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UP AND DOWN
The Avenue
WITH THE EDITOR

In case of Fire or for Police, Dial
355 or 356.

This issue marks the 18th birthday of the Roanoke Rapids Herald. First issued in 1914, it has had the usual ups and downs of every small town newspaper. Last month ended the third year under the present ownership. The first fifteen years, it was owned by a stock company. Three years ago there were three persons on The Herald Payroll. Today, there are eighteen. And this is our 18th birthday.

The golf team of the local country club beat South Hill Va., Country Club here yesterday afternoon in a well fought match. A dozen of the best golfers from the Virginia city were paired off with the cream of the crop from Roanoke Rapids.

E. B. Cannon, local boy, has been appointed a cabinet member in the "Y" organizations at Davidson College, according to a news dispatch to this newspaper from that institution. He will lead the committee on Sunday Schools.

Brings Back Memories

Have read the "Keep Building" edition of The Roanoke Rapids Herald, and I think that the compilation of facts is unique. This issue served to revivify the people and facts that I learned while a teacher in Aurelian Springs School. More of our local newspapers should follow your example.

Advertising of this nature is a matter of furnishing information in an attractive way, and in reality it is a form of education. If this issue is properly used in the homes and schools, I am sure that the people will be better informed about the industry, history, and other topics of current interest in Roanoke Rapids and Halifax County.

With best wishes to you, I am,
Yours sincerely,

R. C. Hatley, Principal Ridgecrest High School, Mt. Pleasant, N. C.

After giving your recent "Keep Building" edition of The Roanoke Rapids Herald a very careful reading I am writing to extend to you my very hearty congratulations on the enterprise in developing such an interesting issue. From the standpoint of both contents and make-up, it is, indeed, a splendid product and reflects much credit upon you as well as upon the people of Halifax County and, particularly, Roanoke Rapids and vicinity.

Sincerely yours,

A. H. Herrman, Director of Public Relations, Va. Electric & Power Co., Richmond, Va.

From A Former Citizen

You may be interested to know that I have just completed reading with a great deal of interest your recent "Keep Building" edition of the Roanoke Rapids Herald, and I am taking this opportunity of extending to you and to your new city hearty congratulations upon the tremendous amount of progress that has been made and is being made.

Even though my personal reaction to the situation may not mean a great deal that can be measured on the yard stick of time, I am happy to assure you that I am wishing for your new city the best of success in all of its efforts and undertakings.

Very truly yours,

G. W. Eaton, Vice Pres. Niagara Co. Nat'l Bank, Lockport, N. Y.

They Got A Copy

Capital, constantly seeking new outlets, in the very near future will endeavor to locate new sites for industries throughout the entire country, other than the metropolitan area. We would like to have on file any advantages that your locality might have to offer in the way of accessibility, water power, location, etc. Please list the particular industries you would be interested in attracting to your area.

Very truly yours,

New York Herald Tribune
Paul E. Braceland.

T. C. Eubank has accepted a position with the Roanoke Rapids branch of the Roanoke Bank & Trust Co. Mr. Eubank comes here from the Monroe branch of the American Trust Co., of Charlotte.

POLITICAL POT STEAMING HOT

DREAMS OF WEALTH DO COME TRUE

Father Finds Long Lost Daughter Working In Mill Here—Takes Her Back TO CALIFORNIA

Mrs. Anna Humphries, working for several years at Rosemary Manufacturing Co., may well believe in fairies, dreams and all the good things we read about in the story books. She left yesterday for California with her father, whom she thought was dead, and who had been looking for her for several years. And her father is rich.

The father, Bruce Greer, and Mrs. Humphries mother separated a little less than 30 years ago. They lived in Maryland at the time. The father went West to California, later married, settled down and began to acquire some wealth.

Mrs. Humphries' mother came to Roanoke Rapids and here her daughter grew to womanhood, married and separated from her husband. She has a ten year old son and she has been working in the mill to support herself and boy for many years.

