WHY, ERMYNTRUDE!

To enjoy this one you should hear it from the local policemen who has been on vacation for the past ten days. He said he heard it happen in a cafe in his home town of Burlington.

A couple seated across from each other at a nearby table were in deep conversation:

He: "There's mustard on the tip of your nose, dear, wipe it off."

of your nose, dear, wipe it off."

She: "You wipe it off—you're closer to it than I am!"

(So there).

HE HAD A POINT.

There are no few curious inci-dents which project themselves in-to the life of a policeman—inci-dents which, in themselves, are not of sufficient importance to crash the front page, but some-times they should get in merely on their oddity.

Not long ago, a young local gentleman set forth in pursuit of adventure in a perfectly good automobile at an early hour of the evening.
Shortly after he began his leis

urely ride he very rudely on Jack-son Street interposed the hood of his automobile between one driven by another and more sedate local man and his immediate destination, with disastrous results to that

gentleman's vehicle.

From then on his tale is one of woe for the chief of the local police department happened by coin-cidence to be directly behind the lad when he so shockingly demonstrated his lack of proficiency with

As he raced across Roanoke Avenue (he later told the chief he closed his eyes when he did it) he barely missed a southbound bus and a northbound passenger car. He lumbered along all right through the block but when he got to Hamilton Street he crashed headlong into a passenger car. When the proceedings came to a halt, the driver of the other

car was on the pavement and the extricate his car from the grip of two young trees, w parently had attacked it, which ap

damage to my automobile?"

And although no one ever heard him say it to the knowledge of the Rambler he probably followed this up soon afterward with: "Who's going to go my bail?"

#### MORE SIAMESE

a couple of weeks back. This week
Lonnie Hansley, of Jewel Street
in Belmont, brought in two perfectiy formed Siamese Cucumbers,
whose combined weight is two and
a half pounds. The "cukes" are
eight inches long and look to be
about six inches in circumference
and they are growing from one
stem. The next thing we are waiting for is for some airlines pilot
to bring in two Siamese Saucers.
(Then we can throw away our
glasses, having seen everything).

NO TORNADO.

of accidental death at an inquest
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NO TORNADO.

The tornado which was reported Tuesday morning at Palmyra turned out to be non-existent.

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W. G. Bunch, local business
man, phoned his father in Palmyra
when he heard the reports and
was told that, although they were having a heavy rain and wind, there was no tornado.

STATE-WIDE SILENCE.

For the first time in the history of North Carolina and since fire-crackers were first made available to the general public, the state celebrated the Fourth with-denly lost control of the car and out the popping of the toy ex- turned over two times.

plosives.

There are no doubt those who regret to see the passing of the tradition in the Tar Heel State-there are also those who heave a big sigh of relief in view of its departure.

turned over two times.

Funeral services were held in Elm City Sunday afternoon at 4:30 from the Elm City Methodst Church with Rev. E. C. Neese officiating. Interment was in the family cemetery in Elm City.

FOOLISH SIGN

Just inside Virginia on route 301 between Weldon and Emporia there is a railroad crossing and signs which reads: "Slow down 5 miles per hour; Va. Law." The law of Virginia permits

50-mile speed up to the railroad crossing, then only five miles per hour, but the sign cannot be read by motorists until they are within few feet of the sign. Therefore even if the motorists are travel-ing at much less than the 50 miles limit permitted, they are unable to slow down to the five miles in time to abide. by the

Wish those who made signs had to abide by them, don't you?

#### **Kellett Assumes Duties** On Local Police Force; Succeeds T. L. Glosson

Harvey Kellett, 32, for the past five years a member of the Alexander Park police force of Norfolk, Va., has been added to the Roanoke Rapids police force, replacing Officer T. L. Glosson who resigned effective July 1 to return to his home in Burlington.

resigned effective July 1 to return to his home in Burlington. Kellett, who comes highly rec-ommended by his superiors and citizens of the area near the park, will move his wife and family to Roanoke Rapids as soon as a house becomes available.

