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BOARD DENIES PART IN CHANGE

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

UP AND DOWN

THE AVENUE WITH THE EDITOR

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 euipment must be manufactur-ed, 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 capiwrote that law knew that a housebreaker, while not actually a murderer at heart, is a potential murder-er-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, res-taurants 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 prob-

This seems to be a place where all the high powered promoters like to hit. Those fellows come in w i t h rothing at stake and nothing invested and usually make a pretty good liv-ing 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.

Store Breakers Quickly Caught ACTING UNDE ROBBERY SOLVED

Two In Jail, Officers Seeking Third Cigarette Looter

DOBBINS SHERLOCK

Garland Umphrey and Fred West, ocal 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 rob-bery last Friday night of the J. H. Matkins Grocery Store when some \$30.00 worth of cigarettes were stol-Entrance to the Avenue store wa

gained through the back door, by cutting a small hole enabling the culprits to lift the large latch on the tal crime, punishable by death. At first, seems pretty strong medicine, but we are in favor of it. Those who \$200 LOOT morning hours, the thieves did not attempt to take anything but cigarettes The theft of the fags was discovered early Saturday morning a n d promptly reported to Officer H. E. Dobbins. In the absence of any tan-

gible clues to the store robbery, which is the first to take place in recent months, Mr. Dobbins started an in vestigation 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 igarettes at little more than half heir value to the proprietor of an

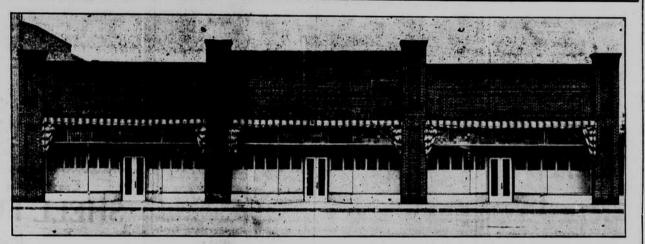
Avenue "pop shop." Umphrey, who is married and has a family is regularly employed by the Rosemary Supply Co., and had sold the cigarettes to the hot dog merchant, allegedly under the pretense that they had come from his firm. on the case Soon evidence was introduced that as to clues. led to the arrest 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 sken a great interest in the chase of the criminals and who had appear ed to be abnormally nervous throghout 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 lo-

West and Umphrey waived preli-

cally, he being employed on a part One favorite line is that of the ex clusive. The promoter says in effect: Name of the transformation of the tr ery much of his time.



PICTURE OF LEGGETT-BELK DEPT. STORE TO OPEN HERE SOON

Photo by Vries Studio 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 re nodeled thruout. The new fixtures will be installed next week. The location is at the corner of Roanoke Avenue and 11th Street.

LOCAL POLICE ARE STILL

UNSOLVED No Clue to Robbery of South Rosemary Store Last Week

GLASS CRASHED

OF STORE

chandise 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

Although no evidence has been uncarthed 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 autocounts of nearby neighbors residing less than 100 yards, was timed most perfectly.

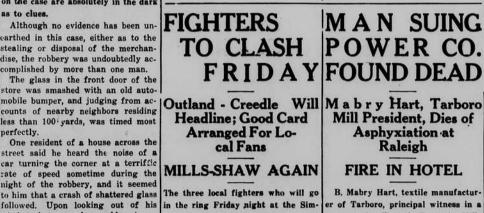
One resident of a house across the street said he heard the noise of a car turning the corner at a terriffic rate of speed sometime during the night of the robbery, and it seemed

Whether it was the intensive heat; |than Mother Nature had provided he result of robbers-or a practical them. Investigation led to the arrest of joker, or merely a strong desire to

PUZZLED BY THIS CASE.

