

Offering a Thorough Coverage of the Greater Roanoke Rapids Trade Territory.

"ALL FOR ONE AND ONE FOR ALL" ROANOKE RAPIDS HERALD

Eastern Carolina's Class A Weekly Newspaper. "The Paper That Goes Home."

VOLUME 17.

ROANOKE RAPIDS, N. C., THURSDAY, JULY 9th, 1931.

NUMBER 13.

BOARD MILL TO OPEN IN TWO WEEKS

ACTION BY NEW OWNERS

Crew Now Busy Cleaning Up and Getting Ready for Plant Operation

MAKE SPECIALTIES

The Southern Paper Board Mills, Inc., new Roanoke Rapids corporation, buyers of the Roanoke Fibre Board Co. mills will start operation here in about two weeks.

C. R. Karlstromer and Uno G. Fryklund officials of the new corporation, are now on the job, and have taken charge of the mill properties and have a crew of men busy cleaning up the plant and getting the machinery ready for full time operation.

The new owners came here from Hopeville where they were successful in business and leaders in the civic life of that city.

The new company will not stick to the stock products of the old fibre board mill but will branch out into specialty box board manufacture, placing unique products on the market and striving for individuality in their line.

Samples of the products will be made at once and sent to the trade and the month of August should see the mill in full operation, day and night. According to business, the mill employs from 25 to 50 men.

The two men mentioned above all plan to bring their families here at once and some of them are looking for homes. They have already been welcomed by part of the citizens here and they will make splendid additions as among the first citizens of the new city just formed. The entire city wishes every success for them in this enterprise.

The option on the plant was secured in March and final negotiations were closed a few weeks ago.

The new corporation purchased the plant from the C. L. La Boiteux Co. of Cincinnati, which company had bought the property soon after it closed down more than a year ago.

NEW JURY LIST IS SELECTED

County Board of Commissioners Draws New Names

The County Board of Commissioners met Monday and selected the jury list for the August term of Superior Court. Special meetings are being held to work up the fiscal budget for the coming year.

New jurors are as follows:

First week, beginning August 17, 1931, Jas. G. Shields, B. F. Britt, R. S. Cullom, R. C. Josey, Jr., F. H. Harris, E. B. Glover, Gid Alston, J. W. Walker, S. A. Partin, Allen Allbrook, O. R. Cobb, W. G. Bass, Meyer Cohen, T. M. Jenkins, E. N. Dickens, E. B. Draughan, Clarence Prettyman, L. C. Draper, Wm. L. Manning, W. M. Hancock, T. J. St. Sing, W. P. White, Jr., L. C. Marshall, A. J. Warren, T. M. Cooper, J. H. Hux, H. L. Matthews, Charles Cannon, E. L. Hackney, T. L. King, John Dunn, W. W. Anderson, H. H. Harris, B. B. Baird, Albert House, Jesse DeBrule, C. T. Kidd, Ernest Bradley, T. D. Temple, Jr., B. C. Hamlet, Clayton Gurley, W. H. Howington, W. G. Holdway, S. S. Vivrette, M. G. Britt, W. T. Whitehead, W. P. Thrower, J. R. Wullett.

Second week, beginning August 24, 1931, A. O. George, T. T. Riggan, J. E. Cox, S. W. Neal, Sr., Troy Holloman, W. R. Curtis, J. E. Neville, J. B. Overby Thos. W. Wafford, W. H. Roberts, John P. Newsome, Earl Rook, E. H. Aycock, W. A. Lynch, Elwood Acree, C. M. Shaw, G. R. Wood, C. E. Willis, J. R. Frank, Jr., J. C. Carlisle, D. L. Balmer, Shaly Grady, Jesse Cook.

Frank Kendrick and son Walter and Miss Elva Kendrick visited friends in Hyde County last week.

First Cotton Bloom

The first cotton bloom of the year brought to the office of the Roanoke Rapids Herald was from the Carolina Farms, Inc., over the river. D. C. Clark, who brought the bloom to the office stated it was picked on Thursday, July 2nd.

