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## EXTRA VOTE OFFER TO OPEN CAMPAIGN

### More Members Needed are In The Outside District

### SUBSCRIPTIONS WILL COUNT FAR MORE VOTES NOW THAN LATER IN CONTEST

#### CIRCULATION DRIVE NOMINEES

Below are listed the names of those nominated in the Circulation Drive, and votes credited on their nomination Coupons. This does not mean that all are active workers. As a matter of fact only a small percentage have made any start towards collecting subscriptions. All who did not make a report by Saturday, January 24, will be dropped from the list.

Mrs. Geo. Lamprey, Roanoke Rapids	20,000
Mrs. Bill Allgood, Rosemary	20,000
Leonard Langston, Roanoke Rapids	20,000
Herman Tickel, Roanoke Rapids	20,000
Mrs. Chas. A. Webb, Roanoke Rapids	20,000
Rosa Williams, Roanoke Rapids	20,000
Mrs. H. C. Taylor, Roanoke Rapids	20,000
Mrs. D. W. Etnierage, Rosemary	20,000
Mrs. Peter A. Snel, Roanoke Rapids	20,000
Mrs. H. M. Fowler, Roanoke Rapids	20,000
Richard Reaves, Roanoke Rapids	20,000
Mrs. M. Armistead, Weidon	20,000
Estelle Moore, Weidon	20,000
Mrs. W. H. Daughtrey, Roanoke Rapids	20,000
Mrs. E. P. Hyman, Garysburg	20,000
Julia Turner, Weidon	20,000
Mrs. W. H. Pruett, Rosemary	20,000
Eva Jones, Roanoke Rapids	20,000
Mrs. H. H. Bugg, Rosemary	20,000
Clifton Garner, Rosemary, Route 1	20,000
Mrs. Winfield Warren, Aurelian Springs	20,000
Mrs. K. L. Martin, Rosemary	20,000
Vera Bullock, Rosemary	20,000
Mrs. E. W. Cox, Rosemary	20,000
Mrs. F. C. Williams, Roanoke Rapids	20,000
Mrs. V. H. Grammam, Rosemary	20,000
Carl Kay, Roanoke Rapids	20,000
Bill Lee Taylor, Roanoke Rapids	20,000
Tempie Pearson, Rosemary, Route 1	20,000
Mrs. S. G. Monorn, Weidon	20,000
Anna Pitts, Roanoke Rapids	20,000
Mrs. Nannie Peel, Roanoke Rapids	20,000
Ollie Mae Cooley, Littleton	20,000
Mrs. Maggie Crawley, Aurelian Springs	20,000
Virginia Shaw, Thelma	20,000
Edna Shearin, Rosemary, Route 1	20,000

In order to give each member of the circulation drive a chance to get off to a flying start, the following extra vote offer is now in effect: 20,000 extra votes in addition to the regular schedule printed on the receipt book cover will be credited on each and every \$50 worth of subscriptions turned in from the beginning of the campaign up to Saturday night, January 24. Positively at no time during the campaign will subscriptions count as many votes as they will during this period.

One of the unique features of this campaign is that subscriptions turned in during the early period will count for more votes than in the later stages of the contest. A steady decrease in vote value on subscriptions will take place as the campaign progresses, and as a result subscriptions will count less the later they are turned in at any other time. The management is very anxious for all the members to understand the big advantage gained by early work in the drive. Positive assurance is given that this is the very biggest and best vote opportunity of the drive, and never again will subscriptions count as many votes as during the present period.

#### Votes Will Win

The prizes will be awarded at the end of the campaign strictly upon a vote basis, and not on the number of subscriptions turned in. It is possible for a member to win one of the cars with a smaller amount of subscriptions provided they are turned in during the early stages of the contest. Therefore it will be to every member's advantage to get in as many subscriptions as possible while they will count the most VOTES. Votes, and votes alone will win.

Without a doubt the member that is far sighted and fortunate enough to get a comfortable lead in votes by the end of the present period will have a decided advantage to win first prize, as they would be hard to overtake by any competitor after vote

#### Officers Ordred To Enforce License Law

According to Deputy Commissioner of Revenue, J. H. Norman, today is positively the last day in which users of 1930 license plates will be allowed to remain unmolesated.

The deputy commissioner displayed a letter from the state department of revenue at Raleigh, to the effect that such a proclamation would go into effect all over the state today.

All police officers and sheriffs are notified to enforce the law.

