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## UP AND DOWN The Avenue WITH THE EDITOR

To call a policeman or fire department Dial 668-1.

Two new brick lunch rooms are going up on the Avenue between 9th and 10th. While the new buildings are being constructed, business goes on as usual in temporary quarters, each frame stand having been moved to one side to make room for the new buildings.

Once in awhile we receive contributions from our readers which we cannot print for one very good reason. We can't read them. Usually, we are pretty good at deciphering most of the contribution but when it comes to names it is just a mess. Rather than guess wrong on a name we do not print the article. Please see that all contributions are legible, especially initials and names.

Results are what count. There was some confusion when several taxpayers received notices from City Collector Reid that they owed back taxes. These taxpayers had paid their taxes. But how was Mr. Reid to know when the tax receipts were still in the book. These were straightened out by the former collectors when checks were produced. It might be interesting to those interested in the city to know that Mr. Reid, since taking the office of collector a week or so ago, has collected a thousand dollars in back taxes. We say results are what count after all.

We nominate Collector Reid as the Champion Collector of the city. His record in collecting school taxes is remarkable. Less than one percent of back school taxes are uncollected to date. We hope he can get the city tax books in the same shape before long.

And speaking of taxes, the new city rate is 80 cents, ten cents lower than before. We doubt if there is a city this size in the State which has a tax rate anywhere near as low as ours.

Of course, there are a few exceptions like the small town of Everetts, where they have no town tax. But that was because the town sold some property and had enough money to run on this year without taxes.

Looks like everything is trying to block our Sanitary work. With the board finally appointed and ready to meet, sickness steps in lays low Jim Taylor, who has been in bed for the last week and is reported as being very ill. This, of course, has delayed the board in meeting. That first meeting when it does come, will be an important one, for it will be necessary to figure out costs and call for the bond election at the meeting. That is, if we hope to get work under way by Christmas. And that is what we would like to see right now more than anything—with the possible exception of better cotton prices.

The following girls and boys left for college last week: University of North Carolina, Edwin Akers, Morris Clary, Roy Lee Ferrell, Calvin Kenner; Misses Betty Gray Long and Evelyn Mullen. State College: Francis Starke, Eugene Crutchfield and Wilmer Collier. Duke University: Graham Lynch and Ralph Shell.

Accompanied by H. S. Loy, manager of Leggett's Department Store, we visited the Aurelian Springs School Tuesday afternoon and renewed acquaintance with Supt. Matthews and his splendid group of teachers. With 450 pupils the huge school is crowded this year. We watched the 18 school trucks leaving with their precious cargoes after school was out and then had a session with the teachers concerning the news from that section for the coming year. It is always a pleasure and an inspiration to visit that school.

Pendleton Grizzard and Tom White have some new pets at Smith's Service Station. Two big horned toads and a little one, direct from Texas. They are in the window amid sand and rocks. Somebody suggested that at night they turn them out and the toads go around puncturing tires with their horns.

More shirtrails are missing. Last year, Lin Cobb lost his and so far this year, two more have joined the club. They are Frank Nash and a d

## SCHOOL ELECTION OCTOBER 6

### All Must Register Before This Saturday Night To Vote For Board Members

### FIRST ELECTION

All those wishing to vote in the city school election for three members of the school board in the October election must register on or before this Saturday night.

The registration books are at the High School building office and are open every day until 6 p. m. They will be open Saturday night until 9 o'clock.

As this is the first election for members of the city graded school board, it is necessary to have a special registration. This will be a permanent registration for this and future school elections.

The books have been open for the past three weeks but there has been little interest on the part of the voters. Only about 250 had registered the first of this week.

Three members will be voted on at the election on October 6th. Candidates can file for office up to within five days of the election. The three members of the present school board whose terms expire at this time are W. L. Manning, Dr. T. W. M. Long and R. L. Tove. It is understood that all three will file as candidates to be voted on by the people.

The method of filing is simple. Any person qualified to hold the office of school trustee may become a candidate by filing his name or his name may be filed by any qualified voter of the school district.

Registration and election officials are P. A. Reid, registrar, W. J. Norwood and S. J. Bounds, judges. The election, like the registration, will be held at the High School building.

The newly elected members of the board will hold office for six years.

## PARROTT SPEAKS TO DOCTORS

### State Health Officer Is Guest of Honor at Local Doctor's Meeting

### HELD AT HOSPITAL

Dr. James M. Parrott, State health officer, addressed doctors of Halifax and Northampton Counties at their regular meeting held at the Roanoke Rapids Hospital last Wednesday.

