

TO LET BRIDGE CONTRACT TUESDAY

NEW LOCATION 900 FEET ABOVE PRESENT SITE

WORK TO START IN SEPTEMBER

Commission Promises Aid In Paving to Pleasant Hill

The contract for the new bridge over the Roanoke River will be let at ten o'clock a. m. on August 26th, next Tuesday. Word was received by Mr. Jack De Lysle, Director of Publicity of the Atlantic Coastal Highway Association too late for publication in last week's Herald. The letters is as follows:

NORTH CAROLINA
STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION
Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 15th, 1930.
Project 1702
Halifax-Northampton Counties.
Subject: General data.

Mr. Jack De Lysle, Director of Publicity, Atlantic Coastal Highway Association, Wilmington, N. C.,
Dear Mr. De Lysle:

I have read your letter of recent date but due to my absence from the city have been unable to reply to it before. I am sorry this information was not received by you in time for incorporation in your story, which I presume was published yesterday.

The letting for the new bridge at Roanoke Rapids will take place at 10:00 a. m., on August 26 in this office. Proposals and plans have been sent to a number of contractors and I believe we will receive nice bids.

On the new alignment, we will require a bridge over the canal of the Virginia Electric and Power Company, together with the main river bridge. These bridges will be about 900 feet upstream from the existing river bridge. The bridge over the canal will have a length of 153 feet, consisting of nine 17 spans. This structure will consist of cross-tied timber pile bents with cross-tied timber super-structure. The main river bridge has a length of 1262 feet. On the Roanoke end, there are three 17' cross-tied timber spans followed by six at 14' through truss steel spans, then 11 at 17' cross-tied timber spans, one at 120' through steel truss span, over the overflow channel, with three at 17' cross-tied timber spans at the far end. The cross-tied timber spans are similar to those on the bridge over the canal. The through steel truss spans are on concrete piers and have a cross-tied timber floor. The width of roadway between hub guards for both structures is 20 feet.

Hoping this gives you the required information, and with very best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,
John D. Waldrop,
State Highway Engineer.

The Herald, in discussing this matter with Mr. De Lysle learned that both Mr. John D. Waldrop, Chief Engineer and Mr. R. A. Doughton, Chairman of the State Highway Commission, had assured him that the building of the bridge would be rushed to a speedy conclusion after the letting. "Both of these gentlemen," stated Mr. De Lysle, "assured me that they would bend every effort to get these two bridges completed in record time and they further assured me that if it was possible to raise the money, the nine miles from Roanoke Rapids to Pleasant Hill would be paved."

"The Federal Government," continued Mr. De Lysle, "has stated that it is going to release \$117,000,000.00 at once to relieve the depressing conditions that exist in so many sections. I believe that a trip to Washington and a conference with the proper authorities will get some aid from that quarter. At least it's worth trying. If this aid is forthcoming it should be a comparatively simple matter to find some means of raising an equal amount from the State Highway Commission. Where there's a will there's a way and I have great hopes that in some manner this may be accomplished. In my opinion the coming tourist season is going to be one of the largest."

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AD BRINGS LOST SPECS

Local Merchant Goes In Swimming With Glasses On And Loses Them

Jack Weissner, proprietor of Weissner's Shoe Store, at Rosemary, is a firm believer in advertising—especially newspaper advertising.

On Friday, August 8, Mr. Weissner was at Virginia Beach, Va., visiting Mrs. Weissner, who has been spending the summer there, and like most of the visitors at the beach, he answered the call of the roaring sea and went swimming in the Atlantic Ocean.

After spending a few hours in the water he decided he had enough of swimming for the day and was attempting to leave when a big, tempting wave came rolling toward the shore. Mr. Weissner forgot all about his eye glasses he was wearing and lived into the wave. When he came out of the water his glasses were missing. A search was made, but the glasses could not be found.

Five days later Mrs. Weissner was reading the lost and found column in a newspaper and here eyes were attracted to an ad telling of a pair of glasses being found, stating that if the owner would describe them, pay for the ad, they could recover them. Mr. Weissner was notified and Wednesday he went to Virginia Beach, called at the home of the finder of his glasses and recovered them. They were found near the Cavalier hotel, three miles from the Pinewood hotel, near where they were lost. They were in perfect condition. The cost of the ad was 25c and the finder refused a reward.

