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TEMPORARY BRIDGE CLOSED

The bridge was closed again this afternoon after four small steel girders on two of the old spans broke. Bridge engineer Buck Taylor was notified, ordered the bridge closed again and is on his way here. It may take several days if new steel girders must be made. The following story was written prior to the trouble this afternoon.

Traffic over the bridge spanning the Roanoke River was resumed early this morning with the completion of the temporary span constructed by the State Highway Department.

Relations with Gaston township and other points north, severed for several weeks except for ferry connection, have been resumed and today many cars bearing Virginia licenses were seen again in the Twin Cities as news of the bridge opening spread.

The new span is of wood but is of such heavy construction that it appears to be as secure or more so than the steel spans. Large wooden piles hold it up while the cross beams and flooring are of the heaviest construction possible. Nothing but high water would endanger the new span.

It is placed here to give temporary relief only, while plans are being formulated for permanent work on the bridge, either at the present site or for a new bridge at a new site. This latter is what has been demanded by local citizens.

A meeting with the State Highway Commission scheduled for yesterday was postponed on account of the death of Mr. Wilkerson, member of the Commission from a Western district.

The meeting will be held next Wednesday, May 28, with the local delegation to be heard soon after lunch time, according to information received here from Mr. Keugler, Commissioner for this district.

At this time, the local delegation will ask for a new bridge. The County has no funds but Federal aid has been asked for from Senator Simmons. No answer has been received from him as yet. The new bridge would be placed up the river and would eliminate the three small bridges.

The alternative suggested by Mr. Keugler is for an entire new superstructure on the present bridge more than doubling the old capacity, making it a regulation ten ton bridge.

Two Announce For County Commissioner

This paper this week carries the announcement of two men who are running for the office of County Commissioner of Halifax County. The County Board is composed of five members, the five highest in the county being elected to the Board of Commissioners.

W. F. Joyner, present Commissioner, has announced for reelection. Mr. Joyner has served from this section for several months being appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of L. G. Shell. During his tenure, Mr. Joyner has done everything in his power to represent Roanoke Rapids township, at the same time, safeguarding the interests of all other sections of the county.

Another candidate to announce for the Board of Commissioners is Ivey A. Crawley, well known farmer and business man of the Hollister section.

ADVISE CUT IN COUNTY SALARIES

League Spoils Economy Efforts By Messing In Politics

Beginning as a means of planning methods of reducing taxes in Halifax County, the Taxpayers League, which met at Halifax Monday, was changed to a political meeting when an amendment to tax reduction resolutions was passed and a slate of officers picked for certain county offices.

Politics crept into the meeting after a committee selected by Chairman W. T. Shaw had turned in resolutions recommending a twenty per cent cut in salaries of all county officials, with further recommendations that a committee be appointed to call on all office holders and candidates asking them to sign the pledge to accept the cut.

Both the resolutions of a cut and the amendment was adopted by a majority of those present, many not voting. Messrs Liverman, Smith and Dunn of Scotland Neck made speeches against the resolution but made little headway.

They, with W. F. Joyner of Roanoke Rapids, contended that a twenty per cent cut in salaries would make but little difference in the tax rate and that something more drastic was needed to make material difference in the amount of taxes.

A later check-up showed that a cut of every person on the payroll of the county of twenty per cent would only result in a four cent savings on the general tax levy which was \$1.45 last year. Nevertheless, a motion was passed near the end of the meeting that the tax rate for the next year be set at \$1.20. This motion was made by Mr. Neville, mentioned above. Besides the four cent saving, the only additional cut of any size was in the road building where it was recommended that no new roads be built in Halifax County for a period of two years.

Mr. Joyner was hissed when he spoke against the resolutions and made the statement that it was unbusiness like and not necessary to cut the salaries of county officers. He, however, gained the attention of the crowd when he explained that there were many county offices that could be abolished and others which could be consolidated, thus creating real saving and efficiency. He advocated the County Manager form of government with all the offices under the daily direction of one man capable of running the business of the county. Many in the crowd agreed with him, but no action was taken on any of the suggestions offered by Mr. Joyner or others who opposed the resolutions offered by the special committee.

