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ROANOKE GOING DOWN

Hoey Makes "Dry" Speech

UP AND DOWN
The Avenue

WITH THE
Editor

DeVane—Bowen

• • Mrs. Joseph A. Bowen, of Emporia, Virginia, announces the marriage of her daughter, Gladys, to John O. DeVane, on Friday, October 16th, 1936, at Richmond, Virginia. Mr. DeVane is plant foreman of The Herald Printing Co.

• • Many wonder where the fire was last Thursday night. It was the car of Leo Hasty, corner 11th and Jackson, with the interior badly damaged. Hasty is a member of the Fire Department and turned in the alarm himself. The boys kid each other and Leo was evidently afraid they might think he was pulling a trick. But they claim he had tears in his voice when he said over the phone, "Come quick, pal, it's my car that's on fire."

• • This same Leo is responsible for this contribution to this column:

MULES AND DENOMINATIONS

A PCA official in lower South Carolina was visited by a Negro farmer who wished to borrow some money to make a crop.

"How many mules have you?" asked the official as he began filling out the application blank.

"Fo'. Yassuh, I'se got fo'," the old darky replied.

"What are their names?" the official continued.

"Babtis', Meth'dis', Presbyterium, an' 'Piscopalium," the Negro replied.

"Why, that's a new idea," said the official. "Why did you give them those names?"

"Well, suh, it's dis way: dat Babtis' mule he jes' like to git in de creek an' wade 'roun', but when he gits out of de water, he won't do nothin'. Dat Meth'dis' mule, all he do is ter holler an' holler, 'an den he don't do nothin'. Dat Presbyterium mule, he's so sot in his ways he never do nothin' till he wants to anyway. An' dat 'Piscopalium mule, he allus hold his haid an' tail high, but he aint' wuth er durn."

• • New building and repairs continues unabated in the city with building inspector Henry Fitts reporting the following permits granted the past few days: W. W. Grant, for four 4-room houses on Clinton Street. This is the new street opened recently across the tracks from the South Rosemary street and paralleling the Weldon road. John Humphries is the builder; T. E. Clary, \$500 repairs to the old skating rink which partially burned recently while housing the Mattress Co. and Roanoke Exchange furniture; to O. M. Wright for a \$1550 home between 13th and 14th on Washington St. E. C. Etheridge, builder; Joyner Motor Co. building, \$800 changes to front for filling station, by Lee Wheeden Co.

• • Undertaker W. C. Williams has a new electric sign over the entrance to his Funeral Parlors on the Avenue.—Incidentally, the undertaker was host to a wild turkey dinner at his home on Jackson St. last night; not content with the turkey, he furnished pork and fried chicken on the side. Those who partook of this bounteous repast were

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DR. LONG IN SENATE FOR START

Senator T. W. M. Long, recuperating from a recent operation for appendicitis, was in his seat at the 1937 Legislature convened yesterday and was able to hear the first speech of Governor Clyde Hoey, which turned out to be a surprise prohibition speech.

Senator Long will be able to attend to his legislative duties but it is understood here that he will stay in Raleigh during the session of the legislature and will not attempt the trips home over the week-end adjournments. The session is expected to last about three months.

Mr. Hoey, who never mentioned liquor in his two campaigns for the office, in his inaugural address made it known he would use his influence fighting liquor control of any kind, county or State. This came as a shock to the new Governor's control friends, who thought the issue would not be brought out by the Governor since it was not a campaign issue.

One of the first bills introduced was one to abolish the "absentee ballot", a Dr. McDonald campaign issue, and defeated in the 1935 session.

Burned Boy Says Gasoline Thrown On Him By Others

Clarence Barlow, 13, who is in the Roanoke Rapids Hospital suffering from severe burns, is reported a little better tonight and chances for recovery are bright.

He was brought to the hospital Monday with bad burns on his left leg and other parts of the body. The boy is reported to have said his clothing became ignited near a blazing trash pile after playmates had thrown gasoline on him.

N. J. Woman Has Wreck Injuries

Mrs. Shirley Scatzberg, 667 Bergen St., Newark, N. J., is in the Roanoke Rapids Hospital with a broken arm and other injuries sustained in a car wreck at Halifax New Year's night.

The report is her car was struck by another car in front of the Constitution House in Halifax.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Brown at the Roanoke Rapids Hospital, a daughter, daughter are reported

DOCTORS SAY CASE HOPELESS

George J. Livesay Jr., injured in a wreck near Weldon Christmas Eve, is being brought back to Roanoke Rapids today from a Richmond Hospital.

The verdict of specialists there is that he has permanent and complete paralysis and there is nothing they can do for him. His back was broken when the car left the highway, landing in the creek near NE Service station this side of Weldon.

Nine persons were in the car, driven by George Smith, when the crash occurred. None of the others were seriously injured. Patrolman J. C. Long stated yesterday the date for a hearing had not been set as officials were awaiting the outcome of Livesay's condition.

WATER RATE IS LOWER

Water rates on the first 3,000 gallons were lowered by the Roanoke Rapids Sanitary District Board on water bills received the first of this month for the month of December.

The rate on the first 3,000 gallons was lowered from \$1.50 to \$1.00. None of the rates over 3,000 gallons were changed, the new rate now standing at .333 per hundred gallons on the first 3,000 and .40 cents per hundred gallons on the next 5,000 gallons.

The property tax increase by the Sanitary District went into effect six months ago.

3 Year Old Girl Dies of Pneumonia

Juanita Wilson, 3 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Wilson, died today of pneumonia at the home of her parents, 900 Rapids St. Funeral services will be held Saturday at the residence with interment in Roanoke Rapids Cemetery.

Three Local Men In Smash Sunday

Glenn Gurley and W. M. Cameron are still in the Roanoke Rapids Hospital with injuries received in a car wreck at Seaboard Sunday. Womble, third person in the car, was able to leave the hospital

RIVER LOWER TONITE

The Roanoke River, on its first wild rampage of the new year, is several feet lower tonight after having reached a flood stage at Weldon of 40 feet yesterday. It started dropping this morning.

Here it reached the boiler room of Roanoke Mill No. 1 yesterday and Manager Williams made plans to run the mill today without heat, but this was unnecessary after today's fall.

Scouts along the river bank kept watchful eyes on the swift current of the past two days with the thought that the bodies of the two men who disappeared last month might be washed up. No evidence has been reported.

The Roanoke again did much damage to the dykes at Caledonia State farm, washed out by the record flood of last year, but they stood up this year after some washing.

There was little crop damage reported and most of the livestock was removed from the lowlands in time.

The Hardy lumber plant on Mush Island closed Monday when high water covered the road to the plant.

While little damage was done by this first rise, it will be remembered that the river rose three times last year, the last being a 25 year record high.

Kiwanis Show To Be Staged Here Friday, March 19

The seventh annual Kiwanis Club Minstrel-Revue will be staged in Roanoke Rapids on Friday, March 19th. The contract was approved this week by the John B. Rogers Producing Co. of Fostoria, O., which has staged the previous six shows of the local club.

Rehearsals will start about Mar. 5th and all talented singers and dancers in the city are urged to keep these dates in mind for try-outs this year. One hundred persons will be used in the show which is for the benefit of the Boys and Girls Work and Underprivileged Child Work.

Proceeds of last year's show paid for the Crippled Clinics held here during the year. This year, the club plans on a dental clinic for underprivileged children.

Monday. Nobody was seriously injured.

It is reported their car was struck by another car which came out of a side road.