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Question Former Local Man

EMMETT KIDD HELD IN CANNON CASE

UP AND DOWN
The Avenue
WITH THE EDITOR

Only three of the 76 officers and crew were rescued when the dirigible, Akron, largest in the world, crashed to the waves in a thunder storm off the Jersey coast early Tuesday morning. This is the world's largest air fatality in history.

North Carolina will have been starting May first, 1933. As in the Senate, the bill passed the House by a 3 to 1 vote, the Senate accepting the House amendments Tuesday night. A regulatory machine bill is still to come with details as to making, sale and purchase.

The entire Halifax County delegation voted for the beer bill. It was noted, however, in the House, that R. Hunter Pope voted for the referendum amendment which would have brought it to the people for a vote. The other Representative, Frank Taylor, voted against the amendment, which failed to carry.

The New Hope school house was entered during the storm Tuesday night by persons who broke in a glass door, tore down window shades to be used for bedding, and played general havoc with the interior of the school. Officers lay it either to tramps or to irresponsible persons getting out of the storm. Nothing was missing from the school which is about 200 yards from the main highway.

On Schuyler Moss's farm near Enfield there once lived a big frog. He is no more for he was killed by Lovey, aged Negro tenant on the Moss estate. Let old Lovey tell his frog story:

"Yessuh, Mistuh, Ah goes in de cowbarn early in de morning and dere he is. De fust time Ah didn't bleeve it and he got away, but on dis mawnin Ah cotched him in de act. Der was de cow a laying down and dere was dis big bullfrog ahold of her teat and milking away. He was plumb bloated wid milk and when Ah scared him away from de cow and hit him wid a stick, de milk flew out of him ever which way."

This was the version we heard from the old Negro's lips last Sunday when Mr. Moss called on us. And we will stack Lovey's milking frog up against every cat, dog and fish in Kinston.

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23 PER CENT SAVINGS TO CITY TAXPAYERS

Her Excellency To Wear Cotton



Cooperating in the movement to further popularize cottons, Mrs. J. C. B. Ehringhaus is serving as honorary chairman of the committee in charge of the State-wide Cotton Ball to be held in Raleigh Friday evening, May 19, as a grand finale to North Carolina's first State-wide Cotton Festival.

In addition to the ball, the Festival, which ties in with National Cotton Week observance, will include a gala street parade and a cotton style show. Ladies will wear all-cotton ensembles to the ball.

Special Services Methodist Church

Beginning Monday evening, April 10th, at 7:45, a series of special Revival Services will be held at the First Methodist Church. The pastor will preach a twenty-minute sermon at each service, using as a text one of the seven statements of Jesus while he was nailed to the Cross. All the people of the community are invited to attend and cooperate in the meeting. This represents the week in which Christ was crucified, and these services are intended to prepare the way for a fuller appreciation of the Easter Services.

The inside dope is the Kiwanis Club will have its Fourth Annual Minstrel, bigger and better than ever, early in May. The net proceeds are to go for Boy Scout and other Child work. Of course, the dopest might have given us the wrong tip, but we will know something definite next week.

Managers of the four local baseball teams met last night but failed to decide on several details of the proposed League and will meet again the first of the week.

Property Values In County and City, Cut 20 Per Cent

All real estate, improved and unimproved, in Halifax County will receive a horizontal cut in valuation of twenty per cent, for the 1933 assessment, by action of the County Board of Commissioners taken Monday, under authorization of the law passed by the present General Assembly.

The Board decided this was the proper thing to do in view of present business conditions and also in view of the cost to the county of a new appraisal, estimated to cost between five and six thousand dollars. It was also thought a new appraisal at this time might create inequalities.

Things look brighter for Halifax County taxpayers in view of the Monday action of the Board. It is thought the 1933 county and State tax levy will not exceed 75 cents, 10 cents more than at present, which at the new assessed valuation will represent quite a saving in taxes.

As the same new valuation will hold good in the three tax districts of Roanoke Rapids, city, school and sanitary, it represents an even greater saving in taxes to Roanoke Rapids property owners. While the tax levy may be increased slightly in some cases to meet necessary expenses, the increase in levy will not make up the difference in valuation, and tax experts place the savings to Roanoke Rapids owners for 1933 on all taxes at a possible twelve cents decrease in tax levies plus a 20 per cent decrease in property valuation.

