

UP AND DOWN The Avenue WITH THE EDITOR

2 CHILDREN HIT BY CARS

FUGITIVE NEGRO DIES IN FIELD

White Man Who Fired Shots Exonerated At Coroner's Hearing

DEAD FOUR DAYS

Edwin Martin, white man, who lives between Spring Hill and Tillery, was exonerated of all blame in the death of Keward Staston, colored by Coroner Billy Williams in a hearing held at Tillery Tuesday.

Staston's body was found in a peanut patch just back of the residence of J. T. Riddick on Monday morning. It had been there, evidently, since the Wednesday night before when Staston was shot. How long he lived will probably never be known.

Witnesses told how the Negro ran out of Hancock's store Wednesday night, when he heard Martin was looking for him. Sheriff Johnson had told Martin to be on the lookout for the Negro who was charged with snooting a colored girl that same day and for robbery. Martin was to meet the Sheriff near Spring Hill and lead the Sheriff to the Negro.

Martin told the Coroner he saw the Negro before he met the Sheriff and Staston ran. He says he fired in the ground six times to try to make him stop but he kept on running and disappeared in the peanut field. Martin said he and Maxie Riddick went down into the field but failed to find the fugitive. Then Martin went to meet the Sheriff, according to his statement.

He told of having trouble with Staston when he stole a flashlight from Hancock's store but he had no reason to kill him and did not aim at him.

Deputy Sheriff Joe Riddick told of meeting Ed Watson who told him Staston had broken in his house and stolen \$64 in cash and some clothing. The deputy sheriff said he got a warrant on Monday or Tuesday of last week and searched the Negro's house, finding the stolen property but Staston was gone. Riddick also stated that Martin had assisted him several times in locating criminals and that the white man had a very good reputation in the community.

The shooting of the girl by Staston took place on the afternoon of the night when the Negro fled with the bullets kicking up dust around his heels. The girl, Louise Wilkins, had been living with Staston, according to her uncle, Wash Falcon, who told of the girl leaving him and coming to Tillery to stay with him. Staston came there on last Sunday and beat the girl and on Tuesday night he came back and she ran him off with a shotgun. On Wednesday, Falcon said, he was in the field ploughing when Staston came back for a third time and shot Louise in the shoulder, arm and ear. He says he told Mr. Martin about it and was advised to get a warrant from the Sheriff.

It is presumed the Sheriff had a warrant for Staston when he went to meet Martin. Several witnesses told of Staston's surly disposition and said many people were afraid of him and his threats. Martin was given a splendid reputation by all witnesses.

Just what happened is not known but the assumption is that a bullet from Martin's gun ricocheted from a rock, hitting the fleeing Negro, who died from loss of blood in the peanut field.

The Coroner's jury which termed the death an unavoidable accident while Martin was performing his duty as an officer were Carlton Taylor, Sidney White, Joe Cotton, Ed Pendleton, Willis Dickens and Spencer Lewis.

John Smith has opened a new radio shop and display room on the East side of the Avenue. Farther up the street a new grocery store is preparing to move in. Walter Cherry has installed two bowling alleys in his billiard parlor. The Boston Chain Store comes to town. More details about all the changes later.

Loftin Moody, who lost his shirt two weeks ago when he missed his deer, came back strong this week, killing a buck weighing more than 180 pounds, largest of the season.

YOUNG TAR HEELS OF SPRINGS HAVE BOOTH

The Young Tar Heel Farmer Club of Aurelian Springs has an exhibit this week at the Halifax County Fair—a booth that represents one of the biggest problems confronting the farmers of this section at the present time. This booth gives the increased yields by using Crimson and Vetch as a winter cover crop.

These yields on display were furnished by the North Carolina Extension Service. The first crop represented in the booth is corn and the yield on the land to begin was 18 bushels, while after sowing and turning under clover the yield was 60.9 bushels or an increase of 42.9 bushels.

The second crop represented is peanuts with 101.8 bushels without clover and 133.3 bushels after clover was turned under, or an increase by using clover of 31.5 bushels. The last crop represented is cotton with a yield at first of 800 pounds, but when vetch was turned under before cotton the yield was 1314 pounds or an increase of 514.

