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# BOND ELECTION MAY 3

## UP AND DOWN WITH THE The Avenue Editor

● ● L. S. Cannon, one of the old-timers in Roanoke Rapids, asked the following questions of members of the Kiwanis Club last Thursday night: What do you know about your home town and its industries? We won't give the grades made by the club but here are the questions. See how many you can answer. Then turn to the back page of this section for the answers. Some of them are in approximate figures, no attempt being made to ascertain exact figures, but all are supposed to be approximately correct.

1. How many spinning spindles in our mills?
2. How many looms?
3. How many bales of cotton, approximately, do our mills use per month, one shift eight hours per day?
4. Approximately how many yards of cloth will mills produce (same running time as above) per month?
5. Give square feet of floor space in our largest store.
6. How many buildings in our Graded school system?
7. What is the approximate value of our graded school property?
8. How many students in our graded schools?
9. How many teachers?
10. How many women teachers? How many men teachers?
11. What is the K. V. A. capacity of Virginia Electric Plant at Roanoke Rapids?
12. How many churches in our town?
13. What is the distance in tenths of miles north and south (Roanoke Ave.) of our corporate limits?
14. Going back to our cotton mill machinery, which machine has a part called Hog Ear?
15. Which machine has a part called Trombone?
16. Which machine has a part called Trumpet?
17. What machine has a part called Monkey-tail?
18. What machine has a part called Lizzard?
19. At full capacity, how many lbs. of paper can our paper mills produce per month?
20. How many cords of wood will the paper mills use per month?

● ● It's a new assistant Chief of Police for Roanoke Rapids. The name is Keith Dale Dobbins, the weight 8 pounds and the day of arrival in Roanoke Rapids was Friday, March 4th. Chief and Mrs. H. E. Dobbins are the proud parents . . . Born Thursday afternoon to Mr. and Mrs. Jake Lassiter, a son, Albert Wood Lassiter . . .

● ● Only bright spot in a "blue" issue is the report from Postmaster L. G. Shell that postal revenues at the Roanoke Rapids Post Office from January and February of 1938 showed a 12 per cent increase over the same two months in 1937 . . . Wish we could say the same for mills and retail stores.

## MOTHER, 10 CHILDREN



For the first time in 10 years, Mrs. Virginia Thompson had all her ten children together again. They held a re-union in Roanoke Rapids the other day. Reading left to right: Woodrow Thompson, Mrs. Thompson, Ollie Paxon; 2nd row: Lena Thompson, James, Maud Cross, Roy; back row: Mary Davis, Bettie Huff, Charles and Addie Warren. Mrs. Thompson, who lived in Roanoke Rapids for 30 years, is now living with a daughter in Durham. Her husband died ten years ago. All her children are living and it was a happy re-union in Roanoke Rapids. (Photo by Grant).

## ANDLETON, GURLEY ON ELECT'N BOARD

Allen W. Andleton, Enfield attorney, and Byron Gurley, young Roanoke Rapids business man, received the unanimous recommendation today of the Halifax County Democratic Executive Committee as Democratic members of the County Election Board which will handle the coming June primary.

Fourteen of the 17 members of the Executive Committee were present as Chairman John W. Martin of Roanoke Rapids presided. The recommendations were forwarded to the State Board of E-

lections.

Mr. Andleton served as chairman of the Board of Elections two years ago. He is a former Mayor of Enfield and a graduate of the University of North Carolina.

Mr. Gurley has lived in Roanoke Rapids since early childhood, graduated from Roanoke Rapids High School and N. C. State College, is an ex-president of the Roanoke Rapids Lions Club and is an active church worker in the Rosemary Methodist Church.

## 12 YEAR OLD GIRL KILLED IN WRECK

### Dies Before She Reaches Roanoke Rapids Hospital

Virginia Lee Stratton, 12 year old girl, was almost instantly killed on the Lawrenceville Road late Friday afternoon when a truck, driven by Skidmore Rook, collided with the car in which the girl and her parents were riding.

The wreck occurred at a cross-roads near Bradley's Store. The Strattons were on their way to Roanoke Rapids and Rook was traveling the opposite direction.

The car is said to have been mashed against an embankment by the truck.

An ambulance brought the girl and her mother, Mrs. H. M. Stratton, to Roanoke Rapids Hospital. The girl was dead when the ambulance arrived. Mrs. Stratton was able to leave the hospital Sunday.

Funeral services for the daughter were held Sunday at Lawrenceville. Rook is under bond.

P. M. Goodwin, brother in law of Dr. J. W. and A. N. Martin of this city, died today at his home in Gordonsville, Va. The Martins will leave here Saturday to attend the funeral.

## VOTE ON ST BONDS MAY 3rd

The machinery was set to work Tuesday by the City Board of Commissioners to enable the voters of Roanoke Rapids to vote on a \$130,000 bond issue to pay the costs of the city's part of storm sewers, curb and gutter and paving of Jackson, Hamilton and all side streets connecting those streets with Roanoke Avenue and for widening the paving of the Avenue from curb to curb.

The date of the election was set as Tuesday, May 3rd, which is the same date for the election of two City Commissioners. Those whose terms expire are M. D. Collier in the North Ward and R. I. Starke in the South Ward. It is understood that both will file for re-election.

City Clerk Ruby Wood filed a certificate of signatures of property owners on the street paving project showing that 69.34 per cent of the number of owners representing 63 per cent of the frontage affected were in favor of the assessments.

The Board then passed a resolution approving and authorizing the improvements subject to an election of the voters on May 3rd. An ordinance was passed authorizing the issuance of the bonds in the event the election carries and another resolution officially called the election.

A. E. Akers was appointed registrar of the North Ward with J. H. Hines and S. J. Bounds as judges; Clayton Gurley was appointed registrar of the South Ward with C. C. Shell and Eddie Cameron as judges.

Only other business of the adjourned meeting was declining to permit carnivals to show within the city limits.

## Mrs. George Funeral Is Yesterday

Mrs. William George, 45 years old, died at the Roanoke Rapids Hospital Tuesday. She had been ill since Christmas.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at Williams Funeral Home by Father Gorham with interment in Roanoke Rapids Cemetery.

A native of Rocky Mount, Mrs. George had lived in Roanoke Rapids for 25 years, had done business with the people of this community and the large crowd and elaborate floral offerings at the funeral attested to her friendship with many people.

Her husband and seven children survive: Earl, Nellie, Modell, Edward, Dorothy, Katie and William Jr. The family reside on South Roanoke Ave.