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# GREEN QUILTS POST

## GIRL KILLED ; UNDERPASS CONSIDERED

### GIRL IS KILLED BY AUTO

### Two Men Are Held In Jail On Charges

The life of Blanche Walston, 11-year-old school girl, was snuffed out yesterday when she died of injuries received when hit by an automobile operated by a drunken driver, and it was the second tragedy striking the family of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Walston of Scotland Neck in two days.

Official word was received Tuesday by another daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walston, Mrs. Gertrude Walston House, that the Navy Department had abandoned hope for the life of her husband, who was serving as a gunner's mate on the U.S.S. Reuben James which was sent to the bottom of the ocean by a torpedo while on convoy duty off Iceland. Memorial services for the sailor, Hugh House, had been planned at Hobgood School tomorrow. (Continued on Page 12, Sec. A)

### MANAGER



ABOVE is H. E. Baker, who will manage the new J. C. Penney Store, scheduled to open in its new Roanoke Avenue home on next Thursday. Mr. Baker comes here from Parkersburg, West Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Baker and their two children make their home in the Patterson Apartments here. Complete details of the opening of the Penney store will be found on Page 2—Section B.

### CITY IS SEEKING PROJECT

### Underpass At Junction Considered

The city board of commissioners in regular session Tuesday afternoon took the first step to eliminate hazards at the Junction railroad crossing by authorizing Masslich and Mitchell, bond attorneys, to handle an election and issuance of bonds necessary to raise city funds for building an underpass at the crossing.

A special fund is maintained by the Federal government for the elimination of grade crossings, and the work is done by the State with cities and towns furnishing the right of way and damages.

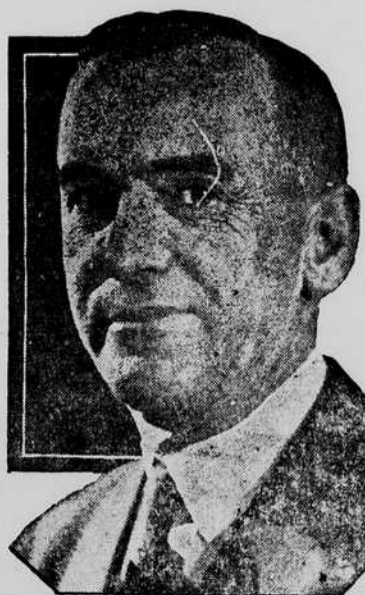
It has been estimated by Highway Department engineers, who made a survey, that the cost of furnishing a right-of-way and damages for an underpass at the Junction will not exceed \$16,000. Highway Commissioner Carroll L. Wilson of the First Division states that the project will cost approximately \$150,000, and the federal government will supplement the \$16,000 furnished by the city.

Elimination of the Junction crossing has been considered here for several years, and the project is not yet certain. The crossing is considered one of the most dangerous spots for motorists in this section, and since an underpass is considered necessary to remedy the situation the matter will be decided by Roanoke Rapids citizens in a special referendum on the issuance of \$16,000 worth of bonds.

No date for the referendum has been set, as the matter has just been authorized by the city board and put into the hands of the bond attorneys.

At the same time, it is believed, the citizens of Roanoke Rapids will also be asked to vote on the issuance of bonds totaling \$12,000 for the city cemetery project. The board of commissioners has approved the purchase of a number of acres from the T. Lee Whitaker estate for a cemetery, and funds must be raised for buying the land. (Continued on Page 12, Sec. A)

### SPEAKER



Will G. Naylor, former editor and publisher of New York State, for many years connected with newspaper syndicates, who will speak at the local Rotary Club meeting next Tuesday night, November 11.

### HALIFAX LAWYER RESIGNS

### Kelly Jenkins Succeeds Green As Attorney

After nearly 33 years as county attorney of Halifax County, George C. Green of Weldon tendered his resignation to the county board of commissioners in session at Halifax this week, and Mayor Kelly Jenkins of Roanoke Rapids was appointed to fill out Green's unexpired term of office.

Attorney Green took office the first Monday in December 1903, and served consecutively until resigning on Monday of this week. He told the commissioners that due to important litigation in which he appears as attorney in Wake County, and other personal business, he found it increasingly difficult to attend meetings of the county officials.

Green was appointed by the board for two years, and his term would have expired the first Monday in December 1942. Mayor Jenkins of this city, who is also city attorney of Roanoke Rapids, was chosen by the county board to complete the term.

### Prepaid Taxes

A check for \$62,745.38, representing 1941 prepaid taxes collected through the office of Register of Deeds M. H. Mitchell was turned over to the county, and the settlement was accepted by the county board.

Bonds of Tax Collector E. H. Smith and his deputy tax collectors were presented to the board, and approved, accepted and ordered recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds by the commissioners.

A deed in fee simple was ordered executed and delivered to Lucy Ann Brown, who offered Halifax County \$80 for a 41-acre tract of land in Roanoke Rapids Township of the R. J. Mayo estate.

### Act On School

The board acted on a request for additional rooms at the John Armstrong Chaloner Negro School here by approving a motion that if by January 1, 1942, the WPA is not in a position to begin erecting the addition to the school, then the county. (Continued on Page 12, Sec. A)

## First List Of Entries

Here's the first list of entries in The Herald's big prize subscription campaign.

The names are merely listed in alphabetical order this time but next week's issue will indicate the relative standing of participants, according to votes cast for publication up to 11 o'clock Wednesday night, November 12th.

Be among the leaders when the first standing appears in next week's issue.

Bunn, Mrs. G. B.	Roanoke Rapids
Clark, Mrs. Louis	Roanoke Rapids
Elmore, Mrs. Christine	Roanoke Rapids
Elting, Mrs. C. L.	Roanoke Rapids
Grant, Mrs. W. W., Jr.	R. 1, Garysburg
Fulghum, Mrs. Mildred	Roanoke Rapids
Faucette, Miss Allyne	R. 3, Littleton
Grant, Miss Florence	Garysburg
Johnson, Mrs. D. C.	Weldon
Landen, Mrs. Margaret	Halifax
Moody, Mrs. J. B.	R. 1, Garysburg
McCrary, Mrs. Bennie	Roanoke Rapids
Neal, Charles	Roanoke Rapids
Parker, Miss Mildred	R. 2, Garysburg
Peed, Mrs. Wm.	Roanoke Rapids
Price, Mrs. Robert	Gaston
Rhea, Miss Lone	R.F.D., Roanoke Rapids
Starke, Mrs. E. A.	Roanoke Rapids
Shearin, Miss Lizzie	Roanoke Rapids
Threewitts, Miss Blanche	Littleton
Wells, Mrs. J. C.	Roanoke Rapids
Wittierspoon, Mrs. Mattie	Roanoke Rapids