

Vepco Seeks Permit For \$18,000,000 Dam Near Here

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Building Permits Near Three Million Dollar Mark For First Eight Months Of This Year

August Permits Show Decrease In Residences

Signs of a boom in residence and business construction in Roanoke Rapids for the year showed no signs of abating during the months of July and August...

Total building permits issued prior to September 1 of this year amount to \$2,911,260 of which residence building accounted for \$259,350 and commercial and other construction amounted to \$2,651,910.

The eight-month total for 1948 showed that this year has seen over five times as much construction according to permits issued as was done in 1947...

With four months remaining in the present year it is expected that the city will go well over the three-million mark by the year's end...

During July of this year permits totaling \$40,900 were issued for residence building, with \$60,850 listed for other construction. In August residence building permits slipped drastically to only \$2,050 and other permits totaled \$21,500.

Residence permits issued during July were the following: J. E. McGee, residence on Monroe street, \$25,000; Mrs. Florence Jenkins, addition to a home on Jefferson street, \$500; E. D. Williams, residence on Cedar street, \$7,000; G. S. Wood, residence on Cedar street, \$8,000; W. L. Moody, repairs to residence on Jefferson street, \$400. Other permits included the following during July: Roanoke Mills Company, dye house on Jackson street, \$60,000; T. B. Glover, stable at 105 Jackson street, \$850; C. W. Hawthorne, shop on Henson street, \$200.

The following residence building permits were issued by the city during August: Mrs. Alfred Moore, residence on Birdsong street, \$1,500; J. B. Batton, servants' quarters at 726 Monroe street, \$550. August permits for other buildings were the following: A. P. Dickens, garage on Tenth street, \$15,000; Douglas E. Keeter, garage at 810 Roanoke avenue, \$500; Sam T. Brown, store building at Eleventh and Hamilton streets, \$8,000.

Pig Is Born With Elephant Like Snout A "what is it" put in an appearance on the farm of Willie Doughton, Negro, of route one Roanoke Rapids last Saturday morning...

The young pig at birth had a long nose resembling the trunk of an elephant, though apparently the long snout was not very practical since the unique animal died about ten minutes after birth.

The other pig in the litter was perfectly normal and at last report was apparently thriving in spite of the fate of his elephant-like brother.

A Grad After 44 Years TAHLEUAH, Okla. (U.P.)—Dora Early Tucker, Claremore, will receive a bachelor's degree from Northeastern State College here this summer. It is 44 years since she first enrolled in the institution when it was the Cherokee Female Seminary.



C. S. Thompson of Roanoke Rapids was elected to the board of directors of the North Carolina Concrete Masonry Association at the annual meeting held last week at the Ocean Terrace Hotel in Wrightsville Beach.

Jaycees Sponsor Showing Of Hell Drivers Sunday At Chockoyotte Grounds

The Hell Drivers, well-known band of automobile daredevils, will present their two-hour show of death-defying stunts at the Chockoyotte Fair Grounds here at 2:00 p. m. next Sunday under the sponsorship of the Roanoke Rapids Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Johnny Hand, who recently rejoined the act after injuries received in Knoxville, Tennessee, when an accelerator jammed on a high jump, will head the six-man troupe. In addition to the male members of the act, Miss Betty Dean, one of the few women stunt drivers in the country, will be featured.

Boger Resigns As Pastor Of Church Of God

The Rev. Floyd A. Boger, pastor of the Church of God here, has resigned to accept the pastorate of the Church of God in Fayetteville and to be District Overseer of the Fayetteville District.

Family Likes Jail, Sheriff Says No

POMEROY, O.—Sheriff Ralph Welker refused to let Mr. and Mrs. John Bowen and their son, Bob, stay in jail. He insisted they leave when they had served out a fine of \$10 and costs for intoxication.

Jim Meyer Is Most Valuable

Jim Meyer, whose hefty bat and timely fielding have provided much of the power of the Roanoke Rapids Jays during the 1948 baseball season, was voted as the "Most Valuable Player" in the Jays squad in a poll conducted by the Tar Heel Sports Shop.

