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# WILL PROJECT FAIL?

## HEARING FOR HIT-RUNNER

A hearing in the case of John Williams, charged with the hit-and-run killing of James J. Whitby near the Junction here on the night of February 14, is scheduled for Saturday morning, March 29, in the Municipal Building at 10 o'clock.

Williams, a member of a prominent family of Franklin, Va., allegedly struck the aged man and failed to stop. A search by officers over this section of the state and nearby Virginia ended approximately 24 hours after the crime, when Williams surrendered to local officers through his attorney. A cash bond of \$1,000 was arranged.

The hit- and-run victim died in the Roanoke Rapids Hospital a few hours after being mangled badly by the death car about 8:30 on a Friday evening.

## Membership Is Up To 1416

The Roanoke Rapids Chapter of the American Red Cross has a paid-up membership of 1,416 at present, according to communications received from National Headquarters by Clyde Liske, local chapter treasurer.

Rev. Gordon Price, local chapter chairman, received a letter this week informing him that the National Red Cross Convention is to be held in Washington, D. C., April 21 to 24 inclusive. Delegates to the convention will be selected soon.

The work of the local chapter of the Red Cross has been commended highly by National Headquarters this year.

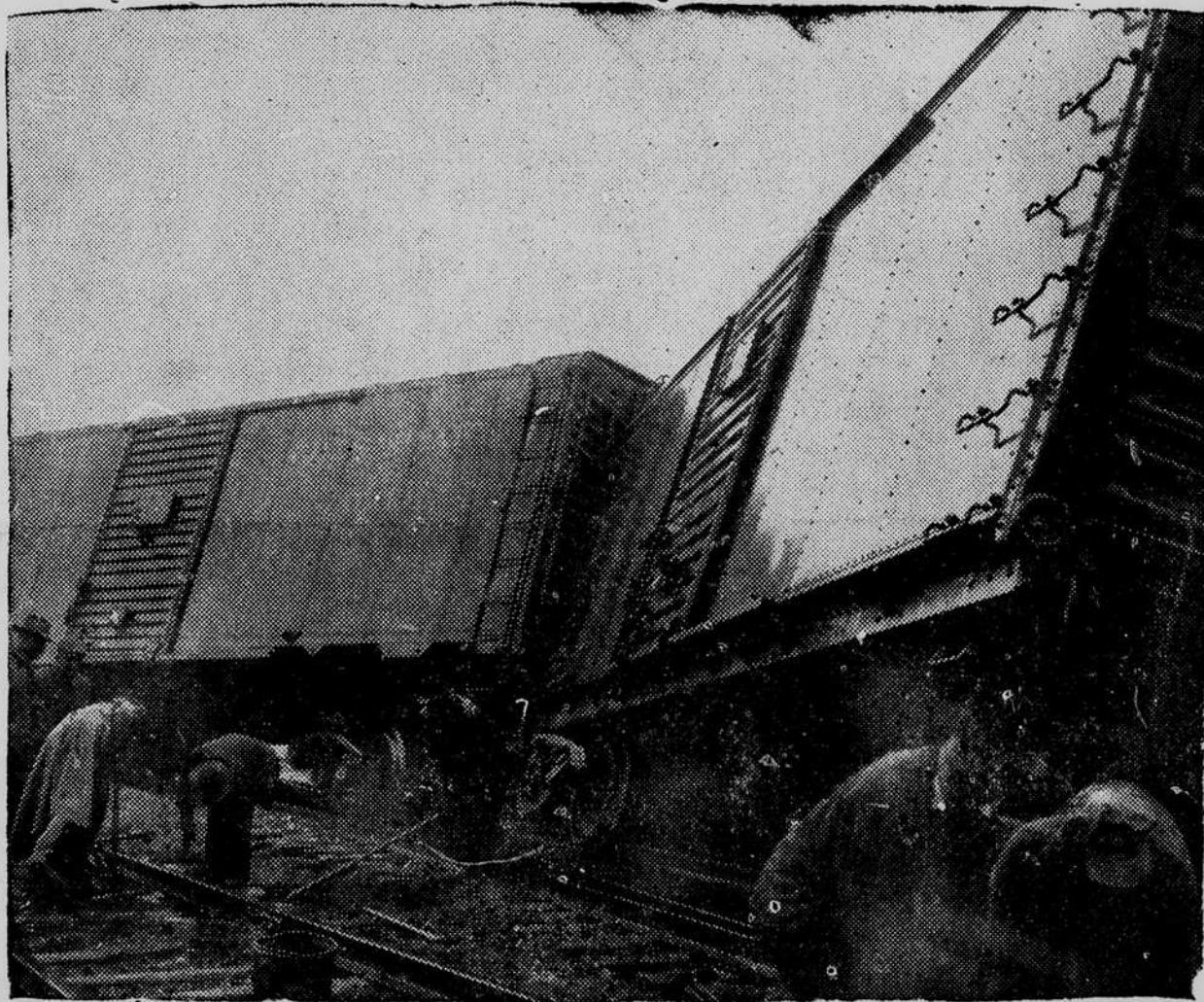
The membership goal for the year was set at 1,200. The Roll Cal exceeded that number by 216.

