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# PLAN BIGGER HOSPITAL

## FIRST BUILDINGS IN CITY



On the right, the First Building in Roanoke Rapids at 104 Hamilton Street. And on the left, the second building in Roanoke Rapids, which was the home of the late Major T. L. Emry. For more concerning these buildings and early Roanoke Rapids' history turn to Mr. Chase's article which starts on Page 1, Section B of this issue.

## BOARD HEARS RANKIN OF DUKE AND MAKES PLANS FOR FUTURE

### K. Minstrel Rehearsals Begin Mon.

John (Slim) Hutchings, director for Rogers Producing Co., will arrive in Roanoke Rapids Sunday ready to start first rehearsals for the 8th annual Kiwanis Club Minstrel-Revue on Monday.

The show this year, entirely new, is "Rollin' Rhythm", and will have more than one hundred actors and actresses taking part. For the first time, there will be two night shows, instead of matinee and night as in the past. The dates are Thursday and Friday, April 7th and 8th.

Invitations will be mailed out to all old members of the previous shows to again take part and some new talent will be tried out after the director arrives.

First rehearsals for the night group has been set for 7:30 Monday night at the Junior High School building. Other groups will be notified Monday morning of the exact time for their rehearsals.

A long-time program of expansion of the size and facilities of the Roanoke Rapids Hospital will probably be officially adopted at the next meeting of the Hospital Board of Trustees after hearing Dr. W. S. Rankin, director of the Duke Endowment, who was the guest of honor at the monthly meeting and banquet here Tuesday night.

Dr. Rankin recommended that the Roanoke Rapids Hospital join the N. C. Hospital Group at once and prepare to take care of the increased load which will follow by increasing the facilities of the hospital. This group hospitalization will enable such groups as firemen, police, Post Office employees, small businesses and store groups to enter a weekly plan of payment for hospitalization.

Dr. Rankin stated that the Roanoke Rapids Hospital must be enlarged to care for such a plan and agreed that Duke Endowment would contribute liberally toward a recommended addition of 50 adult beds to the present 81 adult beds. He pointed out that there should always be a 25 per cent surplus for emergencies.

His recommendations followed the report of President J. T. Chase that patient days at the hospital were on a steady increase. Using the night of the meeting as an example, Mr. Chase reported that when the meeting started 77 of the 81 adult beds were occupied and before the meeting was over three more patients had come in. One adult bed was left.

To join the group plan now growing in the State, it would be necessary for the Roanoke Rapids Hospital to have an addition to care for the increase and for the emergency outlined by Dr. Rankin. Definite action is expected at the April meeting of the Board.

Besides Dr. Rankin, the following members of the Hospital Board were present Tuesday night: President J. T. Chase, Secretary F. G. Jarman, W. L. Manning, F. C. Williams, Fred Wilmer, Mayor Kelly Jenkins, Dr. R. P. Beckwith, Dr. J. W. Martin, Dr. Bahnsen Weathers, Dr. M. C. Maddrey, Dr. Upshur Higginbotham, Dr. B. E. Stephenson, Dr. T. J. Taylor and Hospital Manager T. J. Alford.

### Trailer Was Trouble Doer

John F. Chandler, 35, of Pahokee, Fla., is in the Roanoke Rapids Hospital with a dislocated shoulder. He reports passing a car and trailer near Halifax this morning, says the trailer swung into and wrecked his car.

## PANACEA SURVEY IS SET FOR MCH 24

Panacea Springs as a site for the Veterans Hospital will be surveyed Thursday, March 24th, or thereabouts, according to a telegram received the first of this week from Senator Robert R. Reynolds.

It is now the plan of the Panacea Committee of which Joe Wollett is chairman to have delegations from at least eight counties present at Panacea Thursday when the Veterans Bureau engineer arrives. The exact time will be announced later.

Senator Reynolds' telegram follows:

Engineer Stratton will be in Littleton, N. C. sometime around twenty fourth of March at which time he will phone J. K. Wollett and advise him of exact date of hearing at Panacea Springs and Wollett will then be instructed to get in touch with yourself and other interested parties stop am afraid that due to great amount of work which is being placed upon engineer there will be little time for entertainment

Robert R. Reynolds USS

## New Interviewer Unemployment Office Here

Lewis W. Thompson of Lewiston, N. C. has been transferred and will be permanently located in Roanoke Rapids as Claims Interviewer for the Unemployment Compensation Commission.

C. J. Maddrey will be transferred from Roanoke Rapids to Greenville, N. C. where he will be Claims Interviewer.

## One Candidate Only, So Far —

Only one candidate for a county or State office has announced his candidacy for office in this newspaper up until presstime tonight.

That candidate is Joe L. Riddick, whose announcement for reelection as Sheriff has been printed in this newspaper for the past three weeks.

## \$40,000 Suit Is Won Over A.C.L. R.R.

A. W. Oakes, lawyer of Weldon, received a telegram from Washington, D. C., Tuesday morning informing him that the United States Supreme Court denied the request of the A.C.L. Railway for a review of the case of Thom M. Batton against the A.C.L. This brings to a close the action which has been pending since Feb., 1936, in Superior Court of Halifax County for damages sustained when Batton, acting as flagman on one of the A.C.L. train, fell from a trestle in Weldon April 18, 1934, sustaining serious injuries.

The verdict with cost and interest amounts to approximately \$40,000. This verdict is said to be the second largest ever recovered in Halifax County. A. W. Oakes, Jr. of Weldon, E. L. Travis of Halifax and Langston, Allen and Taylor of

## MAN DIES TRUCK IS THRU BLDG

Jack Faulcon, Littleton Negro, died in the Roanoke Rapids Hospital last night from injuries when a car in which he was riding crashed into a truck near Littleton Tuesday night.

Pot Lewter, Lincoln Heights Negro, said to be driving the car of Major Parker, is also in the hospital with a broken ankle. He is being guarded by officers after he is said to have escaped from the wreck and slept in the woods Tuesday night. Another occupant of the car left the hospital yesterday.

The truck driver was slightly injured but the truck left the road and crashed thru the store of Henry Faucetts. The truck entered one side of the building and came out on the opposite side.

## It's A Small World

Roanoke Rapids, N. C., March 12 (AP)—Wham, bam—two cars collided.

The drivers got out to examine the damage, saw it was little. Amiably each introduced himself.

Both, they found, live on the same street in New York.

Goldsboro, --represented --Batton, with George C. Green of Weldon, Dunn and Johnson of Enfield, and F. S. Spruill of Rocky Mount attorneys for the railroad.

Henry Fitts Jr. is the Senior Class member of the Roanoke Rapids Kiwanis Club for this month. Each month, the class elects a boy to represent it at the regular Kiwanis meetings.

## Train Kills Jesse Lee Chase, Age 3

Jesse Lee Chase, 3 year old colored boy, was killed near here yesterday afternoon when struck by the 4 o'clock Seaboard train at the Belmont crossing.

The train stopped after it had struck the child which was walking down the side of the track, according to Coroner Cooper who investigated last night. The child was rushed to the hospital here but too late for aid. It suffered a broken leg, lacerations about the head and possible internal injuries.

The train was traveling East from Littleton to Roanoke Rapids. Willie Chase, father of the child, is a farmer on the Crew farm West of Roanoke Rapids.

## Enfield Rooster Rings The Bell

From an Enfield subscriber comes the following interesting item this week: H. E. Thomas, Enfield, N. C. RFD 2, has Plymouth Rock Rooster which gets up in the morning between daylight and sunup and rings his farm bell. (Send yours in.)