

# 1938 LIONS CLUB FESTIVAL HERE NEXT WEEK



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# OWLS STATE CHAMPS

## AUDITORS REPORT DEPUTY SHERIFF SPEED WAS SHORT

### Amount Not Known As Audit Continues But Reported At Several Thousand Dollars; Bonding Company Notified; Speed At State Hospital

A shortage, said to be several thousand dollars and increasing as auditors dig in, has been discovered in the office of former deputy J. Paull Speed of Scotland Neck, who resigned from that office Saturday a week ago.

Starting with a shortage of about \$3,000, the amount is said to have increased until yesterday it was somewhere between eight and ten thousand dollars. The auditors, from the firm of A. Lee Rawlings & Co., certified public accountants, who have been making the annual county audit for several years, are keeping the County Board of Commissioners informed of the increasing shortage from time to time. The County Board met in regular session Monday of this week and again Tuesday.

It has not been ascertained officially the length of time over which the shortages spread but unofficial reports put it as extending over several years.

Mr. Speed, who had charge of the Sheriff's office in the collection of county taxes, served under former Sheriff G. H. Johnson of Scotland Neck and continued to serve under Sheriff Joe Riddick of Scotland Neck. He has been office deputy for the past eight years and has been very popular with the citizens of the county who had tax dealings with him. Reports of the shortage came as a distinct shock to his many friends all over the county.

Speed was bonded for \$25,000 and the bonding company has been notified of the alleged shortages.

Meanwhile, the auditors continue their check-up and no official statement has been made by them. The exact extent of their investigation and their final report will not be available to the press and public until they have made a final report to the County Board of Commissioners.

The reported method used by Speed was to use "extra" receipts in some cases and leave the original receipts in the tax books so as to avoid detection. If this be correct, there cannot be a complete check until all taxpayers are advertised and those who have paid, and who have the "extra" receipts, report this fact to Halifax. It is understood the extra receipts were supposed to be used in cases of partial payments by taxpayers.

Today, J. Paull Speed is in the State Hospital at Raleigh. He was taken there after his wife and

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## ALL-STATE HONORS

Joe Talley, pitcher  
George Nethercutt, catcher  
Irvin Dickens, short stop  
Vic Bradford, center fielder

Best Dressed Team  
ROANOKE RAPIDS OWLS  
Leading Pitcher  
JOE TALLEY  
Most Valuable Player  
TOM BURNETTE  
All-Star State Manager  
JESSE LEE

The above were the choices made last night and announced at the end of the Tournament with trophies being given to the above members and the manager of the Roanoke Rapids' team.

## New Dentist Will Open Office Here

Dr. R. A. Daniel, dentist, will open an office in Roanoke Rapids about the middle of August and is planning on placing new dental fixtures in two front office rooms of the Smith Apartments over Smith's Barber Shop.

Dr. Daniel is a graduate of the Medical College of Virginia and has passed the State Board of Dentistry in both Virginia and North Carolina. He graduated second (Continued to Page 12)

## ROANOKE RAPIDS TEAM 1938 SEMI-PRO CHAMPIONS OF N.C.

### Final Box Score

Roanoke Rapids	Ab	R	H	E
Dickens	3	4	1	0
Nethercutt	5	2	4	1
Aderholt	4	1	1	0
Bradford	3	1	1	0
Davis	5	0	1	0
Burnette	5	0	1	0
McCrary	5	1	0	0
Fuller	5	0	0	0
Talley	4	0	0	0
May Hosiery Mills	Ab	R	H	E
Bradsher	5	1	2	0
Collins	4	0	1	4
Henderson	5	0	1	1
Glosson	4	1	1	0
Meachan	2	0	1	0
Slaughter	2	1	0	0
Walker	4	0	0	0
Sorrell	1	0	0	0
Reiber	3	1	1	0
Jones	4	1	2	1
Johnson	0	0	0	0
Clapp	2	0	1	0
Dixon	1	0	0	0

2-base hits—Bradsher, Nethercutt; 3-base hits—Bradford. Home runs—Aderholt, Dickens, Nethercutt. Double plays—Aderholt, Dickens to Fuller. Wild pitches—Talley two, Johnson one. First on balls off—Talley four, Johnson, 3, Jobe 2, Clapp none. Struck out—by Johnson, 1, Jobe, 0, Clapp, 1, Talley, 7.

