

Opposition Presents Strong Case Against Keeping Parking Meters



**Old Father
Roanoke
Says:**

Yesterday I told about "the Great Seaboard Massacre" that occurred on the day I was born. That historic event gave Roanoke Rapids a chance to become what Seaboard had been, the metropolis of this region.

Reds Launch Major Offensive Against Key City Of Suchow

Nanking, Nov. 23—(AP)—The Communists opened a new push today on Suchow, key to Nanking and central China. The immediate objective was the defense bastion's only airfield.

Scout Leader Asks All To Join In 'Round-Up'

Calling on all residents of Roanoke Rapids and Halifax County to participate in the annual "Round Up" of the Boy Scouts of America, John Hines, district chairman, declared today that "we in the Halifax District must measure up to the records being set throughout the rest of the country."

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How About A Vote On Parking Meters

The question of parking meters is, of course, merely a question of "what the people want." If the people are opposed to parking meters, they should be returned to the manufacturers and before Dec. 6th. If the people want them, they should be retained.

Lovie L. Wilson Dies In Weldon At Son's Home

Weldon—Lovie L. Wilson, 79, died at the home of his son, L. V. Wilson, on Washington Avenue Monday evening at 11 o'clock following an illness of three weeks.

Tuberculosis Rate In Halifax County High, Dr. Young Reports

By Robert F. Young, M. D., County Health Officer

City To Close For Observance Of Holiday

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Halifax County 4-H Clubs Participate In Annual Achievement Day At Enfield

Enfield—The Halifax County 4-H Clubs held one of their most successful Achievement Days here Saturday when over 240 club members from all parts of the county gathered in the auditorium of the Enfield School for a program of recognition to the 4-H girls on boys who had done outstanding club work during 1948.

Palestine Partition Gains In U.N.

Paris, Nov. 23—(AP)—The East and West appeared today to be moving toward firm support of the original United Nations partition of Palestine.

Kennedy Home Group Will Sing In Weldon Church

Weldon—A pre-Thanksgiving program of choral music will be presented here Wednesday evening at 7:30 at the Weldon Baptist Church by a choir of youngsters from the Kennedy Home of Kingston.

Kitty Hawk Comes To U. S. Museum

Washington, Nov. 23—(AP)—The "Kitty Hawk," first plane to fly with a passenger, is at home—but not to visitors yet.

Cotton Farmers Betting On High Prices Ahead

Washington, Nov. 23—(AP)—Cotton farmers are betting on higher prices.

Weather

North Carolina—Rain and not much change in temperature this afternoon, tonight and Wednesday.

Majority Of Local Merchants Favor Removal Of Meters Soon

Opposition to the Roanoke Rapids parking meters was voiced strongly here last night in a special meeting of the Board of City Commissioners, opposition which was well organized and well-founded.

The meeting was called by Mayor W. Bernard Allsbrook at the request of a group of local merchants, and, as Mayor Allsbrook explained to the nearly 100 people gathered in the municipal building court room, was called for the sole purpose of hearing the arguments of those who wish the parking meters removed from the city.

Blair Gibson, local merchant, made an able presentation of the merchants' side of the controversial subject which has been widely discussed in the city in recent weeks. Gibson assured the mayor and Board members, "We're opposed to parking meters and meters alone. Everyone here pledges his whole-hearted cooperation to you whatever your decision."

Mayor Allsbrook called the meeting to order and explained that the City Board would sit as a hearing committee to consider any and all evidence against the parking meters. He said the Board would take cognizance of all arguments presented and would carefully consider them before any reconsideration of any previous action it may have taken.

Gibson, representing as he said "the loyal opposition," said he had personally made a survey of the West side of the Rosemary business district and had found the majority of the merchants opposed to the meters. He cited names and arguments and also named those who were in favor of continuing the meters, which were first put into operation on March 19 on an eight-months' trial period.

Gibson said, "I think the business men of Roanoke Rapids should do all they can to make business welcome in town." He said he received numerous accounts of customers from out of town who had come to Roanoke Rapids to shop and who had complained about the meters.

At this point Gibson relinquished the floor and Mayor Allsbrook called for expressions from the floor on how many of the others felt about the meters.

There were a number of objections cited by business men of the city. Several of them, including Moody Hedgepeth from the North Side of town and E. W. Smith from the Rosemary section and a number of others, cited instances in which the meters had cost them business and said they believed the meters were hurting business in general all over town.

The meeting was adjourned and Mayor Allsbrook and the Commissioners met in an executive session to consider the proposals put to them. They said they contemplated taking no definite action on the question "for several days," saying they wanted to give careful consideration to the viewpoints of both those who voiced their opposition to the meters and of those who favor retention.

Under terms of the contract with the Karpark Corporation of Cincinnati, Ohio, which sold the meters to the city, the last day on which the city can request that the meters be removed is December 6. The final decision on whether or not the meters will remain in Roanoke Rapids was left in the hands of the Commissioners, who are expected to make some definite announcement of policy in the next few days.

ROANOKE RAMBLINGS

By PAT NANTZ

Congratulations are in order for the employees of the local J. C. Penney Company store for winning the contest with the Oxford extension in selling the greatest per cent of coats . . . the local employees were honored at a supper in Oxford last night . . .

Deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Albert Tanner, who passed away shortly after an accident Sunday night . . .

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Fox are the proud parents of a baby son. He was born at the Roanoke Rapids Hospital on Sunday . . .

The many friends of Mrs. Charlie Wright will be interested to know that she has returned to her home after having been a patient in the local hospital . . .

Visiting his parents here, is Pvt. George L. Martin . . . George is serving with the Marine Corps at Parris Island, South Carolina. George is a graduate of the Roanoke Rapids High School and has served four years with the navy . . . during the war he served in the Pacific area. He is the son of Mrs. Mary Lee Martin and the late G. C. Martin . . .

Anticipating a great success Thursday evening will be the local Business and Professional Woman's Club . . . Eileen Fisher who has charge of this year's Thanksgiving dance, has put out much effort toward the enjoyment of those attending . . . Pete Weaver and his Virginians will be the guest orchestra . . . this is the first appearance in Roanoke Rapids . . .

A school-teacher has found her class of boys reluctant in their writing of English compositions. At last she conceived a great idea to stimulate their interest—to write an account of a ball game.

It seemed that she was successful. With one exception, the boys threw themselves at the task and involved youthful masterpieces. The backward one showed reluctance at his pen and was then struck by a burst of genius. When the teacher opened his paper, it read: "This game . . ."