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## President Congratulates Queen Elizabeth



## The first question was propounded, not by the chief, but by the young automobile operator and in full consisted of: "Who's going to pay for the damage to my automobile?" Is Killed In Auto Wreck

Inquest Verdict Of Accidental Death In Friday Night Mishap

A six-man coroner's jury, im The Rambler started something paneled by Coroner Rufus Britton with his Siamese Squash story of a couple of weeks back. This week of accidental death at an inquest

Teague testified that he had been called out to the junction of U. S. Highway 301 and North Carolina 125 about 11:20 p. m., the of U. S. Highway 301 and North Carolina 125 about 11:20 p. m., the night of July 4. Upon arriving at the scene of the accident (about three miles south of Halifax), he said he found a 1936 model Ford (about three miles south of property and property an sedan, standing upright and point-ed toward the northeast, contain-ing the body of a man later identified as Cobb.

public instruction.
In his remarks sized that "rathe the past it should

Both factions, however, will aggree (although in different tones of voice) that it was a quiet wife, the former Rose Lee Roberson of Robersonville; one son.
15-month-old I. R. Cobb, III, and
two sisters, Mrs. M. D. Coston
and Mrs. William J. Mountford,

## **Local Youth Arrested For** Hog Stealing

all of Roanoke Rapids.

Lefty Downing, 19, of Roanok Rapids, was arrested by local po-lice Tuesday night near Broad-nax, Va., on a charge of stealing four hogs belonging to his father four hogs belonging to his father.

Roger H. Downing, 106 Monroe Street.

square dance in the armory and

here when he waived extradition and his bond was set at \$1000.

school record. The elder Downing, in his com

and their combined value was about \$400.

Young Downing, who is married and hves in Roanoke Rapids, admitted taking the hogs, according to police, and said he sold them to E. B. Bowman, local grover for \$200.

Lion Ed Knott, immediate past president of the local civic club, congratulates Miss Elizabeth Beckwith, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. R. P. Beckwith, after she had been chosen Queen of the Semi-Centennial Celebration at the Coronation Ball in the Armory last Thursday night.

noon with a parade stretch-ing from the downtown to the uptown section of the city (one of the largest ever staged in Roanoke Rapids) the Lions Club-sponsored Semi-Centenni-al Celebration reached its climax at a gigantic square dance Friday night. Ben Williams, of Ahoskie, was announced as the grand prize winner. Al-though he was not present at the dance, Williams was pre-

sented with a certificate on Saturday entitling him to an

eight-day all-expense tour through New England and various sections of Canada. Spokesmen for the Lions pro ounced the celebration a success in the matter of publicity for the city and as commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the incorporation of Roanoke Rapids. Following the parade Wednes-

Erwin, who was introduced by priations Committee.
State Senator Julian Allsbrook, congratulated the city on its fiftieth birthday, stating that Roa-noke Rapids and Clyde Erwin were exactly the same age.

He declared that Roanoke Rap-

ids is insuring itself of future and congratulated city and county officials on their school

systems.

Wednesday night at a boxing and wrestling show in Simmons Park the 10 candidates for queen of the celebration were officially introduced to the public for the first time. The celebration continued Thurs-

day evening with a stage show in the high school auditorium, fol-lowed by the impressive coronaion ball in the armory. Shortly perfore the intermission at the coronation ball a committee of judges, made up of members of he various civic clubs, selected Miss Elizabeth Beckwith, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. R. P. Beckwith, queen of the festivities.

Friday night's activities consist ed of a hillbilly show in the high announcement of the grand prize

#### Firemen Called Out

Firemen were called out about noon Friday to a colored beauty

providing quarters for a bull are: protection from weather, exercise, and safety in handling.

Under most circumstanecs the

Opening Wednesday after-

### Ambulance Brings Unconscious Man Into Hospital

cicked up and brought into Roanoke Rapids Hospital by ambu-ance about 11 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Quite a large crowd had gath ered after the man's presence in a yard approximately 5 yards east of the Seaboard depot on the Weldon highway was discovered,

most of the persons believing the man to be dead. Police, who talked to the man's daughter, said he was subject to spells, and, evidently feeling that one was imminent, had tied up a mule he was driving and laid

#### **Buggs Island Fight Continues** In Senate

With W. Lunsford Long of Roanoke Rapids, scheduled to Roanoke In his remarks Chase emphasized that "rather than review the past it should be our purpose to instill in our young men the incentive to build in the future a greater Roanoke Rapids."

Figure 1. Rapids. Rapids Rap

group's hearing on the subject s not known exactly but hearings on general flood control will be

gin this week.