#### Red Cross Calls For Ten Million Dollars

The Red Cross has issued a nationwide call for ten million dollars to be used in 20 drought stricken states. The local chapter has been asked to raise \$1,000 as its quota.

Due to the great needs locally, the officers of the Roanoke Rapids Chapter have decided that it is not advisable to make a drive at this time, but anyone desiring to make a donation to this great cause will please send same to Mrs. A. E. Akers treasurer, and it will be promptly forwarded to headquarters, according to Mrs. Thos. M. Jenkins, chairman.

value has been reduced on subscriptions.

#### More Members Needed Outside

More workers are needed in the outside district and the opportunity is great for some live wire to enter and win a car. Due to the fact that one of the cars must be awarded to someone residing outside of Roanoke Rapids and Rosemary makes the opportunity even greater as they will not have to compete with the workers in the Twin Cities insofar as winning one of the beautiful cars. Folks living out of town are cordially invited to send in their names and share in the distribution of these splendid prizes. Act now and get the advantage of an early start. We need good workers in the following townships: Halifax, Scotland Neck, Enfield, Brinkleyville and others.

### ORGANIZE UNEMPLOYED BUREAU

#### County Committee Organized To Handle Relief Work

The central committee on unemployment and relief of Halifax County met in the Commissioner's room at one o'clock, January 5, 1931. All members of the committee and many members of the small committees were present.

The meeting was called to order by W. F. Joyner who stated the purpose of the meeting and asked the secretary to read the minutes of the previous meeting. R. Hunter Pope was made permanent chairman of the Central Committee and A. E. Akers was made secretary. The action of the body taken on December 29 naming the executive committee and the sub-committee chairmen was approved.

Executive committee: R. Hunter Pope, Newton Shepherd, Wade H. Dickens, W. A. Thorne and W. F. Joyner.

Finance committee: Fletcher H. Gregory, chairman, Halifax; F. C. Williams, Roanoke Rapids; W. L. Manning, Rosemary; Sam Pierson, Jr. Enfield; Newton Shepherd, Weidon; Hugh Johnson, Scotland Neck, and Mrs. A. J. Jones, Tillery.

Employment Committee: W. O. Davis, chairman; Rev. R. S. Fountain, Weidon; J. B. Britt, Scotland Neck; Paul Johnson, C. L. Kelly, Littleton; T. M. Mullen, Rosemary, and P. O. Petaway, Enfield.

Relief committee: J. B. Hall, chairman, Scotland Neck; Mrs. T. M. Jenkins, Rev. Joe Bynum, Mrs. C. N. Wheeler, Roanoke Rapids; Mrs. Pierce Johnson, Newton Shepherd, Dr. W. G. Suter Weidon; V. C. Matthews, Miss Marie Moss, W. J. Colton. (Continued on back page)

#### Halifax Forger Escapes From Caledonia And Hitch Hikes Back Again

R. O. Poole, steward at Caledonia prison farm, has a good memory for faces, and L. S. Strickland has a habit of "bumming" rides on public highways. Strickland was sentenced at a recent term of the Halifax Superior Court to a term of one year in the penitentiary, on a charge of forgery. He was committed to the state penal farm at Roxboro. But he did not like his new surroundings and one day last week made a successful escape.

Tuesday Mr. Pool was driving on the Henderson highway, near Raleigh, en route to Caledonia. Strickland was walking along the same road, and when he saw the car approaching, he hailed the driver for a ride. Mr. Poole was going Strickland's way, all right, but the escaped prisoner didn't know it until they had safely arrived at Caledonia and the convicted forger was again incarcerated.

#### Two Banks Reopen In East Carolina

Two Eastern North Carolina banks which closed their doors in December reopened for business, it was reported at the State Banking department.

They were the Planters and Merchants Bank at Everetts and Farmers Bank of Garysburg. They were reopened under a deferred payment agreement with depositors.

Misses Viola Glover and Merle Bell motored to Hobgood Sunday. They were accompanied by Mrs. Elizabeth Strickland who has been spending some time here with relatives.

#### Sanitary District Plan Given O.K. By Co. Commission

A public hearing on the formation of the local Sanitary District for the purpose of installing a water and sewerage system in this community was held by the County Board of Commissioners at Halifax last Friday.

The petition presented to the Board thirty days ago was read and discussed and the board voted to allow the petition and to request the state board of health to hold another public hearing in thirty days pursuant to forming the district.

More than a dozen local citizens were present at the hearing Friday. There was no argument against the proposal voiced publicly.

