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INDICT TAX "DODGERS"

LT. GOVERNOR CROWNS QUEEN



Above picture shows Lt. Governor R. L. Harris immediately after placing the Rock Fish Festival crown on the head of the Festival Queen, Miss Florence Ann Clark of Weldon. In the picture are also Miss Mamie Nash, runner up in the race for Queen, as "Miss America", and two attendants. The coronation ceremony preceded by a few minutes the opening of the spectacle pageant, "America On Parade," the feature of the Festival.

OFFICIALS EAT ROCK MUDDLE



In the above scene their Honors, Governor Broughton and Lt. Governor Harris prepare to eat Rock Fish Muddle last Monday afternoon at the Festival in Weldon. The Chief Executive faces the camera with food in one hand while he shakes hands with another Festival visitor. Mr. Harris has back to camera as he reaches for corn bread to go with his plate of muddle. Both officials relished the dish, it is reported.

Election Next Tuesday For Mayor Of City

Citizens of Roanoke Rapids will go to the polls next Tuesday, May 6, to determine who will be the Mayor of the city for the next two years. The present Mayor, W. Bernard Allsbrook, and a former Mayor, Kelly Jenkins, are the candidates for the office.

R. I. Starke in the South Ward and M. D. Collier in the North Ward are running unopposed for re-election for commissioners for a term of three years.

The election hours will come between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. on May 6.

Polling place in the North Ward will be at the corner of Second Street and Roanoke Avenue in the old Boston Chain Store. S. C. Cook will be registrar, with Henry Fitts and J. O. Brown judges.

Polling place in the South Ward will be at the Rosemary Graded School with A. M. Cameron registrar. J. A. Wood and W. G. Alligood will be the judges.

County Visitor



Above is a Herald photograph of Governor J. Melville Broughton, snapped as he addressed Northampton and Halifax County citizens gathered at the Rock Fish Festival last Monday in Weldon in honor of Governor's Day. The Governor, who had landed a nice Rock Fish a few minutes prior to the time this picture was made, told his audience that he is proud that his state is a state of festivals, stating that festivals are simply neighborly gatherings on a grand scale. While at the Festival, Governor Broughton fished, met many old acquaintances and made new ones, ate Rock Fish Muddle, appearing to enjoy his visit greatly. (NewsKuts by Brigman)

TO CLOSE HALF DAY 3 MONTHS

Roanoke Rapids' stores and some of the business firms will close their doors at 12 noon on each Wednesday during the months of June, July, and August, it was voted by a majority of the merchants attending a meeting in the Municipal building today.

The decision was reached today after the various merchants had expressed their opinions on the matter. A group had contended that the stores should be closed each Wednesday through four months—May, June, July and August. Another group had expressed a desire to stay closed on Wednesday afternoons from 1 o'clock throughout the afternoon during three months only.

A compromise was reached when a vote was taken to close for three months on Wednesday at 12 noon.

At a meeting of a few members of the Merchant's Association last week, it was decided to close on every Wednesday afternoon throughout four months. As there was rather a small representation of the merchants at the meeting last week, another meeting was called today, all the merchants, whether members of the Association or not, being asked to attend.

C. C. Shell, president of the Merchant's Association, acted as chairman of the meeting today.

Graham Dean Is Critically Ill After Relapse

Word was received here today that Lt. Graham Dean is critically ill in St. Joseph's Infirmary in Louisville, Ky., after having suffered a relapse from a recent illness. He underwent an operation today.

The young army officer, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Dean of this city, was out of the hospital only five days prior to his relapse. Mr. Dean left Sunday for Fort Knox, where Graham has been stationed for several months. Mrs. Dean has remained in Kentucky since the young man's earlier illness.

Rev. Gordon Price learned by long distance telephone at 10:30 tonight that two blood transfusions had been given to Lt. Dean and that he showed some improvement, the family being encouraged over the change in his condition.

SUMMON 1375 TO COURT

200 Tried; Other Cases Continued To June 2 Term

True bills of indictment were found by the Grand Jury against 1375 Halifax County citizens whose names were submitted to them at the last session of Superior Court for failure to list their property for taxation in 1940.

The Grand Jury finished with the huge list some time today, even as approximately 200 were appearing before the court to enter a plea of guilty and receive judgment from Judge John J. Burney, of Wilmington.

Court adjourned this afternoon, the cases against the approximately 1175 remaining citizens continued until the June 2 term of Superior Court.

Capiases were given the county officers to serve on those whose names were listed among those who failed to list. The persons indicted were given notice to appear without having to give bond. In case they failed to appear, alias capiases were issued and the persons were placed under a \$250 bond for appearance.

Those whose cases were disposed of yesterday and today received judgments similar to the following: prayer for judgment continued for one year upon condition defendant pay all back taxes due Halifax County and pay the cost to be taxed by the Clerk. Defendant given until June, 1941, term of Superior Court to pay such taxes and costs.

The costs in the cases amount to between \$15 and \$20 usually.

After the Grand Jury last fall was instructed to check the tax books against other records in order to determine the number of citizens in Halifax County who failed to list in 1940, scores of people who had for one reason or another failed to list rushed to the various tax offices in the county to get their property properly listed. In some cases, tax payers received letters from the county auditor's office urging them to list their taxes before the Grand Jury indicted them for failure to list.

However, many of those people who listed their taxes after the checking began were indicted along with those who refused to list even after the investigation showed that they had not listed.

In speaking of the procedure, A. E. Akers, local tax man, said today: "Many persons whose names were presented to the Grand Jury for late listing have called on me during the last two (Continued on Page 12, Sec. A)