

UP AND DOWN The Avenue WITH THE EDITOR

In case of Fire or for Police, Dial 355 or 356.

The Digest poll of today with almost four million votes cast shows the same preponderance of sentiment for repeal of the 18th Amendment.

Grady Roughton is reported very ill with pneumonia at the home of his mother, Mrs. D. W. Etheridge.

The First Area Conference of the American Legion Auxiliary will be held at Rocky Mount on April 4.

Halifax County's new board of elections, named Saturday by the State Board of Elections, on recommendation of State Chairman O. M. Mull.

The ballots for United States Senator and State offices will be combined as an economy measure.

The latest addition of the efficient city government is the new signal system installed this week for the police telephones.

However, as we understand it, if you want to call the police and they do not answer at once, you must continue to call, as the light goes out when you hang up the receiver.

The "Hoover Lucky Pocket Piece" is made a point in the campaign speeches of John C. B. Ehringhaus, candidate for the gubernatorial nomination.

Ye Old Time Fiddlers Convention will be held at the High School auditorium Friday night, April 1, at 7:45.

Troy Goodmon, former Roanoke Rapids High School athletic star, is apparently making the grade with the Richmond club.

T. W. Gates, Vepco employee here, has been transferred to the main office.

ROBBERS DAMAGE DEPOT SAFE

ANDY GUMP UNDER \$500 TRIAL BOND

Charged With Breaking In Reynolds Store Last Saturday Night

OLD COIN CLUE

Algie Draper, known to most people as "Andy Gump", is in Halifax jail under \$500 bond charged with breaking in the store of E. B. Reynolds Saturday night.

Local police, using good Sherlock Holmes methods, connect Gump with the robbery because of a single coin clue.

Among other things taken from the Reynolds cash register Saturday night was an old 50 cent coin made in 1827. This coin was in Andy's possession early Sunday morning and seen and identified by the former owner who gave it to Mr. Reynolds. Gump claims to have found it five weeks ago in front of the hospital.

Another clue was that of a gun stolen from the store. This was also a rather odd, white-bone-handled affair and police say they have witnesses who saw Andy with the gun Sunday morning. The gun has not been found yet.

Gump was taken before Mayor Jenkins, who because of his past record, placed a stiff bond on the prisoner and bound him over to Superior Court.

Police think they have clues to other store robberies around here. From the Reynolds store Saturday night were taken also a quantity of cigarettes and other merchandise, similar to hauls from other local stores in the past.

Goes After Corn And Never Returns

Kinchen Baker, 63 year old Negro who has worked for W. T. Hancock near Scotland Neck for the last 20 years, was found dead in a shed on the Hancock farm Tuesday morning.

MRS. HOUSE IN PRIMARY

Mrs. House Announces For Register of Deeds Which Job She Has Held for Year

Mrs. Elizabeth H. House officially announced her candidacy for the office of Register of Deeds of Halifax County with a visit to the office of this newspaper last night.

Mrs. House was appointed in February, 1931, by the County Board of Commissioners to fill the unexpired term of Judge W. T. Clements, deceased.

She had worked under Judge Clements in the office for seven years and prior to that had been in the office of former Superior Court Clerk Cary for four years.

She was born and raised in Halifax, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Hale. Her mother is still living and resides with Mrs. House.

No Definite News On Sewer Work As Yet; Study Plans

The Roanoke Rapids Sanitary Board with Engineers and bonding attorneys, is still poring over bids and specifications of the proposed water and sewer work for the city.

No definite statements were issued this week but it is understood from good source that the Board will go before the Local Government Commission at Raleigh the end of this week for approval of certain plans.

It is necessary for that Commission to pass on all financial questions relating to the local district. It is hoped to have some definite news, one way or the other, on the matter by next week.

TEACHER DIES HERE SUNDAY

Pneumonia Fatal to Miss Emma Ewing Of Rocky Mount—Sick 2 Weeks

FUNERAL MONDAY

Before the sickness epidemic could reach its peak and wane, death took one of the teachers of the Roanoke Rapids schools when Miss Emma Louise Ewing died here Sunday from pneumonia.

