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NUMBER FORTY-ONE

Thousand At Mass Meeting

160 MEN PUT TO WORK

One thousand parents and teachers of Roanoke Rapids met in a huge joint Parent-Teachers Association meeting at the High School auditorium Tuesday night, heard the local and State school problems discussed and passed resolutions to be presented to the Legislature asking for no further cut in school expenditures and standards.

It was by far the largest gathering of its kind in the history of the community. 837 parents actually registered at the door and the balance was made up of teachers and citizens not having children in school.

The children deserve most of the credit for the record crowd. In a contest of parent attendance Miss Mary Cannon's room carried off both prizes with 34 mothers and 28 fathers present. There were more men than ever present at a similar meeting, the percentage of fathers being about 40.

Mrs. A. L. Clark, president of the High School P. T. A., acted as chairman. With her on the stage was Mrs. B. Weathers, president of the Rosemary P. T. A., Mrs. C. F. Ogletree treasurer of the High School group and Mrs. J. E. Kirk, past president of the high school P. T. A. Mrs. Lawrence Clements, Central School president, was absent due to illness. Invocation was by Rev. J. N. Bynum.

R. L. Towe, member of the County Board of Education, T. W. Mullen, chairman of the Roanoke Rapids Graded School Board, and J. R. Allsbrook, member of the local board, were the principal speakers and gave the audience clear and concise statements of fact concerning local and State schools. Many pertinent questions were discussed as to taxes, expenditure, teachers salaries, enrollment, further cuts and the results, false economy measures, state interference with local districts, and the future of education.

All speakers agreed adequate educational facilities must be maintained, that schools have received more than their proportionate share of public budget cuts and that further cuts now will impair the efficiency of the school system and cost more money in the long run.

The State-wide meeting at Raleigh next Tuesday afternoon, called by the president of the State P. T. A., was announced by Carroll Wilson, who urged Roanoke Rapids citizens to attend the meeting and protect the schools from discrimination or unfairness in further reductions.

Already several car loads of local school patrons have made plans to be in Raleigh. The meeting is called for 2:30 Tuesday at the Raleigh city auditorium. Several thousand citizens are expected in one of the largest mass meetings which will be held in Raleigh this session of the Legislature.

Mrs. Ethel Faucett spent the week-end in Oxford, N. C.

UP AND DOWN The Avenue WITH THE EDITOR

The Girls High School team will play Rocky Mount girls here this Friday night. The game is called for 7:30 at the High School Gym.

Much expense and lost time is caused by children pulling up the stakes of the Sanitary District engineer. These small stakes, which mark the various lines, represent hours of work by the engineers. Please tell your children to leave them alone.

The meeting of the Welfare Department of the Woman's Club, to have been held next Tuesday, has been postponed in order to give the members an opportunity to attend the Citizens Meeting in Raleigh that afternoon.

The Red Cross will meet Monday at 3 P. M. in the Home Economics room of the High School. There will be an election of officers and the annual report.

Roanoke Rapids has become the amusement, sport and shopping center of a large area. These visitors must be encouraged to come back. Let nothing happen to mar their pleasure while in our midst.

Due to a breakdown this week on the Linotype machine, several news items were left out of this issue. They will be published in the next issue.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Woodruff announces the birth of a son, Elton Thomas, on Jan., 16th at the Roanoke Rapids Hospital.

Edwin Akers spent the week-end at his home with his parents.

Bill Allsbrook spent the week-end at his home with his parents.

Alton Gurganus spent Sunday in Bethel.

Miss Catherine Hall spent the week-end at her home in Scotland Neck.

Rev. A. P. Mustain and family have moved to Mars Hill where he will remain as pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Eubanks and son Ernest, spent the week-end at Richmond visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Thompson of Macon, spent Sunday with Mrs. J. F. Shaw at Aurelian Springs.

Eighty white men, who had been unemployed, were given jobs the first part of this week by Fiske-Carter Construction Co., on the Roanoke Rapids Sanitary District project.

This crew was to work three days and this morning a second group at least as large was to take the place of the first group. This second crew will work three days this week and the first three days of next week. They will then give place to the first crew.

Work progressed slowly on the difficult outfall line on the East end of Fourth Street. Progress was made, however, with the first piece of sewer pipe laid Tuesday afternoon.

A crew is also busy cleaning out the right of way near the filter plant preparatory to starting excavation for the water mains.

Most of the men are showing up well and hardening up each day. A few have quit but the others who stick and produce are certain of steady work until the project is completed. Local labor is still being given preference. A small colored crew is doing some of the roughest work. The ditching machine has not yet been put into use.