Long, owner of a tungsten mine in the reservoir area, opposes the growth and advancement by the project on the grounds that it has been the House lead- now may be excessive to

er in the fight to have appropriation allocated for continuation of

## Wilkinson Reunion

On July Fourth week-end a On July Fourth week-end a family reunion was held in the home of R. R. Wilkinson, 403 Monroe Street. Mr. Wilkinson was honored by the presence of all his children with the exception of two daughters, Mrs. Joseph D. Collins of Washington, D. C., and Collins of Washington, D. C., and Campaigns in 10 cities in the countries of the Collins of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. M. L. Bryant of Southport N. C. The eelebration was climaxed by a gala chicken fry on the back lawn Saturday afternoon and a Brunswick stew and bar-becue on Sunday afternoon. Those present were as follows: Miss Vera Wilkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Graham Camp and son, Cary

Miss Nesbit Wilkinson) Capt. and Mrs. Arnold Kohn of Washington, D. C. (the former Miss Helen Wilkinson of this city), Mr. and Mrs. William E. Wilkinson and son, Ronald Leroy, of New York; Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Wilkin-son of Rocky Mount, Miss Ruby son of Rocky Mount, Miss Ruby
A. Wilkinson, formerly of this
city, but now a travel counsellor for a travel bureau in New
York City, and Miss Maisle Burbage, granddauughter, of Washington, D. C. Numerous friends
and relatives called throughout
the week end to extend greetings to the entire family.

Skim milk contains much less Cream fat for butter making should contain 30 percent butter- fat. A gallon of such ceram will whele such contains appreciation for the fine cooperation for the fine coope

# **PEANUT FIGHT**

The following telegram was received this morning from Washington:
"Representative Bonner appeared today to have succeeded in throwing a monkey wrench into an Illinois Congressman's efforts to break the peanut market,
"Bonner found listed as introduced in the House a bill by Rep. Dirksen (R. Ill.) to allow the CCC to sell its peanut stocks at sub-market prices. This, Bonner said, was a move to help Chicago peanut candy manufacturers. He charged it would roll up a deficit in CCC peanut stabilization operations and result in a Republican howl in a year or two to abolish the peanut program.

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Chairman Wolcott (R. Mich.) of the House Banking and Currency Committee told Bonner hearings on the Dicksen bill were scheduled Friday. Bonner said he would demand full hearings for himself, other peanut belt congressmen and 10 or 15 peanut growers from the First district.

"Wolcott said he could not refuse full hearings to fellow members of congress and that if protracted hearings were necessary he would tell Dirksen that the bill couldn't be taken up at the current session of congress.

"From what the chairman told me," Bonner said, "I don't think the bill will come out."

## WCBT Gets Final Permit From FCC For \$60,000 **FM Station Building**

Radio Station WCBT, Mutual's station in Northeastern North Carolina, today announced plans for operation of a 10,000-watt frequency modulation broadcasting station, tentatively scheduled to go on the air about August 15. WCBT will spend an estimated \$60,000 to add the new station. It will give the station the leadership in Eastern North Carolina in "FM" broadcasting. When at full power, the station should cover Norfolk, Richmond and part of Raleigh.

The Federal Communications Commission has just granted the a control of the control of the

Commission has just granted the final construction permit to WCBT, Inc. Ground has been broken on East Tenth Street for a new transmitter building which will house the equipment for both stations. stations.

For the time being, the new ror the time being, the new radio station, which will operate under the call letters "WCBT-FM," will operate from the present dewntown studios of WCBT. Claude W. Meares will serve as chief engineer for both sta-tions and is supervising the ac-

An unconscious man, later identions, and is supervising the actified by police as R. B. Baughm of route 1, Roanoke Rapids, was new frequency modulation equipted ager; Jesse Helms is program distribution and installation of the ager; Jesse Helms is program distribution and many frequency modulation equipted and Miss Mamie Nash is

WCBT and WCBT-FM will op-erate with a staff of three full-time engineers, and with virtually

the same production staff.

As the new station begins operation, it will not seek commercial business, and possibly wi operate on a shorter schedul-than the 18-hour run WCBT nov

traffic manager. They will have similar authority with WCBT-FM S. E. Crew, president and gen-eral manager of WCBT, Inc., when that station takes the air

### Hotels Subject Of Discussion

Decision Postponed Pending Investigation Of Public Opinion

A new hotel for Roanoke Rapids was discussed at a meeting in the court room of the munici-pal building Monday afternoom when 15 prominent citizens of the city gathered to hear a talk by M. D. Hockenbury, manager of the Hockenbury System, Inc., of Harrisburg, Pa.

Hockenbury, who was brought here through the efforts of the Roanoke Rapids Junior Chamber of Commerce, explained how his firm had helped over 200 towns and cities in 45 states and prov-inces in the United States and Canada to build hotels since his tather founded the corporation in

Frank Neal, president of the Junior C. of C., acted as chairman of the meeting and introduced the Pennsylvania man, whose firm contracts to raise 60 per cent of building cost by local subscription.

