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MAY GET ABC MONEY

BILLS IN HOUSE, SENATE

Dike Repairs & Salary Fixing Before Assembly

Two House Bills and a Senate Bill were introduced to the General Assembly last week by Halifax County's three Legislators.

House Bill 447, introduced by J. R. Allsbrook and B. B. Everett, would authorize the County Commissioners of the county, in their discretion and after a public hearing on the matter, to expend or lend surplus funds for the repair of dikes on the Roanoke River damaged by the floods in August, 1940.

This bill drawn up and sent to the county representatives from a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners several weeks ago, "without prejudice", would authorize the commissioners to make either grant of aid or loan, or both, from surplus funds after a public hearing on the matter. The bill would also authorize Halifax Dike District to cover area benefitted and to administer the fund.

If loan is made, repayment may be by ad valorem taxation on members of the district or by special assessment, graduated according to benefits received. The bill would provide for election on Dike District, acceptance of loan, and method of payment. It would also provide machinery for repayment, assessment, appeals and records.

The bill was sent to the Senate Committee on Judiciary 2, February 24.

House Bill 478, introduced by Allsbrook and Everett, would ratify the acts of J. G. Butts, L. A. Parks, and Edward Meyer, justices of the peace of Halifax County. It would ratify all acts performed by the men as J. P.'s since their terms expired.

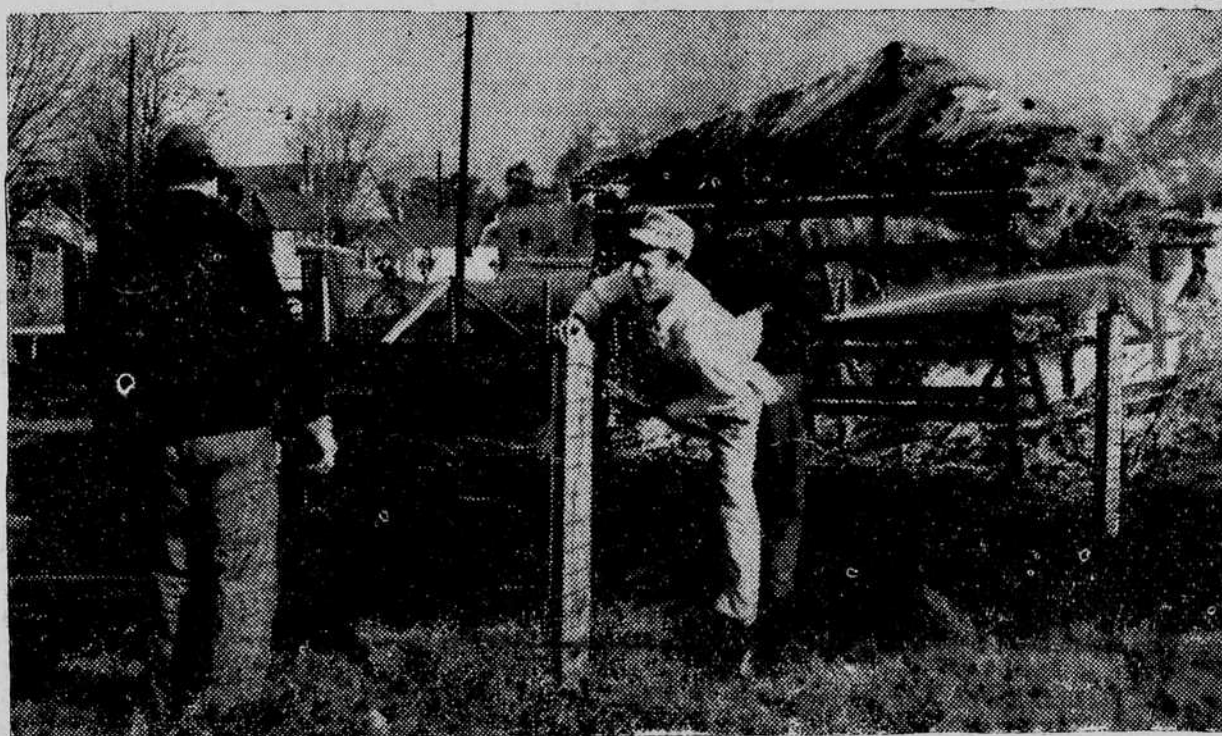
The bill was sent to the Senate on Judiciary 2, March 1.

