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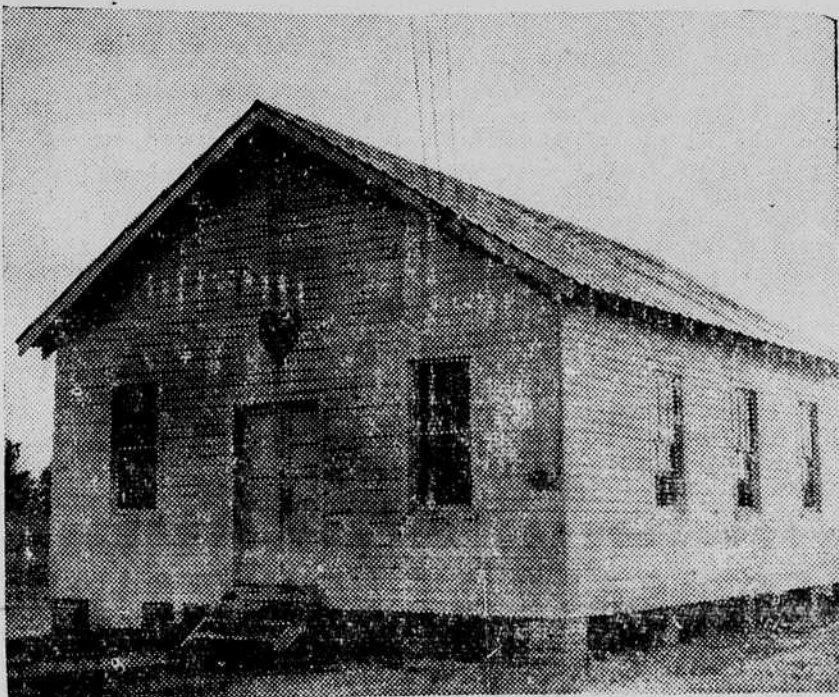
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E. L. TRAVIS TO SENATE

PUGH'S CHAPEL FINISHED



Above is a Herald photograph of Pugh's Chapel in Hornertown, finished recently after approximately two years of hard work on the part of the citizens of that section. The Chapel was built for the purpose of providing a place for the members of the community to worship and for their children to attend Bible School. It is located on the new extension of East Tenth Street. (NewsKuts by Brigman)

DEATH OF BRAGG TERMED ACCIDENT BY CORONER JURY

A coroner's jury rendered a verdict of accidental death due to drinking muriatic acid in the case of Phil M. Bragg, who died in the hospital here last Saturday afternoon. A number of witnesses testified at the inquest held in Weldon Tuesday morning.

The coroner's jury, called by T. M. Cooper, coroner of Enfield, was made up of the following men: S. W. Neal, Gordon Draper, D. L. Suiter, Lloyd Williams, DeLeon Medlin, and F. H. Clark.

Witnesses testifying in the inquest were J. D. Hazelwood, Charlie Hazelwood, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Holmes, W. C. King, Dr. Bahnson Weathers, Mrs. George Brewer, Freddie Bounds, Jimmie Parker, Lewis Glasgow, Cliff Hudson.

Muriatic Acid is used in soldering. Mr. Bragg is reported to have been in charge of that department at the Bounds Motor Company in Weldon. No explanation for the victim's having accidentally drunk the acid was found at the hearing.

KILLED TODAY

State Patrolmen were looking for the driver of a truck tonight in connection with the death of Joseph Parker, 59-year-old cripple and deaf mute, who was killed in Kelford about 11 o'clock this morning. The truck, which ran over the man near the center of the town, did not stop.

SEVERELY HURT; IN HOSPITAL

Thomas Brown, Jr., 7 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brown, was reported slightly improved this afternoon at the Roanoke Rapids Hospital. The child was severely injured yesterday afternoon about 5:45 when he fell from his bicycle to the cement in the 300 block on Jackson Street.

He is said to have sustained head and internal injuries in the accident. Remaining unconscious until about 5 o'clock this morning, he rallied but was still considered in a critical condition this afternoon.

The accident occurred when the boy, on the bicycle that he had received for Christmas, ran into a scooter ridden by a small girl. The front wheel of the bicycle struck the scooter and the vehicle threw him to the cement. Thomas is in the second grade at Central School.

British Benefit Movie
"NIGHT TRAIN"
Peoples Friday, Feb. 14

TO CHOOSE PRESIDENT FOR CHEST

To elect a new president to take the place of the late Dr. T. W. M. Long the Community Chest will hold a meeting some time early next week, according to the assistant secretary, Miss Madeline Lipscomb, today.

