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THREE TO RUN FOR MAYOR

Syrian Shoots Self

COUNCILMEN ARE WITHOUT OPPOSITION

NICK ELIAS FIRES SHOT NOON TODAY

Good Chance To Live Unless Complications Set In, Doctors Say

Nicholas Elias, 69-year old Syrian resident of the city, fired a pistol shot into his temple shortly before noon today at his residence in the 1800-block, Roanoke Avenue. He was taken to Roanoke Rapids Hospital by a W. C. Williams ambulance, where his condition was reported to be critical at 3 p. m.

Elias had been in ill health for several years, it is said, and the shooting is attributed to that fact. Unmarried, he lived in a small house, a portion of which he rents to tenants near Roanoke Junction.

He had been a resident of Roanoke Rapids for some 20 years, coming to America from his native Syria some 35 years ago. His closest of kin is George Shaker and his three sisters, second cousins of Elias, who live in Boston, Mass.

JOHNSON IS EXONERATED AUTO DEATH

Absolved Of Blame In Accident Resulting In Death Of Dick Weaver

A coroner's jury exonerated Raymond Johnson, city youth, of all blame in an automobile accident resulting in the death of Dick Weaver, city textile worker, who died at Roanoke Rapids Hospital on Tuesday, March 16th, after having been run over by a car on Roanoke Avenue driven by Johnson the previous Saturday night.

The coroner's jury ruled that "Weaver came to his death as the result of an unavoidable accident." F. N. Rowe, county coroner, presided at the inquest which was originally scheduled for Friday, March 19th, then postponed until Friday, April 2nd, and which was finally held at the courtroom of the municipal building last Saturday afternoon.

A number of witnesses were heard at Saturday's inquest. Carl Green, city policeman, testified (Continued On Page 8—Sec. A)

Rationing Office To Close Friday

The city office of the rationing board, in the Armory, will be closed all day Friday, according to announcement made the first of the week by H. B. Speight, chairman. Speight and the entire personnel of the local office will spend the day attending an important meeting of the Wilson Rationing Board. Their visiting the Wilson office should result in giving more efficient service at the local office, Speight explained.

BOND SALE IN CITY OFF TO GOOD START

Confident Of Topping \$695,600 County Goal; Large Sales Reported

Leaders and workers in the Halifax County organization to put the second War Loan over the top are busily engaged in Campaign efforts which Fletcher H. Gregory, chairman for Halifax County, feels confident will result in sales over the \$695,600 quota assigned the county in the national goal of \$13,000,000,000.

Mr. Gregory announced completion of the campaign organization the first of the week, and pointed out that most of the personnel already were busily engaged in the campaign. "Already rapid progress is being made to bring Halifax County in line with the national campaign, which opened on Monday," Mr. Gregory said. "We've really got one big job to do this month, but interest is at a high pitch and I feel confident that when the campaign closes we will have caught up with the rest of the nation, and that both Roanoke Rapids and the county will be well over their \$695,600 goal."

W. L. Manning, president of Rosemary Manufacturing Co., is in charge of sales for Roanoke Rapids, being assisted by J. L. Sulter, H. E. Lee and Wm. Alfred Thorne, local bankers. Although actual figures as to the amount of bonds sold locally to date could not be secured, a detailed report from the entire county will be made next week by Mr. Gregory. It is thought that both the city and county quota will be reached — perhaps exceeded, with a lot of hard work on the part of those sponsoring the sale of bonds for the second war loan.

LOCAL UNIT PROGRAM TO SAVE FOOD

Plans to reach every family in the Roanoke Rapids area with up-to-date information on the preservation of food were made at a meeting of the Citizens Service Corps of Civilian Defense held at the Municipal Bldg. yesterday afternoon.

Chairman G. A. Berkstresser presided and explained the plan as outlined by State Director R. L. McMillan of the Office of Civilian Defense. The training program for section and block leaders was explained by Miss Virginia Blount and Miss Amanda Tillman. Demonstrations will be given in canning, dehydrating, salting and brining and proper storage of home food. Section leaders will be trained by State demonstrators who plan to be here the third week in May and will be assisted by Misses Blount and Tillman, Mrs. Hazel Wheeler and other home demonstration experts.

