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UP AND DOWN The Avenue WITH THE EDITOR

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

The Avenue Column will be used this week for the reprinting of a few of the letters which have begun to come to this office since the mailing of the special Keep Building edition of The Herald last week. Naturally we are proud of the comments, but we are prouder still of the results which will come in the future to benefit our city and county.

Mr. Carroll L. Wilson, Editor, The Herald, Roanoke Rapids, N. C.

I spent a considerable portion of yesterday reading the "Keep Building" Edition of The Roanoke Rapids Herald. You are certainly to be congratulated upon the splendid character of the articles carried in this edition and upon the makeup of the paper in general.

I enjoyed it very much and I am sure that it will certainly have beneficial effects on the entire community and that section of the State.

Very truly yours,
J. G. Holtzlaw, President, Virginia Electric and Power Co., Richmond, Va.

Roanoke Rapids Herald, Roanoke Rapids, N. C. Gentlemen:

We would appreciate you sending us several copies of your "Keep Building" issue, of March, as we are interested in it. Thanking you to send this C. O. D., we are,

Very truly yours,
Southgate Brokerage Co., Inc. R. M. Batten, Norfolk, Va.

Dear Mr. Wilson:

You certainly deserve congratulations on your last week's edition of The Herald. Think of it, 56 pages of a county weekly, illustrated through, giving views of all important buildings and some of the prominent citizens of that thriving city. In the newspaper business for 50 years, yet I have never seen anything to equal it given to the public from a town of less than 25,000 people. From the interest taken in its pages it is readily to be seen that the enterprising citizens of that section are cooperating with you in an effort to make Roanoke Rapids a city of the first class.

The untold benefits that will be derived from this publication will be better seen than imagined by the business interests of that thriving city.

I am not writing this letter for publication, but because you have "won the spurs" in your efforts to advertise your fast growing city, and surely you are entitled to wear them.

For years to come Roanoke Rapids will feel the benefits derived from last week's issue of your publication.

With high regards I am as ever, Yours very truly,
Tom Brickell, Halifax, N. C.

Mr. Carroll L. Wilson, Editor, The Roanoke Rapids Herald, Roanoke Rapids, N. C.

Thru some friendly source, I received a copy of the "Keep Building" edition of The Roanoke Rapids Herald March issue.

After a thorough review of all within the pages of your splendid paper, I extend to you and your associates my congratulations, sincerely presented, and I am in a position to say that if the people of Roanoke Rapids support you in your efforts, then they are within means of publicity unsurpassed within the entire State of North Carolina.

I believe the tabloid form of news which you present is really what the great majority of the reading public prefer.

In past years, I found every opportunity for contact with the majority of the gentlemen whose articles within your paper I have most carefully read and Roanoke Rapids will never fail in progressive movement while men of that class continue to live and reside within that area.

With my every sincere wish that you will receive necessary support required for a successful future of your splendid paper, and with the thought upon my mind that such support will be gladly afforded by the every interest within your community, I am,
Very truly yours,
Charles Hill, Chicoteague Island, Va.

DEATHS TAKE HEAVY TOLL HERE

MAY SETTLE GARY CASE OUT COURT

Lawyers Are Reported Working on Compromise Settlement Of Case

ACTION EXPECTED

No definite news is yet forthcoming on the suit of Halifax County against the Gary estate. According to our information, there is a move on to settle the matter without going to court. Attorneys on both sides are said to be working on a compromise and promise a final report within 30 days.

The county attorney, George C. Green, is representing Halifax County and the Gary estate is represented by R. P. Dunn and Stuart Smith.

Just what reports the county attorney has made to the County Board of Commissioners is not known, as no resolutions have been made by the Board and the minutes do not contain details of the progress of the case. No suit has been filed in court by the county attorney, according to court docket, which bears out the rumor that a compromise settlement is under way.

The audit was completed several months ago and was given to the newspapers in November, showing a net deficit of \$22,613. For a couple of months after this, the newspapers were informed that papers were being drawn up for a suit on the part of the county. According to requests for information which come to this office, the public generally is vitally interested in the case, and will be satisfied with a fair settlement of the matter out of court.

