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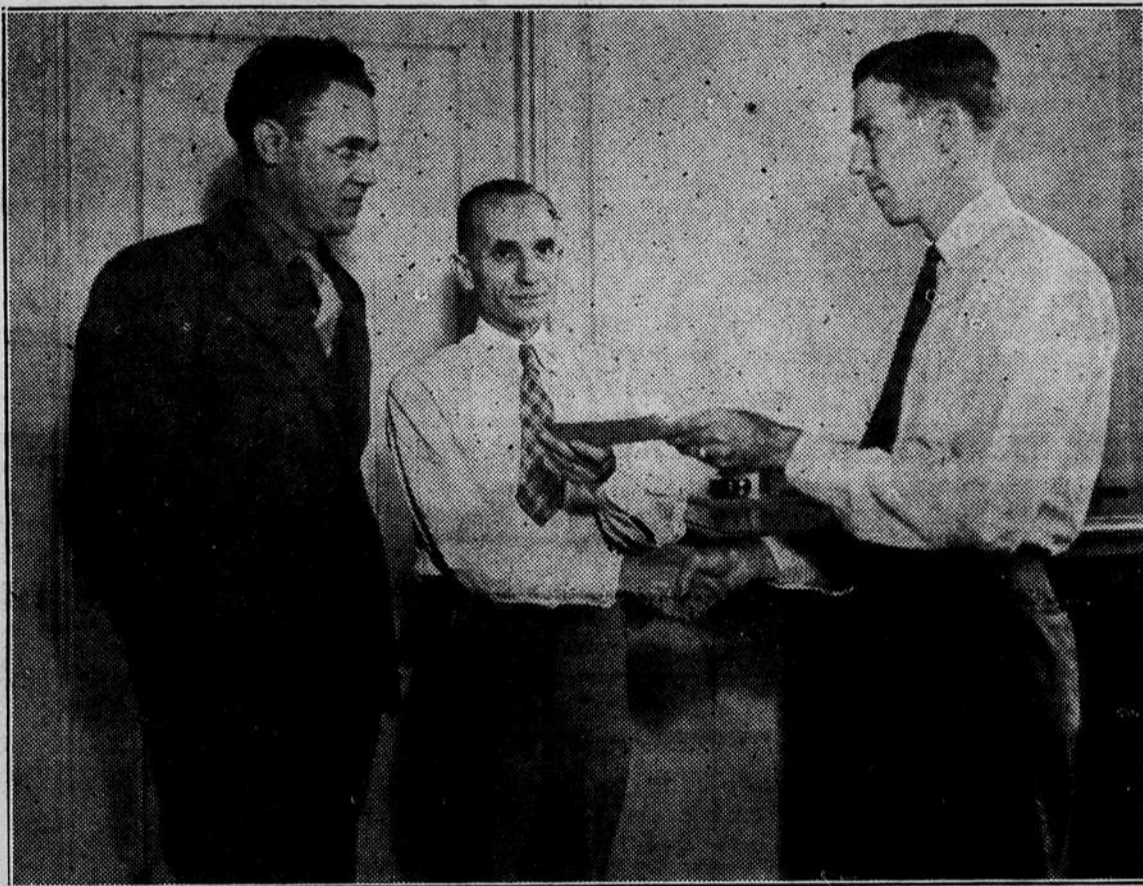
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## RETAILERS "SOCKED"

### CHURCHILL IS WINNER



ABOVE is Carl C. Churchill (center) Roanoke Rapids postal employee, being presented check for \$100 first prize in the Dr. Pepper "Good For Life" contest, by Robert S. Hines, President and Secretary of the Dr. Pepper Bottling Company of Roanoke Rapids, Incorporated. Howard Hancock, who managed the 10-county campaign is shown "looking on" at the extreme left of the photograph, which was made Monday at the post office in Roanoke Rapids. Complete prize winners in the 30-day contest, in which over \$200 in prizes were presented will be found on another page of this newspaper. (Photo by Brasington)

### SALES TAX DEMANDED BY STATE

Local Business Men Feel Sting Of Unfair Sales Tax Law

(By The Editor)

Agents of the N. C. Department of Revenue, under authorization of the law as passed by the last session of the Legislature, have been in Roanoke Rapids for the past week, checking up on stores, soft drink stands, groceries and other retail establishments in the city.

