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Represents City In Tobacco Festival



Above is Miss Mildred Balmer, who will represent Roanoke Rapids in the Tobacco Festival at Wilson next week. She is five feet, four; has light brown hair, blue eyes, fair complexion; and weighs around 112. Miss Balmer is employed in the office of Clerk of the Superior Court A. L. Hux. (Story inside)

Lions Mid-Summer Festival Queen



Above is pictured Miss Katherine Wood who was crowned Queen of the Lions Mid-Summer Festival of 1940 before one of the largest crowds ever assembled at a festival in the city last Saturday night. Miss Wood led a field of 15 contestants. (Story inside)

MAY GO OVER 48 FEET AT WELDON

Raging from the widespread heavy rains of the past few days, the Roanoke River is swelling rapidly out of its banks tonight. Past the flood stage of 31.5 feet by 6.3 feet tonight at 6 o'clock at Weldon, the water is expected to reach the record high of 48 feet tomorrow (Friday) afternoon. The weather observer at Weldon said that reports of continued heavy rains up the river indicates that the river will go beyond 48 feet by tomorrow night.

Tonight the report from Roanoke Mills Company plant No. 1 is that the plant will have to close when the water rises about 2 1/2 feet higher.

Last night a total of 5.22 inches of rain fell in this vicinity. Today 1.98 inches was added to the fall of last night. Intermittent showers continue tonight with no immediate relief in sight.

Highway 301 between State Line and Skippers was reported under water up to the running boards of cars tonight. The road from here to State Line was closed this evening, with traffic being routed around by way of Weldon.

County roads have suffered untold damages where the heavy rainfall has washed the topsoil from the roadbeds. Late this afternoon, roads in the southwest part of the county around Hollister and Essex were reported under water with traffic being forced to make detours.

Throughout the State the story is the same, with the heaviest damages from the high waters coming from the northwest section along the headwaters of the Yadkin river.

The town of North Wilkesboro reported this afternoon about six persons drowned or killed in that vicinity. Approximately 20 people have been killed or drowned in the State as a result of the recent high waters.

2 LOCAL NEGROES RECEIVE PRISON TERMS AT COURT

Luter And Johnson Found Guilty Of Manslaughter

Two Roanoke Rapids Negro men were sentenced to hard labor in the State's prisons by Judge Q. K. Nimocks at Superior Court this week for the shooting of two Negro women here on May 12 and June 29 respectively.

Floyd Johnson was sentenced to five years after the jury returned a verdict of manslaughter in connection with the fatal shooting of Irene Lashley Stevenson on the night of May 12. The negro woman was taken to the Roanoke Rapids Hospital where she died on July 12.

Miss Mildred Evans, nurse at the hospital, Policemen E. E. Man

and Erwin, and James Johnson, nephew of the prisoner, were the chief witnesses for the State.

Miss Evans and the policemen testified that the Negress had identified Johnson as her assailant in the hospital a few days after the shooting. James Johnson, who is about 12 years old, told the court that he was within a few yards of the couple when the shooting occurred, but that he did not see the actual shooting. He also testified that Floyd gave him the pistol, with which the shooting was done, and told him to take it to his (Floyd's) home.

The defendant did not take the stand.

After the jury had rendered a verdict of manslaughter, witnesses were called back by Judge Nimock for a further study of the case. It

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SCHOOL AUTHORITIES SEEKING MEANS TO TRAP NITE PROWLERS

With the passing of ordinances against loitering around schools and churches in the city at the last meeting of the Board of Commissioners, a more concentrated attempt is being initiated by the school authorities to apprehend the culprits guilty of breaking glasses in doors, window panes, light bulbs, and otherwise disfiguring and damaging the school buildings.

Superintendent C. W. Davis said this week that several dollars worth of damage had been done to the high school building in the past few days, possibly over the week-end. The door behind the auditorium has almost every glass broken out. Lights in the junior high building entrances have been broken.

Evidences of loitering around the other schools are frequently found, the superintendent said.

Some of the damages have been attributed to children with a destructive and irresponsible attitude. However, all of the blame cannot be placed on children; some of the vandalism is the work of adults, Mr. Davis stated.

School authorities are seeking a means of keeping a man, in cooperation with the local police department, on duty at the schools at night, especially over the week-end, in order to trap some of the children and adults who are guilty of the offenses. When caught, the charges will be pushed to the limit, school authorities say.

Parents are urged by Mr. Davis to check up on their children to see that they do not form the habit of loitering around the school buildings in the late afternoon and night.

Funeral For Mrs. Rook 75

Funeral services for Mrs. Georlanna Rook, 75, of Gaston, were held Wednesday afternoon in the Forest Hill Church with the Rev. Gordon Price officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery. Mrs. Rook died Tuesday morning.

The deceased is survived by three children, Ruth, Charlie, and Bennie Rook; two sisters, Mrs. Kate Chambliss of Roanoke Rapids and Mrs. Martha Tucker of Halifax; a brother, Lee Harris of Garysburg; and 13 grandchildren.