JULIAN ACREE RETAINS HIS DRIVER'S LICENSE

Hux Shows His Office Not At **Fault In Case**

It appears that a great deal of publicity has been given the revocation of a Halifax County man's driver's license-when it was not the intention of the court that the license should be revoked at all, in the case of one Julian Acree, Littleton resident.

Latest developments in the muchpublicized case came on Wednesday of this week, when the News and Observer carried the following to vote at the coming election on

the Highway Safety Division, yesterday authorized a correction of step it would be in the building the recent announcement that Julian Acree of Littleton had lost his license for drunken driving, attributing the error to the court clerk reporting the revocation.

The Littleton man, according to written evidence, was convicted in recorders court August 24, 1937, of drunken driving and fined \$50 and costs on top of a 12 months suspended sentence. The Highway Division then suspended his license while he appealed to superior court, where the State accepted a tendered plea of guilty of reckless driving and Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn gave Acree a 90-day road term suspended on "sober and good behavior for a period of two years."

A. Leonidas Hux, clerk of superior court in Halifax County, recently denied that he or any member of his department had reported Acree as convicted of drunken driving, but Major Fulk yesterday displayed a formal report bearing the seal of the clerk's office and stating that Acree was convicted in October, 1937, of drunken driving and assessed court costs. The report was not signed by Hux, but by Deputy Clerk Clennie Read.

Major Fulk said it was on the basis of this signed and sealed report that Acree's driver's license was declared revoked.

"We make mistakes sometimes." he said, "but this was not our error. We will notify Mr. Acree that anyone else. We would have done and our records have been chang-

A. Leonidas Hux, Clerk of the Superior Court of Halifax County, in an interview Wednesday afternoon, explained that neither he nor his office was to blame in the matter, but placed the blame rather on an incomplete form furnished him by the Highway Safety Di-

Mr. Hux produced a copy of a letter to Major Arthur Fulk, in which he pointed out that if the Major would refer to the reports furnished his department by the Halifax County Superior Clerk's office, he would find the report contained nothing that would indicate Mr. Acree was convicted of driving while drunk, nor that his driver's license had been suspended.

Pointing out further discrepancies in the form furnished his office for reporting such cases, in that there is no place upon which the plea of the defendant or the verdict of the court can be shown, Mr. Hux further stated: "I say that it was not an error made by Miss Clemie Read or this office, and had it been we would not have placed the blamed on someone else or given misleading and incorrect information to the newspaper or

JENKINS IS LION **SPEAKER**

Mayor Kelly Jenkins was the principal speaker at the regular meeting of the Roanoke Rapids Lions Club tonight.

Stressing the importance of being registered in order to be able May 3rd, the Mayor briefly outlin-Major Arthur Fulk, director of ed the city street improvement project, and told of the forward of Roanoke Rapids.

He was enthusiastically greeted, and his address thoroughly enjoyed by the 50-odd Lion members present.

A nominating committee compsoed of Byron Gurley, chairman, W. B. Allsbrook and Allie Wood, was appointed by President Scott Frank Newsom of Halifax; four Benton, to bring out a slate of officers to be voted on at the May 19th meeting, at which time the Club will elect officers for the coming year.

Bill Batton introduced as his guests Messrs. W. W. Pearman, Louie Cruickshank and L. B. Cook of Richmond.

In Hospital

J. Winfield Crew, Jr., prominent city attorney, was taken to Johnscity attorney, was taken to Johnston-Willis Hospital, Richmond, Buried Beside Sunday, where doctors say he is suffering from a nervous and physical breakdown.

Although it is possible the popular city attorney will return home the first of the week, it is said he must conform to a rigid diet, and decreased activity in order to regain his health.

H. C. Robbins of Fort Monroe spent last week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Robbins.

his license has not been revoked the honorable thing-we would have apologized when finding we made the error."

A copy of Mr. Hux' correspondence was also sent to the News and Observer, in Raleigh, in the hopes they would correct the statement Barbara May, Ruth and Florence. made in Tuesday's issue.

