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BREAK IN 4 PLACES THROAT CUT TONIGHT

UP AND DOWN The Avenue WITH THE EDITOR

Many Roanoke Rapids citizens attended the funeral of E. L. Travis, Jr., at Halifax, Tuesday afternoon.

At the Nurses Subscription Bridge Party held on Friday evening at the Nurses Home, there were sixteen tables playing, the highest score for contract was won by Mrs. W. S. Dean and low score contract Mr. Ned Manning, high auction Mr. Rowe and low auction Mrs. Faison. Sandwiches, cookies and coffee were served for refreshments.

Charles L. Jones, 45, railroad engineer, died at Weldon Tuesday from pneumonia. Burial was in Raleigh Wednesday.

A correction in the write up for the meeting of the Woman's Club last week: the soloist was given as Miss Otelia Vaughan, this should have been Miss Ella Lee Taylor.

The first Citizenship Honor Roll of the present school semester is reprinted in this issue. May look like a lot of meaningless names to the average reader, but those youngsters anxiously await seeing their names "in the HERALD" as an award of merit.

City dry goods, clothing, department and general stores will open for business every morning at 8:30 now, instead of 9 o'clock, as has been the custom since adoption of the NRA retail codes.

It was found at Wednesday's merchant's meeting that a store must be open 63-hours per week in order to work individual employees a maximum of 48-hours under the retailer's code. Hence, the change in store hours.

All merchants present at Wednesday's meeting voted unanimously to close for business all day Thanksgiving. It is supposed that these plans will go through, however, a canvass of the grocermen will be made to insure that the closing will be uniform at all stores.

General stores will be open evenings until 8 o'clock the first four days of the week, and on

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Joe R. Jones, 59-year-old resident of 89 Jackson St. is in Roanoke Rapids Hospital in critical condition, the results of many wounds inflicted on his body, face, arms and throat with a razor, wielded by Wilmer Gurganus, youthful mill worker of this city who was a boarder at the Jones home.

Gurganus is also in the hospital with a slashed arm. Officers are investigating the affray, but no arrests had been made at press time.

The cutting of the aged man occurred at the Jones home about 8 P. M. Thursday night and was the result of a quarrel after Gurganus had been refused the loan of 25 cents, according to Mrs. Jones.

After eating he joined Mr. and Mrs. Jones, and their 13 year old son LeRoy at the fireside, where he renewed his request for the loan of a quarter. Mrs. Jones told him she did not have any change, and perhaps remonstrated with him about spending any more money for whiskey. When he was unable to procure the small loan from the elder Jones, he cursed him and ran up stairs to his bedroom and returned with his straight edge razor, and attacked the old man, according to Mrs. Jones.

No one was in the house at the time of the attack but Mrs. Jones and the young boy. They screamed for help. After cutting the old man, Gurganus rushed out of the back door of the house, telling Mrs. Jones that "he was sorry", said Mrs. Jones.

Neighbors, reaching the scene of the crime were terror stricken at the gruesome sight of the tragedy. There were two large pools of blood, in the front room, and the adjoining room, where Mr. Jones had been taken awaiting the arrival of an ambulance.

Mrs. Jones, grief stricken, explained the tragedy to a Herald reporter between sobs. "We had been like a mother and father to Wilmer," she said, "and treated him like a member of our own household." She said she had known him since childhood, and was well acquainted with his parents. Gurganus was born and raised near Greenville.

4 LOCAL MEN HURT IN CRASH

Four Roanoke Rapids men were injured, one seriously, when their car struck a truck at Anderson's Cross Roads Saturday morning.

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Remember the Issue



-Courtesy St. Louis Post Dispatch

GRAY AND MATTHEWS EN ROUTE

A telegram was received here Tuesday from deputy sheriff G. F. Gray that he was on his way home and everything was all right.

He did not say if he had his prisoner with him but this was assumed from the tone of the telegram. He left last week for Los Angeles, Cal., to bring back E. A. Matthews, Roanoke Rapids attorney, charged with embezzlement, who disappeared from here six years ago and who was arrested in Honolulu last month.

Deputy Sheriff Gray was to wire Attorney General Brummit in case he met any trouble in extraditing Matthews from California. Yesterday the attorney general had heard nothing.

Therefore, it is agreed that Gray and his prisoner are on their way and their arrival in Halifax County is expected the last of this week or the first of next week. Gray left Roanoke Rapids last Tuesday and arrived in California on Saturday. He made the trip straight thru but will be longer returning as he must stop over nights for sleep. At these stopovers he places the prisoner in jail for the night.

CLERK TO BE PICKED SATURDAY

The successor to E. L. Travis, Jr., Clerk of the Superior Court who died Sunday, will be appointed by Judge R. Hunt Parker at Halifax Saturday morning.

Judge Parker has announced he will hold a public hearing at the Court House at 10 o'clock Saturday morning and after hearing all candidates for the vacancy, will appoint the new clerk who will fill the unexpired term.

The term expires this year and will be filled at the general county election this fall, with the primary in June. In case of vacancy, appointment is made by the resident judge.

Those who have been mentioned for appointment are Quentin Gregory of Halifax, Leonidas Hux of Halifax, Moss Atkinson of Enfield, and Newton Sheperd, of Weldon.

N. A. Riddick, of Scotland Neck, is being mentioned prominently for the post of chairman of the County Democratic Executive Committee, which was held by the deceased.

Jacques Czemelle of Genoa provided funds in his will to hire four bands to play "lively airs" at his funeral.

ROBBERY EPIDEMIC IN CITY

Police Recover Some Of Loot; Three Jobs By Same Gang

Store breaking, which has been on the decline in Roanoke Rapids for several months, broke out anew over the week-end when three places of business were entered Saturday night and one last night.

The latest robbery was reported this morning by the Seaboard Air Line officials. Last night thieves broke in the freight depot and made away with a shipment of shirts en route to F. M. Curn. An early check-up this morning did not show what else was missing.

The shirt shipment was in a large carton which, on account of its bulky size, was carried away in the rear of a large car or on a truck. Railroad detectives have been called in on the case.

A gang broke into three places Saturday night, starting with The Herald Printing Co. Evidently they thought they were breaking into Stedman Stores Co. A window was broken out in The Herald building next to the store. They found nothing but ton printing presses.

Unable to get in Stedman Stores via the rear, they prized open the front door and then locked it behind them. A large quantity of tobacco products were stolen: cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, and snuff; five 100 pound bags of sugar and a few dollars in change.

H. T. Moore, manager of the store, left at 11 p. m. About 12:45 a. m. officer Lewter tried the door and found it locked. But he saw where a staple had been pulled out and thought thieves had been scared away before entering. He watched the store for some time and then called Mr. Moore. They entered and found the store had been robbed and the thieves had left by the side door.

Going from Stedman Stores to Nash Motro Co., they entered that building by breaking out a window pane and unlocking a big window. Their intention was to steal a truck with which to haul away the goods stolen from the grocery store. But a wrecked car blocked the door on the alley.

The thieves then went to the cash box and took several dollars in cash, \$600 in checks and notes.

They also took a pair of field glasses brought from Germany by Mr. Nash, which he prized very

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