

UP AND DOWN The Avenue WITH THE EDITOR

Somebody who had little to do turned in a false fire alarm Sunday which sent the truck to Weldon on a needless run.

It was not only an expensive joke, which cost the taxpayers money, but it makes the Fire Department wary about answering all calls.

Such a joker is tampering with loss of property, perhaps loss of life, and it was a serious offense which would be severely punished.

If there had been a real fire, it is doubtful, according to Fire Department members, if they would have reached the fire in time to do any good.

In addition to putting out fires, the Department members say they must also keep from running into the fans or watch their step lest they be run over themselves.

Jim Thomason was in the office a few minutes the other day. Jim is now working on a bunch of school houses in Maryland and will be busy on the job for another two months.

A friend was telling us about a trip from Washington to New York via airplane he took the other day.

Everything was done for the comfort and ease of the passengers. A nice looking and intelligent young lady was hostess on the plane.

They were given post cards and stamps and could write and mail their cards on the plane.

Another old landmark is going down. Back in the alley to the East of the Avenue between 10th and 11th Streets is the last of a busy thoroughfare.

At the regular monthly meeting, the County Board of Commissioners again extended the time for advertising county tax delinquents another 30 days, according to Commissioner Frank Joyner.

2,392 CHILDREN IN CITY SCHOOLS

OUTLAND AND MILLS GET DRAW

In Fast Bouts At Simmons Gymnasium On Monday Night

GOOD PRELIMS

(By Jimmie Shell) Promoter Bill Alligood gained a position among the successful promoters when he put on a boxing circus in Simmons Gym last Monday night.

The first preliminary was between a couple of anxious juvenile pugilists, Cash Register vs Battling Edwards.

Flashy Whitby and Young Midget both locals, got together very scrappily and gave the fans plenty of excitement in the second preliminary.

The third preliminary of the fistic menu was between Kid Newton of Roanoke Rapids and Cloutier Cook of Weldon.

Kit Carson of Roanoke Rapids met Battling Putnam in the fourth preliminary. Carson was outboxed the entire four rounds, but put up a good scrap to win the unanimous applause of the spectators.

In the semi-final Freddie Mills of Roanoke Rapids, Met "K.O." Insko of Rocky Mount. Freddie proved to be pretty tough for his opponent and therefore "K.O." failed to live up to his title as he didn't win, nor get a knockout.

Everything was done for the comfort and ease of the passengers. A nice looking and intelligent young lady was hostess on the plane. Her duties were to look after the passengers, amuse them, talk to them if they were frightened.

Services at First Baptist Church, Sunday, September 12th. The Pastor, Alfred P. Mustian will preach both morning and evening using for his sermon theme at the morning hour: "When The Golden Lamp Burns."

William Henry Davis is visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Florence Morgan, in Severn, N. C.

Last Saturday, the first bale of cotton of the 1931 crop was sold to Roanoke Mills Co. Charlie Powell, colored, who lives across the river in Northampton County, received the \$5 premium for the first bale sold.

Wreck Victim

Robert Price, 27-year old young man who is well known locally, died instantly from injuries received when the automobile in which he was riding with his cousin, Ernest Vick, on the Palmyra road near his home at Oak City, overturned on August 27th.

Young Price is survived by his parents, six sisters and five brothers, the sisters including Mrs. R. E. Gray and Mrs. H. L. Fahey of this city, and was well known and liked in Roanoke Rapids.

The cousin, driver of the death car, will face an investigation over the accident and is now being held in the Williamston jail in default of bond, which has been set at \$2,000.

CITY HAS TWO NEW OFFICIALS

Reid Is Tax Collector and Etheridge Has Charge of City Streets

START DUTIES SOON

At a recent meeting of the City Commissioners P. A. Reid was appointed city tax collector, and Paul Etheridge Superintendent of Streets.

Mr. Reid now holds the position of business manager of the city schools, and of course will enter his new duties with the city in addition to his connection with the schools.

An effort will be made to collect all back taxes due the city, of which there is a large amount outstanding, as these funds are needed very badly to carry on the work of the new city administration.

Paul Etheridge has been employed by the City of Roanoke Rapids to fill the newly created office of superintendent of streets and sanitation and will enter upon his new duties on September 15th.

Mr. Etheridge has had wide experience in this line, having worked for Halifax County for a number of years in the Highway Department, later going to the employ of the State when they took over all county roads several months ago.

NOTICE AURELIAN SPRINGS FARMERS

There will be three prizes given to farmers at Aurelian Springs school on Monday afternoon, September 14th, at 2:30 o'clock. These prizes will be given for estimating the nearest to the yield of the cotton demonstration on Mr. J. R. Liles' farm in front of Mr. V. C. Matthews' house.

