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## 5 DAYS

Roanoke Mills Co. No. One mill will go on five days starting Monday morning, according to news received tonight from Manager F. C. Williams.

The work time of all employees now working will be increased to the five days, after several months of short time.

Work in all local mills has picked up some but No. One is the first to go on full schedule.

## RESIGNS



**THE REV. KERMIT TRAYLOR** pastor of the Christian Church of Roanoke Rapids for the past 18 months, who has resigned to take the pastorate of the First Christian Church of Tuscaloosa, Alabama. (See inside)

## WOMAN INJURED IN FALL

Mrs. Eunice Massey, wife of Charlie Massey, city textile worker, suffered minor injuries when she fell 10-ft. to the ground from a staircase at the rear of the B. S. Webb building here about noon Wednesday.

Mrs. Massey, a resident of the building, evidently leaned against the guard rail of the staircase, which gave way, and she toppled to the ground. While her injuries are not serious, she is confined to Roanoke Rapids Hospital.

It is reported the building was condemned some time ago, tho a great number of families still live upstairs. City Building Inspector Henry Fitts set about his routine duties of posting additional "condemned" signs on the building following this latest accident.

## At Halifax Meet Of County Council

Mesdames M. E. Faison, C. T. Johnson, C. W. Cook, Robert Parrish, R. L. Powell, B. C. Pair, Herbert Vaughan, W. W. Gibson, Edward Allen, V. C. Carter, Robt. Frueler, Lee Morris, Carl Murray, G. Hawkins, and Miss Mertie Faison of The South Rosemary Home Demonstration Club attended the County Council Meeting at Halifax Tuesday.

# COURTHOUSE FIGHT

## PRESIDENT'S BALL HERE JANUARY 28th

### Lions Club Is In Charge Here; Jim Fuller's Orchestra

The annual President's Ball will be held in Roanoke Rapids on Friday night, Jan. 28th, with music being furnished by Jimmie Fuller and his University of North Carolina Tarheels. The Roanoke Rapids Ball is being directed by the local Lions Club with the following committees: Allie Wood, chairman, James Parker, Bill Alligood and Stewart Wilson.

The ball will be held at the downtown dance hall. Clerk A. L. Hux, County Chairman for the President's Ball, announces plans for a Second Ball the same night at Scotland Neck.

The local committee announces the following list of chaperones for the Ball at Roanoke Rapids: Dr. and Mrs. John W. Martin, Dr.

and Mrs. W. E. Murphrey, Dr. and Mrs. Upshur Higginbotham, Dr. and Mrs. M. C. Maddrey, Dr. and Mrs. Bahnson Weathers, Dr. and Mrs. T. W. M. Long, Messrs. and Mesdames W. A. Thorne, A. N. Martin, H. S. Loy, M. S. Benton, Frank C. Williams, E. B. Manning, J. P. Grizzard, W. L. Medlin, F. S. Kemp, F. D. Wilson, C. L. Elting, J. T. Chase, W. A. Wolhar, R. H. Hundley, Virgil McDowell, J. R. Manning, W. H. Pruden, John Dunn, W. B. Allsbrook, R. E. Cleaton, F. J. Hawley, C. L. Wilson, L. M. Wilson, Frank Sherry, G. N. Taylor, J. C. Smith, O. Griffin, G. T. Hobbs, H. E. Lee, Jack Cassada, Clyde Liske, W. S. Dean, Jesse Harrell, Neil Pharr; from Weldon, Dr. and Mrs. H. G. Lassiter, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Moody, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Daniel, Mr. and Mrs. Meade Mitchell; Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Parker, Jackson; Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hux, Halifax; Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Wilson, Rocky Mount; Dr. and Mrs. F. W. M. White, Halifax.

## CITY YOUTHS FACE CAR THEFT CHARGE

### John Finch And Carl Haislip In Halifax Jail

Two Roanoke Rapids youths learned a swift lesson in the "Crime Doesn't Pay" series, and are no doubt repenting at leisure tonight in the Halifax County jail, instead of being well on their way to Florida, where they had reportedly planned to go Wednesday afternoon.

The boys are Carl Haislip and John Finch. Sheriff Joe Riddick, accompanied by County Jailer G. E. Pittman left Halifax at noon today for Nashville, where authorities were holding the boys pending their apprehension in Nash County about 10 o'clock last night in a small pick-up truck, reported to be the second car they had stolen within as many hours.

Finch and Haislip, it is reported, stole a Ford V-8 belonging to George Smith, which was parked in front of a downtown business place, about 7 o'clock Wednesday night. It appears they switched license plates on the Smith automobile, substituting a pair of 1937 Virginia tags for the bright and shining new North Carolina plates. The Virginia tags had been discarded by a Roanoke Rapids resident, who moved here the first of the year from Virginia and had bought N.C. tags.