All members of the Board of County Commissioners were present at the session Monday, which lasted until between four and five o'clock. This was a shorter day's work than the Board usually has.

The only business attended to not of a routine nature was the giving of a contract for the annual county audit of the fiscal year which will cover from July 1, 1931, through June 30, 1932. The bid of A. Lee Rawlings of Norfolk and Raleigh was considered the best of many, and this concern was given the contract at a \$20 per day.

Other firms making bids by personal representatives or by letter were: A. M. Pullen of Richmond; Hollowell and Gorham of Rocky Mount and Greensboro; James M. Williams and Co. of Raleigh; A. T. Allen and Co., of Raleigh; Everette, Zane and Muse of Greensboro.

ELECTION MAY THIRD

City Election To Vote On Two City Commissioners Here Tuesday, May 3rd.

Citizens of Roanoke Rapids will elect two city commissioners at the regular city election to be held here on Tuesday, May 3rd. The two commissioners thus elected will hold office until 1935.

One commissioner will be elected from the North Ward. M. D. Collier, present commissioner, whose term expires, will run for re-election, as will T. M. Jenkins, commissioner from the South Ward. So far, no one else has announced to run against either of these gentlemen.

The city registration books will be opened on April 15th and all who have not registered on the new city books are notified to place their names thereon for this and future city elections. The books will be kept open at Roanoke Pharmacy in the North Ward and Rosemary Drug Co., in the South Ward.

Registrars are C. L. Massey and C. R. Greene and election officers are W. P. Vaughan and S. J. Bounds in the North Ward and S. D. Brown and Curtis Shell in the South Ward.

Chargé that her husband was so interested in the tanks of tropical fish in their home that he failed to show her any affection, Mrs. Mary Janousek appealed for a divorce in Chicago.

WORKING ON WHITE WAY

Engineers of the Virginia Electric & Power Co., are at work spotting positions for standards of the extended White Way from Fifth St to Eleventh St., on Roanoke Avenue.

Work on installation of the White Way will be under way some time this month and will be completed by June first. White Way lights will stagger from Fifth to Ninth and double up between Ninth and Eleventh for the two business blocks in the South Ward.

From 11th Street to the depot, new street lights of the extension type have just been installed and with the completion of the White Way, the entire fourteen blocks of Roanoke Avenue will be modernly lighted.

PRESBYTERY MEETS HERE NEXT WEEK

Two Day Session Presbyterians From 36 Churches at Local Church

DR. SMITH SPEAKS

The Granville Presbytery, consisting of 36 Presbyterian churches in this part of the State, will meet in Roanoke Rapids on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

At least fifty preachers and lay leaders will be guests of the Roanoke Rapids Presbyterian Church for the two days and Rev. S. H. Bradley, local pastor, is planning for a successful and inspiring series of meetings.

Principal churches to be represented include those at Durham, Raleigh, Oxford, Henderson, Littleton, Roxboro Selma, Kenly and Varina.

Rev. J. P. Smith, D. D., professor of Theology at Union Seminary, in Richmond, will be the principal speaker, with a sermon Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock and again Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. Dr. Smith was born in Brazil and was a missionary there for 30 years. Three years ago he was called to the chair of Theology at the Seminary. The Presbyterian choir is preparing special music for the Tuesday night service and the public is cordially invited to attend both of these services. S. A. Lipscomb, Jr., will have charge of the music.

Wednesday morning at 11, Rev. G. M. Mathis of Durham will preach and conduct communion service. Mr. Mathis, formerly from Clinton, held revival services here several years ago. The public is also invited to this service. The meeting will end some time Wednesday afternoon. Business sessions will be held during the two days with reports of churches and committees.

The visitors are being housed and fed by various families of the city and to these, especially those not members of the church, Mr. Bradley and his congregation wish to express their appreciation.

Training School To Be Held At Weldon By Methodist Church

A standard training school will be held in the Weldon Methodist Church beginning Sunday evening, April 17, at 7:30 and continuing thru the following Friday evening. Two classes will be held each evening, between 7:30 and 9:30. This school is under the auspices of the Board of Christian Education of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church. The teachers will be Mr. L. L. Gobel, executive secretary of the Board of Christian Education. Mrs. Blanche Barringer Brian, young peoples' worker, of Durham.