They are trying to encourage growing more of the legume crops just mentioned, because they not only furnish a lot of nitrogen but a good supply of organic matter also. Organic matter is very important because of the following points:

- (1) It improves the tilth of the soil; that is, the soil is made more mellow and friable, and physically a better home for the plant.
(2) It helps hold the moisture in the soil for the use of the crop. A soil with organic matter will soak up and hold much more water than a soil containing none.
(3) Organic matter feeds soil bacteria. The action of the bacteria starts chemical changes that bring (Continued on back page)

HILDA HINES IS PRESIDENT

High School Girl Reserves Elect Officers For Coming Year

The Girl Reserve Club of the Senior High School met Thursday morning to elect officers and make plans for the coming year. The officers elected were: President, Hilda Hines; Vice President, Ella Brown; Secretary, Lela Murray; Treasurer, Ella Lee Taylor. Committee chairmen appointed were: program, Virginia Ogletree; membership, Virginia Shaw; social, Orlley Cranwell; service, Elizabeth Joyner.

The local chapter of the Girl Reserves was started in 1929 by Miss Claudia Hunter, who was at that time a member of the school faculty. Last year it accomplished much in carrying out its purpose, "To Find and Give the Best." At Christmas time with the help of the Hi-Y Club, the girls mended and distributed about 300 toys; they sent eight delegates to the first Northeastern Conference, which was held at Washington, and later gave a program to earn money to pay for the trip. Several socials were held with the Hi-Y boys which promoted friendships and cooperation. With these accomplishments to show what they could do, the girls are expecting to make this year even better than last.

Local Girl Opens New Beauty Shop

A modern and up-to-date beauty parlor has been opened in the rooms over the Shell Furniture Company, to be known as the Marinello Beauty Shoppe.

This shop is managed and operated by Miss Clara Fitchette, local young lady who has been connected with other shops in the city.

It is said that only the very latest equipment has been installed in the new shop, and they will specialize in permanent waves, facials and other lines of beauty parlor work.

The Ten O'clock Talk and Drink Club was forced to change its meeting place the middle of this week. Reason: Alfred Martin is putting in a new tile floor in Rosemary Drug Co.

Henry Carter of St. Louis was sentenced for driving while asleep after being up all night with patients.

SHELL IS ELECTED PRESIDENT

Of High School Student Body—Ophelia Daniel Sec.-Treas.

Last Thursday during the assembly period at Roanoke Rapids High School the students elected a president and secretary treasurer to head the student council and the student body. In former years the student council has elected its president, but this year they decided to put an amendment in the constitution of the student council that would give all of the students a chance to vote for the boy or girl who was to fill the position.

The voting campaign was put on under the supervision of P. A. Reid, and the students voted on the nominee that the student council had selected during their last meeting. The nominees were Jimmie Shell, Francis Cobb, John Bounds, James Womble, Virginia Ogletree and Ophelia Daniel. Shell, however, succeeded in winning the election and the office and he will head the students during the year 1931-32.

The next election was for secretary and treasurer and Ophelia Daniel went out unopposed for this position. Maria Long, Evelyn Johnson, Norman Speight and James McNeill were also candidates for this post. After the election Shell made a short speech in which he said that he expected the 1931-32 school term to be one of the most successful that the school has ever had, and that the student council and the faculty would do everything in their power to work with and for the student body as a whole. He also added that with the student's proper attitude and cooperation the entire school term would be a success. Ophelia Daniels said a few words in appreciation for the honor that the students had bestowed upon her.

About 500 students from the seventh to the twelfth grade took part in the voting. This is the largest student body the school has had since its beginning and the student council will be looked on to do some good work this year.

The Student Council was first introduced into the school last year by P. A. Reid. The Constitution of the Student Council states as its purposes: (1) to promote the general activities of the school; (2) to function as an organization through which the student body may participate in school affairs; (3) to promote in all ways the best interest of the school; (4) to bridge the gap between the student body and the faculty. The council was very successful last year, and all indications seem to point to a similar year for 1931-32.

Golf Championship to Be Decided Saturday

The finals in the first flight for the golf championship of Roanoke Rapids and Weldon will be played off this Saturday afternoon between Hugh Bradley and Dutch Seifert at the Chockoyotte Golf Course. In a series of matches, some forty players have taken part. The first flight of under 90 golfers has been a tough struggle. A gallery of golf fans will follow the Bradley-Seifert match Saturday and the public is invited by the club to watch the scrap for the Club cup.

