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Local Youth MUST FACE VA. GRAND JURY IN CANNON MURDER CASE

JOYNER MEASURE KILLED

Northampton Bill With No Vote Like S. B. 242 Defeated

(Special to THE HERALD)

Representative White, of Northampton, aided by Representative R. Hunter Pope, of Halifax, Monday night succeeded in killing a Northampton County measure which in some instances was similar to S. B. 242.

Senator Will Joyner had passed thru the Senate his bill which would have saddled the road debt of four Northampton townships on the county as a whole. The bill was mandatory and failed as did 242, to give the people of Northampton the right to vote on it.

Mr. White explained the facts on the floor of the House. He said the bill was a bad one; it took the made it compulsory that the other townships of the county help pay it off, altho deriving no benefits. county resented this and resented most bitterly the fact that Senator Joyner's bill was mandatory and sought to shove the proposition down their throats without right of franchise.

R. Hunter Pope, of Enfield, who led a similar and successful fight against Senator Long's 242, arose and praised Mr. White's stand and asked that the bill be killed.

The question was put and the measure was killed by a thunder of Noes with not a single Aye.

MRS. ELLA OWEN

Mrs. Ella Owen died May 9th, 1933, at 6:50 o'clock, after an illness of three weeks, at the home of her son-in-law, W. H. Moore, 911 Jackson Street.

She is survived by one son, E. B. Owen, of Roanoke Rapids, and two daughters, Mrs. J. J. Talbott, of Durham, and Mrs. W. H. Moore, of Roanoke Rapids.

FIREMEN MUST PAY POLL TAX

Disapprove Bill Exempting Firemen From Poll Taxes

(Special From Raleigh)

Senator Long's strange bill to exempt 30 members of the Roanoke Rapids Fire Department from future payment of poll taxes received an unfavorable report from the Finance Committee of the House Monday night and was placed on the unfavorable calendar by Speaker Harris.

The committee reported the bill was unconstitutional as written and approved by the Senate. A chorus of laughs greeted this part of the report.

Friends of several members of the Roanoke Rapids Fire Department say the boys knew little or nothing about the bill and certainly had not requested it. These friends resented the idea of placing the members of the local department in the same class with paupers and aged who are exempt from poll tax payment.

It was also assailed because no other Fire Dept. or other group in the county were exempted and because the payment of poll taxes goes, not to the city, but to the county.

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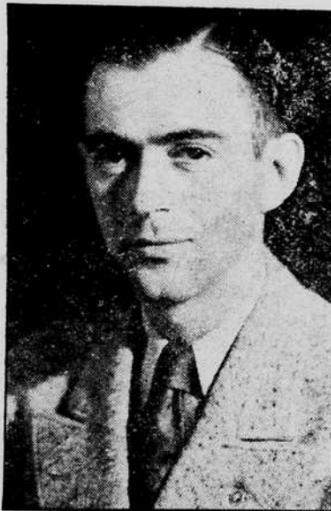
Veeco Observing New Office Hours

Starting this week, the local office, Carolina headquarters for the Virginia Electric and Power Company, will observe summer office hours.

Instead of the usual hours of 8:30 A. M. to 5 P. M., all departments will now open at eight o'clock in the morning and close at four-thirty. This tends to better efficiency among employees during the summer time, officials of the company state.

Local People Testify At First Hearing Of John D. Cannon; Edw. Holmes May Get Release On Bond; Long Conducts Argument

City Publisher To Enter State Field



Carroll Wilson, city publisher, has seen the popularity of his tabloid weekly Herald grow until he decided to establish The North Carolina Weekly News, which will make its appearance around June 1st, and will be state-wide in scope. Full details and comment from the state press will be found on inside pages.

Roanoke Rapids Is Well Represented At Music Contest

The Roanoke Rapids High School entered ten events in the High School Music Contest ending April 28th at Greensboro. Over 3,000 were present as the awards were given out, and the contest, which was participated in by some 87 schools, was held at Aycock Auditorium at the Woman's College.

At a district contest held here on April 22nd, the local school entered eleven events, winning nine first places, which allowed them

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Geo. Washington Cannon, alias John D. Cannon, 20-year-old local textile worker was sent to the Mecklenburg grand jury in connection with Southside Virginia's most brutal massacre, the killing of four recluse farmers on the night of March 31st, after a three-hour hearing before three Justices of the Peace at Boydton, Va., Wednesday afternoon. Edward Holmes, 18, also of Roanoke Rapids, was ordered to be released on \$500 bond for his appearance at the grand jury hearing June 19, as material witness.

The brutal killing of the four farmers, Ben L. Cannon, 77, and his brother, Willis Cannon, 82, and their two nephews, Thomas W. Cannon, 56, and Bill Cannon, 28, at their home near La Crosse, Va., has attracted a great deal of local attention because the murdered men had so many relatives here. Every step of the case has been watched with unusual local interest, particularly since the arrest here two weeks ago of the local youths.

D. L. Lynch, 24-year-old filling station operator who lives here followed Constable John Keeton as the second witness, and said he had known Cannon for nearly a year and that Cannon had approached him several times regarding his "rich uncles" in Virginia, saying they had \$30,000 which was easy to get.

James Peavy, 26-year-old local mill worker said that last July Cannon told him of the uncles, claiming they had given him a "dirty deal" when he lived with them, and he wanted to "get even with them."

Peavy, an ex-convict, said Cannon knew he wouldn't tell on him. He further testified Cannon said the uncles had in excess of \$35,000 and that once he took Peavy to Dick Lynch's and said he could get a pistol if Lynch would get a

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3 FROM HALIFAX ON BOARD

Miss Cherry, Green And Faucett Are On State School Board

A joint session of the Legislature Tuesday cut down Halifax County's nominees for the Board of Trustees of the Greater University from five to three.

The three new members of the new Board are Misses Annie Cherry of Roanoke Rapids, George C. Green of Weldon, and W. D. Faucette, who now resides in Wilmington. They serve until 1941.

B. B. Everett, of Scotland Neck, and W. L. Long, of Roanoke Rapids were the two nominees not elected.

Representative R. O. Everett, of Durham, brother of the Halifax man, was elected. J. D. Grimes of Beaufort, was substituted for B. B. Everett, and Cameron Morrison was substituted for W. L. Long.

Representative Pete Murphy in making the motion of substitution for W. L. Long explained that he was withdrawing Mr. Long's name at the insistence of Mr. Long himself, and substituting that of Mr. Morrison.

Packed galleries listened in on the joint session with much interest.

Results Of Pre-School Clinic Held Recently

Herewith is a complete report of the Pre-School clinic:

Number of children on census, 287.
Number attending clinic, 189.
Number of defects found, 101.
Number of children having defects, 84.
Number taking toxoid against

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 THREE MAJOR CHANGES IN CITY BUSINESS FIRMS —COMPLETE DETAILS ON INSIDE PAGES