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UP AND DOWN

The Avenue WITH THE EDITOR

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

A special Christmas program at the High School assembly this morning was well attended by parents and other citizens.

Coming out of a side street, the car of Miss Evelyn Brown struck the car of drug tycoon Alfred Martin, the other day. Riding with Mr. Martin was his daughter, Margaret, who was thrown thru the windshield, sufterca only a slight bruise on her forehead and broken glasses. Mr. Martill was struck severely by the steering wheel and also broke his glassmost damage was sustained by martin limousine. Miss Brown - not hurt.

is, is rurdy has been made manager o, the Carolina Ice Co. of Roanoke mapus and Weldon, ice, coal, and ice cream manufacturers. C. S. Bristow is assistant manager at Weldon, Mr. rurdy has long been manager of the ROBINGE Rapids office and the pro- 30 MORE motion is much deserved.

peedy work continues on the sewer unches with 90 men at work each year day this week. The first ditches are now covered. One of the new onches goes down 14 feet. Go out and take a look at it. Another part time erew is scheduled to be called our for Monday with lists being posted

With the Christmas season on us the necessity of safe installation and use of temporary decorative lighting in homes and show windows is stressed by City Inspector Henry Fitts. He issues a warning against cheap and anapproved light fixtures and poor installation, increasing chances of

\*Ed Woodruff killed his third deer this season Tuesday morning. It cases were taken before yesterday, weighed about 100 pounds. Encouraged by the attitude, Rev.

who has been traveling around the plete list of other families in the world on one of Henry Ford's freight-

Members of the Methodist Church business or organization, wants to last of the week. It is located next athered at the parsonage Tuesday give a real Christmas to and call Mr. to the Episcopal Church across the gathered at the parsonage Tuesday evening of this week and gave the new pastor and his family a pounding which consisted of many good things to eat. Mr. and Mrs. Starnes are appreciative for this kind re-

There are two new members of the Roanoke Rapids School Board, elected at the last meeting to fill unexpired terms. E. W. Eubank w a s chosen to fill out the term of Wells D. Tillery, who resigned. Dr. Bahnson Weathers was chosen to fill out the term of R. L. Towe, who retains his other office as Chairman of the County Board of Education.

The Virginia Beach newspaper reports the dismissal of the case agains Dr. Edgar Cayce in New York, visited by several local citizens last year. The court found they were not pretending to tell fortunes as charged and held that it should not interfere with the belief, practices or usage of an incorporated ecclesastical governing body or duly licensed teachers thereof. It was shown that Dr. Cayco had been head of an Association of I'svehic Research in Virginia for several years.

Born 6 a. m., Wednesday, Dec. 16. 1931, a daughter to Lawyer and Mrs. Julian R. Allsbrook. The young lady will be called Mary Ann Allsbrook Mother and daughter doing nicely.

NOTICE-to advertisers and Her The Christmas ald correspondents: week edition of The Herald will go to press one day earlier than usual. will be printed late Wednesday; therefore have all copy in not later than early Wednesday morning, preferably Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Weatherspoor and children spent the week-end here as the guests of Mrs. Clarence Grim-

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hawley and son, Frank, Mrs. Howard Pruden and son, Bill and Mrs. Paul Heydereich, spent Saturday in Richmond, Va.

# 6 YEAR OLD BOY KILLS SISTER

### W. JORDAN **AMBUSHED** ON TRACKS

Waverly Jordan, 48, well known Gumberry citizen, was ambushed and seriously wounded at 9 o'clock tonight as he was walking the railroad tracks to his home near the Northampton town.

He was brought to the local hos pital at 9:45 with gunshot wounds on one side of his face and throat, ome dangerously near the eye. His ondition at midnight was reported is uncertain by hospital authorities.

Mr. Jordan was walking home when an unknown person, hiding behind a oox car, fired at close range at his side. He does not know who it was He was conscious at midnight, Oficers from here left for Northampon County to aid in solving the mys tery last night. They had not reported back at press time.

## WORTHY **FAMILIES**

Complete List of Needy For Xmas Opportunity - First Is Taken

#### MANY RESPOND

Splendid response by individuals and organizations to the call of Associated Charities to take charge of Opportunities for Christmas Day in Roanoke Rapids was forthcoming after the last issue of The Herald listed fifteen families in need of help for that day. Everyone of the 15

J. N. Bynum, president of Associa-Joe Wofford, of New York City, ted Charities, has given us a comcity which have been investigated and ers, is spending some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Wofford. Opportunity you, your family, your

> Evnum at once for full details. Here are the new Opportunities.

> This is the last call. No. 16. Husband, wife, six children and mother in law. Children from one to 12 years of age. Father has little or no work.

