

START NEW BRIDGE AT ONCE

City Schools Open Wednesday, Sept. 10

2200 ARE EXPECTED TO ENROLL

More Than 60 Teachers Will Return Here Next Week

With prospects of an enrollment of 2200 school children of Roanoke Rapids public schools will open for actual work on Wednesday, September 10th.

A few of the teachers will begin arriving the first of next week with the bulk of them reaching here next week end in time for the two days of special teachers meetings, Monday and Tuesday, September 8th and 9th.

City School Superintendent C. W. Davis is back on the job after taking special work at Columbia University during the summer. Miss Clara Hearne, elementary supervisor, is also at her desk this week. Mr. Reid, business manager, who was here later than the others winding up the business affairs of the school for last year, will return next week.

The teaching and supervisory staff of the city schools will number 67 this year. Ten of these will be newcomers, replacing those who will not return. The new teachers are Miss Helen House, Bethel, Miss Catherine Reid, Pilot Mountain, Miss Velma Boykin, Tarboro, Miss Inez Spainhour, New Wilkesboro, Miss Eliza Holding, Wake Forest, Miss Sara Cannon, Hones Path, S. C., Miss Maude Hunter, Sanford, Miss Evelyn Tillman, Cary, Graham Poyner, Moyock, and Coach Cranford Hoyle, Guilford College.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

High School Pupils

All High School pupils who have not registered should do so on Monday morning, September 8th. Please meet in the High School auditorium at 8:30.

First Grade Children

All children who expect to be in the First Grade are asked to register on Tuesday, September 9th. Those expecting to attend the Central School, Roanoke Rapids, will register at that building from 8:30 to 12. Those expecting to attend the Rosemary school will register at the Rosemary building from 10:00 to 4:00. Please observe the hours at the respective buildings.

Gaston Township Pupils

In answer to queries from Gaston township parents who have been sending their children to Roanoke Rapids for certain grades, The Herald was in touch with P. J. Long, Northampton County superintendent, and he informs us that Gaston School will be a Junior High School this year and all 8th and 9th grade pupils of Gaston township will be taught at the Gaston school. This was authorized by the Northampton County board last month. 10th and 11th grade pupils will continue to attend at Roanoke Rapids.

SIGNING PETITION IN COUNTY

Tax Relief Association Is Calling For Extra Session

The 15 precinct chairmen of the Halifax Tax Relief Association have been sent petitions to be used in signing up a majority of the taxpayers in the county and sent to Governor O. Max Gardner with the earnest and urgent request that he call a special session of the members of the legislature in order that laws may be passed to stop the heavy and unnecessary expenses of organizing the Appraisal and Assessment Boards in every county of the State.

Precinct chairmen were also sent petitions addressed to the General Assembly of North Carolina, calling on the representatives to enact laws that will insure a more equitable distribution of the tax burden in the state, and thereby relieve our farms, homes and real estate from the unjust proportion (70 per cent or more) of the city and county taxes that most property is now bearing.

The Governor is asked to convene a special session of the legislature at the earliest date possible after the November elections, the call to be made not later than November 20th.

Petitions to the chief executive of a special session of the legislature may be enacted to guarantee a fair, just and equitable appraisal system for all classes of property, that the heavy burden may be reduced on real property; and that said special session may prepare for the enactment, by the ensuing General Assembly, the Revenue and Machinery Acts; and consider and prepare necessary measures for Tax Relief; and the passage of necessary remedies for the relief of the land owners of the state.

"We feel that it is your bounden duty, as Governor of North Carolina, to take necessary steps to save the real estate property owners from having their property confiscated and save the great citizenship of North Carolina further wasteful and unnecessary expenditure of thousands of dollars which you can do by calling the legislature in special session immediately following the November, 1930, election."

Halifax County taxpayers will be asked to sign petitions addressed to the members of the General Assembly, requesting:

"That you enact laws that will give the farmers and home owners an opportunity to redeem their property from the Cities and Counties, where they have been foreclosed, with an (Continued on back page)

ALL READY FOR SPORT CARNIVAL

Kiwanis-Legion Combat Wednesday Afternoon —Half Holiday

Everything is all set for the joint circus, field events, baseball game at Simmons Park next Wednesday afternoon when the Kiwanis Club and the American Legion will meet in mortal combat.

The merchants and business houses of the Twin Cities are asked to close Wednesday afternoon of next week so that their employees may attend the events.

The admission to the field will be 25c and all the proceeds will go to the American Legion to defray the expenses of the Junior Baseball team which recently won the Eastern Carolina championship.