the two, who it is understood are le-cal residents. The man and woman claimed to be at a less to understand "get back to nature" prompted and aided by alcoholic spirits, that resulted in a local couple being picked up where their clothing had disappeared, on a nearby country road early last and an intensive search of the near Sunday morning minus several im-portant items of wearing apparel it will perhaps long remain a mystery in local control in a control of the several asystem of the several in-wear asystem of the several im-wear asystem of the several im-ternation of the several important in the several important internation of the several internation o

in local police circles. local police circles. At any rate Officer Dobbins was friend had lost her shoes, hose--and informed at 4 a. m. last Sunday by a lingerie. The couple were remanded party who had seen the couple, that to the local jail and booked on a man and woman were driving charge of using an autmobile for imaround in a Ford roadster on the road leading from Tillman's Cross Roads guilty by Judge Daniel in Recorder's to Hornertown clothed in little more Court



Does Away With Tillery, Hawkins, Heathsville

ABOLISH

3 COUNTY

TEACHERS LOADED

"All economies consistent with efficiency" have been made effective by the State Board of Equalization in the State Highway Department. its allotment of teachers in the public schools of the State for the next year, much Federal money has been spent according to a statement issued by on Federal Highway 17-1 in the area LeRoy Martin, secretary.

Halifax County, the records show, was alloted a total of 307 teachers, 48 in high and 259 i n 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 resthe individual schools in their res-pective counties, Mr. Martin said. Halifax had only three schools abolished by consolidation, Tillery, with Halifax and Hawkins Chapel and Heathsville with Aurelian Springs. The board alloted a total of 21,894

B. Mabry Hart, textile manufactur-than the 23,827 employed by all units having what they consider a shorter and better road, are planning to have r of Tarboro, principal witness in a last year, or 684 less than those em-ployed and allowed by the State for rarticipation in the equalizing fund. The city authorities received a let-Local authorities employed 1,249 teachers last year, the record shows. ter day before yesterday from State Engineer Ames, stating the Commis-The decrease in teachers was made sion, in session yesterday, would see possible through the increased teachdelegation from here. Lacking all er load provided in the new law, the the information desired, and in view consolidations brought about by the of letters from Chairman Jeffress and board, and by the fact that the indistrict engineer Gardner several days before, shifting the blame to t h e crease in average daily attendance Washington authorities, it was for the past year was not equal to the increase of recent years. thought best to delay appearing fore the State authorities until the The board found that there were 152 high schools operated last year meeting next month.

UNDER ORDERS

From Washington In **Changing Federal** Highway 17-1 They Say

BLAME SHIFTED

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

In a telegram sent yesterday to State Highway Engineer L. R. Ames, the city officials, t h e 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 w a s ordered.

It is also apparent that the N .C. Commission, recently ousted, must have had something to say about it. SCHOOLS Surely the national association would to nothing against the will of the de-State Consolidation partment in whose state such a hange was contemplated.

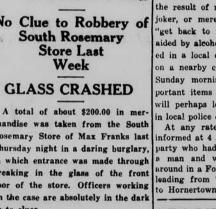
The bureau of roads, the Depart-ment of Agriculture at Washington, and the War Department each has something to say about the Federal roads, to say nothing of those in whose charge is the spending of Fedcral money on Federal Highways in the various states. Each of these will be seen prior to the next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

It will also be determined h o w in question. It is possible, several as-

It is also clearly recalled here that

the former State Highway Commis-sioner 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 prece-dent set, seems likely. Several cities



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 does'nt bite. minary hearing and were automati-cally placed in the county jail at Ha-

First Paper Made By New Mill Here Tuesday

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

Life Saving School

American Red Cross life saving lasses 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 ecessary in order to pass the course All who are interested are request-ed to give their names to the life taxes in charge of the pool.

Mrs. A. B. Sanford and children ave returned to their home in Al-lerta, Va., after spending two weeks here visiting Mrs. E. A. Elmore.

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

oust.

Dinks Beat Boykins

The Rinky Dinks journeyed dowr o Boykins last Saturday and handed the Boykins-Severn outfit a 2-1 de-

feat 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 Annia Maud Jones caught for the Pajamas

while Edna Stainback pitched and Ol-lie Keeter caught for the Bloomers.

