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TO OPERATE A BOTTLING PLANT HERE

Kinston Man to Start Operating About July 10th

A new bottling plant will start operation in Roanoke Rapids about July 10th, according to word coming from R. S. Hines, formerly of Kinston, owner and manager of the Dr. Pepper Bottling Co.

The new plant will be located in the building nextdoor to Roanoke Rapids Grocery Company, and will be a modern, well-equipped plant to bottle Dr. Pepper and perhaps other popular drinks at a later date. Mr. Hines has the Dr. Pepper franchise for several Eastern Carolina counties, and will operate within a forty-mile radius of the city.

About five men will be employed by the company and two trucks will operate out of the city to start with. Mr. Hines hopes to add additional help and trucks as the business grows, he says.

QUICK RECOVERY

The small son of Hugh Horne, accompanying his parents to the Kiwanis International Convention at Washington this week, was operated on for appendicitis at a Washington Hospital Monday night. He will be able to leave there this week-end.

50-ft. FALL IS FATAL



Shown above is Curtis Higgins, tragic victim of an accident which occurred at Ocean View, where he had gone on a pleasure trip over the week-end. Word of the death of Higgins, employee of the local paper mill, came as a great shock to his many friends in the city. Complete details as to how Curtis met his untimely end will be found on an inside page.

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Postoffice Will Close Wednesdays

To Join City Business Houses in Half-Holiday

Effective next Wednesday afternoon the United States Postoffice here will join the city's retail business houses in taking a half-holiday on Wednesdays, according to announcement of Postmaster L. G. Shell.

Mail will be worked and distributed in boxes the same as usual, the only difference in the present system being that no carriers will make an afternoon delivery on Wednesdays, and the windows at the postoffice will be closed. Patrons who get their mail in boxes may call at the office the same as usual.

The General Delivery, Parcel Post and various other windows will close promptly at one o'clock for every Wednesday afternoon throughout the months of July and August.

Benton Improving

Scott Benton, junior member of the law firm of Allsbrook and Benton, is recuperating from an attack of appendicitis at Roanoke Rapids Hospital tonight.

VICTIM OF THE RIVER



Shown above is latest picture of young "Jackie" Dover, 14½-year old city youth who drowned in Roanoke River over the week-end. Jackie was in wading with a group of his young friends when he stepped into a hole over his head. Strenuous efforts of searchers failed to locate the body until after midnight Monday. The youth is a son of a former Roanoke Rapids policeman and made his home here. Complete details will be found inside.

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RED SHARP INJURED IN CAR WRECK

Brought to Hospital Here at Noon Today

J. M. "Red" Sharp, was admitted to Roanoke Rapids Hospital at noon today, Thursday, suffering from severe cuts, lacerations, and a possible fractured jaw, the result of injuries sustained when a car in which he was riding ran into a parked truck, reported without a tail light or proper signal, on the highway between Siler City and Ashboro.

Sharp left Roanoke Rapids after ten o'clock Wednesday night for a week-end vacation trip to Kentucky. He stopped in Raleigh to join his friend, Jimmie Jones, with whom he was to make the trip from that point. The two men left Raleigh after midnight, driving Jones' car. Shortly after they had passed Siler City it is reported they reached the summit of a hill on which a truck was parked on the highway without a tail light. Jones, who was driving, did not see the truck in time to avoid crashing into it.

Jones escaped with minor injuries. Sharp was given first aid treatment near the scene of the accident, and was brought to Roanoke Rapids Hospital, where his injuries are considered serious.

VOTES CLAIMED FOR ABOLITION DESPITE FIGHT

End of Ancient Two-Thirds Nomination Clause Is Forecast

SOUTHERNERS LASH

Demands From Northern and Western Groups Hotly Opposed

PHILADELPHIA, June 25 (AP)—Gradually composing platform difficulties in private, the Roosevelt high command brought the two-thirds-rule dispute into the open for settlement today by the fifth session of the Democratic convention.

After two days of speechmaking and roars of enthusiasm from every section of the vast auditorium, the tired leaders found they had an old-fashioned party battle on their hands.

Some Southerners lashed out against Northern and Western demands that at future conventions only a plain majority be required to nominate candidates instead of two thirds.

If the Southerners are overruled—and the abrogationists said they had more than the 551 votes needed to win—it will mark the passing of a century-old tradition.

Anxiety lest bitterness carry over into the platform debate tonight, or hinder the drive for u-

nanimity in renominating Roosevelt and Garner, had some administration men frowning.

Also contributing to their difficulties were hard feelings among some Minnesotans about how their factional dispute over representation was settled, the prospect of a minority platform report from Washington state advocating the Townsend old age pension plan, and resentment in the South Carolina delegation over the presence of Negroes at the convention.

Joseph Wolf, although he lost his place as Minnesota's committeeman under a credentials committee decision, decided not to make a floor contest. Lasting into the late hours last night, this controversy

delayed the election of Senator Joe Robinson to the permanent chairmanship until this afternoon because the roll of the convention could not be completed.

But Robinson disregarded the technicality of election and made his permanent chairman speech last night. From it observers drew the conclusion that a militant upholding of the new deal means more to Roosevelt leaders than obtaining unanimity.

Claims Recovery Delayed. Robinson said the supreme court had delayed recovery and demanded reversal of the invalidation of New York's minimum wage law. "Oh, blind and impartial Justice, what blunders are committed in

thy name!" he exclaimed.

The speaker also launched blows at Governor Alf M. Landon and recited the Roosevelt administration record with praise.

Watching the reactions to the speech many delegates expected the new deal campaign from now on to be directed partially against interpretations placed on the constitution by the conservative majority of the highest court.

Hours-long conferences by the platform drafters brought no final word how constitutional questions would be handled. That no amendment would be advocated seemed definite; but a pledge to make sure of federal power to deal with (Continued on Back Page)