No. 17. Two old people with no support or family.

No. 18 and 19. Taken. No. 20. Two old people with one small grandchild. Too old to work. No. 21. Man and wife and three

mall children ages 1 to 10.

No. 22. Taken. No. 23. Old lady, her son who is mable to work, his wife and a small

boy.
No. 24. A widow whose husband three chaildren

ages 6 to 11. No. 25. Man and wife and two mall children. Husband ill.

No. 26. A widow with a small laughter and a grown daughter whose husband has deserted her, with two small children. A very worthy case. No. 27. Husband and wife and 3 mall children. Husband's eyesight has gone bad and lost his job.

No. 28. Taken. No. 29. Mother and four children from 3 to 12. Father in prison, No. 30. Mother with three girls 8

o 15. Father in prison. 31. Father and mother and stores are chock full of gifts of every four children, 2 to 7. Father out of

No. 32. One old man with no work

or support. No. 33. Mother and father and three small children. Husband not

working. No. 34. Mother and father and two girls, one to two years old. Husband

unable to work. No. 35. Mother with four children rom 9 to 18. Husband has deserted family.

No. 36. Widow with four children Needy. No. 37. Mother and father and six children, 7 to 12. Father not

working. No. 38. Father and mother with six children. Father's work not ade- York was found 24 days later in No-

via Scotia, about 1,200 miles away. (Continued on back page)

#### CHAMPIONS OF NORTHEASTERN CONFERENCE



XMAS'EVE

**PROGRAM** 

Community Singing at 7

O'clock At Tree in

Front of The

Hospital

One thousand people from this city

and surrounding territory are plan-

ned for at the Christmas Community

Singing to be held here at 7 o'clock

The Community Tree was put up

today and will be lighted by the

The service will be short on next

Thursday night. There will be no

gifts given away at the tree, as ex-plained before. This is simply a com-

munity get together for some singing

of Christmas songs. Steve Lipscomb,

music chairman of the Kiwanis Club,

The Club, which meets on the same

night, will eat supper and go in a

body to the community meeting. Members of various church choirs

will take part. The songs will be

printed in next week's Wednesday edition of The Herald, and extra

Christmas talk. The songs to be sung are "Holy Night, Silent Night";

"O, Come All Ye Faithful."

Little Town of Bethlehem," and

Music will be furnished by Jay

Saunders and his Rosemary Concert

Band. This is all the invitation you

need to come and bring the family

and your friends. A special invi-

tation is given to out of town folks.

Roanoke Rapids h a s taken on a

real Christmas atmosphere. There

are many beautiful store windows in

both ends of the city and all the

description. Toys are going plent

bought more than ever.

good and useful gifts a r e being

You are urged to read the ads in

this issue of The Herald for suggest-

ions as to what and where to buy. We

consider this one of the best all-

round issues of The Herald yet print-

ed, which speaks well for the city in

1931 Out of town shoppers will make

no mistake in coming here for their

Emperor Selassie of Ethopia treat

ed 10,000 warrior tribesmen to a din

ner of raw meat in celebration of the

A small balloon released in New

first anniversary of his coronation.

Christmas supplies and gifts.

will have charge of the singing.

Avenue from the Hospital

Christmas Eve.

ALL INVITED SEVEN DIE

**ON AVENUE** 

Here a r e Roanoke Rapids High the picture left to right, are: Top | -Pierce, Mencher, Womble, Hardi-School's football champions of the Northeastsern Conference. The Yel-Assistant Coach Poyler. Second row Fifth row— J. McNeil. Gaylord. set back was a 7-0 loss to Oxford, but the Jackets later got revenge over Oxford by a similar score. Shown in

Christmas Services

t the First Methodist Church next

Sunday will be appropriate to the

season. The morning subject will be "The Desire of the Nations." The

evening subject will be "Taking Jes-us Seriously." There will be special music rendered by the choir at each

of these services. The public is in-

HERE IN

PAST WEEK

of Deaths in City in

Past Few Days; All

**Natural Causes** 

ONE IN WRECK

M. Sharpe with interment in Roa-

loman, all of this city.

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band died.

Northeastsern Conference, The Yellow Jackets were undefeated in conference play and for the entire season won nine of ten games. Their only like the conference play and for the entire season won nine of ten games. Their only like the conference play and for the entire season won nine of ten games. Their only like the conference play and for the entire season won nine of ten games. Their only like the conference play and for the entire season won the conference play and for the entire season which we can be conference play and for the entire season which we can be conference play and for the entire season which we can be conference play and for the entire season which we can be conference play and for the entire season which we can be conference play and for the entire season which we can be conference play and for the entire season which we can be conference play and the conference play and the conference play and the conference pla

#### COMPLETE At Methodist Church REPORTON The morning and evening service

Auditor's Statement and Report of Superintendent of City's Schools

SCHOOLS

#### FOR FIVE YEARS

One of the most complete and comprehensive reports ever made by any public board is printed here at the request of the Roanoke Rapids School Board, showing the financial standing of the district with a comparative Unprecedented Number analysis of the school work over a period of five years.

