

BE SURE AND VOTE FOR EXTENSION NEXT TUESDAY, JUNE 23.

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ARREST NEGRO DOCTOR AFTER GIRL DIES

Huge Registration For Election

ENFIELD GIRL DIES ON STRANGE FARM IN HALIFAX COUNTY

UP AND DOWN THE AVENUE WITH THE EDITOR

Figure it up yourself. In the proposed incorporated area, there are now 2,700 registered voters. In that same or an approximate area are more than 2000 school children. There are a few hundred voters not registered, there are many hundreds below school age and over school age and not yet 21 years old. It means that the Bigger City will have a population of around 9,000.

After the election next Tuesday we hope the Kiwanis Club or some similar organization will take a house to house census of the new city so we will know exactly how many people we have. It will be lots of fun to do something like this and a census always reveals so many interesting facts about a community.

There has been a little talk about taking the result of the election to the courts by opponents of incorporation. That is their privilege as citizens. To say nothing of the expense, if this should be done, those who contest the election will accomplish nothing but to delay the installation of water and sewerage in a community of 9,000 souls where an epidemic from unsanitary conditions would wreak horrible disaster.

In fact, in the caucus a few nights ago, Dr. Long made the public statement that luck and nothing else had saved us from an epidemic thus far. He said we were living over a volcano, speaking of the hundreds of septic tanks and open privies, which we hope will soon be a thing of the past.

One of the most exaggerated tales yet told by those who oppose city extension is that city automobile license tags will cost five dollars. So far as we know, not a city in the U. S. charges that much for city auto tags. Why they stopped at \$5, we don't know. \$10 would have made a much better story. As a matter of fact, city auto tags in Roanoke Rapids cost ONE dollar per year. The money is used for street repaving.

Don't let anything interfere with your voting next Tuesday. If you are sick and cannot get to the polls, notify your registrar at once and he will see that you get the necessary sick certificate and vote at home. If you are going to be out of town, notify your registrar and vote an absentee ballot before Tuesday. Remember, John Clark is registrar in the South Ward and Jeff Welch in the North Ward.

Dr. R. P. Beckwith traveled to Philadelphia last week. He took one of the huge passenger planes from Richmond to Philly and return. He also attended the American Medical Association where he won the golf tournament but failed to receive the cup because his opponent forgot to turn in Doc's score. Better luck next time, Doc.

The heading of this column was set up and sent us by Frank Steber, now managing editor of the Ashland, Va., Herald-Progress, former advertising manager of The Herald. Thanks, Frank.

Sometimes, get Henry Fitts to tell you some of his dog stories, especially the one about the old flea-bitten hound that whipped the Georgia Bobcat. Henry entertained a bunch of bridge-bachelors for an hour the other night at the drug store.

The filter plant was lighted up last night and looked like a million dollars from the new highway. A high fence has been built around the reservoir to keep anybody from slipping in the 40 feet deep bath tub.

SPECIAL ELECTION TUESDAY

City Voters Go to Polls Next Tuesday To Decide on City Extension

VICTORY FORECAST

Exactly 2,691 voters in the new proposed city area from the canal to Chockoyotte Creek are registered in the new city books and ready to vote in the election when the polls open at sunup next Tuesday.

The North ward, from the canal to 7th Street, registered a total of 1,465, while the South ward from 7th Street to the Creek had a total registration of 1,226.

This huge registration was the result of the activities of the group of men who met last week and organized for this and future elections. The entire area was divided into 30 districts with a crew of men in each district to see that the people were registered. How well they did their work is better realized when more than 1,000 persons were registered on the last three days.

Saturday of this week is challenge day when the name of any person on the registration books can be challenged and reasons shown why they should not be allowed to vote. Very few challenges, if any, are expected.

The same organization, with the help of many others, mentioned above, will be active again on election day when automobiles will be drafted with drivers and workers to see that all those registered get to the polls and vote for city extension.

Two main reasons are given for wanting a huge majority for city extension. First, that there will be no doubt in the minds of any court or any persons as to what the people of the community want. This is just in case anyone is foolish enough to contest the election. Secondly, the citizens here want to show the rest of the county and State just what the voting strength of this city is. In the future this community plans to vote as a unit on public questions and officials and it is to be reckoned with when the time comes for caucusing. In recent years, local squabbling and indifference has hurt the influence and recognition which belong to this section.

