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UP AND DOWN WITH THE
The Avenue Editor

• • The A. Meikle Christmas Scene, which has attracted thousands to Roanoke Rapids, is alight again this week and will remain so each night until after Christmas. For the benefit of those who have not seen it, the display is next to the Miekle residence on East 10th St., two blocks from Roanoke Avenue. Only addition to the group, showing the Bethlehem scene of The Nativity, is the sign, "Peace On Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

• • The Avenue is again becoming a scene of bright lights as the Christmas lights and decorations begin to appear. The colored lights of the Merchants Association are up and all store windows are especially decorated for the holiday season. Clerk Ruby Wood and her assistants have done a beautiful job of decorating the Municipal Building, with soft blue lights predominating. A new and larger edition of the old faithful star at 9th St. now gleams in front of the Municipal Building. Homes and yards are beginning to sparkle forth at night.

• • Giving plenty of notice to advertisers and correspondents: the Christmas Week edition of The Herald will come out 24 hours earlier than usual that week. Instead of final printing Thursday, final printing that week will be on Wednesday, Dec. 22.

• • Lyle M. Wilson, official of General Amusements Inc. of Roanoke Rapids, was elected 2nd Vice President of the Theatre Owners of North & South Carolina at the annual convention at Pinehurst this week.

• • There was some talk by the County Board of Commisisoners of combining all the county insurance and giving it to one broker who would split the commission with the other insurance agencies of the county. The idea was to keep from dealing with so many different agencies. They thought everything was agreed to until Monday when the following problems were faced: (1) at the last minute the agents could not agree on a broker; (2) instead of seven agencies in the county to split the commission, about 35 agencies and individuals tried to get in on the pot. Result: nothing done. Status quo.

• • The Wrenn Funeral Home has a new Packard hearse . . . John S. Kirk of Weldon was injured in an auto wreck Tuesday night and had his head stitched . . . Miss Rachel Myrick was brought to the hospital yesterday suffering from appendicitis . . . Edwin T. Zollicoffer, son of the late Dr. Dallas B. and Katherine Thomas Zollicoffer, and brother of Mrs. Frank West of Roanoke Rapids, Allen Zollicoffer, former attorney here, and John Zollicoffer of Weldon, died Saturday morning. Funeral services were Sunday at Weldon Methodist Church.

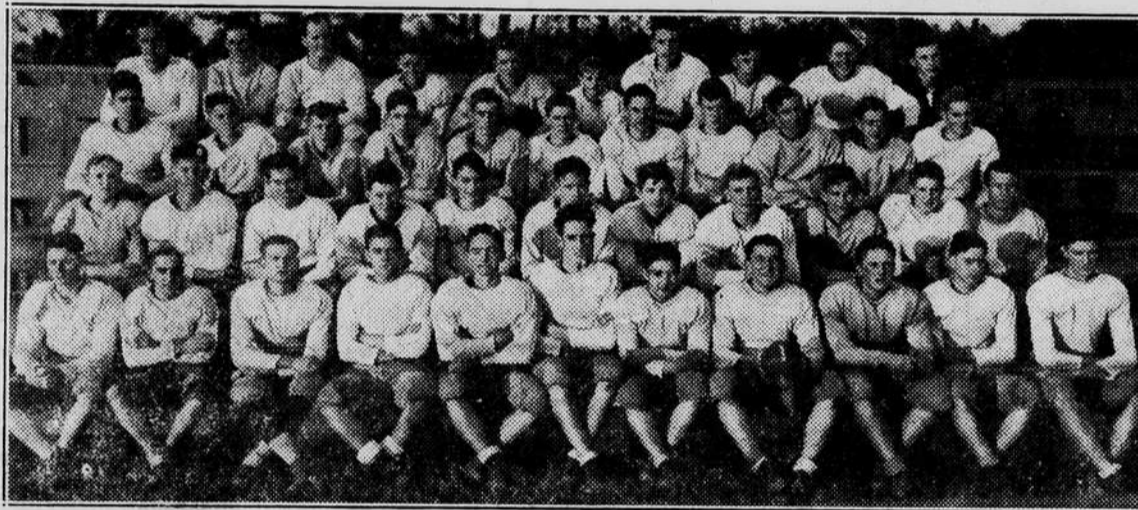
• • The Roanoke Rapids Fire Department is cooperating with Associated Charities and the Boy Scouts and will act as headquarters for collecting old toys and old clothing for poor children's Christmas. The members of the Fire Department will be glad to call for your old toys and clothing. Phone R-356.