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PEACH ORCHARDS

THE commercial peach belt of the State is in the "Sand Hills", primarily embracing Richmond, Montgomery and Moore Counties. The greatest peach orchard in the world, near Hamlet, is forty miles square. The trees begin bearing at the age of four to five years and under normal conditions continue bearing for twenty years. In the peach growing industry the farmer has to combat such insects and diseases as the peach worm, the peach borer and the San Jose scale.

In 1929 there were 1,244 car lot shipments of peaches, 2,350,000 bushels, this being a decrease of 1,998 car lot shipments from 1928. Commercial and agricultural peaches of the State were valued at \$2,967,000 in 1929. Peaches are usually sold by commission houses in refrigerated car load lots and are shipped to all eastern and some European markets.

ATLANTIC COASTAL HIGHWAY

Annual Convention at Brunswick, Ga., June 9th and 10th

On June 9th and 10th officers and members of the Atlantic Coastal Highway Association will meet in Brunswick, Ga., for a discussion of plans for the coming year.

Brunswick, one of the five coastal cities that formed the organization in 1929, has long made a bid for a convention date and the convention this year will find Brunswick as host prepared to entertain in a lavish way.

Situated about half way from Savannah, Ga., and Jacksonville, Fla., Brunswick is an important city on the coastal highway. Its close proximity to the bathing beaches makes it an attractive spot in the summer months.

During the convention the members and their friends will be entertained at the Oglethorpe hotel which is the convention headquarters.

Side trips to beautiful Sea Island Beach for surf bathing, golf, fishing, etc., has been arranged by the entertainment committee.

The Hotel Cloister at Sea Island Beach and the Oglethorpe in Brunswick have made special rates for this occasion.

Roanoke Rapids-Rosemary are members of the Association and expect to send a delegate to the convention.

R. Leslie Towe For Education Board

R. Leslie Towe, assistant secretary and treasurer of the Roanoke Mills Company, has filed for the office of member of the County Board of Education. Roanoke Rapids Township is represented on this Board by T. M. Jenkins, local merchant, who states he will not be a candidate again. When he ascertained that Mr. Jenkins would not run again, Mr. Towe was prevailed on to run for that office.

There are three members of the County Board of Education to be elected from the county at large. The other two members are usually chosen from other sections of the county, while one member is usually chosen to represent this township, due to its population and tax paying ability.

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

Will Be Decided Here Next Tuesday—Kinston Decides To Play Off Tie

After Hertford and Kinston had refused to play off a tie with the Roanoke Rapids High School Yellowjackets in the baseball race of the North-eastern Conference, thus forfeiting the title to the local team, Kinston retracted and decided to make a fight for it, according to reports received here today.

Their team will arrive here Tuesday for the deciding play-off of the season which will give the winner undisputed championship of the Conference. The game will be played at Rosemary Park Tuesday afternoon.

Until yesterday, the Conference crown rested on the heads of the Yellowjackets who were willing to play off the tie while the other two teams seemed willing to let the championship go by the forfeit route. The Kinston decision was received with much joy by local fans who sense a real game with blood up.

The championship carries with it a handsome trophy. Players who should come in for praise that is deserved are Captain Womble, pitcher, Sullivan, catcher, Harrison and Starke, first base, Matthews, second base, Womble, shortstop, Grant, third base, and Johnson, Dickens, Burnette, outfielders, and last but not least of all the subs who are worthy of the highest praise for sticking through the whole season.

Only one man will be lost through graduation, Johnson, outfielder. A plan is now on foot to keep the team intact throughout the season, to let them form the fourth team in the newly formed Textile League.

Community Choir To Sing for Baccalaureate Service

The Community Choir will rehearse next Monday night at eight o'clock in the high school auditorium. This organization is to sing for the Baccalaureate service June 1st.

Two weeks ago a rehearsal was called by Miss Mary Scales but all the churches did not get the notice. Each church is to send five or six representatives from its choir for the rehearsal Monday night. Assisting the choir will be the high school mixed chorus. It is hoped that each church will participate in order that we may have a seventy-voice choir.

