

NEW BRIDGE CERTAIN; 17-1 BACK

DELYSLE TELLS HOW FEDERAL ROAD RETURNED TO CITY

NEW BRIDGE COSTS OVER \$100,000

Coastal Highway Executive Says State Road Board Friendly

By Capt. Jack De Lysle
(Vice Pres. Atlantic Coastal Highway Association and Director of Publicity).

With the return of Federal U. S. 17-1 highway markers to Roanoke Rapids and the definite assurance that the contract for a new bridge costing approximately \$105,000.00 will be advertised for letting in September, Roanoke Rapids is viewing the coming "tourist travel season" with a marked degree of optimism.

At the time when U. S. 17-1 was transferred to another location Roanoke Rapids and Rosemary, the industrial twins, as members of the Atlantic Coastal Highway Association appealed to us for aid. Being in this section and feeling that the interpretation of the established policy of the Bureau of roads, was not to deprive any city of a Federal number but where a short cut or new road was built, such route could be given an alternate number, I felt certain a mistake had been made.

A conference with the North Carolina State Highway Commission assured us of cooperation from that quarter and upon reaching Washington, D. C., I found that Mr. W. C. Markham, executive secretary of the American Association of State Highway officials, who after learning the true facts, was more than willing to rectify the mistake.

Upon my return to Raleigh, Mr. John D. Waldrop, chief engineer for the State Highway Commission, said Hon. R. A. Doughton, chairman of that body, gave instructions for the numbers to be moved back to the original locations. Both of these gentlemen assured me that they were going to do everything in their power for Roanoke Rapids to insure the speedy construction of the new bridge and to give these important mill cities the much needed aid in paving and improving the route to Pleasant Hill.

"It is a question of finances at present," stated Mr. Doughton. "But Roanoke Rapids can rest assured we will help them. As one of the largest mill centers in Eastern North Carolina and the home of the world's largest damask mill, Roanoke Rapids on the Atlantic Coastal Highway shall be given every consideration."

The small part that our Atlantic Coastal Highway Association played in this matter is only a part of the service we try to render our members. The Atlantic Coastal Highway Association, organized in 1920 at Wilmington, N. C., is composed of leading business men from Maine to Florida. Roanoke Rapids citizens well remember the late Fred Warde and Frank O. Miller, and E. L. (Tige) Phillips, officers of our Association for years.

Last year, Col. Joseph C. Stehlin, much decorated World War hero, and a member of the famous Lafayette Escadrille, was elected president of the Association. Col Stehlin brought brains, ability and energy to this group of men who were practically responsible for the building of the longest, most historic and scenic all paved route in America, and he suggested and adopted the handsome Indian head insignia used by the Lafayette Escadrille as a marker for their fighting planes, as a highway marker for our association, a few of such markers being in evidence through Halifax county.

It is the intention of the Atlantic Coastal Highway association, in cooperation with all cities along our route, to mark the highway with this emblem every mile from Calais, Me., to Key West, Florida.

As my good friend, Frank E. Turin, manager of the advertising board of
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Andy Gump Now Has 312 Hours In Tree

"Andy Gump," local tree sitter, who ascended to his high perch here on Friday, August 7, is still sitting away.

At 6:30 this afternoon, Andy had 312 hours to his credit and was still going strong. He said he had no intention of coming down until he had established an all-time record. Although he is getting a little weak from lack of exercise, he has nothing but praise for his refueling crew which has been making regular contact.

If Andy is still there tomorrow afternoon, he will have completed his first two weeks aloft. If he is there when The Herald comes off the press next Thursday afternoon, he will have 480 hours to his credit, which is only 20 hours short of the 500 mark which is the record, according to information received here.

FOUND DEAD

Patterson Mill Man Dies of Heart Failure During Night

The funeral of Mr. C. E. Davis of the Patterson Mill Village who was found dead in bed Friday morning, was held Saturday afternoon from the residence, and interment was made in the family burying ground near Jackson. The service was conducted by Rev. J. E. Kirk, pastor of the Rosemary Baptist Church.

