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\$10,000 BOND IS GRANTED CITY MAN IN CANNON MURDER CASE

UP AND DOWN

The Avenue WITH THE EDITOR

Last week's issue of the Herald carried 10,024 agate lines of advertising, and by actual count, there were 2,371 names of local people who figured in the week's news, recorded in that issue. The continued outlook for advertising (both local and national) is BRIGHT! As to news, well, remember, it is men on the outside. . . not the men on the inside that make the news.

The Editor wires from Charlotte: "Attending the Annual Pharmaceutical Convention in Charlotte this week are local druggists C. E. Matthews, Octavius Griffin, W. P. Taylor and A. N. Martin. Also in Charlotte Tuesday was W. L. Manning, president of Rosemary Manufacturing Co., attending a special meeting of damask mill presidents, called to outline a program to present to President Roosevelt.

Tuesday also saw in Charlotte, U. S. Senator Robert R. Reynolds, who, after a couple days with his family in Asheville, headed for Washington via air route."

John Anderson, of Guilford College, who will be remembered as a former coach at Roanoke Rapids High School, was in the city Wednesday, calling on C. W. Davis, and other acquaintances here.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie C. Bridgmont announce the birth of an eight-pound, three-ounce son, born at Roanoke Rapids Hospital Saturday, June 17th. The young man has been christened James Marshall Charles.

Glenn Thompson, 2nd-year cadet at West Point, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Thompson, is here on furlough until June 25th. He will spend the rest of his leave in charge of a boys camp in New Hampshire.

After July 1st, the Roanoke Bank and Trust Company announces their Roanoke Rapids branch will be consolidated with the South ward, Uptown or "Rosemary" branch. All business will be transacted at that branch.

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To Address Institute Of Government



Among those who will explain and interpret the legislation passed by the 1933 General Assembly to city and county officials at the sessions of the Institute of Government to be held at the University of North Carolina next Friday and Saturday, June 23 and 24, are (pictured above, left to right) Charles M. Johnson, Chairman of the Local Government Commission; W. E. Easterling, Secretary of the Commission; A. J. Maxwell, Commissioner of Revenue; Dennis G. Brummitt, Attorney General; and A. A. F. Seawell, Assistant Attorney General.

NEGRO IS DROWNED IN RIVER

Unclothed, Unidentified Body Negro Youth Found Near Caledonia Farm IS MYSTERY

The body of an unidentified Negro youth, apparently about 18 years old, was discovered by an employee of Caledonia State Prison Farm about 30-ft. from the Halifax county shore of the Roanoke River, when he went to read the water meter Monday morning, June 19th.

The body had evidently been in the water for several days. There was not one single mark about the man by which he could be

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3 NEGRO MEN ARE KILLED

Three Thrown From Speeding Truck In Scotland Neck Monday Morning

DIE INSTANTLY

An accident that cost the lives of three Negro men occurred in Scotland Neck last Monday morning when a truck speeding thru the town threw the three men from the truck bed, on which they were riding, instantly killing two, and the third died a few minutes later.

The dead are: Ben Massenburg and John Williams, who were instantly killed, and James Ingram, died a few minutes later from injuries sustained when his body hit

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Free On Bond



John D. Cannon, Roanoke Rapids youth, who breathed his first air outside of jail last Tuesday night, when he was released on bond of \$10,000 in connection with the murder of his four relatives at their farm home near La Crosse, Va., on the night of March 31st.

Fitts Is Appointed Beetle Bug Fighter By "Fed" Gov't

Henry Fitts, well-known, pioneer citizen of Roanoke Rapids, has been appointed official "beetle bug fighter" by the federal government, and has already assumed his duties, it was learned today.

The job consists of waging open war against the Japanese beetles and European cornborers, with which Halifax county is particularly infested this year. The insects are deadly foes of certain crops, and it is decidedly to the advantage of all to have them wiped out.

Henry's activities will cover Halifax, and perhaps adjoining counties.

City Salesman Has Splendid Chance To Win Out In Contest

The last report of the Vepco Spring Sweepstakes, salesmanship contest conducted by the Virginia Electric and Power Co., shows Ted Speight of Roanoke Rapids only

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New Complications Added To Case By Late Developments

John D. Cannon, 20-year-old city textile worker is walking the streets of Roanoke Rapids today, free on a \$10,000 bond in connection with Southside Virginia's most brutal massacre, the killing of four recluse farmers on the night of March 31, for which crime he has been held in the Mecklenburg County jail at Boydton, Va., since early in May. His father, John Cannon, Sr., of this city, and an uncle, Walter Morris of La Crosse, Va., went his bond, it is understood.

Altho still implicated in the case, it would appear that the web of circumstantial evidence built around his possible complicity by the untiring efforts of F. D. Beddinger, Commonwealth's attorney, and special detectives working on the case, is about to crumble.

At the first hearing of the Roanoke Rapids youth, soon after his arrest some thirty-days ago, his bond was set at \$25,000 and he and his friends were unable to make it at that time. Judge Turnbull, in a more recent hearing reduced the bond to \$10,000 and Young Cannon walked out of the jail that had been his home for almost two months, Tuesday night at nine o'clock.

This is but one more development in a murder case that with every new move appears to be further from any tangible solution.

Edward Holmes, also of this city, arrested about the same time as Young Cannon, was released several weeks ago, tho it is thought he may be recalled from time to time as a material witness in the case.

John D. Cannon was represented by the local law firm of Long and Crew, in addition to special counsel of South Hill, Va.

The brutal killing of the four farmers, Ben L. Cannon, 77, and his brother, Willis Cannon, 82, and their two nephews, Thomas W. Cannon, 56, and Bill Cannon, 28, at their home near LeCrosse, Va., has attracted unprecedented local interest because of the great number of relatives of the murdered men living in Roanoke Rapids.

Every step of the unusual case has been watched with great interest locally, particularly since the arrest of Young Cannon and Holmes in this city.