#### POWER CO. AT WORK

#### On Half Million Dollar Transmission Line Between Here And Petersburg

The Virginia Electric and Power Company is now starting actual construction on its sixty mile transmission line between Roanoke Rapids and Petersburg and between 70 and 75 unemployed men will be given work for the next four or five months in addition to the company's regular crews, Jack G. Holtzclaw, president of the company announced.

All of the poles, wires and other material needed in the construction of the 110-volt power line to be erected at a cost of \$500,000 have been assembled and the clearing of the right of way and erection of the line is now being started.

The new line completes the third side of a triangular system of transmission lines that supply the territory served by the company and the line will later be extended to Richmond. Its construction was authorized by the board of directors in November.

The Board of directors of the power company will meet in New York this month, at which time the 1931 budget will be acted on, Mr. Holtzclaw said.

Prior to the meeting of the board it is not possible to predict the amount to be spent during the coming year on improvements and extensions to the company's system.

#### Local Song Birds Forming Male Chorus For Public Singing

"This is station WPTF. The next number by the Roanoke Rapids Male Chorus will be Old Man River. This chorus is composed of twenty male voices from the thriving little industrial city up on the Roanoke

The chorus was organized in January, 1931, when a half dozen business men and mill employees decided to take advantage of the offer of a music teacher to train such a Chorus. They meet one night a week for practice.

"Since organization, the Chorus has grown to more than twenty members, many of whom had never taken a singing lesson, except when celebrating. They have sung over the radio, public gatherings and before clubs for some time now."

The above is a radio announcement about 6 months hence.

H. C. Taylor of Roanoke Rapids, well known local grocer and former manager of the Gold Star Store, at Rosemary, has purchased an interest in the Hawkins Grocery Co., located on Eleventh Street, Rosemary, from W. E. Hawkins. The firm will conduct business in the future under the name of Taylor and Hawkins. The cash policy, established some months ago will continue to be carried out.

### RECORDER COURT BILL IS PASSED

The first bill affecting Halifax County was passed by both branches this week when Mr. Johnson's House bill 38, placing Halifax County back under the general recorder's court statute, emerged successfully and is now ready for the Governor's signature.

Senator Allen C. Zollicoffer has been confined to his home all this week with an attack of la grippe and will probably not attend the legislature until the first of next week. Meanwhile he has been placed on the following Senate committees: engrossed bills, Chairman; appropriations, claims, consolidated statutes, distribution of Governor's message, institutions for the deaf, judiciary No. 2, manufacturing, propositions and grievances, railroads and senate expenditures.

D. Mac Johnson, Representative, has been placed on the following House committees: counties, cities and towns, federal relations, game, immigration, institutions for the blind, judiciary No. 1, military affairs, privileges and elections, public welfare and the joint committee on enrolled bills.

With no Republican or independent candidate filed, Dr. T. W. M. Long will be the other Representative from Halifax and will take his seat on Jan. 23, the day after the special election.

### DEATHS

#### Mrs. Elizabeth Brinkley

Mrs. Elizabeth Brinkley, age 68, died Tuesday morning about 8 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Z. C. Smith, on Middle Street, where she had been making her home, following a stroke of paralysis. Brief funeral services were conducted from the Smith residence Wednesday morning, at 10 o'clock, by Dr. J. W. Harrel, pastor of the Roanoke Rapids Methodist Church, and the body was taken to New Bern, N. C., where funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. L. Hodges. Burial was made in the Cedar Grove cemetery.

In addition to her daughter, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Brinkley is survived by two sons, W. A. Brinkley, of New Bern and J. H. Brinkley, of Hillsboro, N. C.

Mrs. Brinkley has been living in Roanoke Rapids about four months, having moved here with her daughter's family from New Bern.

#### Mrs. Sarah Parker

Funeral services for Mrs. Sarah Parker, 77, were conducted this afternoon, at 2 o'clock, from the home of her daughter, Mrs. Betty Warren, near Dunn, N. C. Interment was made in the Oldfield family burying, there.

Mrs. Parker died Wednesday morning at about one o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. J. Cameron, here, following a stroke of paralysis. She was visiting in the Cameron home at the time of her death. She came here last Sunday.

#### Nathan Wall

Nathan Wall, 78, of Jackson County, died at his home Saturday night, at 7:30, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted from the Pleasant Grove Church, Sunday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock and interment was made in the church cemetery. Rev. Rufus Grant, of Seaboard, was the officiating minister.

Mr. Wall is survived by his widow and one son, Zeb Wall.

Mrs. T. R. Manning, Mrs. B. F. Harris and Miss Creighton Harris spent Friday and Saturday in Richmond, Va.