Mr. Davis died during the night and when called by a member of the family for breakfast the discovery was made that he had died during the night of heart trouble. He was 47 years old and leaves a wife and four children ranging in ages from eight to eighteen.

HOSPITAL

Gilbert Britt, of Conway, N. C., is expected to return to his home today.

Walter Bryant underwent an operation this week.

Jessie Bibb who recently returned home on an operation, expects to return home in a few days.

James Russell Cox of Pennington, N. C., underwent an operation on Monday.

George Burgwyn, a recent patient at the hospital, returned to his home at Jackson Monday.

Miss Daisy Babston is a patient at the hospital.

Miss Bertha Ogburn is a patient at the hospital.

The condition of Mrs. David (Camp) of Conway, N. C., shows much improvement.

Born to Mrs. N. J. Wray, of Thelma, Friday, August 8, a girl.

Born to Mrs. N. I. Pruden, Tuesday, August 12, a boy.

Born to Mrs. Gracie Gray, Wednesday, August 13, a boy.

Miss Mary Butler, an employee at the Patterson Mill, was painfully but not seriously injured Tuesday, when a piece of scaffolding fell from its holding and struck her on the back of the neck. She was working near the spot where some repair work was being carried on when the accident occurred. Miss Butler was removed to the Roanoke Rapids hospital, where she underwent an examination and remained for observation. Her condition is not serious, it was said at the hospital.

Misses Thelma Moore, Ava Wood, Ida Baird, Catherine Shearin and Helen Walker, nurses at the Roanoke Rapids hospital will leave today for their vacation. Miss Moore will go to her home in Belton, S. C. Miss Wood will spend her vacation at her home at Hollister and Misses Shearin and Walker will go to their respective homes at Littleton.

Miss Clara Ruth, laboratory technician at the Roanoke Rapids hospital, has recently returned from the State Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Aberdeen, N. C., where she took a course in chest X-ray. Mrs. J. N. Moss, another laboratory technician at the hospital, has left for the sanatorium, where she will take the same course.

WHITBY IS CLEARED OF CHARGE

No True Bill Is Finding Of Grand Jury Hearing Girl

A grand jury at the August term of the Halifax Superior Court, Tuesday, failed to find sufficient cause to indict Russell Whitby, 26, local mill employee, who was arrested in connection with the disappearance on the night of July 19, of Gladys Green, 14, and Bertie Mae Harris, 17, both of Roanoke Rapids. The Green girl and her father, Sam Green, were the only witnesses. It was learned, who testified before the grand jury.

Whitby was arrested a few days following the disappearance of the two girls with a warrant charging him with abduction and kidnapping, after he had made the remark at the mill where he was employed that he took two girls to Charlotte on the night the Green and Harris girls disappeared. He insisted, however, that the two girls he drove to Charlotte were not the same girls local police were searching for.

Friday, July 25, he was arraigned in police court, here, before Magistrate R. L. Martin for a preliminary hearing. The warrant against him was changed from "abducting and kidnapping" the girls to that of a more serious charge and he was placed on trial for his alleged illegal relations with Gladys Green, who testified on the witness stand as to their relations on the trip from Roanoke Rapids to their destination.

At the preliminary hearing Whitby did not take the stand in his own behalf, and in default of a \$500 bond he was remanded to the Halifax County jail, where he remained until the August term of the Halifax Superior Court convened.

The Green girl unwound a most sensational story at the preliminary hearing in her recital of the automobile trip she and the Harris girl took with Whitby and another man whom Whitby told local officers was Tom Mitchell of Emporia, Va.

The two girls were gone from their respective homes here for four days their arrest in Concord, N. C., bringing to a close a search that extended into different parts of the state and into neighboring states.

REMODELING

Power Co. Taking Additional Office Space in Electric Building

Construction of additional office space is under way at the Electric Building owned by the Virginia Electric and Power Co. and housing the main offices of the Carolina Division of the company.

That part of the building formerly occupied by the National Loan and Insurance Co., which has moved to that company's building on Second street, is being remodeled for use by the accounting department of the Power Company.

This department is at present located on the first floor of the building and this location will be taken up with private offices.

