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**INDICTMENTS AGAINST
PUBLIC-PRIVATE OFFICIALS**

**BANKERS
DEPUTY
SHERIFFS**

**Grand Jury at Halifax
Finds True Bills
Against 10 Coun-
ty Men**

TRIALS IN AUGUST

The following news dispatch from Halifax appeared in part in this morning's News and Observer.

Halifax, June 3. — Four deputy sheriffs, one bank president, two bank cashiers and three well-known business men, all of Halifax County, are tonight facing charges ranging from violations of the banking laws to embezzlement.

True bills were presented by the grand jury to Judge E. H. Cranmer, judge presiding here today. None of the cases will be tried at this term of court, having been continued by Solicitor R. Hunt Parker until the August term.

R. S. Travis, Sr., of Weldon, for many years president of the Weldon Bank and Trust Company, which closed its doors the latter part of December, 1930, is under \$10,000 bond for his appearance at the August term of criminal court to answer to charges of conspiracy, receiving deposits knowing the bank to be insolvent and misapplying monies by means of promissory notes.

J. W. Ross, of Roanoke Rapids, formerly cashier of the Roanoke Bank and Trust Company and H. H. King, of Rosemary, formerly cashier of the Rosemary Branch of the Roanoke Bank and Trust Company had true bills returned against them for embezzlement, conspiracy, abstraction and violation of banking laws by making false entries.

Warrants for the arrest of J. R. Myrick, N. M. Shearin and D. L. Traynham, prominent business men of Roanoke Rapids, have been issued.

Mr. Myrick and Mr. Shearin each faces charges of embezzlement, abstraction and conspiracy, while Mr. Traynham faces charges of conspiracy and abstraction and misapplying bonds, money and funds.

County Funds Involved

W. C. Mitchell and M. P. Crawley, former deputy sheriffs are under \$2,600 bonds each for appearance at the August term of criminal court and G. M. Hamlet, former deputy sheriff, is under a \$1,000 bond for his appearance at the same time, each facing a charge of embezzlement of county funds.

According to the bills returned by the grand jury, R. S. Travis, Sr., was charged with receiving and permitting his employees to receive deposits with the knowledge that the Weldon Bank and Trust Company was insolvent, with misapplying the sum of \$6000 by means of a promissory note of the Tri-City Motor Co., of Roanoke Rapids, with making false statements as to a deposit by means of a deposit slip where he deposited a promissory note of the Tri-City Motor Company, in the sum of \$6000, the said note being discounted by the bank and misapplying the sums of \$4000 and \$3900, respectively, by means of promissory notes of the Weldon Motor Company. Mr. Travis also is charged with conspiracy jointly with H. H. King, J. W. Ross and J. R. Myrick, who, according to the charges, on the 12th day of December, 1930, drew checks on banks for payment of money, knowing that there was not sufficient funds to pay same upon presentation.

Says He Can Refute Charges

The capias for the arrest of Mr. Travis was served on Tuesday by Sheriff G. H. Johnson. Bond in the amount of \$10,000 was signed by prominent citizens of Weldon. In a statement made to the press this afternoon, Mr. Travis said that he could explain and refute all charges made against him at the proper time.

True bills were also found against H. H. King and D. L. Traynham for abstraction and misapplying bonds, money, funds; concealing correct and true entries, and making 16 false entries and forced cashier checks which were handled through the Weldon Bank & Trust Company.

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**Attendance Reports
Show Unusual Interest
By Local Children**

