

## CRITICS CLAIM OUR FIGURES UNRELIABLE

### CITES TWO CASES OF MISTAKES

Which Two Cases We Proceed to Take Up In Order

(By Carroll Wilson)

Well, our facts and figures about incorporation have caused a lot of talk, most of it, we are pleased to say, being favorable, but we have reports that there are a few people who not only disagree with us, but who claim we are wrong in our figures.

They have picked out what they thought were two flaws in our figures, and are using these alleged mistakes to show proof that we just can't be relied on. In short, if we deliberately or to exaggerate, gave wrong figures in these two instances, then, they argue, we would not hesitate to do the same thing about a lot of other things and maybe the whole plan.

Of course, if we had been guilty of what they accuse, there would be grounds for their reasoning. But, you see, we happen to know the latest dope on the proposition, and we are going to let you and our critics have it now.

Remember, too, that these critics have only talked. They have not written and signed their statements like we have, but anyone who has heard their arguments will understand what we are writing about.

In the Herald of January 15, we wrote the following: "If the entire cost of water and sewerage installation is \$275,000, the mills have agreed to pay 84.6 per cent or \$230,000. Now here is what the critics say in substance: that our figure of \$275,000 is all wrong; that they have seen the engineer's reports and the amount was \$550,000; that the writer, making such a big mistake, intentional or not, therefore, cannot be relied on for information."

Answer No. 1—Admitted that the half million figure was correct, we still say the mills have agreed to pay 84.6 per cent of that figure or any other reasonable estimate; and after all, that was the point we were trying to put across to the public. And it is still undisputed.

Answer No. 2—But we do not admit the half million figure, because you see the original estimate was made almost two years ago and since then Spooner & Lewis, the engineering firm, has made a revised estimate. Why? Changes in the original plan and the lower costs of material and equipment and lower wage scale have cut the estimate of two years ago more than 25 PER CENT, or more than \$90,000.

Answer No. 3—And the final report of Spooner & Lewis carries a recommendation to save the taxpayers of this community the necessity and expense of floating bonds, paying interest and taxes to the extent of \$175,000 for a filter plant that the sanitary board arrange to use the new mill filter plant which will be completed in plenty of time and which, with a little additional equipment, can produce the highest type drinking water in this section of the State.

FINAL ANSWER — \$550,000 minus \$175,000 equals \$375,000 minus \$90,000 equals \$285,000.

Now the other figure in question had nothing to do with incorporation. But it, too, is being used, as was the above, to try to impress the people with our untrustworthiness. In telling our contestants about their prospects in the subscription drive in the issue of January 22, we made the following statement: "There are 2,000 homes in Roanoke Rapids-Rosemary, and every home is a prospect. There are about 12,000 homes in Halifax County, etc."

We understand our hand has been called on the 2,000 figure; that we are charged with again exaggerating without just cause; that we again proved our respect or disrespect for figures and facts.

That by actual count, there were only about 1,500 houses in Roanoke Rapids and Rosemary and not 2,000.

Answer No. 1—Granted the houses in Roanoke Rapids can be counted, who shall say where Rosemary starts and where Rosemary ends. When one (Continued on back page)

### Local Attorney Made Secretary Of Credit Bureau

Kelly Jenkins, local attorney, has been appointed secretary of the Roanoke Rapids-Rosemary Credit Rating bureau which is being established here by the Merchant's Mercantile Agency of Washington, D. C. More than twenty business and professional firms have become members with the idea of establishing a uniform credit system and rating customers. The local Agency will have connections with similar organizations throughout the country.

### TWO KILLED IN COUNTY RUM WAR

#### Deputy Sheriff Meets Instant Death—Killer Shot

Deputy Sheriff J. E. Perry, 43, was shot and killed by Crandille Sanders, Negro, and the Negro was killed two minutes later by special deputy R. E. Allsbrooke, during a liquor raid on the Negro's home five miles from Scotland Neck Sunday afternoon.

