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C. B. KING GASBURG, VA. DIES BY OWN HAND MERCHANT

UP AND DOWN The Avenue WITH THE EDITOR

The ladies of the Episcopal Church announce another dinner, this time a Chicken Supper to be held on George Washington's Birthday, Wednesday, February 22nd, at the salesrooms of the Joyner Motor Company.

Tickets for the Chicken Supper are unusually low, selling for only 35c each, and advance tickets are now on sale and may be procured from ladies of the Episcopal Church on that committee.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Whitson of Franklin Road announce the birth of a 9 1-4 pound son born last Thursday, February 9th at 5:00 P. M. The little fellow has been christened Billie McDonald, and both mother and baby are doing well.

There seems to be little of moment "Up and Down the Avenue" this week, but perhaps it is not so much the fault of the Avenue as it is for the fact the editor has been out of town for more than a week.

This business of "pinch-hitting" for the editor is not just what it is cracked up to be. Anyway, any lack of news or editorial interest in this issue will have to be attributed to Mr. Wilson's absence.

Mr. Wilson is expected back from Kentucky some time Thursday afternoon. Many messages of condolence have been received at the office in his absence, which we are sure will be genuinely appreciated by the editor.

H. F. H.

Frank Pittman of Williamston, N. C., spent the week-end with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Gage and children, have returned to their home in Canandigua, N. Y., after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Woodruff.

2 KILLED WELDON SMASH-UP

Two men are dead, having been instantly killed, three are injured and the sixth member of the party, a woman, is suffering painful injuries in Roanoke Rapids Hospital as a result of an automobile crash at a crossing of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway Co. in South Weldon late Friday afternoon.

The dead are: Earl Mullis, 23, employee of Roanoke Mills Co. of this city, but residing in Weldon, and Wayland Overby, 22, of Fayetteville, who was visiting here and in Weldon and looking for employment. Mullis was single, while Overby leaves a wife and five-months old child. They were instantly killed when the small sedan in which they were riding to work at a local mill collided with A. C. L. Train No. 80, Northbound passenger shortly after 4 o'clock.

Clarence Harlow, 21, of Weldon, also an employee of Roanoke Mills Co. and owner and driver of the death car suffered a broken shoulder, three ribs broken, a wrenched back and other injuries.

Willie Taylor of Pittsburg, Pa., here on a visit received a broken shoulder and painful injuries to his skull. Jack Alligood, employee of a Weldon cotton mill received minor skins and bruises for his part of the fateful wreck, while

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FIND ENFIELD NEGRO DEAD FROM EXPOSURE

The body of Kelly Lynch, Enfield colored man, was found in a field about 3 1-2 miles from Enfield last Saturday morning. Death was due to exposure or strangulation by water, the coroner was unable to decide which after an investigation.

Although considerable mystery enshrouds the Negro man's death, Coroner Billy Williams was unable to unearth enough evidence to point to foul play, and it is the

Editors Sister Is Pneumonia Victim

Carroll L. Wilson, editor and publisher of the Roanoke Rapids Herald was called to the bedside of his sister, Mrs. Robert Graham, at a Louisville, Kentucky hospital last Wednesday afternoon, where she was suffering with double-pneumonia.

At that time, it was thought that her condition was critical, however, death did not come until Saturday, February 11th.

Funeral services were held at the home in Bowling Green, Ky. Sunday afternoon. Surviving is her husband, Robert Graham of Harlan, Ky. and small son, her grandmother, Mrs. J. C. Carroll of Bowling Green, and Carroll Wilson of this city.

Local Youths Have Narrow Escape On Hunting Expedition

Three Roanoke Rapids youths are minus a boat, two guns and the fruit of their afternoon's hunt, but are much the wiser as a result of a near-serious boat upturn in the Roanoke River last Monday afternoon.

Jack West, Jeff Mays and Clarence Coburn were returning home from a hunting expedition via boat on the river when their boat hit a snag and overturned. Two of the boys managed to pull themselves from the sinking boat with the aid of a limb of an overhanging tree but the third had to "swim for it."

HIGGINS CO. LOW BIDDERS

V. B. Higgins and Co., of Charlotte, N. C., were the low bidders for furnishing material, labor and equipment entering into the construction of a 12-inch raw water line from Roanoke Rapids to Weldon, when the sealed bids of six competing contractors were opened by the Sanitary Board Wednesday afternoon. Contract will probably be let in a few days.

This is the last of the major projects incidental to water and sewage installation of the Roanoke Rapids Sanitary District.

It was first planned to build an "outfall line," and bids were received on that project last November. Since that time, an agreement has been reached with the City of Weldon, whereby we are to furnish them raw water, and in turn be allowed to dump our sewage at a point above Weldon on the Roanoke River.

It is cheaper in excess of the sum of \$50,000 to build the raw water line to Weldon, rather than to build the outfall line, and thought to be generally more satisfactory in the long run.

Higgins and Co. were low on both classes of pipe figured on.

Both Houses Pass Pope's Bill Enfield Church Property

EDITOR'S NOTE — More about this bill on inside (State) Page.

Raleigh, Feb. 16.—Representative Pope's bill to relieve church property in the Town of Enfield from assessments for street improvement, if such relief is approved by a vote of the people of the town in an election which is provided in the measure, has been passed by both houses of the General Assembly and ordered enrolled for ratification.

(Normally, it is due to be ratified Thursday, Feb. 16.)

Suicide Victim Was Well Known In City; Owned Property

C. B. King, 66 years old, pioneer merchant, extensive landowner, and one of the most respected citizens of the Gasburg, Va. community, in which he lived, was found dead at his store last Sunday afternoon from a self-inflicted bullet wound through his skull.

The news of the self-imposed death of the Virginian came as a terrible shock to friends and relatives, who can offer no explanation of his act other than financial reverses he suffered the past few years.

Pinned to the lapel of his coat was a twenty-page letter, written in long hand by Mr. King, just before firing the bullet that ended his life.

According to friends and relatives, there was nothing in the actions of the man the past few days to indicate he contemplated such a step. Always cheerful, calm and collected under all conditions, it seems that he carried out his death in the same quiet manner in which he lived his life . . . a lifetime in which he had endeared himself to many.

An ardent church worker, and one of the most generous supporters of the church at Gasburg, it is said he spent most of the afternoon Sunday studying his Sunday School lesson. At length, he left the house, after kissing his wife "goodbye," and visited for a short time at the home of his sister, Mrs. Stanley, who lives in the community, as is his daily habit. After leaving the Stanley home he went to his general mercantile store, where he supposedly wrote the letter found pinned to his coat, the contents of which were not made public. After this, it is supposed he fired the bullet through his brain. Death must have been instantaneous. His body was discovered shortly afterward.

Mr. King started in business many years ago with the late H. S. Moody. He was one of the substantial citizens of the Gasburg community and known and respected by friends as a man of unim-

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HALIFAX REPRESENTATIVES INTRODUCE BILL TO REGULATE FEES CHARGED BY COUNTY OFFICERS

Register of Deeds; Clerk of Superior Court and Sheriff Would be Effected

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