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WORK ON BRIDGE AND ROAD STARTS

TWO BEGIN SEPARATE CONTRACTS

Road Work Starts In Earnest With Bridge Work Preliminary

Preliminary work on both the bridge and road got under way yesterday morning as both contractors started small crews of men clearing away trees and underbrush on the right of way.

The delay caused last week by right of way problems was cleared up the latter part of the week by the County Road Board and everything is set for easy sailing so far as the contractors are concerned.

Low water in the Roanoke River is favoring the bridge contractor who will try to have his first pier started in the river in two weeks, according to Foreman Brown yesterday. Not being able to negotiate a road from the main highway to the bridge site, the Austin Bros. Bridge Co., are using the railroad siding of the Roanoke Mills Co. One load of equipment has arrived and has been unloaded and another load is expected the latter part of this week.

At present a crew of ten men is unloading and placing equipment and cutting out the growth on this side of the river where one of the piers will be placed later. Carpenters are working on forms to be used in building the piers. About twenty men will be added in two weeks but in the meantime the builders are flooded with applications. More than one hundred men applied for work Monday and Tuesday.

The P. R. Ashby Co., of Raleigh, contractors who will build the roads and fills on each side of the river, began work yesterday morning with a large crew of men and stock.

About twenty-five men and as many head of stock were busy on this job today with forty to fifty men and sixty head of stock needed a little later. W. R. Hart is the superintendent in charge of this work and he also reports more applications for jobs than he can ever fill.

He has started his crew on the other side of the river cutting a wide swath through the lowland from the present road to the river at the point where the bridge will be built.

After leaving the second bridge from Camps Store, the new road will curve slightly to the right and then head straight to the river. The new bridge will hit the Halifax County side just a few feet above the Roanoke Fibre Board plant, spanning railroad track and canal. It will follow the high ground curving to the left after crossing the present Power Company road, and come into Roanoke Avenue below the old canal bridge.

The Ashby contract calls for grading and graveling of one and three tenths miles, which is from the old canal bridge on this side of the river to the beginning of the asphalt surface on the hill past the Quirk's filling station.

That part of the present road which will be used will be raised about two feet with the road on the Northampton side of the bridge dropping to the old road on a gradual slope from a height fifteen feet above the present road level.

Mr. Hart estimates the grading and graveling job will take from sixty to eighty days. He has established a camp at the site of the old dancing pavilion.

Twin City Youths Leave For College

Among the Twin City boys and girls who left this week for college were Miss Iva Pitt, senior at Duke, Miss Agatha Moore to Peabody Conservatory of Music, Baltimore, Wilmer Collier, junior at N. C. State, Edwin Akers, Freshman at University of N. C., Graham Lynch and Ralph Shell, freshmen at Duke University.

ROSEMARY METHODIST CHURCH

Mr. W. L. Knight, Jr., of Weldon, Lay Leader of the Weldon District, will speak at Rosemary Methodist Church next Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. The pastor, Rev. C. T. Thrift, will preach at 7:30 p. m. The public is cordially invited.

Child Wounded As Parents Fight For Possession of Gun

Walter Newsome, of Belmont, was assessed a fine of \$5, and costs, by Magistrate R. L. Martin, Monday, when he was convicted on a charge of being drunk and disorderly.

Newsome was arrested the same day by Deputy Sheriff L. E. Keeter. The trial was the outgrowth of a disturbance at the Newsome home between Newsome and his wife. During the disturbance Mrs. Newsome tried to take a single barrel shot gun from her husband. During the scuffle the gun was discharged, the bullet striking their 8-year-old son, lodging in his neck. The boy was given medical treatment and was sufficiently recovered to start to school last Monday.

HALIFAX FAIR ON OCT. 14TH

7th Annual Fair Here Opens In One Month

The 7th Annual Halifax County Fair will make its bow to the public one month from this week with the gates opening Tuesday morning, October 14, and remaining open day and night until Saturday night, October 18th.

The fair grounds on the highway between the Twin Cities and Weldon is being put in first class condition by Secretary W. H. Joyner, who has a crew of men painting, fixing fences, track and midway.

Mr. Joyner says this will be the best and largest fair yet attempted. Thousands of dollars in prizes and premiums are being offered by the Fair Association, much larger than in previous years. The premium list, compiled and printed by The Herald Printing Co., of this city, is now being distributed to the farmers and schools of Halifax and Northampton counties. The grandstands and exposition halls will be packed with exhibits of every nature. Prizes are given for more than 750 different entries.

