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# BOARD FIRES 2 POLICE CHIEF EARLY ASKS HEARING DOBBINS NEW CHIEF

## LOCAL SANITARY BOARD HAS NEW ATTORNEY

UP AND DOWN WITH THE  
*The Avenue* Editor

The policies for the Group Insurance now carried by many employees of local textile mills have arrived, separate policies for Life Insurance and for Accident and Health Insurance. It was pointed out by a local insurance agent that the \$500 payable in case of death is paid as follows: \$200 at time of death, the balance to the beneficiary at the rate of \$50 per month for the next six months after death.

With no Kiwanis Crippled Clinic this month, the next regular clinic will be held at the basement of the Rosemary Baptist Church on Wednesday, Sept. 16. All patients are requested to return for treatment then and persons knowing of any crippled persons, especially children, are requested to bring them to these clinics.

Editorially we again ask for letters from our readers on any public question. And we do not mean such as this one received from nearby: "— has been in the — grade — years. She went to the creek yesterday and she cried if any one threw water on her. She would say you hateful devil. I am going to tell my mama on you. Please put this in the Herald next week. From One Who Knows." We print this, with the name left out at the first, for just one reason. It was evidently written by a child about another child but that does not keep it from being spiteful. It would only have caused some little girl to feel worse than she already feels. And the writer did not have the courage to sign his or her name. Our reason for printing as much as we did is to show the kind we will NOT print. Nothing spiteful, nothing unsigned and nothing we believe to be untrue or defamatory.

City Clerk Ruby Wood reminds us that all business firms in Roanoke Rapids who want to save a 25 per cent penalty had better get their privilege licenses before September 1st. — On that

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### PRETTY GAL



Leave it to Ootchy to pick 'em. Meet Miss Frances Delaney who will be in Roanoke Rapids on Friday night, August 21st. She is the torch singer with the Hi-Plane Pilots Orchestra of Richmond, a dance band Manager Acree is bringing to the city on the above date.

### MICKIE SAYS—

TH' BOSS SEZ FOLKS SHOULD REMEMBER AS HOW WE ARE HIRED BY OUR READERS T' PRINT TH' NEWS, 'N SHOULDN'T BE ASKED TO LEAVE OUT GOOD ITEMS TO SUIT SOMEBODY'S WHIM OR IDLE FANCY



## DISMISSED CHIEF MAY GET HEARING

"I was tried, convicted and sentenced without being heard," said T. A. Early in an interview today regarding action of the City Board of Commissioners in discharging him Tuesday. "I have not been officially notified yet of my discharge and to date have heard it only by street gossip. I had no intimation that any such action would be taken as there had never been any official criticism or suggestions or advice from the Mayor or Board concerning my office. The three members of the Board who voted to retain me have agreed to my request for a hearing before the Board in order that I might hear the charges against me for the first time. Last night, a fourth member of the Board also agreed that I was entitled to a hearing. All I desire is a chance to protect myself so I can make plans for the future of myself and family."

"The only other thing I desire to say publicly at this time is to quote the words of Woodrow Wilson: 'I would rather fail in a cause that will some day triumph than to triumph in a cause that will some day fail'."

The above statement came as a result of the City Board meeting Tuesday, when, on recommendation of Mayor Jenkins, the Board tied up three to three on motion to dismiss Chief Early. The Mayor untied the tie by voting to dismiss.

At the same session, the Board appointed H. E. Dobbins as Chief of Police to assume his duties when Mr. Early leaves. It also voted to dismiss Officer Kirkland with 30 days notice.

Complete minutes of the meeting will be found on the back page.

## MURPHREY CHAIRMAN OF BOARD

At a meeting of the new Board of the Sanitary District of Roanoke Rapids, Dr. W. E. Murphrey was elected Chairman of the Board and M. H. Hedgepeth, Secretary. The third member of the Board is R. E. Cleaton Jr.

On motion of Mr. Hedgepeth seconded by Dr. Murphrey, the attorney for the Sanitary Board, Julian R. Allsbrook, was discharged and J. W. Crewe Jr. appointed in his place.

This action was effective as of the date of the meeting, August 11th.

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## Says Board Has Made A Mistake

John C. Smith, former City Commissioner, in a letter to this newspaper makes a plea for the return of Officer Kirkland, dismissed at the Tuesday meeting of the City Board of Commissioners and asks how many citizens are in favor of the action of the Board. His letter is as follows:

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The Roanoke Rapids Herald  
Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina  
Gentlemen:

I will appreciate very much a small space in your paper for this letter.

I would like to know just how many of the Citizens of Roanoke  
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## BLUE LAW REPEALED

The Sunday closing ordinance, which made it unlawful for any place of business in the city to remain open during church service hours, was repealed Tuesday by the City Board of Commissioners.

The vote was unanimous after complaints had been made to Board members for many weeks. Cafes, stands, filling stations and other business places open on Sundays will be free to remain open all day next Sunday.