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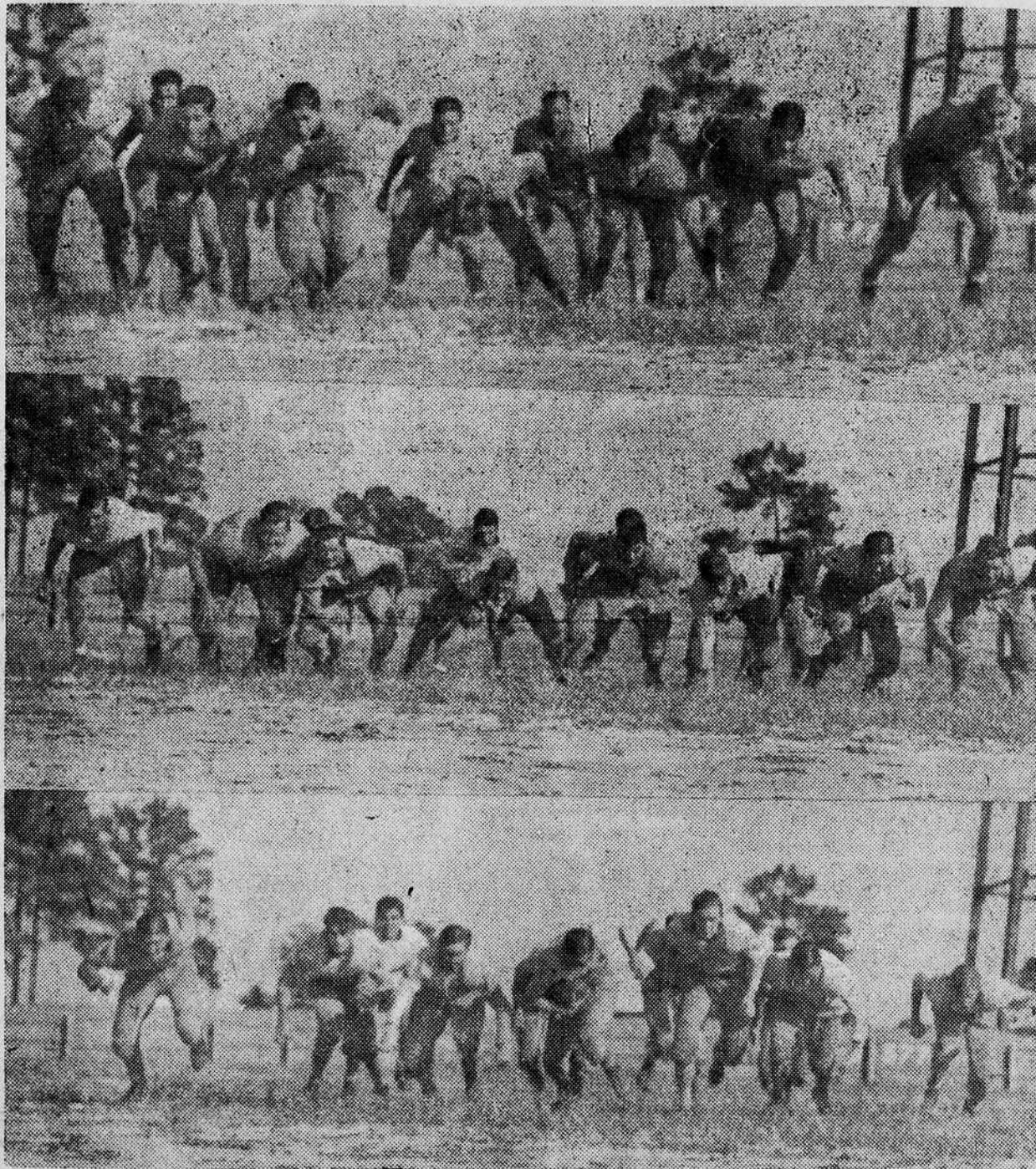
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CHILD'S LIFE IS SAVED

JACKETS READY FOR FIRST GAME



The Roanoke Rapids High Yellowjackets, shown above, were snapped yesterday by The Herald staff photographer as they rounded into shape for the opening game of the season here at Simmons Park this Friday with Williamston. Three full teams are shown above and Coach Hoyle has two more teams of younger boys who are not shown in this series of pictures. Complete details inside. (NewsKuts by Crumpler)

JOHN WILLIAMS, 6, OVERCOME BY GAS FUMES YESTERDAY

John Williams, 6 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Williams, narrowly escaped death by asphyxiation late yesterday afternoon from gasoline fumes. Only quick work by the shop and foundry crew of the Williams Machine Shops saved the youngster from immediate death.

John had been playing around the shop yesterday afternoon and was missed about 4:30. A search failed to discover him until the crew quit work at 5:30 when he was discovered in the cab of the foundry's large truck.

The boy had been in the cab and had taken the cap off the gasoline tank to explore the amount of gasoline. He evidently was overcome by the fumes of the gasoline and fell forward with his face near the tank opening and continued to breathe the fumes until completely overcome.

