

## SANITARY HEARING JANUARY 9TH

### WATER SEWERAGE PLAN OFFICIALLY UNDER WAY

#### PETITION TAKEN TO HALIFAX

#### County Board Sets Public Hearing For January Ninth

The first official steps in the creation of a sanitary district for water and sewerage in this community was taken this Monday when a petition, signed by more than fifty per cent of the resident property owners of the area, was presented to the County Board of Commissioners and that Board set January 9th for the public hearing prior to approval and further steps.

The petition was presented by W. L. Manning, president of the Rosemary Manufacturing Co., S. T. Peace, president of the Roanoke Mills Co., A. N. Martin, president of the Rosemary Merchants' Association, F. C. Williams, member of the Town Board of Commissioners of Roanoke Rapids, and C. L. Wilson, representing the Kiwanis Club of the Twin Cities.

The law requires the following procedure: the petition signed by more than 50 per cent of the resident property owners; a public hearing in thirty days before the County Board of Commissioners; a public hearing in sixty days by the State Board of Health; the forming of the sanitary district with power to issue bonds, construct, maintain and operate a sewerage system, disposal plant and water supply system.

The Town Board of Commissioners of Roanoke Rapids gave official approval to the petition Saturday and a copy of their actions was attached to the petition which was signed by more than half the property owners outside the present incorporated area.

Very few property owners did not sign the petition. Most of these were not signed because they were not at home or in their places of business when the petition was being circulated. Very little opposition is expected. Those signing represented about 80 per cent of the property in the proposed area.

If the regular legal steps are taken without delay, with the county hearing on January 9th and the State Board of Health on or about February 10th, with immediate formation following and issuance of bonds; with the letting of contracts consuming another thirty days, actual work on the water and sewerage systems should be under way about April 10.

The are included in the sanitary district, which will be under the supervision of a sanitary board appointed by the County Board of Commissioners, is from the river to the main line of the Seaboard and from Rapids Street to Marshall Street.

Hand in hand with this move, but handled through a different source is the re-incorporation of the new city, which will be worked through the State Legislature meeting next month.

A petition, already signed by 2,400 citizens and all the corporations affected, will be presented to the legislature asking that the new corporate limits be extended East, West and South from the present city line on the North to Chocoyote Creek on the South and from Rapids to Marshall Streets on the East and West.

The legislature will be asked to pass a bill calling for the incorporation of the above city, to be referred back to the people here for a vote.

It was agreed by the Town Board of Roanoke Rapids, the Rosemary Merchants Association, the Kiwanis Club, the mills and the power company and other business firms in the community, both parts of this plan would receive their moral support and they would work for the completion of both plans. This, also, was agreed by the 2,400 signers of the petition.

#### ELLEN MILLER SLEDGE

Ellen Miller Sledge, one year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sledge, died at the home of her parents in Rosemary last Friday. Funeral services were held Saturday by Rev. J. M. Bynum with interment in Roanoke Rapids cemetery.

#### Holdup Fails When Victim Keeps Moving

An attempted holdup on a lone-county road was thwarted Monday night when the intended victim failed to stop at the proper place.

Buren Williams, driving a truck for the New Bakery, was traveling the new road to Halifax. Near Carter's Chapel, about four miles from here, he approached a spot where someone had placed several logs across the road.

Instead of stopping, Williams ran his truck over the logs and managed to keep going. He is reported to have caught a glimpse of men hidden near the road but not stop to investigate. He drove to town and got Rosemary policemen who returned with him to the spot but the would-be highwaymen had vanished.

#### Regular Services At Local Methodist Churches This Week

Services will be held at the Rosemary and Roanoke Rapids Methodist Churches by the new pastors this Sunday at the regular hours.

Rev. D. M. Sharpe, pastor of the Rosemary Methodist Church, arrived with his family Wednesday morning and Dr. J. W. Harrell, new pastor of the Roanoke Rapids Methodist Church, arrived later the same day. Both are living at the church parsonages.

Dr. Harrell was in Norfolk today but the Rosemary minister was interviewed last night by a representative of The Herald and stated the regular services would be observed this Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sharpe have two children: a daughter, Frances, who is a senior at Greensboro College, and a son, Daniel, age 12. Mr. Sharpe is a graduate of Duke University. His first charge was at Hillsboro; from there he went to the Gregson Methodist Church at Durham; his last four year charge was at the Edgerton Memorial Church at Selma.

#### Evelyn Hudson Still Winning N. Y. Honors

Miss Evelyn Hudson, who was featured in New York papers several months ago when she showed such bravery at the time St. Marks hospital caught fire, writes relatives here that St. Marks has been closed due to the Wall Street crash. It was a charity hospital, depending on donations from rich New Yorkers, many of whom lost heavily in the stock market.