On the 3rd, L. F. Rook, farmer on Route 1, Roanoke Rapids, brought a bloom to town and this was reported to The Herald at once by an alert merchant. We did not learn when Mr. Rook picked his bloom. Since that day we have heard of several early blooms, which seems proof of the rule that July 4th, or thereabouts is the date for the first bloom.

Farmers report the cotton is looking up and they are looking for better times. The acreage has been cut slightly this year, which may help the price.

RETAILING MERCHANTS CONTINUE

Old Rosemary Merchants Association to Continue Its Work; Dues Lower

INVITE OTHERS

Winding up its fiscal affairs, shedding much of the responsibility of past years, viewing the future with optimism and extending the glad hand to all retail merchants of the new city to join with them in the future, the Rosemary Merchants Association held an enthusiastic meeting last Thursday afternoon with one of the largest attendances in its history.

This Association has had a tough job in years past. They must keep their streets clean, their stores watched at night, their street lights in operation and attend to many other duties usually handled by an official governing body. They could afford to look back with pride over their achievements.

It was the regular meeting for the election of officers and with a great deal of pleasure they temporarily re-elected Alfred N. Martin as president and Walter Crowder as secretary and treasurer.

With the new city government taking much of their work off their shoulders, the members voted to keep the organization alive for the social and economic good of themselves and the new city. They extended a welcome to all merchants who do not now belong and particularly to those in the North section to join with their association to the end that the retail merchants of the new city could continue to have an organization to guard their interests and those of the community.

Their night policeman, paid for by the Association members, was continued until August and the Association went on record as recommending him to the new city board for a permanent place on the force.

W. F. Joyner was appointed to investigate the removal of Federal Highway 17-1 and the Association authorized the president to write its protest to the State Highway Commission at once.

President Martin immediately penned a letter to L. R. Ames, State Highway engineer, asking for full details as to the reason for taking the Federal Highway from Roanoke Rapids. His reply is printed elsewhere in this issue.

The Association, which has been paying all expenses of a virtual city government from its dues, has lowered those dues now so every business man can afford to join at once.

