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**Editorials--**

**The Aurelian Springs-Roanoke Rapids Paving Project.**

Of great importance to long and short distance transportation is the forthcoming paving of the Aurelian Springs road to this City.

For long distance transportation it will cut distance and time between Roanoke Rapids and Norfolk. Long distance buses and trucks will make substantial savings with the completion of this project.

Locally it means much, too. Farmers hauling lumber and other products to this city will be taken out of the mud and put on pleasant hard surface.

Trade, too, comes with paved highways.

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**How does it happen that the smaller a boy is the more hot dogs he can hold?**

**Paving Brings Progress.**

Go to the hinterlands, up and down narrow dirt roads, and there you will find the most backward conditions. There will be found the highest percentage of poor homes, inadequate farm equipment, the lowest average of knowledge and the least of progress.

Quantities of refrigerators don't travel the poor country roads; neither do efficient pieces of farm machinery. Persons who must encounter rough travelling conditions don't attend many farm educational meetings; they don't see many instructive fairs; they don't often come to the city to see shows, nor to buy fashion's new clothes.

Build highways and with them will flow modern ways of life, for knowledge of what others are doing and how they do it travels fast on paved highways.

They bring education, business, productivity — progress!

**Tenth Street.**

A much needed thoroughfare will be opened when the present paving effort on East Tenth street is completed.

A paved East Tenth street will provide an improved and safer road between this city and points towards Weldon and east and south. The only traffic outlet today is by way of Roanoke Junction, where highways 47 and 158 converge and where traffic is stalled daily because of the considerable freight car switching which takes place there.

Tenth street's paving also opens the way to considerable commercial possibilities. There are a number of business establishments on the street now, but its enlarged commercial potentialities lie in the future particularly after paving is also extended on West Tenth street to Route 158.

**Wilson Will Be Scene of Annual Cage Tournament**

Wilson—They'll be "a feudin' and a fightin'" in all ages between 14 and 60 this year at the annual National Family Basketball Tournament to be held again at Atlantic Christian College gymnasium on December 26, 27, 29, 30.

side in the cloak room when the family teams take to the basketball court at the college to play in the annual feud of the McCoy's and the Hatfields, and the Hartleys and the Conrads during the week between Christmas and New Years.

Each team is made up from an immediate family and each team is a family in its own right. Brothers, sisters, mothers, and fathers can play on the same team. There is no age limit and no sex restrictions. It's all more or less clean fun and play-

ed by regular basketball rules. So far three states have entries in the event. Ohio, Virginia and North Carolina will all have teams entered and others have asked for entry blanks. The Roberts boys from Akron, Ohio will be the ones furthest away this year.

Edgar Hartley, Sr., director of the High Point YMCA is probably the oldest player this year. He's the "pop" of the Hartley boys and is 60 years old. Dickie Moore, of Wilson, is 14. He is probably the youngest player again this year. He plays on a team which is composed of his teen-age sister, his pretty mother and his father. They were the hits of the tourney last year and darlings of the newsmen from all over the country.

There are plenty of "brother" teams in the crowd. The Smiths of Micro, play father, mother, two sisters and four brothers. The Loftis brothers of Durham, champs of the meet for the past few years have not yet entered this year but may do so soon. One new team this year is composed of the Gay family of Saratoga, N. C. It is composed of two sisters and five brothers. Then come the Conrad brothers who hail from Thomasville, all brothers who can really play basketball.

**RAMBLINGS**

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ment of the birth of a lovely girl, which, in part, stated, "Flash! Our Christmas Carol just arrived." We are thinking: what a pretty name is Carol for

a precious Christmas arrival.  
**Don't Believe It.**  
The other day a girl said, "The best book ever written for marriage is the check book."  
**About Parking Meters**  
Two merchants on separate occasions yesterday told us their opinions of the proposed parking meters.  
Said the first, "Parking meters will keep customers' cars off the street and ruin business. Farmers will drive five miles to avoid a 5 cent charge for parking their cars on free streets."  
Said the second, "Parking meters will keep merchants cars off the street and make room for customers. Farmers will no more mind a 5 cent charge for parking to buy merchandise they want any more than they mind standing in line at a theatre window for the picture they want to see."

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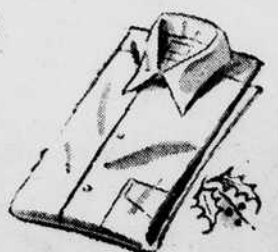


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