And still some people don't believe in advertising.

W. E. KING FUNERAL

Local Business Man Dies At Rosemary After Paralysis Attack

Funeral services were held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock for the late William E. King, 71 years of age, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. E. Morris of Rosemary, where he died suddenly Wednesday night about 9 o'clock following a stroke of paralysis. Interment was made in the old King cemetery, near Thelma. The services were conducted by Rev. V. H. Grantham, pastor of the Rosemary Christian Church.

Mr. King had been a resident of Roanoke Rapids and Rosemary and identified with the business life of the Twin Cities for several years. At one time he conducted a blacksmith shop in Roanoke Rapids and until a few months ago was engaged in the mercantile business in Rosemary, operating a store near the Brickell Motor Company.

He is survived by the following: two sons, Paul and Robert of Rosemary; and four daughters, Mrs. W. E. Morris, Mrs. Jack Matthews, Mrs. Buck Taylor and Mrs. Brooks Baker.

Elect Martin President Merchants Association

Alfred N. Martin, popular Rosemary druggist, was elected president of the Rosemary Merchant's Association at the regular annual election last week. This will be Mr. Martin's second term as he was the first president of that organization. He succeeds Frank Wilson of the Roanoke Hardware Co.

Walter Crowder was elected secretary of the Association and H. H. King, treasurer. Means of getting additional members to pay the night watchman and other expenses was discussed, as was the formation of a credit association for the two towns.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cullom and Miss Kate Hockaday, of Rosemary, motored to Little Washington and Greenville, Wednesday.

TAX RELIEF BOARD HAS MEETING

Halifax County Executive Committee Holds First Session

The recently elected Executive Committee of the Halifax County Tax Relief Association held its first meeting in Halifax on Wednesday morning for the transaction of such business as the chairman deemed expedient.

C. R. Emry of Rosemary, chairman of the Executive Committee, called the meeting to order and stated that it was time for the Association to have the services of the various committees which are provided for in the by-laws of the Association. A motion was made and carried that the Executive Committee be made to constitute the finance committee and the committee on economy and government.

E. B. Everett of Palmyra, N. L. Stedman of Halifax and W. R. Nevill of Heathville were elected as a committee on legislation.

The newspaper editors of Halifax County were named as a committee on publicity with J. T. Madry of Sealand Neck, chairman.

The Executive Committee passed a motion that Chairman Emry request the various county boards to allow a committee from the tax association to meet with the boards in their regular meetings, the committees to be appointed by Chairman Emry.

A large committee on precinct organization was named to get the petitions of the State Association signed. Chairman of precinct committees who were absent at the meeting Wednesday are being asked to select their assistants in getting the petitions signed in their own precincts. The following were named:

- Hobgood—E. C. Shields, chairman; W. P. White, and W. L. Bailey.
- Palmyra—E. B. Everett, chairman; C. N. Andrews, J. R. Stevenson, Rosemeath, T. R. Whitehead, chairman; R. P. Bradley, A. C. House.
- Conecrora—J. E. Parks, chairman; Tom Hancock, J. E. Martin.
- Emfield—Waldo Whittaker, chairman.
- Ringwood—Hugh Bloomer, chairman; D. S. Mess.
- Butterfield—S. T. Thorne, chairman.
- Littleton—J. R. Wollert, chairman, Roanoke Rapids No. 1—Walls D. Tillery, chairman.
- Roanoke Rapids No. 2—C. R. Emry, chairman; W. L. Manning.
- Hollister—W. J. Galloway, chairman.
- Fauccets—W. K. Nevill, chairman; W. C. Dickens.
- Halifax—Arthur Gregory, chairman; N. L. Stedman, John Bass.
- Weldon—H. V. Bounds, chairman; W. T. Whitehead, J. A. Johnson, Jr.

A motion was carried that the occupation of the signers be listed by the names on the petitions.

The Halifax Association voted to send \$25 to the State Association as (Continued on back page)

CHANGE IN LOCAL FIRM

Collins Cleaning Company Now Operated By Fuller and Fowler

The Collins Cleaning and Dyeing Company, of Rosemary, made the announcement this week that W. E. Fuller and H. M. Fowler had taken over the management of their plant and will operate it in the future.

