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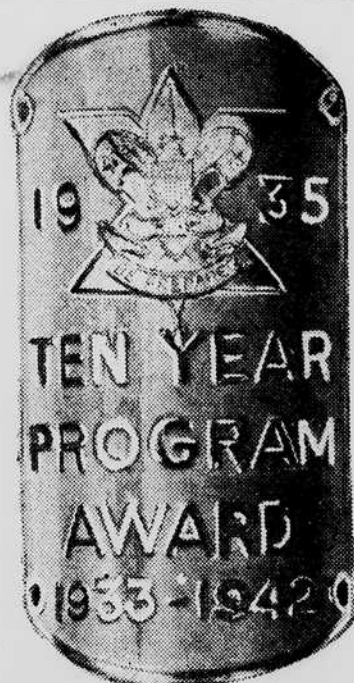
CUT SALES TAX TO 2 PER CENT TODAY

UP AND DOWN WITH THE The Avenue Editor

EARLY, but not too early is to announce that the week starting Monday, May 6, is National Cotton Week. The slogan is "Everybody Uses Cotton." The purpose is to make every American citizen conscious of this fact and to advertise the varied uses of cotton articles to the consuming public. Roanoke Rapids, textile center, and Halifax County, banner cotton growing county, are vitally interested.



WON, by Troop 2, Boy Scouts of America, Roanoke Rapids, for the second consecutive year, the special award shown here for the B. S. A. 10 year program. To win, Scoutmaster Allgood's boy had 85 per cent attendance for year, a detailed program, four new 12 year old Scouts, 90 per cent register of old Scouts.



LATEST information on the Avenue from the contractor: It will be ten days, at least, before final surfacing will start. It will take six days to pave when that time arrives. Reason for hold-up: State Highway Dept. orders, due to wet weather, that block between 1st and 2nd Streets be given ample time to settle after ditch-dig. Part of this is "made-land" and this week shows much settling with more to come. The four business blocks have been graveled and this has made proper parking possible until the final surfacing which may start about April 15. Date for completion now set at May 1.

SUR-REBUTTAL is heading of letter in yesterday News and Observer signed by one C. Herman Trueblood. We have held our patience as long as humanly possible. This same C. Herman Trueblood has been appearing in the Forum of the N & O since the letter-writing on the Hill Bill began. So persistent has he been that unwary ones have sought to answer him, only to provoke more letters. It has become tiresome. It has also come to the point where some one must warn the N & O and those innocent ones who have been drawn into these messy encounters. Despite the signature on these letters, simply C. Herman Trueblood, it is our sad duty to inform them that this prolific writer is a preacher.

CUSTOM is that all preachers sign their names with the prefix Reverend of the suffix-letters D. D. (if any). This identifies them at times, protects them. Signatures to be proud of, one wonders why the Reverend C. Herman Trueblood saw fit to flood the Forum with ultra-dry, caustic and preachery letters, signed only C. Herman Trueblood. One also wonders how many other preachers have been guilty

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WILL FEED NEEDIEST CHILDREN

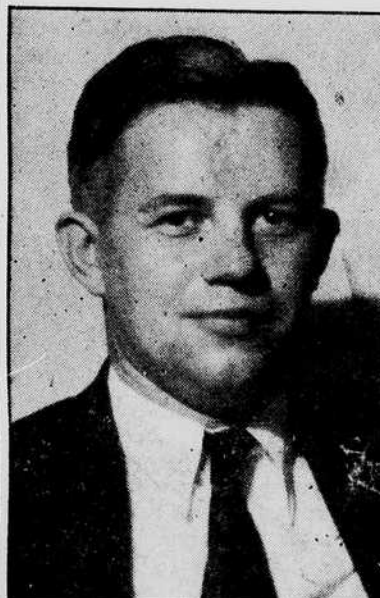
Profits From Kiwanis Show Will Be Used To Provide Lunches

Money from the Minstrel fund will be used by the local Kiwanis Club to furnish school lunches for underprivileged and under-nourished children, it was announced at the meeting tonight when final reports on the most successful minstrel to date were given.

The agriculture committee reported on work done in helping farmers with Federal loans and in aiding local folks who want garden plots.

An inter-club meeting with the Scotland Neck Club here was announced for May, while the barbecue for the Minstrel folks was set for May 9th. George Nethercutt was introduced as the Senior Class member for this month.

ANNOUNCES FOR MAYOR



MAYOR KELLY JENKINS who today filed notice that he would be a candidate for re-election to the office of Mayor of Roanoke Rapids in the election to be held on Tuesday, May 7th.

SENATE FINANCE COMM'TEE

Allsbrook Appears Before Committee Yesterday Against Tax

The Senate Finance Committee, now considering the revenue bill for the next two years, voted this morning to cut the general sales tax three per cent to two per cent. At the same time it voted to report the Hill Liquor Control Bill out on the floor of the Senate with a "no prejudice" report.

In session all day yesterday and most of today, the committee will meet again or what it says will be the final meeting before sending the entire revenue bill to the floor of the Senate, which will probably be Monday.

Senator Julian Allsbrook appeared before the finance committee late yesterday afternoon to argue against the sales tax provision and to offer revenue plans to help displace the general sales tax.

He told the committee that the sales tax was a business menace, particularly to border counties like Halifax, and that it was a tax on those least able to pay.

His protests went partially unheeded altho this morning the committee did lower the rate of the sales tax. Whether the 2 per cent will stand in the committee is unknown. A. J. Maxwell told the committee today that with the 2 per cent tax, the State faced a 4 million dollar deficit the first year and 5 million the second, a total of nine million for the biennium, while with the present 3 per cent, no exemptions, the deficit for the biennium stands at one and a half million.

Proponents of the Hill Bill claims possible revenue of from six to eight million dollars for the two-year period, but the revenue forthcoming from this depends on 1. Its passage in the legislature. 2. Its approval by a vote of the people. 3. Its diversion to the general fund.

However, prospects for its passage seem brighter today than since its introduction.

Fireworks on the Senate floor will begin next week when this and the revenue bill are brought to the floor from the committee.

CAN BUILD WITHOUT RAISING TAX RATE

President's Aide Near Death



LOUIS McHENRY HOWE

senior secretary and life-long friend of President Roosevelt, who has been near death from bronchial disorders, complicated by heart ailment. Not until his condition was slightly improved did the President leave on his fishing trip.

No decision was made by the County Board of Commissioners in monthly meeting Monday in regard to the proposed addition for more space at or near the Court House. Final decision was put off until the meeting next month.

However, plans of the proposed addition to cost \$16,000 were studied by the Board and Chairman Waldo Whittaker made the statement that the money could be raised from regular county funds without touching sinking funds or raising the county tax rate.

Besides route work, the Board approved a petition of citizens requesting a paved road from Halifax to Hollister. A delegation of citizens were in Raleigh yesterday to see Messrs Waynick and Woodard about this road. No definite promise was given.

The county Board also approved and signed a petition of property owners asking for improvements on the road from Roanoke Rapids thru Thelma.

A typhoid fever clinic will be held at the Jackson Street clinic beginning April 15th and lasting six weeks.

Treatment will be given by Drs. Jarman and Covington. All who have not had the treatment are urged to take it.