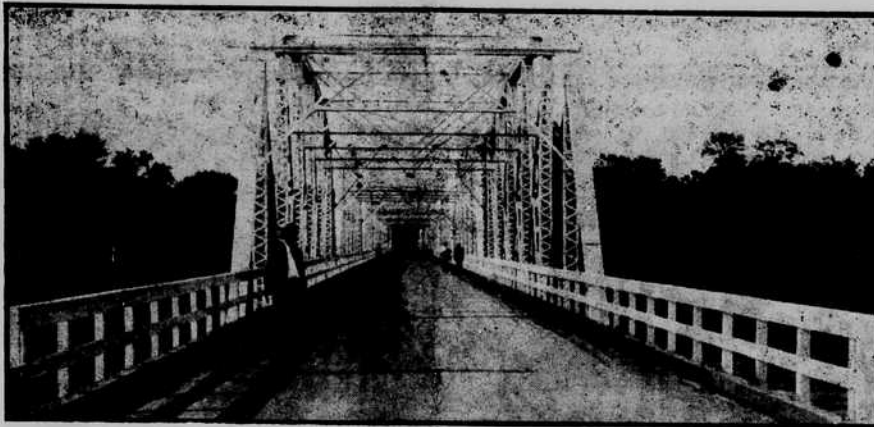
Unusual interest, especially in the closing days of school, in the Roanoke Rapids High School has resulted in unusual attendance records and due partly to that, to a higher percentage of promotions for the year.

On Thursday, May 28, the High School, with an active enrollment of 543 pupils, showed the unprecedented report of 540 present. Thirteen rooms in the Junior-Senior High School reported perfect attendance for that day with three rooms having one absent each.

On yesterday, the graded schools showed a report of only 35 absent out of an active enrollment of 1,450. Eighteen graded school rooms had perfect in attendance yesterday.

Asked about the High School next year, Supt. Charley Davis stated today that the High School enrollment for next year will pass all previous records. Thirty-six graduate tomorrow night, but 150 come up from the grades to take their place.

WHEN NEW BRIDGE WAS OPENED HERE



The photographs above were taken by The Herald staff photographer on Monday, May 25th, when the new bridge was formally dedicated and opened to traffic.

The picture above shows the Cotton Festival Queen, Miss Ruth Transou, in the act of cutting the ribbon, the last part of the program sponsored by the Kiwanis Club. Soon after this, a parade of more than one

hundred cars crossed the bridge for the first time.

Only a small portion of the large crowd can be seen in the picture. The speakers stand, which faced in the opposite direction, can be seen to the right of Miss Transou. The crowd was jammed on the first approach span of the new bridge, seen in the other photograph of the nine span, steel and concrete bridge.

—Photos By Vries

Speakers on the program were County Commissioner W. F. Joyner, State Highway Commissioner N. F. Stedman, Buxton Midgett, attorney of Jackson, Solicitor R. Hunt Parker, and Charles Ross, of Raleigh, legal advisor to the State Highway Commission.

The bridge is on Federal Highway Route 17-1 and the Atlantic Coastal Highway.

**MAD DOG BITES MANY OTHER
DOGS BEFORE BEING KILLED**

Proclamation

After the disclosure by the Department at Raleigh positively establishing the fact that the dog which was found and shot on the streets here a few days ago was mad, I do hereby give notice to the public concerning the said mad dog, the result of its being at large and the action taken by the Police Department, as a general warning to the public, and do hereby order that all people residing in the corporate limits of the Town of Roanoke Rapids, and owning and keeping dogs within the said corporate limits shall keep said dogs confined for a period of thirty (30) days, beginning Saturday, June 6, 1931.

Owners of dogs found running loose on the streets in violation to this order will be prosecuted, and in the event that owners of "stray" dogs, running loose cannot be found, the dogs will be shot.

Witness my hand this 4th day of June, 1931.

GEORGE N. TAYLOR, Mayor of
The Town of Roanoke Rapids.

**WARNING
TO DOG
OWNERS**

**Officers Know of More
Than 25 Dogs That
Were Bit By Mad
Dog**

HEAD SENT AWAY

Dr. F. G. Jarman received a telegram late this afternoon from Raleigh State Board of Health, stating the head of the dog shipped yesterday showed all indications of rabies and pronouncing the dog mad.

A late report just before press time was that a child was bitten this afternoon near Roanoke Mill No. 2 by a dog which had been bitten Tuesday night by the mad dog.

A solemn warning to all dog owners is made by local authorities after a dog, thought to be mad, ran wild here Tuesday night and bit at least twenty five dogs that are known of and possibly many others not reported or seen.