John W. Collins who established the business three years ago, coming here from Williamsburg, Va., and operated it until last Monday, when the new managers took charge, will leave the first of the week for Henderson, N. C., where he will enter the laundry business. He recently closed a deal for the purchase of the Ideal Laundry there, it is understood.

Both Mr. Fuller and Mr. Fowler are well known here and have had wide experience in the cleaning and dyeing business. Mr. Fuller has been associated with the Collins Company for the past two and a half years. Mr. Fowler has been connected with the firm for a few months. No other changes in the personnel of the firm has been made.

G. N. TAYLOR NEW MAYOR

To Fill Vacancy Left By Resignation of Dr. Long—Kidd Commissioner

George N. Taylor was chosen Mayor of Roanoke Rapids by the Town Board of Commissioners at its regular monthly meeting this week.

Mr. Taylor, who has served several terms as Commissioner, has been acting Mayor since the resignation of Mayor Long was accepted two months ago.

C. T. Kidd, local contractor, was chosen by the Board as Commissioner to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Taylor's promotion. In the last city election, Mr. Kidd was next high man in number of votes received.

Besides transacting routine business, the Commissioners appropriated funds to put signboards at Pleasant Hill to direct traffic over Federal Highway 17-1 to Roanoke Rapids and Rosemary. A similar board will be placed on the Littleton road leading into Rosemary by the Rosemary Merchants Association.

LEGION TO PLAY KIWANIS

American Legion Circus At Simmons Park September 3

The local Legion Post has challenged the local Kiwanis Club to a baseball game to be played Wednesday afternoon, September 3. In addition to the game a Legion circus will be put on at Simmons Park, if plans work out. Business houses of the Twin Cities will be asked to close that afternoon.

Ned Manning was elected Post Commander of Damask Post 137, American Legion, at its regular meeting and election of officers last Friday night. He succeeds George N. Taylor, first Commander of the new post which now has over seventy members and is striving for one hundred members by 1931.

The important office of Service Officer, which has been filled by Leon M. Hall for the past year, went to Carl Churchill. The importance of this office was shown in a report by Mr. Hall of the work he has done for ex-service men during his tenure of office. He has handled more than \$50,000 in insurance, disability, pension and hospitalization claims. All ex-service men who have any problems of this nature are urged to take them up with Mr. Churchill, who will be assisted in the work by Mr. Holl. Mr. Churchill can be found at the Rosemary postoffice where he is employed.

Alfred N. Martin was reappointed Post Adjutant and Curtis C. Shell was reelected Finance Officer, as the detail work of these offices is now familiar to these men.

Tom Bush was elected 1st Vice Commander of the Post and Carroll Wilson 2nd Vice Commander. W. J. Norwood was elected Post Chairman and E. B. Reynolds, Sergeant-at-Arms.

A. N. Martin and J. C. Bisette were chosen delegates to the State Convention at Winston-Salem with W. A. China and W. J. Norwood as alternates.

The management of the Peoples Theatre gave a percentage of tickets sold to Damask Post of the American Legion for the picture "With Byrd at the South Pole," which showed here Monday and Tuesday. Despite the short notice, members of the Legion and their friends were able to dispose of quite a few tickets and those who saw the picture were well repaid. It was a dramatic, epoch making film which was all the more entertaining because it was real and showed the care, methodical attention, dangers, hardships of the Polar trip. It was a thrill not to be forgotten to sit in a theatre in Roanoke Rapids and actually fly with Byrd over the South Pole.

Honors for ticket selling go to Mrs. George Taylor, wife of the Post Commander, who disposed of an even hundred. The Post wishes to publicly thank the Peoples Theatre and those who purchased Legion tickets.

VEPCO AND CAROLINA CONNECT

New Substation Addition and Circuit Breaker Here Completed

The Virginia Electric and Power Company has just completed at a cost of approximately \$350,000, a physical connection with the power system of the Carolina Light and Power Company, at a point just out of Littleton, N. C. This interconnection is of 110,000 volt construction and built of the wood pole frame "H" design. It includes a substation addition and oil circuit breaker installation at Roanoke Rapids. The line wire are aluminum steel cored conductors.