Miss Ewing had been ill with influenza for two weeks and was confined to the Roanoke Rapids hospital. At the same time there were four other teachers at the hospital and the schools had been closed last week because of the epidemic.

Pneumonia developed and she died Sunday. The deceased had come to Roanoke Rapids with the opening of school in September. She graduated from Duke University last year and this was her first position.

She was the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Ewing of Rocky Mount. Besides her parents she is survived by three brothers and a sister: Charles Ewing of Portsmouth, W. W. Ewing of Akron, O., H. T. Ewing of Murfreesboro; and Mrs. J. A. Walraden of Atlanta, Ga.

With the sickness on the wane, school was resumed Monday, but was dismissed at noon so members of the faculty could attend the funeral in Rocky Mount Monday afternoon.

Local teachers were flower girls and the majority of the pallbearers were from Roanoke Rapids. The funeral was from the Clark St. Methodist Church of which her father was pastor. Services were preached by a half dozen of his fellow-ministers.

Supt. Davis reported only three teachers out yesterday due to illness, when 17 were sick last week. Attendance of the children has been increasing daily since Monday.

Rev. S. J. Starnes of the First Methodist Church of Roanoke Rapids led the services. Flower girls were the following teachers from here: Misses Margie Caldwell, Sara Gurley, Mary Sue Hughes, Martha Spivey, Marjorie Chapman, Carrie Smith, Mary Hix and Frances Sharpe.

Halifax Youth Gets Exoneration

Benton Hedgepeth, young white man of Halifax County, was exonerated Friday of any responsibility for the death of Charlie Lane, 70 year old Negro who was killed under the wheels of Hedgepeth's automobile Thursday night.

Coroner W. C. Williams, who investigated the accident, determined to his own satisfaction that Lane was drunk and ran across the road directly in the path of Hedgepeth's car.

Willie Hazelett spent the week-end in Norfolk.

Joan and Gene in Double Harness



Little Joan Bennett, daughter of Richard Bennett the actor, and famed for her work on the screen, weds Gene Markey, dramatist and novelist.

BASEBALL SATURDAY

Season Officially Opens for The Town Team With Louisburg Saturday Here

The Roanoke Rapids baseball team will engage Louisburg College Saturday at Simmons Park in the opening game of the season for the mill boys.

The local boys are under the direction of Harry Welch, former star baseball player, who old time fans will remember as a pitcher in the old Roanoke Rapids league.

Louisburg will bring a snappy outfit of college players here to meet the locals in their first game. They recently lost a close game to Norfolk Southern of Raleigh and hold a victory over the crack Raleigh High school team.

More Talk About Local Team and Semi-Pro League

Enthusiasm of baseball fans is fanned to white heat by additional talk of Roanoke Rapids entering the semi-pro league which is the idea of Otto Pahlman of Henderson, who was here last week conferring with Manager Clyde Liske.

Mr. Pahlman has a league in mind which would include six teams including Roanoke Rapids, Oxford, Henderson, Chase City, Va., Rocky Mount, Tarboro or Littleton.

The plan calls for three games a week and a Board of three men to make up schedules and a few set of simple rules. Each town would stand on its own bottom. A forfeit of \$50 would be levied for failure of a team to appear on schedule.

Local fans say there is sufficient material here to have a good team without the expense of hiring players. They also feel that league competition would add much interest to the local games.

Tuesday night Miss Mary Wolhar gave a party at her home on the Avenue. Punch and cake were served as refreshments and those present were: John Bounds, Belmont Murray, Jimmie Shell, Carl Thompson, Cyrus Kitchin, James McNeil, Butler Brown, Beaman Holmes, Herman Tickle, Virginia Belle Vincent, Essie Wayne Matkins, Margaret Anderson, Graham Shell, Pauline Brewer, Norman Speight, Ella Lee Taylor, Virginia Taylor and Julia Crutchfield.

Miss Fannie Alford and Clarence Maseley spent Sunday in Petersburg.