The first prize will be \$3, second prize \$2 and third prize \$1.50. The way the estimating contest will be carried on will be explained on September 14th.

Come and see if the demonstration has proved anything to you and also you may win a prize.

By E. K. VEACH, Agriculture Teacher.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

St. John's Catholic Chapel, corner Hamilton and Ninth Streets. Rev. F. J. McCourt, Pastor. Sunday, September 13th, 8 a. m., Low Mass, Sermon on "The Word of God," Holy Communion, Benediction, Sunday School, confessions for forty minutes before services. Holy Masses this Sunday also in churches at Scotland Neck.

Misses Evelyn and Priscilla Mullen entertained Thursday night at their home on Monroe Street. Miss Betty Gray Long was winner of high score prize or ladies and she was given a pen and pencil set. George Burgwyn was winner of high score prize for gentlemen. A salad and sweet course was served. Those playing were: Misses Betty Gray Long, Rosa Heath Long, Charlotte Ann Emery, Sarah Elizabeth and Lillian Bell Jenkins, Maria Long, Gene Hewitt, Margie Cannon, Katherine and Phala Vick, Messrs Gene Wells, John Dunn Gene Cannon, James Beckwith, Geo. Burgwyn, Frank Pittman, Robert Vick, Jack Cassada, Eugene Crutchfield, George Green and Ovid Pierce of Weldon.

TO EXTEND WHITEWAY 11 BLOCKS

Order Placed With The Vepco For Extension Of City Lighting System

SAME TYPE USED

An order for the extension of the white way lighting system from its present ending at the old corporate limits to 11th Street in the South Ward has been placed with the Virginia Electric and Power Co., following the passing of this resolution and its confirmation, at a recent meeting of the City Commissioners.

The white way lights will conform with the ones already installed in the North Ward, and when completed the new city will have eleven long blocks of white way connecting the two business sections, as the present system starts at First Street.

The matter of street lighting was also taken up at the commissioners meeting, and orders for additional lights in the residential sections have also been placed. These too, will conform with the street lighting system in use in the North Ward, using swinging lights from the center and the corner of the streets.

Woman's Club Meets At The Country Club

The Woman's Club will hold the first meeting of the club year on next Monday afternoon at the Country Club. The president, Mrs. C. A. Wyche, wishes to announce that at this meeting, Mrs. J. M. Hobgood of Farmville, N. C., who is president of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, will speak. Mrs. Hobgood is a splendid speaker and will bring a message of inspiration to the club members. The club members are all urged to be present and to invite a friend. The public is cordially invited. The place, Country Club. The time, 3 o'clock. The date, Monday.

Rosh Hashonah

Local Jewish residents will celebrate "Rosh Hashonah", or "Jewish New Year" as it is more commonly known to Gentiles from Friday night, Sept. 11th at 6 p. m., until the following Saturday evening at 6.

Although a complete check-up could not be made before going to press, it was understood that the stores and places of business of most local Jewish merchants would be closed during these hours and that group comprises: W. T. Adler, B. Marks, Frank Horwitz, Jack Weisner, S. Fligel and Paul Fligel, Isaac Spire and Max Frank.

The stores will close promptly at six Friday night for the Jewish holiday, and will not open again until 6 p. m. Saturday night.

Smoot-George Wedding

A wedding uniting two of Rosemary's popular young people was solemnized Saturday night at Rosemary Baptist Church, when Miss Pauline George became the bride of Mr. Edward Smoot. Miss Gladys Cox had charge of the music. Just before the ceremony she played "Hearts and Flowers." Miss Agatha Moore sang "O Promise Me," and during the ceremony Miss Cox played "To A Wild Rose."

The church was beautifully decorated with ferns and golden rods with many cathedral candles effectively used. The maid of honor, Miss Myrtle Lipscomb wore an attractive costume of brown and carried a corsage of yellow roses. The bride was lovely in brown velvet and wore a corsage of rust roses.

The groom, with his best man, Mr. Byron Gurley, was met at the altar by the bride and the vows were taken. Rev. J. E. Kirk, pastor of the bride, performing the ceremony, using a double ring ceremony.

The bride and groom left immediately after the ceremony for Richmond and will be at home to their friends after a short wedding trip.

Miss Edith Davis spent the weekend in Severn, N. C., visiting relatives.

CALL FOR SPECIAL SESSION

County Commissioners Ask Governor To Call Legislature re Cotton

SEE DISASTER

Halifax County Commissioners in session Monday, passed unanimously resolutions requesting Governor Gardner to call a special session of the legislature to deal with the restriction of the 1932 cotton crop.