Mr. Greer's wife died several years ago. He had written to Maryland trying to find out where his former wife and his daughter were, but could never find any definite information.

Coming East a few weeks ago to attend the funeral of a relative in Maryland, Mr. Greer met a distant relative of his former wife, who had heard they were in North Carolina. He came here as soon as the funeral was over and found his daughter at her work in the mill.

To Mrs. Humphries, it was like a fairy book. Her father bought her clothes which she had longed for but could never afford; he bought her everything she wanted and probably lots of things she did not need. He was equally generous with his grandson and wanted to take them both back to California with him at once. The mother left yesterday and it may be the boy will follow when school is out. A substantial sum of money was left to be used for the boy until later.

Mr. Greer stated he owned a small ranch in California. What a place for a boy to grow up on. And there are people who don't believe in Santa Claus. If it couldn't happen to us, we are glad it happened to somebody else in Roanoke Rapids. We know they will be very happy.

FORMER LOCAL GIRL SUCCESS

Evangeline Pendleton Scores Musical Success At Flora Macdonald

The Charlotte Observer carried the following news story about Miss Evangeline Pendleton, former local girl, now of Mount Holly, who is a student in music at Flora Macdonald College. She is the daughter of A. O. Pendleton, assistant superintendent of Roanoke Mills Co., No. 1.

Outstanding among this spring graduate recitals at Flora Macdonald College was that of Miss Evangeline Pendleton of Mt. Holly, which took place Monday evening.

The well contrasted program gave every opportunity to display her varied ability in interpretation technique, beautiful phrasing and purity of tone. Miss Pendleton showed splendid musicianship in her opening Bach prelude and Fugue in B flat, and it is seldom so young a pianist shows the fine understanding exhibited in the whole of A flat Sonata. Four group numbers followed.

Miss Pendleton captivated her audience with the first movement of the Concerto in G Minor, Mendelssohn, brilliantly given. She was ably supported in this last number by Miss Marjorie Weatherly of Asheville, a Junior, who played the orchestral (Continued on back page)

City Democrats To Nominate Commissioners on April 26th

The City Democratic Primary or mass meeting will be held on Tuesday night, April 26th, 1932, at eight o'clock in the Roanoke Rapids High School Building Auditorium for the purpose of nominating two candidates for Commissioners of the City of Roanoke Rapids, one from the North Ward and one from the South Ward, to be voted on at the election which will be held on Tuesday after the first Monday in May, 1932. All Democratic voters of the city who are eligible and who will be eligible to vote in said election are urged to attend said primary or mass meeting according to A. L. Clark, chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of the City of Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina.

SIX FROM FIRE DEPT. TO SCHOOL

Local Department Sending Team to Asheville For Instruction and Competition GET CERTIFICATES

Six men from the Roanoke Rapids Fire Department will leave Sunday to attend the three day fire school at Asheville next week. Those who will represent the local department are E. R. Myrick, chief, T. B. Glover, assistant chief, R. P. Smith, pumpman, E. S. Smith, driver, J. W. Strickland and J. C. Matthews, nozzle men.

Fifteen hundred firemen from North Carolina will attend the school next week and will engage in competitive drill under the instructions of State Fire Marshall Brockwell. For the past three years, the Roanoke Rapids fire department has had the largest delegation of volunteer fire fighters in the State at these schools. Ten local firemen will be issued certificates this year for work accomplished at the annual schools. After four years of attendance and passage of exams, a diploma is issued by the State. Several firemen here will soon be eligible for these diplomas.

The Department wishes to thank the City Board of Commissioners and others instrumental in sending them to the school each year. New equipment has been added in recent weeks, including new ladders, axes, nozzles and rear lights for the truck. Part of this new equipment is being purchased by the department from the proceeds of the dances which are given by the firemen each Thursday night.