Dr. Parrott stated at the outset that he was not going to make a set speech but was going to take advantage of the opportunity to tell the doctors something about the workings of the State Board of Health. He added by way of introduction, that our State Board of Health had been tossed about somewhat after the manner of a ship on a turbulent sea, for the past several years without anyone, in particular, being responsible.

"What is the State Board of Health?", asked Dr. Parrott. "The State Board of Health was born out of the loins of the best in the medical profession in the year 1877. And from that year till now, every act of that organization has been motivated by the call to service."

In May of this year, the State Board of Health was reorganized. This was necessary in order to better meet present day needs. The reorganization brought about several important changes in the organization. The Bureau of Vital Statistics was combined with the Bureau of Health Education to form what is to be known as the Department of Preventive Medicine with Dr. Cooper, editor of The Bulletin, director. Another very important department, said Dr. Parrott is the new department known as Child Hygiene. He also stated that the Department of Preventive Medicine sent out an average of 6,300 pieces of literature over the State every week.

Following the reorganization Dr. Parrott informed his hearers that he had busied himself with the matter of securing some expert assistance in the Health Department. As a result of these efforts, has secured from

## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Below is the Yellow Jacket North Eastern Conference schedule for the 1931 football season. They will play Ayden in the opener and Tarboro in the final. Roanoke Rapids will have two open dates slated in her menu this fall, Oct. 30 and Nov. 13.

Oct. 2—Roanoke Rapids at Ayden.

Oct. 9—Washington at Roanoke Rapids.

Oct. 16—Rich Square at Roanoke Rapids.

Oct. 23—Roanoke Rapids at Greenville.

OCT. 30—Open.

Nov. 6—Roanoke Rapids at Elizabeth City.

Nov. 13—Open.

Nov. 20—Tarboro at Roanoke Rapids.

## HI SCHOOL OFFICERS ELECTED

### Senior Class, Music Club and Cheering Squad Choose Leaders For the Year

### THOMPSON PRES.

Roanoke Rapids High School held elections this week for some of the most important offices in the school life as the huge Senior Class, the Music Clubs and the cheering section chose those who would lead them during the coming year.

The seventy six seniors of Roanoke Rapids graduating class of '31, the largest class in local school history, met Tuesday in the auditorium to elect a president, vice president, and secretary and treasurer. Prof. Thomas L. Martin, teacher of 1211, presided over the meeting.

James Womble, Belmont Murray, John Bounds, Jimmie Shell, Francis Cobb and Carl Thompson were the nominees for president. Carl, better known as a "Squirt" Thompson among his High School associates and classmates, won out.

Hilda Hines was elected vice president. Fleetwood Sullivan was elected secretary and treasurer. He held the same position in the Junior Class and he did such good work that he was unanimously elected again this year.

The vocal club of the music department held their first meeting of this year, Wednesday, September 16, for the purpose of electing club officers for the year. Those elected are as follows: Norman Speight, president; Coby Williams, vice president; Cloyd Ranhorn, secretary; Edgar Kirk treasurer; Otis Reynolds, reporter and Murrell Hudson, librarian.

Those having a chance for the quartets and solos are as follows: Norman Speight, tenor; John Glover, tenor; Otis Reynolds, tenor or bass, Leonard Langston, tenor; Rudy Waters, baritone and Larry Meeds, baritone. These boys have a natural trend toward music and the quartet will be composed of the best of those mentioned. The old quartet of last year composed of Norman Speight, high tenor; John Glover, second tenor; Coby Williams, baritone and Otis Reynolds, bass, will have plenty of competition, and it is very doubtful whether they will survive or not.

Last Thursday when the local Hi School met for assembly the students elected cheer leaders for the football, basketball and baseball seasons. The custom is that a boy and a girl be elected from the Junior and Senior High School. Crawford Britton and Anne Akers were unanimously selected to lead the Junior High. These two came from the eighth and ninth grades. Coby Williams, Junior and "Grill" Cameron, a Senior were elected to lead the Senior High School. Just before the game last Friday they had a "pep" meeting in the auditorium to try out the new yell marshals, and according to reports they seemed to be OK.

## Change Time of Test For City Fire Siren

The fire siren, which has been given tests every Wednesday noon, will be tested only twice a month in the future.

The time is being changed from noon to 7 p. m. on the first and third Wednesday nights of each month. These are the regular meeting nights of the Fire Department.

On the back of an envelope Mrs. Mary Council of Columbus, O., wrote her will, disposing of \$4,000.

