

## HISTORY OF TWIN CITIES RADIOED BY S. T. PEACE

The Roanoke River, noted for its channel bass and water power, rises in the Western part of Virginia and flows Eastward through North Carolina to the sea. The name "Roanoke" means turbulent, wrathful, muddy hard to control. In fact, it means "River of Death," and was given to the river by the American Indians many years ago. Although there is much water in this river, at certain points, especially at Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina and Weldon, North Carolina, there are a great number of rocks in the river bed and at these points the water falls rapidly. With the exception of nine miles of these rocky rapids, the river is navigable from the sea to Clarksville, Virginia.

During the war of 1812, by Portuguese and slave labor and by the aid of the States of Virginia and North Carolina, a canal was dug nine miles long cutting out the rocky rapids and

freight from Norfolk and other ports was distributed up the river as far inland as Clarksville, Virginia, and tobacco from Clarksville, then the largest tobacco market in the world, was shipped down stream to foreign markets.

In the year 1840 the first railroad in North Carolina was laid. It ran from Raleigh to Gaston and was known as the Raleigh and Gaston railroad, now part of the Seaboard. Gaston was a depot town situated at the head of this nine-mile canal. It had at this time fifteen shipping clerks. Up the river and through this canal and over the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad, commerce was carried from the outside world to the center of the State of North Carolina.

This old canal finally went out of use and later on became the subject of many disputes and law suits. Its lofty ambition of diverting all of the water of the great Roanoke River for

the purpose of grinding corn and furnishing power for factories was at that time top-heavy and its promoting company went into bankruptcy at a loss of one million dollars. Meanwhile a rival canal one mile in length came into existence and upon the banks of this new canal, at a point eighty-five miles West of Norfolk there was born a new city, Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, the new Lowell of the South.

The first enterprise to be erected in this new city and to be run by water power was promoted and owned by John Armstrong Chandler, later John Armstrong Chandler of Richmond and New York. The building was designed by the late Stanford White, an architect in the city of New York. The factory made heavy knit underwear. This was in 1894 and Mr. Chandler has the honor of having named the city "Roanoke Rapids."

In 1895 the second enterprise, The Roanoke Mills Company, makers of cotton outtings or flannels, was organized by Major T. L. Emory of Weldon, North Carolina, W. S. Parker of Henderson, North Carolina, Charles Cohan and W. M. Habington of Petersburg and Richmond. Mr. Parker was elected president of this company.

Then came the Rosemary Manufacturing Company, founded by the late Samuel F. Patterson and later operated by his brother John L. Patterson and now operated by W. L. Manning. This is the largest Damask mill in the world.

And next came the Patterson Mills Company organized by and named after the late Samuel F. Patterson. These three mills now manufacture over six million yards of cloth each year. Since their organization, they have made considerably over a billion yards of cloth and consumed over seven hundred and fifty thousand bales of cotton and aside from their water power have purchased over 500,000 tons of coal, the most of which came from the coal mines of Virginia and West Virginia.

These three mills, Rosemary Manufacturing Company, Roanoke Mills Company and Patterson Mills Company recently have been purchased by the Simmons Company, makers of beds and mattresses and furniture, and these textile mills now make all the mattress cover material for the nationally advertised Simmons "Beautyrest" and "Deepsleep" mattresses. The other products of these mills have a National distribution.

The next factory of importance to be erected in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, was the Halifax Paper Corporation. This is the first sulphate pulp mill ever built in the United States. This paper mill uses twenty thousand cords of pine wood per year, purchased from the farmers of this community at a cost of one hundred and twenty thousand dollars. This mill turns out thirty tons of kraft wrapping paper each day. Its production is sold in North Carolina, Virginia and in all northeastern states.

A large part of the capital for the first large investment in Roanoke Ra-

pids was to have been furnished by capitalists in London, but this capital was withheld at the last moment on account of a fear of malaria caused by the prevalence of mosquitoes. This fear has proven to be unfounded.

When the United States Public Health Service under Dr. Von Esdorf, had cleaned up the Panama Canal Zone and Vera Cruz, it came directly to Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, and there made the first demonstration of effective malarial control in these United States. This first work was under the supervision of Dr. Von Esdorf himself. It has been carried on faithfully and now Roanoke Rapids is as free of malaria as is Asheville or any other healthy city. Not only do we have a great system of drainage and oil drip cans provided against the day of the mosquito but in order to prevent typhoid fever and other intestinal diseases, every surface well in the community long since has been abolished and all drinking water is obtained from deep wells driven below the finest crust of rock.

Roanoke Rapids and its sister town, Rosemary, have a wonderful hospital with six doctors and seventy five nurses. The long suit or pursuit of this hospital is delivering babies and patching up the automobile wrecks and not in dealing with chills and fevers. There is no evidence of birth control in this community. This young town of 30 years, has twenty five hundred children in its schools today.

