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A Prime Need

The letter to the editor from Steve Thompson of Roanoke Rapids in Tuesday's issue of the Herald pointed out, once again, a prime need in Roanoke Rapids.

Thompson said: "I think it's high time something was done toward getting a hotel for Roanoke Rapids."

In that we heartily concur. There apparently have been some others here in Roanoke Rapids, who are of the same opinion as Mr. Thompson.

Last July, the Junior Chamber of Commerce brought a representative of a national hotel chain here to discuss the means of raising the funds necessary for the building of the hotel.

But that, apparently, was as far as the move went. There was no one to put the movement to a concerted effort.

Businessmen who come to our city have difficulty in finding places to stay. On several occasions recently the available rooms for overnight use in the city were "sold out."

Many traveling men and do doubt many tourists come to Roanoke Rapids and pass right on through the city without staying overnight, because there is no hotel.

Yes, Mr. Thompson, we heartily agree with your idea and not only say it is high time, but it is past time that something be done toward getting a hotel for Roanoke Rapids.

It would be a good project for the Merchants Association and the Junior Chamber of Commerce to discuss and plan.

The Battling Jays

Their heads are bloody but unbowed. They're near the bottom in the Coastal Plain League, but one thing that can and must be said about the Roanoke Rapids Jays is that they are a valiant and scrapping band of baseball players.

We wouldn't venture a guess as to why the Jays are in seventh in the League, but right here and now we say that we appreciate the spirit of the local club.

The Jays may not win all of their ball games but one thing is sure and that is that they are and we hope will continue to give the fans more than the price of the admission at Simmons Park.

The Jays aren't too far from being out of the first division and it maybe that before the week is out they'll have climbed to a higher rung.

The fact that baseball fans in Roanoke Rapids continue to support the Jays is a good omen and one that we like to see. It is an omen of sportsmanship and community spirit, as well as an overwhelming desire to see sports activities. We hope it continues and splashes over into other endeavors.

We say thanks to Manager Stu Martin, President L. D. Hines and other officials of the Jays for the very fact that we have a baseball team here and we hope that better days are to come soon for the Jays.

Politics, Not People

In the beginning of the political campaign which is beginning to attract the attention of practically every American citizen, it is just as well to stop long enough to reflect upon the fact that most Americans are pretty good people.

In the heat of partisan combat and in the effort to win elections, it is human nature for people at times to say things that reflect heat rather than light. Rabid partisanship is apt to produce biased comment, which in most cases, reflects more upon the maker than upon the target.

In urging Americans to maintain their mental equilibrium, despite the efforts of paid professionals and political propagandists, we suggest that the issues which seem so vital, in the heat of a campaign, fade into relative insignificance with the passing of the years.

New titles for non-commissioned grades in the Air Force are apparently designed to mark the independence of the Air Force under unification.—Minneapolis Star.

Apple Of Discord



Checkup On Ladders Urged By W. O. Davis

"You may be heading for a fall unless you check your climbing equipment and practices used around the farmstead and in the farm home," that's what W. O. Davis, Halifax county agent for the State College Extension Service, said today in stressing the importance of avoiding falls by keeping ladders and step stools in good repair and climbing them properly.

"Inspect ladders frequently for rusted or loose bolts and nails, cracked, rotted or loose rungs or supports," he said. "Make repairs immediately or get a new ladder. That's cheaper than having an accident."

Davis points to the suggestions for the safe use of ladders given by the National Safety Council. They are: Firmly set the base of the ladder one-fourth of the ladder's height from the wall. Face the ladder when climbing and use both hands. Avoid leaning too far out on the ladder—climb down and move the ladder instead. Clean mud or grease from your hands and shoes before climbing. Use a rope hoist to raise sharp tools, heavy objects, or bulk materials. Open stepladders fully and place all four legs on solid ground before climbing.

Falls are the principal cause of injury in the farm home, the agent points out. He warns against standing on chairs, stools, boxes, tables or makeshift devices not intended for that purpose. Severe injury and death have often resulted from falls at low levels. A safe step stool for the farm home is the simple solution to this problem.

