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SCHOOL OPENS WITH 2,000 MARK PASSED

1907 ARE ENROLLED YESTERDAY

Heavy Registration Con- tinues Today To Pass Previous Records

It is a far cry from the 336 enrollment of 1910 in the Roanoke Rapids city schools to the vast throng of 1,907 children who climbed the front steps of the three big school buildings here for the first day of school yesterday morning.

This figure of 1,907 was up until last night. Heavy enrollment continued today with Supt. C. W. Davis looking for the 2,000 mark to be passed sometime this afternoon and an all time record set by the end of the week. There are as many children enrolled in the High School today as there was enrolled at the end of the year last year. In the tenth grade, there is an enrollment of 80 which will give an idea of what a graduating class there will be if that class suffers only average depletion.

Comparative figures with the same time last year show 50 more registered in the High School and thirty more first grade pupils than had been anticipated. Last night saw 534 High School pupils and 1,373 grade pupils registered in the city schools.

It was thought the opening of the 8th and 9th grades at Gaston school would relieve the High School situation here. Some twenty pupils from Northampton County who have been attending here are now attending that school, but in spite of this the High School enrollment is ahead of last year.

Study of registration shows that very few families have left the community since last year.

First year pupils broke all records of the past with 230 little tots being registered Tuesday. So crowded were the first year rooms at both the Central School and the Rosemary building that it was necessary to open primary grades in the Rosemary Band Hall. Two rooms will move the last of this week.

The School Board has been debating for some time the advisability of constructing a new building somewhere in Rosemary in order to relieve the congestion in other schools. Two rooms were enlarged this summer at the Rosemary graded School building but this was not sufficient for the added enrollment.

In face of business conditions the School Board hesitated to provide more buildings until absolutely necessary and if the Band Hall will care for the surplus pupils, this added expenditure may be delayed until next year.

To teach this great army of youngsters, the number of teachers has grown from seven in 1910 to sixty-five this year. Monday and Tuesday, special meetings were held by the teachers and Wednesday was spent mostly with getting pupils assigned to rooms, giving out book lists and other preliminary work.

Today will see classes organized and actual work beginning with lessons given out for home study tonight.

State School Leader Speaks To Kiwanians

A. T. Allen, State Superintendent of public instruction, was the principal speaker at the local Kiwanis Club last Thursday evening. Mr. Allen defended in an able speech the modern methods of education in use in North Carolina and expressed conviction that the people of the State would continue to demand the best in educational benefits for their children.

Today, the local Kiwanians and families are the guests of the Emporia Kiwanis Club with a ball game and picnic at Slagles Lake.

Gum Chapel Meeting

There will be a meeting at Gum Chapel Church of God, September 14, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Brother B. J. Beale, the pastor, from Norfolk will be present. There will be baptizing at 4:30 p. m.

INFANT DAUGHTER DIES

Margaret West, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. West, died last Thursday. Funeral services were held Friday.

Tommy Jenkins Is Interviewed By News and Observer

In yesterday's News and Observer appeared the following interview with Tommy Jenkins, well known Twin City merchant, who was in Raleigh on Tuesday.

"I think the next Legislature will be asked to make necessary legal enactment to incorporate Roanoke Rapids, Rosemary and Roanoke Junction as one community," said T. M. Jenkins, of Rosemary, who was in Raleigh yesterday. "We have about 10,000 people and there has long been a feeling that the three communities should be converted into a unified whole. I am practically certain that the effort will be made with the meeting of the Legislature. It will be a great improvement in many ways, in my opinion."

Mr. Jenkins said that the mills at the Twin Cities are working only part time, but mill executives and other business men are disposed to be optimistic and to feel that the worst of the period of financial depression is over.

FOOTBALL PRACTICE STARTED

Local Football Squad Works Hard For New Coach

(By Bill Allgood)

The athletic field at Roanoke Rapids High School daily is a mass of hard working football material, busily engaged in preparation for a hard campaign on the gridiron. Coach Hoyle, the new mentor, has one of the most likely looking teams up at the High School that has been seen around these parts since the days of the old Yellow Jackets of no-defeated teams and the Conference champions.

We like to see a coach work hard and this fellow Hoyle is a ball of fire. He is being assisted by Poyner, a new addition to the faculty who has had football experience at Carolina. Hoyle is a former Guilford star. The boys are snapping into the game with a vigor that bodes ill news for Yellow Jackets' enemies this season.