In conclusion let us not forget the beginning and the source of our existence, the old Roanoke River. This river rushes down through a part of Virginia into the Piedmont section of Carolina and then to the sea. The total fall over this distance is something like two hundred feet. At Roanoke Rapids North Carolina, the present Hydro Electric development is developed under a head of thirty feet. Two miles above Roanoke Rapids the Virginia Electric and Power Company contemplates building another dam which will have a head of forty five feet, which in turn will develop something like forty thousand horsepower, and eleven miles above Roanoke Rapids the Virginia Electric and Power Company owns still another site which will develop a similar amount of power, so that the total development of the Virginia Electric and Power Company on the Roanoke River, including what is already developed, will total approximately one hundred thousand horse power, with a total cost of something like fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000.00).

Roanoke Rapids-Rosemary, N. C., is one town of ten thousand (10,000) people and exists because of the fact that power was made available at this point. It is a progressive, growing young town.

Since the coming into this section of the Stone and Webster interests, the power from the Virginia Electric and Power Company's lines has been made available in thirty (30) towns in Northeastern North Carolina, giving to each and every community all the advantages of power and power service which are available in Richmond, Va.

In the past, Northeastern North Carolina has been an agricultural district pure and simple, but with power made available, industrial developments in the section are being seriously considered, and each and every town and city looks forward to the future with confidence and determination.

### Notice of Sale

NORTH CAROLINA,  
HALIFAX COUNTY.

Under and by virtue of the terms and power of sale conferred on the undersigned Trustee in that certain deed of trust executed and delivered by Mrs. B. M. Gurkin, which deed of trust is dated the 15th day of August, 1921, and duly recorded in Book 324, page 400, office of the Register of Deeds for Halifax County, securing a certain indebtedness therein set out and described, default having been made in the payment of said indebtedness and the undersigned having been duly requested by the holder of the same to execute the powers of sale therein conferred, the undersigned Trustee will on Saturday, the 14th day of June, 1930, at 11 o'clock A. M. in front of the Post Office door in the Village of Rosemary, N. C., offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash at public auction the following described real estate, to-wit:

All those four certain lots or parcels of land, with all improvements thereon, fronting each twenty-five feet on the East side of Roanoke Avenue in the Village of Rosemary, Halifax County, N. C., and running back each the same width between parallel lines at right angles to the said Avenue one hundred and forty (140) feet to an alley, being shown and designated as Nos. Eleven Hundred Twenty-eight (1128), Eleven Hundred Thirty (1130), Eleven Hundred Thirty-two (1132) and Eleven Hundred Thirty-four (1134), as shown on the maps or plats of the property of Roanoke Rapids Power Company, made by C. F. Gore and Company, Civil Engineers, Weldon, N. C., December 18, 1915 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Halifax County, North Carolina, in Plat Book No. 1, pages 11, 12, 13 and 14, reference to which is hereby made for greater certainty of description. The residence of the said Mrs. B. M. Gurkin is located on some of these lots and the same were conveyed to her by certain deeds of Roanoke Avenue Development Company, dated October 4, 1916 and November 4, 1919, and recorded in books 274 and 311, office of the Register of Deeds of Halifax County, and reference to the same is here made for more accurate description.

This the 13th day of May, 1930.

CHAS. R. DANIEL,

Trustee.

Place of Sale: Front of Post Office door, Rosemary, N. C.

Date of Sale: Saturday, June 14th, 1930.

Hour of Sale: 11 o'clock A. M.

Terms of Sale: Cash.

41-6-12.

### Doctors Disagree

When children are irritable and nervous, grind their teeth and sleep restlessly, have digestive pains and disturbances, lack of appetite, and have itching eyes, nose and throat, doctors will not always agree that they are suffering from worms. Many mothers, too, will not believe that their carefully brought up children can have worms. The fact remains that these symptoms will yield, in a great majority of cases, to a few doses of White's Cream Vermifuge, the sure expellant of round and pin worms. If your child has any of these symptoms, try this harmless, old fashioned remedy, which you can get at 35c per bottle from

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### STATEMENT REPUBLIC INSURANCE COMPANY

Dallas, Texas

Condition December 31, 1929, as shown by Statement filed	
Amount of Capital paid in cash	\$ 2,000,000.00
Amount Ledger assets Dec. 31st previous year, \$5,730,685.40	
Total	5,730,685.40
Income—From policyholders, \$1,639,433.88; Miscellaneous, \$346,063.69; Total	2,045,527.77
Disbursement—To policyholders, \$888,427.81; Miscellaneous, \$1,200,007.20; Total	1,788,435.01
Fine risks—Written or renewed during year, \$249,796,061; In Force	277,767,078.00
All other risks—Written or renewed during year, \$5,619,544; In Force	3,281,368.00
ASSETS	
Value of Real Estate	523,888.25
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	1,812,315.20
Loans secured by pledge of Bonds, Stocks, or other collateral	15,000.00
Value of Bonds and Stocks	3,171,213.86
Cash in Company's Office	34,860.54
Deposited in Trust Companies and Banks not on interest	42,069.99
Deposited in Trust Companies and Banks on interest	20,539.46
Agents' balances, representing business written subsequent To October 1, 1929	320,626.93
Agents' balances, representing business written prior October 1, 1929	6,406.39
Bills receivable, taken for fire risks	22,297.90
Interest and rents due and accrued	62,057.60
All other Assets, as detailed in Statement	33,917.29
TOTAL	\$6,072,192.92
Less Assets not admitted	10,199.51
Total admitted assets	\$ 6,061,993.41
LIABILITIES	
Net amount of unpaid losses and claims	68,000.42
Unearned Premiums	1,561,571.62
Estimated amount payable for Federal, State, county and municipal taxes due or accrued	125,000.00
Reinsurance and return premiums due other companies	72,532.89
All other liabilities, as detailed in statement	600,000.00
Total amount of all liabilities except Capital	\$ 2,427,104.93
Capital actually paid up in cash	\$2,000,000.00
Surplus over all liabilities	\$1,634,888.48
Surplus as regards policyholders	3,634,888.48
Total Liabilities	\$ 6,061,993.41