At the annual meeting of the Chest some few weeks ago Dr. Long was duly elected as president of the organization to succeed T. W. Mullen, retiring officer. The week before he died at Raleigh he wrote F. M. Sherry that he had accepted the presidency. At the same time he asked Mr. Sherry and Rev. Gordon L. Price to make some suggestions for the committees which he would have had to appoint, had he served in the office.

The committees to be appointed are: Budget Committee, Campaign Committee, and the Executive Committee. These will be appointed as soon as the new president is chosen.

Expect 100 Scouts, Cubs

Approximately 100 scouts and cubs are expected at the annual Father-Son Banquet to be held in the junior high lunchroom tomorrow night, beginning at 6:30.

Most of the scouts are planning to take their fathers along to participate in the function.

The dinner will consist of baskets taken to the banquet hall by the scouts themselves. The food will be spread out picnic style.

There are more than 75 active scouts in the city at the present. Those scouts are to be found in Troops 142 (Rosemary), 144 (Roanoke), 146 (Patterson), and 149 (South Rosemary). There are two club packs in the city and one Sea Scout patrol.

The program will be under the direction of Rev. Gordon L. Price. Mr. Price could not be reached this afternoon for information regarding the program.

The Father-Son affair is being arranged here in recognition of the National Scout Week, being observed throughout the nation this week.

Five In All

In addition to the four fights as written up in the article on page 1, section C, of this issue of the paper, J. D. Wells won another fight, making the total five for the first night.

Wells, fighting with the local team in the Wilmington Golden Gloves, is from Rocky Mount. He won his bout by forfeit, it was learned here today.

NOMINATED



E. L. TRAVIS

At a meeting of the Halifax County Democratic Executive Committee in Halifax last Saturday, E. L. Travis (above), veteran lawyer of Halifax, was nominated for the seat in State Senate left vacant by the death of Dr. T. W. M. Long. Election date has been set for February 21. Mr. Travis will probably take the seat on February 24. (NewsKuts by Brigman)

NINE READY TO FILL DRAFT CALL

Four Negro and five white selectees have been examined and declared ready to fill the next quotas from the Halifax County Draft Board No. 1, according to information received here tonight. Another boy will be ready if he can manage to put on three pounds in weight by Saturday, February 22.

The Negroes are Leroy Turner, John Cleaven West (volunteer), Stephen Virgo Mullen, and George Franklin Hooper. Lewis Porties was examined as an alternate.

The white selectees are Melvin E. Daniel, Carl Barnes, Raymond Ray Williams, all volunteers, and Robert James Crowder and Sidney Dalas Walker, draftees.

The last two above are the first two white men who have been drafted by the local board, out of the total of 12, which will have been called when this quota is filled.

Two Negroes have volunteered out of the total of six to be sent from the local board.

Two men, one white and one colored, have been rejected at Fort Bragg for physical defects. Two of the men in the next quota will be replacements.

ELECTION SET FOR FEB. 21ST

If present plans go through, E. L. Travis, veteran lawyer of Halifax, will probably take his seat in the State Senate on the night of February 24, just three weeks after a shocked Senate was informed of the death of the late Dr. T. W. M. Long of Roanoke Rapids and Halifax County.

Governor Broughton Monday fixed the date of the election to choose a successor, Friday, February 21, after consulting Halifax and Edgecombe County authorities. Edgecombe citizens are just as anxious as those in Halifax to see the district fully represented.

The reason for the rush is that the Fourth District is one of those in jeopardy because of the proposed senatorial reapportionment. Edgecombe already has only one member of the House and Halifax will lose its second member under the House reapportionment bill. Both counties would naturally like to retain the present arrangement under which each is in effect a senatorial district to itself since the Fourth District has only two counties and elects two Senators, each county making its own nomination for one place. A bill reapportioning the Senate has not yet been introduced, but one is in the making and regardless of how it is framed at the beginning members of both houses from the two counties will not breathe easy until it is disposed of. This anxiety probably was an important factor in the selection of Mr. Travis. He has not been around the Capitol much in recent years, but he will be far from a newcomer when he arrives to take his seat. As a former chairman of the Democratic State Executive Committee he has had much experience in the particular brand of politics which plays an important part in every reapportionment measure. He is also a veteran campaign manager and legislator.

Mr. Travis was nominated for the post at a meeting of the Halifax County Democratic Executive Committee called and held at Halifax on Saturday, February 8.

George A. Hux, Jr., Chairman of the Halifax Precinct, placed the name of E. L. Travis in nomination. This came after J. Winfield Crew, Jr., Roanoke Rapids attorney, had recommended the Halifax lawyer for the nomination.

Prior to his recommendation, Mr. Crew stated that he had a majority of the Committee pledged to him, but that he was releasing all those who had agreed to support him.

The motion to place Mr. Travis' name in nomination was seconded by Representative B. B. Everett. A. N. Martin made a motion that the nominations be closed. The (Continued on Page 5, Sec. A)