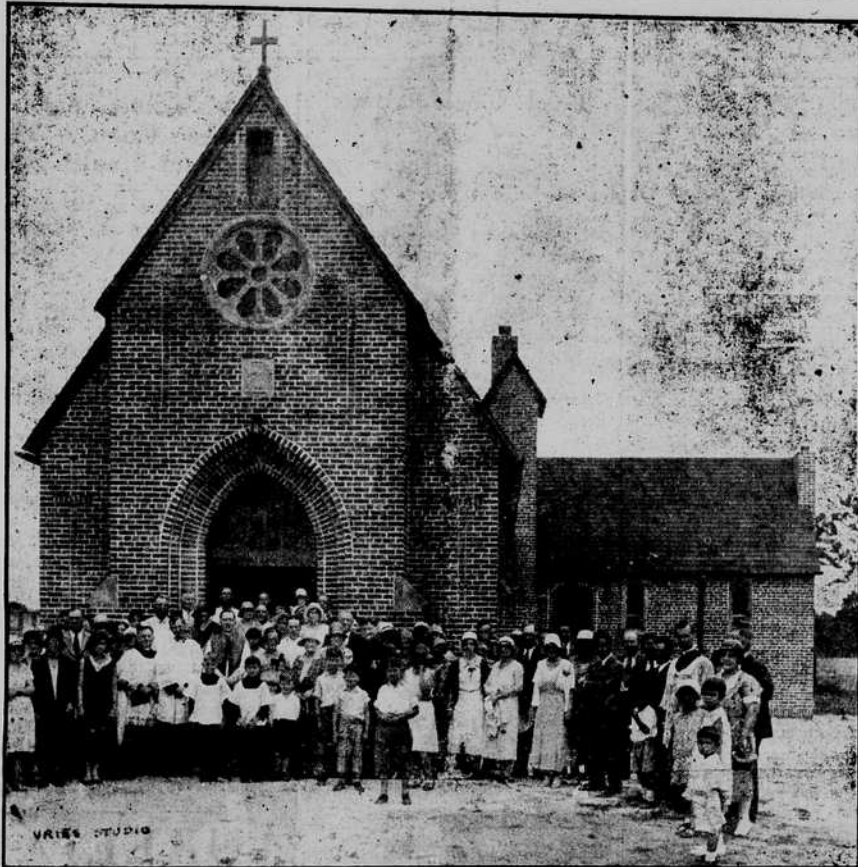
THOMAS SMITH

Thomas Smith, age 86, died yesterday at the home of his son, Walter Smith, near the city. Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon with burial at Hawkins Chapel Church, near where Mr. Smith was born and lived the greater portion of his life.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Britton, Messrs Crawford and Sydney Britton visited J. E. Barnes in Milwaukee, last Sunday.

No Opposition To City Ticket

NEW CHURCH DEDICATED SUNDAY



View of New Catholic Chapel and part of the crowd attending last Sunday's dedicatory service.

In the presence of an assemblage that taxed its capacity, new St. John the Baptist Catholic Chapel, corner of Hamilton and Ninth Streets, was solemnly dedicated by The Right Reverend Wm. J. Hafey, Bishop of Raleigh, last Sunday.

Immediately after the dedication proper, the Litany of the Saints was chanted by the participating clergy. This was followed by the High Mass, sung by Father Kirby, a classmate of John Bowen, deceased, in whose memory

three thousand dollars towards the church.

The Chapel was named St. John in memory of the son of Mrs. Bowen who was present at the services. Miss Kirby, the fiancée of the twenty-one year-old John Bowen at the time of his death, was also present.

After the first Gospel in the Mass, Father Stephen Sweeney, of the Passionist Order and who was confessor to John Bowen, delivered a very appropriate and masterly sermon. At the close of the Mass, the Right Rev-

erend Bishop impressed all with his eloquent and timely discourse. Father John Manley was master of ceremonies and Fathers McCourt and Beshed Chaplains to the Bishop. The choir very ably rendered the music and singing of St. Aloysius Mass. On next Sunday the mass in the new chapel will begin at 8 o'clock, everybody being invited by the Pastor, Father McCourt, to be present at the services which will conclude with Benediction of the most Blessed Sacrament.

DENTISTS TREAT 76 AT CLINIC

Underprivileged School Children Have Teeth Fixed Free Here

A total of seventy-six children in the city who were most badly in need of dental work and whose parents, for the most part, were unable to pay for dental services, were treated by local dentists at the clinic just closed.

City School Supt. C. W. Davis, gives the following report and statement relative to the dental clinic.

Funds received: Tubercular Fund (sale of Tubercular Stamps) \$75.00; Red Cross Roll Call, \$60.00; Kiwanis Club (Minstrel Money) \$75.00; Total, \$210.00.

Disbursements: Total, \$190.00; Balance on hand, \$20.00.

"We knew at the outset that it would be impossible, with the limited funds we had, to give attention to all the children that qualified on the basis of age and needs. That being the situation it was necessary to use some basis of selecting those to be treated.

After a consultation with the local dentists, Dr. Mitchell, Miss Rook, our school nurse, and other school officials decided to select pupils on the basis of the condition of their teeth, and so far as possible, the lack of ability of the parents to pay for the work done. This basis of selection reached only the children who were suffering from attention, and of course, some needed a great amount of work.

"We find in checking the list that a total of seventy-six pupils were treated. We also find that we got an (Continued on back page)

17-1 CHANGED AGAIN

Building Inspector Serves Notices On Lunch Room Stands

City Building Inspector Henry Pitts has been busy serving notice on owners of frame buildings and shacks located in the Fire Zone. His work has been centered in the South section where such buildings abound.

