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WITH THE EDITOR

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It was last Thursday night while the boys were fighting fire at the Whitley home. One of the local "strong arms of the law" drove up with a generous use of his siren. Someone in the crowd, to the evident amusement of everyone who heard, yelled: "Taxi!"

And if you want a first-hand slant on the latest in lingerie, particularly of pajamas and negligees, attend one of these late hour fires. Thursday night's blaze came at a hour when most people had not retired, but the warmth of the night doubtless contributed and although the pajama clad boys and girls were in the minority there was still a very good showing.

At one of the most tense moments when flames from the Whitley home were threatening lives, and surrounding property, one fireman was being frantically to enter the burning building. He yelled to his comrades: "Follow Me! Follow Me!" A slightly inebriated onlooker was heard to say: "My goodness! What a time to be playing follow the leader!"

At that, we imagine "Follow the leader" contributes substantially in fire fighting, and since watching the work of the boys it must be admitted that we have some excellent leaders.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Episcopal Church urges you to attend copal Church urges you to attend their display of Antique furniture and novelties which will be held in the building formerly occupied by Weissen's Shoe Store in Rosemary between the hours of 9 a. m. and 6 p. m. Friday.

In the recent State Milk for Health Rhyme Contest Luther Draper, Jr., of the Welder School took second place in the Craded School Division. Connie Preast, Hobgood and Margaret Hardy, Weldon, were likewise named in the "honorable mention" list because of their rather superior work. A complete article, carrying this information and praising the work done and the interest promoted by the contest appeared in the last Sunday's issue of the News and Observer of Raleigh.

G. H. Ranhorn, Second Street grocer, who has been confined to his home with sickness for the past several weeks is again able to be up and on the job. It looks good to see Mr. Ranhorn back again, and he says it is equally good to be up again.

The Chockoyote Golf Club won their second victory over South Hill Wednesday when they beat them 32 to 8 in a game at South Hill, Va. This is the second win over the South Hill opponents in the series, of which ten will be played, the first game being taken by a score of 32 to 3 by the locals on their home course. Some 12 or 14 local members journeyed to the Virginia City yesterday. There will be four more games in the series this year.

2500 HEAR FOUNTAIN

A crowd estimated at 2,500 jammed the theatre at Scotland Neck today and stood on the streets outside to hear Dick Fountain, candidate for Governor.

Visitors from all parts of Halifax County were there for the speaking and free barbecue which followed. The eats, prepared for about 1,500 ran out before many had been served.

He was introduced by Hal Cooley of Nashville, who will speak in Roanoke Rapids Monday night at the High School building in behalf of Mr. Fountain. I. T. Valentine will also speak for Mr. Fountain's candidacy.

At Scotland Neck today, Mr. Fountain again bravely attacked the Gardner administration and the lobbyists whom he says are supporting, with Gardner, his chief opponent Ehringhaus. He asked the people to send men to Raleigh who would represent the people and attacked, particularly, the tobacco interests whom he said were responsible for the 15 cent tax on land today.

CONTROL CALEDONIA EPEDEMIC

Candidate Fails To File

Time for official filing of candidates for county offices closed last Friday midnight with one of the largest lists of candidates in recent history. One man who had announced failed to file in time and cannot run in the primary, Saturday, June 4. He was A. M. Atkinson of Enfield, candidate for Clerk of the Superior Court. This leaves a two-way race for this office between the present incumbent, E. L. Travis, Jr. and Quentin Gregory.

Another two-way race between two Roanoke Rapids men is that for State Senator between W. J. Norwood and T. W. M. Long. This race is attracting more attention than any one county race, with both sides claiming the two Roanoke Rapids precincts and Norwood leading in the county. As one man comes from each of the precincts here, the claims of each to carry his home precinct seems justified, although recent changes point to a Norwood trend in No. 1 precinct.

Three names will appear on the ballot for Register of Deeds: Mrs. Elizabeth House, the present incumbent, Meade Mitchell of Weldon and Staley C. Whittaker.

Three names will also be on the ballot for Sheriff: G. H. Johnson, the present sheriff, S. M. Thompson from Roanoke Rapids No. 2 precinct, and H. L. Bell from Roanoke Rapids No. 1.