Pointing out that although the cost of building materials right lower may be excessive to the point Rallimore Md. of being prohibitive, Hockenbury asserted that it would be a com-paratively easy matter to raise money at the present time and invest it until such time as the naterials come down to normal. Emphasizing that his corpora-

tion was not interested in

campaigns in 10 cities in the coun try since the war and have not failed to reach our assigned quota in a single instance. Five towns were in the South and the other five were scattered through-out the Northeast and North-west, he told the group.

"One thousand other cities in

the nation need hotels just as badly as does Roanoke Rapids the nation need hotels just as badly as does Roanoke Rapids and our files go back considerably farther on them than our 1939 papers on this city."

A short discussion, led by Neal, followed Hockenbury's talk and the group decided to take the remarks and proposition under advisement until a later date.

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Assement until a later date.

In the meantime, Neal told thos present he would discuss the mat-ter fully with the Junior Cham-ber of Commerce and report the

Farm flocks in the United State laid 6,146,000,000 eggs in May, according to a USDA announcement

results.

Always handle a bull in a firm

# No Developments In Safe Cracking

developments in the investigation of last week's two safe robberies were reported this week by the sheriff's de-partment or the Roanoke Rap-

ids police department.

Nash County was the scene
of two similar jobs this week.

Local officers said the work
seemed similar to that done here, but declined to say the cases were connected.

#### Halifax County **Court House** News

June 24
Frank Devine, colored, of Littleton township, was found guilty of ssault and given eight months on assault and given eight months on the roads, to be suspended upon condition the defendant does not visit Halifax or Warren Counties' for a period of two years. Columbus Day, colored, of Scot-land Neck, plead guilty to in-decent exposure and was fined

driving while under the influence intoxicating beverages and was ed \$75 and costs. His license as revoked for 12 months.
Robert Ashford, white, of Scotnd Neck, was fined \$10 and ests for driving without an op

Portsmouth, was fined \$15 and That market meant \$200 per osts for speeding.

Johnnie Gary, colored, of Weldon, plead guilty to larceny and

was given five months on the Willie Edwards, colored, of Wel-

ehavior for two years. hehavior for two years.

Henry Silver, colored, of Essex, plead guilty to driving with improper brakes and lights and was

roper brakes and costs. ined \$15 and costs. White, colored, Clarence White, colored, mithfield, was found guilty peeding and judgment suspend

ed upon payment of the costs.

Everette L. Doffermyre, white,
of Dunn, was fined \$15 and costs
for speeding.

July 1

George R. Whitfield, colored, of Greenville, plead guilty to speed-ing and was fined \$10 and costs. Elie Smith, colored, of Hobgood, lead guilty to assault with a leadly weapon and was fined \$35

ceally weapon and was fined \$35 and costs.

Bernard Hux, white, plead guilty to assault on a female and assault. Prayer for judgment continued upon payment of the costs and on condition he remain of good behavior for two years during which period he shall refrain (Continued on page 4—Sect. 4)

# Law Enforcement In Halifax County Gets Streamlining

## Graduate

Nick Long, son of the late Dr. and Mrs. T. W. M. Long, graduated recently with a B. S. degree in Commerce from

the University of North Caro-lina. He plans to continue his studies by taking a two-year law course at the University.

Window Display Prizes

Window Display Frizes
Awarded by Merchants
First prize of \$25 for the
best decorated window display
during the Semi-Centennial
Celebration was awarded to
Fannye's in downtown Roanoke Rapids, it was announced
today by Mrs. Elva Martin,
secretary of the Merchant's
Association.
Winner of the second prize

Winner of the second prize of \$10, given by the Trade Promotion Committee of the

group, was Leggett's Depart-

INVITED TO SERVICES

# To Improve **Old Method**

Police Radio

House. Davis Issue Advice on Summoning Peace Officer Aid

Advice on methods of summon ing law enforcement officers was tendered citizens of Halifax County this week in a joint state-ment issued by Sheriff Harry House and Roanoke Rapids Chief of Police T. J. Davis. "With the installation of new

radio equipment completed, Ros-noke Rapids police headquarters now becomes the headquarters for aw enforcement in Halifax Coun-

ty," House said.
"In the event a citizen in any section of the county—whether in Enfield, Halifax, Weldon, Scotland Neck or no matter where-needs the help of the sheriff or nis deputies and is unable to contact them he should phone R-356 in Roanoke Rapids (the poice department) and Chief Davis and his men will relay the re-quest to all cars over the radio

"Since the sheriff's office is

"Since the sheriff's office is closed at night, this will speed the arrival of officers at the scene of a crime or other emergency," House concluded.

