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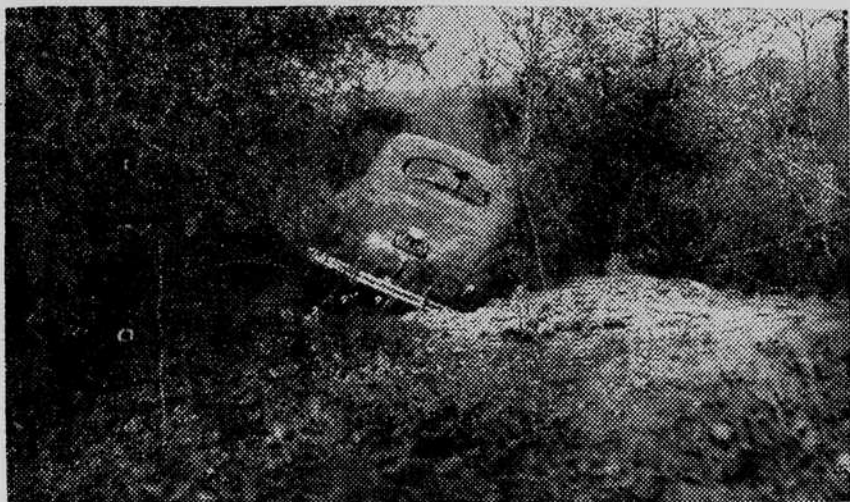
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"ROAD'S END"



Here is where the car driven by Walter Howell of the Belmont section of the city stalled about 4:30 Tuesday morning. A few feet beyond the car from the camera is a drop of approximately 75 feet, over which Howell is said to have stated that he intended to drive the new machine. (NewsKut by Brigman)

PLACE FIGURE AT \$20,490.00 FOR ARMORY LOSS

FACES TO THE RISING SUN



The camera caught a portion of the worshippers as they faced the rising sun at Simmons Park Sunday morning, singing one of the hymns on the program. Approximately 300 were present. It was held under the auspices of the churches of the city. (NewsKuts by Brigman)

PLAN TO REBUILD AT ONCE

Contract Let To L. Wheeden For Reconstruction

\$20,490 was the amount the Halifax County Commissioners and Citizens Realty Insurance Agency agreed upon this week as the extent of damages to the Roanoke Rapids Armory during the fire of April 1. Papers showing that both County Commissioners and insurance adjuster are in agreement on that amount have been signed.

A check for the amount is expected to reach here within a few days.

Meanwhile a contract for the reconstruction work has been let to Lee Wheeden and Company. He is expected to start the reconstruction work on the armory immediately.

A County Commissioner, who was instrumental in getting the armory for the city, said today that the building would be put back exactly like it was before the fire without its costing the taxpayers of Halifax County one penny.

The Commissioner said that the entire front would have to be torn down in order to get to some of the brick that the fire damaged. The four columns will have to be torn down and rebuilt. Three of the steel girders that supported the roof will have to be replaced.

The walls on each side of the drill floor down to the bottom of the upper windows will have to be dismantled and rebuilt. All the framing and flooring which had been put up and laid in the front part will be replaced.

The Commissioner said that Mr. Wheeden had stated that it would take from 90 days to four months to put the building back like it was before the fire.

The WPA laborers have been taken off the armory job and will not be employed on it any further until the private contractor has finished the reconstruction work. After the building has been rebuilt, the WPA labor is expected to take up the work from there and finish it.