TEXTILE LEAGUE OPENING

Bascos and Deepsleeps Win Openers Last Saturday

By Sports Editor

With a beautiful day and a large crowd as an added initiative the Twin City Textile League got off to a flying start last Saturday at Rosemary Park. The Rosemary band was there with their usual brand of poppy music, the four teams were backed by inspired rooters who hotly proclaimed to all the world at large that their respective teams could lick anything in creation, including the Athletics.

The Rosemary Bascos and the Patterson Mill Silver Kings lined up for the first game at 2 o'clock and from then on it was an afternoon of good baseball. Crowder and Langley were the starting battery for the Silver Kings, while Finch the ace of the Bascos' hurling corps started for them with Outland receiving. Crowder pitched wonderful ball for Patterson Mill, but poor support in the latter part of the game caused his downfall, but while losing the game he sent thirteen of the hard hitting Bascos back to the bench via the strike-out route. Ferrell and Langley also stood out for Patterson. Finch started in great style but rapidly weakened and was relieved by Birdsong in the sixth, from then on not a Patterson Mill player reached first. It was great hurling on Birdsong's part with Outland catching a good game. Ryals and Whitby led in Rosemary's attack. Crowder hit a homer for Patterson in the third with one on.

In the second game, Roanoke, aided by airtight hurling downed Camp Store 6 to 4. This was a red hot game from start to finish with Hugh Camp's proteges finally emerging victorious over the settlement which bears the family name. Roanoke started Carroll pitching and Fowler catching, while Camp Store started Burnette and Thompson. The Deepsleeps steadily pecked away at Burnette until they won the game. Hux stood out in the attack on the Deepsleeps while Grant led in the hitting for Camp Store. The Deepsleeps presented a fast well balanced team, with "Bull" Durham at shortstop, standing out in the infield, while Hux in left field is the class of the outfield. Carroll will probably rank as the star hurler of the league. He is a southpaw and in

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MEMORY CONTEST IN MUSIC

Local Schools Finish New Musical Contest; 29 Perfect

The first music memory contest to be held in this city took place Thursday, May, 15 in the H. S. Auditorium. At that time all who had won in the preliminary contests in the individual rooms came together for the final contest.

The contest list consisted of fifty of the world's most famous and best known musical compositions. Of those fifty, twenty were played in the preliminary and thirty in the final contest. The pupils were asked to recognize and name each of the compositions played. Some of the higher grades were asked to name each composition, tell its composer and his nationality.

This contest came as a culmination of nearly a whole year's work. The music memory contest has proved itself to be an effective device for familiarizing children with good music and for instilling in them a love for the best kind of music.

Plans are already being made for the contest in this city next year and it is hoped that more publicity can be given it then in order that there may be more townspeople present.

Three types of prizes were offered this year. A bronze tablet for the building making the highest average is to be given by the National Bureau for the Advancement of Music. This year the tablet is won by the Junior High School building.

The room making the highest average is to be allowed a one-hour holiday at the end of this week. This distinction goes to Miss Sarah Gurler's room (7-1. Miss Ruth White, Miss Kate Brinson and Miss Amanda Tillman.

Everyone who made a perfect score of 150 in the final contest is to be given a silver perfect score pin.

Twenty-nine won this honor. They are Elizabeth Lyerly, 3rd grade, Miss White; Ethel Reaves, Juanita Underwood, Helen Wilkinson, 5th grade, Miss Moore; Mabel Bridgers, Lucille Blanton, 5th grade, Miss Caldwell; Irene Dover, Evelyn Jones, Mabel Brown, 5th grade, Miss Daniel; Edith Morris, Annie Delfenthal, Daniel Cagle, Lottie Allen, 6th grade, Miss Frinson; Nellie Nethercutt, Elizabeth Allen, 6th grade, Miss Price; Ernelle Harris, Willie Rivers Moore, Elma Etheridge, 7-II; Irvin Dickens, Geo. Nethercutt, Dorothy Rice, 7-I; Lucille Ferrell, 8-III; Vernie Lyerly, Olive Ann, Annie Marie Fisher, 8-I; Annie McDonald, Lena Johnson, 8-II.

