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Four Men Take Unusual Liberties

Wednesday afternoon two lawyers and a newspaper editor of this county entered the NEWS office in the absence of the editor, B. F. Turner, and subjected the stenographer, Miss Janet Rawlings to a three-man inquisition concerning an editorial ray in this paper last week.

These men, Scott Benton of the law firm of Allsbrook and Benton, of Roanoke Rapids, A. W. Oakes, Weldon attorney and Carroll Wilson, editor of the Roanoke Rapids Herald, showing the young lady no consideration for her lack of experience in dealing with such a trying situation as is usually experienced in court witness chairs, plied her with numerous questions about the editorial and the editor.

They asked Miss Rawlings how many editorials the editor, B. F. Turner had written during his editorship of the Roanoke News, if he wrote the editorial appearing in the issue of the Roanoke News for May 7th, and if he had not made the statement that he received help in writing part of the editorial. These are questions personal to the editor of the NEWS and the editor resents such efforts to acquire information in this way just as he would resent the fact that an outsider came to his office during his absence and ransacked his files. Such conduct is inexcusable.

Two of the above named men, Carroll Wilson and A. W. Oakes, accompanied by a man unknown to the editor, confronted the editor of the NEWS in Halifax Printing Co., plant in Roanoke Rapids, where he spends some of his spare time working. Here they continued their inquisition.

It is strange why Roanoke Rapids men have evidenced such an interest in the Roanoke News of late. Garland E. Midyette, associated with the law firm of Allsbrook and Benton, Roanoke Rapids, recently approached the editor of the Roanoke News to inquire if the NEWS was for sale, for he had a cash purchaser for it.

(Editor's note: To the many people who have expressed their favorable opinion of the editorial in last week's paper concerning Lynch and politics, I say "thank you," and in spite of anything or anybody, I will try to give you my honest, unbiased opinion and facts all of the time.)

CANDIDATE



W. BERNARD ALLSBROOK

Mr. Allsbrook was born in Scotland Neck, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Allsbrook, has lived in Halifax County all of his life. He was educated in the Scotland Neck Public Schools, Oak Ridge Institute and Wake Forest College, graduating from Wake Forest College in the spring of 1929. Since October 1932 he has practiced law in Roanoke Rapids, being junior partner in the law firm of Zollicoffer & Allsbrook. He has always been active in the civic and religious life of Roanoke Rapids. Mr. Allsbrook opposes Wade H. Dickens, of Scotland Neck, for Solicitor of Recorder's Court.

Recorder's Court Tries Many Tues.

There were twelve cases disposed of in Recorder's Court Tuesday.

W. E. Harris, assault on child, continued to May 19, 1936.

Lee Daniel and Lamer Rock, affray, continued.

Lamar Lynch and Whitley Lynch, trespass, plead not guilty as to each. Verdict not guilty as to each.

William Brudlowe, driving while drunk, defendant called and failed. Judgment nisi sci fa capias and continued.

R. L. Stevens, driving car without license, continued.

Ella Mae Lyles, disorderly conduct, continued.

L. S. Strickland, assault, found guilty, prayer for judgment, continued on condition the defendant remains of good behavior for two years.

L. S. Strickland, driving while drunk, guilty, fined \$50.00 and costs. License to drive motor vehicle revoked for 12 months.

Walter Collins and John Colliers, liquor, plead not guilty. Verdict not guilty as to each.

Casper House, drunk and disorderly, plead guilty, given 3 months in jail to be assigned to do work under the direction of State Highway and Public Works Commission. Execution of the foregoing sentence to be suspended on payment of cost and on condition he remains of good behavior for two years.

George F. Price, driving while drunk, continued.

Robert Johnson, forcible trespass given 10 months in jail to be assigned to do work under the direction of State Highway and Public Works Com. Notice of appeal to Superior Court given in open court. Further notice waived. Appraisal bond fixed at \$300.00.

New Shop to Feature Popular Line Dresses

Formal opening of the Peggy Ann Shop will be made this morning (Friday) at 1014 Roanoke avenue, Roanoke Rapids, and Northampton people are invited to the store to see the complete line of popular priced frocks, millinery and accessories which the store will carry. The store has recently been remodeled and renovated and is in the same building with the Glad Home florist shop. A Schwartz is the manager. The decorations of orchid, purple and gold make this newest dress shop one of the most attractive in Roanoke Rapids.

