

UP AND DOWN WITH THE
The Avenue Editor

● ● When you read this, we will be out in old Kentucky, "the land where we were born, where the corn is full of kernels, and the Colonel's full of corn" (neither original nor true)—and there will be those who will wonder why we don't stay out there, like Curt Gore suggested, because we are not a native; we are a foreigner.

● ● Well, all us foreigners must stick together. A foreigner is one born in a foreign land. A native is one born here. Friends, there are very few left who were born in Roanoke Rapids a short 50 years ago. This is a new town compared with others. And there are very few left who even emigrated here when Roanoke Rapids was started by Major Emry. So be careful who you call a foreigner.

● ● When good old Ed Woodruff died the other day, we lost one of the few remaining pioneers who settled and built Roanoke Rapids. There's Will Collins, who lived on a farm near what is now Roanoke Rapids; there's Uncle Billy Vaughan, who came here from Petersburg, Va., two years before Ed came over from near Jackson in another county; there may be others we do not know of in those early days—but when one speaks of foreigners in Roanoke Rapids, one speaks of every person not born and raised in Roanoke Rapids.

● ● We came from Kentucky eight years ago and they call us a foreigner. When did you come to Roanoke Rapids, and from where? If you came from Virginia, from South Carolina, from any other State in these United, there are those who would brand you with us as a foreigner. But if you came to Roanoke Rapids from another county (even Northampton) in the State of North Carolina or from another part of Halifax County, you are still a foreigner so far as Roanoke Rapids is concerned, unless you were born and raised in what is now Roanoke Rapids, Halifax County, North Carolina.

● ● That makes almost all of us who are grown, foreigners. You can't count our children, for if that would make one a native, your correspondent is elected.

● ● You can't use length of citizenship as a basis for then Joe T. Chase, who has lived here over 30 years, but was born and raised in Holyoke, Mass., would rank as a prime native over many another who covets that position.

● ● No, here are the facts: this is a new town—50 years will cover every iota of its history . . . There are none who can lay claim to being natives—but all of us, from whatever other point we may have come, can say with pride that we became full-fledged citizens of Roanoke Rapids because we thought it was a swell town with splendid chances of growth and development—and it hasn't disappointed us and won't.

● ● Dog license tags were paid on July 1 for the

coming year and more than 400 dog-owners in the city had better see Miss Ruby Wood, City Clerk, at the Municipal Building and take care of this little matter if they want to keep costs down when the order goes out to impound all dogs whose owners have no tags. And it may go out any minute.

● ● City firemen Rufus Britton and Bruce Camp have been selected as delegates by their fellow members to represent the local department at the State Firemen's Convention to be held in Greensboro during the week of August 8th. Roanoke Rapids invariably sends a representative, and has earned an enviable reputation in putting the local fire department "on the map."

● ● Miss Mary Cole, of Roanoke Rapids Hospital staff, was called to Sanford this week on account of the injury of her brother, Martin Cole, who was injured in an automobile accident there.

● ● Out-of-town patients at Roanoke Rapids Hospital this week include Vincent Bridges, of Enfield, who was operated on for appendicitis; Mrs. S. L. Britton, of Conway; Mrs. Elmo Crocker, of Seaboard; and two small girl patients, Clara Clements of Skippers, and Mary Daughtrey, of Conway; Aron Lassiter, of Conway; Pauline Merchant, of Weldon; and James Sheehan, of Seaboard.

● ● Seven babies were born during the past week at Roanoke Rapids Hospital. The list includes: a son to Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Floyd, of Roanoke Rapids; a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Noah Brown; a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Benton; a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Chambliss; a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Shearin; a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Turner, and a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Turner.

● ● Dr. R. P. Beckwith, chief of staff of Roanoke Rapids Hospital, has returned from Richmond, where he recently underwent an operation.

● ● Latest addition of equipment at Roanoke Rapids Hospital arrived this week. It is a new gas machine, for administering anesthesia. This replaces the old machine, which has seen 15-years of service, and is being installed today.

● ● A shining new four-wheel trailer has been purchased for the City Street Department, and arrived this week. Additional purchases include a new truck and tractor. The new trailer will be pulled by the new tractor. Work of the city street department has increased to a considerable extent since they have taken over the alleys.