The line is also equipped with radio carrier current telephone equipment, located at Roanoke Rapids, to facilitate prompt exchange of power over this interconnection in cases of emergency, and otherwise.

This interconnection with the system of the Carolina Power and Light Company, together with another through Rocky Mount, both of which can be operated simultaneously, affords sufficient capacity to relay any one of the largest generating units that might be out of service for repairs or for any other reason.

The company now operates similar interconnections with the Virginia Public Service Company's electric power system at Roanoke Rapids, N. C., and Occoquan, Va., near Alexandria, these connections serving to increase the reliability of electric service on the Vepco system, as well as to effect economies in operation.

To further facilitate the dispatching of electric power over its transmission system the company has just installed at a cost of approximately \$30,000 radio carrier current telephone equipment at its Hester road substation, in Suffolk, and also at its Manchester substation in Richmond.

This enables the system operator located at Richmond to talk by radio over the 110,000-volt transmission line as a carrier channel with the Suffolk substation and also the substation at Roanoke Rapids, N. C., or directly into the substation of the Carolina Power and Light Company at Henderson, N. C.

The Carolina Power and Light Company, in turn, connected through radio carrier telephone communication with the Appalachian system of the American Gas and Electric Company, which has a private radio telephone system extending through to Cleveland, Ohio and Chicago, Ills. The Carolina Company can also communicate south as far as Columbia, S. C.

The company has also installed in its Suffolk substation metering equipment on the line leading towards Roanoke Rapids with a graphic recorder, which shows the amount and direction of power flow through this line and which also shows voltage surges and their duration, as well as severity. These two meters are known as quick trip instruments, which at times when voltage surges greater than a pre determined amount, will show on a chart very accurately the amount of the surge, due to the fact that the chart is speeded up at the time of surge, 3,600 times normal speed, so that one inch of chart represents one second of time, making the record of happenings so that they can be visualized even though their duration is for a period much less than a second.

W. F. Joyner Honored

W. F. Joyner, Waldo Whittaker and Newton Sheperd represented Halifax County at the N. C. Association of County Commissioners convention at Wrightsville Beach last week. Mr. Joyner, commissioner from Roanoke Rapids township, was honored by the appointment as chairman of the Executive committee of the Association.

Former Pastor Here

David F. Tyndall, Christian minister of Savannah, Ga., and a former pastor of the Rosemary Christian Church will be a visitor in the Twin Cities Saturday and Sunday and will preach in the morning and evening service at the Christian Church Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Horwitz is spending this week at Ocean View.

PEACE AT HOSPITAL

New Business Manager Takes Charge of Local Hospital This Week

A. W. Peace, of Fayetteville, N. C., brother of S. T. Peace, president of the Roanoke Mills Company and the Roanoke Bank and Trust Company, resumed the duties of business manager of the Roanoke Rapids Hospital Monday. He succeeds W. L. Modlin, who has held that position for several months. Mr. Modlin, a resident of Roanoke Rapids, has accepted a position with the Roanoke Mills Company and will be located at the company's local offices at Mill No. 1.

Mr. Peace has been a resident of Fayetteville for the past 29 years. For 16 years he has been engaged in the real estate business there, and has been closely identified with the business life of that city. He expects to move his family to Roanoke Rapids in the near future.

Although he has not yet become very well acquainted with his new surroundings, Mr. Peace seems very favorably impressed with the Twin Cities and from his conversation it is gathered he has much faith in the future of Roanoke Rapids and Rosemary.

ETHERIDGE AT BAKERY

Former Owner Welcomed Back To Local Business Fold

The New Bakery at Rosemary, was purchased from M. Iroe by D. W. Etheridge, well known local baker the first of this week. Mr. Etheridge took charge of the business Tuesday, and the bakery will be under the management of Mrs. Etheridge who enjoys almost the same distinction in the baking industry as does her husband. Mr. Iroe, who came here from Washington, D. C., a few weeks ago and purchased the bakery from Mr. Etheridge, has not made known his plans for the future.