For State Representative, the following will appear: L. W. Leggett, R. Hunter Pope, F. M. Taylor and D. S. Mess. The voters will cast their vote for two out of the four. They will also vote for five candidates from the list of ten running for the County Board of Commissioners: W. F. Joyner, Waldo Whittaker, N. W. Warren, B. B. Everette, Newton Shepard, present members, and C. O. Ford, E. W. Liles, W. J. Collier, Tracy Qualls and M. W. Perry.

The race for Coroner took on some zest when Cochner Billy Williams running for re-election found himself opposed by J. R. Wrenn, who filed the last day.

NORWOOD SPEAKER IN COUNTY

W. J. Norwood Is Guest Speaker At Scotland Neck Last Week

ON WASHINGTON

(Scotland Neck Commonwealth)
The Kiwanis Club held its regular bi-weekly meeting in the dining room of the Scotland Neck Hotel last night, having as guest speaker, W. J. "Billy" Norwood of Roanoke Rapids. President F. M. Tucker introduced the speaker as a Kiwanian, thoroughly in accord with similar organizations.

Mr. Norwood extended greetings from the Roanoke Rapids Kiwanians to those of the local club, then prefaced his address by saying he would not touch on any political question, for as a loyal Kiwanian he understood and appreciated the ethics of the club in not introducing politics into the meeting.

Taking as his topic "The Man Who Refused To Be King" the speaker delivered an address both able and appropriate to Washington's bicentennial.

"Kings are out of place today, but we still have the jealousy which is characteristic of kingly days," he said. "Too many people are jealous of the honor bestowed upon others, but not so with Washington. Following his career during the Revolutionary War it was proposed to him by his generals and officers that he become King of America, yet, in spite of the attractiveness of the proposition, he had the consciousness of heart to place the people first and preferred to help them build up a republic rather than accept a kingship."

The speaker continued that a cartoon picturing a big head, a big body, but a small heart would depict many

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Baccalaureate Speaker



Rev. J. A. Saunders, of West Point, Va., will deliver the address at the Baccalaureate Services to be held at the High School auditorium Sunday morning at 11 a. m. This will be a union service of all city churches, to which the public is cordially invited.

70 SENIORS GRADUATE NEXT WEEK

Roanoke Rapids Church- es Join For Baccalaureate Sermon This Sunday Morning

FINALS NEXT FRI

Seventy Seniors of Roanoke Rapids High School will receive their diplomas at the graduation exercises to be held in the High School auditorium on Friday night, June 4th. This is the largest class in the history of the local schools, and almost double last year's graduating class.

The program for the annual Baccalaureate sermon has been completed, according to C. W. Davis, city superintendent of schools and the Reverend J. A. Saunders of West Point, Va., will deliver the sermon Services will begin at 11 o'clock, and will be held at the High School auditorium. The public is most cordially invited, and so far as could be determined at a late hour Thursday there will be no services at other city churches.

A full week of social activities will be engaged in by the graduating seniors the coming week, climaxing with the presentation of the "sheep skins" on Friday evening at Commencement exercises, at which Hon. Sanford Martin, distinguished editor of The Winston-Salem Journal will officiate. Class day exercises will be held on Wednesday, June 1st.

Grammar grade Commencement will be held on Thursday, June 2nd, at which E. J. Coltrane, a former city superintendent of schools, will speak. Mr. Coltrane has a wide acquaintance here, and is now city superintendent at Salisbury, N. C. One hundred and sixty-five students will finish the grades this year, entering Junior High School next term. This is an unusually large number graduating from the grades.

Members of the graduating class of '32 are: Audrey Hardy, James McNeil, Graham Shell, Pauline Bradley, Margaret Anderson, Helen Vann, Cyrus Kitchens, Fred Mills, Nannie Lou Etheridge Virginia Belle Vincent, Edith Oates, Carlton Taylor, Arlene Batton, Lois Smith, Grizella Cameron, Katie Clary, Mavis Wheeler, Francis Cobb, Hazel Tolbert, Millard Harrison, Otis Reynolds, Leonard Langston, Maria Long, James Womble Mildred Fisher, Catherine Vick, Kathleen Buck, Fleetwood Sullivan, James Connor, Walter Matthews, Annie Mae Pridgeon, Gilbert Jordan, Beulah Miller, Edna Stainback, Carl Thompson, Dovie Crouch, Charlie Smith John Bounds, Katie Harris, Jimmie Shell, Carlton Nethercutt, Paul Matthews,

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Roanoke Rapids Hospital Nurses Graduating Class of 1932.



