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# BROUGHTON! RETURN COUNTY OFFICERS

## Old County Boards Are Voted Back

### Daniel And Mitchell Are Returned By Big Majorities

The County Board of Commissioners and the County Board of Education were returned to office intact by the voters of Halifax County Saturday for two year terms while Meade Mitchell, Register of Deeds, scored a sweep over Clayton Gurley and Recorder Judge Charley Daniel was renominated by almost 2 to 1 over his opponent, Irwin Clark.

J. R. Wrenn of Roanoke Rapids led the ticket for County Commissioner with J. W. Whitaker, W. J. Collier, N. W. Warren, and M. W. Perry renominated in the order named. The average for the old board was about 2 to 1 over the opposition.

The same lead was taken by the County Board of Education with R. L. Applewhite leading that ticket. R. C. Rives, Mrs. Anna Kitchin Josey, A. G. Willcox, and Mrs. J. T. Thomason were renominated in the order named.

Meade H. Mitchell won for Register of Deeds over Clayton Gurley by a vote of 5,142 to 1,906. Judge Daniel won over Irwin Clark for Recorder Judge by a county vote of 4,430 to 2,402. (Complete returns by precincts on Pages 4 and 5)

## Hedgepeth And Newsom, Cleaton, Sanitary Board

M. H. Hedgepeth and M. C. Newsom were renominated to the Roanoke Rapids Sanitary District Board in Saturday's primary and R. E. Cleaton was nominated for the third position on the board.

The vote was: Hedgepeth 1589, Newsom 1528, Cleaton 1257, Harrell 1117, Mountford 890.

## Breaks Leg While Playing Baseball

Richard Brown, 10 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. S. Brown of South Rosemary, broke his left leg while playing baseball at his home Tuesday afternoon. He was brought to the hospital where he received treatment. His condition was considered improved today.

The boy's leg was broken between the knee and ankle.

## Will You Sign A Petition?

The editor of the Roanoke Rapids Herald, after due thought and careful consideration, offers the following petition to the citizens of Roanoke Rapids and Halifax County, which is a truly true and typical American community. Copies of this petition will be placed in convenient places if you wish to sign it, after which it will be sent to the President of the United States as expressing the feelings and desires of those who sign it.

### PETITION TO THE PRESIDENT

We, the undersigned citizens of Roanoke Rapids and Halifax County, North Carolina, after calm and deliberate consideration, respectfully petition that legislation be enacted to repeal the so-called Neutrality Act and any other acts which prohibit freedom of action of the people of the United States who desire to give aid and comfort to the Allies in their unequal struggle against Germany.

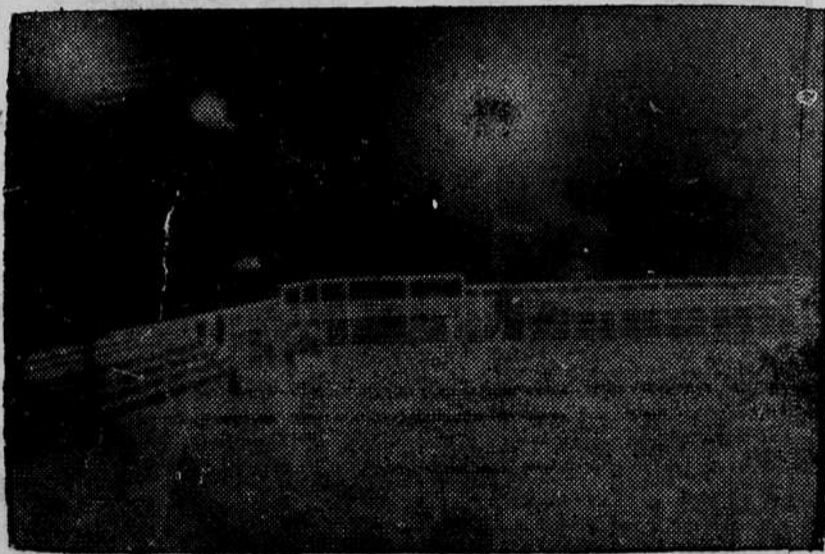
Our belief is that the German Army and the German people, by their invasion of friendly, neutral countries and by their inhuman treatment of these conquered people, no longer are entitled to the respect or sympathy of civilized nations. Their utter disregard of all the moral and humane principles which we hold sacred forces us to the conclusion that our duty lies with those nations who are now struggling for the preservation of Life, Liberty and the Peaceful Pursuit of Happiness.

It is also our belief that the vast majority of the people of this nation desire some immediate action on our part which will hearten the nations who are now desperately struggling against utter destruction, and in this struggle are fighting for us as well as themselves and that the Neutrality Act does not represent the present thought and feeling of our people.

We therefore believe that it would be for our best interests and the lasting benefit of humanity to give to the Allies everything they may require of our material resources regardless of price or terms.