The ballot to be voted is a small one and easy to vote. There is a line of explanation at the top telling how to mark the ballot. Beneath are two lines which read:

For City Extension Against City Extension

To the left of each line is a small box. To vote For City Extension simply make a cross mark in the box to the left of the word For. To vote against, a cross mark to the left of the lower line.

There will be many who have not voted before. When you enter the polling place, walk up to the Registrar and give your name. He will look you up on the registration book and tell one of the clerks you are eligible to vote. You will be handed a ballot and shown a place where you can mark the ballot, which you may fold and hand back to one of the judges who places it in the ballot box. If you need any help in marking your ballot, you may call on any of the election officers who will be glad to show you or answer any questions.

Nobody can ever foretell an election vote. But this writer feels that he has been in close enough touch to be able to predict an overwhelming majority For city extension. If everybody does his and her duty and votes. You can't win elections and you can't make predictions, even, unless people vote. Let nothing keep you from that duty next Tuesday.

And not only next Tuesday, but on every election day. Let's make this the votingest city in the State and

Futrell Resigns

The resignation of Mr. J. P. Futrell, Scotland Neck, was accepted by the Board of Commissioners on Monday, June 15. Mr. B. B. Everette, Palmyra, has been suggested to fill this vacancy on the Board.

Another resignation accepted by the County School Board this week was that of Wade H. Dickens, who is now Prosecutor of the County Recorders Court. Mr. Dickens' successor will be chosen by the precinct chairmen of the Democratic party of the county organization.

CHARITY DRIVE IS SUCCESS

Over \$1,500 in Cash and Pledges for Local Associated Charities

BOARD IS PLEASED

The drive for Associated Charities held the last three days of last week went over the top with a total amount subscribed for the year of \$1,538.76 of which \$609.41 was in cash and \$929.35 in monthly pledges.

Rev. J. N. Bynum, president of the Associated Charities Board, stated the Board was astonished at the splendid response and the drive exceeded expectations. The money pledged, and more, too, can be used, and with several persons yet to be seen, it is hoped to have a final total of \$1,750 to carry on the charity work in the community during the coming twelve months.

Those who were not seen during the three day drive will be visited during the next few weeks by members of the Board as soon as a check-up shows just who has subscribed. The plan of part cash and part monthly payments was most successful.

The Kiwanis Club team in the North end headed by George N. Taylor, led the list of workers with a total of \$549.00. It might be explained that this total was helped considerably by a generous gift from the Virginia Electric and Power Co.

The Kiwanis team under Alfred N. Martin in the South end of the business section reported a total of \$343.50. Rosemary Manufacturing Co. team, S. D. Brown, captain, headed the list of the mill teams with a total of \$330.90, and Patterson Mills Co., with A. Meikle as captain reported an even \$100.00.

Roanoke Mills No. 2, Guy Murray as captain, subscribed \$83.41 and No. 1, under John Hines reported \$76.25. Halifax Paper Co. employees turned in \$32.40 in cash and the Womans Club on Saturday collected \$23.30 from around the curb market and on the Avenue.

One of the most encouraging features of the drive was the fact that while subscriptions of the mill employees were smaller this year, many more gave than last year.

Pass State Exams

C. W. Hale of Rosemary Drug Co. passed successfully the examination of the State Board of Pharmacy held at Raleigh June 10 and 11. Among those nurses passing State Board examinations for registered nurses last week were Janet Harvey, Lottie Matthews, Blonnie Taylor and Lucy Hays Saunders.

Then watch them sit up and take notice. There's where everybody is equal and one man's vote counts as much as another's.

MAN DIES DRINKING APPETIZER

Aurelian Springs Man Is Dead After Drinking Four Bottles of Tonic

FOUND ON FLOOR

Baldy Carter, age 39 years, died suddenly and alone Monday afternoon at the home of his brother, Samuel Carter, near Aurelian Springs. Death was attributed to the deceased drinking four and one half bottles of an appetizer, a dose of which was one teaspoonful in water before each meal. Baldy consumed the four and a half bottles in less than an hour.

He had been carrying water from a nearby spring and was sent upstairs to get some clothing. This was about 4 o'clock Monday afternoon. When he did not come down for several minutes, Harriett, a niece, called to him. He answered and said he would be down in a few minutes. Almost a half hour passed when Harriett went upstairs after him. He was lying on a pallet, dead.

Members of the family told Coroner Williams that the appetizer had been left by a family formerly living in the place. They had moved recently and had left some other things. Although the family say they knew Baldy's weakness for drinking anything in a bottle, they had concealed the appetizer in another room, thinking the former residents would call for it.