Senate Bill 215, introduced by E. L. Travis on February 27, would fix the salaries of the Clerk of the Superior Court and of the Register of Deeds of Halifax County at \$3,600 per year, payable monthly, beginning March 1, 1941.

The bill was sent to House Committee on Judiciary 2, February 27.

Actions on other bills that have been introduced by the Halifax Representatives were as follows: House Bill 210 (on Scotland Neck elections) passed second and third readings in Senate on February 28; House Bill 310 (Halifax Tax Collector) passed second and third readings in Senate on March 1.

"MANGER" BURNS MONDAY



A Herald staff photographer was on the spot Monday morning when the log building formerly used by A. Meikle as the "Manger" in "The Scene of the Nativity" burned to the ground. The building caught from a grass fire of unknown origin. Standing at the left with back to camera is Fire Chief W. C. King.



Above photo snapped by Herald Staff Photographer shows the last four men to leave Roanoke Rapids under the draft. They are, reading left to right: John Cleaven West, City; Louis Porties, Weldon; Stephen Virgo Mullen, City; and George Franklin Hooper, Jamesville. These men make the first score that have left. Before June 30th 54 more are slated to leave.



COUNTY BOARD AGREES

City Would Get 17% Net Profit Of 2 Stores Here

That Roanoke Rapids and other municipalities in Halifax County will receive a portion of the net profit from the liquor stores in the county is highly probable.

An agreement was reached in a meeting among members of the Halifax County Commissioners, representatives from three municipalities in the county, and the county legislators Tuesday night at Raleigh for the incorporated towns and cities to receive 17 per cent of the net profits made from the stores inside the respective corporate limits.

Heretofore, the total net profits from the sale of liquors in the seven stores under the supervision of the Alcoholic Board of Control have gone to the county.

The office of the ABC in Halifax County said today that the net profit from the two stores in Roanoke Rapids for the year 1940 amounted to \$32,882.41. At 17 per cent the city would have received a revenue of \$5,589.94 for the past year.

Total profits from all the stores in the county (at Enfield, Weldon, Scotland Neck, Tillery, Littleton, and two at Roanoke Rapids) amounted to approximately \$90,000 last year, the two stores here making roughly a third of the total profits for the entire county. Municipalities in the county will receive approximately \$15,000 from liquor sales next year, provided the sales remain about the same for 1941.

Under the new set up, the county will receive 83 per cent from six of the stores and 100 per cent from the seventh store, which is located at Tillery. Tillery is not incorporated.

M. D. Collier, one of the representatives from Roanoke Rapids to attend the meeting in Raleigh Tuesday night, said today that the new ABC law would mean that Roanoke Rapids would be able to adopt new measures greatly needed throughout the city. This city would not receive any profits from the stores located in Weldon, Enfield, Littleton, and Scotland Neck; nor would those towns receive any profits from the two stores here.

The agreement reached Tuesday night was left in the hands of Representatives Julian R. Allsbrook and B. B. Everett and Senator E. L. Travis. These men are expected to draw up the bill, which will be in effect an amendment to the Halifax County Alcoholic Board of Control law, and

THOUSANDS ENDORSE WILSON

Several thousand citizens of Halifax County have signed petitions to the Governor asking him to appoint Carroll Wilson of Roanoke Rapids as State Highway Commissioner. The petitions are still in circulation in all parts of the county and it is estimated that 5,000 citizens of the County will have signed by tonight.

City Boards and Mayors of Roanoke Rapids, Scotland Neck and Halifax have endorsed Mr. Wilson as have the Roanoke Rapids Merchants Association, Roanoke Rapids Kiwanis Club and other organizations. Other city boards and clubs are expected to take similar action in a united effort to gain the appointment for Halifax County.

City Commissioners F. C. Wil-

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AT BANQUET

Photo at left shows a few of the merchants and their employees as they met at a dinner meeting on February 26 in the lunchroom of the junior high school. Officers were elected, and the secretary's report was heard, among other things that came before the group. Dr. D. W. Richardson of Richmond was the speaker of the evening.

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