## HALIFAX FAIR TO OPEN 13TH

### Fair Grounds Between Here and Weldon Being Made Ready For 8th Fair

### LASTS FIVE DAYS

The 8th annual Halifax County Fair will start on Tuesday, October 13, and last for five days and nights, through October 17th, according to Secretary W. H. Joyner, who has been busy with a crew of men at the Fair Grounds for the past two weeks getting ready for the big week.

Many exhibits have come in to date and the next two weeks will see booths and shelves again crowded with hundreds of exhibits of every nature, with folks from all communities vying in good natured rivalry for first and second prizes. The premium list is large and hundreds of dollars will be given for prizes. Exhibitors are urged to get in touch with Mr. Joyner at once.

Races will be held in the afternoon and almost \$2,000 in purses will bring some of the best horseflesh in this part of the country, trotters, pacers and runners.

Free attractions will include the afternoon and evening performances in front of the grandstand, band concerts and fireworks each night. The acts include the Romanoff Troupe of three girls and three men, the Ross Lewis entertainers of three girls and Ross Lewis in person, and the aerial Howards consisting of six people.

Friday of Fair week is School Day with a big football game as an added attraction.

The midway will attract as usual with a big line of shows and rides, many of which have not been seen in this part of the country before.

## OXFORD TO PLAY HERE TOMORROW

### Local Football Team Defeats Weldon Last Friday in Season Opener

### VARSITY VS SCRUBS

The Roanoke Rapids Yellow Jackets will play the second game of the season when they meet Oxford here this Friday. This promises to be one of the best games of the season as Oxford has a fast High School eleven. Oxford won the Class B. State championship back in 1929 and they have a good team this year. The whistle blows at 3:45.

The Yellow Jackets defeated Weldon here last Friday 13 to 0 to open up their 1931 quest for new gridiron laurels. About 250 people watched the game in a rather dusty field. The game was cut short owing to the heat and the two rivals battled only four eight minute quarters. Both teams fought well and in a friendly manner, as there was no slugging or anything that called for penalty.

The first quarter ended and neither team had scored, but at the beginning of the second quarter Roanoke Rapids marched down the field for her first touchdown of the season. However, the Jax failed to make the extra point. Roanoke Rapids then kicked off to Weldon who brought the ball far enough to register her first and only first down of the entire game.

Weldon received the kickoff at the first half and is held scoreless during the third quarter. The Jax carry the ball to Weldon's five yard line. Gregory went back in a punting position and Capt. Brown and J. Shell broke through to block the kick which was recovered by Clyde Mills for the Jax second touchdown. Butler Brown carried the pigskin over for the extra point. This ends the score card of the contest but when the final whistle blew to end the game Roanoke Rapids was on Weldon's eleven yard line headed for her third touchdown.

Dickens and Mills stood out in the Yellow Jacket backfield and Jimmy Womble displayed his talent as an alert field general. Dickens gained an average of ten yards on his end runs and "Soy" made good gains thru the line. Gregory and Cochran stood out on the Weldon eleven. Both did good tackling and running.

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## CROWD JAMS GYM TO SEE FIGHTERS

### Legion Boxing Show on Tuesday Night Is a Howling Success; Good Fights

### ANOTHER SOON

A huge crowd packed Simmons Gym Tuesday night to witness the American Legion boxing show staged for the benefit of the Junior Legion team, State champions, expenses of which had been borne by the local post. The fans certainly got their moneys worth and if the fights continue on the same high level, boxing has come to stay here. No fakes, pulled punches or framed bouts on the program, but every man and boy giving his best produced a card which received nothing but praise from the customers.

Two youngsters, Cash Register, 52, pounds and his nephew, 50 pounds, gave the fans an opener of four short rounds, to whet the appetite for the first regular bout on the card between Lester Edmondson of Roanoke Rapids, 145 pounds, and Kid Bryant of Suffolk, 144. These boys had met before and this took on the appearance of a clean but thorough grudge fight with plenty of action and fast work. Edmondson won by a narrow margin on decision of the judges.

The next major scrap was one of the best ever seen here when Freddie Mills of Roanoke Rapids, 138, and KO Insoce of Rocky Mount, 140, mixed up for four rounds of clever fighting. Mills gained the decision of the judges, but Insoce received much plaudits of the fans by his work. It was a pleasure to watch these two boys.

Scrapper Outland of Roanoke Rapids and Jimmy Gilbert of Rocky Mount, went six rounds in the first finals. The bout started with both boys cautious and sparing for an opening. As the fight progressed, the action became more heated and the work of both men was good enough for the judges to declare a draw. This is the second time these boys have fought to no decision and a third fight should be plenty interesting.