Every detail, even to pink lemonade and peanuts to be sold by the Juniors, has been worked out. The various contests between Kiwanis and the Legion will start at 3:30. Part of the program has been worked out by a joint committee.

One of the most exciting events will be a sack race with Alfred Martin representing the Legion and Emmett Matthews wearing the Kiwanis colors. This is reported to be a grudge race and has something to do with the price of grape juice.

Preachers go in for aviation when an airplane race will be staged with Leon Hall representing the Legion and Joe Bynum the Kiwanis Club. A three-legged race will be staged with Carl Churchill and Curtis Shell on the Legion side and Howard Pruden and Neighbor Smith roving for Kiwanis.

Then there will be a specialty race, the secret of which is not divulged, between Frank Wilson, president of the Kiwanis Club and George N. Taylor, Commander of the Legion Post. A cracker-eating contest will be held with Billy Norwood stuffing for the Legion and Bob Myrick cramming for the Kiwanis.

The baseball game will start about 4 o'clock. Ned Manning will captain the Legion team and Hugh Camp will lead the Kiwanis outfit. Among those who will be seen in the legion artillery are George Taylor, Jay Saunders, Allen Zollicoffer, Alfred Martin, Carl Churchill, Ned Manning, Billy Norwood, E. B. Reynolds, Frank Kemp, John Fisher, Shep Cullom, Tom Cullom, Tommy Cox, Rivas Manning and Bohannon Weathers.

Captain Camp will bring from the Kiwanis camp a team from the following: Ray Gooden, Hurley King, Leon Hall, Frank Williams, Carroll Wilson, Howard Pruden, Wick Ross, Jack Young, Clarence Grimmer, Frank Wilson, Claud Dunn, Tommy Gates, Charley Davis and others.

Everybody is assured plenty of fun and the money goes for a good cause. If this is not a bigger thing will be jointly planned for next year.

D. Pender Opens Branch Store Here R. H. Pope Manager

Another chain store system entered the business circles of the Twin Cities this week with the opening of the store of the D. Pender Store at Rosemary, owned and operated by the D. Pender Grocery Co., of Norfolk, Va. R. H. Pope is manager of the new store.

As an added feature for the opening day the store is giving, free of charge, a loaf of bread to each of the first 300 customers entering the store today.

The D. Pender Company at present is operating 438 food stores and 70 additional meat markets in North Carolina and Virginia.

Thief Steals Articles From Court House

Monday afternoon while Miss Undine Hux, who works in the Auditor's office in the court house at Halifax, was out for her office for a few minutes, Roy Davis, who says his home is in Baltimore, Md., went in the office and stole Miss Hux's watch and fountain pen that was lying on the desk. The police were notified and he was caught before he got out of town and lodged in the jail to await trial.

CAR FLIPS FOUR TIMES

Hubert Lowder Injured In Auto Crash Last Friday Night

Hubert Lowder, 20 years of age, of Rosemary, is a patient in the Roanoke Rapids hospital, suffering from internal injuries received when the automobile in which he and three companions were riding, flipped in a wreck on the road between here and Weldon last Friday evening. It was learned the machine turned over about four times.

Lowder was rushed to the hospital, here, by a passerby where an immediate examination was begun. His condition is showing improvement, according to hospital doctors.

Lewis Massie, Eddie Beard and Glenn Gurley, also of Rosemary, were other occupants of the ill-fated machine. Massie sustained slight injuries and remained overnight in the hospital, his condition not being of such a serious nature. Beard and Gurley escaped unscathed. It was learned the car was badly damaged.

CRIMINAL COURT ENDS AT HALIFAX

Grand Jury Finds County Jail In Unsanitary Condition

Halifax Superior Court, August term, was completed last Saturday with 173 cases disposed of during the two weeks. Practically the entire term was taken up with criminal cases. Judge N. A. Sinclair presided and R. Hunt Parker, solicitor, prosecuted. They are now holding court in Bertie County. No more cases of importance from this township were disposed of in the closing days of last week, the major cases being reported in the last two issues of The Herald. One interesting feature of the past court was that no more than fifteen men from Roanoke Rapids township were called for jury service. Almost half the raw grand jury, which holds for six months, were from this township.

During the two weeks there were eight persons sentenced to the State Prison and 51 to the county roads, a number of cases were let off with fines and costs of court. There were about seventy-five continued until the next term of criminal court which will convene October 20, 1930.

The report of the grand jury to Judge Sinclair was as follows: We the Grand Jury respectfully report that we have noted on all bills presented to our body and returned same into the Court.