Davis pointed out that the new equipment ties in with the 10 patrol cars of the county and into the State Highway Patrol net, As a result all countries are loaded. a result, all county cars, loaded with police from other communi-ties, could be in any spot within 22 or 30 minutes and well over 100 officers could be there within

wo hours.
"We have someone on duty in our headquarters 24 hours a day." he local chief declared, "and we will gladly pass on any phone call, either directly to the sheriff at his residence, or to which-

INVITED TO SERVICES

Pough's Memorial Christian
Church invites the public to attend the Sunday afternor, services. From 2 until 2:30, so services and announcements. From 2:30 until 3, Sunday school, followed by preaching by Rev. John J. Langston. New fans have been installed in the church which adds greatly to the comfort of the worship hour.

at his residence, or to which ever of the country cars happens to be in the vicinity from where the call is placed. This arrangement is typical of the close cooperation which exists among all branches of the law enforcement agencies in Halifax. Country: the type of cooperation installed in the church which adds greatly to the comfort of the worship hour.

## **Two Million At Stake** For Halifax Growers In Saturday Election

\$6,100,000 Worth of Tobacco Grown Here During 1946; 40% of Which Was Exported

Halifax County growers have a \$2,440,000 stake in the flue-cured tobacco referendum Saturday, July

This is the amount they re ceived for their tobacco that was exported in 1946 and represents 40 per cent of the \$6,100,000 Halifax growers received for their

B. B. Everett, Palmyra, Coun

ty Farm Bureau president, today urged all flue-cured farmers to get out and vote Saturday, as he disclosed these important facts. '40 cents out of every dollar to-bacco brings to growers must come from sales to other coun-tries. The referendum will deter-

mine whether the farmers ar willing to assess themselves 10 cents per acre—or about 45 cents per year for the average pro ducer during the next three years or almost \$1,000 to ev cured grower last year."

Everett revealed that the 2,034 Hahfax County farms produced 11,600,000 pounds of flue-cured to bacco from 10,086 acres last year.
"If two-thirds of the farmers voting in the referendum Saturcon, plead guilty to receiving stolen property and drew six voting in the referendum Saturmonths on the roads, suspended day approve the assessment, upon payment of the costs and fine of \$25 and costs and good a fine of \$25 and costs and good program for protection and expenses the said of the farmers with two-thirds of the farmers would be a support of the farmers and the same of the farmers with two-thirds with two-thirds with two-thirds with two-thirds with two-thirds with two-thirds with program for protection and ex-pansion of foreign trade in fluecured tobacco will be stepped up mmediately. Tobacco Associates, a edminister the program, is al-ready operating, with the full co-

> the program is endorsed by bank-ers, warehousemen and all other businessmen. JONES WITH EIGHTH ARMY

Everett emphasized that the se

**Building Box Score** 

Total this week: \$ 3,500

Total this year: \$421,050

Only one permit was issued during the first ten days of July by the city building inspector. It was the slowest week in the past three months. Roy Savage was given a permit to build a one story brick residence with four recover and residence with four rooms and bath on Clinton Street at an estimated cost of \$3,500.

### Legion Juniors Close Card **Here Friday**

Coach Cranford Hoyle's American Legion Juniors will wind up their regular season schedule here Friday night by entertaining a vastly improved Elizabeth City

In the last two battles between these clubs Elizabeth City took the first one by a 17-7 score, but lost the final issue by an embarrassing 25-4 count.

It is highly expected that Hoyle

will use Troy Hasty or William Wheeler on the mound. Both hold wins over the Elizabeth City club. Pacing the Elizabeth City nine is Ray Ward, a shortstop, who has been batting over .500 all season and is gunning for the league batting title. Ward was held hit-

less in his last appearance here, so he will be out to redeem him-self for a poor showing. The area playoffs are scheduled the Grange, the State College Ex-tension Service and tobacco alhed interests."

The two top clubs in each league Everett emphasized that the se-

curity of a healthy foreign mar-ket is vital to everyone living in the flue-cured belt and added that the procured belt and added that the procured belt and added that the batting race last week. Lowarea honors. der is hitting at an even ... clip and Hasty lifted his avers to a .417 figure. In the previo Elizabeth City battles Hasty of

With the Eighth Army at Nagal, Japan — Private First Class Oble J. Jones, son of Mr. Roland Jones, Roanoke Rapids, N. C., is now serving with the First Cavalry Division, which is on occupation duty in the ten prefectures of the Tokyo-Yokohama area.