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EARLY MORNING FIRE WRECKS DRUG STORE

COUNTY LIQUOR SALES \$5,000 FIRST WEEK

The first week, with an average of all the Alcoholic Beverage Control stores in operation, business done by the Halifax County stores totaled \$5,400.

This was from the opening of the first store on July 19th to the first of August, several of the stores not opening until in the last week of the month, but the average being about what the stores would have done in the single week had they opened the same time.

This amount will be somewhat decreased as many purchasers had been waiting for the stores to open in order to stock up, but it would appear a reasonable estimate of business to be done in Halifax County will be about \$200,000 a year.

The Board, at a meeting Tuesday, approved the opening of a store at Halifax. W. O. Lawrence was selected manager and Robert Milliken as clerk. They will also have charge of the county warehouse which is at the county seat and in the same building as the store.

A district meeting of all the Boards of counties now selling li-

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FIRETRUCK FUND HITS THOUSAND

A committee under Fire Commissioner George N. Taylor is about the city this week getting fire insurance policy holders to agree to contribute to a special fund their savings for one year in insurance premiums, in case a new fire truck and firefighting equipment is furnished.

By yesterday, one thousand dollars had been pledged by enthusiastic policy holders willing to pay for one year's saving now in order to get the lower rate for future years.

Local fire insurance agents will be glad to figure the savings for any policy holder so that they may know how much they can afford to advance to the fund. The committee hopes every one carrying fire insurance, no matter how little, will join with them in putting this over so Roanoke Rapids may have a new and modern fire department in time for the completion of the new fire department building.

CO-OP ESSAY CONTESTANTS



Pictured above are the four district winners in the eight annual cooperative essay contest of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association who will compete in Raleigh on Monday, August 19, for the State championship and first prize of a one-year college tuition scholarship. They were selected in a series of school, county, and district elimination contests in which thousands of rural high school boys and girls participated. Subject of the contest this year is "What a Unified Program of Cooperative Marketing and Cooperative Purchasing Can Mean to the Farmers of North Carolina."

DAMAGE HEAVY THIS A. M.

Fire wrecked the new modern front of the Rosemary Drug Co. early this morning and caused smoke and water damage to the rest of the store.

Damage to store front, fixtures and stock is from three to four thousand dollars.

The fire was discovered in one window at two o'clock this morning by the police and residents in the Smith Building across the street.

Prompt response by the Fire Department kept the fire in check. It was spreading to the rest of the store and thru the ceiling to the second floor and threatening the Stephenson Inn. Police and merchants arriving after the siren sounded, used fire extinguishers and formed a bucket brigade which kept the flames in check until the fire truck arrived.

The big hose was not used and much water damage saved, but the new front which had just been installed in the building was wrecked as was the front part of the drug store.

The fire started from either the electric refrigerator in the front of the store or from an electric sign in the window, all of the fire being confined to that part of the store.

The entire ceiling of the front was ripped out trailing down the fire which had made some headway there.

CRIPPLE CLINIC AUG. 21

The next clinic for Cripples will be held in Roanoke Rapids on Wednesday afternoon, August 21st from one o'clock until four.

This will be the second of the Crippled Clinics being sponsored by the local Kiwanis Club, the first having been visited by over twenty crippled persons.

The clinics, held every third Wednesday, will be in the basement of the Rosemary Baptist Church. Examination is free and treatment is free to all those unable to pay anything. Dr. Walter F. Cole, orthopedic surgeon of Greensboro, is in charge.

UP AND DOWN WITH THE Editor The Avenue

PNEUMONIA claimed as its victim the first of this week the popular Dr. Johnny Martin, who is in the Roanoke Rapids Hospital where he was taken Sunday with what was thought an attack of pleurisy. Fellow physicians pronounced it pneumonia Monday. Yesterday his temperature was down and condition better. Until the crisis is over, none of his many friends will be admitted to the room.--Funny thing, nobody ever thinks of a doctor getting sick like the rest of us. But when one thinks of the hours they are forced to keep, the mental strain of our many complainings, the constant dangers of infection and contagion from their patients, it's a wonder they are not sick half their time.

MATTAMUSKEET Lake was visited this week-end by a party of local fishermen. Hottest time of the year, the lake swelled with many rains, luck was bad but the trip interesting. It was the writer's first trip to the New Holland side of the lake. The 50,000 acre lake has been purchased by the Federal government, will be turned into one of the largest natural fish and game preserves in the country. In the deal went the New Holland Hotel, rambling stucco, surrounded by water, with the basement filled today. It will be torn down and the pumping station on higher ground transformed into a modern hotel where fishermen and hunters will find a veritable paradise in proper seasons. Pumps no longer pumping water from the below-sea-level land, the lake is gradually filling up, the canals slowly vanishing. Those contemplating a visit be warned: prepare to rough it a thousand miles from nowhere; take plenty of drinking water with you, unless you like sulphur water.

MERCH'S BID FOR FARMERS

Progress Being Made On Bonded Cotton Wh'se; Peanut Buyer Here

Directors of the Roanoke Rapids Merchants Association in regular session this afternoon heard reports from various committees working on projects which will make Roanoke Rapids a more favorable place for farmers and their families to visit.

J. J. Wade of the Farm Committee reported the progress being made on the erection of the huge bonded cotton warehouse now

under construction here, which will be finished in time for the storing of cotton this Fall. This project had the approval of the Merchants Association months ago and is now nearing realization.

This committee also reported that it is almost certain a peanut buyer will be stationed here this season. At the proper time, the Association will write letters to all farmers in this section telling them of the cotton warehouse and peanut market.

The dairymen of the city will join the Association as a unit. Not being able to meet with the other members they will hold their own meetings but will use the facilities and offices of the Merchants Association.

A Fall Trade campaign was discussed and will be taken up in more detail at the next regular meeting of the Association.