LOCAL MEN ON WRECKED BOAT SUNDAY

Party Bound From Franklin To Norfolk Stranded in Albemarle Sound

OUT ALL NIGHT

Edenton, March 29.—Ten men today told a story of a terrifying night and day of hardships and danger forced upon them when their freight boat wrecked in Sunday night's gale in Eastern North Carolina waters.

The men were Harry Harrison, owner of the 36-foot freighter Dixie Lee; Ieland Fleet Ford, Francis Monikan, Williams Dufney, Purcell Blythe and Edward Scott, all of Franklin, Va.; Arthur Murr, of Newport News, Va.; Wesley Williams, Dock Harrison and John Newsome, of Roanoke Rapids.

They left Franklin Saturday night for Norfolk. Engine trouble developed Sunday night after they passed the draw in the Chowan river bridge.

A stiff wind blew from the Southwest and as the craft reached the wide expanse of waters where the Chowan and Roanoke Rivers join Albemarle Sound, the engine stopped, leaving the boat at the mercy of the wind.

A squall came up and the water grew rougher. With the boat out of control and no auxiliary power, the crew cast anchor to await daylight.

About 1 a. m., Monday, while the storm was raging at its worst, the anchor rope snapped, allowing the boat to drift before the gale. The men were powerless. An hour later the Dixie Lee ran aground on a sand bank near John's Island.

The storm prevented the men from going ashore and they waited aboard the battered craft until morning. Then a crude boardwalk was constructed from timber aboard and the men got to land.

John's Island is a marshy wilderness. The castaways were forced to tramp through mud, water, thick underbrush and briars in the direction of the Bridge Road. It took them 10 hours to traverse four miles.

Finally they reached the highway and a passerby reported their plight to Edenton police who sent a rescue party.

Twin Sisters Die

The twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Cooper died twenty-four hours of birth at the home of their parents, 500 Cedar Street. Nellie Ray lived only a few hours after birth on March 27th and Zillah Ray died on the 28th. Interment was in Roanoke Rapids Cemetery Tuesday.

Arrest Insurance Agent

Agent G. D. Lankford was arrested this morning by Officer Dobbins for selling insurance for a non-licensed company known as the National Aid Society of Springfield, Ill. All persons carrying insurance with this company are hereby warned that this is not a licensed company and that no claim can be collected by law.

RED CROSS GRADUATES 1932 CLASS

54 Local Boys and Girls Win Diplomas in Home Hygiene—Life Saving

BIGGEST CLASS

Red Cross work among the children of Roanoke Rapids reached a new high this year, with 47 boys and girls completing the course in Home Hygiene and Care of the Sick and seven graduating in the Red Cross Life Saving course.

The Hygiene course was under the supervision of Miss Olivia Rook and the life saving courses given by Ned Manning and Sherrod Crumpler, according to report of Mrs. T. W. M. Long, local Red Cross chairman.

Those pupils completing the courses in Hygiene and Care of the Sick: Mary Frances Ivey, Gladys Gray, Lucille V. Keeter, Esther M. Joiner, Catherine Hodges, Paige Powell, Laura E. Pearson, Mary McNeil, Blanche Lewis, Lillian Lee, Susie King, Lessie Harp, Lucille Finch, Mabel Floyd, Kathleen Coston, Ophelia Chambliss, Mildred Balmer, Martha Bennett, Cora M. Reeves, Alice Taylor, Louise Taylor, Lola Belle Stainback, Louise Shearin, Elizabeth Glover, Annie DeLenthal, Virginia E. Taylor.

Evelyn Jolly, Lillie Belle Etheridge, Nellie Edwards, Frances Cullins, Florence Coburn, Annie Laura Acree, Myrtle Mae Coppedge, Edna Willey, Lewis Tripp, Elsie Taylor, Gladys Steinberg, Christine Stewart, Earline Moody, Isoline Holliday, Adelaide Baird, Lottie Allen, Fanny Pulley, Anne Matthews, Nellie Moseley, Cynthia Lowe.