Among the letter men back are Fred Mills, hard hitting fullback from last years team, Jimmy Womble, quarterback, Captain Francis Starks, halfback, Sullivan, halfback, Clyde Mills, all-conference tackle last year, Wilton Brown, tackle, Elmer Starks, halfback, Mack Lynch, center, Snooks Matthews, guard, James McNeil, end, Colon Womble, halfback, Norman Speight, quarterback, Jimmy Beckwith, end, Johnny Bounds, end, Roger Cullom, tackle and from this bunch of football material Coach Hoyle should get a championship outfit.

Among the new men who will probably give the regulars a hard fight for their positions are the following: B. Brown, P. Matthews, Shell, G. Shell, Fanny, Kennemur, Langster, Nethercutt, Brown, W. Dickens, Kitchen, Elmore, Cannon, Moore, Edmondson, Murray. Among the new boys who are showing up especially good are Flossie Shell at tackle and Fanny at guard, also Yates at half and Butler Brown at halfback.

Manlaughter Is Charge Against Death Car Driver

It may be that William Billy is not the right name. Coroner Wood will notify officers in Pennsylvania he was holding a man by that name and gave a description. The answer was that they knew no man of that name but a picture was requested.

Wood is the name given by the driver of the death car which overturned at the bad curve entering Halifax on Sunday before last, when Samuel Retic, escaped convict from Mt. Carmel, Pa., was crushed to death. The car had been stolen from a Hopewell, Va., man who came after his car this week.

Wood is in jail at Halifax charged with manslaughter. He admits being an ex-convict and claims to be a Chicago gangster.

NEW H. S. COACH



Guilford College, Sept. 11.—Cranford Hoyle, former Quaker Captain, who will be head coach at Roanoke Rapids High School this season is one of the best football players ever turned out here at Guilford.

Last year he helped Coach Anderson, former Roanoke Rapids mentor, with his squad which won the Little Six championship of the State. Hoyle's specialty was with the line but at one time he took one whole team in charge and did some good work with the backs as well.

This summer the new Roanoke Rapids coach attended the coaching school at South Bend, Ind., under Knute Rockne and Pop Warner. He with two other Guilford men, and three members of the Carolina coaching staff were the only North Carolinians present.

With an even break from Lady Luck and given fair material, Hoyle will keep the Roanoke Rapids athletic teams in the limelight of the North-eastern Conference for the season.

Three former Roanoke Rapids High School players are among the candidates for the Guilford College eleven this fall. Two of the men are from the freshman class.

Dennis Johnson, last year a star at fullback for the Quakers is back and set to do a great season. He is in good shape and Coach Anderson is placing much dependence on his having another great season.

Glenn Gurley and Ikey Johnson are the new members of the squad. Gurley is one of the best prospects for a guard position. He is fast and seems to be in good condition and will doubtless see plenty of playing before the close of the season.

Johnson is an understudy for the center position and is looking better than his other freshman rivals for this honor. He will be ready to replace Cannon, regular pivot man, in several games this year.

COUNTY TEACHERS MEETING

Rural Teachers Meet At Halifax Three Days Last Week

The Halifax County Rural Teachers conference was held at Halifax September 3, 4 and 5. The program for the conference was arranged by A. E. Akers, county superintendent and Miss Annie Cherry, county supervisor.

The topics for Wednesday were as follows: Setting Up Worthy Objectives for Year's Work. Classroom Instruction in Relation to All Round Development of the Child and Organization of Halifax County N. C. E. A. Meeting of Principals. The topics for Thursday were Child Development in Relation to Health Behavior of Pupils and Creative Power Through the New Education.

Dr. A. T. Allen, State Superintendent of Public Instruction made an address Thursday afternoon. Friday Dr. Ernest A. Branch made a talk on the Important Health Factor of the Rural Child, and Mr. L. C. Brogden made a speech on Citizenship Training.

Friday night the P. T. A. of Halifax entertained the visiting teachers with games and stunts at the Graded School Refreshments were served by the members of the P.T.A.

Aurelian Springs Man Dies at Local Hospital

Thomas W. Stansbury, 54, well known citizen of the Aurelian Springs section, died at the Roanoke Rapids Hospital last Saturday. He was brought here two days before and died suddenly. Funeral service was conducted by the Reverend Watson of Halifax with burial Monday at the family cemetery. A wife and two children survive.

MATERIAL PRICE FOR DAMASKED

Local Company Gets Query But No Idea of Starting Date

Dam talk was resumed here this week with the report that the Stone and Webster Construction Company was asking for prices on material.

One local concern, which handles certain materials that may be bought through a company they represent, is in receipt of a letter from that company asking for quotations, freight rates, etc. as of January 1, 1931.

