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# URGE PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES BE TAKEN

## Shell Appointed

UP AND DOWN WITH THE  
**The Avenue** Editor

SOME of the news that is printed from a town hurts that town even if the news be true. But when news is printed about a town which is untrue or deliberately colored for a purpose, it is unfair to the town and to every citizen in it. Who is responsible for the news items which appeared in the Raleigh News & Observer and the Richmond papers last week about the Labor Temple dedication, etc., which left people who do not have a way of knowing the truth about Roanoke Rapids wondering just what was going on here?

ON June 13, a news item was sent from Roanoke Rapids and printed in city newspapers which said, "Several thousand people from neighboring communities are expected to join labor forces here Saturday, June 15, in the celebration in the city park of the first anniversary of the local textile workers' union." The facts which were never published are that on Saturday, June 15, a crowd which was estimated at from 150 to 200, attended the celebration in our city park, and a goodly number of these were curious spectators there just to hear what was to be said.

The same news item said further, "Addresses will be heard by George Gooze of Atlanta, organizer, (Mr. Gooze was not present), 3rd vice president John Peele of Greenville, S. C., (Mr. Peele was not present); Roy R. Lawrence of Winston-Salem, State President of American Federation of Labor, (Mr. Lawrence was not present); Thomas F. McMahon of New York, President of the United Textile Workers of America, is also expected to attend." (Mr. McMahon was not present).

AFTER leaving the idea in the minds of out-of-town readers that the dedication and anniversary program was to be a huge affair, a half column report from Roanoke Rapids appeared in the Sunday State papers. Nothing was said about the small crowd or about what the "Temple" was. The impression was left that the "Temple" was a new building, built by organized labor and duly dedicated as new buildings sometimes are.

AS Roanoke Rapids knows, the "Temple" is a former dance hall in a condemned building which was repaired by the owner when former tenants were forced to leave. We cannot understand how anyone benefited by all this notoriety in the city newspapers, unless the organizers hope to fool union members in other places. This sort of thing does not help Roanoke Rapids and its citizens do not approve of it. It leaves the impression we have labor trouble and unrest here and does not help business. We have suffered enough from this kind of publicity in the past.

OUR people are good, law-abiding people in Roanoke Rapids. They are interested in their town, their schools and churches, in their jobs. They are not knowingly a party to any act or selfish advertising which will divert manufacturing orders from these mills that employ them and help keep the town, schools and churches going. All they want is to be let alone. Publicity which is so unfair to our people should be stopped.

SLIPPING on the only rug in the house which did not have an anti-slip gadget on it, Frank C. Williams fell and broke his arm Saturday afternoon. Mr. Williams and J. T. Chase were discussing business on the Williams porch; the former went in the house to get his brief case, slipped, fell, tried to catch himself with his right arm which snapped above the wrist. It will be in a sling six weeks.

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## SENATE CONFIRMS L. G. SHELL

Leslie G. Shell was confirmed by the U. S. Senate as Postmaster of Roanoke Rapids on Tuesday and that afternoon received notice of his final selection and congratu-



lations from U. S. Senator J. W. Bailey.

Mr. Shell will take charge of the local postoffice on the first of July.

High man in the Civil Service exams and endorsed by Congressman John H. Kerr and the Democratic Executive committee of Halifax County, Mr. Shell's nomination was held up for a few days because of charges preferred by two Roanoke Rapids citizens.

These charges were heard in Washington this week but failed of their purpose and Mr. Shell was promptly recommended by the Senate Postoffice committee of which Senator Bailey is a member and his appointment was confirmed by the Senate the next day. He holds office for four years under the present appointment.

## Attends Chapel Hill Conference

C. W. Davis is attending the conference on Educational Administration which is being held at Chapel Hill this week.

## TO PREVENT SPREAD INFANTILE PARALYSIS IN HALIFAX COUNTY

Halifax County Board of Health Urges Parents To Keep Children Under Ten Away From All Public Gatherings

### BULLETIN

The one case of infantile paralysis officially reported in the county referred to in the article below is the case of Paul Whiston, Jr., 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Whiston, who live near Roanoke Junction. The little Whiston child was admitted to Roanoke Rapids Hospital on March 22nd, and discharged from there on April 10th. He was at least temporarily paralyzed when he was released from the hospital, it was said, though his condition is greatly improved. His father is an employee of Roanoke Mills Co. at their No. 2 mill.

On Monday evening, June 17th, the Halifax County Board of Health requested the physicians of the county to meet with them in the court house in Halifax for a free discussion of INFANTILE PARALYSIS, and to determine what it was thought best to do or advise to safeguard the health of the children of our community.

Even though the health officer reported that, so far this year, only one case had been officially reported in Halifax County, it was deemed advisable to warn parents and the public generally of the need of extra precaution at this time, and the following resolution was adopted:

**RESOLVED** - That the medical profession of Halifax County go on record as advising parents of Halifax County to keep children under ten years of age away from all public gatherings, such as theatres, Sunday Schools, picnics, swimming pools, and other indoor gatherings, and that parents are requested to cooperate in this resolution.

The above resolution was read by telephone to the Epidemiologist of the State Board of Health, and he endorsed it and thought it a wise move on the part of the profession of the county.

Each member of the Board of Health and all physicians sincerely hope parents will co-operate one hundred percent.

## CALEDONIA PRISONER PROMOTED

Gets Grade-A Rating After Probably Saving Life Of Guard Last Week

John Hatfield, 34-year-old Caledonia prison farm inmate, has been elevated to honor grade status, for coming to the rescue of a guard at the institution in last week's prison break, it was announced this week by L. G. Whitley, as-

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## WILL NOT CLOSE ON JULY 4TH

Merchants Association Meets In Regular Session Tuesday

If the unanimous decision of the members of the Roanoke Rapids Merchants Association present at last Tuesday's regular meeting is carried out by other retailers in the city, Roanoke Rapids stores

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