• • John Myrick was brought to the hospital Friday night suffering from a series of cuts inflicted with a knife. One slash across his face barely missed one eye. His throat was cut and the upper part of his body received several slashes.

• • One of the most attractively decorated buildings—well, we will say in North Carolina, at least, is the VEPCO building on the Avenue . . . Whoever had charge of it this year certainly did a good job.

THREE HURT

1937 Yellowjacket Football Squad



Above is Coach Hoyle's Yellowjacket football squad of this year which has just completed a successful season despite injuries. Most of the players above will return next year for what may prove one of the best teams seen on the Roanoke Rapids gridiron in many years. A tough schedule is now being arranged with leading High Schools of North Carolina. (Brasington

ON PROGRAM



CAPTAIN PETER

Globe-trotting musician who will be featured by Jay Sanders and his Rosemary Concert Band in a public band concert and musical program at the High School auditorium this Sunday afternoon. (Details inside).

STORES STAY OPEN

Starting Friday, Dec. 17th, the stores of Roanoke Rapids will start staying open later at night than usual in order to accommodate their patrons during the Christmas shopping season.

Stores in the city will be open until 8 p.m. each week-day night

POLICE SHAKE-UP KEEPS BOARD BUSY

2 WOMEN STILL IN HOSPIT'L

Three persons were injured, two women seriously, when two cars wrecked about 6:30 Saturday afternoon on the highway between Camp's Store and Pleasant Hill. The injured were Mrs. Tommy Hargrove, Miss Mayme Draper and G. B. Wheeler. The fourth occupant of the car, S. M. Jones, was uninjured.

The wreck took place just after dark when Wheeler's car and that of David Barnes, colored, collided on the highway. Emmett Mayo was driving Barnes' car. Neither was hurt in this car.

The two women are still in the Roanoke Rapids Hospital where they were taken soon after the wreck. Mrs. Hargrove is the most seriously injured with a broken collar bone, chest injuries and severe lacerations. Miss Draper also is suffering from chest and head injuries.

From ten to fifteen stitches were necessary on cuts about the face and head sustained by Wheeler. He was able to leave the hospital the night of the wreck.

Wheeler and Jones, who were members of the Roanoke Rapids Police Department, were not on duty at the time of the wreck, both men being scheduled to go on at midnight.

closing times will be observed. . . . all Christmas week while the usual later Friday and Saturday night

No Permanent Action Taken At Tuesday Meet

The city police situation took up most of the time of the City Board of Commissioners in their regular monthly meeting Tuesday afternoon with Mayor Kelly Jenkins and Commissioners W. B. Allsbrook, M. D. Collier, E. B. Manning, R. L. Starke and G. N. Taylor present.

Dr. T. W. M. Long appeared before the board and recommended the appointment of J. R. Adams as a police officer. Mr. Adams has been an extra officer for several months.

Mayor Jenkins stated to the board that S. M. Jones and G. D. Wheeler had resigned as police officers and that W. M. Erwin, an extra officer, had been temporarily employed for a period of 30 days.

Applications for police positions were received from the following: A. J. Brigman, Curtis King, C. L. Bristow, Bruce Camp, M. L. Hayes, Lynn Cameron, Roger H. Downing, E. B. Ferguson, B. H. Bolin and E. P. Downe.

A motion was made by W. B. Allsbrook that G. B. Wheeler be suspended for a period of 30 days and that he then be reinstated. The motion failed for lack of a second.

The board decided to postpone filling the vacancies now existing and Chief Dobbins was instructed to use the present special officers (Erwin and Adams) as regular officers for the next 30 days and to employ two applicants as special officers temporarily.

A. J. Brigman was employed by Chief Dobbins later as a special officer.