6000 VOTES

Roanoke Rapids Township Can Control County—If They Will

There are 3,212 voters registered in Roanoke Rapids precinct to date, according to J. F. Welch, local registrar. Of this number 2,800 are old voters and 412 have been registered in the last few weeks are new voters who have come of age or who have moved here since the last registration.

Rosemary precinct will run about the same which will mean that this Township will have approximately 5,000 qualified voters in the coming election.

Half of the new voters registering were women, says Mr. Welch. Anyone who has never registered and who wishes to vote in the primary June 6 must register by this Saturday. Mr. Welch will be at the old Methodist church on Jackson Street all day Saturday, and Mr. Monroe Jenkins registrar for Rosemary precinct will spend the day at the Rosemary Band Hall.

The huge registration here in this township proved that this township holds the balance of voting power in the county if the voters can be prevailed on to join hands and support the same candidates. Efforts are being made by political enemies of the township to split the vote here by running more than one local man for the same office.

KATZ FOUND GUILTY BY COURT JURY

Four Months Is Sentence In Macon Bank Entrance Case

A Warren County jury returned a sentence of guilty against a Halifax man in Warren Superior Court yesterday afternoon when D. Katz, owner of the Done Right Shoe Shop in Rosemary was found guilty of aiding and abetting in the illegal entrance of the bank at Macon in January.

A sentence of four months, the lowest that could be given was placed on Katz by Judge Devin. The defendant was recognized on his own bond and given ten days to put his business affairs in shape before serving the sentence.

It could not be learned last night whether motion for a new trial or an appeal in the case would be made. In view of the light sentence also due to the venue of the case, it was the opinion that no further action would be taken in behalf of the defendant.

Many from the Twin Cities attended the trial which lasted all day yesterday. Some went as character witnesses, while others went merely as spectators. It seemed to be the general opinion that the jury had found Katz guilty on purely circumstantial evidence.

While the defendant maintained his innocence throughout and stated he was not in Macon on the night of the robbery, the main evidence against him was that of two men of Macon who saw the Katz car parked in front of the bank with a man under the wheel whom they later said was Katz. No one testified they saw the defendant enter the bank nor was it brought out that anyone with him entered the bank. However, it was shown that the bank had been entered by somebody about the time the Katz car was seen in front of the bank.

Defense lawyers were A. C. Zollinger of this city and Harry Smith, famous Richmond attorney. Judge John Carr assisted in selection of the jury.

The two men testified they saw a man resembling Katz, sitting in a car which belongs to Katz, in front of the bank at Macon on the night it is charged the bank was entered.

One of the men is a salesman for the Oakland-Pontiac cars at Warrenton. The other works in Macon. They were returning from an engagement and say they saw the car parked in front of the bank. They drove up thinking it was some of their friends and the other car pulled away. They followed it up the road and turned around. They testified they were suspicious of the actions and flashed their lights on the car, disclosing the driver alone, whom they say resembled Katz. One of them took down the license number of the car.

Following the car back into Macon, they decided to call the president of the bank, after following the car down the road and back. When they returned with the president and an officer the car was gone. Investigation showed the bank had been entered by a rear window, flower pots on the window sill being knocked off on the floor. It is said feeble attempts had been made to open desk drawers and a small safe, but nothing was missing.

A call to Raleigh revealed the license number belonging to Katz. On the Saturday morning following the attempted robbery on Friday night, Katz reported to Rosemary police that his car had been stolen the night before and returned later.

Saturday afternoon Chief Dobbins with the two witnesses and Warren County officers, arrested Katz. At the time of the arrest the two men from Macon claimed that Katz was the man they saw in the car.

The latter, however, insisted his innocence and maintained that he was home in bed at the time the attempted robbery is said to have been staged. He says that it is possible that whoever stole his car was implicated but that he was not driving the car between midnight and 12:30 Saturday morning.