Merchants To Meet Tuesday

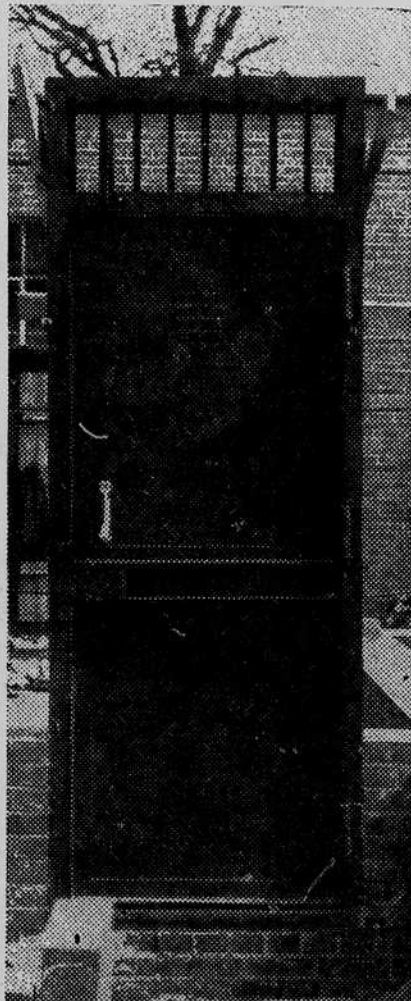
An important membership meeting of the Roanoke Rapids Merchants Association has been called for Tuesday, April 22, at 2:30 p.m. in the court room of the Municipal building. All members are urged to make plans now to attend.

Among the important matters to come before the group will be the discussion and probable formation of plans for special trading activities during the remainder of the spring season and during early summer. Mrs. Lillian Bell Thorne, secretary of the association, said today that it would be to the interest of every member of the organization to be present.

LEGGETT EXPANDS

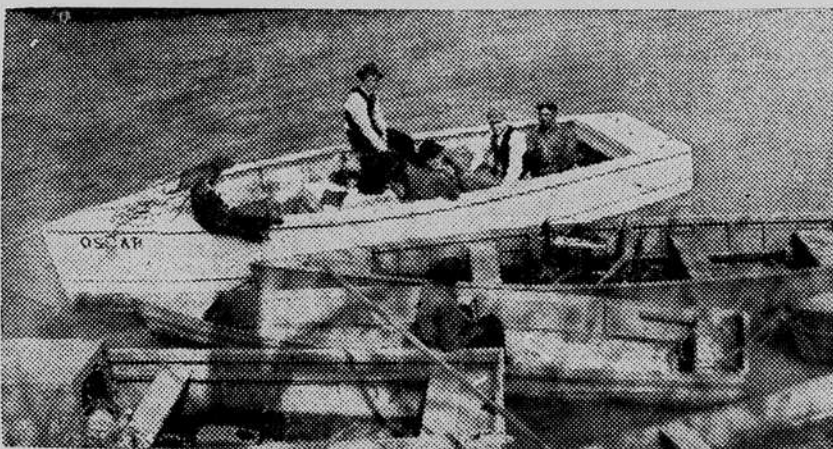
A \$25,000.00 expansion program is announced this week by Leggett's Department Store with actual construction work scheduled to get under way the first of the week. June 1st should see completion of the project. Final plans and blueprints for the addition to the store have been approved, and call for adding a second story to the building occupied by them on Roanoke Avenue and Eleventh Streets. (Continued on Page 12, Sec. A)

SOUND-PROOF



Above picture shows the door to the sound-proof cell under construction as a part of the new jail at the Municipal building. Due to its structural aspects, it had to be built into the jail walls.

GOING AFTER ROCK FISH



Above photo shows Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Traynham and Butler Brown preparing to venture out into the Roanoke River after rock fish below Weldon. Other boats used in catching the famous fish are seen in the foreground. It is from this point that most of the fishermen launch their boats to catch the fish that has become so widely known and around which is centered the Rock Fish Festival to be held in Weldon on April 27, 28, 29, 30.

RACE!

A race in the city election on May 6 became evident Tuesday when Kelly Jenkins filed his candidacy for mayor in opposition to W. Bernard Allsbrook, incumbent, who filed Monday.

The two incumbent commissioners have filed without opposition. R. I. Stark is unopposed in the South Ward while M. D. Collier is unopposed in the North Ward.

Mr. Allsbrook, serving at pre-

sent as mayor of Roanoke Rapids, has served in that capacity for one term of two years. He succeeded the other candidate for the office, Mr. Jenkins, in 1939.

Mr. Jenkins has served as mayor of the city for four terms, having been elected first mayor of Greater Roanoke Rapids after the incorporation of the two sections into one city in 1931. He served continuously until 1939.

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EASTER SYMBOL



Those participating in the Sunrise Services at Simmons Park Sunday morning stood near the white cross above. It faced the grandstand, which held several hundred worshippers.