On motion of B. B. Everette, seconded by N. W. Warren, The Board of County Commissioners passed the following resolutions:

Whereas, there is at the present time a prospect, according to the government estimate, of nearly sixteen million bales of cotton being harvested this season:

And Whereas: With the supply on hand now of cotton, this new crop would reduce the price far below the cost of its production and would inevitably result in disaster to the cotton growing States;

And Whereas: There is a movement on foot by several of the Southern States to call a special session of their respective legislatures to pass restrictive laws for 1932 production of cotton,

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Board of County Commissioners of Halifax County, in session September 7, 1931, do hereby endorse this movement to restrict cotton production for 1932 by legislation and do petition the Honorable O. Max Gardner, Governor of North Carolina, to call a special session of North Carolina legislature to consider a similar program and as far as expedient co-operate with the other cotton growing states.

The advertising of land sales for taxes was postponed one month. Land will be advertised in October.

Football Squad Increases To 45

(By Jimmie Shell)

Last year lettermen and more newcomers increase the squad to 45, one of the largest squads the Roanoke Rapids High has ever had during its short football career. Practice has steadily become harder and a Coach Hoyle is doing his best to whip the boys into tip top condition.

Assistant Coaches, Poyner, Vick and Gurley are proving to be a big help to the Yellow Jax and if they don't win the conference title it won't be the coaches' fault. The Varsity has plenty of fresh meat to work against and speaking about the varsity the coach says the seven hardest working linemen will play on his first string, so competition for all the positions seems to be pretty fast. During the training practice no one has been seriously injured, but when the real scrimmaging starts there will be plenty of ailments from most of the squad. Close followers of the North-eastern Conference teams predict that Roanoke Rapids, New Bern or Elizabeth City will win the title this year, and Washington can't be left out as she'll be in the race and will cause plenty of trouble.

Miss Louise Lanier was hostess to several of her friends Saturday night, Sept. 5th, the occasion being her tenth birthday. Games were played a number of amusements after which refreshments were served to Misses Marjorie and Margaret Mason, Mildred and Helen Fitts, Ruby Lois and Flora Ann Davenport, Christine Bush Pauline Ross, Elizabeth Lyerly, Myrtle Dean, Opal DeBerry, Flora and Edward Lanier, Ollie Gums, Nettie Horn, Ray Humphries, Ruby Martin, Virginia Virgie and Florence Mann and Bertha Stansbury. The little hostess was the recipient of many gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bissett who have had charge of the Singer Sewing Machine office at Rosemary, have recently moved to New Bern to make their new home.

Mrs. George Pappendick is visiting her sister, Miss Emma Matthews, at Winston-Salem, N. C., who is a student nurse in the Baptist hospital.

Halifax Graded School Opens

The Halifax Graded School opened on Monday morning with a number of parents joining in the exercises.

An opening hymn was sung and Mr. J. T. Kirk gave the invocation. Talks were also made by Miss Bettie Clark of Washington, D. C., Mr. Willie Coppedge, chairman of the local school board, and Mr. O. W. Weldon principal. The central thought conveyed by each speaker was the necessity of cooperation for a successful school and town.

FREE CLINIC FOR T. B. IN COUNTY

Clinic Starts Sept. 14 and Lasts Two Weeks At Different Towns

AT HOSPITAL HERE

Arrangements have been made by the County Health Department, with the N. C. State Sanatorium, whereby the latter institution is going to furnish one of its specialists for the purpose of holding a clinic for the examination of adults who may have reason to suspect tuberculosis.

The following is a list of the places as well as the time where and when these clinics will be held:

Monday, Sept. 14, County Sanatorium, 10 to 3. Tuesday, Sept. 15, 10 to 3, Entield (over Commercial and Farmers Bank). Wednesday Sept. 16, 10 to 3, Scotland Neck, (Town Clerk's office). Thursday and Friday, Sept. 17 and 18, 10 to 3, Roanoke Rapids Hospital, Saturday morning, Sept. 19, Weldon, Health Dept office.

Second week: Monday, Sept. 21, 10 to 3, Scotland Neck, (Colorado Baptist Church). Wednesday, Sept. 23, 10 to 3, Littleton (Dr. Justice's office), and A. M. of 26th will be spent in the Thursday and Friday, Sept. 24, 25 office of the Health Dept. at Weldon.

Any adult man or woman, white or colored who has any of the following symptoms should plan to attend one of these clinics: Symptoms of Tuberculosis: Loss of weight, loss of strength, lack of energy and endurance. Feeling tired and run-down, especially in the afternoons or evenings. Poor appetite, indigestion or dyspepsia. A temperature normal or below in the morning and 99 or more in the afternoon or evening.