### FACTS AND FIGURES

(If you are interested, clip these figures and use them)

Actual total amount of taxes paid in by Roanoke Rapids graded school district last year \$134,497.02

Estimated amount paid in by property owners outside Roanoke Rapids and Rosemary 12,500.00

Net paid by corporations, mill employees and town people 121,997.02

Estimated amount paid by employees of mill 8,000.00

Net paid by corporations and town people \$113,997.02

ACTUAL AMOUNT PAID BY MILLS AND POWER COMPANY \$96,633.21

Balance paid by town people \$17,364.81

Here's the batting average on school taxes between the mills and the rest of us.

THE CORPORATIONS 84.6 per cent  
THE REST OF US 15.4 per cent

#### AND ANOTHER THING ---

Here's some more figures you can use. On this incorporation, water and sewerage proposition, the engineers have estimated the cost of a complete water and sewerage system from the river to the railroad at \$275,000

Of which the mills have agreed under the incorporation plan to pay \$220,000

Leaving all the rest of us to pay the balance of 55,000

which means that our share spread over 20 years (length of coming way amount is about \$2,750 per year with interest, an average of about five dollars per year — and it costs you five dollars to have a septic tank cleaned out one time.

(By Carlton Wilson)

The time has come to "talk turkey" about what we intend to do with our big town and beginning in this issue, and until the big day comes, we intend to give the people of this community the true facts in the case, to the best of our ability.

Your attention is called to a table of figures under the heading "Facts and Figures." We have tried to make this table as plain as possible. There you see the exact amount of money collected for school taxes in the Roanoke Rapids graded school district.

The second item is for that property which lies outside the area in question: the area of proposed incorporation and sanitation.

The amount paid by the employees of the mills includes all their school taxes paid on real and personal property and is deducted because we wish to show as nearly as possible what percentage of the school tax the corporations pay and what percentage those in the community who are not directly dependent on the mills pay. We also wish to use this same comparison as a basis for the figures on incorporation, water and sewerage.

Boiled down, it simply means this: to this splendid school system we have here, every time tax time rolls around and all the rest of us put \$1.50 in the school treasury, the mills come along and put \$8.50 in the same pot. How can we make it any clearer?

Now as to this incorporation and sanitation plan, the mills have agreed to meet us more than half way again. The big expense of our bigger city plan is the installation of a complete water and sewerage system from river to railroad. The engineering firm, Spooner & Lewis, has made a survey of the community and estimated the cost at approximately \$275,000, to be paid for by bonds which will be retired over a period of twenty-five years.

The Town Board of Commissioners, the Rosemary Merchants Association, the Kiwanis Club, the Womens Club and other organized bodies asked the mills to include everything they had in the sanitary district for this biggest expense, with the understanding that on incorporation, the actual mill plants and machinery

would not be included in the incorporated area, but an other mill property would be included. The mills agreed to do this and this is what it means:

If the entire cost of water and sewerage installation is \$275,000 the mills have agreed to pay 40 per cent or \$220,000.

Now, anybody knows that the mills can install water and sewerage in their own villages at far less cost than that; but that's how much they are willing to pay the game with us. Their mill plants will not benefit, because they have water systems of their own now, yet in come the mill plants to pay the bulk of the cost.

In return for paying MORE than their share, by thousands of dollars for the sanitation system, the leaders of this community have agreed to have the mill plants and the plants only out of the incorporated area, but all the rest of the mill property including all of the villages will be in the new city limits and subject to city taxes.

Now, there's been a lot of talking. If there happens to be anyone who does not agree with what we've said or with the plan as outlined, we give this offer. Use as much of the space in this newspaper as you want, free of charge and as often as you want, to tell the world how you stand, and why. Put it down in black and white. Place it on record as we say do, so that there will be no doubt. This offer holds good from now on. We don't want anybody to say they didn't have a chance and we will print every word they write except the cuss words.

#### The School Board

Many of our readers have asked us to name the nine members of the Roanoke Rapids school board, admitting they did not know exactly who all of them were. Here they are:

T. W. Mullen, Chairman.  
J. R. Allsbrook, attorney.  
L. S. Cannon, Rosemary Mfg.  
J. T. Chase, Power Co.  
W. F. Joyner, auto dealer.  
Dr. T. W. M. Long, physician.  
W. L. Manning, Rosemary Mfg.  
Wells D. Tillery, merchant.  
R. L. Lowe, Roanoke Mills.

Miss Kathleen May, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. May has returned to Richmond.