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PETITION SENT S. A. L.

ENDORSE PROGRESS MOTIONS

Seek Bus, Mail, & Hiway Service

The Board of Directors of the Roanoke Rapids Merchants Association signed a petition to the receivers of the Seaboard Airline Railway asking them to withdraw protests to the Interstate Commerce Commission against granting the Carolina Coach Company the right to operate additional bus services and to establish a bus terminal in Roanoke Rapids, at a meeting of the officers and directors this week. The petition was presented to the Board by Carroll Wilson, editor and publisher of the Herald. (The petition appears elsewhere in this issue of the paper).

A committee of W. A. Thorne, chairman, Carroll Wilson, W. P. Taylor, H. S. Loy, J. R. Manning, H. B. Christie, Julian Allsbrook was appointed to appear before District Highway Commissioner D. C. Barnes of Murfreesboro in relation to securing additional highway facilities into and out of the city of Roanoke Rapids. This committee will ask the Commissioner to construct an alternate highway, which would be surface treated, from Summit, about six miles east of Littleton, along the bed of the old road through Thelma to Roanoke Rapids. The highway would pass through the city on Tenth Street and follow the Tenth Street extension east, crossing the railroad near the sawmill and entering the present highway about the fairground. The east section of the road would follow the road which the highway department expects to build next fall, as was announced last week. The present road through South Rosemary would be maintained as the main route.

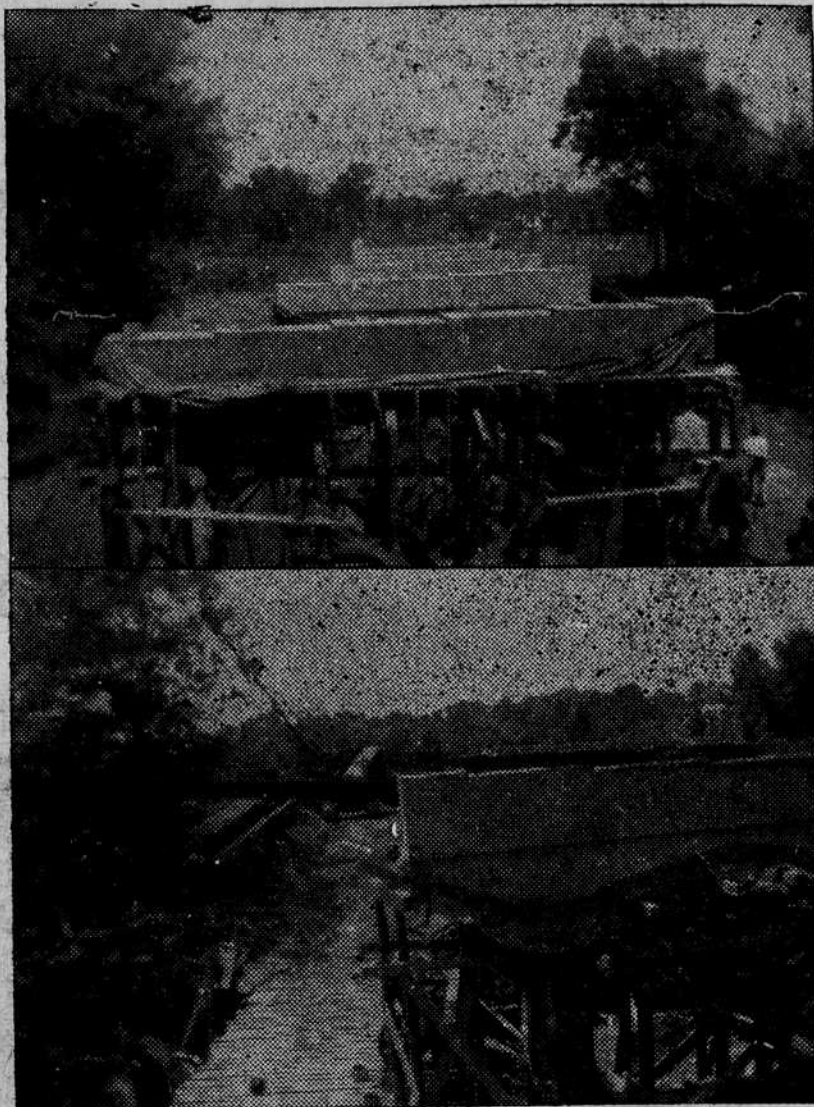
The merchants also adopted a plan to petition the U. S. Post Office Department for a star route from Norlina to Roanoke Rapids. This star route would give the city an early morning mail, whereas it gets the first mail from the west around nine a.m. by train.

The Directors went on record as endorsing the tubercular preventorium which is being established for underprivileged children of the city. The preventorium will be housed in the South Rosemary school building.

The Directors re-elected C. C. Shell, proprietor of the Quality Shop, as State Director of the North Carolina Merchants Association. Mr. Shell has served in this capacity for a number of years. He will attend the State Convention at Elizabeth City on July 8 and 9, along with Mrs. Lillian Belle Thorne, secretary of the local organization.

The secretary reported to the Directors that the majority of the merchants would close their stores all day on July 4. She said further

River Bridge Under Construction



Above are two views of the new bridge that is under construction across the north arm of the Roanoke River between the main channel and Gaston. Machinery is being moved here for the construction of the road from the river to the cross roads at Camps Store. The job will be complete in about 90 days.