The Roanoke Rapids Owls are the new State Champions of North Carolina semi-professional baseball for 1938, defeating May Hosiery Mills in the finals at the Greensboro State Tournament last night by 9 to 5 in a wild, wild game. It was the 5th straight win in tourney play for the Owls with no defeats.

Greensboro will never forget that crazy 6th inning when Roanoke Rapids made three home runs in a row by Dickens, Nethercutt and Aderholt, to be followed by a triple by Bradford, who scored a moment later on Davis' sacrifice.

George Nethercutt led the Owl assault at the bat, getting on base his five times at bat, being credited by some score keepers with four hits and being responsible for bringing in four runs.

Little Dickens walked twice, on with an error once and hitting for the circuit once, personally scored four runs.

Joe Talley, who won another one for the home town champions, had one bad inning, the 8th, when he walked two men, threw wild and allowed three runs to come across. Otherwise he had the situation well in hand and fanned seven Maymen.

While a big delegation of fans went to Greensboro to cheer the Owls on to the championship, those who could not go were given a real treat and "ringside seats", thru the courtesy of Rosemary Drug Co., with a broadcast of a play-by-play description of the game. Radio announcer Ted Speight was on the microphone and the plays were relayed from Greensboro Stadium via Western Union to local operator Beaman Helms. As he took the plays off the wire, Lyle Wilson transferred them to broadcaster Speight.

Only mixup in the interesting broadcast, no fault of the local force, was when the field operator got so excited about three home runs in a row that he relayed the wrong name first . . . who wouldn't . . . Correct three in a row: Dickens, Nethercutt, Aderholt.

## Out-of-Town Patients At The Hospital

Patients in the Roanoke Rapids Hospital from out of town include W. B. Browning, Littleton; Miss Mattie Bridges, Conway; H. F. Hawley, Littleton; Miss Retha Davis, Seaboard; Miss Ola Gray, Littleton; Miss Mildred Long, Pleasant Hill; Mrs. Gilbert Pope, Seaboard; Mrs. Tommy Tillery, Pendleton; Brice Warwick, Murfreesboro; Gilbert Leigh, Weldon.

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## LIONS READY TO STAGE WEEK OF CELEBRATION HERE STARTING MONDAY

Mildred Burton, popular contestant for honors of Queen of the Lions Club Festival, which will be held here all of next week, starting Monday, August 8th, is leading the field of 17 young ladies who are participating in the contest, by a narrow margin of less than 5,000 votes tonight's check-up revealed. Not only is Miss Burton ahead in the race, but she is the winner of the \$5.00 bonus offered the contestant selling the largest number of tickets last week.

Mrs. Edwin Akers, in charge of the ticket sale, reports the status of votes as follows: Mildred Burton, 68,400; Helen Stewart, 63,700; Bertha Batton, 55,600; Carrie Byrd, 22,200; Minnie Lee Medlin, 17,000; Fannie Stephenson, 13,000; Frances Ricks, 12,400; Lucille King, 11,000; Elizabeth Massey, 10,200; Agnes Wood, 10,200; Mary Woodruff, 6,200; Evelyn Eldridge, 5,990; Alice Myrick, 4,800; Lillie Mae Hale, 4,400; Mary Cannon, 4,200; Florine Clary, 2,000; Elsie White, 1,700. Another \$5.00 bonus is being offered the young lady selling the

largest number of tickets again this week, and spurred on by the fact that this is the last week before the show, contestants should report substantial sales of advance gate admission tickets by Saturday night.

Everything is in readiness for the opening of the second annual Lions Club Festival next week, and it bids fair to be one of the most successful undertakings of the local Lions Club. Every cent of the profits derived from the Festival goes for the Club's blind work, and will be spent 100% locally.

Sherman Husted, advance manager for the Crescent Amusement Company, which organization will occupy the midway on the large Roanoke Avenue showgrounds all of next week, has been in the city all week completing arrangements for the outdoor shows. Crescent will exhibit here with positively six, and possibly seven or eight high-class riding devices, 25 concessions and a minimum of eight