There is no charge for attendance upon the school, and all who are interested in church work, especially teachers in the Sunday School, or workers in any of the church organizations, or prospective workers, are invited and urged to attend. The classes are open to young people and parents, whether they are actively engaged in any form of service or not. The school is intended to serve the (Continued on back page)

HOUSE OF DAVID BALL CLUB COMING



A PORTION OF THE HUSKY WHISKERY TEAM HERE WED.

BEARDED TEAM PLAYS HERE 13TH

Hose of David Baseball Team To Meet Clean Shaven Indians Here

NEXT WEDNESDAY

The Roanoke Rapids Indians will be host to one of the most famous semi-pro ball-teams in the country when the famed and bewiskered House of David teams plays here Wednesday, April 13. The team comes from the famous House of David religious cult and has been drawing immense crowds wherever it has appeared. Eating meat, fish, fowl or lard or cutting the whiskers or hair is against their religious belief.

True to their religious beliefs, the House of David players allow their beards to grow and their facial brushes are still primitive so far as being encroached on by barber's implements is concerned. They are the strangest, oddest sight in baseball and if they wore long robes to match they might pose as our prehistoric ancestors and get away with it. But the unique nine is known throughout the country for its baseball ability, as well as for displaying a museum of whiskers.

If there are any fans in this city who think that the House of David baseball team cannot play baseball because they don't believe in shaving off their beards they will be surprised when they see the hairy players in action. They are a curious lot, (Continued on back page)

E. T. CLARK FUNERAL

Brother of The Late Chief Justice Walter Clark Passes Away

The funeral of Edward T. Clark who died Sunday night at his home in Northampton County, was held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in St. Luke's Episcopal Church, conducted by Rev. J. N. Bynum of this place assisted by Rev. J. T. Draper of Garysburg.

The deceased was 76 years old and (Continued on back page)

MAN DIES SUDDENLY

John R. Browning Is Stricken While At Work At Roanoke Mills Co.

John R. Browning, age 52, weaver at Roanoke Mills Co., and textile worker here for more than 15 years, suffered a heart attack Tuesday morning and died a few minutes later as he was being rushed to the hospital. Mr. Browning had been in poor health for some time and was working in the weave room under Overseer Jake Burton, when the attack came. He fell to the floor and was put in a car and carried to the hospital by (Continued on back page)

Federal Officer Makes Inspection Trip Here

A representative of the U. S. Treasury Department has been here for the past two days, making an inspection of the city in regard to the proposed Federal Building.

No one, including Postmaster J. L. Vest, knows the exact nature of his visit nor what his report will be.

It will be recalled that an inspector from the Postoffice Dept. was here recently looking over possible locations. It is thought this is a follow-up from that visit.

GROCCER IS FOUND DEAD IN RICHMOND

Body of Chesley E. Willis Found on Ground Outside Richmond Hospital

SUICIDE THEORY

Richmond, April 5.—Chesley E. Willis, grocer, 40, of Weldon, N. C., is believed to have committed suicide early today by leaping from a third-story window of Johnson-Willis hospital. He came to Richmond recently for medical treatment, stopping for a time at a local hotel. As he seemed to be in advanced stages of tuberculosis of the lungs, he was removed to the hospital.

Hospital authorities knew nothing of his fate until a newspaper carrier discovered his body at the foot of the window and notified them that there was a dead man lying on the ground crushed in the fall.

He was originally from Chase City, Va., and relatives arrived here this evening to claim the body. The funeral will be conducted from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon in Chase City, Va., the former home of Mr. Willis. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lou Ray Barnhill Willis, formerly of Bethel, N. C., and three sons, C. E. Willis, Jr., Jack Willis and David Willis.

MRS. GURKIN FLU VICTIM

First Postmistress of Roanoke Rapids Dies Here at Age 64—Funeral Sunday

Mrs. Betty M. Gurkin, 64 years old, member of the pioneer Simmons family, wife of Roanoke Rapids first doctor, and the town's first postmistress, died here early Saturday morning after two weeks illness with influenza.

Mrs. Gurkin was the daughter of Captain C. Simmons, who owned much of the property where Roanoke Rapids now stands. He was a Captain in the Civil War.