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

where an automobile had ran into anything, and thinking he was mistaken went back to sleep. It is thought that the glass in the

lifax in default of bond in the front door of the ransacked store was amount of \$500.00 each to await the shattered at this time as the noise of action of the Superior court in Authe crash would have surely awaken-

ed nearby residents at any other time Unly 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 linner there was a huge birthday ake. The spirit of youth prevaied at this gathering of mother and chil-dren, 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. Tayor, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Young, Mrs Hal Ross, T. M. Edmondson, Mrs. Fletcher Dickens, Miss Blonnie Tay-

Fletcher Dickens, Miss Bionnie Tay-lor, Miss Ella Lee Taylor, T. B. Browning, Mrs. Nannie Peele, Vir-ginia and Mary Frances Taylor, and Mrs. G. W. Stinson of Rocky Mount.

will give their local backers someversus the Virginia Electric & Powthing to talk about when action starts. er Co., before the Corporation' Com Fans are still talking about the last fights that were staged at Simmons mission, was found dead in the bathroom of his room in a Raleigh hotel gym by the local Boy Scout Troops and this coming Friday night they early Friday morning of last week. The coroners jury returned a ver-

will see a better program. Wilmer "Scrapper" Outland, who is to fight the main bout is in perfect dict of death by asphyxiation. This was after testimony relating to a

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party held in Hart's room until about In a fast workout last night. two o'clock after which Hart was left alone. It is thought he went to he showed perfect condition and was sleep with a lighted cigarette, setlightning fast on his feet. In Kiki ting fire to the bed or carpet, and creedle, Outland will go up against ne of the best fighters to ever inawoke to find the room full of smoke. ade Roanoke Rapids. Creedle is well Dazed and frightened, he is thought nown in Norfolk, where he is rated to have tried to escape and ran int

the bathroom where he stumbled and fell into the tub, his head striking a ne of the best in his class. Fight fans of this section will get their faucet. Doctors testified to finding noney's worth when thee two fast oys stage their six round act.

smoke in his lungs. The fire was discovered by a bell In the semi-final, Freddie Mills, ocal High School leather pusher, will who notified the night clerk. They fight a return bout with Battling Shaw of Suffolk. It will be rememsent for the fire department and fought the fire until the department ered that Mills and Shaw tought a arrived. The body was in the bath room and the door was closed at th fast and furious slugging draw on the

ast program. Both of these boys are me and the gruesome find was made by the fire chief after the fire had rearing to get at each other. In the preliminary Lester Edmondson and een put out. Friends of the dead man from Tar-Young Bryan of Suffolk will go four

boro and Raleigh, at the party, were ounds. Lester is well known among uestioned at the inquest. The case before the Corporation the local fight fans and they can res

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 remem-bered as the man who dusted off 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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with a daily average attendance of A delegation to Washington is planning to leave here at an early date to take up the 17-1 matter with less than 50 pupils, most of them with three teachers and many with four, and found 651 elementary the proper authorities.

schools operating with less than 22 pupils, the law requiring their elimi-Moonlite Jubilee nation and consolidation unless such

schools can be more economically ope-nated. The board eliminated 52 high chools 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.

was decladed by a group of merchants, all of whom were possible, contribu-tors to the event, that the time of the year was bad for the occation. Not enough interest has been

Misses Nita Turner and Ophelia fray the expenses of the jubilee, and there was much divided opinion on the possible success of the entertain-Daniel, Mrs. W. A. Daniel and Mrs. Carson Mills and children, spont Thursday in Goldsboro a n d Rocky Mount.

John L. Guest of Richmond, Va. Mrs. Ida Whidby is a patient in the

Will Not Be Held The moonlight jubilee, which was

to be held here by Strong Man Al bert 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,

shown by enough contributors to de-