At this point came the most entertaining feature of the evening. Waiting for a belated fighter, "Powder Horn" Savage of Rocky Mount, a 65 pound youngster challenged any boy in the crowd under 70 pounds. The challenge was accepted by F. C. "Dead Eye" Moseley, a little bit of flesh weighing about 55. This tiny pugilist gave an exhibition of fleet footwork that threw the huge crowd into hysterics and more, he weaved, dodged and landed hard on his opponent. The bout went to him by decision of Referee Speight and the crowd showered silver coins into the ring to show their approval.

Mutt Gordon of Portsmouth was received with favor by the fans when he showed good form against Kid Roe of Littleton who was game but outclassed. Gordon won the bout in the third by a technical knockout after battering Roe plenty.

The final bout was between two heavier boys, weighing in at 160, Kid Shaw of Weldon and Luke Stevens of Portsmouth. This was a slugging match with Shaw having it all his way but Stevens showing remarkable Stamina to stick it out for six bloody rounds. He went down for the count of nine three times but always came back for more. Shaw was an easy winner.

Manager Allgood has Referee Ryals as the third man and his work was very satisfactory. Another show is being planned for October 6 by the Legion.

## Hon. A. C. Gay Addresses Gaston P.T.A.

Gaston Parent-Teacher Association held its second monthly meeting Friday evening in the school building. The meeting was presided over by the president, Mrs. L. L. Harwin. In addition to furnishing hot soup for the year to the children, it was planned to buy books for children who need them.

After the business session, Mr. J. L. Camp introduced Hon. A. C. Gay, who made a very impressive talk to the association. This talk was enjoyed thoroughly by the people of Gaston community who admire Mr. Gay very much for the stand he has taken in serving his people.

Mrs. Grover Seal of Virginia found a snake 6 feet long on her stove.

## LIGHTNING DESTROYS BARN AND CONTENTS OF WELLS D. TILLEY LAST NIGHT

Lightning struck and set fire to the large barn owned by Wells D. Tilley on the Vulture Road last night and destroyed barn and contents with a loss estimated at \$1,500.

The family of Bob Webb, colored tenant, was awakened at 9 o'clock by the sharp crack when the lightning struck. They were momentarily stunned. A few minutes later the barn was in flames. Webb rushed out and managed to save three mules and a cow from the burning structure.

Four or five thousand pounds of fodder, two bales of ginned cotton and all the farm implements were destroyed.

Webb came to Roanoke Rapids this morning and reported the fire to Mr. Tilley. The local man bought the farm several years ago. It is located across the river in Northampton County about two miles from Camps Store and is known as the Square place.

## LIQUOR CASES IN MAJORITY

### Late Session In Recorder Court With Many Cases Continued

### TEACHER FREED

The following cases were disposed of before Judge Daniel during a long session lasting until after six o'clock, Tuesday in County Recorder's Court.

Quincy Adams, charged with liquor offense, failed to appear when called. Judgment given nisi sci fa capias and continued. An order for sale of defendant's seized automobile was given.

Blair Twisdale, white also failed to appear when called for offense of being drunk and disorderly. Judgment nisi sci fa capias and continued.

Christopher Geakap, Greek, charged with assault. Defendant called and failed. Judgment was nisi sci fa capias and continued.

T. Zollicoffer, colored, plead guilty to driving car while drunk. Judgment he received was that he pay a fine of \$75, and costs of court, and that his license be revoked for five months.

John Gee, colored, plead guilty to liquor charge and was ordered to pay \$10 fine and costs.

Alexander Richardson, colored, plead not guilty to larceny charge. However, he was convicted and given three months on the roads.

Robert Smithwick, colored, plead guilty to driving car while drunk. He was fined \$50 and costs with license revoked for 3 months.

W. D. Gatling, colored, a school teacher of Enfield, was accused of unmercifully and unjustly mistreating a sixteen year old girl. It was charged the girl had carried a written excuse from home asking to be excused from classes and the defendant refused to excuse her. She then refused to work some problems he gave her and was cruelly beaten, according to the charge. Defendant was acquitted of the charge.

Mrs. Clarence Lyerly, white, plead guilty to vagrancy. She was given 4 months in jail. Capias to issue September 24, 1931 if found in county.

Joe Price plead not guilty to liquor charge. Received verdict of guilty and was given 6 months on roads.

C. E. Keeter was found guilty of larceny. Prayer for judgment continued until next Tuesday.

Thurman Hardy, charged with liquor and larceny plead guilty to receiving and transporting liquor. He was given 4 months to be paroled within 60 days.