CENSUS UP EIGHTEEN

The census figure for the City of Roanoke Rapids was increased by 18 this week when that number of persons appeared at the City Hall and said that they had been missed by the census takers during the regular canvass. The figure now stands for the city proper at 8,539.

Those who called at the City Hall were given the proper forms to fill out. The forms were forwarded to the Census Supervisor in Rocky Mount where they will be recorded for the city.

The population for Greater Roanoke Rapids, including suburban residential districts, is estimated at slightly over 12,000. Actual figures for Roanoke Rapids township, which does not include the Gaston area, stands at 13,466. The total for the areas immediately adjacent to the city is computed at 15,400. (All figures released are preliminary and are subject to correction)

that some stores had planned to remain open Wednesday afternoon during the customary half holiday in view of the fact that the stores would be closed throughout the following day.

To Close On 4th

The majority of the stores in the city, the banks, beauty parlors, and the post office will be closed all day on Thursday, July 4. Some of the stores will not take the customary half holiday Wednesday afternoon, remaining open throughout the day July 3.

Two Local Boys Put On Probation Entering Homes

An end, it is hoped by local authorities, was put to the wave of house-entering throughout the city this week when the County Juvenile Judge Leonidas Hux put two local boys, aged 10 and 15, under probation for a period of two years.

Local police traced the entering to the two children here and found a part of the articles which had been taken from the homes in their possession. Nothing of great value, however, had been taken. One pistol was recovered and a number of cigarettes were found.

Police say that the boys acknowledged to entering a number of homes and the Jackson Service Station a few weeks ago.

ORGANIZATIONS IN CITY PETITION RAILWAY COMPANY

The following petition in regard to protests by the receivers of the Seaboard Airline Railway to the Interstate Commerce Commission against granting the Carolina Coach Company a temporary certificate giving the company the right to operate a new series of bus lines to and through Roanoke Rapids and to establish a bus terminal here has been signed by Mayor and Commissioners of the City, officers and directors of the Merchants Association, officers and directors of the Rotary, Kiwanis, and Lions Clubs and was mailed to the receivers of the railway company today:

June 25, 1940

To The Receivers of The
Seaboard Airline Railway
Norfolk, Virginia

WHEREAS, the Carolina Coach Company will start operation of a new series of bus lines immediately upon receipt of a charter from the Interstate Commerce Commission whereby Roanoke Rapids would become an important bus terminal: with some twenty buses per day entering and leaving the city connecting with Norfolk, Richmond, Washington, D. C., Raleigh, the capitol of North Carolina, Rocky Mount and Fayetteville and other points in this state and Virginia as well as making direct connections with New York and Florida buses, and

WHEREAS, the Carolina Coach Company intends to erect in the city of Roanoke Rapids a bus terminal and garages for the housing and repair of buses as well as central station for passengers, thus bringing to Roanoke Rapids as permanent citizens at least a half-dozen families, and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina

State Utilities Commission has approved said franchise in so far as the State of North Carolina is concerned, and the examiner for the Interstate Commerce Commission, after the proper hearing at Raleigh, N. C., recommended to the Interstate Commerce Commission that a temporary certificate be granted the said Carolina Coach Company, and

WHEREAS, the Seaboard Airline Railway, through its attorney, appeared before the Utilities Commission and the examiner of the Interstate Commerce Commission and protested the granting of said charter, and

WHEREAS, since the recommendation for the temporary certificate the same Seaboard Airline Railway has filed further protest as against the granting of the temporary certificate, therefore, be it resolved by the Mayor and City Board of Commissioners of Roanoke Rapids, by the officers and directors of the Roanoke Rapids Merchants Association, by the officers and directors of the Kiwanis, Lions and Rotary Clubs of Roanoke Rapids that we respectfully petition the officials of the Seaboard Airline Railway to withdraw any further protest to the granting of either temporary certificate or a permanent charter to the Carolina Coach Company as it is our sincere belief that those who would oppose the granting of such are blocking the future progress of the city of Roanoke Rapids and are depriving the people of Roanoke Rapids and of this section of North Carolina of benefits and conveniences which are rightfully theirs.

cc-Carolina Coach Company
Interstate Commerce Commission
N. C. State Utilities Commission

TO PICK COUNTRY CLUB LEADERS AT MEETING JUNE 28

A meeting of the proposed stockholders of the Roanoke Rapids Country Club will be held Friday night, June 28, at 7:30 in the Municipal building for the purpose of electing officers and directors for the corporation. The charter, which has been signed by members who were instrumental in the formation of the club, is expected to be in the hands of the club by the meeting Friday night.

The meeting Friday night was set at another meeting Monday night when Frank Sherry, chairman of the stock soliciting com-

mittee, called the stockholders together for the purpose of selecting committees for drawing up by-laws and a constitution for the club. About thirty-five stockholders attended the meeting.

J. R. Allsbrook was selected as chairman of the committee to draw up the by-laws and the constitution. Appointed to help him were Dr. Upshur Higginbotham and Lyle Wilson. These men are expected to have the above documents ready for presentation for the club's approval Friday night.

Mr. Allsbrook was also selected
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