Four of the empty bottles were found in the closet. The man had evidently emptied them and put them back. The fifth bottle, once half full, now empty, sat on the floor by the dead body. It was evident the deceased had had convulsions just before death. It was impossible to unclench his hands. The coroner felt no inquest was necessary as the facts spoke for themselves.

The appetizer was one of the "dollar a bottle" kind and the description on the bottle reads: "Recommended for loss of appetite, loss of sleep, loss of energy and general run down condition in which a stimulating tonic is indicated. Dose: One to two teaspoonfuls in water before each meal. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon with burial in the Tucker cemetery near Aurelian Springs. The deceased was unmarried.

ASSEMBLY PASSED 13 ACTS

Relating to Halifax Co., Which Were Local Bills; List Given Below

(Special To The Herald) Raleigh, June 18.—Halifax county had a total of 13 laws enacted by the 1931 General Assembly which relate to the county or its activities, designated as Public-Local or Private laws, the records of the Secretary of State show.

These, of course are in addition to the numerous other public laws which relate to the State as a whole, or to some large part of it, such as the school, the road, the local government and other enactments which reach every county, and the numerous laws which touch every county in a general way only.

The Local Government Act, which, in many respects is equal in importance to the school and road acts, is already showing its value in bringing about a readjustment and stabilizing the financial affairs of counties, cities, towns and other units, some of

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New Catholic Church Dedication July 5th

The date for the Dedication Ceremonies of the new St. John's Catholic Chapel, now being erected on the corner of Hamilton and Ninth Streets, July 5th, according to an announcement by the Rector, Father McCourt. The exercises will begin at 11 a. m. with the Right Reverend William J. Hafey, Bishop of Raleigh, dedicating the new edifice. The Litany of the Saints will then be recited, followed by High Mass, during which a special appropriate sermon will be preached. Everybody is invited to the services.

MULLEN, M. R. VICK HONORED

T. W. Mullen Elected President Southern Textile Association

VICK IS ON BOARD

Charleston, S. C., June 12.—T. W. Mullen, of Rosemary, N. C., today was elected president of the Southern Textile Association at the concluding session of its semi-annual meeting here.

Frank K. Petrea, of Columbus, Ga., was elected vice president, and H. H. Miller, of Greenville, S. C., chairman of the board of governors.

Others named to the board of governors were M. R. Vick, of Rosemary, N. C.; R. J. Jennings, Lanette, Ala.; Fred Still, Gree, S. C., and Culver Batson, Lynchburg, Va.

L. A. Elmore of Rhodiss, N. C., and J. O. Corn of Columbia, S. C., the retiring president, were given Arkwright medals in recognition of service to the association.

Invitations for the next semi-annual meeting, to be held next fall, were received from Hendersonville and Asheville, N. C. The board of governors will accept one of the invitations later.

The prediction that smaller textile plants will soon merge of necessity, was made by M. R. Vick, of Rosemary, N. C.

Asserting that "cut throat merchandising has about ruined everybody in the business," Vick said mergers were inevitable.

In discussing mergers Vick said unless "cut-throat competition" is stopped "the smallest plants will have to merge. We don't like that word, and we don't like the idea but neither do we like being starved. When the merging comes, there will be some men big enough to organize. Instead of a few individual plants at a capital

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The King's Daughters Camp at Chockoyotte

"Miss Fanny's Sunshine Girls" had their annual camp at the Country Club last week, where they had a most delightful time. Each day and night was filled with pleasure for the girls—hiking, wading and games during the day. On Friday night the annual picnic was held. All the relatives and friends of the girls were invited and had a sumptuous supper.

Friday afternoon eleven new members were taken into the Order and were presented with silver crosses, on which were engraved the King's Daughters pledge "In His Name."

Negro Doctor of Rocky Mount In Jail May Face Murder Charge After Operation—Another Girl Found On Farm In State Custody

The death of Elizabeth Weeks, 25 year old white girl of Whittakers, restaurant worker in Enfield, under mysterious circumstances at a strange farm near Enfield last Saturday, led to investigation by the Coroner's office of Halifax County and the subsequent discovery of illegal proceedings which ensnared two white girls, three white men and a Negro physician.

VEPCO IS NATIONAL WINNER

Local Power Company Receive Coffin Award At N.E.L.A.

BEST CONTRIBUTION

The Charles A. Coffin Award, a national prize in the public utility industry, has just been won by the Virginia Electric and Power Company and presentation of the prize, consisting of a gold medal and \$1,000 in cash, payable to the employees benefit association, was made at the annual dinner June 11 of the National Electric Light Association which held its convention last week in Atlantic City.