A cough may or may not be present, but any cough lasting three weeks or more is very suspicious, especially a dry hacking cough.

A hemorrhage from the lungs, as much as a teaspoonful of pure blood is almost always due to tuberculosis, blood streaked sputum is also suspicious.

Remember, tuberculosis is curable if discovered in its early stages. Delay may mean ruin for the person with this dreaded disease. So if you have any of these symptoms, attend one of these clinics and have a thorough examination made of your chest free.

Mrs. Frank Nash entertained the Friday Bridge Club at the first meeting of the club year on September 4. The high score club prize was won by Mrs. Howard Pruden, who was given a brown pocketbook. The guest prize, two bath towels were won by Mrs. P. E. Ransom. A sweet course was served at five o'clock. Those playing: Mesdames Alfred Martin, F. C. Williams, Howard Pruden, Julian Allsbrook, Frank Hawley, Carroll Wilson, T. W. Mullen, T. W. M. Long, S. J. Bounds, Will Dean, P. E. Ransom and H. E. Lee

Mrs. R. G. Knight entertained in honor of Mrs. Beale Carter of Newsoms, Va., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Vries, at her home on Hamilton Street, Friday evening. A high score prize was given at each table and these were won by Mrs. R. E. Cleaton Jr., and Mrs. Beale Carter. Both were given hand painted pictures as prizes. Guests were Mesdames W. T. Clements, George Lampey, J. A. Suiter of Garysburg, J. H. Vries, George Taylor, R. E. Cleaton, Jr., P. A. Reid and Beale Carter.

ALL PRIOR RECORDS BROKEN

As 1931 Enrollment Reaches New High In City School System

CROWDED ROOMS

School days are here again, as is very much in evidence by the eight-o'clock throngs of children walking up the Avenue to school every morning now.

Enrollment in the City Schools started last Monday morning, and has already reached a record total of 1,492 in the grades, and a total of 644 in the Junior and Senior High School. This number will increase greatly by the end of the first school month, according to C. W. Davis, city superintendent of schools.

Mr. Davis announced that there would be very little change in the system of running the schools this year over last, and although working under conditions that are so crowded that they may prove really serious toward hampering the efficiency of the schools by the end of the year, if there is an appreciable increase (and there always is) no course offered last year has been cut.

Every member of the faculty is co-operating to the fullest extent in coping with the crowded condition, and it is thought that things will go along very smoothly with a full nine months term.

In some of the High School classes there are as many as forty-five enrolled, while the State regulations as to numbers of pupils in each class recommends a limit of thirty students. One first grade room is now accommodating sixty-five.

Likewise, in the colored schools of the city there was also a record enrollment of 256. Mr. Davis predicted that this number would be increased to at least 300 before the end of the year, and commented at length on the large number already attending there, as this is a much larger enrollment than in other years.

In spite of the hot weather of the last few days, students seem to be inclined to become acclimated to School Days again, and are getting down to business in earnest. The customary and natural confusion over the start of school seems to be in the minority this year, and there is a general tendency on the part of students to "get to work."

The student traffic patrolmen are fast catching onto the work this year, with several new recruits, and the situation is being worked out nicely under the direction of P. A. Reid, High School principal.

It looks good to see the children on their way to school in the mornings and evenings, and gives the city streets an added air of a thriving community.

The Woman's Missionary Union of the First Baptist Church held its monthly meeting Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the church auditorium. Business was discussed then a program on South America was given. Mesdames J. H. Hines, G. E. Buckner and Louis Clements made talks. Mrs. C. N. Wheeler led the devotionals. Those present were: Mesdames A. P. Mustian, J. H. Hines, C. N. Wheeler, M. C. Womble, G. E. Buckner, Rennie Elmore, J. M. Rice, Louis Clements, M. H. Hedgepeth and Ivey Mohorn.

On Monday evening at her apartment in the Citizens Bank building, Mrs. D. L. Traynham was hostess to the Monday night Bridge Club. The high score prize for the evening was won by Miss Margaret Clark who was given two handmade handkerchiefs. A salad course was served at 10:15. Those playing were: Mesdames Alfred Martin, Cooper Grizzard, Julian Allsbrook, Cyrus Cotton, Tom White, Misses Margaret Clark, Florine Holt, Mary Nellye Holt of Washington, D. C.

Miss Frances McClarey, who is a member of the school faculty of Roanoke Rapids, from Auburn, Ky., arrived Wednesday. She was accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. McClarey and Miss Elizabeth King.