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ASK FOR HALF THE HELPERS AT POLLS

Merchant Killed By Truck

SUGGEST 140 MEN TO BOARD

UP AND DOWN The Avenue WITH THE EDITOR

With the election campaign going the final stages, the air is being filled with the usual rumors, most of which are untrue and done for the purpose of confusing the voters. One of these rumors is that persons voting for a certain candidate will lose their jobs. The best answer to this lie is the fact that was started and we have yet to find a single person who was discharged because of the way he voted.

Another rumor is that a lot of money is being spent. We have not seen it yet and we have been all over the county. One of the candidates has been given two barbecues this week. The first one at Enfield, at which more than 750 persons were fed, was paid for by Enfield folks and not one cent was spent by the candidate. The second one was given by folks near Aurelian Springs who contributed everything. We understand some of the boys in the mills want to give a fish fry soon and we suppose the next rumor

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NON SUIT TAKEN BY TRAYNHAM

Defeated Candidate Does Not Appear In Court At Wilson Tuesday

The injunction against the Mayor and City Board of Commissioners brought by Dave L. Traynham, defeated candidate for Commissioner, was a distinct flop when the hearing was held at Wilson on Tuesday before Judge Small, due to the fact that Mr. Traynham, thru his lawyers, Long & Crewe, entered a non-suit and failed to appear.

The Board was vindicated on its

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DRIVER OF CAR UNHURT

Early Morning Smash-Up Near Halifax Takes Life Of Rockingham Merchant

Frank Blacker, Jewish merchant of Rockingham, was instantly killed when the small pick-up truck in which he was riding crashed into the back of a large vegetable truck about three-miles the other side of Halifax at five o'clock this morning, Thursday, May 24th. Homer Benoist, driver of the car was unhurt, except for small cuts and bruises about the face.

Mr. Blacker, owner of the truck in which he met his death, is the proprietor of Blacker's Dept. Store of Rockingham. He left his home at 9 o'clock Wednesday night with the Benoist youth, who works for him, driving. They were enroute to Petersburg and Richmond to pick up a load of dry-goods. Benoist says that neither were familiar with the highway. At a filling station, they met the large vegetable truck enroute to New York, driven by W. F. Matthews of Lake City, S. C. Matthews told them he was going thru' Petersburg, and invited them to follow his truck and he would show them the way.

Benoist says they were trailing the large truck at a safe distance and moderate rate of speed. It seems the truck came to a sudden stop and Benoist did not see it in time to avert the crash. The entire right-hand side of the smaller truck was crashed when it collided with the vegetable truck.

A passing car picked up Blacker and took him to Halifax, where a physician was called, tho' it is thought he died immediately. He suffered minor bruises and cuts about the head, and physicians were of the opinion he died of heart failure, rather than from any actual blows suffered in the crash.

Mr. Blacker was about fifty years old, and is survived by his wife and several children. His body was brought to a local undertaker, and sent on to Richmond, where A. Blacker, a brother, will complete funeral arrangements.

A Gracious Gift, A Song and a Rose



NEW YORK . . . Amid a great profusion of beautiful flowers everywhere the beloved Ernestine Schumann-Heink (left), symbolized a fitting tribute to Mrs. James Roosevelt (right), mother of the President, when at the end of her song dedicated to Mrs. Roosevelt, she presented a lone red rose to the gracious guest of honor.

RULE MAY AID VOTER AT POLLS

Brummitt Rules Any Person Requested May Assist Prepare Ballot

Raleigh, May 24th—(Special)—The voters in the June 2 primary "may be aided in the preparation of his ballot by (a) any election official of his voting precinct, (b) any member of his family, (c) or any other person requested by the voter," Attorney General D. G. Brummitt holds in an opinion. "In each instance the aid can be rendered only upon request of the voter himself," he states, adding: "No markers or assistants are to be appointed to aid voters in primaries." He also says that it is not now necessary to get the approval of the election officials to a person the voter asks to aid him with his ballot. He further says that voters of the precinct have the right to be present at the counting of the ballots in primary elections, but cites that election officials may fix a space large enough to carry on the work of counting the ballots, and prevent others not aiding from coming inside such work space.

FIND MAN DYING ON RAILROAD

Mystery Surrounds Death Of Weldon Man; Murder Theory Is Thought Plausible

Waverly Traylor, 18-year-old white youth of Weldon, died in Roanoke Rapids Hospital at 10 o'clock Monday morning, nine-hours after he had been picked up by a passenger train passing the place where he was lying on the ACL railroad tracks near Weldon, mortally wounded with a deep cut inflicted in his skull, the brain exposed.

Although a coroner's jury returned a verdict: "that Waverly Traylor came to his death by wound inflicted in right side of head by hand of party unknown to jury . . ." it still remains a mystery whether he was the victim of foul play, or accidental death.

Young Traylor had spent most of the afternoon and evening Sunday at the home of Miss Pat Carroll. The last time he was seen consciously alive, so far as is known, is after he left the home of his girl-friend with Earl Har-

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From Which Nine Would Be Chosen To Help Regular Election Officials

A petition to the County Board of Elections asking for adequate help at the polls on June 2 in the two huge Roanoke Rapids precincts and for half the helpers to be chosen from a list of 140 men in Roanoke Rapids was presented to Chairman Bellamy of Scotland Neck Monday night.

The petition was signed by twelve of the nineteen candidates who are running in the Democratic primary. Those signing were W. H. Thorne, B. B. Everett, N. W. Warren, W. F. Joyner, W. C. Williams, A. Leonidas Hux, W. J. Collier, T. M. Cooper, Robert C. Shields, Julian R. Allsbrook, J. B. Davis and N. W. Perry.

Of the remaining candidates, three did not sign it when asked. They were J. H. Wrenn, Quentin Gregory and Dr. T. W. M. Long. The other four candidates had not been seen today, altho they will be given an opportunity this week before the Board makes its selections.

Chairman Bellamy, who has shown himself to be willing to do everything to insure a fair and impartial election by having the local registration books reworked to speed up the voting and split into separate lists, said he would

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WILLIAMS FIRES AT INTRUDER

Small Disturbance In South Ward Business Section Saturday Afternoon

Quite a little excitement occurred in the South Ward business section last Saturday when W. C. "Billy" Williams fired a shot as L. M. Daughtry, of Norfolk, attempted to enter the Williams Funeral Home. Williams and Daughtry, it appears, had been having trouble for some time over a court judgment awarded Williams in 1931. Williams said he had repeatedly warned the Nor-

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