The only recent call has been that on Sunday night which was a brush fire near the residence of Carroll Thomas on Franklin Road. Drills and problems are still discussed by the department at the meetings each Wednesday night. The fire siren is tested at 7 o'clock each meeting night.

PLAY A. C. C. TEAM ON 23

The Roanoke Rapids semi-pro baseball team will play a double header with Atlantic Christian College here Saturday afternoon, the first game starting at 2:15. On Sunday afternoon at Slagles Lake, they will play the Henderson Athletic Club.

Line-up: A. C. C. Bell, c. Bryant, lb. Banks, 2b. Murray, ss. Emerson, 3b. Gillette, rf. Rogers, lf. Strickland, cf. Barnes or Goodwin, p. Indians: Ryals, lb. Birdson, 3b. Johnson cf. Crowder, lf. Love, ss. Outland, c. Lee, rf. Edmondson, 2b. Johnson, p.

Next weeks game will be decided later, but on May 7th they will play Graham, N. C., here on Saturday and at Slagles Lake on Sunday.

Saturday, May 14, the locals have a game scheduled with the Seaboard Red Sox of Portsmouth, with a second game the next day at Slagles.

The Indians, as they have been dubbed by Bill Allgood, have arranged a series of games, thru Manager Clyde Liske, which will bring the best semi-pro teams of the two states here during the season, if the support of the fans will warrant it.



Governor Roosevelt and a few of his agricultural advisory group. Standing, left to right, they are Dr. Martha Van Rensselaer, Mrs. Eliza Keats Young, E. R. Eastman, Paul Judson, Berne A. Pyke, Dr. C. E. Ladd, Dr. George F. Warren. Seated, left to right, Edward Griffin, former Governor's counsel; Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Henry Morgenthau, Jr.

WILL HAYS READS THE R.R. HERALD

Reads And Comments On Editorial In March 31 Issue of Local Paper

HEADS MOVIES

Will H. Hays, former Postmaster General, and now President of Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America, occupying a similar position in the picture industry that Judge Kenesaw Landis does in baseball, reads the Roanoke Rapids Herald.

We did not know this until we received a letter from his office, commenting on an editorial which appeared in the March 31st issue of The Herald. In fact, we sometimes wonder if very many of our readers read the editorial page, which is not news, but our own views on various and sundry questions.

The editorial in question was concerning the wishes of the public in matter of moving, talking pictures. Witnessing what we considered one of the finest pictures ever produced, we were struck with the small crowd and lack of favorable comment, when the next night the theatre was packed for a sexy, racy picture. We commented on this, with the query as to whether, after all, the movie industry could be blamed for the type of pictures now flooding the market. Here is what Mr. Hays has to say:

Mr. Carroll L. Wilson, Editor, The Herald, Roanoke Rapids, N. C. Dear Mr. Wilson:

Well, sir, you addressed yourself to your readers in your editorial on March 31 in about the way that we of the industry would like to do sometimes when we get disappointing reports of the reception of some of the better type of pictures.

We cannot say what you did nearly so effectively because some people have not developed the ability to see things from both sides and they would likely reply to us were we to say what you said that this is 'passing the buck' to the public, which of course it is not.

The character of motion pictures is determined by (1) improving the quality of supply, the responsibility of the industry, and (2) improving the (Continued on back page)

Vote For Payment

Damask Post of the American Legion voted in favor of the immediate payment of the balance of adjusted compensation at a special meeting on Tuesday night. The meeting was held at a call from State Commander Henry Bourne to ascertain the feeling of the individual members. Twenty-two members attended. The vote was fifteen to four in favor of immediate payment.

AGED LADY PIONEER CITIZEN

Mrs. Dora Elmore, Buried Yesterday, Lived Here For 23 Years

DIED ON TUESDAY

Mrs. Dora Elmore, age 75 years, died at her home on Madison Street Tuesday after a lingering illness. She had been a resident of Roanoke Rapids for 23 years, coming here in 1909 from Brunswick County, Va.

