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UP AND DOWN
THE AVENUE
WITH THE EDITOR

The White Way standards on the Avenue have been painted a glittering silver which adds much to their appearance.

We trust the new City Commissioners will ask the Power Company to extend the White Way, at least as far as Eleventh Street, which will give us a white Way eleven blocks on the Avenue. As the standards and other equipment must be manufactured, it will take some little time and the request should be made at an early date.

There are stretches of the Avenue which are mighty dark and dreary at nights after you leave the present White Way.

Speaking of dark and dreary streets if you can't sleep, try reading some of these true detective stories. Then you can't sleep some more. The old fashioned ghost stories don't hold a candle to these modern hair-raisers.

One of the few house robberies in the city was reported the other day. A quantity of food and some money was taken. We have been fortunate here in not having many of these cases. Breaking into a house is a most serious offense.

Most people know it but a few may not. To break into a house at night where persons are sleeping is a capital crime, punishable by death. At first, seems pretty strong medicine, but we are in favor of it. Those who wrote that law knew that a house-breaker, while not actually a murderer at heart, is a potential murderer—will more times kill or maim than risk discovery and capture.

If you don't believe that Federal Highway 17-1 helped matters here, ask the filling stations, garages, restaurants and drug stores. They can tell the difference. A few months ago, we had scores of strange cars thru here each day. Many of them stopped to buy. Now you hardly see a tourist. They were following 17-1.

Both news and advertising comes in streaks. Last week we had more than enough of both. This week, there was less than enough of both. But you have to keep the same force all the time. And the old overhead goes on just the same. Guess everybody in business has the same problem.

This seems to be a place where all the high powered promoters like to hit. Those fellows come in with rothing at stake and nothing invested and usually make a pretty good living off the ones who are in business here. Each one has a racket which sounds good to hear them tell it.

The business people here should have a central committee to pass on all these schemes and if they do not approve of it, every place in town should pass it by.

One favorite line is that of the exclusive. The promoter says in effect: Now on this there will be only one of each business and if you don't take it, your competitor will. Of course, they tell the other fellow the same thing if the first doesn't bite.

First Paper Made By New Mill Here Tuesday

The first paper to be made by the Southern Paper Board Mills, Inc., new owners of the Roanoke Rapids Paper Co., came through the machines Tuesday of this week. It was merely a test run and the process is now being perfected but it fulfilled the owner's prediction that they would be making paper two weeks after beginning work of remodeling the plant and overhauling the machinery.

Life Saving School

American Red Cross life saving classes will be held at the Rosemary Mill pool every day next week at 2:30 p. m. and 6:30 p. m. The age limit of the junior course is from 12 to 17 years and the senior course from 17 years up. Ten hours of instruction is necessary in order to pass the course. All who are interested are requested to give their names to the life savers in charge of the pool.

Mrs. A. B. Sanford and children, have returned to their home in Albemarle, Va., after spending two weeks here visiting Mrs. E. A. Elmore.

BOARD DENIES PART IN CHANGE

Store Breakers Quickly Caught

MATKINS ROBBERY SOLVED

Two In Jail, Officers Seeking Third Cigarette Looter

DOBBINS SHERLOCK

Garland Umphrey and Fred West, local young men are in the Halifax County jail in default of \$500 bonds, and a third party, Hunter Coggsdale, who also hails from these parts, is being sought as a result of the robbery last Friday night of the J. H. Matkins Grocery Store when some \$30.00 worth of cigarettes were stolen.

Entrance to the Avenue store was gained through the back door, by cutting a small hole enabling the culprits to lift the large latch on the door. Although apparently unmolested during the robbery, which supposedly took place during the early morning hours, the thieves did not attempt to take anything but cigarettes. The theft of the fags was discovered early Saturday morning and promptly reported to Officer H. E. Dobbins. In the absence of any tangible clues to the store robbery, which is the first to take place in recent months, Mr. Dobbins started an investigation in the hopes of finding where the robbers had sought to dispose of the stolen goods, and was soon rewarded by finding where Umphrey had sold four cartons of the cigarettes at little more than half their value to the proprietor of an Avenue "pop shop."

