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RE-OPEN CULLOM MURDER MYSTERY

UP AND DOWN

The Avenue WITH THE EDITOR

More in fun, altho the Coroner had a goat he wanted to get rid of, we published in this column last week that Billy Williams had a goat that could be gotten for the asking. Yesterday, the Coroner told us if he had had one hundred goats he could have given them away Friday and Saturday of last week. Every time he or one of the force at the Funeral Home came in sight there was a bunch of kids asking for the goat. One man drove several miles from out in the country to get it and Billy received a half dozen letters asking about said goat. We have thoroly convinced the Coroner that everybody reads The Herald. Willie Stewart on Franklin St., got the goat.

Freezing weather, snow, sleet and ice came to the Southland with a vengeance this last week. Roanoke Rapids fared better than many North Carolina towns. Folks from Warrenton came here buying candles because ice had ruined the light service there. Winston Salem was cut off from the rest of the world for several days and the only communication finally made was by short wave radio. Much damage to telephone, light and telegraph wires is reported from all sections of the State. Nature, cruel as it was, was most beautiful in that cruelty. As one Herald reader said, Roanoke Rapids and the Avenue, with the sun glistening on the ice-laden trees and shrubs, looked exactly like a frosted christmas card.

Cold weather has its benefits to many: for example, the new Avenue bus line did a good business, coal and wood dealers have no kick, sale of indoor sports should increase and we are sure the market for long underwear hit a new high.

But will somebody who knows explain to us that never-answered question why the ladies wear those artics or overshoes with the tops flapping instead of buckling them up and keeping their ankles warm?

The Street Dept. of the city did a quick and thoro job of cleaning the streets of snow and the sidewalks of ice. Roanoke

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35 WORK SIDEWALK PROJECT

Preference Is Being Given To Territory Around School Buildings

Foreman C. H. Byrd called the Herald office late Thursday afternoon before press-time with the welcome news that forty additional men would be added to the sidewalks project here by Monday of next week.

Thirty-five men are at work, and a substantial increase in the number employed by next week is expected, according to Foreman C. H. Byrd, who has charge of the men and work going on.

The sidewalks crew started last Friday morning with 20 members, and the amount of men has been steadily increased, altho' it is impossible to add new men to CWA payrolls in the county at this time. It would appear the Halifax county office of the CWA, under the direction of County Administrator J. B. Hall, is endeavoring in every way to send more men to this project off of other jobs, as they are being completed and can be postponed.

The city sidewalks project has been deemed an "emergency" by CWA officials, because of the arrival here of 8,000 sacks of cement for the work. The material is, of course, perishable, and as the quantity amounts to ten carloads, requires considerable storage space. It is virtually assured

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BICYCLE THIEVES ARRESTED

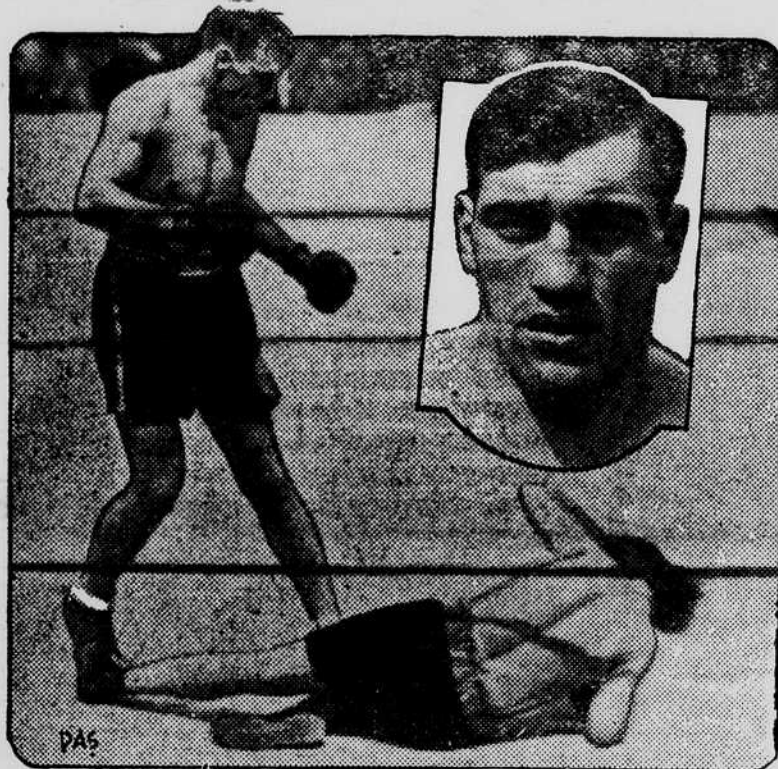
Two new bicycles were stolen from in front of the Roanoke Rapids High School on January 24th and the thieves were captured last week in Wilson, N. C., after riding the bicycles to Georgia.

