

UP AND DOWN THE AVENUE

WITH THE EDITOR Seems like we are having lots of fires lately. Two since last week. The Fire Department boys will be getting plenty of training.

We stood on the front porch a la pajamas at three o'clock Tuesday morning waiting for the truck to pass. There's always a feeling of dread until the actual place of the fire is known. We hit the porch before the siren had quit blowing. Sixty seconds later we heard padding steps. A volunteer fireman was racing toward the Avenue to catch the truck. Not always pleasant to be snatched out of sound sleep at 3 a. m. especially when you get nothing for it. But the boys do it with a will.

It was quite an honor for our city as well as for the man himself, when the directors of the Virginia Electric and Power Co., made Mr. Chase a vice president last week. He richly deserves the promotion. If public utilities had more men like Mr. Chase in their employ, they would be held in higher esteem by the general public. Mr. Chase is able to feel the average man's ideas and reactions.

Here is one question we would like answered. Why shouldn't every car owner be required to carry liability insurance? Suppose your car is in a wreck and both cars are damaged. You carry insurance which protects the other fellow. He does not carry any and you are compelled to pay your own damages. In addition to paying your insurance premium. Where is the justice in that?

The All-Stars will have to go some to beat that game the youngsters staged here last Saturday. That game had all the thrills of a World series game and the fans are still talking about it. If you missed it, you missed the best game of the season.

Building Inspector Henry Fitts went down to Raleigh this week to talk to State authorities about some of his problems. They told him the best way to keep undesirable out of a residential section which was not in a fire zone was to get the assistance of owners of vacant property in the area in question. That is what Henry must do here in some cases. If owners of vacant property want such tenants there is nothing he can do, unless the neighbors who must live nearby declare them a public nuisance.

If you don't believe the City Fathers have plenty of work to do, sit in on one of their busy sessions. And at that, most of the actual work is done by committees prior to the meeting.

Three good men were chosen for the Sanitary Board. J. T. Chase, who is an engineer by training and experience; Hugh Camp, who knows more about mechanics than a cook knows about soup, and gets a bigger kick out of a technical and mechanical problem than most of us would out of a legacy; and Jim Taylor, who is just naturally good at anything he attempts. You can bank on these three men to put us in a sanitary system that will be second to none and will cost us not one penny more than we should pay.

Speaking of sanitation reminds us that Doc Long came here many years ago as a young medic just beginning to know his pills. The day he arrived here, the senior doctor left on a vacation and left also, 46 typhoid fever cases for young Doc Long. Nowadays, two cases is considered an epidemic and three is a catastrophe.

Remember when the lights went off for a time during the electrical storm Tuesday night. Lightning played havoc with motors, transformers, lines and poles. Then the lights came on. That was "juice" from Norfolk or Raleigh or some other distant point connected by the new transmission lines to Roanoke Rapids. And all night long, while the rest of us slept, every Power Co. man was on the job in plant or on the road. A storm like that costs the Power Co. thousands of dollars and plenty of lost sleep.

Local baseball fans are hot at Slagle. Yesterday they paid good coin of the realm to see Slagle and the Navy Yards play. It started raining and the game was called off. Mr. Slagle could not be found. Irate fans, among them Collins Fitts and Jim Thomason, called at the house for their money back or rain checks. Were told the money was needed to pay the visiting team, get no rain checks.

LOCAL JUNIORS WIN STATE TITLE

Road Delegation Makes Progress

MAY GET FEDERAL STANDING

State Backing Will Aid In Retaining The Federal Designation

IMPROVE AVENUE

Partial success crowned the efforts of a small but determined committee from here which appeared before the State Highway Commission at its regular monthly meeting in Raleigh yesterday in regard to Federal Highway 17-1.

After hearing the story from spokesmen of the local committee and quizzing several members, the Commission finally passed a resolution addressed to the National Association of State Highway Departments asking that the road thru Roanoke Rapids be retained as part of the Federal system, with either it or the Garysburg road having alternate Federal numbers and to be shown on all maps.

This was as far as the State department could go officially, the actual designation of Federal Highways being in the hands of the Federal government. This was as much as the committee from here asked them for. The local men were received cordially and shown every courtesy by the new Highway Board.

