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# VA. BOXERS HERE SAT.

## LAST WEEKS CARD PROVES FAST AS OWLS WIN THREE

The Owls boxing team took two technical knockouts and a decision over the Hopewell team here last Saturday night on a card that featured a bout between Bob Moore of Rocky Mount and Howard English of Hopewell. Moore, 165, got to English, 175, in the second round for a KO. The Manchester Athletic Club of Richmond will be the guests of the Owls this Saturday night.

Fred Babson, 115 pound Owl, proved the aggressor against Henry Brown, 115, and was awarded a technical knockout in the second round of the first bout. Walter Brown, in the 135 class, found his opponent, James Watkins, an easy mark and got a TKO in the second round. Dewitt Babson, 126 pounder, was the only Owl to go the full three rounds, but he was awarded a decision over his opponent, Joe Turner.

The featured bout proved one of the hardest fought of the evening, with Bob Moore of Rocky Mount getting the knockout blow against Howard English in the second round.

The Junior Owls fought to three draws in the preliminaries to the main card. Clifton Acree fought Red Ray in the first bout, which proved one of the scrappiest of the evening. There were several knock-downs by both boys. Acree weighed in at 60 pounds and Ray at 70. Andrew Whitley, 70 pounds, drew with Haskell Edwards, 70 pounds. Red Babson and Kermit Harris, both 70 pounders, fought for the final draw on the Junior card.

In the two cards with outside teams the Owls have yet to lose a bout. Working out every day in the Arena under the supervision of experienced fighters, the Owl pugilists are developing into first rate fighters and are commanding the respect of all comers. Both fights this season have kept spectators who crowd the Arena on the edge of their seats throughout the evening.

Little is known of the strength of the Manchester Club that comes here Saturday night but from all accounts the Virginia boys will offer the locals plenty of competition.

Referee for last week's card was Butty Outland; Judges were Jim Thompson, Dick Collins, and Doug Worsham.

## Weldon Seniors to Give Play Dec. 8th

The seniors of the Weldon High School, in order to raise funds for their class gift to the school, are producing James C. Parker's royalty play, "Romance in a Boarding House", copyrighted by the National Drama Company. The play, a comedy in four acts, will be presented Friday night, December 8, in the Weldon school auditorium.

Miss Eva Peele is the coach of this play, "Romance in a Boarding House" is a very interesting play. It is, from start to finish, a play in character study.

Mr. and Mrs. William Duke of Farmville spent Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith.

## Airlie Man Injured In Accident Near Rich Square Thur.

George Thorne of Airlie escaped serious injury when the truck in which he was riding last Thursday evening a few miles west of Rich Square was struck by a car, said to be driven by Grant Boone of the Rich Square section. Mr. Thorne, who is a brother of William Thorne of Roanoke Rapids, was kept in the Roanoke Rapids Hospital for a night for observation. He was released Friday.

Mr. Thorne and a colored driver were carrying a load of livestock from a Rich Square sale to Airlie when the accident occurred. A horse was killed and a prize calf was badly injured.

The driver of the car, which was practically demolished, received first aid and is reported to have gone to a Norfolk hospital.

Clifton Grant was the week-end guest of Ralph Higgins in Raleigh.

## Franklin Boy Hurt On Bicycle Here

Lester Keech, Franklin, Va., boy, was hit here last Thursday night while riding a bicycle at the intersection of Washington and Ninth Streets by a car driven by William Shearin of Weldon. Keech, who believed he was unhurt when questioned by Shearin, had two ribs broken upon examination at the hospital.

It is reported that Keech had no lights on the bicycle and Shearin failed to see him. The bicycle was demolished.

The boy was taken to his home in Franklin Sunday.

## Car Door Opens; Child Falls Out

Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Hedgepeth, who live in the Aurelian Springs section, were driving home from Roanoke Rapids last week-end. Lillian, their nine year old daughter, was on the rear seat.

On the road home, Mrs. Hedgepeth suddenly noticed that one of the back doors was open. Then it was that she realized that they no longer had their daughter with them. On stopping the car they saw the child several hundred yards back up the road.

She was brought to the Roanoke Rapids Hospital where physicians found her only bruised and cut. There were no broken bones.



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## Dr. Cook Is Visitor Here

Dr. John H. Cook, head of the department of education at Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, visited the Roanoke Rapids High School last Thursday afternoon, delivering addresses to the students in assembly and to the faculty at a meeting after school hours. Dr. Cook discussed the problems of high school students before the assembly and

explained and advocated a teacher retirement plan for teachers at the faculty meeting.

The speaker, the head of the teacher-training division of the Woman's College, is prominent in North Carolina circles, his outstanding work at the present time being connected with the teacher retirement legislation in the state.

Miss Patricia Nicholson left Sunday to spend several weeks in Baltimore, Md., with Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Bryant.

Misses Doma Rook, Grace Sims spent the week-end in Newport News, Va. with friends.

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