Her husband died a few years after the family moved here and Mrs. Elmore, living in the same house all these years, raised three daughters and four sons: Mrs. Lillian Hux of this city, Miss Virgie Elmore, who lived with her mother, Mrs. A. B. Sanford of Alberta, Va.; the four sons, all of whom reside here, are Robert, Rennie, Otis and Buddy Elmore.

Two brothers also survive; T. H. Johnson and W. W. Johnson, who live in Brunswick County.

Sixteen grandchildren also survive. A large crowd of friends attended the funeral services which were preached yesterday afternoon at the First Methodist Church by Rev. S. J. Starnes and Rev. Leon M. Hall, former pastor, now of Wilmington, N.C.

Burial was in the family cemetery, at Alberta, near Lawrenceville, Va. Pall bearers were Messrs Mort White, J. F. May, Ed Buckner, Robert Teale, J. F. Welch and Ed Woodruff.

DIES IN MISSOURI

News has been received here of the recent death of W. J. Hux at Essex, Missouri. Mr. Hux was a native of Halifax County, born here in 1856. He migrated to Missouri in 1877. A sister, Mrs. L. K. Dickens, resides near Aurelian Springs. Three nephews Lawrence, Willie, and Rufus Hux of this city, were sons of the deceased's brother, who stayed on in North Carolina. Many other relatives reside in and near Halifax County.

The Essex paper has the following to say: "William J. Hux, Essex' oldest merchant and pioneer, moved to Essex in 1877 where he has since made his home. For two years he taught school, afterwards going into the mercantile business in which he continued 'till his death. He was one of the founders of the first denominational church in Essex, the M. E. Church, South. He was a charter member and past-Master of the A. F. & A. M. Lodge of Dexter. Before a large concourse of people from all parts of Southeast Missouri, interment was in Dexter cemetery. Six children and four grandchildren survive."

Child Injured When Car Runs Over Legs

Catherine Kidd, six year old child of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Kidd, was slightly injured about five o'clock Friday afternoon while playing in the yard. She ran backwards into the path of her father's car which was backing out of the driveway. Both wheels of the car passed over her ankle. She was rushed to the Roanoke Rapids Hospital where X-Ray picture was made and it was found no bones were broken.

BOWIE TO SPEAK AT TAX MEET

Plans Made for 1,000 People at Halifax Meeting April 27th.

L. I. MOORE SPEAKS

Plans are complete for the county-wide mass meeting which is being sponsored by the Halifax County Tax Relief Association at the Halifax Court House next Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock when it is expected that candidates for the General Assembly will be endorsed and tax problems of the county will be given close scrutiny.

Larry I. Moore of New Bern, president of the State Tax Relief Association and candidate for the State Senate, will deliver the principal address of the meeting and Hon. Tam C. Bowie of Jefferson, candidate for the U. S. Senate, will speak as an added attraction to the gathering. A rock mutton dinner will be served free to those who attend.

Two meetings of the executive committee of the association have been held to formulate plans for concerted action at the mass meeting and it is believed that more than 1,000 people will be in attendance next Wednesday morning. In a called session at Halifax on Monday of this week the executive committee devoted some attention to the selection of prospective candidates for the legislature, but spent most of the time drawing up a platform which will be submitted to the mass meeting for ratification or rejection.

A resolution committee, consisting of H. Hunter Pope, Ben B. Everett, D. S. Moss, C. J. Shields and C. R. Emry, drafted a platform calling for a reevaluation of real property, economy in government by reducing expenses to a 1912 basis with special emphasis on salaries, the elimination of governmental non-essentials, and the consolidation of county offices wherever possible.

Prospective candidates for the legislature are being sounded out and will be discussed by the executive committee when it meets one hour before the mass meeting next Wednesday morning. It has been proposed that candidates for county offices also be endorsed by the mass meeting, so the meeting may turn into a regular political convention before it is adjourned. It will be a hot time when Messrs Moore and Bowie and the county candidates get into action.