Those pupils completing the course in Red Cross Life Saving service: Josie Chase, Kathleen Buck, William Brown, J. F. May, Hurley Midgett, James Simms, Daniel Cagle.

DANCING BOY SHOT

Leg Wounds Sustained in Accidental Shooting at Filling Station Tues. Night

Jim Whittakers, colored boy, was accidentally shot by Rose Bunch at the filling station of the latter's brother on the Weldon road early Tuesday night.

The Negro was dancing for a group of white boys and when he stopped Bunch playfully pointed a pistol at him. The gun was kept at the station to guard against bandits. Bunch says he thought it was unloaded, but when he pulled the trigger, it fired, and the bullet entered Whittaker's left leg, penetrated and lodged in the right leg.

Bunch hailed a passing car and took the wounded boy to the Roanoke Rapids Hospital where he was operated on Wednesday morning and is recovering nicely. There was no evidence of hard feelings between the white and colored boys and the latter refuses to make any detrimental statement toward the former. Jim is the son of Sam Whittaker, presser for a local dry cleaning firm.

COMMUNION SERVICE

Communion service will be observed at the Presbyterian Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock when Rev. S. H. Bradley will preach on the subject "Taking Christ from the Cross."

Miss Helen Powell spent Sunday in Norfolk.

BREAK IN STATION LAST NIGHT

Fail To Get Money But Cause Much Damage And Hold Up Work

BREAK DOOR OPEN

Robbers broke in the Seaboard Air Line Station here last night or early this morning and caused considerable damage to the safe door when they endeavored to break off the combination.

Their attempts were unsuccessful, but they left a damaged safe which cannot be opened and the money and records of the office have been tied up all day.

E. W. Eubank, local station agent, called the Chief Clerk and reported the attempted robbery which was discovered by the office force at an early hour this morning. A locksmith was to report here this afternoon to open the safe, the combination of which had been broken off by the thieves.

It is thought the only way entrance can be made will be with the aid of torches which will burn out what is left of the combination so that the bolts can be worked from the inside. Entrance was made into the main office by breaking or sawing off the padlock on one of the doors.

Two drawers in a desk were taken by the thieves, containing stamps and pennies. These drawers were found by local police later this morning on the dump near the railroad tracks West of the depot. The stamps had been taken but the pennies had been left on the dump.

Police investigating think the robbers walked up the track after their attempted break and then cut North back by Rosemary Mfg. Co., and into the city. They are looking for witnesses who saw anyone following this route last night or early this morning. Railroad detectives are also on the case.

EDWARDS TELLS ABOUT NEW FORD

Complete details of the new V-8 cylinder Ford car which was introduced March 31st, were made public by W. J. Edwards, manager of the Tri-City Motor Company, Ford dealers.

The new Ford is large, long, roomy, fast, powerful and alert. Its V-8 cylinder engine develops 65 horsepower and is capable of a speed of 75 miles per hour, and is offered in 14 body types. A four cylinder, 50 horse power engine is interchangeable with the eight at a lower price.

Numerous mechanical advances in the new car, chief of among which is a synchronized silent gear shift and silent second gear; rubber engine mountings, automatic spark control, rear fuel tank, newly designed rear spring and the body is insulated from the frame by rubber pads.

The new bodies are fresh and modern from the gracefully rounded V-type radiator to the rear bumper. The convex lamps, full crowned fenders and long, low running board harmonize with the balance of the design. Body interiors are roomy and richly furnished.

The riding comfort of the cars is due to many factors, but particularly to the new flexible transverse cantilever springs, larger tires, and the new shock absorbers. The rear spring is of new design, being lower and flatter. The drive is of the familiar Ford torque tube type, the drive shaft being of tubular construction.

Mr. Edwards attended a meeting in Norfolk the first of the week where he inspected the new models, which were displayed in 200 American cities today. It is understood that the Ford factories in Detroit are turning them out at the rate of 1,000 every day, and it will not be long until one of the new models will be on display at the local Tri-City Motor Co.