From this it is assumed that Stone and Webster Co. will not start operation before that date, but assuredly in the year 1931.

It was pointed out here that two things must be completed before any work can start. 1. The permit must be granted by the Federal Power Commission. 2. A spur track must be built from the main line of the Seaboard to the dam sites to haul material and machinery.

To date, the permit has not been granted nor do local Seaboard officials have any instructions concerning the building of the spur tracks.

The query concerning the cost of material is the first concrete move since the preliminary work was completed here at the dam sites several months ago. Since that time rumors have flown thick and fast but at no time have officials of the Power Company or of the construction company given out any official starting date.

President Holtzclaw of the Virginia Electric and Power Co., in an interview with Richmond papers a few months ago, did state that the building of the dams here were in the program of expansion, gave cost figures, etc. but did not name the time of beginning the work.

BLDG. AND LOAN ELECT OFFICERS

W. L. Manning Succeeds J. A. Moore as Presi- dent Association

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Roanoke Rapids Building and Loan Association was held Tuesday night at the new offices of the Association on Second Street and W. L. Manning was elected President to succeed J. A. Moore.

J. W. Taylor, and R. L. Towe were chosen as vice presidents; J. R. Manning, secretary; F. J. Hawley assistant secretary.

Directors elected for the next year were Messrs J. R. Allsbrook, L. S. Cannon, W. F. Joyner, W. L. Manning, A. N. Martin, C. E. Matthews, R. Hun Parker, C. T. Johnson, S. T. Peace, J. C. Smith, A. L. Taylor, H. W. Taylor, J. W. Taylor, R. L. Towe, F. C. Williams, G. N. Taylor and T. M. Jenkins.

Secretary J. R. Manning read the annual report of the Association which was received very favorably and accepted. The report showed that the Association had grown during the past year in spite of so-called hard times.

The Association has total assets of \$259,000 and is earning six and one quarter per cent, which earnings are realized by all stockholders on maturity of their stock.

Many homes and several business houses were financed by the Association during the year.

Sale of the 33rd series of stock opened last Saturday and officials report a splendid response.

Big Contract Awarded

Fayetteville.—The Highland Lumber Company of Fayetteville has been awarded the contract to furnish some 75 carloads of lumber for the erection of 54 officers' quarters at Fort Bragg, work on which will begin in about a week.

Five Libraries at Duke

Durham.—Duke University will have five libraries this fall, four in addition to the central library, to serve special departments, the law school, school of religion, school of medicine and woman's college library.

Mrs. T. R. Manning and her house guest, Mrs. Eley of Suffolk, Va., spent Tuesday in Chapel Hill and Durham.

WELCOME TO TEACHERS

On behalf of the citizens, the children, the mills, and the business and professional men of Roanoke Rapids and Rosemary, this newspaper takes pleasure in welcoming back the teachers of the Roanoke Rapids City Schools.

What we may lack in many things, this community makes up in one of the most modern and efficient school systems in the State of North Carolina. We are proud of our schools and their records.

With more than 60 teachers and more than 2,000 pupils, the Roanoke Rapids city schools boast the largest enrollment, the finest teaching staff and the largest High School in this section of the State.

We feel that a community which does so much for its children is a worthwhile community. We know the day will come when these children will pay us big dividends in the form of better prepared, happier, well informed and ambitious citizens.

The great responsibility is upon the shoulders of you teachers and to you will be credited. As this school year opens, the citizens of this community renew their pledge of support that this may be the most successful year in our school history.

SON OF JAILER IS HURT

Claims Blame When Local Car Hits His Motorcycle

George Austin Hux, 15 years of age of Halifax, son of G. A. Hux, jailer of Halifax County, had a narrow escape from death Monday, when his motorcycle collided with an automobile driven by Sam Young, of Roanoke Rapids. The accident occurred about 8:10 o'clock Monday morning a short distance from Halifax.

Young Hux received a serious injury to his left leg. He was brought to the Roanoke Rapids hospital by Mr. Young and his leg was placed in a cast. His injury was described at the hospital as a compound fracture.

According to the details of the accident, both the automobile and the motorcycle were traveling in the same direction, the latter machine being several feet down the road in front of the automobile. Young Hux stopped his motorcycle at the side of the road to discharge a passenger, Jonas Battle, colored, who was riding on the rear of the machine. The motorcycle driver then cut across the road in his attempt to turn around and was struck by Mr. Young's car.

Mr. Young jumped from his automobile and ran to the injured boy, who made the statement that he thought the was killed but that Mr. Young was not responsible for the accident. The boy was then placed in the automobile and brought to the hospital.