N. L. Stedman, Halifax citizen, who was appointed by the Governor as the board member from this section of the State, was especially nice to the delegation and made the motion which was passed. At various points in the meeting, he pointed out salient points of local importance to the other members of the Board.

It was also Mr. Stedman who won another point for Roanoke Rapids when he told the Commission he was deeply interested in our desire to have the heavily traveled Avenue from the railroad to the canal repaired. He had been asked to recommend a concrete strip, two feet wide on each side of the present road, and the reworking of the macadam. This would make the road four feet wider and provide protection to the shoulders, as well as make maintenance on the mid part of the road much easier.

Other members of the board expressed their approval of this plan and it was placed on his records by Chairman Jeffress. After the session, Mr. Stedman assured individual members of the local committee that he would see that the Avenue was taken care of in this manner at the earliest possible date.

There was much doubt on the part of many here as to chances at all of getting back 17-1 or any Federal designation. A large group had set themselves to be content with 481, the new State markings of the road from the railroad to Pleasant Hill with no future chance of a concrete or high type surface. That chance is enhanced if a road be a Federal Highway.

A member of the Commission raised the question that if the Commission went on record as favoring this road as a Federal Highway after that designator had been taken from it by Federal authorities, the Commission would be setting a precedent which might lead them into much future trouble.

This was seized upon by our spokesmen as one of the best talking points for reinstating the Roanoke Rapids road as a Federal Highway. For in changing that route, there was being set up a precedent which would cause untold confusion in every State. The point was agreed on by the Commission.

This was just one step in the fight, which must be carried to Washington, and the outcome is still uncertain, but certainly prospects are a little brighter than they were 24 hours ago. Those in the delegation were W. F. Joyner, County Commissioner from this township; Geo. N. Taylor, chairman of the Roanoke Rapids Board of Commissioners from this township; George N. Taylor, chair-

Summary of Uniform Annual County Budget for the Fiscal Year 1931-32 COUNTY OF HALIFAX, NORTH CAROLINA

Table with 7 columns: FUNDS, Total Budget Requirements Year Ending 6-30-32, Estimate of Revenue Other Than Taxes, Estimated Amt-Tax Levy 1931-1932, Estimated Valuation year 1931-1932, Proposed Rate Year Ending June 30, 1932, County Wide Rate 1930-31. Rows include County General Fund, County Home and Outside Poor, Bond Interest Redemption and Sinking Fund, General County Schools, General County Roads, and TOTAL COUNTY PURPOSES.

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POLICE FORCE IS CHOSEN

Extra Meeting Is Called Next Week to Continue Work

MAKING UP BUDGET

The new Mayor and City Commissioners took the oath of office and held their first official meeting this Tuesday afternoon in a session which lasted the entire afternoon and was continued until an extended meeting set for next week.

The entire board was present and took the oath to well and truly perform the duties of their office after which they plunged into a session of work which seemed to grow by leaps and bounds as the meeting progressed. Mayor Kelly Jenkins presided at his first meeting and Commissioners F. C. Williams, George N. Taylor, M. D. Collier, Alfred N. Martin, Ned Manning and T. M. Jenkins were kept busy for more than three hours trying to map out a definite program for the city administration.

The longest discussion which came near the end of the meeting, concerned the much mooted police question. The desk was piled high with applications for the police offices, with the office of Chief as the favorite. This question of a chief was decided first and the decision made was that no chief would be appointed for the present, the Mayor acting as head of the police force with full authority to reprimand, to designate duties and fire, if necessary.

The question of four or five police was discussed at length. There were those who felt, in the interest of economy, and looking to a difficult task on budgeting and keeping expenses and tax rate low, that four police could handle the work. The majority finally decided that temporarily five men were needed, until the situation was better in hand. Two of the police would be on day duty and three on duty at night. While definite territory was undesignated, it was the understanding that a day and a night officer would have a beat in each end of the city, with the third night officer covering the residential section of the city at large. Cooperation between the police at all times will be demanded in the interest of the entire city.

The police force appointed consists of Clifton Massey and H. E. Dobbins, day police, Jeff Welch, Carl Green and Paul Lewter, night police. The salaries of all police jobs were cut and the two day police will receive the same salary while the three night police will receive the same.