Miss Hudson was heading her class for a \$500 scholarship when the hospital closed. She was transferred to Port Chester hospital as a student nurse and again heads the list which entitles her to four months off her time as a student nurse and six months to specialize in any branch she desires.

It has not been all work and no play with this local girl. At a recent dance for the nurses, she and her partner, a doctor, won first prize; hers a fifty dollar traveling bag, his a fountain pen set.

Miss Mary B. Cannon's Sunday class had a party at Coleraine Hall Sunday night. Misses Aline and Sara Cannon directed the games. There were twenty-one members of the class present. Misses Alice Hicks Smith, Olive Lamm, Elsie Sullivan, Janney Vaughan, Edna Hux, Alice Myrick, Mildred Moss, Mary Norwood, Virginia Taylor, Sallie Bett King, Betty Brown, Hazel Elmore, Eugenia Rook, Edith Wright, Esther Mae Taylor, Bessie Mayes, Annie MacDonald, Betty Mae Spivey, Louise Brown, Erdelle Harris and Cora Reeves. The guests were Misses Frances Hines, Viola Collins, Clarice Mayes, Dorothy Kidd, Edith Elmore, Louise Brown, Alice Kidd, Gladys Merritt and Messrs Irwin Dickens, Milton Bennett, Leroy Prince, Allen Webb, John Myrick and John Ogletree. The hostess was assisted by Misses Aline and Sara Cannon in serving the refreshments of hot chocolate and sandwiches.

#### Nephew of J. E. Cox Has Leg Amputated

Mr. J. E. Cox has received word that his fifteen year nephew, son of W. E. Braley of Winston-Salem, was severely wounded while hunting near Winston-Salem last week.

The boy received a load from an shotgun in his leg when a gun accidentally fired. He was rushed to a hospital, but two days later it was found necessary to amputate the leg just above the knee.

He is reported as doing as well as could be expected at this time.

#### Peter Johnson Buried In Northampton Co.

Peter Johnson, age 51, was buried at the family cemetery near Conway this week. Mr. Johnson died of kidney trouble at his home in South Rosemary. He was a native of Northampton County but has lived here for several years.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Pearl Johnson and six children: Mrs. Gertrude Davis of Conway, Misses Ruby and Pauline Johnson, Aubrey, Floyd, Collis Johnson of this city and Cleve Johnson of Hopewell.

#### Goodman Leads N. C. Salesmen Over Top

The Carolina division of the Virginia Electric and Power Company under the leadership of sales manager Ray Goodman, won out over all the other divisions of the Company in the recent sales campaign on electric ranges, refrigerators and water heaters.

With the Norfolk and Richmond divisions leading all during the campaign, the local division came thru the last period with a whoop and led the field by several lengths on the home stretch. Rah-Rah—Carolina, we say.

#### Bridge Man Burned

M. H. Gordon, employed by Austin Brothers Bridge Co. on the bridge now under construction across the Roanoke River, was burned about the face last Saturday when a quantity of gasoline he was carrying caught afire. His injuries were treated at the Roanoke Rapids hospital and he was discharged from there Wednesday.

#### Axe Cuts Neck

R. L. Bishop, whose neck was severely cut by an ax while he was chopping down a tree last Saturday, was able to leave the hospital Tuesday. While chopping the tree the ax bounced off a limb, taking a backward course and striking Mr. Bishop on the neck.

#### Hurt In Wreck

Mrs. Barbee, a sister of Mrs. Sidney Matthews of Rosemary, was treated for injuries received in an automobile accident last Friday. She entered the hospital immediately after the accident, but her condition permitted her leaving the following day.

#### Shot Convict Better

Jack Gibson, of Asheville, who was shot through the abdomen a few weeks ago while attempting to escape from the Caledonia State Farm, was removed from the hospital to the penal farm recently. He will be removed to the state penitentiary, at Raleigh, when his condition is sufficiently improved.

#### ROANOKE RAPIDS BAPTIST CHURCH

Services at eleven o'clock in the morning and seven thirty in the evening. Pastor's sermon theme for the morning worship will be "The Blessed Hope," and for the evening he will speak upon the subject of "God-Given Men." For the morning worship, the choir will sing an anthem, "Trust in the Lord." Special music for the evening hour will be a solo, "I Walk With The King," sung by Graham Poyner, member of the local High School faculty.

Mrs. George Pappendick is very ill at the local hospital.

Miss Estelle Lilley, who has been a patient in the hospital for several weeks, left Sunday for the North Carolina Sanitarium, near Aberdeen, where she is a patient.