On information received from another Negro, the two officers with J. W. Robison reached the Negro house in a swamp late Sunday. Two other men were in the yard with Sanders, who had been drinking, but they fled on the approach of the officers.

The Negro went into the house and closed the door. When Mr. Perry pushed open the door, the Negro fired once at him with a 22 rifle, the ball entering below the left eye and causing almost instant death.

Allsbrooke was at the rear of the house, heard the shot, ran to the front and broke down the front door. The Negro pointed the rifle at his head and pulled the trigger. The gun failed to fire and he struck Allsbrooke over the head, bending the rifle barrel. The officer tussled with the larger man until he felt his pistol pushed into his opponent's abdomen. He fired one time. Sanders fell back, dropped on the front porch and died a few minutes later.

A few hours later, Coroner Billy Williams' jury exonerated Mr. Allsbrooke with a verdict of justifiable homicide. A small quantity of mash had been found near the house.

Funeral services were held for the deceased deputy sheriff Monday afternoon. Superior Court, in session at Halifax, adjourned at noon in tribute. A wife and seven children by a former marriage survive.

### Chamber of Commerce Works on Tax Relief

That the people "Back Home" are demanding some relief from burdensome taxes on real property, is evidenced by the program that has been worked by the Tax Relief Commission of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce after a four months study of the whole situation. This Commission is made up of one man from each of the 48 counties served by this organization, with ex-Senator W. A. Brown of Pender County, Chairman and D. M. Stringfield, of Cumberland, vice chairman. A steering Committee made of Geo. R. Ward chairman, Duplin; C. S. Wallace, Cartaret; W. S. Corbett, Vance; T. W. Cosen, Jr., Gates; J. A. Weddell, Edgecombe and D. M. Stringfield, took all the suggestions from various and sundry sources for tax relief, and worked out a definite program that was adopted by the entire Commission in Kinston, Dec. 2. This program is very definite in its presentment. "Unless something is done to help real property, land values are gone" chairman Brown said. Guy V. Smith, prominent tobaccoist of Greenville is president of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, Inc., the parent organization of the tax relief commission, and N. G. Bartlett is secretary to both.

### LEGION MEETING TUESDAY

An important meeting of the local post of the American Legion will be held Tuesday night. Dr. Suter will speak about the proposed plan to cash war risk insurance.

## Not Lower Taxes---Less Penalty

### 2ND REPORT TO BE MADE SATURDAY P.M.

First Turn-In Last Saturday Shows a Majority of Contestants Are Pretty Evenly Matched In Lively Race

Last Saturday night was the first turn-in night of The Herald's big Circulation Drive, at which time the enthusiastic workers who are working so earnestly to win the valuable prizes that are to be awarded in a few short weeks, made their turn-ins at The Herald office, and most of them gave a good account of themselves.

After a check-up of the subscriptions turned in by the various members, the majority of them seemed to be about evenly matched, and the race promised to be an interesting one to watch as it progresses through the few short weeks allotted it.

Another extra vote offer is in effect for this week only and expires next Saturday night, January 31st. 240,000 extra votes will be credited for each \$30 worth of subscriptions turned in this week.

Any amount under or any amount over \$30 will count on a proportionate basis of 8,000 extra votes for each dollar turned in this week. Although this is not quite as many votes as was allowed until last Saturday night, it is the largest remaining vote offer of the campaign, and

### CIRCULATION DRIVE MEMBERS

Below are listed the members of The Herald Circulation Drive and their votes accepted for publication.