The cashier's desk will be moved to the other side of the present lobby and the public will use the same entrance now being used. A stairway will be constructed in that part now being remodeled which will lead to the engineering and meter departments upstairs.

Barbers are Back

Sam Young, proprietor of the City Barber Shop, H. M. Tickle, proprietor of Tickle's Barber Shop, and Norris Hamman, proprietor of the Triple R Barber Shop, returned to their respective homes, here, Tuesday night, from Winston-Salem, where they attended the Third Annual Meeting of the Master Barbers of North Carolina, which was held at the Robert E. Lee Hotel, there, Monday and Tuesday.

They report a very pleasant trip and said every courtesy was extended to the association members by the people of Winston-Salem. The 1931 meeting will be held at Raleigh.

Mrs. Aubrey Kee is spending some time in Norfolk with relatives and friends.

All League Team

The sporting editor of The Herald picks the following All League Team from the local Textile League. What is your choice?

B. Edmondson, catcher; Crowder, Carroll and Johnson, pitchers; M. Shearin, first; Lester Edmondson, 2b; J. Edmondson, ss; Birdsong, 3b; Ryals, lf; Ferrell, cf; Outland, rf.

SUPERIOR COURT IN SESSION

Several Local Cases Tried by Yesterday; Grand Jury Reports

The August term of the Halifax Superior Court convened on Monday, with Judge N. A. Sinclair of Fayetteville, presiding. A crowded docket awaited the court.

Henry Gilliland, of Roanoke Rapids, was sentenced to one year on the roads when found guilty of non-support charge. Gilliland was charged with non-support of his wife and three children, all boys, ranging in ages from three to nine years.

Gilliland was arrested, here, by Deputy Sheriff L. E. Keeter on Sunday, June 29, and on the following Monday waived preliminary hearing before Magistrate R. L. Martin, in police court. In default of a \$500 bond he was placed in the Halifax County jail to await court proceedings.

According to information secured from local police officials, Gilliland has been married three times. His first wife, it is said, died and she was divorced from his second wife.

Lloyd Faison, of Roanoke Rapids, and Leroy Etheridge, of Rosemary, were each sentenced to 18 months on the roads after a verdict of guilty was returned against them when they were placed on trial for theft.

Faison and Etheridge were arrested in connection with the robbery of the Seaboard Air Line railway stations at Roanoke Junction and Thelma, which is said to have taken place sometime around midnight on December 31, 1929, or early in the morning of January 1st, last. They were also charged with breaking into box cars along the Seaboard Air Line line.

They were members of a gang of five who committed the robberies. Two others who took part in the robberies were Percy Moore and Paul Evans, who were arrested and placed on trial at the January term of the Halifax Superior Court. They were found guilty and Moore drew a sentence of two and a half years while Evans had a sentence of two years imposed upon him. Both Moore and Evans were present at the trial of Faison and Etheridge and testified for the state. It is said their story at the trial was different from the one they related in their own defense when they were tried.

Lloyd Faison was represented by Attorney Julian R. Allsbrook. A Jackson lawyer appeared for Etheridge.

Many minor cases were disposed of the first three days of court. The grand jury completed its work last night after finding almost 200 true bills and making an inspection of county offices and institutions.

Price Cut in Pontiac and Oakland Autos

Oakland becomes the lowest price eight and the Pontiac Big Sixes invades the small car price field with new prices announced today by the Shearin Motor Co., local dealers. Price drops in Oaklands run up to \$170.00 while Pontiacs are cut as much as \$110.00. Complete details will be found in the advertisement of the Company in this issue of The Herald.

Druggists Convention

Local druggists A. N. Martin, C. E. Matthews, C. D. Hargrove, Irving Pearson and Carl Hale attended the State Pharmaceutical Association convention which was held in Raleigh the first three days of this week. Druggists from every part of the State were in attendance and a profitable and pleasant time was reported by the local visitors.

NEGRO HERE ASSAULTS WHITE MAN

Manager of Local Plant Assaulted by Negro Employee

This community has been much aroused by the brutal and cowardly attack made by a Negro employee of the company on R. E. Purdy, manager of the local branch of the Eastern Carolina Service Corporation.