Umphrey, who is married and has a family is regularly employed by the Rosemary Supply Co., and had sold the cigarettes to the hot dog merchant, allegedly under the pretense that they had come from his firm. Soon evidence was introduced that led to the arrest of young West, who also has a family, after a thrilling chase of West in which he was fired upon by Officer Dobbins.

After West was arrested he implicated Coggsdale, whom it seems had taken a great interest in the chase of the criminals and who had appeared to be abnormally nervous throughout Saturday to both associates and officers, but by that time the third young man had fled and has not been heard of since.

Coggsdale, as well as his co-partners in crime are all well known locally, he being employed on a part time basis for the R. I. Starke Grocery, it seems, while West is said to have loafed around the uptown grocery much of his time.

West and Umphrey waived preliminary hearing and were automatically placed in the county jail at Halifax in default of bond in the amount of \$500.00 each to await the action of the Superior court in August.

A total of 25 cartons of cigarettes were stolen, and all but four cartons were recovered by local police thru the ingenuity of Officer Dobbins, who led the investigation.

Dinks Beat Boykins

The Rinky Dinks journeyed down to Boykins last Saturday and handed the Boykins-Severn outfit a 2-1 defeat behind the 2-hit pitching of Lewis Outland. Hobgood's running catch in left field featured while the whole Rinky Dink team played errorless ball. Boykins-Severn plays the Rinky Dinks on their own ground this Saturday.

Pajama Girls Win

The Pajama Girls baseball club played the Bloomer Girls at the High School last Friday night. The score was 6 to 9 in favor of the Pajamas. Lois Stansbury pitched and Annie Maud Jones caught for the Pajamas while Edna Stainback pitched and Glie Keeter caught for the Bloomers.

F. M. Coburn has returned from a market trip to Baltimore.



This will be the home of the Leggett's Department Store, which will open here for business in the near future. The huge building is being remodeled thruout. The new fixtures will be installed next week. The location is at the corner of Roanoke Avenue and 11th Street.

\$200 LOOT OF STORE UNSOLVED

No Clue to Robbery of South Rosemary Store Last Week

GLASS CRASHED

A total of about \$200.00 in merchandise was taken from the South Rosemary Store of Max Franks last Thursday night in a daring burglary, in which entrance was made through breaking in the glass of the front door of the store. Officers working on the case are absolutely in the dark as to clues.

Although no evidence has been unearthed in this case, either as to the stealing or disposal of the merchandise, the robbery was undoubtedly accomplished by more than one man.

The glass in the front door of the store was smashed with an old automobile bumper, and judging from accounts of nearby neighbors residing less than 100 yards, was timed most perfectly.

One resident of a house across the street said he heard the noise of a car turning the corner at a terrific rate of speed sometime during the night of the robbery, and it seemed to him that a crash of shattered glass followed. Upon looking out of his window however, he could not see where an automobile had ran into anything, and thinking he was mistaken went back to sleep.

It is thought that the glass in the front door of the ransacked store was shattered at this time as the noise of the crash would have surely awakened nearby residents at any other time. Only the merchandise, and no cash, was obtained by the burglars.

Mrs. R. T. Edmondson Given Surprise Party On 85th Birthday

On Thursday, July 16, the children of Mrs. R. T. Edmondson of this city, gave her a surprise birthday party at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Sam Young. Besides a delightful dinner there was a huge birthday cake. The spirit of youth prevailed at this gathering of mother and children, so instead of the cake bearing 85 candles, one for each year of her well-spent life, it bore only 16. Mrs. Edmondson has lived for many years in this community and has a host of friends to congratulate her and wish her many more birthdays. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Young, Mrs. Hal Ross, T. M. Edmondson, Mrs. Fletcher Dickens, Miss Blonnie Taylor, Miss Ella Lee Taylor, T. B. Browning, Mrs. Nannie Peele, Virginia and Mary Frances Taylor, and Mrs. G. W. Stinson of Rocky Mount.