Production Credit Association Shows A Marked Increase

Over Two Hundred Thousand Dollars Loaned To Farmers

Loans made by the Weldon Production Credit Association during the first quarter of the year show an increase over last year, according to L. J. Jenkins, secretary-treasurer of the association, which serves this county.

Over \$242,371.00 went to farmers in cash loans during the first three months of the year, compared to \$214,414.00 in the same period in 1935. Mr. Jenkins said, "Authorized to serve farmers in Halifax and Northampton counties, the Association made 568 loans during the first quarter for an average amount of \$420 per loan.

Farmers used the loans primarily to purchase seed, fertilizer, and farm supplies, Secretary Jenkins, stated.

"With a good outlook in farm conditions and production money available at reasonable rates, many farmers in this section are starting to finance their operations on a cash basis," he continued.

"Storekeepers and supply merchants are selling to more farmers for cash this spring than for a number of years. With continued improvement in farm conditions, a large number of store accounts will probably be transferred to cash accounts due to the financing of production credit associations, banks, and other lenders equipped to handle farmers' short-term credit needs on a business basis at a reasonable cost."

Confederate Men Honored Sunday

Memorial Day Services Held Here Last Sunday

The Junius Daniel Chapter, U. D. C. together with the Eva Davis chapter C. of C. attended services in observance of Memorial Day on Sunday afternoon, May 10th in the Baptist Church.

The devotional was given by the Rev. D. P. Moore, Rector of Grace Episcopal Church and the address by Rev. R. S. Fountain of the Baptist Church.

Mr. Fountain told of the bravery of the men of ancient days leading up to the War Between the States, mentioning the fact that history has never recorded the equal of the bravery exhibited in our Southland, when after simply being whipped, due to scarcity of men and rations, the South put her shoulder to the plow and rebuilt a new nation.

The lovely music was furnished by the Baptist choir and the exercises closed with a prayer by Rev. J. O. Long of the M. E. Church.

After the exercises a committee went to the cemetery where Confederate flags and flowers were placed upon the graves of the men in gray who sleep there.

Judge Unhurt When Automobile Overturns

Recorder Judge C. R. Daniel had a narrow escape Wednesday afternoon when his car overturned on the Enfield-Rocky Mount highway.

Judge Daniel was driving along the highway about 4:30 p. m. when a tire blew out and the car overturned. He did not suffer any injuries, being however badly shaken up and bruised. The car was damaged considerably.

Party At Seaboard For School Beginners

Seaboard, May 14.—In connection with the pre-school clinic at Seaboard the Parent-Teacher Association and the first grade class gave a party at which a program consisting of songs, games and stories was rendered by the grade. Dixie cups were served with napkins made by the grade and nasturtiums grown by the first grade served as table decorations. May booklets and windmills made by the children of the first grade were given the beginners as favors.

41 Candidates In Race For Offices As Filing Time Ends

List One Of Largest In History Of Halifax County

When time for filing ended Saturday at 6 p. m., one of the largest lists in the history of the county was on record. Forty-one candidates are seeking office subject to the primary, June 6th.

The entire list of candidates is as follows:

Senate: Julian R. Allsbrook, of Roanoke Rapids; Dr. T. W. M. Long, Roanoke Rapids.

House of Representatives: L. W. Leggett, Hobgood; A. M. Atkinson, Enfield; F. M. Taylor, Brinkleyville; Tracy C. Qualls, Hollister; Perry C. Millikin, Halifax; John H. Fenner, Halifax; A. W. Cakes, Jr., Weldon; Edward T. Harrell, Roanoke Rapids.

Sheriff: Joe Riddick, Scotland Neck; Harry House, Thelma; S. M. Thompson, Roanoke Rapids; S. C. Crawley, Littleton, R. F. D.; J. L. Bass, Enfield; Clyde H. Madry, Enfield.

Judge Recorder Court: Charles R. Daniel, Weldon; Cr. W. A. Carter, Weldon; T. Emmett Marshall, Enfield.

Solicitor Recorder Court: Wade H. Dickens, Scotland Neck; Bernard Allsbrook, Roanoke Rapids.

Coroner: T. M. Cooper, Enfield; Sam Young, Roanoke Rapids; J. B. Zollicoffer, Weldon.

