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Hunter Pope Will Champion Cause Of Roanoke Rapids

Simmons Co. Wires Long

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SENATOR T W M LONG-

SENATE CHAMBER- RALEIGH NCAR

WE ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE PRESENT SITUATION IN ROANOKE RAPIDS STOP WE UNQUALIFIEDLY ENDORSE THE STAND TAKEN BY OUR LOCAL MANagements IN ROANOKE RAPIDS IN REGARD TO YOUR PROPOSED BILL AFFECTING THE CHANGE IN THE CITY LIMITS AND THE CHANGE IN THE CITY GOVERNMENT STOP AS A LARGE PROPERTY OWNER WE FEEL THAT FAIRNESS DEMANDS THAT A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY REFERENDUM BE ADDED TO YOUR BILL-

SIMMONS COMPANY

The above telegram from the Simmons Co., sent Wednesday just before noon added another name to the long list of those petitioners who have been asking Senator T. W. M. Long to give the citizens of Roanoke Rapids a chance to vote on his Senate Bill No. 242.

Simmons Company, world's largest manufacturers of mattresses, own controlling stock of the cotton mills in the city. It was with these gentlemen that the citizens

and voters of Roanoke Rapids made the gentleman's agreement in 1931 that led to the incorporation of their mill villages, which more than doubled the population of the old Roanoke Rapids and added almost a million dollars to the valuation of a city which is now living on a \$30,000 annual budget and which owes in bonds only \$27,865 net.

Not only does the telegram ask for a referendum but it also expresses complete confidence in the local mill managements.

CITY PIONEER DIES OF HEART ATTACK

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SIMMONS COMPANY BACKS LOCAL MANagements AND ASKS LONG FOR REFERENDUM ON HIS BILL

The fight on the floor of the House against S. B. 242 will be led by a man who has no particular personal interest in Roanoke Rapids, a man who is fighting for a principle, one who has grown in stature since a momentous hour a few days ago when he found he had been incorrectly informed.

The man, who would break precedent because of his convictions, is R. Hunter Pope, member of the House of Representatives from Halifax County.

In Raleigh Today

Mayor Kelly Jenkins and A. N. Martin, City Commissioner and President of the Merchant's Association, were in Raleigh today in the interest of those seeking a referendum on Senate Bill No. 242.

They planned to discuss the matter with R. Hunter Pope, Halifax County Representative, who will lead the House fight for the Amendment.

Four days ago Mr. Pope stated he stood alone in his fight. Today many of the fair-minded and Democratic members of the House have rallied to his support. They have voluntarily come to him and said this bill should go back to a vote of the people and we are with you.

It was conceded by those disinterested in the bill that Mr. Pope's firm stand in the matter was the most favorable action which had developed for those asking for a referendum. Mr. Pope states that he has been threatened with defeat of his own measures if he continues this stand but he refuses to give ground.

HEARING WEDNESD'Y AT RALEIGH

The hearing before the House Committee on S. B. 242 will be held in Raleigh Wednesday afternoon of next week at 3 p. m.

They can report the bill favorably, unfavorably without prejudice, or they can delay the bill indefinitely, the latter amounting to virtual killing.

The meeting will be held in the House chamber of the Capitol. A large crowd from Roanoke Rapids is expected with Raleigh keenly awaiting events and the press of the State aware a good story is in store.

He was misled; since then he has learned the true facts; he now is fighting for what he knows to be right. He is appealing to all Democrats in the House to give the people of Roanoke Rapids their Democratic right to settle their own local problems.

Senior's Annual Play Friday Tenth

The Senior Class of the Roanoke Rapids High School has chosen as its annual play this year a three act melodramatic comedy entitled "Help! Help!" The play is somewhat different in nature and plot from those of the past, and promises to be quite a good performance.

The cast seems to be well adapted for the different roles, and has been working hard. The play will be given Mar. 10th.

Mr. Pope pointed out that he was asking no House member to vote against the bill. He was simply asking them to add a referendum amendment and pass the bill.

Representative Pope was willing for his stand on the question to be discussed in detail in this newspaper. Asked for a written statement of the reasons for his stand on the matter, Representative Frank Taylor refused to make one.

When told the people of Halifax County might not be able to understand his position, Mr. Taylor said, "Then they do not understand politics."

The Probate Court of London has been called upon to decide whether the will which James Byrne, a sailor, wrote on an egg shell at sea is legal.

Seven women whom Emil Zarzchi bigamously married are awaiting the termination of his two-year term in prison at Warsaw.