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UP AND DOWN
The Avenue
WITH THE EDITOR

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

C. F. Ogletree believes the old adage about a bird in the hand, now. Coming to work down the Avenue early Friday morning, Mr. Ogletree saw a goose lying on the sidewalk. It flew when he started to pick it up, but he ran after it and soon caught it. He was startled to find it a wild goose and in good condition, no broken or injured parts. He still has it for the unbelieving to see. Many think the wild goose was scared by hunters and probably flew a long distance until exhausted, stopping over to rest in Roanoke Rapids. Mr. Ogletree is also now a firm believer in the familiar old saying, "The early bird catches the goose."

John Shaw of Northampton is building for Gaston township a new school building on the Lawrenceville road. It does not however, interfere with friend John's nightly visits to our city; probably to get some building pointers from Jim Thomason.

Just a little over three more weeks until Christmas. Watch The Herald for shopping tips on where to buy gifts. You will get some mighty good suggestions from our ads in our special Christmas editions on the 10th and 17th. And here's our own tip from Santa Claus: things are looking brighter for a merrier Christmas in our city than we had hoped for.

Now children, about those letters to Santa Claus. Let the little tots from two to six, write the letters, or we may not have room to print them all. And be sure and tell him about some good deed you have done for somebody else. That's the best way to that old gent's heart.

A good suggestion has been made by the Merchants Association to have the Community Tree in the front of the Hospital. Then the sick can have a chance to enjoy it too.

HOOVERCRATIC

You want four more years of Hoover? That would be "fine and dandy" Then we might dress and diet with The great Mahatma Gandhi.

We might get some commissions, (Of which there are so few) To probe and see if all this talk About "hard times" is true.

For Morgan, Schwab and Henry Ford Say "all is well"—why doubt it? What does the "one hoss" farmer and Workman know about it?

He knows his party slogan well "The protection of the rich" Give him the highway tho it force The poor man to the ditch.

With four years more of Hoover we would drink goats milk too— For our wardrobe—just a turban And a few loin clothes will do.

TOM MEACHAM.

For the Charity football game in Duke Stadium Saturday, the local Legion Post has tickets on sale at Rosemary Drug Co.

Will you make it a point to use Christmas Tubercular Seals this Christmas? These can be secured from members of the Study Club of Roanoke Rapids.

The Womans Club will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday afternoon, December 7th at 3 o'clock at the home of Mrs. T. R. Manning. This meeting will be under the direction of the Welfare Department. Please remember to bring a toy to be used in filling stockings for Christmas.

If anyone in town knows where the sewing machines are that were used in the Red Cross Rooms over the bank building, please report same to Mrs. T. W. M. Long or Mrs. R. P. Beckwith. These machines are badly needed in the present sewing rooms of the Red Cross. Your help is also needed; there are many calls and only a few to sew.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Taylor and daughter, Inez, of Seaboard, spent the week-end with their son, J. R. Taylor.

WORK STARTED ON SEWER LINES

LARCENY PUNISHED SEVERELY

Important Cases In Superior Court This Week Deal With Thefts

EIGHT YEAR LIMIT

The Halifax Superior Court convened this Monday morning with Judge Buck Harris presiding. Stiff sentences, ranging from one to eight years, were meted out to defendants, most of the cases being larceny. Tuesday's docket was especially severe.

The jury returned a verdict of guilty in case of George Jenkins, charged with forgery. He was given 6 months on the roads, sentence to begin at expiration of previous sentences which the Judge at this term ordered imposed. Conditions of previous judgment having been violated.

Dave Perry was found guilty of breaking into box car and was sentenced to State Prison for a period of not less than 3 years and not more than 8 years. Dave Perry was given no pros with leave on house breaking charge.

William Burgess and Walter Morris were charged with house theft. Morris was remanded to Juvenile Court and Burgess given 1 year on the roads.