DEATHS

Wm. Hudson

Wm. Hudson, aged 59, died Saturday night at the home of his sister, Mrs. Olivia Hux, near Littleton. The funeral service was held at Williams Funeral Home, Tuesday at 2 o'clock, with Rev. J. J. Boone officiating. Interment followed in the family cemetery near the Hux home.

Surviving Mr. Hudson are two sisters, Mrs. Olivia Hux, of Littleton, Mrs. Jim Medlin of Weldon, and four brothers, T. M., Alexander, Jimmie, and Ovid, all of Weldon.

J. W. Clary

J. W. Clary, 70 year old resident of South Rosemary, died at his home Monday. Rev. J. J. Boone officiated at the funeral services that were held at Williams Funeral Home on Tuesday at 3:30. Interment followed at the family cemetery in Brunswick County, Va.

Mrs. Laura Pepper

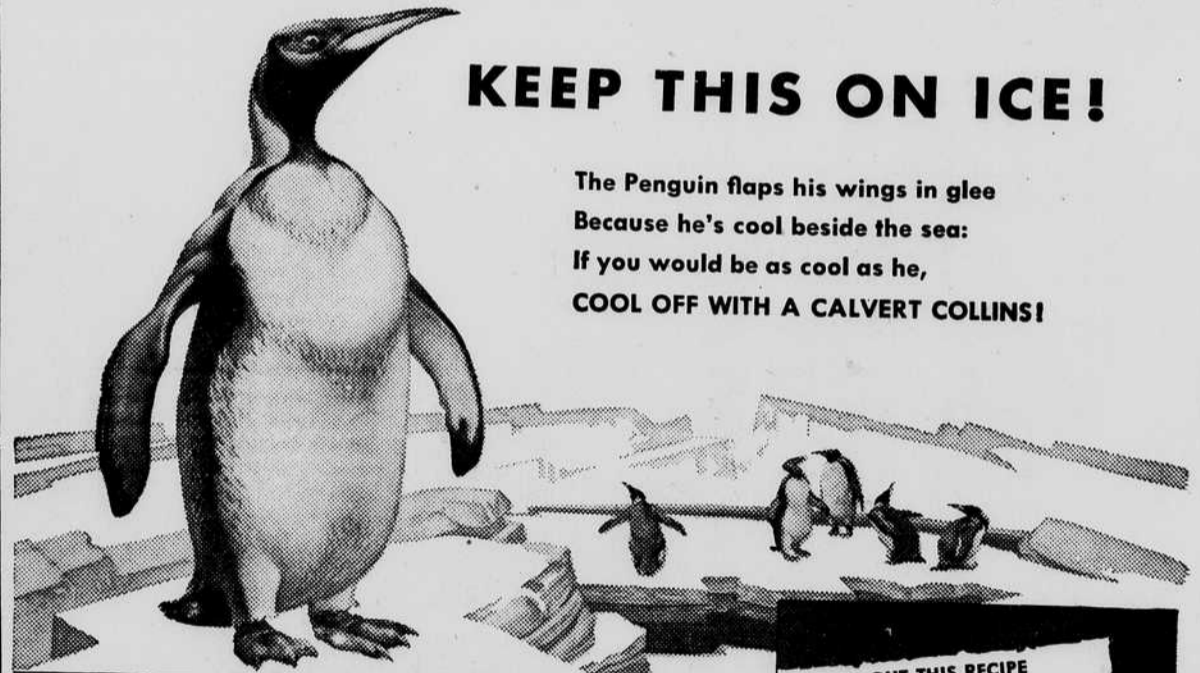
Mrs. Laura Virginia Pepper, 68 year old wife of the late William Pepper, died Tuesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. J. Aistrop, near Roanoke Rapids. The funeral services were conducted at the home of Mrs. Aistrop by Rev. J. H. Trolinger of Littleton.

Surviving Mrs. Pepper are two daughters, Mrs. Annie Hawkins and Mrs. H. J. Aistrop of Roanoke Rapids; three sons, B. W. and W. S. Pepper of Roanoke Rapids, and Haywood Pepper of Weldon; one brother, E. B. Pair, also of Roanoke Rapids.

Pendleton Grizzard has returned from Cape Henry, Va., where he spent a week.

Miss Jane Moseley of Ebony, Va. is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Vincent.

Miss Nellie Crutchfield of Raleigh spent the week end here with her mother.



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