Added entertainment features for this year include free shows in front of the grandstand, band concerts, a show of saddle horses, running and trotting races, horse shoe pitching contests, a flower show, poultry and livestock exhibits.

The midway will be bigger than before with nine rides, sixteen shows and fifty concessions.

Friday, October 17, will be Children's Day, with every white school child in the two counties guests of honor.

Saturday will be Colored School Children's Day. The Colored Main Building will have exhibits of school work, fancy work, canned goods, flowers and agricultural exhibits, following on a smaller scale the exhibits in the main auditorium.

Grandstand performances begin at one o'clock in the afternoon and seven at night.

Motorcyclist Crashes Into Car On Avenue

An unknown motorcyclist speeding up the avenue Sunday night crashed into a Ford Roadster that was turning left into Fifth Street. The auto driver was turning short but had the right of way. The motorcycle rider either could not control his machine or was blinded by approaching lights, as he sped on into the car which was just leaving the surface. He was taken to the hospital for first aid treatment of minor injuries.

Charged With Shooting

Belmont.—E. A. Moffett, Charlotte man, who has been in Belmont jail charged with firing three bullets into his son-in-law, A. T. L. Smith, has been released on \$5,000 bond. Smith is said to be improving.

Manager Faces Charge

Charlotte.—R. W. Smith, Charlotte manager for Swift & Co., has been charged in recorder's court with giving short weights; trial to be held Saturday.

TELEVOX SERVANT COMING

Westinghouse \$22,000 Robot To Be At High School

Miss Katrina Van Televox, mechanical servant, developed by the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, will be the principal attraction at the cooking school to be held at Roanoke Rapids High School auditorium at 2:30 p. m., September 25. Katrina will be brought to Roanoke Rapids by the Virginia Electric and Power Company.

One of the unusual features of this cooking school is to be Miss Katrina Van Televox, the now famous Westinghouse Electrical mechanical woman who actually talks, cooks, meals, runs a vacuum cleaner, turns on fans and lights, and in general makes herself useful as a household servant.

Miss Katrina is a sister of Herbert Televox, who, if you remember, started scientists two years ago with his accomplishments as an electrical robot servant and who is now taking the place of men in the operation and control of sub-stations, power plants and airport lights. Miss Katrina, however, confines herself to domestic duties and will in person demonstrate the Westinghouse Electric Flavor Zone Range at the cooking school. She will talk, run a sweeper, make coffee, toast and operate lights. Mr. Armstrong, representative of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, and also Katrina's boy friend, says that she is less than a year old and cannot walk yet, but he expects to have her running around in a few years. Katrina, unlike most women, responds to a low crooning whistle, the more you whistle, the more she does, but, says Mr. Armstrong, "If you don't get the right tone, she is liable to play the victrola when you want her to open the garage doors."

The Televox mechanism is considered to be one of the most remarkable electrical or mechanical inventions of the last ten years. It is, perhaps the nearest thing that has ever been created to a human being. Herbert and Katrina, members of the Televox family, answer the telephone, respond to commands given them over the phone, tell what they are doing, and when you say good-bye to them, hang up the receiver. They are the result of six years' study and research. They are the culmination of the efforts of some of the most brilliant engineers in the country. Roy Wensley, Westinghouse Electric Engineer, is the man from whose head sprang the idea of a race of automatons to do actual work. He differs from Karl Capek, author of R. U. R., in that Wensley's family of robots actually does work formerly done by human beings.

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JNO. B. BASS IS DEAD

Descendant of Family for Whom Weldon Was Named Passes Away

John Booker Bass died at his home in Halifax on September 11th. Mr. Bass was 66 years old, he was born in Weldon, N. C., his parents being Andrew and Mary Collier Bass, and was a descendant of the Weldon family for whom the town was named. In 1896 he was married to Mary Edna Young. He was a Mason and a planter, having farmed extensively in the lower part of the county.

He leaves besides his widow, one son, Raymond Bass, four granddaughters, a brother, W. G. Bass, all of Halifax, and four other brothers, James Bass, of Baltimore, G. W., H. C., M. M. Bass, and a sister, Mrs. M. M. Burnham of Richmond, Va., and Mrs. Geo. Burnham of South Mills, Virginia.