LOCAL POLICE ARE STILL PUZZLED BY THIS CASE

Whether it was the intensive heat; the result of robbers—or a practical joker, or merely a strong desire to "get back to nature" prompted and aided by alcoholic spirits, that resulted in a local couple being picked up on a nearby country road early last Sunday morning minus several important items of wearing apparel it will perhaps long remain a mystery in local police circles. At any rate Officer Dobbins was informed at 4 a. m. last Sunday by a party who had seen the couple, that a man and woman were driving around in a Ford roadster on the road leading from Tillman's Cross Roads to Hornertown clothed in little more than Mother Nature had provided them. Investigation led to the arrest of the two, who it is understood are local residents. The man and woman claimed to be at a loss to understand where their clothing had disappeared, and an intensive search of the nearby country by officers failed to reveal anything more. When arrested, officers say, the man was clad only in his underclothes a shirt and his shoes, while his girl friend had lost her shoes, hose—and lingerie. The couple were remanded to the local jail and booked on a charge of using an automobile for immoral purposes, but were found not guilty by Judge Daniel in Recorder's Court.

FIGHTERS TO CLASH FRIDAY

Outland - Creedle Will Headline; Good Card Arranged For Local Fans

MILLS-SHAW AGAIN

The three local fighters who will go in the ring Friday night at the Simmons gymnasium are in fine trim and will give their local backers something to talk about when action starts. Fans are still talking about the last fights that were staged at Simmons gym by the local Boy Scout Troops and this coming Friday night they will see a better program. Wilmer "Scraper" Outland, who is to fight the main bout is in perfect trim. In a fast workout last night, he showed perfect condition and was lightning fast on his feet. In Kiki Creedle, Outland will go up against one of the best fighters to ever invade Roanoke Rapids. Creedle is well known in Norfolk, where he is rated one of the best in his class. Fight fans of this section will get their money's worth when these two fast boys stage their six round act. In the semi-final, Freddie Mills, local High School leather pusher, will fight a return bout with Battling Shaw of Suffolk. It will be remembered that Mills and Shaw fought a fast and furious slugging draw on the last program. Get of both of these boys are rearing to get at each other. In the preliminary Lester Edmondson and Young Bryan of Suffolk will go four rounds. Lester is well known among the local fight fans and they can rest assured that when he steps in the ring the fur will fly. Edmondson has recently returned to the ring after a long lay-off. Bryan will be remembered as the man who dusted off

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MAN SUING POWER CO. FOUND DEAD

Mabry Hart, Tarboro Mill President, Dies of Asphyxiation at Raleigh

FIRE IN HOTEL

B. Mabry Hart, textile manufacturer of Tarboro, principal witness in a case of the Hart & Fountain Mills versus the Virginia Electric & Power Co., before the Corporation Commission, was found dead in the bathroom of his room in a Raleigh hotel early Friday morning of last week. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of death by asphyxiation. This was after testimony relating to a party held in Hart's room until about two o'clock after which Hart was left alone. It is thought he went to sleep with a lighted cigarette, setting fire to the bed or carpet, and awoke to find the room full of smoke. Dazed and frightened, he is thought to have tried to escape and ran into the bathroom where he stumbled and fell into the tub, his head striking a faucet. Doctors testified to finding smoke in his lungs. The fire was discovered by a bell boy who notified the night clerk. They sent for the fire department and fought the fire until the department arrived. The body was in the bathroom and the door was closed at the time and the gruesome find was made by the fire chief after the fire had been put out. Friends of the dead man from Tarboro and Raleigh, at the party, were questioned at the inquest. The case before the Corporation Commission was concerning power rates charged the Hart mills by the Power Co. J. T. Chase, Carolina manager of the Power Co., was the

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ACTING UNDER ORDERS

From Washington In Changing Federal Highway 17-1 They Say

BLAME SHIFTED

The North Carolina State Highway Department sheds any and all responsibility in the changing of Federal Highway 17-1 from this city to the new Garysburg Road. The new department states that the change was made effective prior to the date it took charge.

In a telegram sent yesterday to State Highway Engineer L. R. Ames, the city officials, the Merchant's Association and the Kiwanis Club ask for a hearing at the August meeting of the State Highway Commission.