The award was received by Jack G. Holtzclaw, president of the Company who has been in attendance at the convention along with other officials of the company, including Robert J. Throckmorton, Vice President and Tom D. Fulford, Sales Manager.

The Charles A. Coffin award is an annual prize offered by the Charles A. Coffin Foundation to that electric light and power company which during the year "has made a distinguished contribution to the development of electric and power for the convenience of the public and the benefit of the industry."

The brief submitted by the Virginia Electric and Power Company is a volume of over 400 pages, including text, photographs, photostats, maps, graphs, statistics and other material submitted in evidence of the achievements set forth.

The outstanding achievements described in the brief include in the main, the company's activities toward popularizing the use of electricity by the inauguration of lower rates and the development of ways and means for extending the use of electric service in the rural districts. Also improvement in the personnel in the matter of developing employees along educational lines as well as in the direction of more efficiency in the service they render; the reduction of accidents to employees by increased

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D. FAISON ENDS UP IN PRISON

Latest Episode Was Attempted Robbery Of Filling Station

WROTE SOLICITOR

Jackson, N. C.—Dan Faison, Halifax County young man who has been violating a court order to leave North Carolina for quite a while and who has flouted the officers of the law with his flippant messages, in recent months, has run his course. He was on Monday sent to the Halifax County roads to serve a sentence of three years for "all the crimes in the catalog." Bowser Daughtrey, another Halifax young man, is behind the jail bars at Halifax awaiting trial in Northampton Superior Court for attempted robbery of the Pine Fork Service Station near Jackson late Saturday night.

Faison and Daughtrey stopped their car in front of the service station in the dead hours of the night, with the expressed purpose of making

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The latter, J. J. Hood, Negro doctor of Rocky Mount, is in jail there charged with performing an illegal operation and a charge of murder may also be placed against him after the preliminary hearing next Tuesday in the city police court of Rocky Mount.

The Weeks girl died at a farm of Richard Smith, a bachelor, seven miles from Enfield. Due to her condition, a midwife was summoned but refused to attend the girl and Dr. F. C. Whittaker of Enfield was called. He stated death was due to septicemia following childbirth.

Due to the mysterious surroundings and rumors among the people of the community, Coroner Billy Williams was summoned Monday morning to investigate the case. He discovered the girl had been taken to Rocky Mount where she received illegal medical attention on Wednesday, June 3rd; that she had been taken there by Calhoun Braswell, young white man of Enfield, who was a clerk; and that after the operation the girl had been brought to Halifax County by Braswell to Richard Smith's house, where she died ten days later.

The coroner also found another girl on this strange farm. She was Hattie Harrell, age 23, said to have been brought to the farm Saturday, June 6th, in the same condition the Weeks girl had been. Norman Judge was named to the coroner as the man who brought the Harrell girl.

As a result of these investigations, Mr. Williams started to Halifax to swear out warrants for Smith, Braswell and the Negro doctor, when he was met by Braswell at the Smith farm. Braswell told the coroner he wanted to tell the whole story and take the consequences.

When he told that most of the procedure took place in Rocky Mount, Coroner Williams took him to Tarboro to Solicitor Don Gilliam, where Braswell told the entire story in detail and stated he was ready to assist the prosecution. His information was not divulged but on the advice of Mr. Gilliam, Coroner Williams swore out a warrant for Dr. Hood, charging the performing of an illegal operation, and the Negro physician was arrested in Rocky Mount midnight Monday.

Prosecuting Attorney T. J. Pearsall of Rocky Mount said Braswell was not under arrest but would be used as the chief witness for the State. Hood denied all charges and said he knew nothing of them. He is in jail, being unable to fill the \$5,000 appearance bond. Reports from Rocky Mount are that he has been suspected of such practise as he is now charged with at previous times but no evidence was ever procurable.

The Harrel girl was taken from the farm by Rev. H. B. Anderson, Baptist preacher, and Rev. E. McWhorter Methodist preacher, of Enfield, and turned over to the County Welfare office. She is in Weldon today in his custody while he is making arrangements to have her placed in the State Maternity home at Wilmington.

The Weeks girl was buried Sunday. The Negro doctor is reputed to be a heavy drinker and a victim of a nervous ailment. He stoutly denies all charges.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dr. W. C. Presley, president of Peace Institute, Raleigh, will preach at the Presbyterian Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. His subject will be Christian Education. The public is invited. There will be no evening services.