Joe Barnes, Glenn Melwood and Robert Harris were charged with larceny of auto. Barnes and Melwood pleading guilty and Harris pleading not guilty. A jury found Harris guilty and each was sentenced to State Prison for a period of not less than 2 years and not more than 5 years.

Hilliard Fenner plead guilty to house breaking. He was sentenced to the roads for not less than 18 months and not more than 5 years.

A true bill of indictment was returned by Foreman Walleit against George Lee, charged with murder. N. M. Shearin for abstraction and conspiracy was given Pluries Capias and continued. The defendant is reported to be in Canada.

Herman A. Hunt, Sr., on embezzlement charge was given Pluries Capias and continued.

Carter Poole, Harry Allen, Clyde Yates and Rich Buchannon, charged with store breaking were given no pros with leave, due to the fact that all defendants are now serving a sentence in the Federal Prison in Atlanta.

Willie Taylor, Willie Jones and Chester Vaughan were charged with house breaking and larceny, to which charge they plead not guilty. The verdict of the jury was that Vaughan was guilty of larceny and both Jones and Taylor were guilty of receiving stolen goods knowing the same to be stolen. Vaughan was sentenced to 6 months on the roads and Taylor and Jones to 12 months each.

Frank Davis, charged with non-support was sentenced to 61 days on the roads, sentence suspended provided he pay the costs of the action by Thursday, December 3, 1931.

Richard B. Miles was tried for assault. The defendant was given until the January term to pay balance of costs with the request that the Judge presiding at the January term does not allow any further extension of the time.

Mrs. Betty Smith

Mrs. Betty Smith died at the home of her son, C. L. Smith on Hamilton Street, Wednesday morning, Nov. 25, after an illness of five weeks. She was 68 year old.

Surviving are six children: Mrs. E. J. Moore, Richmond, Va.; Mrs. W. J. Outland, Seaboard, N. C.; Mrs. William Edwards, Suffolk, Va.; Frank Smith, Rich Square, N. C.; Reuben Smith, Lasker, N. C., and C. L. Smith of this city.

The funeral was conducted from the residence on Hamilton Street by Rev. A. P. Mustian and interment was made in the family burying grounds in Northampton County.

Mrs. Joe Edwards and children and Miss Gladys Parson spent some time last week in Fitchburg, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stowe of Norfolk are visiting friends in town.

Diplomat's Bride



Jane Beck of Cody, Wyo., who was married recently in Tientsin, China, to Nelson T. Johnson, American minister to China. Mrs. Johnson is a great-granddaughter of George Washington.

GARYSBURG THANKS FIRE DEPT.

Local Department Answers False Alarm to Northampton Town

False alarms which are costing the city a lot of money, are being turned in and officials are trying to determine the source. They believe they have a good lead and those responsible when caught, will be dealt with to the full extent of the law.

In the future, when turning in an alarm, give your name. "This is John Jones, reporting a fire in the 600 block, Jackson St." At least four false alarms have been turned in by "smart" people in the past two weeks. One was from Garysburg. The Roanoke Rapids Fire Dept. answered the call. Here is a letter from the mayor of that town.

Garysburg, N. C., Nov 24, 1931. Roanoke Rapids Fire Dept., Roanoke Rapids, N. C., Gentlemen:

Although we do not know from what source the fire alarm of Sunday evening came, nor as to where the fire was, we wish to thank you all, and want you to know that we appreciate your coming over just as much as if there had been a fire in our town. Yours respectfully,

W. H. JOYNER, Mayor Town of Garysburg.
By J. M. Attkisson, Jr., Town Clerk.

WRESTLING

Small Crowd Witnesses Good Championship Bout Friday Night

Last Friday night at Simmons arena, Joe Kirkland, middleweight champion of Virginia, lost his crown to Eddie Blanks of the same state. The winner was to get two out of three falls. Kirkland was thrown by Blanks in the first fall, but he came back strong and evened the count. Blanks threw Kirkland in the third round and completely kayoed him. This bout between the champs was a wide awake affair, and both scrapers put up a good fight but Blanks wore down his opponent in the last fall.

