

Hoey Congratulates State Champion



THELBERT BOYKIN gets official encouragement before competing for National Good Driver's title. Pictured above in the Governor's private office are, left to right: Clyde R. Hoey, Governor of North Carolina; Donald Hocutt, Director of Safety of North Carolina; Otis Powell, representing Good Driver's League, and Thelbert Boykin, State Champion, High School age driver.

ROANOKE RAPIDS FOURTH IN SIZE IN 2ND DISTRICT

1940 Census Figures Released For 2nd Congressional District

Halifax County continues to lead in population in the Second Congressional District, according to census figures released recently, being ahead of Wilson County, which is second, by 5,794. Lenoir shows the greatest growth during the last decade, having grown from 35,716 to 41,289, an increase of 5,570. Halifax shows an increase of 2,659—1930 census listing 53,246; 1940 listing 55,905.

Following are the figures for the counties in the district along with the 1930 figures in parentheses:

Halifax 55,905 (53,246); Wilson 50,156 (44,914); Edgecombe 49,060 (47,894); Warren 23,052 (23,364); Northampton 28,324 (27,161); Lenoir 41,286 (35,716); Greene 18,439 (18,656); Bertie 26,196 (25,844).

Warren County shows a loss of 312 while Greene County shows a decrease of 217.

Total population for the entire district is 292,418. Total population in 1930 was 276,795, giving the district an increase of 15,623 for the ten year period.

Largest city population in the district was recorded at Wilson, which listed 19,213. The second largest was at Kinston with 15,492. Third was at Rocky Mount with 11,833 (these figures are for that part of Rocky Mount which lies in Edgecombe County. The part in Nash County showed a population of 14,076, giving the entire city a population of 25,909). The fourth largest population figure was listed for Roanoke Rapids at 8,521. The fifth city in the district was Tarboro, in Edgecombe County, with 6,952.

The following figures are given for Halifax County: Roanoke Rapids, 8,521; Scotland Neck 2,552; Enfield 2,203; Weldon 2,344; Halifax 375; Hobgood 630; Palmyra 90; Littleton (with the larger portion in Warren County) 1,192.

For Northampton County: Rich Square (largest in County) 941; Jackson 757; Seaboard 562; Woodland 485; Conway 444; Severn 323; Milwaukee 291; Garysburg, 320; Lasker 169; Margarettsville 95.

Unofficial estimation gives Roanoke Rapids and vicinity a population of approximately 12,000. Taking in the entire township and the Gaston area, there are approximately 15,000 people living in what is known as the "Roanoke Rapids Trade Area."

358 LOOMS AT NO. 1 IN OPERATION; MANY ARE ON JOB

Williams Says Mill To Be Bigger And Better After This

Today, 15 days after the flood receded, 358 looms at the river plant of the Roanoke Mills Company were running, F. C. Williams, vice-president and general manager, said this afternoon. These looms, although only about a third of the total number of looms employed at the plant (950 in all), plus the clean up work, are requiring the labor of approximately one-half of the total employees of the mill before the flood.

The dye house, finishing room, cloth room, packing and shipping department are in full operation, Mr. Williams said. "In fact, practically the entire plant except the lower floor is running, and 26 looms

from the lower floor are in operation," he stated. The remainder of the looms will be put back into operation at the rate of about 50 per week after about 10 days.

During that 10 days, workmen will be kept busy laying the lower floors of the mill, complete from foundation to finished maple flooring. Each building will get this new floor, Mr. Williams said. New machinery has just been placed in the spinning room where the floor sagged, causing some of the machines to be damaged.

New and modern machines are being installed wherever an old one has to be replaced. An air filter is being installed in the ticker room, the dye house will be partially new and bigger, steel sashed windows are replacing the old wooden ones.

Mr. Williams said that the rehabilitation work was going forward better than expected, and that

the plant, when the rehabilitation work is finished, "will be a bigger and better mill than it was before the flood."

Services Close

The series of evangelistic services, which were held in the Jackson Baptist Church last week, came to a successful close Sunday night.

Seven new members were added to the church roll. Two boys and four girls were added by baptism; and Mrs. A. L. Vann was brought into the church by a letter from Meherrin Baptist Church, Murfreesboro.

The visiting minister, Rev. Ed White of Union City, New Jersey, was also a soloist and brought two messagees at each service, a message in song and the preached word.

Manning Opens A New Piano Store In Rocky Mount

The Manning Music Company, of Raleigh, has announced the opening of their new branch store in Rocky Mount at 165 S. Washington Street. The concern is ready for business in their new Rocky Mount location, bringing them fifty-miles nearer to their many customers in Roanoke Rapids and surrounding territory.

The concern deals exclusively in pianos, and is headed by Henry A. Manning, of Raleigh, who has had 42-years active experience in the piano business. Mr. Manning has operated a store in Raleigh for a number of years, which he will continue along with the Rocky Mount establishment. He plans to open other stores in Eastern Carolina and in an interview last week

said: "It is entirely possible Roanoke Rapids will be next on the list. Your town is certainly growing, and we have enjoyed a nice business from your section in the past. We feel that our Rocky Mount store will bring us a step nearer to your people."

Selling "nothing but pianos," The Manning Music Company will offer the products of three famous concerns—W. W. Kimball of Chicago, Winter and Co. of New York and Lester and Co. of Philadelphia. Their salesman makes regular visits to Roanoke Rapids, and will be glad to see anyone in this territory by special appointment.

Attend Convention

C. B. Camp and Rufus Britton, assistant chief and secretary of the Roanoke Rapids Fire Department, respectively, attended the Firemen's Convention held at Salisbury on August 26-29. The two men left here on the 25 and returned on the 29.



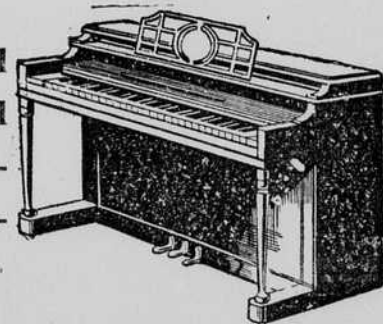
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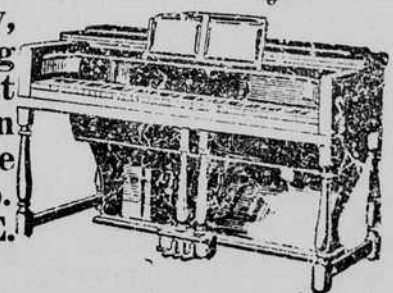
In order to be of better service to our many patrons in Roanoke Rapids and nearby territory, we are pleased to announce the opening of our new store in the nearby city of Rocky Mount. Write for Free Price List.



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