## Work On Jail

Cement bases for the wall of the new jail to be constructed in and adjoining the Municipal building have been poured and are ready for the brick work to start. Materials for the construction are being placed on the lot and work is expected to go ahead until the building is completed.

A triangular debate between the William R. Davie and the Aurelian Springs schools will be held at the Gaston High School Friday morning at 10 o'clock. Teams from Gaston and William R. Davie will meet at the same time at Aurelian Springs while the Gaston team will meet a team from Aurelian Springs at William R. Davie school.

## SEABOARD CARS PILE UP MONDAY



Above picture, snapped by a Herald photographer, shows two of the three box cars piled up on the Seaboard spur line near the old canal north of the city Monday morning. The cars seen here left the tracks in the foreground and came to a rest as pictured. The accident, in which no one was injured, happened as a result of a "cocked" switch, railroad officials say. Conductor Hamilton, Brakeman Johnson and a colored employee jumped from the cab to escape injury. Damage to the equipment was approximately one hundred and fifty dollars.

## ROANOKE MILLS CO. OFFICE



The above beautiful office building, erected entirely along old Williamsburg architectural lines, will be occupied by the general office force of the Roanoke Mills Company on Monday, April 7, F. C. Williams, vice-president and general manager of the Roanoke and Patterson Mills Companies, said tonight. Since the flood last August the office has been maintained in the offices of the No. 2 plant. The above building is located near the No. 2 plant on the southeast corner of Fifth and Jackson Streets. (NewsKuts by Brigman)

## PUBLIC OPINION DIVIDED

Will the Roanoke Resettlement Project—the 19,000 a re project into which the Federal Government has poured thousands of dollars in Halifax County a few miles west of the County seat—fail? Will that money have been spent in vain? Will those farms go back into the underbrush and those model homes decay for want of use?

Differences of opinion in regard to the stability of the project have been voiced by various people in the county this week. There are some who say that the project will fail and is failing at the present. Some of them base their statements on seemingly sound facts. Others contend that there is no real reason for alarm, that the project is progressing as well as could be expected of an enterprise that has yet to outgrow its growing pains.

A school teacher who has some of the children of the resettlement families in her classes says that she can see no signs pointing to a disintegration of the settlement. A county official says that the project was not founded on sound business principles; therefore it cannot survive. The price to be paid for the land is too high, the official contends; the soil is not sufficiently productive for profitable farming, he declares.

An article appearing in a state paper this week and written by John G. Thomas started the discussion about the possibility of the project's failing. To get at the facts a Herald representative succeeded in getting an interview with the Supervisor of the Project, L. L. McLendon of the Resettlement office in Halifax.

The results of the interview and the story by Mr. Thomas appear on page 7, section A of this issue of the paper.

## Graham Dean Critically Ill

Lt. Graham Dean, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Dean of Roanoke Rapids, is critically ill at Fort Knox, Kentucky, according to a telegram received here today by Rev. Gordon Price.

The telegram, sent by W. S. Dean who is with his son in Kentucky, stated that the stricken man was worse and that blood transfusions were being given. It also stated that physicians were planning to operate Friday, March 28.

The message ended by stating that Young Dean was critically ill. The young army lieutenant was stricken about two weeks ago. Mr. and Mrs. Dean learned of his illness only after they arrived in Fort Knox for a visit on Monday.