For example, a man who in 1932 had property here valued at \$1,000 paid in city, school, sanitary, county and State taxes, the amount of \$25.90. In 1933, this year, on the same property, under the new valuation and the estimated levies, he will pay \$19.76, a saving on each thousand dollars of property of \$6.14.

This is a savings on all taxes of over 23 per cent.
(More Board Doings Inside)

Miss Virginia Belle Vincent, student of Peace Institute in Raleigh, is spending the Spring Holidays with her mother, Mrs. W. H. Babcock, of this city. Miss Elizabeth Wilson, N. C. W. student is a guest of Miss Vincent while here.

Horrible Family Massacre In Va. Shocks Scores Of Roanoke Rapids Relatives

Emmett Kidd, aged 32, former Roanoke Rapids resident, is being held today by Virginia officials and questioned concerning what he might know about the horrible death of four of his kinsmen last Friday night.

B. L. Cannon, 77, his brother, Willis Cannon, 82, and their two grand-nephews, John William Cannon, 25, and Thomas Cannon, 56, were found Saturday morning brutally murdered at their farm in Mecklenburg County, Virginia, near La Crosse.

Champ Pretzel Twister



Helen Hoffer of Reading, Pa., claims the world championship as pretzel twister, her record being 43 pretzels per minute . . . and maintaining this average. . . . Helen is not complaining, what with beer on tap and pretzels in demand.

Brother Of Local People Dies Last Night Near Macon

Horation Harris, 48, died at 11:30 p. m. last night at his home near Macon. He is survived by his wife and seven children. He was a brother of Mrs. E. F. Lynch, Mrs. John Riggan and P. D. Harris, of Roanoke Rapids, and K. D. Harris of Kinston.

Funeral services will be held Friday at Bethlehem Church. Mr. Harris was a prominent farmer in the Macon and Churchill vicinity.

Among those that attended the funeral and burial services of the Cannon family at LaCrosse, Va., Sunday, were: Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Cole, Misses Ellen and Josephine Taylor, George Baird, Howard Taylor, W. A. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Taylor and daughter, Irene, Mrs. Bernice Watson, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Burton, Misses Mildred and Margaret Burton and Opelia Chambliss.

Mrs. Harry Kenyon visited Miss Sallie Allen Friday of last week.

Kidd last live in Roanoke Rapids in 1917 or 1918 when he was employed in the grocery department of the L. G. Shell Co. He had also worked in the supply room of the Rosemary Mfg. Co. For some years he has been living at La Crosse, but was seen around here from time to time. Recently he was in trouble with local officials over a car stolen from a local dealer.

The murdered men had scores of relatives in Roanoke Rapids. They were distantly related to most of the Taylors, Kidds and Acres in this city.

Mrs. J. E. Acree, 237 Washington Street, was a sister of John William Cannon, as was Mrs. Jacob Taylor of Belmont. Their father, Joseph Cannon of Mecklenburg, one of the heirs, lost in the massacre his son, John William, his brother, Thomas, and his two uncles, the old men.

John Cannon of Roanoke Rapids, who resides on Cedar St., next to the Holiness Church, was a brother of Thomas who was killed, an uncle of John William and a nephew of the two old gentlemen.

Mrs. W. A. Kidd, 600 St., this city, was a sister of Thomas and a niece of the elder two.

At least one hundred Roanoke Rapids relatives and friends attended the joint funeral services near La Crosse Sunday afternoon. The crowd was estimated at between three and four thousand with a count of over 1,000 automobiles.

The Cannon home was on the edge of Mecklenburg near the Brunswick County line and as a large part of Roanoke Rapids came from that section, the horrible murders shocked the entire community, many of our citizens having known part or all of the murdered men.

The heirs have posted a reward of \$750. Money estimated at \$35,000 was stolen by the murderers.
MORE OF THIS STORY INSIDE

Rev. Joe Mack, former pastor of the local Presbyterian church, passed through here last week enroute to his home in South Carolina.

The General Assembly has ratified the measure providing for an overlapping grand jury for Halifax county. It was introduced by Representatives Pope and Taylor.