#### THE TRUE FACTS ABOUT WATER, SEWERAGE AND CONSOLIDATION

There has been very little said in recent months by this newspaper or any of those citizens who interested themselves in building a bigger better and cleaner community, about the proposed water, sewerage and consolidation of the two towns.

With the State Legislature meeting next month, the time has come again to acquaint the people with the plan which was agreed upon by the leaders of this community a few months ago. Recently there has been an effort to muddle the issue and muddy the water by misrepresenting the facts as agreed upon by the Town Board of Commissioners of Roanoke Rapids, the Rosemary Merchants Association, the Kiwanis Club, all the mill officials and the Power Company officials.

This newspaper published at that time and will publish later, the official actions of each of these organizations in regard to the questions of sanitation and consolidation. All these organizations met together and worked out a plan which was finally accepted by all as the fairest, the most logical and one which was most certain of success. For that success, these organizations and other citizens of the community are now ready to fight.

The plan in brief is as follows:

1. The forming of a sanitary district bounded as follows: On the South by the Seaboard Air Line right of way; on the East by Marshall Street; on the North by the Roanoke River; on the West by Rapids Street. This Sanitary District will be for the purpose of pumping and purifying a water supply system for the enclosed area and for building a sewerage and disposal system for all the waste of that area. All property within that area will be taxed for the above purpose. This includes all the property, machinery and buildings of the corporations in the sanitary district.

2. The dissolution of the present incorporated area known as Roanoke Rapids and the incorporation of all the area bounded as follows: On the South by Chocoyote Creek; On the East by Marshall Street; On the North by the present lines; On the West by Rapids Street. It has been agreed that any improvements to be made will be made first in the present unincorporated area until that area has expended enough so that the entire area will shoulder all debts equally. All property within this area will be taxed for operating the city government. This includes all the mill properties except the plants.

These two plans are one. The only difference in procedure is that the sanitary district

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#### ADVERTISERS NOTICE—17 MORE SHOPPING DAYS

Local advertisers, who are planning to use The Herald for Christmas advertising on Thursday, Dec. 11 and Thursday, Dec. 18 are urged to get their copy in not later than Tuesday of each week and preferably on Saturday and Monday before press day.

This is your newspaper's busy time just as it is you own and in order to get to press on time, we must have your cooperation on both advertising and printing. The same holds good for all our correspondents.

On Wednesday, Christmas Eve, The Herald will go to press with a special Christmas greeting edition, and all persons and firms wishing to extend greetings to their friends and customers will have this opportunity to do so. The deadline that week will be Tuesday night.

The banks issued their Christmas Savings Club checks this week and several thousand extra dollars will be poured into the community in the next three weeks.

Local merchants report increased business on every line of merchandise with many buying their gifts early.

Never before in the memory of the present generation have prices been as low as they are today. Many splendid bargains are seen in every advertisement in this issue.

We call special attention to the double page ad of B. Marks, third to be used by that concern in the last month, as they swing into the Christmas period with a bang. The Quality Shop,

#### Buy Christmas Seals

Buy Christmas Seals is the slogan of the local Womens Club for the protection of the undernourished children of North Carolina.

Christmas seals should go on every letter and package you mail from now until Christmas and on those gift packages which are not mailed.

The proceeds go for work with the undernourished children of the community. This winter, more money will be needed than ever before.

Buy Christmas Seals from the Womens Club. Merry Christmas. Health to all.

#### SENTENCES 38 MONTHS

#### Local Prohibitors Get Heavy Penalties In Superior Court

Three local violators of the prohibition law were given a total of 39 months on the county roads at the December term of the Halifax Superior Court, which is continuing in session this week.

Keeter Tudor of Hopewell, Va., was sentenced to 12 months when convicted of driving an automobile while under the influence of whiskey. Tudor was arrested last March in front of the Roanoke Rapids hospital.

George Dunston of Roanoke Junction received a sentence of 15 months on the roads after being found guilty of a charge of having liquor in his possession for purpose of selling. He was arrested Sunday, November 23, by deputy sheriffs G. F. Gray and L. E. Keeter. The officers confiscated four pints of whiskey and three bottles of home brew.

A sentence of 12 months on the roads was imposed upon Andrew Medlin, who was charged with the manufacture of liquor. Medlin, who lives in Roanoke Rapids township, was arrested last Friday by deputy sheriffs Gray and Keeter. A still said by officers used in the manufacture of whiskey and a small quantity of home brew were confiscated.

Tudor and Medlin were tried Wednesday. The trial for Dunston was held last week.

Rupert Liles, who lives near the old Hamill store building in East Rosemary, was sentenced to four months for assault on his wife. He is charged with chasing her away from home and attempting to cut her with a knife and is said to have tried the same tactics before.