In the semi-final Dicky Delvaux of Virginia won over Johnny Owens of Hopewell in a match similar to the final contest. This match wasn't very fast and received boos from the audience.

In the first contest of the night Holloway won over Kid Fuller in a fifteen minute bout.

Central P. T. A.

The Parent Teachers Association of the Central School will meet Wednesday afternoon, December 9. Rev. S. H. Bradley will talk on The Spirit of Christmas Giving. Mothers who are planning to contribute books to the school library are asked to bring them this meeting.

Earl Taylor of Seaboard visited Elvin Hudson last week-end.

W. E. Morris spent the week-end in Robersonville.

HUGE TRUCK CRASHES IN FRONT YARD

One Man Injured When Driver Loses Control At Sharp Curve Near Limits

TRUCK DEMOLISHED

A huge truck loaded with furniture crashed at the sharp turn in South Rosemary at eight o'clock this morning and ended at the front porch of the M. B. Cooke residence. One of the three riders of the truck was slightly injured, the other two escaping with slight bruises.

The truck was loaded with school equipment, mostly desks and seats, and was coming from the Standard School Equipment Co., at Siler City, heading for Norfolk, where the equipment was to have been transferred to boat and shipped to the Spinner Deist Corp., 631 South Spring St., Los Angeles, Cal.

In making the sharp turn just before entering the city, the driver lost control of the big truck. A power pole was crashed into and smattered to bits. Wires of high voltage were sent in every direction. Careening on, the truck hit a big tree and turned over in the yard of the residence of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Cooke.

The cargo was scattered in all directions. Desks and chairs were thrown into trees and on the front porch of the Cooke house. Had the truck continued on for a few more feet it would have wrecked the entire front of the house, probably with fatal injuries to the riders and those in the house.

The damage to the truck and contents will be several hundred dollars. That to the Power Co. pole and lines will be about one hundred dollars.

75 Per Cent of Xmas Seals Money To Be Spent Here

Mrs. R. L. Towe was hostess on Friday afternoon to the Study Club. Eleven members answered to roll call. The president, Mrs. David Traynham, presided. Several very important business items were transacted.

Christmas Tubercular Seals were given out. These seals are sold entirely by the Study Club members and 75 per cent from seal sales is used in the city.

A splendid program followed the business meeting. The subject for study was Music and the papers read were very interesting and instructive. The first paper by Mrs. David Traynham "Walter Johannes Damroch's Orchestra." Mrs. Pendleton Grizzard gave a paper on "Phillip Sousa and His Band." The last paper for the afternoon was "Our King of Jazz, Paul Whiteman," by Mrs. Frank Williams.

At conclusion of the program, the hostess, assisted by Miss Annie Cherry, served a salad course. Those answering roll call were Mesdames Hugh Bradley, David Traynham, Frank Nash, A. E. Akers, J. N. Bynum, C. A. Wyche, George Hayes, Pendleton Grizzard, Frank Williams, Will Dean.

Mrs. Martha Lynch

Mrs. Martha J. Lynch, 78, died November 28th, at the home of her son F. B. Lynch at Macon, N. C. Six children survive: P. B. Lynch, J. W. Lynch, Mrs. N. B. Thomason, Mrs. Jennie Rainey and Mrs. W. H. Moseley of this city, and F. B. Lynch of Macon. Thirty-nine grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren also survive. Mrs. Lynch had been ill for six months. Pallbearers were I. B. Rainey, James Lynch, Alfred Lynch, Revis Lynch, Clarence Lynch and Howard Gray.

Mrs. S. D. Knight was a recent hostess with bridge honoring Mrs. J. V. Moore. There were two tables of players. The tables were made up of the following players: Mesdames J. V. Moore, J. B. Ball, W. H. Shell, Jas. Shell, Misses Merle Bell, Hazel Cobb, Viola Glover. Refreshments were served at conclusion of the game.

