley, Nellie E. Williams.

Following the graduation exercises, a dance for the graduating class was held at the Choeyotte Country Club, with one of the largest crowds ever attending a local dance. Music was furnished by Martin's Serenaders.

Evangelistic Services At The Rosemary Methodist Church

Evangelistic services will begin at the Methodist church next Sunday, Rev. A. W. Oaks, superintendent of schools in Weldon will preach at 11 o'clock. The pastor, Rev. C. T. Thrift, will preach at 8 o'clock. Rev. H. Vincent Knight, of Stantonsburg will arrive Monday and do the preaching from then till the close of the meeting. Every member of the church is urged to attend Sunday morning and line up for this meeting from the very start. Our people have heard Professor Oaks several times and will be delighted to hear him again. Rev. Knight is a splendid evangelist-pastor and our people are fortunate to get him for this meeting. The public is cordially invited to attend all these services.

Important Notice To All Taxpayers

A mass meeting of all taxpayers of Halifax County is called at the Court House, Halifax, Monday, May 19th, 11 o'clock A. M. In an effort to get some relief from burdensome taxation on real estate for calendar year, also to make plans to work with State Association for permanent legislative relief. This is a matter of vital interest to all taxpayers, men and women, as everyone can well afford to give a day to consideration of this question. We believe the taxpayers realize the gravity of the situation and will expect at least one thousand in attendance.

W. T. SHAW,
Chairman Halifax County
Taxpayers League.

R. L. Harris Dies

R. L. Harris, 62, died Saturday morning at his home in Rosemary Mfg. Co., village. He had been in ill health for over a year. Funeral services were held Monday. Four daughters and a son survive: Mrs. Blanche Hudson, Mrs. Ruth Turner, Mrs. Mollie Waters, Miss Bessie Harris and John Harris.

The civic, garden, better homes and welfare department of the Women's Club held a joint meeting Monday afternoon on the lawn of the Emery place on the Weldon road. Mrs. Fred Brown, presided at the meeting. Definite plans for the garden party and subscription bridge party to be held on Mrs. Brown's lawn May 31st were made and various committees were appointed, a list of which will appear later. The meeting was much enjoyed by all present.

Wear a Charity Button.

Joseph Kellar, 80 year old widower of Philadelphia has announced his willingness to marry a fifth wife.

TEXTILE LEAGUE OPENS SATURDAY

UNITE FOR VACATION BIBLE STUDY

All Churches in Twin Cities in Bible School Starting June 9

At a meeting of the ministers of Rosemary and Roanoke Rapids, it was decided to have a Union Daily Vacation Bible School this summer in both Rosemary and Roanoke Rapids. Every church has agreed to cooperate that the schools might be a real success. The school in Roanoke Rapids will be held in the Central school building, and the school in Rosemary will be held in the Rosemary school building. Mr. Bradley of the Presbyterian Church was asked to act as superintendent of the schools and Mr. Thrift and Mr. Hall of the Methodist Churches in Rosemary and Roanoke Rapids, were asked to act as a committee in charge of procuring an adequate faculty.

The daily vacation Bible school is for any boy or girl in the community between the ages of 6 and 15. The daily program of the school will include a worship period, Bible stories, missionary hero stories, Bible memory work, dramatization of Bible stories, music period, play period and handiwork period. It is a varied program that the boys and girls will enjoy and each department will be graded so as to have a program adaptable to the different ages. The school will begin Monday morning, June 9 and run thru Friday, June 20.

It is the expectation of the ministers, that between 300 and 500 boys and girls will take advantage of the school and come. All of the expenses of the school will be borne by the churches participating on a pro rata basis. To make the school a success, a good many of the women of the community, especially those who have helped in Sunday School work, and also some of the college girls, will have to give the school some of their time. The work is not hard and is very interesting. Arrangements have been made with Granville Presbytery to send two of their Bible School workers here to help with the camp, and plans are also under way by which we hope to have some of the young men from the Duke University Foundation who will be doing Sunday School and Teacher Training work during the summer. There may be a possibility, too, of obtaining some special workers from the Baptist Board.

During the past two years the Presbyterian Church has held a school with an attendance the first year of 37, and an attendance the second year of 140. If this is any indication of the popularity and success of the school, we are looking for two large schools this coming summer. The boy or girl who wants to attend the school is asked to go to the nearest one to his home, and it is the hope of the churches that every boy and girl will attend.