Commissioners: N. W. Warren, Littleton; J. W. Whitaker, Enfield; W. J. C. Hiler, Littleton, R. F. D.; M. W. Perry, Halifax; J. R. Wrenn, Roanoke Rapids; Robt. H. Arrington, Hollister; W. A. (Buck) Kitchin, Scotland Neck; F. Ray White, Enfield; R. I. Starks, Roanoke Rapids.

Sanitary District, Roanoke Rapids: R. E. Cleaton, Jr., Hugh C. Camp, Wm. S. Dearn, W. E. Murphy, M. H. Hedgepeth. (Vote for three).

The following have no opposition: Henry T. Clark for County Board of Education; C. M. Dickens for Justice of the Peace in Fawcett Township, and Meade H. Mitchell of Weldon, for Register of Deeds.

State Alumni Has Meeting On Mon.

Col. J. W. Harrelson, Of Raleigh, Is Guest Speaker

The State College Alumni Association met on Monday evening, May 11 at the Coca-Cola plant. A rock muddle was served to those present after which the following made short talks: Col. John W. Harrelson, J. L. Vangliah, newly elected business manager for athletes; Pelk Denmark, alumni secretary; and Sherry Lawrence, assistant coach who represented Hunk Anderson.

During the evening officers were elected for the coming year, D. W. Seifert, president; B. B. Everett, first vice-president; second vice-president, Nat Pearson; and Fletcher Dickens, secretary.

The next alumni association meeting will be held in Enfield with Mr. Nat Pearson at which time a barbecue supper will be served.

Several Winners In Poster Contest

The American Legion Auxiliary put on a poster contest last week in the local school in connection with Poppy Day.

The contest embraced the grades from the fourth through the high school. There were fifty entrants all of them splendid.

The following were winners: Fourth Grade, Margaret Frueler; fifth grade, Cullen Mitchell; sixth grade, Mary Pierce Johnson; seventh grade, Frances Moore; high school, Luther Draper, Jr.

ATTEND B. & L. MEETING

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Draper, Miss Nettie Cuthrell, Messrs W. L. Knight and W. T. Shaw attended the North Carolina Building and Loan Convention in Rocky Mount last Thursday.

Enfield Woman Is First Prize Winner In Garden Contest

Mrs. T. S. Pettitt Wins State Award For Best Garden

Mrs. T. S. Pettitt, of Enfield, was winner of one of the first prizes in the State fall and winter garden contest. The other first prize went to the Cumberland County council of home demonstration clubs.

Mrs. Pettitt was the highest scoring individual in the State. She was given a cash prize of \$20 for first place winner in the state and a cash prize of \$5 for first prize in Halifax county.

Second prize in the county went to Mrs. H. S. Butts, Scotland Neck. She received \$25.00.

Ninety-five women in the State submitted completed records and stories. Twenty-six counties entered the contest.

Two Large Rock Caught Same Day

To Present 40 Pounder To President F. D. Roosevelt

A fishing party composed of Earle Mullis, Clyde Etheridge of Weldon and Mr. Shyrles of Washington, D. C., while fishing with a net in Roanoke river early Monday morning, landed a forty pound rock fish. It required the efforts of all three men to land the fish. Shyrles had the fish packed in ice and expects to present it to President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

On the same day a sixty pound rock was caught on a slide in the river here. Also a number of large fish have been caught here several years ago this seems to be the record for this year.

Weldon Lady Dies Tuesday Morning

Mrs. Virginia Holdford, 71 Years Of Age Passes Away

Mrs. Virginia Holdford, 71, died at her home here Tuesday morning, May 12, following a sudden heart attack. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon, May 13, from the Baptist church. Rev. R. S. Fountain, pastor of the Baptist church officiated, assisted by Dr. Willis R. Cullum of Wake Forest. Mrs. Holdford's six sons acted as pallbearers and the following carried the floral offerings, Messdames Leroy Martin, R. S. Winston, Ralph Parks, R. J. Deyton, Jack Bryant, R. J. Bryant all of Raleigh, Misses Jennelle Holdford of Hopewell, Va., Helen Holdford of Rocky Mount, Bernice Cullum of Roanoke Rapids and Gerline Keeter of Weldon.

Mrs. Holdford was born in Halifax county near Weldon April 16, 1865, the daughter of the late J. J. and Mary Johnson Cullum. After her marriage to William Henry Holdford she came to Weldon to make her home.