#### Aged Northampton Man Buried Today

Funeral services for the late Sol Cook, 75 years of age, of Northampton County, whose death from paralysis occurred at his home Wednesday afternoon at about two o'clock were conducted from his late residence this Thursday afternoon, at 2 o'clock. Interment was made in the family burying ground. The service was in charge of Rev. A. P. Mustian, pastor of the Roanoke Rapids Baptist Church.

Mr. Cook had been in failing health for the past two years. His condition, however, had shown some improvement and was not considered dangerous at the time of his death.

The deceased is survived by his widow and several children.

#### Red Cross Drive Here Nets \$331

Mrs. F. G. Jarman, chairman of the Red Cross Annual Roll Call, wishes to thank everyone who helped her in any way with this work, and reports the following: Memberships, 240. Three donations of \$25 each given by Mr. W. L. Manning, The Virginia Electric and Power Company and the Rosemary Manufacturing Company; one donation of \$15 by the Roanoke Mills Company. The total amount received from the drive amounts to \$331.60, \$122.00 of which will go to National headquarters at Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Green announce the birth of a daughter, Nov. 30.

Freeman Nicholson, colored, of near Littleton, is a patient in the hospital, suffering from a gun wound in his right hand, received Tuesday. His condition is said to be satisfactory at the hospital.

#### MUSICAL COMEDY DEC. 18

#### Boys' and Girl's Glee Club At Local High School

"The Mysterious Master," a musical comedy in two acts, has been chosen for the annual production of the Boys' and Girls' Glee Clubs, Thursday, December 18 at eight o'clock.

The story deals with the coming of a new master to Wilderness Castle ty years of ease and freedom. Word is after the servants have enjoyed twenty-two years of the new master will arrive by airplane in the middle of the night, bringing with him two pirates. Upon receiving such startling news, the household is much upset. A score of hired detectives fail to solve the mystery of the master and the pirates. Rastus, the master's colored valet adds much humor to the situation. The action ends in a very surprising manner, both to the cast and to the audience.

The cast is headed by Harvey Saunders, as the Master, Pauline Brewer as the housekeeper, John Glover, the butler, James McNeil, the coachman, Coby Williams, the gardener, Hilda Hines the cook, Robert Lowe, Rastus, Constance Barrow, Ophelia, Virginia Armstrong Adelia, Margie Collier Cornelia, Norman Speight, Pierre; Leonard Langston, Jacques, Otis Reynolds, Jean, Roy Lee Farrell, sleuth, Rudolph Waters, Ferret, Francis Starke, Gumbo.

Supporting this excellent cast will be special choruses of maids, decorators and detectives, making the entire cast total about forty five. Margaret Dunning and Olive Lamm will be at the piano.

As usual the proceeds from this annual performance will be used to help defray the expenses of a trip to the State Music Contest in the spring. In return for buying tickets at 15c, 25c, and 35c the public is assured an evening of pure fun and enjoyment at the hands of this cast of fine boys and girls.

#### Community Xmas Tree Is Biggest In The State

With a last mighty effort the pole crew of the Virginia Electric and Power Company raised the huge Christmas tree to its final position yesterday at the corner of Roanoke and 11th Streets.

The tree committee of the Rosemary Merchants Association was no piker when it came to size. We wager that it will be the biggest community Christmas tree in the State, and we pity poor Santa Claus when he has to decorate it. The tree will be lighted by the Power Company and will probably be lit up the last of this week.

Tommy Jenkins, Billy Williams, John Matkins and Harvey Taylor, members of the Gifts committee, report a flood of names turned in of needy families. All will be investigated and the worthy ones will be furnished some Christmas by the Merchants Association.

Wednesday evening of last week Young Peoples' Service League of the Episcopal Church were hostesses to the members of the Young Peoples' Service League of Scotland Neck. The guests arrived in the afternoon and were entertained by members of the local league at supper. At eight o'clock a party was given at the home of Miss Elizabeth Joyner. Games of different kinds were played and in a get acquainted contest, Charlie Hale of Scotland Neck won a prize for remembering the most names. About sixteen visitors were present and a delightful evening was spent. The hostess, assisted by other members, served a salad course.

#### Crewe at Hi-Y Club

The Hi-Y Club of Roanoke Rapids High School enjoyed a banquet in the Home Economics room Tuesday night. About twenty-five members enjoyed the feed. After the banquet, Mr. Graham Poyner introduced the evening speaker, Mr. J. Winfield Crewe, local attorney. An interesting talk was given on the purpose of Hi-Y organizations, by Mr. Crewe.