**BUSINESS IN NORTH CAROLINA DURING 1929**  
Fire risks written, \$243,199; Premiums received, 1,391,000. Losses incurred—Fire, \$12; Paid, 12.00.  
President, I. Jalonick; Secretary, Edison C. Jalonick; Treasurer, W. H. Shook. Home Office, 3504 Gillou Ave., Dallas Texas. Attorney for service, Dan C. Boney, Insurance Commissioner, Raleigh, N. C. Manager for North Carolina, Home Office.  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA—Insurance Department.  
Raleigh, Feb. 15th, 1930. I, Dan C. Boney, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the Republic Insurance Company, of Dallas, Texas, filed with this Department, showing the condition of said company, on the 31st day of December, 1929. Witness my hand and official seal, the day and year above written.—DAN C. BONEY, Insurance Commissioner.

(Political Advertising)

### TWO ABLE OFFICIALS

The term of criminal court concluded here this week is the sixth in succession in Vance County at which homicide cases have been tried, and in every one of them convictions have been obtained. As regretful as it is that this form of lawlessness is so rampant, it is at least encouraging to know that the offenders have not been allowed to get away with the crime without trial and punishment at the hands of the courts.

We feel that it is proper and in order that expression should be had of the appreciation of the public for the aggressive and determined manner in which the cases have been prosecuted. Solicitor R. Hunt Parker has been diligent and earnest in his efforts to convict, and he has been generous enough to say himself that much of the success attained has been due to the thorough preliminary work done by Coroner F. B. Hight in acting quickly and with precision in running down both men and women involved in killings that have occurred here since he has been in office. Further testimony might also be given as to the cooperation of the Sheriff's deputies and police officers. They have done a good deal of investigation and detective work on their own part, and have contributed in no small way by obtaining evidence that was necessary in the proper prosecution of charges that have been brought.

Since he has been solicitor, Mr. Parker has had some exceptionally hard fights on his hands in Vance County, as well as elsewhere. The fact that he has had pitted against him in many of his more important cases some very able counsel reflects the more upon his unusual abilities and his fitness for the office which he holds. Singled-handed and alone he has conducted a number of the cases he has had to handle, and has done so in a manner that could not but excite the admiration of law-abiding citizens. The vigor with which he has prosecuted has made him a hard nut to crack, and at the same time his prodding of witnesses has been so fiery as to cause defendants to face him with fear and trembling, and in some instances to wither and collapse under his fierce assaults. The Third Judicial district is fortunate and to be congratulated for having his services in the office he is filling so acceptably.

The six terms of court held here in the past year and a half have offered ample opportunity for citizens of Vance County to observe the work of their officers of the law, and they have a right to a sense of pride in the functioning of the organization working for their protection.

(The above editorial appeared in the Henderson Daily Dispatch, Saturday, March 8, 1930.)

### FOR SOLICITOR PARKER

R. Hunt Parker is seeking re-nomination as Solicitor for the Third Judicial District. He is opposed by Ernest Tyler of Roxobel.

Mr. Parker has served ably and fearlessly for several terms. He has looked well to the interest of the State. We think that his record justifies his continuance in office. He has an added appeal to our citizens in that he is a native of Halifax County.

We have a native son who is looking well to the interest of his State. We can see no reason for changing to an untried man so long as the duties of Solicitor are being so ably discharged. We shall support R. Hunt Parker for re-election.

(The above editorial appeared in the Enfield Progress, Friday, March 9, 1930.)

### R. HUNT PARKER

R. Hunt Parker, solicitor for the Third Judicial District of North Carolina has announced his candidacy for renomination to that office. The fact that Mr. Parker is a local man running for a more or less State office is not sufficient reason for this newspaper to support him.

The fact that Mr. Parker has made good in this office, has raised it to a higher plane in the respect of the people at large, has discharged his duties without fear or favor, has dealt fairly with the defendant and the Commonwealth alike, coupled with the fact that he is a refined scholar and a gentleman gives us every reason to be delighted that he sees fit to serve the public in the future. We need more men of his calibre, learning and experience in the public life of our Nation.

With all due respect to any others who might see fit to oppose Mr. Parker in his candidacy, our candid opinion is that it would be most difficult for the voters of this judicial district to select a more capable solicitor.

(The above editorial appeared in the Roanoke Rapids Herald, April 24, 1930.)

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