The cup will be presented to the winner at a Club dance to be given on Friday night, October 23.

The out of town relatives attending the funeral of Mrs. J. E. Taylor were, Mrs. C. E. Vaden of Richmond, Va., Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Taylor, of Littleton, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Taylor, of Charley Hope, Va., Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Taylor and children of Burlington, Mrs. Jesse Walker, Mrs. C. W. Brewer and Mrs. House of Charley Hope, Va., and a grandson, Roy Lee Ferrell, who is a student of U. N. C.

Dr. J. W. Dando of Chicago was arrested for driving while asleep after being up all night with patients.

JAX TAKE LEAD IN THE CONFERENCE

Hand Washington Blistering Defeat In Exciting Game Here Friday

WIN 33 TO 0

Roanoke Rapids started on its march to Conference championship last Friday with a smashing victory over Washington at Simmons Field to a score of 33 to 0. The Yellowjackets had previously been awarded its first Conference game by forfeit when Ayden dropped out due to ineligible players.

The Friday game here was in the nature of revenge for it was Washington last year which blasted Conference hopes with a 19 to 6 win over the local team. The weather was ideal for football and the Jax were in fine shape and played the first real football they have shown this year. The game was full of thrills despite the lopsided score.

Coach Hoyle sent five full teams on the field before the game, most of them in new uniforms, and it was an inspiring sight to see them work out. Teams No. 2 and 3 saw action in the latter part of the game and gave good accounts of themselves.

Roanoke Rapids scored two touchdowns in the first quarter with marches straight down the field. Another touchdown in the second period left the score 20 to 0 and the second team went in with Womble staying at the helm. Washington was forced to punt as the second half got under way but held the locals at the goal line. Sullivan blocked a punt and Hardison fell on it for another touchdown. Soon after came the fifth score and then Pig Speight and a new reserve team took the field and held Washington scoreless the rest of the game.

Tarboro defeated New Bern 20 to 2 in the only other Conference game of the day. On last Thursday, the High School Reserves No. 4 lost to Alligood's Juniors by a score of 13 to 0.

Jurors For One Week Of Criminal Court

Jurors for one week Criminal Court in Superior Court, beginning October 26, are as follows:

M. G. Drew, R. B. King, Redmond Keeter, R. H. Bazemore, D. R. Keeter, Jay Newsome Julian Bell, T. A. Cooper, Caswell E. Shaw, D. G. Hogard, R. W. Shearin, Henry C. Taylor, H. W. Harrison, C. E. Cotten, G. H. Nash, W. R. Bryant, R. I. Starke, C. L. Shell, Blackwell Pierce, H. C. Futrell, P. E. Shields, Charlie Harris, Henry F. Clark, J. R. Browning.

Big Boxing Card Here Armistice Day Night

The next big fight here will be staged by The American Legion on Armistice Day night, November 11, at Simmons Gym. The show will start at 8 p. m. and promoter Alligood is dicker with such fighters as the Oasis Athletic Club of Portsmouth considers the best in the country. It is possible those seen in action on that night will include Mutt Gordon, Hal Stevens, Glenn Morgan, Buddy Grimes, Kid Shaw of Weldon, Scrapper Outland, Fred Mills, K. O. Insoce, Jimmy Gilbert and others.

Tallulah Bankhead

Tallulah Bankhead is an American girl and proud of it. She is a product of the South was born in Huntsville, way down in Alabama. She was named after Tallulah Falls in Georgia. Her father is Congressman William B. Bankhead; her uncle Senator-elect John H. Bankhead; her grandfather was also a United States Senator from Alabama. She was educated in convents and boarding schools in the South; moved to Washington and upset family tradition by entering and winning a beauty contest.

A girl in N. Y. told the court she earned her way thru school by peddling liquor.

Friday Will Be Big Day at Halifax Fair

This Friday will be a big day and night at the Halifax County Fair. Secretary Joyner has arranged several extra attractions for that day without additional cost. On Friday afternoon, which is School Day, a football game between Roanoke Rapids and Rich Square will be held at the Fair Grounds after the free attractions and races.