Those under arrest are Zephyr Mitchell, 23, of Skippers, Va., and Jesse Rook, 19.

The bicycles belonged to sons of J. T. Thomason of this city and Mr. Thomason has affidavits signed by Mitchell and Rook which tell of the theft of the bicycles and the trip to Georgia.

The two bicycles were traded for shot guns by Mitchell and Rook after their Georgia excursion.

May Postpone Bout 'til Monday



Primo Carnera, massive Italian boxer and holder of the world's heavyweight championship title, shown close-up in above inset, was to have met Tommy Loughran in Miami last night, but rains and weather conditions made it necessary to postpone the bout. Word coming from Miami today is to the effect the bout may be postponed until Monday. Whenever the bout is held, returns should be coming into Roanoke Rapids over radio by ten o'clock. The scene in the ring is when Carnera defeated Champ. Jack Sharkey in the sixth round of a scheduled 15-round fight at New York.

MISS HEGE RESIGNS IN STATE

Local Girl Breaks Into News When Accepting New Jersey Teaching Job.

Miss Josephine Hege, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Hege, of this city, broke into state newspapers this week when she resigned from her position as teacher in the High Point school faculty to accept a position in New Jersey at double her salary.

In the Greensboro Daily News, her action is pointed to by the High Point Superintendent as indicative of a serious situation in North Carolina education since the passage of the 1933 State School law. The article says that good teachers are going to other states and the same thing is happening in all North Carolina cities. It says Miss Hege is the sixth High Point teacher to resign this year and go to a better job.

Dr. Andrews', says the article,

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FIRE AT NEWSOME DWELLING

House And Contents Destroyed By Sunday Night Fire; Adjacent Homes Saved

Fire Sunday night completely destroyed the house and contents of Henry Newsome on Hamilton Street near the depot.

The house, a frame dwelling, was owned by Jake Spires and rented by Mr. Newsome. The Newsome family were out of town Sunday but had left a fire burning. It is thought that sparks from this fire set the house afire.

The alarm was turned in about 11 o'clock Sunday night. It was bitterly cold and the ground was covered with snow. First arrivals in that vicinity were unable to locate the fire because of the dense smoke.

As the Fire Dept. arrived, the entire interior burst into flames. Good work by the fire fighters saved the home of William Bart-

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EVIDENCE SENT TO SOLICITOR

May Be Another "Lindbergh Hoax" As Man Denies Former Statements

The story of Tavis Pierce, who told Ray Cullom and Coroner Billy Williams that he was with Marvel Cullom on the night she was murdered, has been typed and sent to Solicitor W. H. S. Burgwyn who promises an investigation the latter part of this week.

This was done yesterday, in spite of the fact that officials believe they are being "hoaxed" as was done in the Lindbergh kidnapping case, after Pierce had denied his former stories and those he had mentioned in connection with his story had been questioned.

Yesterday saw the man Jernigan, mentioned by Pierce, tell the Coroner that Pierce had propositioned him to help "frame" Bull Rider, famous Negro character now reposing in Halifax jail under two different shooting charges.

Jernigan had told questioners Monday night in the presence of Pierce that he remembered when he and Pierce and some girl he did not know went to the house of Mack Parker, Lincoln Heights resident, but was faulty about details because he said he was drunk. Yesterday Jernigan said he did not remember making such a statement, that it was not true and he could prove that he was still living in Virginia in October of last year when Marvel Cullom was murdered.

Mack Parker, Negro, was brought before the Coroner yesterday noon and denied everything except that Pierce and Rainey, a Suffolk furniture agent, had been to his home one afternoon. It was brought out that Parker had been warned by an advisor to tell nothing and know nothing when questioned. He did not even remember a visit of the Coroner to his house Monday night, described in another story in this issue.

Solicitor Burgwyn, on receipt of the typed testimony of Pierce, will question Rainey in Suffolk in an endeavor to substantiate certain parts of the Pierce story and break down the wall of silence which has again been thrown up by all witnesses.

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