Mrs. Geo. H. Lampley, Roanoke Rapids	129,000
Leonard Langston, Roanoke Rapids	118,000
Mrs. Chas. A. Webb, Roanoke Rapids	126,000
Rosa Williams, Roanoke Rapids	115,000
Mrs. H. C. Taylor, Roanoke Rapids	125,000
Mrs. D. W. Etheridge, Rosemary	127,000
Mrs. H. M. Fowler, Roanoke Rapids	121,000
Richard Reeves, Roanoke Rapids	119,000
Estelle McGee, Weldon	123,000
Mrs. W. H. Doughtrey, Roanoke Rapids	125,000
Mrs. E. P. Hayman, Garysburg	125,000
Mrs. W. H. Pruden, Rosemary	128,000
Mrs. H. H. Bugg, Roanoke Rapids	126,000
Mrs. Winfield Warren, Aurelian Springs	120,000
Vera Bullock, Rosemary	121,000
Mrs. F. C. Williams, Roanoke Rapids	125,000
Mrs. V. H. Grantham, Rosemary	126,000
Tempie Pearson, Rosemary, Rt. 1	121,000
Mrs. Nannie Peel, Roanoke Rapids	124,000
Mrs. Maggie Crawley, Aurelian Springs	117,000
Virginia Shaw, Thelma	118,000
Edna Shearin, Rosemary, Rt. 1	124,000
Elvin Hudson, Rosemary	118,000

### WALKING BOY KILLED BY TRUCK

Walking along the highway at night proved fatal to Ernest Love, 20 year old farmer, who was killed by a truck 7 o'clock Saturday night, about a mile from South Rosemary on the Littleton road.

Lawrence Hatchell, driver of a truck for Sam Hockaday, S. Rosemary merchant, was driving toward town. Love and Carl Allen were also coming into town. They were on the right side of the road and Love was said to be on the edge of the pavement while Allen was toward the ditch.

The fender of the truck hit Love and knocked him for some distance. Hatchell backed up and took him to the hospital where he died a short time later from internal injuries.

The driver was held under a \$500 bond until Sunday when he was released by the Coroner, the investigation showing he was blameless.

Love was the son of Mrs. Pearl Love who lives about two miles from here on the Littleton road. Funeral services were held at the home Monday afternoon with Rev. Dickens of Belmont officiating.

When Lyle Hull of Gordon, Neb., attempted to bridle a mule, the animal bit off one of his fingers.

at no time later in the campaign will they count as many votes as they will this week. As announced at the outset the entire voting schedule is arranged on a fast declining basis. Therefore, the winners of the largest prizes will be those, who by continued, consistent efforts, see to it that they have good reports while the "big votes" are being given.

In all enterprises where the element of competition exists there is always a crop of false rumors circulated, and the Circulation Drive is no exception. These rumors, in most instances are circulated to discourage some member, and thereby lessen the competition for some friend who is entered in the campaign. Several instances of these rumors have been brought to the attention of the management — of some unheard of amounts being secured by some member, etc., and in every case they have proven to be untrue. The members who pay no attention to these rumors, and on the other hand give their attention to their own individual campaign, instead of what the "other fellow" is doing, will be the ones who will come "out on top" at the end.

Several attendance records were knocked higher than a kite by the Roanoke Rapids City Schools this week, when on Tuesday eleven of the sixteen rooms in the High School reported 100 per cent and a similar report was made by 16 of the 39 grade rooms.

### SCHOOLS BREAKING RECORDS

The High School showed 99 per cent attendance and the grades 97 per cent for Tuesday.

The total enrollment of the school system is white: 2,105; colored 300. Another record for the year is the number in actual attendance. Active pupils in the white schools are 2,021. Only 84 have dropped out, moved away or left for any reason since school opened. This is a remarkable hold-up in attendance.

The good attendance this week, says Supt. Davis, is partly due to good weather, partly due to more employment in this community than other places, causing less drifting, largely due to interest of teachers and parents in daily average attendance, upon which is based the amount of funds the school system gets from county and State.

The telephone service of a New York subscriber was cut off because he swore at an operator.

### DOC LONG ON POTENT COMMITTEES

New Representative Takes Seat Monday After Election

Except for a flurry of "scratching" the ticket in Rosemary precinct last Saturday, the special election for Representative from Halifax County was a repetition of the same story as a few votes were cast at each precinct for Dr. T. W. M. Long.

The two local precincts cast most all the votes, 699 out of a total county vote of 941. Dr. Long received 882 and W. J. Norwood 59. Mr. Norwood had nothing to do with his name being written on the ticket and was opposed to any such movement.