Angry at Mr. Purdy over a trivial matter, nursing a grudge against the world, and drunk, Dick Skinner, Negro, walked into the office of the company Sunday afternoon and while Mr. Purdy was using a telephone, the Negro struck him with his fist, dazing the white man.

Skinner had a pistol in his pocket when he made the assault. He did not use the gun but kept one hand on it and Mr. Purdy says he could see the end of the barrel and the sight.

Mr. Purdy was alone in the office at the time the Negro walked in and said, "If you move, I will kill you." He then struck the white man, knocking him from his seat into a corner of the small office. When Mr. Purdy tried to rise the Negro struck him again and then seized a chair and raised it over the head of the dazed white man. He was prevented from doing this when other employees, hearing the noise, rushed into the office.

Skinner fled through the plant and into the woods. Sheriff Bell was called and he chased the negro for some distance. When it looked as if he might escape, the sheriff took a couple of shots at him to frighten him or attract someone to help in the chase. He was finally caught single-handed by the sheriff.

He had previously threatened Mr. Purdy if he complained to the law about the assault. When caught his only remark was that "this is sure quick service."

He was haled before Magistrate Thompson Monday morning, placed under a \$500 bond, charged with assault with a deadly weapon and driving a car while intoxicated, and taken to Halifax jail. An indictment was returned against him yesterday by the grand jury on the two charges and his trial is expected today.

It appears the Negro has been with the company about eight years, having been employed by S. M. Thompson when the plant was first started and staying on with the new concern. He has had trouble with one of the managers before. Sometime ago he engaged in a fist fight with another white man at the plant and was discharged. He went to Weldon and the district manager is said to have given his job back to him. Since then he has been harder than ever to control.

Saturday, something went wrong with the plant and he and Mr. Purdy had some words. The manager told him to get back to work and cut out his sassy talk or he would be discharged. He evidently brooded over this and proceeded to get drunk later. He was seen driving his car under the influence of liquor prior to the trouble.

Mr. Purdy, who had no chance to defend himself, was badly battered about the face and head. When the news spread, there was much indignation; feeling on the streets and only about prevented more serious trouble.

Anniversary Sale At Rosemary Oak Store

A year ago this month, the Oak Stores opened a store in Rosemary and Saturday and Monday they will celebrate their first birthday with an anniversary sale. Manager V. T. Lamm reports a splendid business during the year despite the general bad business conditions. The same prices will also prevail at the Roanoke Rapids store. A full page ad in this issue tells more of the story. The two Oak stores here and those elsewhere have kept up a continuous advertising program during the past year and have reaped the benefits with an unusually good year's business.

Mr. Loomis Brown of Wilson spent the week-end here with friends.

YOUNG PEOPLE FROM HERE TO GO ON CAMP



REV. C. A. BAKER

CHURCHES UNITE IN 2 CAMPS

Methodists and Baptists of Twin Cities Go To White Lake

AUGUST 18 TO 30

Duke University Instructor to Instruct at Young Peoples' Camp

On Monday morning, August 18 at 7 o'clock, the older group of young people from the Methodist and Baptist churches of our town will leave for a joint camp at White Lake, near Elizabethtown, N. C. On the following Monday, August 25, a second group of Junior age will leave for the same destination.

Trucks have been secured for the conveyance of everybody and also for the baggage, from the Roanoke Mills Co., and the Rosemary Manufacturing Co., through the courtesy of Mr. Frank Williams and Mr. William Manning.

Picnic lunches are to be carried by the girls to sustain everyone on the way down and until camp is pitched and everything is in running order.

The camp will be both educational and recreational. Plenty of time will be allowed for swimming and other optional entertainments. There is to be a course taught by trained workers at both camps. Rev. C. A. Baker of Duke University, will teach on the first camp a course on "The Life of Christ," using as a textbook "The Life of Christ," by Humphrey Lee. Mrs. B. F. Boone of Pinetops, N. C., will give a course in Missions to the younger group.