Lions Still Seeking Talent For Festival September 23

Roanoke Rapids Lions Club members this week reported that so far there have been a number of entries received from surrounding territory for the Lions Club's Festival here on Thursday, September 23, but said they still want talent from Roanoke Rapids itself.

The emphasized that they are looking for local talent of any sort of their Festival, and said that anyone may enter the talent show, whether they include instrumentalists, singers, hog-callers, dancers, impersonators or anything else that is of entertainment value.

Catfish Get Drinks On Uncle Samuel

ST. LOUIS (U.P.)—The government played host to Old Man River and the Mississippi catfish here when federal customs agents spiked the muddy water with rum.

Between 9,000 and 10,000 gallons of rum were poured into the river. It was shipped here from the Virginia Islands during the war but went unclaimed because of the heavy import tax.

Beer And Wine Voted Out In Northampton By Three To One

Table with columns: PRECINCT, BEER (For, Against), WINE (For, Against), and TOTALS. Shows results for Northampton County beer and wine election.

Jackson.—Dry forces in Northampton County won a smashing one-sided victory in a beer-wine sale election conducted last Wednesday throughout the county, as some 3,300 voters turned out to vote almost three to one to outlaw the sale of both beer and wine in the county.

Warren Tobacco Market Opening Day Prices Top Those In Middle Belt

WARRENTON.—Sales on the Warrenton market Thursday for the opening of the Middle Belt tobacco markets led the entire belt with an average of \$58.87 per hundred for 149,660 pounds of tobacco sold.

Edgar R. Wood, sales supervisor on the Warrenton market, released the opening day figures, saying that the total sales were \$88,110.69 for Thursday. Opening day this year averaged \$10.53 more than the 1947 opening at which 233,468 pounds were sold for an average of \$48.34.

Negro Mother And Children Burn To Death

Warrenton.—Fire that destroyed a tenant house on a tobacco farm near here Thursday night claimed the lives of a Negro mother and two children.

Rebecca Davis and a six-year-old daughter, whose name was not available, died in the flames. A stepchild, Rebecca Rose, who jumped from the house, died about midnight in Parkview Hospital at Rocky Mount.

Funeral services for the victims were held Sunday afternoon at Greenwood Church, near here.

Parking Meters Gross \$1,023 During August

Total "take" from the Roanoke Rapids parking meters during the month of August was \$1,023.29, according to figures released this week by City Clerk Mrs. Dorothy Shearin.

The August total was just about average for the summer months, Mrs. Shearin explained, saying that summertime receipts are expected to fall below those later in the year when business hours are open six days a week instead of observing Wednesday afternoon closings.

The meters, which have been in operation since March, have proved to be quite satisfactory as a solution of the parking problem in the business districts in town.

GOP Senatorial Candidate Will Speak To Lions

John A. Wilkinson of Washington, N. C., Republican candidate for the U. S. Senate in the November general election, will be a guest speaker at the meeting of the Roanoke Rapids Lions Club here next Tuesday evening, September 14, at 6:30.

Announcement of Wilkinson's visit to Roanoke Rapids was made this week by Otis Reynolds, local attorney and chairman of the Halifax County Republican executive committee.

Reynolds said Wilkinson will make a speech of a "non-political nature" on the history of Civil Rights at the Lions Club meeting, following which he will make a paid political broadcast from radio station WCBT at nine o'clock the same evening.

Former Local Boy Is Now In Boy's Town

Boys Town, Nebraska.—One of the newest residents of Father Flanagan's Boys' Home here is Roland Hubert Sutton, Jr., a former resident of Roanoke Rapids, N. C.

His trip to the famous Boys Town was made possible by the Roanoke Rapids Community Chest fund and the efforts of some of his friends.

In spite of the many applications for admission from boys from all parts of the country, Hubert was chosen to enter the boys' home by the superintendent, Father Edmund C. Walsh, because of outstanding traits of personality.

State Beer Tax Totals \$553,108 During August

Raleigh.—Beer taxes collected by the State during August totaled \$553,108, the State Department of Revenue reported today.