The reputation of the Etheridges as bakers is widespread. They came to Roanoke Rapids about eight years ago and established a small bakery on Second Street. The business grew rapidly, and a few years later they erected a new building at Rosemary and moved their business there. From their new location Mr. and Mrs. Etheridge built up one of the most thriving businesses in Eastern North Carolina and today the New Bakery ranks first among the industry of the state.

The New Bakery operates a fleet of trucks, furnishing its products to not only the Twin Cities but also to many surrounding communities. Their famous "Mamma's Own" bread is the most popular loaf bread sold in this section and enjoys a wide distribution. The business circles of the Twin Cities are glad to welcome the Etheridges back among them.

ANDY UP 480 HOURS

Local Tree Sitter Passes 500 Hour Record Tomorrow Afternoon

Andy Gump is still up there. Sitting away in the big tree on the Avenue between Coburn's and Tillery's stores, Andy is out to make an all time record and now seems well on the road to victory.

He went up in the tree August first and has been there now for three weeks lacking one day. At 6:30 this afternoon, the local tree sitter had been up in the air for 480 hours. Tomorrow at that time, he will have passed the 500 hour mark by four hours.

Until recently, 500 hours was the record, but a report comes from Norfolk this week that a tree sitter is going into his fourth week now. However, Andy's manager, Hubert Collins, will begin tomorrow afternoon claiming a new record which will stand until disputed. So far as is known, Andy has no intention of coming down yet.

Messrs Elizabeth Williams and Eugenia Rook have returned from an extended visit in Elizabeth City.

SENTENCE OF ACREE 5-10 YEARS

Local Law Violators are Dealt With Heavily At Court

Local law violators felt the heavy hand of the law as sentences were meted out in Halifax Superior Court this week ranging from six months to ten years, with Raymond Acree, youthful rum runner, catching the top sentence of from 5 to 10 years in the State penitentiary.

Hinton Faison, pal of Acree, received a two year sentence with a two year suspended sentence to start when the first two years have been served.

Paul Massey who told on the above two as well as himself, coming clean with a confession that included his own misdeeds, received a six months sentence.

Joe Williams, who was out under a suspended sentence and violated it by being caught drunk and in trouble again, was sentenced to nine months.

Dick Skinner Malone, negro, who assaulted manager R. B. Purdy of the Eastern Carolina Service Corporation while in a drunken rage, received a total sentence of two years.

Young Acree, who received the sentence of from 5 to 10 years, was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. This case was the outcome of his capture on the Avenue last month when officers surrounded his car, which was found later to contain 34 gallons of liquor.

Acree sprang from his car, gun in hand, and threatened the officers, particularly Sheriff Bell, who was in his path. When the smoke cleared away, Acree was on the ground shot through the leg. Two of the officers in the crowd had fired at him. He was in the hospital for several weeks as a result of the wound.

Two more years were added to his sentence growing out of liquor charges but these two years will run concurrently with the assault sentence. Acree is said to have been the owner of the Fairway Filling Station.

Young Faison was in the car with Acree and he also faced other charges prior to the capture. Faison almost made good his escape but was tackled by deputy sheriff Kester as he crossed the ditch on the West side of the Avenue. He will serve two years and after that another two year sentence hangs over his head subject to his good behavior.

Malone, better known here as Dick Skinner, and very well known since his drunken attack on Mr. Purdy last week, faced charges of assault and driving an auto while intoxicated. It was brought out this latter was his third offense of the kind. He received guilty counts on both charges and was given a total sentence of two years.

The negro had become peeved at the manager and entered the office of the company with a gun in his pocket. Mr. Purdy was seated at his desk when confronted by the negro who threatened him with the gun and then struck him. The negro escaped but was captured later by Sheriff Bell after a chase through the woods.

Robert L. Harris Funeral Is Held This Afternoon

Funeral services for the late Robert L. Harris, 75 years of age, whose death occurred Wednesday night, about 7 o'clock, at the home of his son, W. E. Harris, on Jefferson street following a stroke of paralysis, were conducted by Rev. Fountain, pastor of the Weldon Baptist Church, from the Harris home at 8:30 o'clock this afternoon. Interment was made in Cedarwood cemetery. The deceased is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Ethel Clary, Mrs. Mary Esteman and Miss Pattie Harris of Hillsboro, and one son, W. E. Harris.