She married Dr. C. R. Gurkin here in 1901. He was the first doctor in Roanoke Rapids and was also doctor at Caledonia State farm. He was appointed postmaster here soon after and served until his death in 1904, when Mrs. Gurkin became postmistress and served in that capacity for many years.

Surviving are two daughters, two sons, and two brothers: Messrs. C. E. Brown Simmons and Jack Simmons of this community.

Funeral services were held at the residence on Roanoke Avenue Sunday afternoon. Rev. D. M. Sharpe of the Rosemary Methodist Church was assisted by Rev. Hughes of Emporia. Interment was at Emporia. Pallbearers were M. F. White, Lonnie Robinson, Martin Faison, Ed Woodruff, Wm. Hodges and Mr. Askew.

Candidate for Clerk Of Superior Court

The Roanoke Rapids Herald received the official announcement this morning of A. M. Atkinson from Enfield that he was a candidate for the office of Clerk of the Superior Court of Halifax County, subject to the action of the Democratic voters in the primary on June 4th.

MANY DIE IN PAST FEW DAYS

But Only One Death Attributed to Influenza; Many are Aged People

TWO VERY SUDDEN

More than a half dozen deaths in the past week left this community sorrowing over the passing of relatives and prominent citizens.

Only one death, that of Mrs. Betty M. Gurkins, was directly attributed to the wave of sickness which swept the city two weeks ago.

Old age and lingering illness was responsible for the majority of deaths, while two deaths were from heart failure causing sudden demise.

B. F. Cox Dies

Benjamin Franklin Cox, age 71, died here Sunday and was buried in Roanoke Rapids cemetery Monday afternoon. Rev. V. H. Grantham officiated and the Order of Red Men had charge at the cemetery. The deceased was the father of Mrs. Ella Roberts, Mrs. Eva Birdsong, Mrs. Lillie Liles and Early Cox. His wife, Mrs. Dora Jane Cox, survives him.

W. W. Hawkins Pioneer Citizen, Dies Yesterday

W. W. Hawkins, age 80, one of the oldest citizens of Halifax County, and a prominent farmer, died at his home near Hawkins Chapel this Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Hawkins was one of the old pioneers of the county, having been born and reared here and has many relatives and family connections in the county. Immediate members of the family are the following children: Mrs. Birdie Hawkins, Howard, Jack, Wyatt, Roger and Fitzhugh Hawkins. A half brother, Squire Cullom, also survives.

Funeral arrangements had not been made yesterday but members of the family stated the services would be under the direction of Rev. P. E. Bingham, pastor at Hawkins Chapel Church, with interment in that cemetery.

MRS. DRAPER

Funeral Services Held Here For Mrs. H. C. Draper Last Friday

Mrs. H. C. Draper, age 58, one of Roanoke Rapids' oldest citizens, died at her home on Monroe Street, Thursday evening at 7 o'clock, after illness.

Funeral services were held here Friday afternoon at 2:30 P. M. Rev. S. J. Starnes, pastor of Methodist Church, of which Mrs. Draper is a member, officiated. Interment took place at Cedarwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Draper's death came as a shock to her many friends of this city. The deceased is survived by her husband, H. C. Draper, of this city; five children, Mrs. J. C. Leggett, of this city; Mrs. R. H. Jackson, Elkton, Md.; Messrs Terry, L. H. and Maynard Draper, all of Roanoke Rapids; two sisters, Mrs. M. J. Frye, Fort Mead, Md.; Mrs. Roy Cameron, Durham; three brothers, Bruce Rose of Drewryville, N. C., Clifton and Gervey Rose, both of Jackson, N. C.

The pallbearers were Messrs. D. S. Shearin, Jack Lipscomb, J. H. Wrenn, Mose Whitley, Will Morris, J. O. Crumpler.

City Churches Change Time Evening Service

The time of evening church services in Roanoke Rapids will change next Sunday in most of the churches, according to an announcement made by the Ministerial Association which met this week. With the coming of spring and summer, night services will start at eight o'clock instead of 7:30. This takes effect in all churches except the Christian Church, which will change time on the following Sunday, April 17.