Friday night in addition to the free acts and fireworks there will be three fast boxing bouts between some of the best fighters in this part of the country. Sparky Register of Rocky Mount will meet Red Evans of Wilson. Fred Mills of Roanoke Rapids, one of the sweetest boxers ever, will meet Jimmie Gilbert of Rocky Mount, a favorite here. In the finals Scrapper Outland of Roanoke Rapids will face KO Insoce of Rocky Mount and this will be one whale of a scrap.

HI-Y BOYS HEAR GOV. GARDNER

N. C. Hi-Y Conference Meets—Celebrities Speakers

On October 2nd and 3rd the Hi-Y clubs of North Carolina held their annual meeting at the capital city. The local Hi-Y was represented by John Bounds, president of the club, Francis Cobb, vice president, Milton Harris, acting secretary and treasurer, and Prof. T. L. Martin. The meeting was under the supervision of Mr. Otis Phillips of Greensboro, who is the president of the N. C. Hi-Y Clubs.

The club's meeting place was in the North Carolina Senate chamber. Governor O. Max Gardner was one of the boys. K. K. Thomas, a great club man who spoke to the large group of men from India also spoke and the other distinguished speaker was Mr. Hogopian of Egypt. The meeting started at 7:30 p. m. Friday and lasted until 6:30 Saturday. The meeting was adjourned after a large banquet at the Edenton Street Methodist Church. At the banquet they had the installation of new officers, as they elect officers yearly.

Rev. E. McNeill was the speaker at the banquet and his topic was "First Down and Ten to Go."

Governor O. Max Gardner delivered his address at 9:30 Saturday morning. Messrs Hogopian and Thomas, the foreign leaders, made their talks at the dinner given Saturday at 12:30 p. m. Besides these notable there were also other outstanding men of North Carolina who took a large part in the meetings.

Saturday the meeting adjourned at 2 p. m. to allow the members of the conference to either go sight seeing or to attend the Florida-State football clash. The members of the conference were taken care of by the people in Raleigh, that is, they all had places to stay in the capital city homes.

Northampton Man Is Pardoned By Hoover

A photostatic copy of an unconditional pardon signed by the President of the United States—the first received here in many years, is now on file with the Clerk of United States Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina. By it President Hoover remits a \$1,000 fine to and restores the citizenship of Jesse A. Bradley of Northampton County, twice convicted for violations of the prohibition laws but now, according to the President's prelude, reformed. Bradley has already served his sentence in one case and served the sentence and paid the fine in another. Both convictions were for violations of several years ago.

The W. M. S. of Rosemary Baptist Church held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday night, Oct. 16. After the program a short business meeting was held and a committee, comprised of Mrs. C. F. Ogletree, Mrs. E. E. Kendrick and Mrs. L. B. Crouch, was appointed to nominate officers for the society and business council for the coming year.

5 YEAR OLD CHILD HURT SERIOUSLY

Older Boy Hit Few Minutes Later Escapes With Slight Bruises

DRIVERS ARE HELD

Two children were struck by automobiles on the Avenue Saturday afternoon in the same block within a few minutes. One child is in a serious condition at the hospital. The other was able to leave the hospital after first aid treatment.

Policeman H. E. Dobbins saw parts of both accidents, arrested both drivers and carried one of the injured children to the hospital.

The first accident took part in front of Rosemary Drug Co. A large crowd had gathered to listen to the World Series broadcast from an upstairs amplifier and traffic was moving slowly and with difficulty.

Ed Cheatem, colored, employee of Tri City Motor Co., was driving a company car, going South on the Avenue. The five year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Ainsley left the sidewalk on the East side of the Avenue and ran across the street into the path of the car.

The child was struck by the bumper and his body was twisted up under the front of the car. Cheatem was driving slowly and was able to stop the car before the wheels ran over the body. A deep gash on the head, bleeding freely, may prove serious and there were severe cuts and bruises on the rest of the body, with possible internal injuries. Young Ainsley was rushed to the hospital and was still there yesterday in a serious condition.

The Negro driver was held by Officer Dobbins and is out under bond. His trial will be held before Mayor Jenkins this Friday afternoon. The amount of blame to be attached to the driver cannot be ascertained, unless it can be proved that he was not watching the street, but was listening to the broadcast. His car was moving very slow at the time of the accident. Only two or three persons actually saw the wreck although the streets were crowded with baseball supporters.

A few minutes later, the second accident occurred in front of Smith's Service Station, a short distance north in the same block. The events were very similar to the first accident.

