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ROLL CALL NEXT WEEK

J. C. SMITH DIES

HOTEL OWNER AND CITY COMMISSIONER DIES SUDDENLY

John C. Smith, 52, prominent business man, builder, extensive property owner, and popular civic official, died in the Roanoke Rapids Hospital Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock following an illness of a few hours. He suffered a stroke of paralysis about 3 o'clock Tuesday morning and was carried to the Hospital at 8. Although he had been suffering from high blood pressure for some time, his death came suddenly and was a great shock to his family and host of friends throughout the city.

He is survived by his wife, formerly Mrs. Mae Cannon whom he married in 1928; a daughter, Mary Ann, 3; a stepson, Carlton Cannon, a senior at the University of North Carolina; his mother, Mrs. Olivia Smith of Roanoke Rapids; and a sister, Mrs. Rosa Byrd, also of Roanoke Rapids.

Funeral services were conducted at the Roanoke Rapids Presbyterian Church, where he had been a member for several years, Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 by the Rev. Lawrence Stell, assisted by the Rev. Gordon Price of the First Baptist Church. He was buried at the Roanoke Rapids Cemetery.

One of the largest crowds ever seen at a funeral here attended the ceremony, filling the church auditorium and Sunday School room to overflowing. People from every walk of life were on hand to pay their respects to the deceased. Hundreds of floral offerings were banked high around the altar and later around the grave. The majority of business houses in the city were closed during the funeral services.

Active pallbearers were: Julian Allsbrook, Charlie Briggs, J. Winfield Crew, Jr., Carl Murray, Jack Fanny, Carl Green, Alfred Martin, and Mort White.

Honorary pallbearers were: Jamie Brown, Dr. R. P. Beckwith, Louis Ashton, George C. Green, Dave Traynham, Carroll Wilson, John Hobbs, L. G. Shell, Winfield Crew, Sr., Lynn George, W. E. Williams, N. D. Cox, Allie Wood, Thos. Harris, C. C. Shell, O. Griffin, W. A. Thorne, Hix Hill, H. E. Gibson, Robert Allen, Tom White, William White, Marvin Jordan, Dr. Weathers, T. J. Alford, Dr. John Martin, Dr. T. W. M. Long, George Taylor, R. I. Starke, M. D. Collier, Byron Gurley, Elliot White, M. M. Faison, J. T. Chase, C. E. Matthews, Hal Ross, Will Taylor, Geo. Sullivan, F. C. Williams, Garland Wyrick, Ike Rochelle, Dr. J. M. C. Covington, Dr. R. A. Daniel, Bill Allgood, A.

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Funeral Yesterd'y



JOHN C. SMITH

SEEK NEW DIRECT BUS FOR RALEIGH VIA SHORT ROUTE

It was learned here this week that the Carolina Coach Company, with head offices in Raleigh, has applied to the Utilities Commission of North Carolina to grant permission to run buses from Raleigh over the new "short route" via Louisburg, Warrenton and Littleton to Roanoke Rapids. It is understood that under the franchise asked for, there would be three round-trips from the capitol city to Roanoke Rapids daily, and in addition, one of the buses from Raleigh would make a round-trip to Norfolk, Va., Roanoke Rapids, thence to Weldon, Garysburg, Jackson, Conway and Murfreesboro, thus giving many of the latter towns mentioned a bus connection where no bus is in operation at the present time.

Local businessmen are thought to be thoroughly in accord with the Utilities Commission granting the franchise for a bus connecting the city directly with Raleigh, as it is not possible to go from here

to the state capitol except by way of Rocky Mount, necessitating a change of buses there. The new route would also decrease the distance between the two points materially, and in the opinion of many, would tend to route much traffic from Raleigh to Richmond via Roanoke Rapids, as it is pointed out this would be a shorter route between the two state capitols since the opening of the new road from Raleigh to Louisburg.

If the Utilities Commission grants the franchise, as applied for by the Carolina Coach Co., it would also give Roanoke Rapids one bus daily from here to Norfolk—a service that has not been possible for the past several years, in addition to giving residents of the nearby territory, reaching as far as Jackson and Conway, logically conceded to be Roanoke Rapids' "trade territory" direct bus connection with this city.

The Carolina Coach Co. has been operating through this city for the

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TUESDAY OPENING OF DRIVE

Tuesday, November 14th, will be the opening day for the annual Red Cross Roll Call for membership in the Roanoke Rapids Chapter, according to Chairman Gordon L. Price. He has appointed Frank C. Williams as Roll Call Chairman again. Mr. Williams served in that capacity last year when the Roll Call passed all other previous drives.

The goal this year is again set at one thousand dollars by Mr. Price. Same goal as last year, it is hoped the response will be as good when \$1,347.11 was raised.

Roll Call workers will be appointed by chairman Price this weekend and will be notified in time for the annual supper meeting which will be held Monday night in the basement of the First Baptist Church. At this time, committees of the local Chapter will report on the year's activities and material will be given all workers for the Roll Call. It is hoped to reach or pass the quota set by the end of next week, with final reports next Saturday night.

The Roanoke Rapids Chapter last year was fourth in the entire State in money raised on the basis of population of the Chapter, which includes Roanoke Rapids, Littleton and Aurelian Springs.

MASONS GUESTS OF ROANOKE RAPIDS LODGE



Masons from Halifax and Northampton Counties were guests of the Roanoke Rapids Lodge last Thursday night with special rites at the Masonic Hall and an oyster supper at the local Dr. Pepper Bottling Co. plant. Photo by Grant.

Armistice

Shaw Post 38 of the American Legion, comprising ex-service men from Roanoke Rapids and Weldon, will celebrate Armistice Day with a barbecue and stew at the Wel-

don Community Center starting at 6:30 p.m. this Friday, November 10th.

In a letter to all ex-service men, Commander C. C. Shell, pointed out that it was unnecessary to be a Post member to participate and all ex-service men in this section were invited and urged to attend.

He also urges ex-service men to bring their wives, mothers and sweethearts to the supper. There will be a special speaker and some singing of the old familiar war songs.

On Saturday, Nov. 11th, all the banks in Roanoke Rapids will be closed for Armistice Day. ABC

stores in the county will also be closed but all other stores in Roanoke Rapids will be open. The State Employment Office and the Post Office will observe the holiday by closing their doors. The Post Office will be open Saturday between the hours of 10 and 11 a.m.