

JACKETS WIN OPENER

ALUMNI LOSE TO HIGH 23'-13

Opening their 1933-34 basketball season the Roanoke Rapids High School cage team took an impressive victory from the Alumni (former high stars) Tuesday night on the local high court. The score was 23-13.

A large crowd witnessed the cage affair; which proved to be a close battle. Both clubs played clean basketball and showed unexpected skill for their first encounter. The Jax undoubtedly outplayed the Alumni, both on offensive and defensive, uncorking a fine passing attack. Although the Alumni took an early lead and led by a score of 9-8 at the half, they were completely swamped the second half, the Jax settling down bagging 13 points to opponents 4.

The Jax squad played very effectively as a unit and showed great style of team work. Ervin Dickens local high flash was the high scorer of the game with 10 points, trailed by Joe McCommons, and George "Bama" Miller, with 5 points each. Capt. Edwards and Bennett played good defensive ball at guard.

The Alumni, led by F. Sullivan and Allsbrook, got away to a fast start, and looked as if they were out for victory. Their passing game failed to click, which proved their downfall. Their points were made from beautifully shot field goals, which gave the game much excitement.

The turkey being given away as an added attraction, was won by Miss Dorothy Pope, local high student.

UP AND DOWN The Avenue WITH THE EDITOR

Page Al Jolson and Bing Crosby—they have rivals. Discovered in the Kiwanis Minstrel this year as entertainers par excellence were Graham Poyner and Sterling Pierce, the Jolson and Crosby of Fashion Plates.

As usual, the Electric Building is being decorated with many colored lights and adds much to the Christmas spirit of the Avenue. Other business houses are planning special lighting effects and all the show windows are alight with Christmas decorations and gift suggestions.

Roanoke Rapids always has a certain number of well decorated homes and yards during the Yuletide season, and it is hoped there will be many additions this year. The Kiwanis Club is sponsoring a contest for the most original and attractive home and yard this year. A seven cup electric chrome percolator will be given as first prize. A special prize will be given the best decorated home in any of the mill villages.

A CORRECTION

In writing of the change in Sunday closing hours last week, the old hours were given instead of the new hours selected. The new closing hours will be from 10:30 to noon in the morning, and from 7:30 to 8:30 at nights.

Undertaker Dead

(Continued from page one) where it was impossible to ascertain this afternoon how seriously she was injured. At noon she had not recovered consciousness, although the accident took place at 7:30 this morning.

Mr. Amerson's body was taken to Wilson this morning. Friends and relatives of the injured nurse were here soon after being notified.

The couple had left Wilson early this morning on a double mission. Mr. Amerson was going to Richmond to bring back a convalescent patient with whom Miss Banks was going to assist him.

She was also going to Richmond to testify in some trial regarding an accident case in which she had been the nurse.

The car in which they were riding was practically demolished. The deceased was a member of the firm of Amerson-Boswell, Undertakers.

A Cantata, "The First Christmas", will be sung by the Rosemary Baptist Church choir at the Rosemary Baptist Church on Sunday evening, Dec. 24th. The public is cordially invited.

PORTER-STEPHENSON

Miss Mary Magdalene Stephenson, of Roanoke Rapids, and Mr. James M. Porter, of Wilmington, N. C., were quietly married at Emporia, Va., Dec. 9th, 1933. They will make their home in Roanoke Rapids.

Roanoke Rapids 33 neediest families are listed elsewhere in this issue. Thanks to Federal and local relief funds, our citizens will not be burdened this year with furnishing them the bare necessities of life. But there will be no Christmas cheer in these 33 homes, in the way of toys and other joy, unless the generous citizens of Roanoke Rapids provides it. Do not wait for the other fellow. Choose your needy family today.

Rev. J. N. Bynum, president of Associated Charities, tells of a woman who was always complaining and wanting help. She was not destitute but was evidently just in the habit of being helped and even complained about the help she received. One day, he was calling on a destitute family, which really needed aid, when this woman came to him. He took her with him on his visit. When she saw the condition of the other family, she decided that she was well off and never asked for aid again.

Yes, there are cases so bad that even the poor, shudder and give up their share of giving. Christmas is a season of giving. He who does not feel that spirit and gives, no matter how little, is not celebrating Christmas. That one is merely passing another useless day on earth.

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KILLED WHILE HUNTING

GUN FALLS FROM HAND HITS LOG

Nello Gray, 17-year-old Negro, died Thursday as a result of wounds received while hunting in the woods two miles and a half from Scotland Neck.

With his brother, Claude, and Joe Broughton, Gray was walking thru the woods. He was about 40 yards from the other two men when they heard his gun fire and a shout.

Rushing over, they found him on the ground with a gaping wound in his right side.

He had been standing on a log when his gun slipped from his hand. Evidently the stock missed the log but the hammer struck it, setting off the gun.

He died soon after and Coroner Billy Williams was called. There was no sign of foul play and the Coroner, terming the death as accidental, did not hold a formal inquest.

D. M. McKnight, of the Brown & Williamson Tobacco Co. transacted business in Roanoke Rapids, and visited friends Thursday.

May Color Street Lights This Year

The Power Co. will be asked to again color all the White Way this year during the Christmas season.

Last year, on its own initiative, that company colored all the lights along Roanoke Avenue in alternating colors of red and green and it added much to the gayety of the main drag.

With the White Way colored, the Community Tree lighted, decorated front yards along the Avenue, Electric Building especially lighted and the store windows filled with Christmas decorations, the business section will take on real Christmas atmosphere by the last of this week.

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