When found, there was no apparent heart beat and the boy's body had turned blue. The crew placed him in the open air where Jesse Brown, an employee of Mr. Williams, gave him artificial respiration. Another member of the crew got a car and Brown continued giving artificial respiration until they reached the Roanoke Rapids Hos-

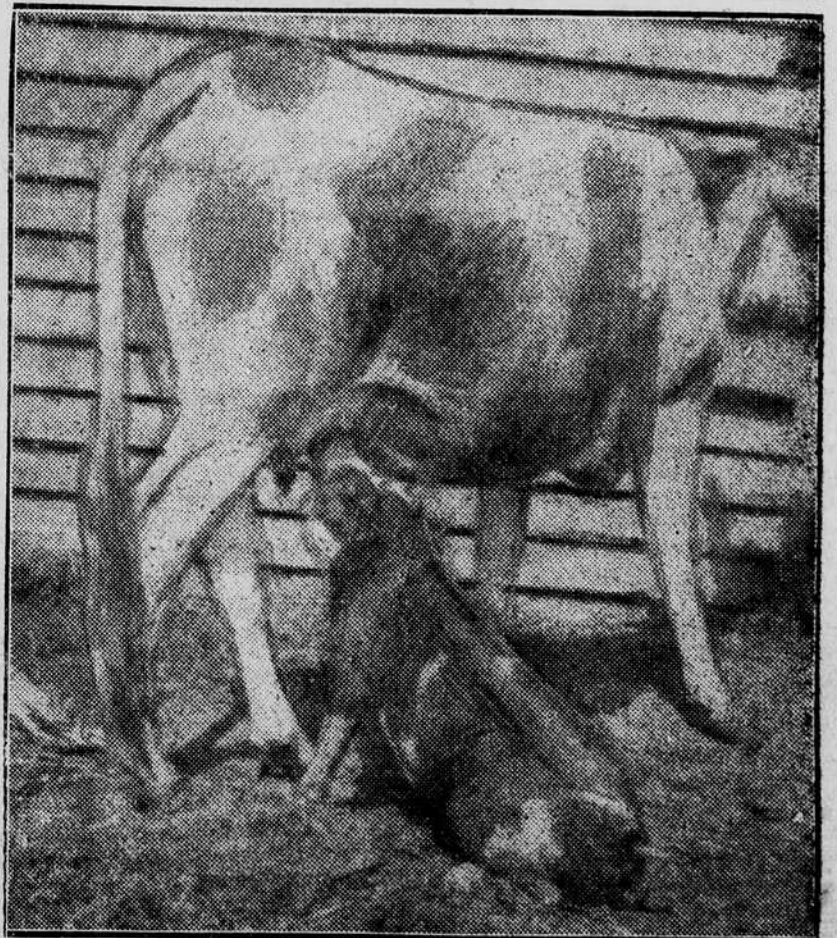
pital.

Here the child was placed under an oxygen tent and gradually revived. His condition last night was regarded as very serious but he was slightly improved today. Greatest danger now is pneumonia, as the boy's lungs are in bad shape from the great amount of gas fumes inhaled.

Doctors were loud in their praise of the quick work done by the shop crew in getting the boy out and to the hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Williams feel that they owe the boy's life to the men who found the child and gave him the first aid treatment.

Jesse Brown, who has been in Mr. Williams' employ for the past six months, was formerly an employee of the Virginia Electric & Power Co., where he learned to give artificial respiration and first aid.

It was the firm belief that had John been left in the truck cab a few minutes longer he would have been past saving. It is estimated he was breathing the fumes in there for at least one hour. His lungs were so filled with the gas that, at the hospital, while being revived every exhalation of his breath was heavy with the gas fumes.



COW NURSES PIG might be the title for this strange picture which is the proud property of 10 year old Earl Glover, son of Mr. and Mrs. Julian T. Glover, 300 Jefferson St. Earl took the picture while down on his Uncle's farm in Vance County where he spent his Summer vacation. It is a regular believe it or not for Ripley.

UP and DOWN
THE AVENUE
with the **EDITOR**

● ● As if to add to the woe of policeman Jim Adams, who made this column last week with the report that on two different times within a week, miscreants had cut his automobile tires to ruin, the unlucky policeman went home the other morning after an all-night beat, to find that four of his five chickens had been stolen.

● ● Mrs. W. C. Williams' unhappy plight of losing her automobile reminds us that one of the few

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FIND LOST CAR TODAY

The car of Mrs. W. C. Williams, stolen from in front of the Griffin Drug Co. Monday morning, was located by police today in Rocky Mount.

Chief of police Dobbins and Mr. Williams went to Rocky Mount to claim the car. They found the keys were gone and a new lock was made for the car which Mr. Williams drove back to Roanoke Rapids tonight.

The car had been driven to Rocky Mount Monday night and left parked on the streets. Residents nearby reported the abandoned car to the police last night. Roanoke Rapids police were notified, having broadcast the theft of the car since Monday afternoon.