Superintendent's report to Board of School Trustees, Roanoke Rapids, 1931-1932

Enrollment and Attendance

1926-27, Enrollment in grades, 1,-401, enrollment in High School, 395 Death took a heavy toll in Roanoke toal, 1795; average attendance, grades Rapids during the past few days with 1320, average attendance High School the passing of a half dozen local ci-258, total, 1578.

1927-28, Enrollment in grades ,1 James T. Smith, age 85, was buri- 523, enrollment in High School, 321, ed Saturday from his home on Madi- total 1814; average attendance grades son Street. Death came as a result 1341, average attendace High School of an auto wreck which took place 282, total, 1623.

two weeks ago.

Mr. Smith and his wife had hired 5.26, enrollment in High School, 380, a car to take them to visit relatives total, 1906; average attendance grades 1928-29 Enrollment in grades 1,edition of The Herald, and the Herald and turned over, injuring the singing. Everybody is example and to come and join in the sing-

Rev. J. N. Bynum will give a short pital last Thursday, the day her hus- 837, enrollment in High School, 391, total, 2228; average attendance grades Funeral services were preached by 1471, average attendace, High School Rev. A. P. Mustian and interment 432, total 1817.

was in Roanoke Rapids cemetery. 1930-31 Enrollment in grades, 1 Several children survive, among 674, enrollment in High School 462. them Charley Smith of this city. Pall- total, 2136; average attendance grade bearers were Ernest Lee, Jim Reed, 1468, average attendnce, High School W. H. Roberts, T. A. Acree, E. S. 432, totl, 1900.

Windell and Doc King.

George E. Harris, 71, died this
Tuesday at the home of Bud Martin

\*1931-32 Enrollment in High School, 514,
total, 2044; average attendance grades on Henry Street. Funeral services 1592, average attendace, High School were preached yesterday by Rev. D. 488, total, 2080.

This enrollment and attendance ar noke Rapids cemetery. Several children here and in Virginia survive.

32. When compared with that at the Pallbearers were Plato Cook, T. A. end of the second month last year we Acree, L. R. Britton, Buddie Cop-pedge, Jessie Padgett and J. L. Davis. tary school has increased 89 and in Mrs. J. R. Lassiter, 58, died today High School 77. at her home in South Rosemary. She compared on the same basis justifies had been in ill health for several years four teachers more than were em and confined to the bed for nine weeks ployed last year. The deceased had lived here ten however, to meet the demand for vears. Funeral services will be held economy, we are running the schools this Friday afternoon by Rev. J. E. with the same number of teachers Kirk. The following children survive: that were employed last year.

Jule, Fletcher and Archie Lassiter, The increase in cordiment and at Mrs. J. D. Lang and Mrs. Clyde Holtendance for the entire chool h a shown a constant and normal growt Leslie W. Epps, age 26, died last Leslie W. Epps, age 26, died last Crease in the High School since the High S Leslie W. Epps, age 26, died last over a period of years. The large in This is an increase of 263 or 117 per

#### TRAGIC END HORRIBLE FOR CHILD TRAGEDY LEFT ALONE

13 Months Old Baby Charlie Bryant Didn't Lost In Flames Which Destroy Country Residence

#### PARENTS RETURN SISTER WAS EIGHT

Left alone in a country house, while the aunt and other children were in the woods, Marion Powell, thirteen months old, was burned to death in a fire which destroyed the house about 10:30 yesterday morning. Mary Powell, an aunt of the girl,

was left with the children while the parents were at work in a field gathring corn. It is reported the aunt ook the older children with her into the woods to "get a toothbrush," leavng the baby in its crib.

While they were gone, the house aught afire, evidently from a heater, and on their return, they found the nouse in flames and the heat too in-

withthe heat and nothing but a few hones were found. These were placed n a shoe box and the father, Thomas M. Powell, a hardworking farmer, came to the city yesterday afternoon report the death to Coroner Williams. After questioning members of the family, the Coroner returned verdict of accidental death.

The Powell place is a little more than four miles from the city limits on the old Halifax road. Two other hildren were with the aunt, a sister of Mr. Powell.

The toothbrush for which the aunt said to have gone to the woods is of the homemade variety, consisting of black gum branches which are cut off and tied together, the ends used as a brush by being chewed. The same apparatus is also said to make a good nuff stick.