In the meantime, those local bodies will be busy seeing those whom the new Highway Department claim are responsible for the change: namely and foremost, the United States Association of State Highway Departments. It appears that on the recommendation of that association several months ago, the change was ordered.

It is also apparent that the N. C. Commission, recently ousted, must have had something to say about it. Surely the national association would do nothing against the will of the department in whose state such a change was contemplated.

The bureau of roads, the Department of Agriculture at Washington, and the War Department each has something to say about the Federal roads, to say nothing of those in whose charge is the spending of Federal money on Federal Highways in the various states. Each of these will be seen prior to the next meeting of the State Highway Department.

It will also be determined how much Federal money has been spent on Federal Highway 17-1 in the area in question. It is possible, several assert, that Federal money was spent on highways which were not Federal Highways.

It is also clearly recalled here that the former State Highway Commissioner from this district promised that the road from Camps Store to Pleasant Hill would be surfaced exactly as the new road from Weldon to Pleasant Hill. That is concrete. This road should be concrete, unless the new commission has no idea of fulfilling contracts made by the old commission.

Since the changing of the Federal route, our prediction of more changes to be demanded, with such a precedent set, seems likely. Several cities having what they consider a shorter and better road, are planning to have Federal Highways changed if they can work up the necessary pressure.

The city authorities received a letter day before yesterday from State Engineer Ames, stating the Commission, in session yesterday, would send a delegation from here. Lacking all the information desired, and in view of letters from Chairman Jeffress and district engineer Gardner several days before, shifting the blame to the Washington authorities, it was thought best to delay appearing before the State authorities until the meeting next month.

A delegation to Washington is planning to leave here at an early date to take up the 17-1 matter with the proper authorities.

Moonlite Jubilee Will Not Be Held

The moonlite jubilee, which was to be held here by Strong Man Albert Ritchie, on the last of this month, has been called off. At a meeting held the latter part of last week, it was decided by a group of merchants, all of whom were possible contributors to the event, that the time of the year was bad for the occasion.

Not enough interest has been shown by enough contributors to defray the expenses of the jubilee, and there was much divided opinion on the possible success of the entertainment.

Mrs. Ida Whiddy is a patient in the Roanoke Rapids Hospital.

ABOLISH 3 COUNTY SCHOOLS

State Consolidation Does Away With Tilley, Hawkins, Heathsville

TEACHERS LOADED

"All economies consistent with efficiency" have been made effective by the State Board of Equalization in its allotment of teachers in the public schools of the State for the next year, according to a statement issued by LeRoy Martin, secretary.

Halifax County, the records show, was allotted a total of 307 teachers, 48 in high and 259 in elementary schools. Of these 153 are for white schools, 39 high and 114 elementary, and 154 are for colored schools, nine high and 145 elementary. Notices are being sent as rapidly as possible to county officials notifying them of the number of teachers allotted to the individual schools in their respective counties, Mr. Martin said.

Halifax had only three schools abolished by consolidation, Tilley, with Halifax and Hawkins Chapel and Heathsville with Aurelian Springs.

The board allotted a total of 21,894 teachers for next year, or 1,933 less than the 23,827 employed by all units last year, or 684 less than those employed and allowed by the State for participation in the equalizing fund. Local authorities employed 1,249 teachers last year, the record shows.

The decrease in teachers was made possible through the increased teacher load provided in the new law, the consolidations brought about by the board, and by the fact that the increase in average daily attendance for the past year was not equal to the increase of recent years.

The board found that there were 152 high schools operated last year with a daily average attendance of less than 50 pupils, most of them with three teachers and many with four, and found 651 elementary schools operating with less than 22 pupils, the law requiring their elimination and consolidation unless such schools can be more economically operated. The board eliminated 52 high schools by consolidation, and 143 elementary schools by the same method, although all were not under the 50 and 22 pupil class. Consolidation was provided only in schools where room and equipment were already available, so as not to require erection of new buildings at this time.

Misses Nita Turner and Ophelia Daniel, Mrs. W. A. Daniel and Mrs. Carson Mills and children, spent Thursday in Goldsboro and Rocky Mount.

John L. Guest of Richmond, Va., was a recent Roanoke Rapids visitor.