Ivey Gibson and Maude Brown, from Weldon, each plead not guilty to liquor charge. Gibson was found not guilty. Maude Brown found guilty and given 5 months in County Home, to be paroled within 60 days.

C. E. Keeter was also found guilty of abandonment. On this charge also was prayer for judgment continued until next Tuesday.

Mrs. Clyde Shearin was found guilty of home brew charge. Prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs.

Chas. Arnold of Chicago had \$3,500 in his pockets when arrested for begging.

## OVER 13 MILLION VALUATION

### In Roanoke Rapids Graded School District—Total County 32 Million

### 14 CENT RATE

(Special To The Herald)

Raleigh, Sept. 24.—Halifax County will receive \$10,432.23 from the \$1,500,000 tax reduction fund to supplement local taxes to support the two months extended school term, over and above the constitutional s.i.x months term. The total cost of the extended term in this county, based State for the six months term will on the standard established by the be \$29,334.09, the balance of which is to be paid from local taxes.

The State Board of Equalization has found that the combined valuation of property in all the districts is \$3,737,024,233 and that a 14-cent tax rate is necessary to produce revenues sufficient to operate the two months term, with the aid of the State's tax reduction fund. The total cost of the extended term, based on the standards fixed for the six months term, will be \$4,415,123, of which the State is to pay \$1,500,000, leaving \$2,915,123 to be paid by local taxes. It is seen from this that the State pays slightly more than one-third of the average total cost of the extended term, and in some cases it is more than half the cost.

The valuation of property in this county was fixed at \$1,501,366, which, at the 14-cent rate, will produce \$18,901.86, in local revenue, to which the state adds the \$10,432.23 to cover the total cost of the two months extended term, or \$29,334.09.

Only two counties, Guilford and New Hanover, do not participate in the tax reduction fund, since the rate of 14 cents on their taxable values in the district produce more revenue than is needed to operate the extended term. Johnston County gets the largest amount, \$38,000. Columbus and Union getting above \$35,000 each. Graham and Hoke get slightly more than \$2,500 each.

Local authorities are expected to extend the full measure of these reductions to the taxpayers.

The table for this county, showing allotments by districts (recently consolidated districts being shown together), the first column of figures giving the property valuations, the second the cost of the extended term, the third the yield in revenue at the 14-cent rate, and the fourth the amount allotted from the State tax reduction fund, is as follows:

Hollister, property valuation, \$662,892; extended term cost, \$18.44; yield of 14c rate \$928.04; allotment tax red. fund, none.

Ringwood w, Eastman, c, property valuation, \$493,266; extended term cost, \$1,506.22; yield of 14c rate; allotment tax red. fund, \$815.51.

Aurelian Springs, Bear Swamp, Hanks Chapel, property valuation, \$711,322; extended term cost, \$3,399.45; yield of 14c rate, \$995.85; allotment tax red. fund, \$2,403.60.

Tillery w, Chestnut c, property valuation \$832,803; extended term cost, \$1,226.18; yield of 14c rate, \$1,165.92; allotment tax red. fund, \$60.26.

Hardawee, property valuation, \$654,940; extended term cost, \$629.90; yield of 14c rate, \$916.91; allotment tax red. fund, none.

Dawson, property valuation \$808,556; extended term cost, 658.43; yield of 14c rate, \$1,131.97; allotment tax red. fund, none.

Darlington, property valuation, \$413,823; extended term cost, \$836.40; yield of 14c rate, \$579.85; allotment tax red. fund, \$257.05.

Halifax w & c, property valuation, \$1,008,461; extended term cost, \$1,451.33; yield of 14c rate \$1,411.84; allotment tax red. fund, \$39.49.

Calvary w, Print c, property valuation, \$938,349; extended term cost, \$1,608.73; yield of 14c rate \$1,313.68; allotment tax red. fund, \$290.05.

Hobgood w & c, property valuation, \$2,489,284; extended term cost, \$2,485.06; yield of 14c rate, \$3,484.99; allotment tax red. fund, none.

New Hope, property valuation, \$369,614; extended term cost, \$646.35; yield of 14c rate, \$517.45; allotment tax red. fund, \$128.90.

South Rosemary, property valuation, \$409,909; extended term cost, \$990.18; yield of 14c rate, \$673.87; allotment tax red. fund, \$416.31.

Roseneath, property valuation, \$691,768; extended term cost, \$656.05; yield of 14c rate, \$968.47; allotment tax red. fund, none.

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