—PHOTO BY VRIES

Above is pictured the 1932 Graduating Class of the Roanoke Rapids Hospital, together with the Hospital staff. Graduating nurses are found in the front row, left to right: Misses Katherine Sheerin, Helen Walker, Ida

Baird, Elizabeth Vaughan, Nadine Clark, Josephine Hargrove, Katie Mae Groce, Ruby Conwell, Edna Ingram, Martha Horton, Louise McDonald, Lula Mae Jenkins, Daisy Fleming and Alma Howell. The staff

is back row, left to right: Miss Agnes Temple, Mrs. Duncan Moss, Miss Irene Clark, Miss Clara Ruth, Dr. Bahnon Weathers, Dr. R. P. Beckwith, Dr. F. G. Jarman, Dr. T. H. Royster, Dr. T. W. M. Long and Mrs. A. H. Moore.

THESE BOYS WON TWO BASEBALL TITLES



The championship brow of the Roanoke Rapids High School baseball team is being worked overtime these days—it has to accommodate a pair of crowns. The Roanoke Rapids lads, pictured above, stepped out and won the Class B high school championship of the State and then annexed top honors in the eight-school North-eastern Athletic Conference race. A total of 45 teams participated in the Statewide Class B play. Left to right, the photo shows: Top row—Manager Thompson; Webster; Moore; Bridgion; Edwards; Bennett; G Sullivan, assistant coach; Poyner; Coach Hoyte. Middle row—Grant, 3b; Aree; p; Starke; cf; Hardison, rf; W. Dickens, lf; Garris, utility; Brown, p; Matthews, 2b. Front row—Captain Harrison, 1b; Mills, c; Burnette, p; I. Dickens, ss; Womble, ss, 1b; McNeil, p; Alisbrook, 2b; F. Sullivan, c.

FIRE AT WHITLEY RESIDENCE

Firemen Do Excellent Work In Fighting Stubborn Blaze

SECOND ALARM

Fire of unknown origin, discovered last Thursday night, May the 19th, about eleven o'clock p. m. almost completely destroyed the large two-story residence of Moses Whitley or Hamilton Street, and had it not been for the valiant efforts of local firemen in combatting one of the most stubborn blazes they have ever encountered, would have threatened nearby adjoining homes and property.

No one was at home at the time the blaze was discovered and the blaze was discovered, Mr. and Mrs. Whitley were visiting in Goldsboro and it is understood Grover Whitley, a son had been downtown for some time and did not know of the blaze until the alarm was sounded.

The wooden structure, which was a large two-story house with attic room was one of the city's first large residences, being built perhaps twenty-years ago by Rev. O'Brien who lived here at the time. The building is a familiar landmark, at one time serving as the city's first hospital. Flames gutted the inside of the residence, completely destroying the furniture however, the outside walls still stand and may not be damaged beyond repair, though the senior Whitley, who is a pioneer resident of Roanoke Ra-

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In The Hospital

From Bad Tumble James Merritt, aged about 11, residing at 323 Henry Street, is in the local hospital suffering from serious injuries received Sunday night when he climbed a guy wire to a high voltage electric current pole and was slightly shocked and thrown to the ground.

QUIET WEEK FOR CITY POLICEMEN

'Chickens' Run Wild But They are of Barnyard Species

Local officers report very little happening in the city over the week-end and for the past ten days. The depression, or something must have hit the crime wave, which is usually on the minimum in Roanoke Rapids and vicinity.

Even the colored boys do not shoot craps any more, it would appear, or if they do, he themselves away to such secluded spots that their unlawful sport is not apprehended by the local police. A bootlegger is an oddity, and on the whole, Roanoke Rapids is very quiet and peaceful.

Occasionally the telephone rings and Mrs. So-and-so complains that some ones chickens are in her garden, and all of this in spite of the fact that City Councilmen have warned residents about penning the fowls, and that it is strictly in violation of a city ordinance to let them run wild.