Surviving are four daughters, Miss Anne Holdford of New York, Miss Mabel Holdford and Mrs. Milton Abbott of Raleigh, Miss Fannie Mae Holdford of Weldon, six sons, W. R. Holdford of Hopewell, Va., E. M. Holdford of Rocky Mount, E. G. Holdford of Petersburg, Va., J. H. Holdford of Tillery, S. W. Holdford of Hendersonville, R. H. Holdford of Weldon two sisters, Mrs. Lucy E. Lucas of Weldon, Mrs. Higgs of Dunn and also four brothers, Dr. Willis R. Cullum of Wake Forest, Jesse Cullum of Toledo, Canada, Frank Cullum of Dunn and John Cullum of Roanoke Rapids.

Caro. Telephone Co. Announces Rates Reductions

New Rates Will Be Effective, Monday June 1

W. P. Maier, manager of the Carolina Telephone Co., here announced a reduction in several of the different services the company offers. The new rates to be effective June 1st.

The decision to reduce charges came while larger companies were in the midst of court controversies and gaining the ire of the state utilities commission.

Mr. Maier said that his company, being smaller than the others and not desiring to arouse the public feeling, thought best, after careful consideration, to invoke the reduction.

For instance, with the new reduction the rate on 2-party business telephones will be reduced from \$4 to \$3.75. Extension telephones are reduced to 75 cents apiece and business extensions to \$1.

The residence rate now is \$2.50 for special line and \$2.00 for duplex line.

The extra cost on the hand sets or monophone may be paid June 1, Manager Maier said, or may be paid for at the rate of 25 cents per month for the next 18 months. After 18 months, the extra charge of 25 cents will be eliminated. The charge does not pertain to those business houses or residents which have possessed the monophones for 18 months.

Adult Students Of WPA Classes Given Their Certificates

Commencement Exercises Friday Night Roanoke Rapids

The adult students who have been taking subjects under the W. P. A. teachers in Halifax county gave their commencement exercises Friday night in the Junior school building in Roanoke Rapids.

Mrs. W. B. Murrill's students from here were of the program with the students of Mrs. V. H. Grantham and Mrs. Norris Hannon in Roanoke Rapids.

The program was opened with America after which C. W. Davis, Roanoke Rapids high school superintendent made an interesting talk.

The program was divided into two parts. The first part was devoted to readings and musical numbers and the following numbers were rendered:

"Under the Double Eagle March," Mrs. Curtis Bryant; "Little Fairy Polka," Blanche Harrison, theme song, "Don't Get Blue" Roanoke Rapids students; reading, "A Diamond In The Rough," Mrs. Turner; "Dancing on the Lawn," Mrs. L. B. Joyner; reading, "The Family Financier," Mrs. Lina Wallace; trio, "Summer Night Waltz," Mrs. L. B. Joyner; Mrs. W. B. Murrill and Miss Sara Murrill; reading, "The Bridge Builder," Claybourne Blue; duet, "March Militaire," Mrs. Curtis Bryant, Mrs. V. H. Grantham; Piano selection, Bill Waters.

PUPPET SHOW WAS PRESENTED MON.

Monday morning, May 11th a puppet show was given by two young men, Messrs. Kaeh and Bourne, who were sent out by the Carolina Playmakers in connection with the State Health department in a program to further a better teeth movement in schools. The show was given at both the colored and white schools and the children responded splendidly.

Dr. Pringle, school dentist, has been sent out by the state and at present is working in the Halifax County Schools.

Fred Smith, 4-H club member of Richmond County, raised 90 out of 100 chicks in a tobacco barn.

Four Are Drowned In Bridge Accident

SPEAKS IN COUNTY



CLYDE R. HOEY

Candidate Hoey is bringing his gubernatorial campaign to the people of Halifax County this week. The Shelby man speaks in Scotland Neck Friday afternoon at the Dixie Theatre at 4 o'clock. He will also speak at the High School auditorium in Roanoke Rapids, Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Funeral Services For Daniel Child

Little Girl Dies Suddenly In Richmond Monday

Funeral services were held in Richmond Tuesday afternoon, May 12 for Josephine Daniel, 18 months old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Donald Daniel, who died Monday morning.