The funeral services were held in the Baptist Church, of which he was a member, by Rev. Jno. Kirk, assisted by Rev. S. P. Moore of the Episcopal Church. He was buried in the Episcopal cemetery at Halifax.

CONDITION IMPROVING

The condition of S. H. Matthews, of Rosemary, who suffered a broken leg about three weeks ago, is showing rapid improvement and Mr. Matthews expects to be able to be out in a few days. Mr. Matthews was taken to the Roanoke Rapids hospital when he was injured and later was removed to his home, where he is recuperating.

Special Page For Aurelian Springs

Through cooperation with the faculty and pupils of the Aurelian Springs Schools, a special page for that school and community will be run in each issue of The Herald during the coming year.

That prosperous section of the county has long been friendly to the Twin Cities and last year the people from here who attended the Kiwanis Club barbecue at Aurelian Springs were amazed at the splendid school buildings and the progressiveness of that community.

Much of the news on this special page will be written by the children themselves. Extra copies of The Herald will be sent to Aurelian Springs each week so that community can feel that it has a newspaper of its own. Through this means, we hope to unite closer still that leading rural section with the leading industrial section of the county.

HALIFAX GIRL IS SECOND

Hannah Heptinstall Gets Second Place In National Contest

Miss Hannah Heptinstall, the State winner in the National Essay Contest on "How the Benefits of the Agricultural Marketing Act Can Be Brought to the Cotton Farmer," took second place in the national contest held at Washington, D. C., Sept. 15.

Mr. Robert Evans of Cameron, S. C., took first place. Miss Heptinstall received \$50 in cash and a gold medal for this victory in Washington. The representative from South Carolina received \$150 and a gold medal for taking first place in this contest.

This contest was held in the Federal Farm Board Building in the presence of all the members of the Federal Farm Board except the chairman, Mr. Legge. The distinguished body of men followed each speaker with the closest attention, even taking notes now and then as important points were emphasized. When the contest was over, it was suggested that the young contestants be made Junior members of the Farm Board. They expressed themselves as being most favorably impressed with the work being done by the young people in the High Schools throughout the country. It is thought such a contest would be sponsored by the board for another year. It was stated that over 4,000 essays were written in the contest for this year.

Aurelian Springs High School is grateful to Mr. M. G. Mann of Raleigh, assistant manager of the N. C. C. G. of A., and Mr. Hugh Johnson, field director of Halifax County, for their interest and untiring efforts throughout the entire contest. They together with their families followed us to Washington and there gave the Aurelian Springs High School representative, Miss Heptinstall their untiring interest and left not a stone unturned for the entire Aurelian Springs delegation. Mr. Mann was the spokesman in presenting the contestants and speakers to the Farm Board.

Fire Destroys Shack Near No. 2 Roanoke

Fire of unknown origin Saturday night destroyed a frame shack across the railroad back of Roscoe Mills No. 2. The shack had once been used for a soft drink stand but had been vacant for a number of months. Nearby residents report seeing candle lights burning there at various times, and it is thought the building was used either by card players or hard-drink salesmen. No one was seen around the building prior to its destruction Saturday night. The Fire Department confined its efforts to saving telephone poles near and preventing the fire from spreading to the woods.

Walls Up On New Hospital Building

Construction work progresses rapidly on the new Nurses Home back of the Roanoke Rapids Hospital. The main walls are now up and the building is nearing exterior completion. This will be one of the most modern buildings in this section of the State and will be ready for use in about two months.

OFFICER FIRED AT BY NEGRO

Negro Wanted On Many Charges Escapes Under Fire

Smithy Carter, colored, whose home is said to be in Roanoke Rapids and who has been wanted by local authorities for several months, on various charges, including larceny, assault and violating the prohibition law, made a sensational escape last Thursday night, when he fled from officers, who fired at him 23 times, each shot going wild.

Acting upon information furnished them by persons whose names were not divulged, Deputy Sheriff L. E. Keeter, of Roanoke Rapids, Jack Thorne, Weldon police official, and Dunk Wood, chief of police of Jackson, went to the home of Jessie Carter, brother of Smithy, located four miles below Jackson, on the Norfolk road, where they were informed Smithy Carter was hiding.