Baby Dies of Burns

Clara Coleen Pace, eleven months old child of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Pace of this city, died yesterday in the Roanoke Rapids Hospital from burns sustained when the child fell into a tub of hot water.

Funeral services were held today with Rev. S. J. Starnes officiating, with interment in Roanoke Rapids cemetery.

Hornet Editor Out

W. Henry Davis, editor of The Hornet, self-styled "Hottest Democratic Paper in the United States," published at Mocksville, N. C., has announced his candidacy for Commissioner of Labor of North Carolina.

W. O. W. Meeting

An important meeting of Birchwood Camp No. 55 W. O. W. has been called for Monday night, April 25th, and every member is urged to attend according to notice of J. M. Taylor for the Camp Committee.

LONG, BELL, TRAVIS AND GREGORY IN

Half Dozen Candidates Throw Hats in Ring In Past Week; More To Come

HOT CAMPAIGN ON

Billy Norwood, who announced for the State Senate last week, evidently started things to moving in county politics, for after his formal announcement, those who had been waiting and weighing matters, decided to throw hats and shirts into the political ring and make it a free-for-all. And indications are that several more will announce within the next few days.

Mr. Norwood will be opposed by another Roanoke Rapids man in the person of Dr. T. W. M. Long, who was a member of the House of Representatives at the lengthy 1931 session of the N. C. Legislature. It will be recalled that these two gentlemen were on opposing sides when the County Executive Committee of the Democratic party convened in Halifax last year to choose the successor to Representative Kitchin of Scotland Neck, who died soon after his election. Each of these two men has a session in the General Assembly to his credit. Mr. Norwood served in the 1929 legislature and Dr. Long served last year.

There is some talk of a third candidate coming out from another portion of the county, but as Roanoke Rapids is asking for very little this year in the way of political offices, it is doubtful if such a candidacy will meet with favor.

Two men this week announce for the House of Representatives; F. M. Taylor, R. F. D. 3, Enfield, and L. W. Leggett of Hobgood. Mr. Taylor is a former member of the County Highway Commission and both these gentlemen served a term in the House of Representatives several years ago. Both are farmers.

Two Roanoke Rapids men also seek the office of sheriff, with the announcement this week of H. L. Bell, S. M. Thompson has been in the field for some time. Sheriff G. H. Johnson of Scotland Neck announced last week that he would be willing to serve another term if the Democratic voters so desired at the June 4th primary. Mr. Bell, the latest addition to the list of candidates for this office, was deputy sheriff for many years, serving part of that time under the present sheriff.

Two Halifax men and an Enfield man will fight it out for Clerk of the Superior Court. E. L. Travis, Jr., present incumbent, and Quentin Gregory, announce this week for that office. A. M. Atkinson has been in the field for two weeks. Mr. Travis was appointed by the Judge of the Superior Court, upon recommendation of the majority of the Halifax County Bar, to fill out the portion of the unexpired term of S. M. Gary until the next general election. He has filled the office for more than a year and now seeks to be elected by the voters upon the strength of his record while in office and his qualifications.

Mr. Gregory has been president of the Bank of Halifax since 1921 and was mayor of Halifax prior to his moving to the country. After his graduation from the University of North Carolina, he spent several years in China promoting the sales of N. C. leaf tobacco.

Opposing Mrs. Elizabeth House for Register of Deeds are no new candidates for this office announced this week. Mrs. House was appointed by the County Board of Commissioners to fill the unexpired term to election of Judge Clements, deceased. She had worked in his office for many years. Meade Mitchell of Weldon and Stanley C. Whitaker of near Enfield are out for this office also.

Not enough interest is being manifested in the races for County Commissioners, the board which appoints several important county officials and has the welfare of the county government in its hands for the next two years, as well as supervisory duties over all other county offices.

Mr. and Mrs. Van White have returned to their home in Texas after spending a few weeks with relatives.