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Relative Visits Kin Here in Aeroplane

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. China had quite an interesting experience Wednesday around noon when their brother-in-law, Lieut. Floyd B. Wood, from Middletown, Pa., flew over in an aeroplane, circled around their home near Camp's Store and dropped a note, flying low enough to be easily recognized. He was on his way to Fort Bragg. Lieut. Wood was a recent visitor in the home of Mr. and Mrs. China.

ESCAPED CONVICT DROWNED

Body Discovered in River Friday Believed That of Pendergraph

ANOTHER MISSING

Following escape from State Prison on Farm in Halifax County Monday, July 27th of Edward House and Leroy Pendergraph, 27-year old white inmates, a search was started that ended in grim tragedy when the body of an unidentified white man, believed to be Pendergraph, clad in a striped uniform was found on the banks of the Roanoke River about 7 miles from Scotland Neck.

After the prisoners had taken "French Leave" they were trailed some distance down the river. Chases suddenly ended however, and the chase had been abandoned on this basis.

Last Friday afternoon, a Negro investigating a stolen rowboat belonging to his employer, found the body of a white man who had been drowned and washed upon the banks by the stream, and reported same to the sheriff.

Coroner W. C. Williams immediately visited the scene. Identification of the body was impossible because of the mutilated condition, however, the fact that the man was clad in "stripes" and that the two fugitives were known to be in the section pointed to the fact that it must be one of them.

As it was known that House lived only 15 miles from the place where the body was found, it was first thought that it was he whose body was found. His relatives were visited but claimed that they had not seen him. When told it was thought he had been drowned, although exceedingly remorseful, the parents told Coroner Williams to dispose of the body the best way he saw fit as they had no funds to care for his burial.

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CHASE, CAMP, TAYLOR

These Men Will Have Charge of Installation of Water and Sewerage

CHOSEN MONDAY

J. T. Chase, Hugh D. Camp and T. W. Taylor were appointed members of the Roanoke Rapids Sanitary District Board by the County Board of Commissioners Monday.

The names of these three men were presented to the County Board by W. F. Joyner, commissioner from this township, and they were elected without opposition.

The Sanitary District, which is a plan that was adopted at the same time the incorporation plan was begun, is for the installation of water and sewerage in this community. The district as formed includes the new incorporated area and also includes all the mill plants on the river and in the community.

The new Board will have charge of the building, maintenance and operation of a suitable system, designed by sanitary engineers and approved by the State Board of Health, to give this community from the river to the railroad ample and satisfactory water supply and sewerage disposal.

The city of almost ten thousand depends at present on deep water wells for its water supply and on septic tanks and outdoor privies for the sewage disposal. It has long been called the biggest black spot on the sanitary map of the State. Doctors and health officers live in dread of an epidemic breaking out here at any time, altho the people have been spared that for some miraculous reason.

This plan calls for a large outlay of money, unless a large portion of that investment can be done away with by leasing the mill filter plant. If such a step can be arranged, the citizens will be saved the cost, interest and long taxation to the amount of some \$125,000. This plan has been recommended by Spooner & Lewis, sanitary engineers, who made the survey for the proposed district.

If such an arrangement is made, that will still leave the enormous job of laying watermains and outlets and the installation of sewer lines in the entire area.

The actual cost of this work will be known after the meeting of the new board which will probably be held some time this month.

Whoever gets the contract for the work will do so with the understanding that the labor will be local so far as possible, and it is hoped to thus put many men at work who are, at present, out of work in the city.

There is much red tape to be untied before the actual letting and starting of operations. There must

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E. G. Butler Dies

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Roanoke Rapids cemetery by Rev. V. H. Grantham for E. G. Butler, 51, who died of an acute heart attack at the home of his brother, Ben Butler at three o'clock Monday afternoon.

He is survived by three children, Johnny, Shirley and Mary, all of Patterson Mill section, in addition to his father and a number of brothers and sisters, all of whom are well known locally. His wife passed away last October.

ARSON IS CHARGED AT FIRE

C. C. Jones Is Charged With Setting The Whitley Garage Afire

TAXI DESTROYED

Following the fire Sunday morning at 1 a. m., which completely destroyed the 1-car storage garage and a small two-door sedan belonging to Mooes Whitley, veteran Roanoke Rapids taxi driver, C. C. Jones is being held for the August Superior Court on a charge of arson.