When they failed in their attempt to get gasoline at one local filling station, they visited the station of Dunn Batts, in the outskirts of Rosemary mill village. Instructing Mr. Batts to "fill 'er up," the boys then ordered cigarettes, it is reported, and when Mr. Batts left

the car they drove away.

It is evident they drove Smith's car as far as Battleboro, where they were forced to abandon it because the oil pressure was low. This reduced to walking proved to be a very temporary situation to the Roanoke Rapids youth, however, as they quickly obtained another car without the owner's permission, in Battleboro. This time, they selected a small pick-up truck, and it is reported, did not bother to switch the license plates until they reached Rocky Mount.

In the meantime, a general alarm had been sent out over the State Patrol short-wave system, and state troopers apprehended the youths in their latest stolen car between Rocky Mount and Nashville. They were "behind bars" in the Nash County jail within three-hours after their departure from Roanoke Rapids.

It is reported the youths had a shot-gun with them, but this could not be verified in a telephone conversation between Chief-of-Police H. E. Dobbins and the sheriff of Nash County today.

Nash County authorities indicated their permission for Halifax County to try the boys first today, and Riddick left soon after a conversation with officials there to bring the boys back to Halifax, to answer for their first crime here.

Young Haislip is about 18 or 19-years old. He has been tried several times for minor offences in City Court, and is the son of Robert Haislip, who lives on Henry Street. His mother is dead.

Finch is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Finch, of 306 Monroe Street, and so far as is known, has never been in trouble before.

## MERCHANTS AND GOVT. MEN BATTLE TO DRAW IN OPINION CLASHES

### Government Requested To Leave Halifax County Out Of Next Resettlement Project As Plans Go Ahead For Building And Financing Co-op Stores On Farms

Halifax courthouse was the scene of a strange battle today. Center of a county which was the banner Democratic county in 1928 and again and again since has voted the New Deal back into office, Halifax today saw a delegation of merchants and business men desperately fighting the latest phase of one of the New Deal's pet projects.

## BARBER GEORGE INJURED

R. L. George, well-known city barber, is a patient at Roanoke Rapids Hospital, suffering from a broken nose, a broken jaw and a few minor cuts, bruises and abrasions about the face, as the result of an automobile accident on the Roanoke Rapids-Emporia highway about 8 o'clock Tuesday evening.

Immediately following the accident, George was taken to an Emporia doctor's office where he was given first-aid treatment. Fearing internal injuries, it was decided he must be taken to a hospital. A W. C. Williams ambulance was called and the city man brought to the hospital here shortly after 10 P. M.

While attending physicians say his injuries are not critical, he may be confined to his bed for some time.

The accident, it is reported, occurred a few miles this side of Emporia, in the state of Virginia. George was rendered unconscious from his injuries, and was therefore at a loss to explain the details of the accident. Jack Ferrell, of Emporia, reported to be the driver of the car, was uninjured, except for a few bruises.

## BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Shaw, a son, Jan. 12th; to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jones, a son, Jan. 16; to Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Merritt, a girl, Jan. 17; to Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Stokes, a girl, Jan. 19; to Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Parker of Jackson, a boy, Jan. 18; to Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Braswell, a boy, Jan. 18; to Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Chewning of Vaughan, a girl, Jan. 15; to Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Bell, a boy, Jan. 14.

Aligned against the Halifax men were directors, field men, supervisors and trouble-shooters of the Farm Security Administration and the Resettlement Administration, all of them sold to the nth degree on their project and their spokesmen filled with the necessary zeal and facts to "sell" most any kind of audience.

Representing Halifax County merchants were such men as Charles Boykins and Lonnie Applewhite, Halifax, Jack Jones, Tillery, A. N. Martin, Roanoke Rapids, Dr. B. M. Nicholson and R. C. Rives, Enfield, "Spec" McDowell, Scotland Neck, and others from Weldon, Roanoke Rapids, Tillery, Scotland Neck, Halifax and Enfield. Several Halifax County officials also sat in on the meeting.

Representing the government were State Regional Director Mitchell of the Farm Security Administration, his assistant, Claud Farris, Mr. McLendon in charge of Halifax Resettlement Farms, Mr. Robbins, in charge of Penderlea farms, and other officials and field men.

The bone of contention was the plan of the government to sponsor and advance the capital for the establishment of co-operative stores in Halifax County to sell to resettlement farms.

Business men of the county contend that this is unfair competition on the part of the government and should be stopped if the government expects them to stay in business and continue to pay taxes; that it is this very tax money which is being used to finance these competitive stores and that they are in a position to serve the settlers just as cheaply and with just about as much convenience as would the new stores.

The government men contended that the stores were just for the necessities of life, and were built for the convenience of the settlers and at their request and that it was expected that dividends at the end of each year would help the settlers at a time when every dollar would count.

They also admitted that the gov- (Continued on Page 10)