NEWSOM FUNERAL TUESDAY

Funeral services for Mrs. Addie Newsom, who died at her home in Littleton Monday, April 18th, after an illness of several months, were conducted from the home Tuesday afternoon, April 19th, by Rev. Francis Joyner, Rev. G. A. Hendricks and Rev. C. R. Jenkins. Burial followed in Sunset Hill Cemetery. Pallbearers were: J. H. Raucom, A. J. May, Norman Mitchell, Jack Bobbitt, Walter Bobbitt, and D. G. Jones. Members of the American Legion Auxiliary had charge of the flowers.

Mrs. Newsom was 77 years of age. She was born near Vaughan, the daughter of Nathaniel Nicholson and Jane Pope Nicholson. She was married in 1883 to T. C. Newsom of Halifax County who preceded her to the grave. She is survived by three daughters, Miss Fannie Newsom of Littleton; Miss Addie Newsom of the Kenly faculty; Mrs. M. N. Gideon of Washington, D. C.; four sons. Robert, Tom, Charlie, and Jim Newsom of Littleton and sisters, Mrs. C. J. Tucker and Mrs. T. J. Myrick of Vaughan; Mrs. Y. B. Bobbitt of Littleton and Mrs. W. P. Edwards of Richmond; one brother, E. P. Nicholson of Vaughan; and four grandchildren.

The large crowd attending the funeral and the many beautiful floral designs were evidence of the love Mrs. Newsom's host of friends had

Baby Daughter

Weldon residents were shocked to hear of the death of little Bettie Jean Lewis, three year-old daughter of Kerwin Lewis, former resident of Weldon, and employee of the Coca-Cola Bottling Co. here.

Little Bettie Jean died at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Smith, in New York, on April 17th. Her body was brought to Weldon, where after a short funeral service at the grave, she was buried beside her mother who died about two-years ago.

Besides her father and grandmother, she is survived by one brother, Billy, and three sisters,

CITY IS HOST TO HOME BETTERMENT **TOUR FOR COUNTY**

County Clubs To Get Together In City April 28th

Roanoke Rapids will be the host to a group of interested members to accomplish very much without of the County Home Demonstration the husband's co-operation, and so Clubs when they meet here on A- for this reason, he should see these pril 28th for a "Home Betterment Tour," plans of which were discussed and approved at the council ifested in Home Betterment Tours meeting of the county clubs held at the council meeting, and it is Wednesday, April 19th, according thought that a great number of to announcement made by Mrs. Halifax County clubwomen will a-Hazel E. Wheeler, home demonstration agent this week.

In a form letter, sent to all members of the various county clubs this week, Mrs. Wheeler announced that all arrangements had been perfected, and it is hoped that a large number of the county women will be in the city on the day set aside for the tour.

Present plans are for the visiting club-women, and their male escorts to meet at the Woman's Club building here at 10 A. M. on Thursday, April 28th. From there they will be escorted by special guides provided for the occasion, to some eight or ten homes and gardens opened for their pleasure and bene-

Prizes have been provided for the club registering the largest num-

ber attending the entire tour, and for the club registering the largest number of men over eighteen years old participating in the entire tour.

Mrs. Wheeler explained: "We feel the Home Betterment program is a joint one between husband and wife and that it will be impossible improvements along with his wife."

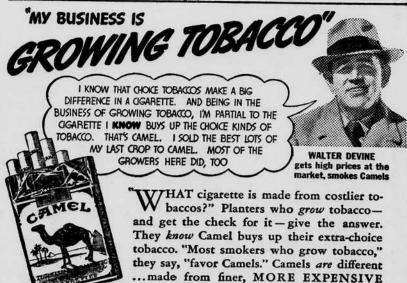
A great deal of interest was manvail themselves of the opportunity of seeing the various homes and gardens to be visited on this first

Mrs. J. B. Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. Abbott Phelps, Bennie Jones and H. C. Robbins spent Saturday in Lewiston, N. C. visiting Mrs. J. C.

SO YOU THINK YOU'RE TOO SMART TO BE SWINDLED? You wouldn't buy a gold brick, of course, but you would probably be an easy prey to some of the clever schemes exposed by the National Better Business Bureau in The American Weekly, with Sunday's WASHING-TON HERALD-TIMES.

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