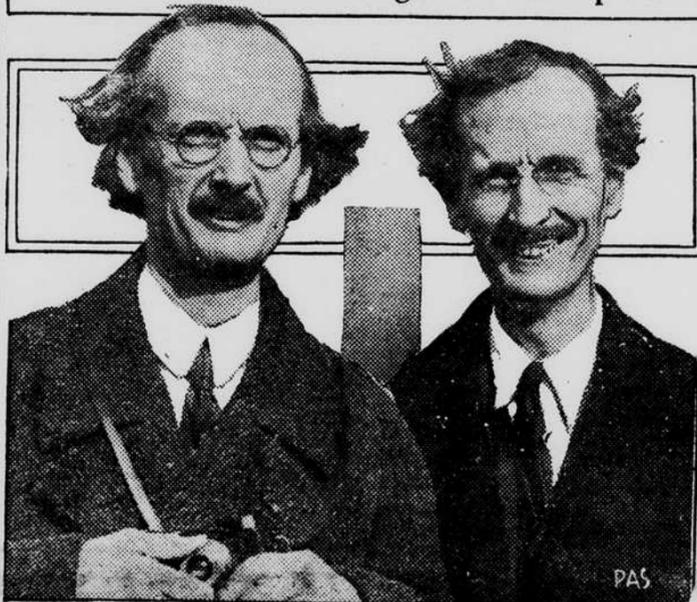
Bad weather played its part yesterday in slowing up the work.

Plan To Beautify Womans Club Ground

A meeting of the Civics Department of the Woman's Club was held at the club house on Monday afternoon, January 23rd at three o'clock. Mrs. Joyner, chairman of the department, presided. Mrs. Joyner gave a very encouraging report of the work done on the club house grounds and announced that the Garden Department had promised to finance the planting of grass seed. Mrs. Bynum asked members to make contributions of books to the club house library and to bring these to the February meeting. A short program followed: A paper, "The White House as a Home" was read by Mrs. Bynum, another, "White House Parties" was read by Mrs. Heydenreich. Afternoon tea was served from an attractive table at which Mrs. Alford poured. The following members were present: Mrs. W. C. Allsbrook, Mrs. Marvin Collier, Mrs. E. P. Brenner, Mrs. J. N. Bynum, A. L. Clark, V. T. Lamm, W. F. Joyner, J. W. Taylor, Paul Heydenreich Dr. Cronk, of New York, Mrs. Harrington of Weldon and Mrs. Alford of Roanoke Rapids were guests.

Miss Jane Hedgepeth entertained a number of friends last Thursday night with a tacky party at Aurelian Springs.

Wants 1934 American Flight into Stratosphere



Professor Auguste Piccard, noted Belgian scientist who went ten miles high in the stratosphere, is now in America for a lecture tour. He thinks a balloon ascension in his metal ball should be made at a northern latitude of America during 1934 because of our nearness to the magnetic pole, thus being better able to study the cosmic ray. He says it will not be necessary for him to again make the trip, but only direct the work. Prof. Piccard, (left) was greeted at New York by his twin brother, Jean Piccard, of Marshallton, Delaware.

BREAK PIPE

More than 50 pieces of sewer pipe belonging to Fiske Carter Construction Co. were destroyed early Saturday morning and two arrests were made, both defendants being found guilty of destruction of property.

Buck Loomis, 19, and Rufus Daniels, 17, were charged with breaking up the vitrified pipe after residents in Patterson Mili village told of being awakened by the noise made by the two boys.

Several citizens investigated and witnessed part of the destruction.

Loomis was arrested Monday but claimed to know nothing about the case. He was brought before Mayor Jenkins who placed him under a \$100 bond and remanded him to County Recorders Court.

Daniels was arrested later and admitted breaking part of the pipe. He also implicated Loomis. He said the two had been to a party and had been drinking. Daniels claimed they did not break all the pipe but could give no motive for doing it except that they were drunk. Loomis still claimed he was not guilty.

In Recorders Court Tuesday, Judge Daniel accepted the guilty plea of Daniels and Loomis was found guilty.

Both were placed under suspended sentence with the agreement they would pay, each half, the cost of the broken pipe and the court costs.

TWO MORE VICTIMS

Two more pneumonia victims were added to the list last week with the death of Mrs. Mollie Boseman and Thomas Butler.

Mrs. Boseman, 59 years old, died late Wednesday night at the home of her daughter in South Rosemary. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at Quankie Church with Reverends J. J. Marshall and J. E. Kirk officiating. Interment was in the family cemetery. Three sons and two daughters survive.

Thomas E. Butler, 10 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Butler, died at the hospital Friday with pneumonia. Funeral services were held Saturday by Rev. J. N. Bynum with interment in the Roanoke Rapids Cemetery.

Mrs. Pattie Avent died Tuesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Van Carter on Williams St. Funeral services were held this afternoon with Rev. D. M. Sharpe officiating. Interment was in Littleton. One daughter, Mrs. Carter, and five sons survive: Ernest Avent of Battleboro, Spencer of Faison, Waverley of Whittakers, Zeb of Hopewell and John Avent of Pine Ridge.