(Signed) Carroll L. Wilson.

## NEW PARK OPENS



Above is a picture of the newly lighted park at Roanoke Mills Company plant No. 2. The park was officially opened with a double header between the No. 1 and No. 2 plants Tuesday night, May 28. An estimated 1500 spectators turned out for the christening.

## TO SEEK AID FOR \$60000 STRUCTURE

A committee from Roanoke Rapids composed of a member of the school board, from the board of commissioners, and Dr. T. J. Taylor, commanding officer of the medical unit of the National Guard located here, will appear before the County Board of Commissioners next Monday, June 3, to present plans for a proposed armory building in the city and ask for assistance from the county in the erection thereof. H. A. Linthicum, Raleigh architect, will accompany the

local committee in order to explain any details of the plans of the proposed building.

The plans, as shown to a committee of citizens in a meeting here Tuesday with the architect, call for a brick building a story and a half high located on the high school grounds adjacent to Ninth Street. The building, containing facilities for the guard unit, a high school gymnasium, physical education equipment, shower and locker rooms for the athletic teams of the school,

## IT'S BROUGHTON



## Some Doubt As To Second Primary Now

When W. Erskine Smith, who trailed Rege L. Harris by only 10,000 in the State for Lieutenant Governor, declined to run in a second primary today it left Wilkins P. Horton alone to call for a second primary and stand the onus of costing State and county units over one hundred thousand dollars for an extra election.

Mr. Horton, who trailed J. Melville Broughton for Governor by more than 40,000 votes, insisted tonight that he would demand a second primary. Reports from Raleigh tonight were that he was still trying to raise "big money" for a second race but that "big money" was shy. There was some doubt in official circles as to a second primary.

Other reports were that real friends of Mr. Horton would persuade him to withdraw a demand for a second primary in the best interest of the State and nation at this critical period in world history. This added to the doubt about another primary.

It was shown that Mr. Broughton carried counties in every section of the State and "the will of the people" had been spoken in no uncertain terms. With Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Gravelly and Mr. Grady for him now and with Mr. Smith refusing to enter a second primary for Lieutenant Governor, Raleigh observers said tonight that Mr. Broughton could be counted on as the next Governor of North Carolina.

a library and reading room, three basketball courts—will cost between 60 and 70 thousand dollars. The government, through a WPA grant, will bear 60 percent of the costs.

## Broughton Sweeps City And County

J. Melville Broughton for Governor swept Roanoke Rapids in Saturday's primary election with a total vote in the four precincts of 1,776 votes which was 623 more than the combined vote of his six opponents.

City totals were: Broughton 1,776, Horton 404, Gravelly 350, Cooper 156, Maxwell 128, Grady 106, Simmons 9. The city cast 2,929 votes.

In Halifax County, including this city, the total vote of 7,408 was divided as follows: Broughton 3,143, Gravelly 1,418, Horton 1,249, Maxwell 1,057, Cooper 332, Grady 194, Simmons 15.

In addition to the four Roanoke Rapids precincts, Mr. Broughton carried Butterwood, Enfield, Faucett, Halifax and Ringwood precincts. Mr. Gravelly carried Hollister, Kehukee, Roseneath, and Scotland Neck. Mr. Horton carried Littleton and Palmyra. Mr. Maxwell carried Weldon and Tillery.

Other State office leaders in the county were R. L. Harris for Lieutenant Governor, Thad Eure for Secretary of State, George Ross Pou for Auditor, W. Kerr Scott for Commissioner of Agriculture, Dan C. Boney for Insurance Commissioner. (Vote by precincts on pages 4 & 5)

## SPEIGHT FUNERAL

Mrs. Addie Speight, 79, died at the Roanoke Rapids Hospital this morning at 12:30 after an illness of a week from pneumonia. Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon, May 31, at 4 o'clock, at the Christian Church with the Rev. T. E. Tomerlin and R. L. Topping officiating. Interment will be in the Roanoke Rapids Cemetery.

Mrs. Speight, whose husband, J. W. Speight, died in 1895, moved to Roanoke Rapids from Pitt County in 1897.

She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. H. A. Johnson and Mrs. John Taylor of Roanoke Rapids and Mrs. Robert Shell of Fayetteville; two sons, C. H. Speight of Roanoke Rapids and Jesse Speight of Washington, D. C.; three half sisters, Mrs. Fannie Willoughby, Mrs. Sheba Flannigan, and Mrs. Lizzie Flannigan, all of Pitt County; a brother, Ivey Smith of Pitt County; a half brother, Ben Smith of Texas; and several grandchildren.

Pallbearers for the funeral will be her grandsons: Ikey Johnson, Ted Speight, Lonnie Daughtry, George Carter, Carlton Taylor, Basil Speight.