All night Tuesday a posse of twenty men searched the city for a white setter with light yellow spots, which had been seen at various parts of the city, frothing slightly, and engaging in a fight with every dog in its path.

Several persons reported to officers they saw the dog run up to other dogs, bite them, and then continue on, looking for other victims. Every indication pointed to the fact the dog was mad.

About five o'clock Wednesday morning, night policeman Merritt of Roanoke Rapids, saw the dog on the Avenue. He followed him to the home of Jake Burton on Jackson Street. The officer said the dog's actions were as reported by others the previous evening and he finally got close enough to shoot with a shotgun. One charge killed the dog instantly.

The head was immediately shipped to Raleigh and a report is expected back Friday morning. The report will be made public as soon as received.

Russell Birdsong of Rosemary reported that two of his dogs were bitten by the dog in question and he was going to kill his dogs at once. As it takes from nine days to two months or more for the dog bite to show up in other dogs, officers warn all dog owners to keep their dogs tied up for several months, have them inoculated against rabies, and watch for any unfavorable action.

Mayor Taylor, in the interest of the public and especially the children, has issued orders to all city officers to shoot on sight any dog whose actions are suspicious.

Citizens are asked to report any dogs bitten by a supposedly mad dog or the appearance of any dogs they suspect of suffering from hydrophobia. Poisonous saliva from a dog's mouth, followed by convulsions and an unnatural dread of water, are the plainest symptoms of the disease.

All dogs should be inoculated at once, if they have not been in the past few months.

**FINALS AT
HI SCHOOL
FRI. NIGHT**

**Commencement Exercises
Tomorrow Night
With 186 Gradu-
ating**

DR. HARPER SPEAKS

The Roanoke Rapids Public Schools will close for the year with final commencement exercises at the High School auditorium this Friday night, when 36 pupils will receive their High School diplomas and 7th grade certificates will be presented to 150 grade pupils.

The commencement address will be given by Dr. William Allen Harper, president of Elon College for the past 20 years. President Harper has built up Elon College in that time to one of the outstanding schools of the State. He is recognized as an authority on religious education and has written no less than ten books which have been used extensively as college texts in religious education. He goes to the Pacific coast this summer to give a series of lectures, and he will also teach religious education the latter part of the summer at the University of Chicago. He is a speaker of note and the local schools are most fortunate in having him here tomorrow night.

The music will be furnished by the Rosemary Band and there will be special music by a mixed quartette, the girls trio and a chorus. The High School diplomas will be presented by T. W. Mullen, chairman of the Board of Trustees and the 7th grade certificates by Miss Clara Hearne, Elementary Supervisor. Dr. Harper will be presented by J. R. Allsbrook, school trustee.

Tonight is Class Night with exercises being held at the High School auditorium. All the High School classes will take part in a play which shows a reunion of the class of '31 in 1941 at the Rose Bowl Festival in Pasadena, Cal. Marvin Anderson of the class has been elected Mayor of Pasadena and there is plenty of fun seeing what the ten years has brought to each member of the class. A pageant has been arranged for the Bowl in which the Junior High School classes take a prominent part. Francis Starke, '31 president and Calvin Kennemur, radio announcer, have important parts. Miss Doris Moore and Miss Toler's grade represent preschool and first school days. Miss Margaret Cranwell is Queen of Roses with Doris Mooney and Elizabeth Beckwith attendants.

The High School graduates are: Mary Allen, Constance Barrow, Audrey Byrd, Ruth Baird, Margaret Cranwell, Margie Collier, Eula Crumpler, Lucille Hodges, Blonnie Hodges, Crichton Harris, Pauline Kendrick, Daisy McCommons, Etta Mincher, Annie Mae Odell, Joanna Rook, Lucy Shearin, Ruby Shell, Sybil Simms, Edna Smith, Ruby Tickle, Elizabeth Wilson, Mary Zeiler, Mark

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Where Is The Money?

Raleigh, June 4.—Charles M. Johnson, Director of Local Government, has sent out notices to officials of all counties, cities, towns and local tax districts, asking for a report on the amount of money on deposit in banks of sinking fund cash and cash of current funds, as of May 31, 1931, asking that the report be filed not later than June 15. This is one of the sections of the new Local Government Law, which provides for strict handling of public money by officers of the local units.

