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# THREE ARE WOUNDED

## Bullets Fly On Jackson Street

UP AND DOWN  
**The Avenue**  
WITH THE EDITOR

### CONSUMER'S STATEMENT OF COOPERATION

I will cooperate in reemployment by supporting and patronizing employers and workers who are members of N.R.A.

What citizen of Roanoke Rapids, what American citizen, could refuse to sign the above agreement? What decent reason could anyone give for such a refusal? To sign it means only this: I am a good American citizen. I believe in my country and am willing to do anything to serve it. I will help get jobs for more people by buying from those who are trying to give more jobs. I am willing to sign this agreement so that President Roosevelt may know that I am in sympathy with his program for recovery and reemployment. I wish I could do more for my country.

### ADVERTISERS NOTICE

To bring our plant under N. R. A., it will be necessary for our advertisers to cooperate with us in the matter of deadline for advertising copy.

It will be impossible for us to accept any advertising copy after Wednesday night for the following day's issue. Our advertising manager will be available Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of each week to assist you in drawing up copy.

Correspondents will please get news articles in early each week: Monday's for week-end news, Wednesday noon for first of week news.

The best NRA speeches we have heard, either in Roanoke Rapids, elsewhere or on the air, were those of Mrs. W. A. Thorne at the High School yesterday morning, and by Julian R. Allsbrook at the Junior Hall Tuesday night. If General Johnson could have heard those speeches he would have drafted these two local people for service in Washington or on the radio.

The City Street Dept. has done good work this week in cleaning up the Avenue and

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## HUNDREDS HOMELESS NEED RED CROSS AID

### CITIZENS TO HELP STRICKEN

Drive For Funds Is Needed To Help Tar Heel Sufferers

### 16 ARE DEAD

Roanoke Rapids citizens will be called on to lend a helping hand to thousands of North Carolina persons who are suffering from the hurricane which hit the Carolina coast last Friday and Saturday.

The Red Cross has sent out an appeal for funds to aid in relief work among the storm victims. The Roanoke Rapids Chapter of the Red Cross has been asked to raise all money possible to be sent to the stricken area.

As soon as the NRA drive here is completed the last of this week, local Red Cross officials plan to inaugurate a tag day or some similar plan to raise a fund to send to the distressed coast people. It is felt that thankfulness because the storm missed Roanoke Rapids will swell the contributions.

The following telegram was received yesterday by Mrs. T. W. M. Long, Chairman of the local Red Cross Chapter:

"Incomplete survey area devastated by hurricane indicates hundreds of homes destroyed. Those damaged over a thousand, with loss of life to date sixteen together with injuries to many. These figures increasing daily as information seeps in from outlying and isolated sections. Stop.

"Counties most seriously affected Craven, Carteret, Dare, Tyrrell and villages on Banks. Stop. Red Cross rushing food and supplies to isolated sections via Coast Guard boats. Hundreds of families now being fed and given emergency assistance by Red Cross. Stop.

"Governor Ehringhaus yesterday designated Red Cross official relief agency and urged people of State to contribute to relief fund. Stop. Urge inauguration vigorous campaign for relief fund in line with DeWitt Smith's wire yesterday. Stop.

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### With Ballroom Code



Miss Ann Metzger, of New York, winner of five first prize beauty contests in 8 weeks has been selected by New York Ballroom Ass'n., to present the NRA ballroom code to Gen. Johnson.

## NRA DRIVE WORKERS TO REPORT

The 200 loyal NRA drive workers will meet tonight to report on their two-day campaign.

At this meeting, all business houses and homes will be reported on and a clean-up crew will again cover the city tomorrow.

First reports show that nearly every business in town has signed up under the NRA code. All but about twenty had signed up before the drive, and not more than three of these were unreported on this afternoon.

Most of the thirty-odd teams reported 100 per cent sign-up of the Consumers Agreement. In a few isolated cases there were refusals but in these cases special workers will follow up in an endeavor to make the drive 100 per cent.

Lack of cards and material slowed up the drive for a time yesterday, but hurry up orders from Raleigh, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington arrived this morning in time for the last day of the drive.

Colonel Lipscomb, in charge of the drive, stated he was more than pleased at the results. Full reports will be given in next week's paper.

More than 1,000,000 New York children have returned to school.

## CAWTHORN FUNERAL FRIDAY P.M.

The funeral of Allen Cawthorn, pioneer Roanoke Rapids citizen, will be held this Friday afternoon at 3 p. m., at the residence on Jackson Street. Reverend J. E. Kirk will officiate, and interment will be held in Roanoke Rapids Cemetery.

Mr. Cawthorn, 45 years old, died early this morning after a lingering illness of several months. He is survived by his widow and four sisters, Miss Pattie Cawthorn, Mrs. B. A. Powell, Mrs. W. T. Pridgen and Mrs. W. L. Simmons, all of this city.

The deceased came to Roanoke Rapids in 1900. For thirty years he worked in the local mills where he was a mechanic and was well known and liked by a host of friends.

## Vepco Disburses Quarterly Dividend On Preferred Stock

Checks for the quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share on the \$6 Preferred Stock of the Virginia Electric and Power Company were mailed out Tuesday to the preferred stockholders of record as of August 31.

The total dividend amounts to \$292,000, of which 53%, or \$155,000, will be distributed to the 3,410 local stockholders residing within the territory served by the company, representing over 68 per cent of the total number of holders of this stock.

### INFANT SON DIES

Mark W. Letchworth, year old son of Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Letchworth, died Friday at the Roanoke Rapids Hospital. Funeral services were held Saturday by T. H. Humphrey, with interment in Roanoke Rapids Cemetery.

Last minute reports show the NRA drive is going over even better than first expected. The goal was the signing up of 4,000 consumers. It appears now that this number will be increased by about 500.

## INJURED SENT TO HOSPITAL

M. F. Edwards And Gilbert Barber Engaged In Pistol Duel Saturday

### WOMAN HIT

Two men were wounded in a pistol duel on Jackson Street and a woman, innocent bystander across the street, was shot in the leg, when bullets flew wild here Saturday night.

The wounded are M. F. Edwards, at whose home the shooting took place, Gilbert Barber, the other participant in the duel, and Mrs. W. S. Brown, who was visiting relatives across the street from the Edwards residence.

The shooting took place in the front of the Edwards house in the 200 block of Jackson Street about 8:30 Saturday night.

Barber drove up to the Edwards home accompanied by his brother, Alvin, Morris Blanton and a man named Richard Searce. He called Edwards out and the men had words over Barber's wife.

Edwards went in the house, got his pistol, and came back to the front. Barber also had a gun. Whether he had it with him when he first went up to the house or got it from the car when Edwards went after his gun, has not been ascertained.

It is also not clear who hit the first blow or fired the first shot. Both men were hit and both were later shot.

Edwards was hit on the cheek, with what he claims were brass knucks. Later these were found in the yard. Barber was hit in the head with Edward's gun used as a club.

Then a young war started with both men emptying their guns. A dozen shots were fired in rapid succession. Some witnesses say a third gun was brought into play. They say a man behind the Barber car was also firing at Edwards. This would have been Barber's brother.

When the battle was over, Edwards had been hit twice. One bullet entered his right side and was removed from his back. The other went thru the muscle of his left arm.

Barber was hit once, the ball entering his left shoulder and remains buried under the right shoulder. It had not been removed when Barber was released from

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