### PRESENT CO. FUNDS **PROTECTED**

Almost Enough Security Back Current Funds; \$100,000 in Closed Banks

The question as to where Halifax ounty tax money is and how it is being protected is answered by the of the shot, and fell unhurt from her report made to the grand jury last arms to the bed. Mr. Bryant was week. The fact that the county has called from the mill and arrived to \$100,000 in unavailable funds, tied up find his wife in an hysterical conin banks which have closed, prompt- dition, the four remaining children

The first report shows where these funds are now: the second report six year old Charlie. shows where the current funds are and discloses only a \$14,000 differ- to realize what he has done and is ence between the amount of coun- heartbroken.

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This indicates a growing in erest in our schools, and I think, is air proof that the Roar ske Rapids schools are partiall; meeting the deands of our community. Comparison of Expenditures 1926-27

to 1931-32 Gen. Con., 1926-27, 8069.79; 1927

28, 8852.24; 1929-30, 7342.70; 1930. 6435.31; \*1931-32, 6096.00.

Inst. Service, 1926-27 78857,11; .927-28, 87417.42; 1928-29,87020,27; 1929-30, 89502.08; 1930-31, 88385.44; 1931-32, 82512.30, Oper. of Plant, 1926-27, 10051.94;

1927-28, 9940.52; 1928-29, 7471.60; 929-30, 7189.87; 1930-31, 7020.29; 931-32, 6339 00. Maint, of plant, 1926-27, 3395.91;

927-28, 2969.34; 1928-29, 1929-30, 3117.41; 1930-31, 1246.31; 931-32, 1740. Fixed Ch. and Ins., 1926-27,3926.83;

927-28, 1532.42; 1928-29, 2208,36; 1929-30, 2144.25; 1930-31, 2800.00; 931-32, 2935.71.

Aux. Agen., 1926-27, 3997.62; 1927-28, 5372.56; 1928-29, 8270.28; 1929-30, (Continued on page five)

# LAST EVE

Know Gun Was Loaded - Infant In Dead Girl's Arms

One of the most horrible accidental shootings in the State's history took place tonight here when Charlie Bryant, age 6, first grade pupil in the Roanoke Rapids schools, pointed a gun at his sister, Ruby, 8 years old, and pulled the trigger.

The gun was loaded and Ruby died fifteen minutes later with the top of her skull blown off. When the shot was fired, she held in her arms the Laby of the family, an infant a few months old. The babe was uninjured.

From the incoherent story of the heartbroken boy, Coroner Billy Williams, who arrived before the child gied, was able to piece together the following tragic tale. Ruby was sitting on the bed with her back to the boy; she was holding and playing with the baby.

The father, Walter Bryant, had gone to work at Roanoke Mills No. 1, where he is on the night shift. The family was getting ready to retire and Mrs. Bryant left the room to lock the back door. Charlie picked up a single barrel shot gun which stood in the corner and raised it to his shoulder. As he swung it around the room, and at the moment it passed his sister's head, he pulled the trigger.

At the explosion, the girl dropped to the bed unconscious. The mother, hearing the report, rushed back into the room to behold such a scene as few mothers have ever experienced. Dazed and white-in the center of the room stood the boy, the smoking gun in his hand. On the bcd. lav her other two children, both covered with blood.

On the walls, bed, floor, even on the ceiling-blood.

The gun had not been far from the girl's head; the entire load took effect just above the base of the brain and ranged up, taking off the op of the skull.

Ruby was never conscious. The creams of the mother and other children brought immediate aid from eighbors and a call was put in for help. Coroner Williams, just leaving his store for Kiwanis Club, with Officer Carl Green, rushed to the home. The girl was barely breathing. As they started to lift her up for the journey to the hospital, she died. It was 6:25 p. m.

The baby, its face covered with

the sister's blood, was not hit by any tearful and frightened. "I didn't know it was loaded," said

"I just picked it up and it went off." The boy seems

The gun did not stay in that room; s reported, it had not been where the children could reach it until yesterday when Mr. Bryant went hunting. He went to work last night and this norning returned tired out. He says he remembered, as he lay in hed today, that the gun was still loaded, and made a mental note to unload it when he got up. And then he forgot

The entire city was shocked as the news spread late tonight. Funeral services will be held this Friday afternoon at the residence, which is out Tenth Street, near Clary's Store, on the edge of the city. Interment will be in Roanoke Rapids Cemetery. The Bryant family has lived here for many

#### Where Are Those Red Cross Sewing Machines?

The Red Cross is very anxious to secure some additional sewing ma-chines and if any one can give them information in regard to the machines formerly owned by the Red Cross during the war, it will be greatly appreciated. Please report same to Mrs. T. W. M. Long or Mrs. R. P. Beck-