Roanoke Rapids No. 1, Dr. Long's home precinct, hearing of such a movement, went to work late Thursday afternoon and cast over 400 votes in two hours.

Dr. Long took his seat in the House Monday night and was immediately appointed on powerful committees by Speaker Smith. He will serve on the following: Health, Congressional Districts, Finance, Education and Counties, Cities and Towns.

This last named committee will handle the incorporation bill which will soon be presented.

The votes by precincts in the special election was: Roanoke Rapids 1, Long 556, Norwood 2; Roanoke Rapids No. 2, Long 91, Norwood 50; Scotland Neck, Long 48, Norwood 6; Weldon, Long 30, Norwood 1.

In the balance of the precincts votes were all for Dr. Long. Enfield 20, Halifax 20, Conocoanara 7, Rosemeath 3, Kehukee 18, Palmyra 18, Faucetts 10, Butterwood 12, Littleton 10, Hollister 26, Ringwood 13.

### 85 PARENTS VISIT LOCAL SCHOOLS

Parents Really Interested In School Questions Should Join P.T.A.

One of the most interesting meetings of the Roanoke Rapids High School P. T. A. was held Thursday afternoon, January 15, in the vocational building. The program consisted of demonstrations in the Home Economics and the Manual Training Departments.

Miss Virginia Blount taught a demonstration class on "Interior Decoration and House Planning," showing interesting booklets made by the pupils on the work they are doing. In the kitchen Miss Tillman was teaching a cooking class which was preparing and serving breakfast. R. C. Knight was teaching mechanical drawing and Mr. Lohman manual training.

After these interesting demonstrations a meeting was held with Mrs. J. E. Kirk, president, presiding. Mrs. A. L. Taylor made a most helpful talk on "Making a Home." Mr. Knight talked on the work being done in his department. Mr. C. W. Davis, superintendent of city schools welcomed the patrons and invited them to visit the schools often. The legislative program was unanimously endorsed by the association. Miraculous rolling pins were given as favors. Hot chocolate and wafers were served for refreshments. There were about eight-five present.

The Parent-Teacher Association is open to every parent who has children attending school and is attended by all parents really interested in learning how the schools are operated. Any questions pertaining to local school matters are always answered to the satisfaction of P. T. A. members.

B. Bauers of Pomeroy, O., has used one electric light bulb for 25 years.

### Marvin Anderton Wins Local Legion Contest

Marvin Anderton narrowly nosed out Otis Reynolds in the annual essay contest sponsored by The American Legion when the local trials were held Monday at the High School.

Graded on originality, contents of essay, delivery and stage presence, Anderton scored 85 and Reynolds 82. The subject was "The American Legion." Other speakers were Aven Moody, Jimmie Shell and Belmont Murray. Judges were Legionnaires A. N. Martin, F. D. Wilson and C. L. Wilson. Anderton will represent the local High School in the county contest at Halifax on February 20. He was the recipient of a fountain pen given by the Rosemary Drug Co. for winning here.

### WOUNDER OF POLICE GETS 2 YRS

Many Small Cases Are Transferred From Superior Court

Superior Court, relieved of some 60 cases which were transferred to the new Recorder's Court, met Monday with more time to give to important cases and plunged into the trial of Buddy Jackson, Negro, who shot J. R. Crew, Weldon Chief, last October.

The Negro was found guilty of assault with intent to kill and sentenced to two years. His case was made brighter by testimony which showed the Chief did not have his badge on and the fact that the chief is supposed to have fired the first shot.

The real leniency is said to have been due to the technical question as to the authority of the Chief outside the town limits.

Lewis Hoyle, local man, was found guilty of carnal knowledge of a female under 16. Sentence had not been passed Wednesday night.

Richard Manson, Negro, who was found guilty of stealing \$138 from the D. Pender store here was sentenced to 12 months. Manson had been sweeping up and took the money from the safe several weeks ago. He was caught by Officer Carl Green and some \$60 of the money was recovered.