Owners are given 30 days to tear down. Two owners of "Lunch rooms" have notified Henry they plan to tear down at once and rebuild brick structures. This will mean more employment and a better looking Avenue.

The fire zone is situated in the business sections. No repairing or new building can be done without a permit from the Building Inspector. He works under the supervision of the State authorities.

Ella Lee Taylor Breaks Bones In Fall at Slagles

Ella Lee Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Taylor, suffered a broken collar bone and shoulder blade when she fell a distance of almost 20 feet from a diving stand at Slagles Lake last Thursday afternoon.

Miss Taylor was swimming with a party of young folks and climbed the ladder to slide down a wire into the lake. Her hand slipped and she fell at the edge of the lake and rolled in the water unconscious.

She was rescued from the water by Haywood Williams and others and rushed to the hospital. She is able to be up and around today with her shoulder in heavy braces. She also suffered severe head bruises.

Federal Highway 17-1 was changed from Roanoke Rapids to the Garysburg Road last Thursday. Protests were sent at once by local officials and clubs to the State Highway Commission.

The whole story is told in the following letter received this week:

July 7, 1931.
In Re: U. S. Route 17-1.
W. F. Joyner, County Commissioner, Roanoke Rapids, N. C.
Mr. A. N. Martin, Pres. Roanoke Rapids Merchants Association, Roanoke Rapids, N. C.
Mr. Carroll Wilson, Pres. Kiwanis Club, Roanoke Rapids, N. C.

Gentlemen:
This will acknowledge your telegram of July 3rd, with reference to U. S. Route No. 17-1 and I wish to advise that under date of June 23rd, I advised Division Engineer Gardner to change U. S. Route 17-1 to go via Route 40 between the Virginia State line and Weldon which change has been approved by the Executive Committee of the American Association of State Highway Officials.

As you know this route is paved the entire distance with the exception of the approaches to the new bridge at Weldon which has already been oil treated. There is a saving in this distance of between six and seven miles and it does not seem logical to detour traffic out of their way this distance. The original U. S. Numbered Signs were placed on this route and in my judgment this is the practical route for traffic on U. S. 17-1 to follow.

Yours very truly,
L. R. AMES,
State Highway Engineer.
L.R.A.S

Out They Come At The Rate of 25 Per Day at Clinic

A four day clinic is now under way at the Home Economics Building of the High School and a miniature hospital has been equipped to handle the more than 100 tonsil operations which are being performed.

Drs. Bahnsen Weathers and Mitchell are reported to be "jerked tonsils" at the rate of twenty-five operations per day. They are being assisted by the school nurses and a corps of volunteer nurses.

The work is supposed to be for school children whose parents are unable to afford operations and whose school work and future can be bettered by removing bad tonsils.

The work is being done by the doctors at cost and is a splendid undertaking. Every case so far has been most successful. The clinic ends this afternoon. The entire third floor of the building has been turned into a hospital this week and the work has been carried on as efficiently as in some big city hospital.

JUBILEE TO START JULY 30

Greater Roanoke Rapids Jubilee Opens July 30th—3 Nites

Albert Ritchie, the super man, who has been in the city for the past couple of weeks, has things pretty well under way for the official opening of the first moonlite jubilee and expects 20,000 people to attend the three night show. Already, there is much talk of his feats that he has given as samples of what he will do during the above event.

Last week Ritchie gave a cooperative sales talk to the general staff of the Virginia Electric and Power Co., finishing up by doing some strong man stunts.

Ritchie claims that any one can be strong and obtain a form perfect by mind over matter; have an objective ahead and you will succeed in your undertakings. It's the mind control that has made all great men and women of today who have risen from the ranks to be masters of the massive corporations.

Next week will be published a full list of all members to the greater cooperative Boosters of Roanoke Rapids that are helping to give the many thousands of out-of-towns folks a real treat during the big moonlite Jubilee which starts Thursday, July 30th.