Three local boys will graduate this year from N. C. State College. They are J. B. Gurley, Electrical Engineering, Ivey Crouch, Chemical Engineering, and Rufus Vick, Bachelor of Science in Agriculture.

Abbott B. Phelps left May 24 for Columbia, N. C., where he will take a position with his uncle, J. S. Clough.

**CRIMINAL
COURT IS
FINISHED**

**Negro Who Burned Boy
Alive Is Sent To In-
sane Asylum at
Goldsboro**

3 YEARS FOR FAISON

Criminal session of Halifax Superior Court closed yesterday afternoon after three days of trying cases. Judge Cranmer was presiding. Solicitor R. Hunt Parker represented the State.

Samuel Stovalle, 17 year old Negro was tried on a charge of murdering Willie Williams, 6 year old Negro, who died from burns received at the instigation of Stovalle on April 11th.

Stovalle pled insanity and a verdict of insane was returned. He was taken to the insane asylum at Goldsboro. It will be recalled with horror that the younger boy died a terrible death from burns and made a death statement stating Stovalle had built a fire in a field near Thelma and held him there until his clothing and flesh were burning.

Another boy in the field heard the boy's cries and came to the rescue. He found the child on the ground with his clothing afire and Stovalle standing a short distance away.

Dan Faison received a sentence totaling three years in prison on larceny and charges of breaking into box cars of the Seaboard Airline. Dan was arrested in this county by local officers in a car stolen from Norfolk. The owner came after his car this Tuesday.

With Dan was Bowser Daughtry (Continued on back page)

Thursday, June 4th.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wrenn spent Wednesday in Raleigh.

**GET READY
For Charity Drive Which Starts
Next Thursday, June 11,
and Lasts 3 Days**

The drive for funds to carry on the work of Associated Charities here during the next year will start next Thursday, June 11 and last three days.

The Mills will be worked by a special committee under the direction of Messrs S. D. Brown, J. H. Hines, A. Meikle, Guy Murray and E. A. Tellega. The business section will be worked by Kiwanis Club committees under the leadership of A. N. Martin and George Taylor.

Subscriptions will be taken in two ways: in cash for the year, or in monthly installments. A minimum of one thousand dollars is needed to carry on the charity work and every man, woman and child is asked to make a liberal donation for the year.

Tags will be used during the three day drive and those who contribute are asked to wear their tags until the drive closes Saturday night.

**CO. BOARD
MEETING**

County Commissioners Hold Monthly Session At Halifax Monday

The County Commissioners of Halifax County held their regular monthly meeting Monday with the following members present: Chairman J. W. Whitaker, N. J. Shepherd, N. W. Warren, J. P. Futrell, W. F. Joyner.

Miss Clemie Read, Clerk of Records Court, presented the half fee reports from the Records Court, same accepted and ordered filed.

The National Loan and Insurance Co., was appointed brokers for County Compensation Insurance on the same basis as last year.

Several banks of county requested the board to lower the rate of interest of special bank deposits from 4 to 3 per cent. This request was denied by the board.

The Register of Deeds was instructed to mail all regular salary checks the first of each month instead of waiting as before until the first Monday. Hollowell & Gorham & Co., Auditors were appointed to audit the county books for the fiscal year, July 1, 1930 to June 1930.

At the joint meeting of County Commissioners and the Board of Education, J. B. Hall was reappointed Welfare Officer for two years at the same salary.

Mrs. Hazel Wheeler, the County Home Demonstration Agent, with the help of the County Clubs prepared dinner for the county Commissioners which was served in the club room.

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**SUPERIOR
CIVIL TERM
STARTING**

First Civil Cases Set For Today; Expected to Lasts Six Days

The civil term of the June term of Superior Court began today after the first of the week was taken up with criminal cases. Printed below is the calendar of cases set for civil court for each day of this week and next.

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The exhibit, which is the work of the Woman's Club, will be open each afternoon the rest of the week and those who have not visited it are urged to do so.

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