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GRANTHAM WANTS JUSTICE

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RAISE CO. TAX RATE

UP AND DOWN The Avenue WITH THE Editor

Newspaper editors are asked many questions from day to day and they may become too cynical in their answers after so long a time has passed. Such as one friend of ours whose mail was filled with queries of all sorts. One reader asked him, "Is it unlucky to postpone a wedding?" To which our friend replied, "Not if you keep on postponing it."

The Hertford County Herald, Thad Eure's home-county paper, attributes Thad's phenomenal comeback in the second primary for Secretary of State to a bug whispered in his ear by the Parker Brothers. They advised Thad to save his radio expense and other campaign expense and to spend all his money in the second campaign advertising in the weekly newspapers of the State. This he did and we believe along with the Parker boys that it was an important factor in his victory. No form of advertising is less expensive and more effective than that in the weekly newspaper.

According to Tommy Jenkins Sr., who gets about the city about as much as the next one, there is a real building and repair boom going on in Roanoke Rapids. Just to mention a few he saw today: Jimmy Davis is building a 2 story brick residence in the 900 block on Hamilton; William White is fixing two apartments in the same section; Wiley Warren is building a new frame dwelling in the S. E. division; Bob Shell is painting and repairing his several houses. We hope soon to list all the new homes which have been built in Roanoke Rapids in the past two years. It will be a

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VEPCO LINES REACH AURELIAN SPRINGS

The middle of next week will see the completion of the power lines from Roanoke Rapids to Aurelian Springs and it is hoped now that Aurelian Springs High School and thirty-four stores and homes between here and there will be lighted with electricity next Wednesday night.

The line is over 13 miles long and it was hoped to have more regular customers than those who actually signed contracts and have had their places wired. However,

reports are that a dozen others will sign up within the next few weeks. The Virginia Electric & Power Co. plans to start work at once on another Rural Electrification project to Thelma as soon as the rights of way are cleared up.

Today saw the near completion of still another project when the company finished setting poles in the town of Gumberry, a rural line running from Seaboard with 23 customers signed up on the six mile line.

POSTMASTER



PERRY C. MILLIKIN

who was last week appointed Postmaster at Halifax, taking over the duties of his new office Saturday afternoon. Mr. Millikin is a popular merchant of Halifax, being a partner in the Halifax Mercantile Co. with Swayne S. Norman. His appointment, coming thru Congressman John H. Kerr, will meet with the approval of Mr. Millikin's many friends in Halifax County. In the last primaries, he was a candidate for the House of Representatives, losing in the county but carrying his home precinct of Halifax by overwhelming majorities. He is the son of Magistrate D. J. Millikin, prominent farmer of Halifax.

OFFICES ROBBED IN CITY

Several Hundred Dollars Stolen Here Friday and Saturday

Two robberies here Friday and Saturday nights have police and insurance inspectors baffled as they seek clues, few of which were left by the thieves. A steel cabinet in the office of The Citizens Realty Insurance Co. office was looted of all cash on hand in the more

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PRECAUTION

The police department asks all business men to keep a light burning in their offices all night and again warns about locking doors and windows securely and barring same in places where are things of value. Any time there is need for extra precaution, business men should notify the Chief of Police as to the particular time when extra watching is needed.

ADVANCED



R. H. EBERLY,
Freight Traffic Manager,
Rate Department,
Seaboard Air Line Railway,
Norfolk, Virginia.

Mr. Eberly, after 37 years service with the Seaboard, has been advanced to the position of Freight Traffic Manager with headquarters in Norfolk. Mr. Eberly has visited Roanoke Rapids many times on business for the railroad.

Woolworth Considers Store Here

It has been confirmed that the checking of various sites in Roanoke Rapids was done by Woolworth's, one of the nation's largest Five and Tens, and that company is seriously considering a store here.

They have decided on the corner

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INCREASE TAX RATE 10 CENTS

90 Cents Per Hundred
On County Property
For 1936-37

Taxes on all Halifax County property will be higher in 1936-37 by ten cents on the hundred dollars, the rate having been raised from 80 cents to 90 cents, according to the budget estimate submitted to the County Board of Commissioners by C. S. Vinson, County Accountant.

With the estimated valuation of the county remaining at 30 million dollars, a total of \$357,593.89 will be needed to run the county this next fiscal year.

\$87,593.89 will be derived from the State and other outside sources leaving \$270,000 in taxes to be raised from Halifax County property.

The 90 cent levy is made up as follows: General fund 15 cents, the same as last year; County Home and Outside Poor 5 cents, same as

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LION HEAD



EDWIN R. KINGSLEY

of Parkersburg, W. Va., elected International President of Lions at the convention in Providence this week. Lions showed a net gain of 10,000 members during the year, including the newly organized Lions Club of Roanoke Rapids.