Grandmother at 32



Although she is barely thirty-two years old, Mrs. Pearl Downward of Rushville, Ind., holds the distinction of being the youngest grandmother in her state. At any rate, she is the youngest to claim the honor. Mrs. Downward was married at fifteen and became a mother a year later. Her daughter, Mrs. Veril Stevens, now of Dallas, Texas, recently duplicated her mother's record.

WAR FOR CROWN AT ROCKY MT.

Conference Championship Game With Tarboro This Friday Afternoon

TEAM ON EDGE

The local Yellow Jax have been through a hard series of workouts this week and they meet Tarboro at Rocky Mount this Friday to decide who will sit on the Northeastern Conference throne. Roanoke Rapids licked their rivals two weeks ago 18 to 0 but this scrap at Rocky Mount will be one close affair.

Anything can happen in football. Any one of the Tarboro players who licked Notre Dame and Purdue calmed Northwestern, so this affair Friday will be a good one to take in. These two teams are brought together by the Conference ruling that the two teams with the highest average at the close of the season would meet for the cup.

This game will be refereed by Coach Bob Sides of Rocky Mount High School. The probable line-up is as follows:

Roanoke Rapids	Tarboro
Womble	Hart
Dickens	Thomas
Speight	Savage
Sullivan	Burnette
McNeil	Olechner
G. Shell	Burnette
C. Mills	Satterwaite
J. Shell	Folks
Matthews	Whitlark
Harrison	Mays
Newton	Jenkins

Eight of the yellow jerseys donned by the Yellow Jackets varsity will be donned their last time as their old masters will be in the graduating class of 1932 and will see them no more after Dec. 4, 1931. Those on the varsity who will graduate are: James McNeil, Graham Shell, "Grill" Harrison, "Snooks" Matthews, Jimmie Shell, "Pig" Speight, Jimmy Womble and Fleetwood Sullivan. Sixteen men off of the first two teams will see their last game or play in their last game Friday. The remaining eight are "Hocky" Hardison, Fred Mills, Carl Thompson, Cyrus Kitchin, Belmont Murray, John Bounds and Robert Lowe.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Carter and daughter have gone to Norfolk, where they will make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Morris and Mrs. and Mrs. Eddie Watson spent Thanksgiving in Emporia.

Over 50 Unemployed Men Were Put To Work Yesterday and Today

Drive For Funds By Kiwanis Club Goes Over The Top and Work Begun Wednesday—Fine Response by Lenders and Workers

Going over the top in the drive for loans to meet payrolls for the next six weeks, Roanoke Rapids led the way for the nation in handling the unemployment problem by putting over fifty men to work here on sewer ditches yesterday and today.

So far as we can learn, no city has been able to cope with this universal problem in the matter-of-fact way it has been done here. Faced with the problem of waiting until after the bond vote of Jan. 12 before the Sanitary Board could put men to work on the new system, the Kiwanis Club and private citizens loaned to an unemployment fund, without security and without interest, enough money to start work at once.

Duke Alumni to Meet Here Friday, Dec. 11

The Halifax County Alumni Association of Duke University will celebrate Duke Day with a banquet here on Friday evening, December 11. The meeting will be held in the Kiwanis Hall over the Peoples Theatre and will begin at six o'clock. Dr. H. E. Myers of Duke will be the principal speaker. Arrangements are being made by R. L. Towe, secretary and treasurer of the Association. Dr. S. B. Pierce of Weldon is president and Pierce Johnson, vice president of the organization.

PARDON

Transcript of Pardon of J.R. Myrick By Governor Gardner

The above named prisoner, Robert Myrick, was convicted at the August term, 1931, Superior Court of Halifax County of violating the Banking Laws and sentenced to serve not less than one nor more than three years in the State Prison.