Next week Mr. Ritchie will receive entrants for the bathing beauty contest and for the cotton style revue for which prizes will be offered to contestants. It is expected that on Friday, July 31st to have a Carolina pageant starting about six o'clock with many floats in the pageant, with the last night being frolic night or mardi gras night. Oh yes, there will be red lemonade, hot dog stands, and what not, and street dancing. It's going to be a gala affair for all and plenty of free entertainment for every one, old and young, so watch for the great booster edition that will be published on or about July 28th, with a full program and hundreds of bargains.

BENJAMIN J. VINCENT

Benjamin J. Vincent, age 76, died July 3rd at his home on the Aurelian Springs road, four miles from here. He suffered a stroke of paralysis. Funeral services were held Saturday by Rev. J. E. Kirk with burial near the home of the deceased. He lived alone with colored servants. Surviving are three sons and two daughters, none of whom now live here.

Mrs. J. G. Clark, Miss Myrtle Lipscomb and Miss Elmer Clark spent Monday in Rocky Mount.

NEW CITY OFFICIALS ELECTED

Democratic Nominees Swept Into Office Without Trouble In Quiet Election

TAKE OFFICE AUG.

The entire Democratic ticket was swept into office without opposition in the final city election held here Tuesday.

With no organized effort to get out the vote and with no more than usual publicity, 555 voters walked to the polls to cast their vote and all but a half dozen simply put their cross mark in the big circle to vote the straight Democratic ticket.

The South ward led in voting until four o'clock in the afternoon when the North Ward forged ahead and finished at sunset with a total of 334 votes cast. The South Ward cast 221 votes.

Rumors of independent slates and writing in favorites not on the ballot were dispelled with the early morning voting. Alert watchers could see nothing or hear nothing but the straight ticket and no effort was made to poll the big vote as on June 23rd. It was felt that it was better to vote if they felt like it but not urge them until it became necessary.

The total was highly satisfactory as in previous city elections the totals have run from 16 to 75 votes cast. The new city officials for the City of Roanoke Rapids are: Kelly Jenkins, Mayor.

George N. Taylor, Commissioner 3 year term, North Ward.
Alfred N. Martin, Commissioner 3 year term, South Ward.

Frank C. Williams, Commissioner 2 year term, North Ward.
Edward B. Manning, Commissioner 2 year term, South Ward.

Marvin D. Collier, Commissioner 1 year term, North Ward.
Thomas M. Jenkins, Commissioner 1 year term, South Ward.

The Mayor will hold office for two years, while the Commissioners, with the exception of the last four, will hold office for three years. There will be an election of one Commissioner from each ward every year. This will insure new blood and will make it possible for the people to decide each year how they like the way the Board is acting.

At the same time, it will mean that experienced men will be seated on the Board at all time to assist and teach the new men coming on.

The vote was officially certified to the City Clerk on yesterday noon by the registrars. There will be an unofficial joint meeting of the old and new Boards some time later this month when the budget and general plans for the year will be discussed.

The new officials will be sworn in and will take active charge at the August meeting, which is the first Tuesday night in the month.

American Legion Elects New Officers

Damask Post, American Legion, elected the following officers for the coming year at its monthly meeting Tuesday night: Post Commander, Ned Manning; 1st Vice Commander, Carroll Wilson; 2nd Vice Commander, J. C. Bissette; Finance Officer, Alfred Martin; Americanization Officer, C. W. Davis; Service Officer, Carl Churchill; Asst. Service Officer, Geo. Pappendick; Athletic Officer, John M. Fisher; Sgt. at Arms, E. B. Reynolds; Chaplain, W. J. Norwood. The nominating committee was Geo. Pappendick, T. G. Bush, and J. W. Sanders. Six delegates will attend the State Legion Convention at the end of the month. Albert Ritchie, strong man and Legion member, gave a talk and physical demonstration. The Post now has 96 members.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Coburn and children and Miss Maxine Hawkins spent Friday in Raleigh.