Maxie Mason of Petersburg, who "visited" in this vicinity was given a suspended sentence of 6 months with the understanding she leave Halifax County and if caught here in two years a capias would be issued for her arrest and incarceration.

Recorder's Court is meeting today to dispose of many of the transferred cases. It will then meet every Tuesday. Witnesses and court attaches will only have to be present one day each week as it is planned to keep the docket cleaned up each week. No juries will be used unless requested.

### D. Mac Introduces Bridge and Squirrel Bills in Legislature

Raleigh, Jan. 29.—Representative D. Mac Johnson, of Halifax county, has introduced a bill in the General Assembly which would name the bridge over the Roanoke River on Route 12, between Scotland Neck and Rich Squar, the "Edwards Ferry bridge" and directing the State Highway Commission to properly mark it. The bill was referred to Judiciary 1 committee.

Mr. Johnson has also introduced a bill which would extend the time of hunting squirrels and raccoons all over the State, making the squirrel open season from September 15 to January 15 and the raccoon open season, with dogs, from October 15 to February 15.

The Male Chorus of the Twin Cities is progressing rapidly under the direction of Misses Ruth Chapman and Elma Holding. Men interested in singing should see H. H. King, secretary of the chorus.

### ONE LITTLE FARMER'S SAD TALE

He Couldn't Pay His Taxes For 3 Years and Look What Happened

This is a true story of what happened to a small Halifax County farmer.

He has had three hard years and has been unable to pay his taxes. The county has his small farm assessed at \$2,381 and the tax per year was \$40.47, or \$121.41 for the three years.

Now, he had borrowed money from the Federal Land Bank, giving a mortgage on the farm. Note this: when the Land Bank appraised the farm did they fix it at \$2,381, the amount on which he was paying taxes. No. They appraised it at \$1,700.

When hard times hit the farmer and he was unable to pay his taxes for three years, the Federal Farm Loan Bank, to keep its mortgage clear, decided to foreclose and turned its case over to an attorney in the county.

Upon which action, the farmer went to a friend and persuaded this friend to pay his taxes for the three years. Here is how that \$121.41 has grown under our present tax system.

In addition to the taxes, the penalties, interest, etc. amounted to \$122.26; in short, 85 cents more than the actual three year's taxes.

To this was added the attorney's fee which was, a minimum we understand, fifty dollars.

A charge of fifty cents was added for docketing, filing and indexing.

A judgment before the clerk cost another dollar and still an extra dollar was charged for a summons.

Then fifty cents for another summons and docketing. Of course, we don't understand what all this summing and docketing was about and we presume there is a law which makes it OK, but it seems that there are bargain days. Some days you pay a dollar for a summons and then on sale day you get a summons for fifty cents and a docketing thrown in like a fifty cent tie when you buy a suit of clothes.

That ain't all. There was still another charge and that was a summons, too. A copy to each defendant, and that cost \$1.75.

Here comes the sheriff's bill and that totals six dollars. And then they add a bill of cost which is a dollar and another filing bill which is another dollar and three dollars for the stenographer. Now this last bill is the only one we see any real reason for. If a stenographer had to type all the bills and summons and judgments and whatnots above, we think that amount is too small to pay her.

And last, in order to make it come out uneven, there's a charge for State tax for two dollars.

Grand total paid to clear up three years of taxes on that few acres of farm land in Halifax County: \$311.42. That farmer had to pay \$190.01 in order to pay \$121.41 in taxes.

Now the first thing you say is: it evidently pays to pay your taxes on time. Never truer words spoken. But suppose you can't; you know that's possible. Suppose you are compelled to wait a year or two years until times get better?

Then you may say that he is paying on too high an assessment. Again true, but this farmer and his friend says he went before the County Board and tried to get his assessment reduced and got no relief.

Now, we have come to the conclusion that all this bellyaching about lower taxes is the bunk. What this county needs is lower penalties, fees etc. and darn sight less of both. Because if you lower the taxes, they'll probably raise the penalty and add on a few more summons and docketing and the fellow that can't pay now can't pay then, so where has all your tax reduction got you?