I have before me many very strong recommendations that a full and complete pardon be extended this man at this time. Among those recommending clemency is the trial Judge, Hon. W. C. Harris who has written in part as follows: "Since the trial and sentence of Myrick, and the others, I have been requested by many citizens of Halifax County to make some change in Myrick's sentence for the reason that they did not consider that he was as guilty as the others. Many wanted me to recommend a pardon before he begun his term but I refused to do this and told them that after he had gone to prison and began the serving of his sentence that I would then consider the matter of a recommendation to you. The attorney for Myrick has now presented to me petitions signed by over twelve hundred citizens of Halifax County asking for a pardon for Myrick. After considering these petitions and also the fact that this man has been placed in prison and is now serving his sentence, and also considering the further fact that he was not an officer of the bank, I am of the opinion that he should be paroled or pardoned if you find the facts presented to you justify you in that action."

The trial solicitor, Hon. R. Hunt Parker, has likewise written a strong letter in the prisoner's behalf and states among other things: "I have known Robert Myrick for a number of years, and I know of my own knowledge that he is not a criminal. I hereby recommend that he be granted at once an unconditional pardon with full restoration of his citizenship rights, and I believe that if such is done, he will return to his home and become a good citizen."

These recommendations are supported by twelve hundred and eighty-five names of the most reliable and influential citizens of Halifax County.

Acting upon the recommendations in his behalf I am this day granting the prisoner a full and complete pardon. This, the 23rd day of November, 1931.

O. MAX GARDNER, Governor.
Tyre Taylor, Executive Counsel.

The response was as expected. Not a man who was approached who could get his hands on one or two hundred dollars for a period of 60 days, refused the loan committee composed of R. H. Goodmon, A. N. Martin and C. L. Wilson. This committee worked two afternoons and reached their goal. It may be, if more men are taken on, that others will be asked to loan for a period of thirty days.

An employment committee spent part of the entire night going over a list of unemployed who had registered at The Herald office. From this they picked a list of those whose families needed work the most. This first list was posted to report for work Wednesday morning. A second list was posted last night for additional men to report for work today. A third list will probably be posted Saturday for Monday's work. These lists will be found in the main postoffice and in front of Cherry's and Martin's pool rooms in each end of town. The employment committee consists of T. W. Mullen, M. D. Collier, A. O. Pendleton, C. L. Grimmer, A. Mickle, J. W. Smoot, R. H. Goodmon and C. L. Wilson.

It is hoped to be able to give every man who wants a job a chance to work, at least part time, during the next six weeks. This applies only to men who are unemployed and who live in the city. No work is available for those living out of the city.

And now, just a word about those men who are out there digging ditches. In the first place, there is not a man working but who is thankful he has a job. They really appreciate the chance to work. And to prove it, they are doing one fine job. Even the Sanitary Engineer was surprised at the amount of work they turned out the first day. If they keep it up, they are going to develop into the championship ditchers of the country.

Work was started under the supervision of Engineer Lewis of Spoon and Lewis, Greensboro, who will be supervising engineer for the Sanitary Board to the completion of the system. J. W. Smoot was made general superintendent with C. H. Byrd and D. P. Wike as foremen. Work began on one of the hardest blocks in the system. A nine foot sewer ditch in the alley between 13th and 14th Streets. That entire ditch is down seven feet tonight. Another ditch one block down is about half done tonight.

A car load of sewer pipe arrived this morning and a crew will start laying pipe on Friday. All materials and supplies possible are being bought at lowest prices thru local concerns.

Citizens are urged to go out and view this work. It is hard, back-breaking work. But it is honest work and no man need be ashamed of it. We should feel proud that we have men who are accustomed to better things willing to go down in ditches to bring food and clothing to their families. Encourage these men to keep up their good work.

Those firms and citizens who advanced payroll money that this work might go ahead at once are Virginia Electric and Power Co., H. D. Camp, Ned Manning, F. C. Williams, Ray Goodmon, J. M. Jackson, Dr. E. P. Brenner, J. T. Chase, A. J. Young, S. A. Lipscomb, Jr., J. R. Allbrook, P. A. Reid, S. T. Peace, Dr. T. W. M. Long, W. J. Norwood, J. W. Smoot, W. C. Williams, Rosemary Drug Co., (Continued on back page)