Upon their arrival at the Carter home Officer Thorne went to the back door of the house and Keeter and Wood remained on guard at the front door. A colored man, whose identity was not learned, attempted to make his escape through a window, but upon seeing the officers turned back.

Mr. Thorne knocked at the back door, his summons being responded to by Jessie Carter. Mr. Thorne asked him if Smithy were there and he was informed he was upstairs. The colored man then reentered the house. Mr. Thorne thinking he was going to call the man the officers came for. A few minutes later a gun was fired from the inside of the house. The weapon was presumably pointed toward Mr. Thorne, because the bullet missed his head only a few inches.

A few minutes later Smithy Carter jumped from the house and started unning under the rapid fire of Officers Keeter and Wood. Each shot went wild and the colored man perfected his escape.

The next day officers returned to the Carter home and arrested Jessie Carter for assault. He was placed in jail at Jackson in default of a \$150 bond.

MADE IN CAROLINA PROGRAM

Local Womens Club Co- operates With Govern- ment Next Week

During the week beginning September 22nd the Womens Club will sponsor a program, "Made in Carolina," and during this time a committee composed of Mrs. Frank Williams, Mrs. Leslie Towe, Mrs. Leon Hall and Mrs. J. N. Byrum, assisted by others, will decorate store windows both in Rosemary and Roanoke Rapids showing made in Carolina goods.

The window in Roanoke Rapids will be in B. S. Webb's Furniture Store and in Rosemary at L. G. Shell Furniture Co.

The merchants of the towns will be asked to decorate their windows entirely with Carolina goods, and also to advertise in The Herald special articles "Made in Carolina."

The clubs of the State were asked by the Governor of North Carolina to put on this program and it is to be hoped that the merchants and individual citizens will give their hearty cooperation to this splendid program.

Let's stand by our State and trade at home movement.

There will be a place in both Webb's and Shell's windows for those visiting these stores to register and the public is asked to cooperate in this way.

Andy Gump Now Has 1,176 Hours In Air

Andy Gump, local tree sitter who is out after a world's record in his particular line of endeavor, finishes his seventh week aloft this Friday afternoon with an official total of 1,176 hours. Two more weeks will give him a total of 1,500 hours but as yet Andy has not said what new goal he has set. His manager, Hubert Collins, is writing this week to find out what the official record in the country is. Several long distance sitters are still up but very few in the thousand hour class.

Notice Tobacco Growers

A mass meeting of the tobacco growers of Halifax County is called to meet in the Masonic Temple, Enfield, N. C., on Wednesday, September 24, at 2:00 P. M.

A representative of the Federal Farm Board will be present to discuss with the local growers plans for the relief of the present tobacco situation.

Every tobacco grower in the county is asked to attend this meeting.

W. O. Davis, County Agent.

OFFICERS TAKE MEN AND STILL

65 Gallon Still, 2 Men Taken—Series Arrests In Northampton

One 65 gallon capacity still and three barrels of mash were confiscated and two men, Thomas Tudor, white and Kinley Evins, colored, were arrested in a series of arrests conducted in Northampton County this week by Deputy Sheriff L. E. Keeter and W. E. Massie, Northampton County constable.

The still and mash were confiscated and Evins was taken into custody by the officers last Tuesday evening in a raid conducted about two and a half miles from Camps Store. The still, officers believe, had been in operation for several months. Operators of the still, officers said, were working from seven o'clock in the morning until five o'clock in the evening. Whether a night shift, was operated was not learned. Evins furnished a \$100 bond for his appearance before a Northampton magistrate for a hearing.

Thomas Tudor, better known as "Bugger" Tudor, was arrested Wednesday morning by the same officers near the scene of the still after he had been chased about 200 yards by Deputy Sheriff Keeter. A colored man, whom officers believe is Maude Ingram, escaped.

Tudor was walking toward the still with two empty jugs, it was learned, and told officers he was going to get them filled. He was charged with aiding and abetting to violate the prohibition law. He furnished a bond in the sum of \$100 for his appearance before a Northampton magistrate.

After the officers arrested Tudor they returned to the scene of the still. On their return trip they found Ned Moody, colored, who is said to be an employe at the still. Moody was unaware of the raid that had been made and is believed to have been on his way to work. He started running when he saw the officers and escaped. He had not been apprehended this morning.

John W. Finch Dies Here Yesterday At Age 64—Here 20 Yrs.