Mrs. W. A. Thorne, nutrition chairman of the local Defense Council, announced the following section leaders for this area: Mrs. Dora Hawkins, Mrs. Charlie Cooke, Mrs. Whitby, Mrs. J. T. Thomason, Mrs. Loftin Moody, Mrs. J. Taylor, Mrs. Ross Edwards, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Nathan Frank, Miss Vella Nelson, Mrs. Tommy Jenkins, Mrs. Claud Cannon, Mrs. Jim Taylor, Mrs. L. A. Tilley, Mrs. E. W. Elmore, Mrs. Gordon Price, Mrs. M. M. Moore, Mrs. E. D. Harbour, and Mrs. W. E. Murphrey.

Short talks on the food conservation program were also made by Mrs. Hazel Wheeler, F. C. Williams, W. L. Manning, A. Meikle and Father Denges. About fifty members of the local Defense Council attended.

ELECTION AT HALIFAX SET FOR MAY 4th

The town of Halifax will hold its regular town election on Tuesday, May 4th, to elect a mayor and five town commissioners.

G. A. Hux, Jr., is the present mayor, while C. H. Boykin, A. W. Gregory, W. T. Stephenson, C. E. Shaw and R. L. Dickens, are commissioners. Thus far, no one has filed to run against the present mayor and commissioners.

Killed Overseas



Roland Moore, former city youth, serving with the Marine Corps overseas, was recently reported drowned while on maneuvers "some place overseas." Complete details including a letter to his father from Col. James Roosevelt, son of the President, will be found on Page 1 — Section B, this issue.

CHURCHES OF CITY UNITE FOR EASTER

Annual Community Sunrise Services Will Be Held At Ball Park

The annual Community Easter Sunrise Services will be held at Simmons Park on Easter Sunday morning, April 25th, starting at 6:15 o'clock (E. W. T.) according to announcement made today by a speaker for the city ministerial association.

All churches in the city and vicinity will participate, and an appropriate service is being planned, complete details of which will be announced next week. Local ministers and laymen are working out final details for the program, which is one of the outstanding events in religious activities in the community.

The public, regardless of their religious affiliation, is invited and urged to attend the Easter Sunrise Service in the city.

More than 500 attended last year's Sunrise Services, and an even larger attendance is expected this year. Inaugurated several years ago, the Easter Sunrise Service is sponsored by the Roanoke Rapids Ministerial Association.

Mayor Kelly Jenkins Will Be Opposed By Welch And Thompson

Three men tossed their hats into the ring as candidates for mayor before filing time for city offices closed Tuesday. Kelly Jenkins, now serving his fifth term as mayor of the city announced for re-election. He will be opposed by S. M. Thompson and Jeff F. Welch.

A. N. Martin, councilman from the South ward, and W. P. Taylor, the North ward city commissioner, announced for re-election. They will be unopposed.

Registration books for the registration of new voters who have not previously voted in the city but who are entitled to vote, will be open until Saturday of this week. The books will be at the regular polling places until 9 p. m. Saturday. The following Saturday April 24th, will be "challenge day."

The election will be held Tuesday, May 4th, from 6:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m. The Rosemary Graded School Building will be the polling place for the South ward, while North ward voters will cast their ballots at 200 Roanoke Avenue.

Mayor Kelly Jenkins, incumbent, was first elected Mayor of the city in 1931, and with the exception of one two-year term has held office continuously. He was born in Scotland Neck. His family moved to Roanoke Rapids in 1910, where he completed his elementary schooling, to enter the University of North Carolina, following which he was admitted to the bar in 1922. He has practiced law in the city since that time and now serves as county attorney.

Jeff F. Welch came to Roanoke Rapids in 1913, as overseer of the spinning department of Roanoke Mills Co. He left their employ in 1931, and served for a time on the city police force. On January 1st, 1934, he was appointed deputy collector, serving 38 Eastern North Carolina Counties, for the Internal Revenue Department of the federal government, a post he held until 1941. A native of Gaston County, he is a home owner and has eight children.

S. M. Thompson is a native of Halifax County, being born at Thelma. He came to Roanoke Rapids in 1910, where he entered the mercantile business. He has been connected with the ice and fuel, real estate and general contracting businesses here, and served as magistrate from 1913 to 1915. Mr. Thompson is a property owner, and his two sons are in business in the city.

The successful candidate will start the new mayor's term June 7th, and will serve for a two-year period.