The warrant for Jones, a steel worker, who moved to this city some six or eight months ago while the construction on the bridge was in progress, was sworn out by Grover Whitley, some of the elder taxi operator.

The fire broke out slightly before 1 o'clock Saturday night, and was under control by 1:20. Thirty minutes later Jones was arrested by officer Massey after the complaint had been proffered by young Whitley. He was hailed before the Mayor at the time of his arrest in order that his bond could be set, though he was unable to make bond when it was set at \$300 by Mayor Taylor.

Preliminary hearing was held Monday morning before Magistrate R. L. Martin, at which time Jones was bound over for Superior Court, and remanded to the county jail at Halifax when he was again unable to make bond which was set the second time at only \$100.

Both the small car and the garage, which was used for storage only, were completely destroyed by the early morning flames. The garage was located just back of the dwelling of Mr. Whitley on Hamilton Street.

The second fire of the week happened at 3 a. m., Tuesday morning when the six room home of Sam Sadler, filling station proprietor of South Rosemary, burned to the ground. The fire was of unknown origin, and although local firemen battled desperately to gain control over a stubborn blaze the best they were able to do was protect surrounding property as the fire had gained much headway before reached. The house was located only a block from the filling station operated by Sadler.

LOCAL TEAM WINS OVER GREENBORO

Goes Into National Race For The Junior World Championship

LEGION ELATED

By defeating Greensboro 7-4 on the opponent's home diamond yesterday afternoon, the Roanoke Rapids Junior American Legion team took the series and won the State championship.

The team which is sponsored by Damas Post 147, Roanoke Rapids, and coached by Bill Alligood and Post Commander Ned Manning, went thru a hard-fought series with Greensboro, Western champions. Roanoke Rapids had won the Eastern State championship by defeating Durham.

The local Legion Post and the entire city was elated at the success of the local boys, most of them High School players. There was a much celebration when the news reached here late yesterday that our boys were the State champions.

In preparation for the Junior World Series, which will be played off by State winners all over the country, the Roanoke Rapids team, representing North Carolina, must now play the State champions of South Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee. The winners of this series will then enter the semi-finals of winners of other Federal Districts.

The deciding game yesterday at Greensboro was two out of three for the local boys. Lefty Starke, who has borne the brunt of the pitching for the entire series, won his place in the local hall of fame by holding Greensboro to 7 scattered hits while his team mates pounded out 8 hits at proper times to score 7 runs. Greensboro used three pitchers in an attempt to halt the locals who scored one run in the third, had a big inning with four scores in the 4th, and scored one run in each the 7th and 8th.

Greensboro scored one in the third to tie the score, two in the sixth and made a final effort in the last inning which netted only one run. Lee and Dickens had several sensational catches to their credit, while Womble led the batting attack with three hits out of four times at bat. Allsbrook got a timely two-bagger. The locals stole everything but the grandstand. Starke stole two bases, Garris 3, Sullivan and W. Dickens 1 each. Starke and Womble were credited with a double play.

The State champion line-up: Womble, 1b; W. Dickens, lf; Garris, 3rd; Starke, p; Allsbrook, 2nd; Lee, rf; I. Dickens, ss; Sullivan, cf; Carver, c; Pridden, c; Everette, p; Acree, p.

The first game of the series with Greensboro was played here last Saturday with the local boys winning 6 to 5 in a 14 inning game which was the best game of the season on local lots. Starke went the entire distance.

The second game was played at Greensboro this Tuesday afternoon and Greensboro won by a score of 10 to 4. Everette and Acree were yanked in the midst of a first inning rally and Starke went in. Five runs more in the 7th and 8th cinched the game. Irving Dickens starred in this game. Acree got two hits in as many times at bat.

REVIVAL SERVICES

Revival services will be held at Bear Swamp Church at Littleton beginning Sunday, August 23rd, 1931. All day services with dinner Sunday, and continuing at 3 p. m., and at 8 p. m., for the balance of the week. Rev. D. A. Bowers of Gastonia, who is well known locally will assist the regular pastor, Rev. E. R. Nelson of Hudson, N. C.

Mrs. J. W. Collins and daughter, Virginia, have been visiting her brothers, R. W. and J. E. Jackson of Newsome, Va.