John W. Finch, age 64, passed away at his home here yesterday morning after a lingering illness. Funeral services were held this afternoon at Nashville. Mr. Finch came here twenty years ago from Nash County and until lately was an employe of the Rosemary Manufacturing Co. His wife died about one year ago. Surviving are several children, most of them residents of the Twin Cities. Among those residing here are Mrs. Robert Medlin, Mrs. Frank Thomas, Mrs. J. R. Adam, D. L. Finch, Dewey Finch, J. J. Finch, Robert Finch, A. Finch and D. Finch.

Power Co. Fixing Street On Roanoke

Work began this morning on fixing that part of the street on Roanoke Avenue which was torn up when the White Way was installed a few months ago. The Virginia Electric and Power Co. is doing the work and the construction is being done by J. R. Myrick, contractor.

Mrs. Mattie Cobb Dead

Mrs. Mattie Cobb, 39, wife of Edward Cobb, died at the local hospital Saturday. Funeral services were held Sunday at the home near Halifax. Mr. Cobb is a well known farmer of Halifax County. The deceased was Miss Mattie Hudson before her marriage.

STUDENTS HERE PAST 2,000 MARK

First Chapel This Morning at High School— Schools Crowded

True to prediction last week, the enrollment of pupils in the Roanoke Rapids City Schools passed the 2,000 mark with exactly 2,001 registered this morning, the largest enrollment at this time of the year in the history of the schools.

The greatest gain is shown in the Junior and Senior High School with some 65 more enrolled than last year a total this morning of 572. There are 1,429 enrolled in the grades, according to Miss Clara Hearse's figures.

The first chapel exercises of the new year were held this morning with Supt. C. W. Davis presiding. Only High School students attend regular chapel. There was plenty of fun and pep with all in high spirits. Cheer leaders were elected as follows: Senior High School, Daisy McCombs and Mark Allen; Junior High School, Virginia Taylor and Jack West.

When Mr. Davis called for the members of the High School football squad to come down front, thirty-six stalwart youngsters paraded down amid the cheers of their schoolmates. The line stretched across the entire front of the auditorium. A short talk was made by Coach Hoyle, calling on the student body for support, asking them to lend aid by attending all the games and by helping the squad to keep training rules. Chapel ended with school songs and yells.

Crowded conditions in first year grades has made it necessary to open two rooms for Rosemary beginners at the Band Hall in the mill village. Misses Gates and Margie Cannon are teachers there and Mr. Davis reports the school is very popular with parents of first year pupils because of the nearness to homes.

Crowded conditions also exist in the Senior High School with as many as 44 pupils in a single class. It has already been necessary to split classes in the 10th grade in two instances, with more changes contemplated.

Work in all departments is progressing smoothly according to Mr. Davis, and pupils are showing more than usual interest in their school work and activities.

Jokers Jubilee Here October 7th With Famous Cast

Jokers Jubilee, a home talent entertainment, with a cast of black face comedians and a white beauty chorus of movie stars will show at the High School on the evening of October 7.

The play is for the benefit of the Physical Educational department and the High School Athletic Association. It will be staged by Miss Traynham Wyche who has had such annual successes as the Zander-Gump Wedding, High Flyers and 44 Flappers.

The students will not be called on to take part in this production but such famous local talent as Roland Johnson, Bill Alligood, Ned Manning, Thomas Martin, Dick Martin, Graham Poyner, Coach Hoyle and Cleve Loman will be seen in action as well as a number of the ladies of the faculty.

Woman Gets 30 Days For Assaulting Child

Viola Lewis, negress of Durham, N. C., but who came to this section of North Carolina about two months ago from Richmond, Va., was sentenced to 30 days in jail by Magistrate R. L. Martin, Monday, on a charge of assault. The colored woman was charged with assaulting the 12-year-old daughter of Jim Palmer, also colored. She was unable to pay the costs of the case.

The negro woman was arrested by Deputy Sheriff L. E. Keeter and Jailor Britten, of Jackson, last Friday at the home of Jessie Carter, near Jackson.

Contract Let For Teachers Home Here

A teachers home for the colored teachers of Roanoke Rapids Graded School District is now under construction near the main school building east of South Rosemary. The contract was let by the School Board last week, J. R. Myrick, local contractor, being the successful bidder. The building will be a seven room structure.