We or a committee, have visited the county home and sanatorium and found same in excellent condition. We recommend that all road camps be screened. We visited Register of Deeds and Clerk's office and all county records appear to be nicely kept.

We visited the jail and found it in unsanitary condition. We recommend that some arrangements be made for prisoners to bathe, we also recommend that the jail be painted on the inside and thoroughly cleaned.

Judge Thompson III At Local Hospital

W. O. Thompson, of Rosemary, Justice of the Peace and a prominent political figure in Halifax County, entered the Roanoke Rapids hospital as a patient Tuesday morning. Mr. Thompson is suffering from a kidney ailment, it was learned. His condition is not considered serious. For several years he has been connected with the Rosemary Manufacturing Co.

Miss Sledge Dies

Funeral services for Miss Betty Sledge, 39 years of age, whose death from tuberculosis occurred at her home near Pleasant Hill, N. C., Tuesday morning, at 10:30 o'clock, were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from her late residence. Inurnment was made in the family burying ground. Rev. A. D. Shelton, pastor of the Spring Church, Methodist Protestant, officiated.

COMPANY IS INSTALLING DIAL PHONES

New System In Operation About October 1 In Twin Cities

If you see three stalwart men come up on your front porch, don't be alarmed. They are not bill collectors or process servers, but a special crew from the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Co.

All this week and next, this crew will visit every home which has a telephone. For the past month, crews have been going ahead quietly stringing new telephone cables on the new poles which run in the alleys back of the Avenue.

Soon they will begin placing the new dial phones in every home. Then, in about a month, when all this work is completed and the main lines lead into the automatic exchange building at the corner of Fifth and Roanoke and from there to the main building and long distance station in Weldon, a switch will be thrown which will put in operation all the automatic phones in the Twin Cities.

The old phone service will be disconnected and the phones and wires removed. There will be no more Central. Each person will act as his own Central.

For example, if one should wish to call the editor at his home now, one must get Central and tell her "Number 334." She repeats this number, to which one usually says, "Please" or "334 not 434." After a certain amount of waiting and buzzing, you may get the editor, or you may get a report from Central that the line is busy, or does not answer.

A month from now, you may go to your phone and wanting the same party, you turn the dial to 4. It swings back automatically. You push it to 4 again, then 5 then 1. That is the new dial number. You can hear the buzzer at the other end. If the line is busy the buzzer does not buzz. Very simple and if you have any trouble, you can't blame Central.

The present crew of men visiting phone users are giving the new numbers and doing other work preliminary to installation of the new dial phones.

A MONTH

Andy Gump Up A Tree Four Weeks Tomorrow

Andy Gump will complete his first month aloft tomorrow afternoon at 6:30 when the local tree sitter will have 672 hours to his credit. As The Herald goes to press this afternoon he hears his 650th hour up a tree.

Meager newspaper reports from various parts of the Nation give no final figures which surpass that made to date by Gump. Several have come down with between 500 and 600 hours to their credit. One tree sitter in Norfolk, heard from several days ago, was a little ahead of the local champ but he has not been heard from lately. A woman, who was reducing, is reported to have come down at 640 hours with a loss of twenty-two pounds.

A chap in Burlington is still aloft with Andy a few hours ahead. Manager Hubert Collins says Andy is up for 1,000 hours.

Hawkins Opens Store

The Ideal Economy Store, Inc., located in the Thompson building, at 30. Eleventh Street, Rosemary, was purchased recently by H. W. Hawkins, who took charge as proprietor of the business the latter part of last week. The store will be known in the future as the Hawkins Grocery Store. The Ideal Economy Store, Inc., was owned by a stock company.

Hello Girls Flee

Fire routed out the telephone operators and beauty parlor operators from the second floor of the B. Marks building Saturday afternoon. An oil stove in the Roanoke Rapids Beauty Parlor blazed up and caused a cloud of smoke which filled the upstairs. No damage was done but the Fire department was right on the job, as usual. Telephone service was resumed in less than five minutes.

Atlanta Firm Low Bidder on Contract

TO CURTAIL ROAD WORK IN COUNTY

County Board Warns Taxpayers That Tax Cut Will Cut Work

The first echo of the recent reduction of taxes in Halifax County comes in the form of a note of warning from C. F. Gore, county superintendent of Highways, that taxpayers must not expect as much from his department as in the past, due to reduced budget and salaries.

With a 25 per cent cut in the budget and an average 17 per cent in the wages and salaries of employees of the department, Mr. Gore predicts that the work of his department will be cut at least one fourth during the next year.

