

THE ROANOKE RAPIDS HERALD

Convention Called Off

New Bill Makes Democratic Nomination Useless

UP AND DOWN

The Avenue WITH THE EDITOR

J. W. Taylor, popular local merchant, is a patient in Duke University Hospital, Durham, N. C.

Joe Williams is now running the "Quick Lunch" and Confectionery in the building formerly occupied by Bob Duncan on Second Street.

Thirty-eight years ago Monday, a young man of 29 came to Roanoke Rapids from South Carolina. He intended staying here three months. He has been in Roanoke Rapids ever since and will celebrate his 67th birthday Easter Sunday. He has raised a family of five children, four of them grown and living. He has been a good citizen and a good provider for his family. We wish for Captain Lonnie Robinson many more happy birthdays.

We once knew a man about whom was said: Think of the worse thing he will do, double it and then it will not be bad enough. They say it's the same way when one is building a house, especially for the first time. If you think it is going to cost \$3,000 it will cost four, etc. Ask Pendleton Grizzard who is just completing a smart-looking brick home on The Avenue. The Grizzards hope to move in this month. The house-warming, for some reason, is being delayed until after May First.

The former 'Nab' Smith house on Jackson St., has been practically rebuilt with new roof, floors, front porch, bathroom, etc., and is now reported for sale. There are plenty of prospective renters.

The ladies of the First Baptist church are having a Pig and Pie Sale at former location of the Pure Food Store next Wednesday at 10 A. M.

The office of the Chockoyotte Country Club was entered Saturday night and several cases of soft drinks—were stolen. Entrance was made thru a window. Pro Ikey Johnson has several under suspicion.

J. R. Wrenn went to Carson yesterday afternoon with the ambulance to get O. L. Smith, who had evidently been overcome by fumes from the car exhaust. Mr. Smith was in that section working. He

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Easter Bunnies Right On Time



Easter bunnies will be right on time this year, as always. These two maidens were slightly in doubt so they went out and around and about and did they find bunnies, well yes! So now Sara Belle and Evelyn Tiffany, maidens fair of footlight fame, want all good little boys and girls to know that they have the evidence and that Easter bunnies and all their friends will be right on the job on Easter morning.

LEGGETTS LOOT REACHES \$500.00

NO ARRESTS IN CANNON DEATH CASE

Emmett Kidd, former Roanoke Rapids man, who was being held in connection with the Cannon quadruple murder in Virginia, is now out under bond, according to Sheriff Beales of Boydton, Va., in phone conversation with the Roanoke Herald this afternoon.

E. G. Tudor and the three Negroes are still held in jail, says the Sheriff and altho the officers are working on the case, there were no new developments to be made public at this time.

Asked regarding a new arrest in the case, which had been rumored here, the Sheriff stated there had been no such arrest made nor was such contemplated to his knowledge. He knew of no new parties under suspicion.

Thus, out the window, goes another of the false rumors one hears every day.

Thieves Get Little Cash And Over \$500 In Merchandise Sat.

In a daring early morning store-break, thieves netted only a small amount of cash, but over \$500.00 in merchandise from Leggett's Department Store at Roanoke Avenue and Eleventh Streets, Saturday morning.

Entrance was made through the South door, evidently after prizing the lock, which is of the spring type, with a pinch-bar. The break was not discovered until more than an hour after the arrival of the janitor and one or two salesladies, as they entered the building thru another door.

Undoubtedly the work of two or more men, the thieves must have worked fast after entrance was gained. The cover was pulled off the first dress rack and an armload of dresses was taken. Altho it was impossible to make a complete check-up, at least 28 Dresses and 18 or more Men's suits were

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NOTICE TO DEMOCRATS

This is to give notice to all Democratic voters in Roanoke Rapids that the Democratic Primary or Convention which was called by the Democratic Executive Committee of Roanoke Rapids for Tuesday night, April 18th, is hereby cancelled and none will be held prior to the municipal election of May 2.

The above action is taken as a result of the passage of Senate Bill 534, which nullifies any primary or convention action, said bill having passed the Senate on April 10, 1933, and the House of Representatives on April 12, 1933.

This the 13th day of April, 1933.

A. L. CLARK, Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of the City of Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina. 1t- Apr. 13

JAX WIN SERIES

Pitching a one hit game until the eighth inning, Ollie Acree, local high hurler, turned in a four hit game and a 14-6 victory to-day on the Rocky Mount grounds to take the third of the three game series with Ayden high nine.

Wilton Dickens and Elmer Starke hit homers and a single each, and Hardison clouted two doubles and a single with Garris, Allsbrook and Acree throwing in two singles each to lead the way for the Jax at bat.

The locals clouted out 16 hits from three hurlers: Johnson, Dunn and Rodgerson. Johnson led Ayden at bat with a double and single.

The Jax play Emporia high on Simmons field Saturday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock.

Mrs. J. E. Davis

Mrs. J. E. Davis, the mother of Mrs. Donald Lynch, died at her home near Conway last Saturday morning. Funeral services were held at her home and interment took place in the family cemetery.

Mrs. Davis was seventy-six years old, and is survived by her husband, five daughters, two sons, and twenty-four grand children.

Mrs. George Barnes and Misses Ruby and Odell Dorsey, of Jackson, were the guests of Mrs. Lonnie Dorsey last Sunday.

Mrs. C. F. Ogletree spent the week-end in Norfolk.

Senator Long's Latest Bill Passes Without Opposition

Senate Bill 534, regulating municipal elections in Roanoke Rapids, introduced by Senator T. W. M. Long, became the law of the State with its passage under suspension of the rules in the House yesterday.

The bill was introduced in the Senate by Senator Long Monday night, the rules were suspended and it passed the Senate the same night.

It was sent over to the House Tuesday morning and was referred by Speaker Harris to the Committee on Elections. When there was no request on the part of anyone for a hearing, the committee reported it out Wednesday morning and on motion of Representative Taylor of Halifax, the House rules were suspended and the bill placed upon its immediate passage.

While very few people in Roanoke Rapids knew the bill was going to be introduced, a casual reading of it shows—

1. A portion of it is unnecessary as it was already a law of the State.

2. The new law nullifies and makes useless any Democratic primary or convention.

3. The new law does away with majority rule and declares elected any candidate receiving the highest number of votes.

The useless part of the act is Section 2 which reads: "All municipal elections hereafter held in said town shall be conducted by secret ballot and under the provisions of the General Election Law of North Carolina as far as it may be applicable."

This has always been done in the past. The secret ballot has been used in past municipal elections and that part of the town charter regarding elections has been under provisions of the General Election Law of the State.

Therefore the reason for inserting this Section 2 in S. B. 534 is not known as it was superfluous. However, as it was already the law, nobody objects to it.

There are objections from some of the staunch Democrats of Roanoke Rapids to other portions of the new law, which make useless a Democratic primary or convention. Under the new law, as introduced by Dr. Long, any qualified voter can file for a municipal office.

To become a candidate all one need do is file his or her name ten days before the general elec-

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