

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

This is not our own but was suggested by a Herald reader: A long time ago people thought the world was flat; later they found out it was round; but now some think it's crooked. Our idea is that there have always been crooked people in this world, always will be; people whose minds and souls are so warped they will never get things straightened out. But this is a minority. Sometimes it grows; sometimes it lessens. It is always a minority. This may happen to be a period when crooked folks are permitted to get by with things, but history shows us there is always a revulsion and then we have less of it for a spell. No. The world is not crooked today. If the time ever comes that a majority of folks get that way, then there will never be a chance to swing back to honesty. And that time has not come. And there have always been enough honest-to-goodness folks to keep it from happening.

Rumors are that another big store has its eye on Roanoke Rapids and has been clocking the crowds for a suitable location. This is done by men who station themselves near the points in question and count the number of people who pass those particular locations. They go unnoticed because they carry the small counting machines concealed in one hand. To the average passerby they are leaning against a pole smoking a cigarette and just letting the rest of the world go by.

White lines across the Avenue at street intersections are there for a purpose. They are safety zones where those crossing the Avenue are supposed to pass. It will be twice as expensive for a car driver to hit a pedestrian in one of those white lines. They mean to slow down at all corners and watch for those crossing the streets. By the same token, the person who jaywalks, crosses the street in the middle of the block, is subject to less sympathy. Should he get hit when crossing at a place he is not supposed to, the blame is on him rather than on the driver who hits him. Children should be coached by their parents to cross only at corners between the white lines.

Speaking of checkers, there is another class which you may not have noticed. They are the theatre checkers. When a company produces a particularly good film, they do not sell it outright but on a percentage basis. This means that the producer gets a guarantee and so much of the gross take. They send checkers to the theatres to count the crowd and check the ticket-takers. Of course, they do not doubt anybody. And of course, the exhibitors just love it. The recent prize-fight picture was so checked.

Crowds from all sections saw the Schmeling-Louis fight film here this week. We saw folks there who had not been to a picture show in a long time. Yes. We saw it twice too. Afraid we might miss something the first time. Comments: it was the best fight film yet shown; it was taken from three different angles which kept it from getting tiresome; Schmeling fought a heady fight, has a powerful right; it popped into the microphones every time it landed on that unprotected jaw; Lou-

**NEW PRISON CAMP FOR COUNTY AT A COST OF \$30,000.**

To Be Located Between County Home and Halifax

The State Highway Department has agreed to build a new, permanent prison camp in Halifax County at a total estimated cost to them of \$30,000.00, it was learned today.

The new camp will have brick or concrete barracks, and is to be located between Halifax and the County Home. There will be accommodations for at least 100 prisoners.

Arrangements for the construction of the new camp were made by a delegation from the county headed by J. W. Whitaker, chairman of the County Board of Commissioners, who appeared before the State Highway Department in Raleigh yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Coburn spent Wednesday in Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. King were visitors in Littleton Wednesday

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Northington and Mrs. Lethia Cooper spent Wednesday in Richmond.

is was a whipped man after the third round, the first hard right to the jaw; he showed power when he came back to get bumped down in the 4th for the first time in his short career, stayed on for eight more; Pendleton Grizzard, fighting expert, says Joe Louis will come back and be heard from later; his reasons: he took plenty, he lacks experience; the first he has, the second he can get. Dempsey at his best could have whipped both of them. He always followed thru, something Schmeling failed to do on several occasions. To see it from a theatre seat was better than from a \$25 seat in the Yankee Stadium. One saw more of the actual fighting.

A young lady, who has been visiting relatives in Roanoke Rapids for the past several months, on leaving for her home in South Carolina writes us the following: "Gee, how glad I shall be to gaze upon the Blue Ridge foot hills once again." We are not sure just why she wrote that. We choose to think it is simply a case of homesickness, the nostalgia of one who raised in the hill country longs to get away from the flatness of the coastal plains and back into the rolling country with the towering, encircling background of dark hills. On the other hand, we can recall our own feeling after living in a valley of the hills for years—a feeling which gradually became oppressive—a feeling of being hemmed in, cut off from the rest of the world by those everlasting mountains. It seems to take much to satisfy us and that much not long.

Miss Hazel Cobb has returned from Washington, D. C. where she visited her brothers.

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