The little girl had not been sick and her death was unexpected.

Surviving are parents, one brother, Donald, Jr., and her grandmother, Mrs. W. E. Daniel.

Candidate Pou Commends Pres.

Clayton, May 13.—"One of the finest things President Roosevelt has done, in my opinion, is to promote the organization of The Good Neighbors Club," said Geo. Ross Pou, leading candidate for State Auditor, while in Clayton. "If the purposes of the Good Neighbors Club could be expanded, its members agreeing to say only pleasant things of their fellow man, and the organization could be perfected in every community, it would have a most wholesome effect upon the life of our Nation," continued Mr. Pou. "I long ago adopted the policy that if I could not speak kindly of a person, I would remain silent. I would like to see the President call upon the people of the Nation for the formation of Good Neighbors Clubs in every locality with the above suggestion in the main objective."

"Yes, I've 'cratched' through a number of counties in my campaign," laughed Pou, who has necessarily used crutches since an automobile accident some four years ago. "I'm about as used to crutches as I am to wearing shoes. I think my friends will nominate me for State Auditor on June 6, and I assure you I shall 'breathe new life' into the Auditor's office, placing it upon an efficient business basis."

Garysburg Boy Frat President, Wofford

Clarence Poe Parker, of Garysburg, has recently been elected president of Delta Chi Alpha, Christian leadership fraternity, at Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C., where he is a third year ministerial student. Mr. Parker, who is the son of Mrs. Sallie C. Parker, has also been appointed assistant pastor at one of the Methodist churches in Spartanburg.

Operetta "The Land Of Dreams Come True" will be given Friday evening, May 22, at 8:00 o'clock in the Weldon high school auditorium. A small admission will be charged.

Three of Bertie and One Chowan Person Meet Death In Tragedy

Windsor, N. C., May 13, 1936.—Sudden death came to four young people and four others narrowly escaped drowning also late Saturday night at the drawbridge at Eden House when the cars in which they were riding plunged into the waters of Chowan river.

Those who were drowned: Thomas Phelps, 18, son of F. H. Phelps; Parker Newbern, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Newbern and William Smith, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith, of the Capcharis section, and Miss Essie Bunch, 17, of Edenton. The four who were saved were Kenneth Cobb, Lloyd Newbern and Ralph Freeman, also natives of Bertie and Miss Edith Garrett, of Edenton.

The tragedy was one of the most shocking in years to the people of this entire section. It occurred some time before midnight Saturday night, and very soon there were scores of cars on both ends of the bridge, traffic was suspended, officers arrived, and wrecking crews came to lift the two cars and the victims from the river's bottom.

D. E. Jones of Edenton is said to be the only eye-witness to the accident. He informed officers that the two cars passed him, traveling rapidly as he heard the Bertie entrance of the bridge, and that he saw them approach the open draw and both go plunging into the river as the span was open to permit passage of a boat at the time.

It is said that Ralph Freeman of Merry Hill, who was standing on the running board of the Phelps car, jumped off and saved his life. Kenneth Cobb, also of Merry Hill, managed to open the front door and jump to safety. Lloyd Newbern, a cousin of Parker who lives near Colerain and Miss Edith Garrett of Edenton said they smashed through side doors after their car went to the bottom and rose to the surface, when Jones pulled them out.

After the crash Jones got word to Corporal George Dail of the State Highway Patrol and Night Patrolman E. B. Britt, who with a number of officers from Williamsston, Ahoskie, Elizabeth City, and New Bern came to the scene. Lloyd Newbern is reported to have stopped his car when he saw the draw was open, but Phelps failed to see it in time and plunged into the rear of Newbern's car, sending both into the river.

Wrecking crews from Edenton and Windsor were called to the scene and spent the greater part of the night bringing the two cars to the surface. Traffic over the bridge was at a standstill for several hours, and an estimated 250 cars were lined up on each side awaiting passage before the bridge was reopened.

Reports state that Lloyd Newbern was instrumental in saving two of those who escaped, by quick thinking and action in getting them to bridge timbers until aid could be given by people on the bridge.

Many a people went to Eden House Saturday night and Sunday, attracted by reports of the tragedy.

Fred Gore Honored

Fred Gore, of Weldon, this week elected President of the Engineer's Council at State College, Raleigh, and consequently will serve as State Engineer at the annual engineers fair next spring.