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WILL START ST. WORK INVESTIGATION ON

UP AND DOWN WITH THE
The Avenue Editor

● ● Most pertinent statement made at the investigation of the recent Halifax County primary was that made by Registrar Rodney Glasgow of Littleton. Asked by Chairman Andleton why he did not have J. R. Wollett of Littleton arrested when he indulged in alleged irregular acts in the polls, Mr. Glasgow, who had argued his best with his neighbor Wollett, said, "I have to keep on living with these folks". That statement needs a lot of attention and thought on the part of all of us on all sides.

● ● Excursionists to the Norfolk beaches on Sundays must use some other means of transportation on the last Sunday in July and the first two Sundays in August than the Seaboard Air Line . . . That road has a contract to transport Southern members of the National Guard to the far South and all passenger coaches have been called in for the big job . . . Maneuvers will take place along the Gulf where the enemy is attacking . . . From Halifax County, among other National Guard officers, will go Major D. Mac Johnson of Enfield.

● ● The new telephone directories are out minus the division sheet between WELDON and Roanoke Rapids, which, on the front page of the directory gripes plenty in Roanoke Rapids, but which we realize is just an oversight of those who use the same copy year after year in composing directories . . . For their information, a count shows 288 telephone customers in Weldon, 517 in Roanoke Rapids.

● ● Former VEPCO sales manager Ray Goodmon here, now manager at Williamston, had an accident in his division recently . . . It was the first in five years of a man-day loss on account of accident, a National safety record . . . Tough luck, Ray, but we can't win all the time . . . Former chief accountant Steve Lipscomb, now office manager of Chesapeake-Camp Corp. at Franklin, Va., with Mrs. Lipscomb and Jane, visited the J. T. Chase's this weekend . . . and speaking of Vepco, present sales manager Ted Speight proudly shows a card showing this week he shot a 35 at the golf club, one under par. His best.

● ● From Mrs. W. H. Newton, winner of 2nd prize in Old Timer's contest on "What Roanoke Rapids Means To You", the following:

I received my check for \$3.00 Wednesday morning. I am taking this means to thank Carroll Wilson and Old Timer. I can assure you that no one would have appreciated it any more than I do.

● ● Lieutenant and Mrs. Glenn C. Thompson of Langley Field, Virginia, were the week-end guests of W. O. Thompsom Saturday and Sunday. This was their first visit to friends and relatives in Roanoke Rapids since their marriage in June . . . Glenn flies over Roanoke Rapids about once a week . . . If you see an army plane circling the city, the chances are it's Glenn.

ABSENTEE REQUESTS EXAMINED

The Halifax County Board of Elections continued its investigation of the June 4th primary today by summoning before it all registrars, who were instructed to bring their absentee ballot boxes, containing all absentee ballots, applications for ballots and certificates.

All registrars appeared except one, who was absent from the county and excused from attending until next Monday. Each registrar was examined and gave the necessary information of the applications and absentee certificates. The Board ruled that the ballots could not be examined at this time.

Practically the entire day was consumed in the examination of the certificates, applications and in questioning the registrars concerning the regularity of obtaining and voting absentee ballots.

With the understanding that the absentee applications and certificates for the Roanoke Rapids No. 4 precinct would be examined Monday and other testimony heard, the Board adjourned at 4:30 this afternoon until Monday.

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Paul Matthews, graduate of Roanoke Rapids High School in 1933, has been elected president of the graduating class of Strayer College of Accountancy.

Matthews' excellent scholastic record has entitled him to membership in Sigma Eta Sigma, Strayer Honor Society, and he has served as president of this society for one year. He has also served as vice-president of Phi Theta Pi, National Commerce Fraternity; Nu chapter of which is established in Strayer College, Washington.

Matthews will represent his class as valedictorian and deliver a short address at the commencement exercises.

MAYOR SAYS WORK ON STREETS SHOULD START LAST OF AUG.

Work should begin on the storm drainage, curbing and concrete paving on some fifty blocks of Roanoke Rapids' streets about August 25th, according to Mayor Kelly Jenkins, who returned today from Atlanta, Ga., where he took the final plans and specifications to the regional office of PWA in an effort to speed up the letting of the contract.

Geo. Smith Funeral Is Here Today

George M. Smith, 72, died at the home of his son, William W. Smith, 1014 Jackson Street. Funeral services were held there Thursday, July 21, at four thirty by the Reverend C. T. Rogers. Burial was in Brunswick, Va.

Mr. Smith is survived by his children: Gideon M. Smith of Roanoke Rapids, Dallas Smith of Auburn, Va., Mrs. Minnie Belle Clary of Brunswick, Va., Mrs. Lottie M. Barnes of Roanoke Rapids, Wm. W. Smith of Roanoke Rapids, Cornelia N. Smith of Williamsburg, Va., R. L. Smith of Roanoke Rapids, Roy Smith of Gasburg, Va., Emmett Smith of Brunswick, Va., Mrs. Rosa Porch of Clarksville, Va., and five grandchildren.

He was accompanied by city engineer H. B. Christie, whom he left in Greensboro yesterday to complete other details of the project. PWA officials assured the Mayor, after a few minor changes were made, that the Roanoke Rapids project would be pushed thru as fast as possible so bids could be advertised next week. About 20 days will ensue in advertising publicly bids on the contract.

These bids will be opened in Roanoke Rapids and, if the contract price is satisfactory, work should start about August 25th.

It will take approximately one year to complete the project which calls for widening Roanoke Avenue from curb to curb, storm drainage, curb and gutters and concrete streets on Hamilton and Jackson streets and on all intersections between those streets and the Avenue.

Including preliminary costs, interest, and other expenses, \$235,000 is available for the project. This includes assessments, bond issue and a grant from PWA.

Miss Irene Adams of Sharpsburg has accepted a position with the Vogue Beauty Shoppe.

SAVES MAN'S LIFE BOB SAUNDERS



Employee of the Virginia Electric & Power Co., Red Cross Life Saver and member of the Roanoke Rapids Fire Department, who worked over the body of a man, given up as dead, for two long hours Sunday giving him artificial respiration and finally bringing life back. George Smith of this city helped rescue Ralph Hanford of Burlington from the Haw River after he had been under the water for 20 minutes. Saunders worked on him until he had worn the skin from his knees and holes in his pant knees. The rescued boy is safe at home . . . (Full details of this story on Page 5, Section B) . . .