However, local cops are by nature busy, industrious individuals and report they would rather "chase chickens" than to do nothing at all.

30 KIDS HELPED BY CLUB

Splendid Work With Underprivileged Child By Welfare Department

WOMANS CLUB

The Welfare Department of the Womens Club held its regular meeting on Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Bahnon Weathers. This was the meeting for election of officers and the same officers were re-elected: chairman, Mrs. Bahnon Weathers, vice chairman, Mrs. Clyde Wheeler, secretary, Mrs. R. L. Towe, treasurer, Mrs. W. G. Lynch.

This department has been most active during the past year and has rendered a service that will be far reaching in effect, both now and in years to come. During the year ending May 1st, milk has been furnished as follows: to school children 1482 quarts, to adults, pellagra, 480 quarts, pre-school child from tubercular family, 70 quarts, a total of two thousand and thirty-two quarts. They have also furnished school books to Rosemary, Central and High Schools, which amounts to \$21.38. The money to purchase this milk has been supplied by Rosemary Manufacturing Co., Contract Club, Monday Night Bridge Club, Friday Afternoon Bridge Club, A. C. Club, Teacher's Bridge Club, Happy Card Players Disbanded Camp, fire Girls and the Study Club. The card clubs have either given up prizes or refreshments and given the money to this splendid work.

A total of thirty children have

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CALEDONIA NOW OUT OF DANGER

Only Two Men Are Ill With Meningitis At The Prison Farm

1 DEATH REPORTED

According to word coming from Caledonia State Prison Farm late Thursday afternoon the meningitis epidemic there, if it could be called an epidemic, is well under control with only two prisoners, both of these colored men, stricken with the dreaded disease. These two men are isolated in one quarter of the prison, and every possible step of precaution to avoid against further spread of the disease is being taken.

According to the State prison physician, there has been only five other cases at the prison, all of which were sent to Raleigh as soon as the disease was manifest.

According to one report coming from Raleigh, within the past three weeks, four prisoners, three Negroes and one white man, have died of meningitis. It is further reported that all were Caledonia inmates, except one, a Negro youth in the Surry County Camp. The last one to die was John Herry Smith, Winston-Salem Negro, who succumbed at St. Agnes Hospital Sunday. However, according to the Caledonia physician, he has had an official report of only one patient whom he sent from the camp dying.

Dr. James M. Parrott, State Health officer, declared that the badly overcrowded condition in the prisoners' quarters presented a serious menace to the health of the inmates.

"We can't predict how seriously the present outbreak of meningitis will develop," he said, "but when it is over, unless conditions change, additional diseases may crop up. I want to say that in the present situation the State Board of Health has received the cordial co-operation of the prison authorities and the camp physician, who, for long, have recognized the fact that the prisoners' quarters have been inadequate from the standpoint of health and sanitation.

Since the contagion 11 large tents have been erected to relieve the congestion in the prisoner barracks, notably in Camp No. 3, which is populated entirely by Negroes. Now there are about 60 men in the camp, where before the setting up of the tents there were 234. Lights and water works are being extended to the tents.

It seems that every possible step is being taken on the part of prison officials, both local and State, and by the county and State board of health, and that the situation is now well in hand, also that rumors which have been circulated to the effect that "they are dying like cattle at Caledonia" are false and since only one actual death coming from sickness starting there has been officially reported.

REYNOLDS TO SPEAK

Bob Reynolds, candidate for U. S. Senator, will speak to the voters in Halifax County at Roanoke Rapids on Wednesday night, June first.

This will be his only campaign speech in Halifax County. Stumping the State from sea to mountains, Mr. Reynolds has been gaining steadily for the past few weeks and Halifax county has practically been conceded to him.

The place of the speech will be announced Monday, the time of the speech is eight p. m. Delegations from all parts of the county are planning to hear him.

Child Is Run Over By Car Sunday Afternoon

A little 4-year-old boy was struck by a light roadster driven by Buddy Powell, colored, of Northampton County, last Sunday afternoon while crossing the street at Roanoke and Second Avenue, though was pulled from under the car un-injured.

H. S. Loy spent last week-end in Durham and Burlington.