Other statements made by the boy later have also absolved Mr. Young of all blame for the accident.

TEXTILE INDUSTRY STRONGER

Experts Claim Up-Swing Phase of Cycle Has Begun

Charlotte, Sept. 9.—Several Charlotte bankers have joined with the cotton manufacturers of this city in declaring that the textile industry has entered on the up-swing phase of the current economic cycle after a slump in prices and production continuing over a period of almost eighteen months.

While none of the bankers discussing this situation would speak for direct quotation, one of them said "the bottom had been reached and the foundation now is bare and steady. If there is any further change it apparently must be for the better." Aside from expressions of opinion, the cotton manufacturers are pleased by recent fairly strong currents toward advances in prices of textile products and an increase in the prices of print cloths, it was reported.

Numerous cotton manufacturers, including Stuart W. Oramer, of this city, nationally known authority on this industry, predicted as early as August 1 that September would bring a definite improvement in the cotton goods market. David Clark, another of the city's students of textile conditions, was quoted yesterday as declaring an early winter is in prospect and the cold weather will bring a tremendous increase in retail sales and wholesale purchases of cotton textile products. During the month of August sales of cotton cloth by mills were of sufficient volume, combined with a continuation of the severe curtailment of production to make a further substantial reduction in stocks in the mill's warehouses.

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WORK ON BRIDGE DELAYED

Few Days Late In Starting Awaiting High- way Release

No definite date has been set for work to begin on the proposed new bridge to span the Roanoke river here, connecting Halifax and Northampton Counties, it was learned this afternoon from D. V. Ross, field superintendent for Austin Brothers Bridge Co., of Atlanta, Ga., the firm awarded the contract for building the new bridge.

It is thought, however, that the construction work will begin within the next few days. The contractors are now waiting permission from the North Carolina Highway Commission to start. The main hold-up seems to be that two rights-of-way were not properly advertised when the contract was let, and this oversight on the part of the authorities who had charge of awarding the contract for the new bridge has caused the work to be delayed. The rights-of-way should have been advertised thirty days prior to the date the work on the bridge begins, it is understood. Members of the Board of Commissioners of both Halifax and Northampton Counties have written letters to the State Highway Commission, at Raleigh, with regard to the matter.

Mr. Ross is in Roanoke Rapids this week and will be here the greater part of next week attending to preliminary arrangements before actual work begins on the new structure. L. H. Brown will be superintendent of the job here.

Mr. Ross stated this afternoon that the construction work will give employment to approximately 50 persons, 90 per cent to be local labor. About 30 persons will be required to start the work off, employment to be given to others as the work progresses.

Machinery and supplies to be used on the new bridge are expected to be arriving within the next few days. The construction company has secured permission to use the railroad siding at the Roanoke Mill No. 1.

The new bridge here will be 1250 feet long. One hundred and seventy-one working days will be required to complete the project.

The bridge at Madison, N. C., now under construction, is being built by the Austin Brothers Bridge Co. The bridge, it is understood, will be completed in about six months.

New Garbo Talkie Gets Big Hand

The combination of Greta Garbo as star and Clarence Brown as director seems to be one of the few on the screen endowed with the ability to satisfy box office requirements without sacrificing artistic standards.

In providing the Swedish actress with the Edward Shelton play for her second dialog appearance, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer did so advisedly since it serves as an abrupt about-face from the drabness of "Anna Christie" and restores Miss Garbo to the glamorous type of role for which she is so famous.

Now that it is no longer a novelty to hear the star's voice, her proficiency as an actress becomes all the more marked, particularly in the intensely dramatic scenes in which she sends her clergyman lover back to his church in the knowledge that she would be an obstacle in the path of his career.

Garbo as an opera prima donna in the charming period costumes of the New York of 1865 looks more fascinating than ever while the background presents picturesque scenes of aristocratic Washington Square and the homes of the "four hundred." A spectacular setting is that of the reproduction of the city's old academy of music where the second act of the opera Martha is presented.

A splendid cast supports the star including Lewis Stone who gives a compelling portrait as the man who has always been in love with the opera star; Gavin Gordon, as the impetuous clergyman whose frustrated romance forms the central theme; Elliott Nugent, Florence Lake, Clara Blandick, Henry Armetta, Mathilde Comont and Countess Nina de Liguoro.

"Romance" is one of those pictures which people will go to see two or three times. It shows at the Peoples Theatre Monday and Tuesday, September 15 and 16.

Miss Gladys Steinberg has returned from a visit to Washington, D. C.