He strikes another sad note by explaining that there will be little new construction work and convicts will be used for maintenance work, which will knock maintenance workers out of jobs. The County Road Department is simply getting a word in first, anticipating future criticism when many taxpayers will have forgotten the first thrills of a lower tax rate.

Mr. Gore's letter is as follows: To Editors of the papers in Halifax County:

By direction of the Highway Commission of Halifax County I am sending you certain information regarding the activities of that branch of the County Government. I will thank you to make your own story using the information below.

To meet the request for a lower tax rate the Highway Commission of Halifax County has made many changes in its plan of operation.

First, that part of the convicts who have heretofore been used in the construction of new highways have been divided into three parts and each of these have taken the place of a free-labor maintenance gang. This means that no new construction will be undertaken this year and that very few laborers will be employed.

Second, the salary of every employe has been reduced, the reduction in salaries being from 10 to 30 per cent, the average being about 17 per cent.

Third, the budget for this year was reduced from \$168,000.00 to \$127,000.00, representing a reduction of \$41,000.00, or 25 per cent.

Fourth, the Commissioners have reduced their per diem 20 per cent.

In addition to the above every means is being used to reduce the cost of every item of expenditure connected with the highway work.

With this reduced budget we will not be able to do the same amount of work that was done last year and it is possible that some few of the roads will not receive the very best of attention but we will do the very best that can be done to keep all the roads in good condition. If anyone has any criticism to offer we ask that they tell us first and if we can possibly relieve the cause it will be done and if it can't be done we will tell them.

I will thank you to give these facts and figures to the taxpayers of the county through your papers.

Very truly yours,
C. F. GORE,
Supt. Highways, Halifax County.

Boy Shot By Mistake

Albemarle.—James Harold Nance, 7, had his head peppered with gun shot Saturday morning about two o'clock when his father, J. H. Nance, mistook him for a burglar and fired on him at close range. The boy had been in the yard and was returning when his father heard him, reached for his gun, and fired through a crack on the hinge side of the door. Mr. Nance had a considerable sum of money in the room, and prowlers had previously been heard about the house, hence his quickness to shoot. Doctors say the boy will recover.

Dies At Halifax

After a prolonged illness, Miss Pauline Wilcox died Saturday at her home in Halifax. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon. Miss Wilcox leaves surviving her one sister, Miss Emma Wilcox, and three brothers, Mr. Wm. Wilcox, Mr. Wilcox and Mr. Charlie Wilcox.

ROAD AND BRIDGE \$114,000

Austin Bros. Bridge Co. Given 175 Working Days to Finish

The new bridge across the Roanoke River at Roanoke Rapids will be built by the Austin Brothers Bridge Co., of Atlanta, Ga., successful low bidder at the letting Tuesday by the State Highway Department.

The Atlanta firm's bid on the bridge was \$94,774.10. The highest bid received was for \$117,000.00.

R. C. Ashby Co., of Raleigh, was low bidder on grading and filling and received the contract for that part of the work for \$19,267.27.

Total cost of bridge and roadways will be \$114,041.37.

Unsuccessful bidders on the bridge included the Vicennes Bridge Co., Vicennes, Ind., Atlantic Bridge Co., Greensboro, Roanoke, Va., the latter being the builders of the old bridge here.

The contract calls for the completion of the project in 175 working days from date of letting, which is approximately seven months.

The price also includes the maintenance and removal of the old bridge. The work will be known as State project No. 1702.

Material included in the erection of the bridge consists of 755 cubic yards of class A concrete, 58,000 pounds reinforcing steel, 3,000 ft. creosoted timber piling, 72,000 pounds structural steel, 217,000 ft. B. M. creosoted structural timber, 3,000 square yards asphaltic concrete wearing service.

The contractor stated he would start moving his equipment here at once, according to Capt. Jack De Lysle of the Atlantic Coastal Highway Association, who was present at the letting of the contract.

Actual work should start in the next two weeks, with the steel arriving here in about two months.

Resurfacing 481

A large crew from the State Highway Department arrived here this week with equipment to asphalt Route 481 from Camps Store to Pleasant Hill. The work is being started this week.

Seabrook Jones Accepts Position At Sanford

Mr. Seabrook Jones, for many years a valued employe of Shell Furniture Co., has accepted a position with the Belk Stores in Sanford and leaves this week to take up his new duties. The rest of his family will follow him in a few days. Mr. Jones is one of the most energetic young business men here and his loss will be keenly felt in business and social circles.