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FALLS 50-FT. FROM WELDON A.C.L. TRACKS

Name Election Officers

FLAGMAN INJURED IN FALL

UP AND DOWN
The Avenue
WITH THE EDITOR

A headline and news story appearing on the front page of last week's Herald was to the effect that Emmett Matthews, Jr., was hit by E. A. Murray on the Avenue while young Matthews was riding his bicycle. Mr. Murray explains that his car was at a complete stand-still, as he was waiting to turn the corner at the intersection of the Avenue and Sixth Streets, when the boy ran into the side of his sedan.

A Herald representative visited the scene of the accident and it seems perfectly clear that the boy ran into the car, and that Mr. Murray did not hit him as his car wasn't even in motion. We are glad to make this correction. The Matthews boy's injuries were not serious, tho' he was taken to the hospital for examination.

Miss Vertie Jones, of Weldon, is recovering from an accident in which she suffered severe facial injuries, minor bruises and abrasions. Her injuries were not sufficient for her to go to the hospital.

Spurred to action by the attack by a pack of hounds here last week on a nine-year old school-boy, city councilmen passed a resolution making it necessary to have dogs inoculated if they are allowed to run at large. Full text of the resolution will be found on an inside page.

It is reported with authenticity that in Rocky Mount last year, over 1,000 dogs were killed by city authorities. Many of the dogs were said to have rabies.

A number of men have been seen making a survey on the Avenue this week. It is presumed they are obtaining data for new bids on the Avenue paving project.

The ground is being cleared, and construction work will start within a few days on a two-story 50x140-ft. brick building nextdoor to Smith's Service Station in the South business section of the city. It is being built by J. C. Smith, enterprising business man, and extensive property owner of this city. It is understood Mr. Smith has already secured a lease for the occupants.

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OFFICIALS FOR JUNE PRIMARY

Those In Charge Of Polls Appointed By County Election Board Sat.

Precinct election officers for the coming June primary were appointed by the Halifax County Election Board Saturday afternoon after a four hour session at the court house.

The newly appointed County Election Board is composed of Wm. Bellamy, Scotland Neck, chairman, Joe Wollett, Littleton, and Dana Dickens, Darlington. This Board was appointed at Raleigh by the State Election Board with Messrs Bellamy and Wollett, recommended by Dr. T. W. M. Long, chairman of the county Democratic Executive Committee, and a majority of the committee.

This County Election Board accepted a list of recommendations for the precinct election officers from Dr. Long, in his capacity as County Chairman.

Objections were raised from the floor in the open meeting by various precinct chairmen and precinct committeemen from the

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RECOVERS FROM DOSE OF POISON

Mrs. Duval Murray Recovering In Local Hospital After Taking Bichloride Tablet

The condition of Mrs. Duval Murray, 20-year-old local resident who took one tablet of bichloride of mercury Tuesday morning, is reported as better this afternoon, and she is resting easy at Roanoke Rapids Hospital, where she was taken after it was discovered she had swallowed the poison.

Mrs. Murray was admitted to the hospital at 11 A. M. Tuesday morning. A neighbor who discovered what she had done called an ambulance, it is reported. Although it was thought at first that she might lose her voice, this is said now to be unlikely, and that she has entirely regained it.

She did not regain consciousness until Wednesday morning, it is said. A stomach pump was used to get the poison out of her system. The bichloride tablets were purchased at a local drugstore Monday night, it was learned today.

A Happy Angler in the Bent-Pin League



SPRING . . . The photo above happens to come from the Southland, but Mabel Claire Strickland, of Douglas, Ga., does more than attest her membership in the Bent-Pin League . . . she typifies the opening of another happy childhood season throughout the land.

LOOKS AS THO PERK STAYS IN

Philadelphia Bus Operator's Hearing Postponed At Raleigh

The hearing before the N. C. Utilities Commission, in which Wilbur F. Menke, formerly of Philadelphia, sought permission to operate a bus line between Roanoke Rapids, Weldon and Halifax, picking up city passengers here, has been postponed, it was learned this week. The hearing had been set for April 17th.

This fact, together with a resolution passed by the city dads at their regular meeting Tuesday night commending the present management of the bus line now operating within the corporate limits, is considered an initial victory by Willis Perkins, manager of the city bus system.

It seems to be the consensus of opinion that Mr. Menke evidently had exaggerated ideas of the possibilities of bus business in Roanoke Rapids and surrounding territory. Perkins started his present bus service on February 19th, and it appears, has enjoyed a fair amount of patronage. He is the first man to conceive and put in

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DATE SET FOR CITY ELECTION

Martin And Taylor Will Run For Re-Election; D. L. Traynham In Race

Roanoke Rapids citizens will go to the polls on May 8th, at which time two city councilmen will be elected.

A. N. Martin, druggist, will run for re-election as councilman from the South ward, while George N. Taylor, wholesale grocer, will run to succeed himself from the North ward.

D. L. Traynham, Jr., manager of the newly formed Citizens Realty and Insurance Agency, Inc., has announced as a candidate from the South ward.

B. Marks Again To Occupy Store At Familiar Corner

The B. Marks Department Store will open for business on Friday morning in their building at the corner of Roanoke Avenue and Second Streets, according to announcement coming from the new management this week.

Mrs. B. Marks and her son, Sam,

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Falls From Overhead Tracks At Weldon And Lays On Ground All Night

FALLS 50 FEET

T. M. Batten, Atlantic Coast Line flagman of Richmond, is in the company hospital at Rocky Mount suffering from severe injuries sustained when he fell from the overhead tracks near the Union Station in Weldon at 2:15 Wednesday morning. The railroad employee fell almost 50-ft. to what would have probably been his instant death had it not been for rainfall which had gotten the ground wet and muddy.

Batten is flagman on the Palmetto Limited, crack passenger train of the Coastline, and was discharging his duties as flagman when he fell. It appears he started to the end of the long train, and after passing the end of the railing, which extends several feet on either side of the station, he in some way lost his footing.

When he fell, Batten was carrying two lanterns, but the impact of the fall extinguished the lights. Suffering intense pain, he relit one of the lanterns in an effort to summon help, but neither this or his repeated cries for "help" brought any assistance. He kept screaming until his voice was entirely gone, but was not discovered until 7 o'clock Wednesday morning when T. B. Jenkins, Weldon station master on his way to work, was attracted by the slow waving of a lantern. Upon investigation, he discovered Batten, who was voiceless and very weak.

The injured man was rushed to the station waiting room where a medical doctor was summoned. Later he was removed to the express station where there was a fire. It is stated he was almost frozen, and was suffering from severe shock, internal injuries and would possibly develop pneumonia from his long exposure.

Advice from the Atlantic Coast Line Hospital at Rocky Mount today was to the effect his condition was regarded as very serious, and that he was suffering from the shock to such an extent that a thorough examination was impossible.

Revival Services

Record crowds have been attending the revival services at the First Methodist Church here. The services are conducted by Reverend Eugene C. Few, pastor of Edenton Street Methodist Church of Raleigh, who was formerly pastor of the local church. The services will continue thru Wednesday, April 25th.