Construction Would Begin During 1949

Richmond.—President J. G. Holtzclaw of the Virginia Electric and Power Company announced last Friday that his firm will make application to the Federal Power Commission for authority to build an \$18 million dam and hydroelectric plant on the Roanoke River about one and one-half miles upstream from Roanoke Rapids.

Such a dam as the one proposed by the company would increase the power company's generating output by approximately 60 per cent. It would form a reservoir covering about eight square miles and would turn out about 65,000 kilowatts an hour.

Most of the land which would be flooded by the dam is already owned by the company. If such a project is authorized, Holtzclaw said construction of the dam will get underway.

In a statement to The HERALD Tuesday morning of this week, J. G. Holtzclaw, president of the Virginia Electric and Power Company, said the company hopes to file its application for the proposed \$18,000,000 dam with the Federal Power Commission within "the next couple of weeks."

He said the company has already retained the services of Charles T. Main, Inc., and Stone and Webster Engineering Corporation, both Boston firms, whom Holtzclaw characterized as some of the best hydraulic engineering firms in the country.

The VEPCO president predicted approval of the request, however he said it may be "several months" before the power company knows whether or not the construction of the huge power dam on the Roanoke River near Roanoke Rapids will be authorized for construction.

early in 1949 and would be completed by 1952. The dam proposed in the request will be 2,840 feet long with a gate-controlled spillway to pass flood waters. The proposed power station would include a 15,500-horsepower turbines for part-time use. They would be connected through transformers to a power substation on the south bank of the river.

Holtzclaw said the 4,000-acre reservoir would be available for fishing and boating and might be developed as a recreational area.

The site of the proposed dam is about 4 1/2 miles below the Buggs Island dam project now under construction by Army engineers.

Eric W. Rodgers, secretary of the Roanoke River Flood Control committee and the Roanoke River Basin Association said that if the VEPCO dam is approved by the Power Commission it will work in conjunction with the Buggs Island dam, adding that the power company's dam would be in a position to take advantage of the steady flow of water from the Buggs Island dam.

In Roanoke Rapids, the city nearest to the proposed dam, there was generally expressed hope that the Federal Power Commission would approve the VEPCO request. People said that the construction of the dam and the availability of so much hydro-electric power in the area should prove an incentive for the development of more industry in the Roanoke Rapids area.

If the project is approved and construction contracts are let, the base of operations for construction work will probably be in Roanoke Rapids.

Money Counter Installed For City Offices

Something new has been added at the Municipal Building, and for the employees who have to handle all that filthy old money it is a welcome addition.

Actually the new addition to the City Clerk's office is a machine that counts money—or at least it counts the pennies and nickles that people pay for the privilege of parking. Other coins are also counted on the new coin counter which was installed last Friday, and it is estimated that the use of the machine will save hours of tedious toil for the employees in that office and the Tax Collector's office.

A product of the Abbot Coin Counter Co., the new machine is similar to that used in banks and in large corporations where much coin-handling is involved. The machine automatically bags coins in prearranged stacks in desired amounts with a flip of the switch.

Mrs. Dorothy Shearin, City Clerk, said she looks forward to flipping the switch instead of counting pennies by hand any more.

No Rest After All STEPHENVILLE, Tex. (U.P.)—F. A. Ray feared his retirement might make him go stale for windows, doors and patios. Demand has resulted in production going beyond the avocation stage and nearing vocation proportions. Ray is thinking of expanding his hobby into a 25-employee firm.

Smile, Bless You BOSTON (U. P.) This sign was noted in front of a downtown church: "Look Pleasant, Please. The World's Looking at You."

His Home Vanishes TACOMA, Wash. (U. P.)—Harry Pitcher spent a year in a local hospital. When he returned home, there wasn't any home. Pitcher told officers that down the house for the lumber or simply carted the small stuff off. "There wasn't a trace of it," he said.

disputed and bitterly fought between the wet and dry forces in Northampton County, however the action indicated a trend among the North Carolina counties in voting out beer and wine sales, Northampton County being the 18th county in the state to outlaw the sales in special elections already held this year.