REVIEWS WORK OF POWER CO.

President Holtzclaw tells Stockholders What Company is Doing

In a letter to stockholders of the Virginia Electric and Power Co., with Carolina headquarters here, President J. G. Holtzclaw reviewed the work of the company since the first of the year stressing the extension of lines in the districts of Richmond, Petersburg, Williamsburg, Fredericksburg, Norfolk and the Carolinas.

Excerpts from the letter are printed below. Due to the length, the extension work in Virginia districts is not reprinted. He had the following to say of the work in this state, mentioning the new interconnection here with the Carolina Light and Power Company. No mention concerning the same was made in the letter.

Richmond, Va., Aug 8, 1930.

To Our Stockholders:

This year, so far, we have been devoting most of our time to making these rural extensions, and our present program in this direction, which will extend into 1931, involves an expenditure of approximately \$2,000,000. Of this amount, over \$700,000 has already been spent up to July 1st in the construction of transmission lines and 119 extensions which will serve approximately 1,450 rural customers and a number of small towns. During the remaining six months of this year the company has on its schedule of construction 129 extensions and other transmission lines involving an estimated expenditure of \$560,750 to serve about 1,400 rural customers and additional small towns.

In the Carolina District, we have recently added to our service the towns of Jamesville, Leggett, Everts, Columbia and Plymouth. When the 34-mile transmission line from Plymouth to Columbia has been completed, together with the necessary substations, we will serve from this line the towns of Roper and Creswell. We expect to complete this work during the coming fall months. Other towns to be served will include Speed, Margarettsville, Darden and Coefield.

Aside from the comforts and conveniences now enjoyed in several thousand rural homes where drudgery has been removed by reason of the new extensions completed, the construction of these lines has given work to many hundreds of men in a time when work has not been so plentiful. Other extensions are now in progress and work under the present program will continue well into the next year.

While extending our distribution lines, we have also enlarged our power facilities, particularly through interconnections with other large power generating companies. On July 1, we completed a new interconnection with the Carolina Power and Light Company near Roanoke Rapids, N. C., at a cost of approximately \$350,000. This interconnection is going to be of great advantage to the company, since it permits the interchange of both surplus and emergency power. The newest interconnection is one of several others made some time since, all of which are contributing to the reliability of our service and to economies in operation.

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A tentative schedule of the days at camp follows:

7:00—Rising bell.
7:15-7:30—Morning dip.
8:00—Breakfast.
8:30-8:45—Preparations for the day (making beds, etc.)
9:00-9:45—First class period.
9:45-10:00—Recess.
10:00-10:45—Second class period.
10:45-12:00—Study.
12:00—Dinner.
1:00-2:00—Quiet hour.
2:00-6:00—Optional recreation.
6:00—Supper.
6:30-9:00—Optional.
9:00-10:00—Vesper services, story telling, singing and talks on Christian living.
10:00—Room bell.
10:30—Lights out.

All persons will be required to follow this schedule unless excused by either Mr. Hall or Mr. Mustian or one of the trained nurses.

Mr. Hall, Mr. Mustian and Mrs. Hall are the directors of the camp. Rev. C. A. Baker and Mrs. B. F. Boone are the only instructors. Mrs. Loftin Moody and Mrs. David Camp are going to be on hand in case of need of a trained nurse. Any music that may be needed will be arranged for by Misses Agatha Moore, Catherine Hines, and Margie Collier. Any group play will be led by Edwini Akers, Graham Lynch, and Colon Womble.

Plenty of good eats will be fixed by Dave Morris.

Largest China Ware Display Ever Here

One of the best offers ever made in any line of merchandise is that at B. Marks, starting Saturday morning when almost 4,000 pieces of china ware will be offered to the public at pre-war prices. This is a brand new shipment just received by B. Marks and the entire back of the store building was necessary to take care of what is probably the largest display of china dishes ever seen in this section. Either sets or individual pieces may be purchased at ridiculously low prices. The offers and suggestions are given in detail in an advertisement in this issue. Both the size of the display and the low prices prompted this article on the part of The Herald.