In cases where there

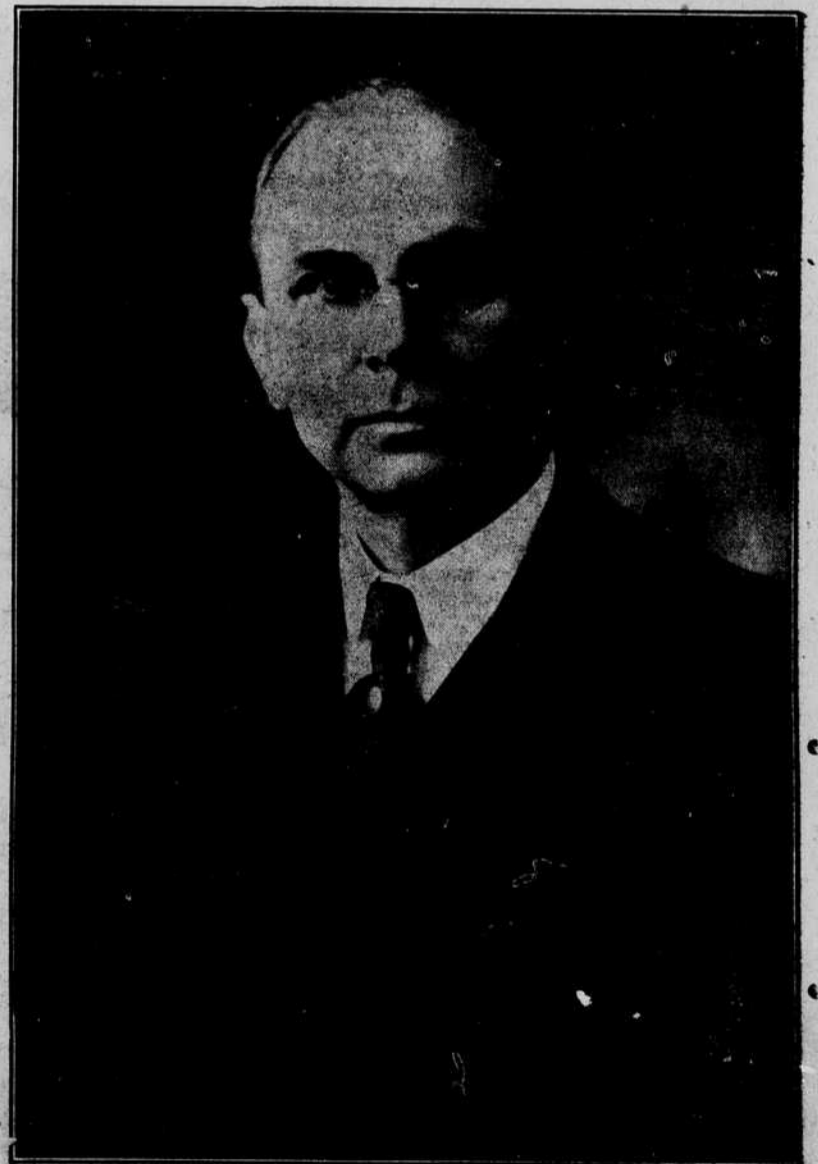
were no records kept, the agents have estimated what they think was the amount of business done and have rendered bills to the owners for back sales tax.

Local merchants have been charged with back taxes ranging from a few hundred dollars to nearly three thousand dollars, for sales tax which the State Revenue agents say are due for the past two or three years.

The problem is to be discussed this afternoon by the Roanoke Rapids Merchants Association. Willard Dowell, executive secretary of the State Merchants Association, has offered his as-

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### HOLDING REVIVAL HERE



Dr. J. R. Jester of Greenville, S. C., who is preaching at Rosemary Baptist Church each evening at 7:30 this week continuing through next week. An urgent invitation is extended to the public to attend these meetings.

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

• • This week we print in this issue, financial statements of Halifax County and of the Board's handling of the ABC system in the county. Both statements show the financial affairs of these units in good shape. Now, if we can just get a little co-operation in publishing what takes place each month, so the taxpayers can have an idea all along during the year how these units are working, there will be no more criticism from this paper. Our criticism in the past has not been because there was anything being handled wrong but simply that the taxpayers are entitled to know all along what is being done. We reserve the right to disagree with policies but we also expect to show up the good points as they occur. Therefore, we can certainly say, at this time with the figures at hand, that the finances of the county and the ABC system are in good shape.

• • As a matter of fact . . . with the profits from the ABC system reserved for debt payment, it will take only a few years like 1937 to wipe out the

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### Mayor Has 19 Cases On Docket

19 cases, one of the largest dockets in many a year, were heard by Mayor Kelly Jenkins in the City Court Monday morning.

E. J. Bryant and Bruce Nethercutt, charged with assault on Adaline Jernigan in a disturbance at the Thompson Building, were cleared of this charge but Bryant was fined \$15 and costs for disorderly conduct and Nethercutt was sentenced to 30 days in jail for using profane language.

Andrew Sparks, colored, was fined \$10 and costs for reckless driving. He lost control of his car making a curve at South Rosemary and smashed into the front of two houses.

Charged with larceny is Paul Collins, who lives in the county near here. It is charged that he stole window weights from the old hotel at Panacea Springs to be sold for junk.

Hannah Jane Kennedy and Ann Nash of Weldon spent the weekend with Peggy Grant Lassiter.