The National Safety Council suggests that step stools be checked for the following safety factors. Is the top sufficiently broad for comfortable standing? Is each step light enough to stand the bounce? Are steps topped with a non-skid surface? Is stool securely built of sound materials? Does the base lie so that your weight may be shifted on the top without tipping the stool? Is it in good repair?

Tobacco Workers Urged To Check Security Numbers

Every person who is planning to work in a tobacco warehouse or tobacco factory this season should check now to see if he has his social security account number card. This is important because every employee must show his social security card to his employer when he starts work according to a statement made today by M. H. Barney, manager of the Social Security Administration Field Office, located in the Post Office Building, Rocky Mount, N. C.

If a man or woman has never had a social security number and intends to work this tobacco season, he may obtain an original social security account number card by filling out an application blank and mailing it to the Social Security Administration, Rocky Mount, N. C. These application blanks may be obtained from the local Post Office, Employment Service Office or from the field office of the Social Security Administration.

If a worker finds that he has lost his social security card, he should apply immediately for a duplicate card. A duplicate card is also obtained by filing out an application blank and sending it to the Rocky Mount office. Every person who gets work in a tobacco warehouse or tobacco factory should have a social security card. A social security card Mr. Barney said, "immediately establishes an insurance account with the United States Government and opens the door to eventual benefits under the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance system."

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Little Tales

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I have attended many sessions of court, mostly recorder's and J. P.'s. Now don't get the wrong impression, please! I was always there looking for news, honest I was.

Some of the judges that preside over these small courts have a high sense of humor, and when cases are heard by them a "lecture" invariably follows. And then the sentence.

Judge Swartz, a portly man, who held the job of recorder in Savannah, Ga., for over 20 years, was one of the kind of judges who really attracted attention and spectators to his court. It was better than attending any vaudeville show anywhere.

One morning I sauntered in and took a seat up near the front to see what I could see and hear what I could hear.

In a booming voice the solicitor called "State versus Mamie Williams, charged with assault with a deadly weapon. Guilty or not guilty?"

"Not guilty," said Mamie, a young negro woman. "Come up here, Mamie," ordered Judge Swartz. "Got you charged with stabbing Tom Johnson with an ice pick. What about it?"

"Naw, suh, jedge, naw suh I ain't stabbed dat man wid no ice pick."

"How about it, Tom?" asked Swartz. To which the negro man replied:

"It was like dis, jedge: I went to dis woman's house, like I been doin' and we had a drink er gin. She got mad wid me and grabbed de ice pick and stuck me three times fore I cud git away."

"Now what do you say, Mamie?" queried the judge.

"Jedge dat ain't de way it wuz. It wuz like dis. Dat nigger come to my house and we took a drink and started playin'. I run outta one room and grabbed de ice pick to git me some ice and he caught me. We tussled, jist playin' and we fell on de floor and dis here

New Owners Of Chicken Ranch Plan Expansion

The Roanoke Chicken Ranch formerly operated by J. M. Seaver has been taken over by Henry C. Cashwell and Carson J. Joyner who will operate under the firm name of Carson & Joyner.

The new partners are making extensive alterations and improvements and planning for mass production.

E. B. Coggin, of Warrenton, who intended to operate this plant abandoned his plans because of poor health.

It is poor economy to save space in the milking barn by cutting down on the width of litter alleys and feed alleys. This barn is the dairy farmers workshop. Plenty of space adds to convenience and is a more pleasant place in which to work.

"What about it, fellow," asked Swartz. "Guilty or not guilty?" "Guilty," said the defendant. The judge looked over his eyeglasses and said: "I'm gonna fine you ten dollars . . ."

To which the man quickly replied: "Yes, sir; yes, sir. Got it right here in my left vest pocket."

Swartz quietly looked at him, and followed: "Feel in your right-hand vest pocket and see if you can find 60 days in jail to go along with it. Next case."

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