The 8 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Carter ran in front of the car of R. S. Moody of Henrico. Again Officer Dobbins saw the accident and there were more eye witnesses to this one. The officer and other witnesses say Mr. Moody was not at fault. His car was being driven very slowly at the time.

The Carter boy was taken to the hospital and given first aid attention but his injuries were slight and he was able to leave at once. The driver was placed under arrest by the officers.

The Mayor and police have asked The Herald to warn all parents about their children darting across the streets between intersections. The system used by the schools of insisting that children cross at street intersections has proved very successful. The best plan is to cross at proper places, watch for cars going in both directions and never take chances.

Car drivers are also warned to keep all traffic laws so they will be protected in case of unavoidable accidents. Those breaking traffic laws will be dealt with severely, say officers.

Girl's Injury Serious

Miss Ethel Faucette, employee of Rose's 5 and 10, is still in a serious condition as a result of a fall sustained two weeks ago at the store. She was holding open a door to admit a man with bundles when she slipped and fell down the steps, striking her head. At first it was thought her only injury was a broken rib, but it is now thought she also suffered a fracture of the skull.

A hen owned by Geo. Rossier of Dall, Texas, mother 8 puppies.

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

The new City Street Department trucks, road machines and tractors, are rapidly getting the worst streets in good condition and it looks as if they knew their business by the way they are going about it.

St. Louis won the Worlds Series by taking the final game from the Athletics 4 to 2. We figure that 7 out of every ten fans were pulling for the Mid West boys to win. One reason we wanted to see Philadelphia win was that it may be the last big year for that sage old campaigner, cornucopious McKittrick.

Incidentally, the gate passed the million dollar mark for the first time in four years, despite a small crowd at the last game. Whether that means anything or not concerning business improvement, we do not know, it does show that we still have a million dollars for baseball and there will be more millions spent for football now. What would happen to that money if we called of all sports for the coming year?

The Student Body of the local High school showed good judgment in electing Jimmie Shell as President for the coming year. There is a young fellow who deserves a lot of credit, a loyal student, a hard worker and one who will overcome most of the obstacles life will place in his way. Jimmie is not ashamed to work. Witness his selling peanuts at the last night in order to earn a little extra money. He also earns a little each month by doing special reporting for this paper, as does also the new secretary of the Student Body, Miss Ophelia Daniels. Jimmie also finds time to ably fill the position on the yellow-jacket varsity. He has gotten away from a lot of his kitemish ways and we are for him 100 per cent.

Seven major textile divisions in North Carolina produce goods valued at \$452,723,359 in 1929, or more than 21 million dollars above the \$425,437,359 in value in 1927, the 1930 census figures, released by the Department of Conservation and Development show.

The knit goods division, about five-sixths of it hosiery, showed a 40 per cent gain, to a value of \$86,112,765. Only dyeing and finishing declined in the two years, to \$16,079,262. Other 1929 values were: cordage and twine \$7,928,174; cotton goods, \$317,005,212 silk and rayon, \$18,587,608; woolen, \$6,019,905; cotton small wares, \$995,433. Workers in the 571 individual plants numbered 123,138, receiving \$85,934,991 in wages.

We call attention of our readers to the news from Halifax Route 2, which appears in this newspaper. This section of the county is near the County Home. Our correspondent from that section is an old newspaperman of the old school. For that reason, partly, we use the blue pencil very little on his contributions and also permit him more leeway in editorializing than is allowed most correspondents. You will enjoy reading his contributions. We will also be glad to have the news from other sections of the county, and that portion of Northampton adjacent our territory.

Following the anchorage of "Old Ironsides," the famous old battleship that was put in sailing condition by pennies contributed by school children from all over the country, at Norfolk, Va., many local people have visited the port to see the ship. Among the recent visitors is the following faculty members of the Roanoke Rapids schools: Misses Clara Hearne, Juanita Taylor, Rebecca Price, Martha Carson and Mr. Thomas L. Martin.

Building Inspector Henry Fitts informs us he has been able to get all shacks and buildings out of the fire zone which do not conform to the law with one exception. He plans to serve the necessary legal papers in this case. Go to it, Henry. Make it 100 per cent.

We are hearing a new college yell and it isn't "Hold That Line." It goes something like this: "We Want To See That Audit." And believe you me, regardless of how the game looks right now, we know who we (Continued on back page)