83RD BIRTHDAY

On Sunday, May 11, the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren gathered at the home of Mrs. Susan Ivey to celebrate her 83rd birthday, each family carrying a basket of good eats such as barbecue, Chicken salad, Brunswick stew, old fashioned country ham and all kinds of cake. A birthday cake with 83 candles formed the center piece. Fifty-five guests had dinner with Mrs. Ivey. Mrs. Ivey has three daughters living, Mrs. L. Powell, Mrs. Carrie Ivey of South Rosemary and Mrs. Jim Wright of Brunswick, Va., as well as 25 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. She received many pretty and useful gifts. About five o'clock the guests departed declaring they had a most delightful day and wishing Mrs. Ivey many more happy birthdays.

Williams-Dickens

The marriage of Miss Avis Catherine Dickens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Dickens of Rosemary, and Mr. W. Bryant Williams of Weldon, took place in Emporia Sunday, May 11 at 11 o'clock with the Reverend J. S. Wren officiating. Attendants at the ceremony were Miss Maggie Garner and Messrs Major Boseman, Willie Harrison and Lindard Dickens.

4 TEAMS READY TO HIT DIRT

Double Header Every Saturday Afternoon During Summer

The Textile League will officially open the season here Saturday afternoon at Rosemary Park with a double header and all the pomp and splendor of a real league opening.

The Rosemary Concert Band will furnish the music for the occasion; there will be a parade of the players; S. T. Peace, president of Roanoke Mills Co., will toss the first ball, and the pennant race for the championship of the Textile League will be underway.

The first game will be called at two o'clock. Ladies and children are free and admission for men is twenty-five cents. All proceeds will go to the actual expenses of buying uniforms, equipment and keeping the grounds in the best of condition.

New Ball Park
The first few games will be played at Rosemary Park, but work has been started on the new community ball park back of the Rosemary graded school. This park will be used by all the mills and in football season by the High School.

It has not been named yet, but several names have been suggested and the most popular to date is Simmons Field.

The ground is being put in first class shape, a new grandstand will be built and the fence around the field will be back far enough so that a home run over the fence will be something to write about.

Saturday Programs
The Saturday schedule calls for the opening game of the season between Rosemary Mfg. Co. and Patterson Mills Co. The second game of the afternoon will be between Roanoke Mills Co. and Camps Store.

The opening battle brings together two veteran teams who need little introduction to local fans. The old Bascoes are rarin' to go, while Patterson Mill boys have selected as the name of their team "The Silver Kings."

Not to be outdone, the newly organized Roanoke Mills team selects the name of "Deepsleeps," which they claim is what they intend to make the other teams do. It is hoped to form a fourth team from the Virginia Electric and Power Co., but manager Ray Goodman is away, and that team has not yet been organized.

League Is Formed
The Textile League, with four teams, was organized last week. Directors of the league are Ned Manning, Rosemary Mfg. Co., Arch Taylor, Patterson Mills Co., Frank C. Williams, Roanoke Mills Co. J. T. Chase is spoken of as director representing the Power Co.

Managers elected were Hugh Camp for the Deepsleeps, Bill Alligood for the Bascoes, Homer Jones for the Silver Kings and Ray Goodman for the Vepcos. Frank Kemp was elected secretary and treasurer of the league.

The directors will pass on the eligibility of all players and act as arbiters in case of disputes. All players must be bonafide workers at the mills and must be on the payrolls thirty days prior to the time they begin playing on any team.

Henry Pitts has been appointed as chief umpire and he will choose his assistants.

Rest of Month Games

On Saturday, May 24, the Deepsleeps and Silver Kings will meet while the Bascoes will play the Vepcos. On Saturday, May 31, the Bascoes will play the Deepsleeps and the Vepcos and Silver Kings tangle. From then on its a merry chase for three months with suitable prizes to be awarded the winner which will be announced later. Reports of the games and the league standing will be published in The Herald each week. Be out there Saturday afternoon pulling for your favorite.

FOR CORONER

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for renomination as Coroner of Halifax County, subject to the Democratic primary, June 7, 1930. I am very grateful for your support in the past and will appreciate your support in the coming primary.
W. C. WILLIAMS.