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# COLLECTION SYSTEM AILED IN CITY COURT

ROOSEVELT AGAINST THE FIELD IN 1936 ELECTION



Roosevelt . . . D.



Borah . . . R.



Landon . . . R.



Knox . . . R.



Hoover . . . R.

## SUSPEND OFFICER IN FRAY

New System Now Used  
Eliminates Such  
Occurrences

The old system of letting police officers collect delinquent fines and costs on the installment plan and settle up every once in a while got a good airing in City Police Court Monday, when it resulted in a dispute between an officer and a lawyer, an affray and the suspension of the policeman.

There was a dispute between Policeman C. L. Massey and Attorney J. Winfield Crewe Jr. relative to the unpaid balance of a bond collected by Massey from one Halleck Newell, colored, a client of Mr. Crewe. The amount involved was a little over six dollars.

The officer says he paid the money to Mr. Crewe some time ago. Mr. Crewe said he had not. This difference of opinion resulted in an affray when the two men met Monday morning at Roanoke Junction.

Both were cited to court and convicted of an affray, paying a fine of \$5 and costs each.

Mr. Crewe was represented by Attorney George C. Green of Weldon who brought out in cross examination the failure of Officer Massey to promptly account for certain fines and costs which he had collected under the old system, which was discarded this Summer.

Officer Massey was suspended from police duty until final consideration of the matter by the City Board of Commissioners at a meeting called for next Tuesday afternoon.

Under the present system of collections installed by Chief of Police Early this Summer, all fines and costs are paid into the City Clerk's office, with the police no longer responsible for this work. The above matter in dispute was on an account happening before the installation of the new system of collections.

Due to his long period of service without trouble in the past, several citizens are asking that the officer be reinstated this time.

## UP AND DOWN WITH THE The Avenue Editor

JAILER George Hux, in charge of the bastille at Halifax, reports tonight a record in jail attendance. There are only two persons tonight in the Halifax County jail, smallest number in the eleven years that Mr. Hux has been jailer. There is not a white man in jail. And the two Negroes are not there on whiskey charges.

SPEAKING of hogs, Jim Shell of Franklin Street, killed one of the heaviest hogs that has been killed in this city or probably in the county Tuesday. The hog weighed 600 lbs.

FINEST Christmas display in this section of the country again will probably be that of A. Mickle on Washington Street near Patterson Mills Co. Mr. Mickle has added to his set of last year, showing the Birth of Christ with life-size figures. There are now more than a dozen figures and animals in the scene. The lights are on each night until 10 p.m. and visitors are welcome.

PRESIDENT of the Young Democratic Clubs of North Carolina Mrs. Bessie B. Phoenix of Raleigh was a visitor in Weldon last night, called up the editor, who is on the State Executive committee, reminded him of the Jackson Day dinner which is to be held in each county on the night of Jan. 8th, when President Roosevelt will address via radio the 2,500 Young Democratic Clubs in the U. S. Plans being made here call for the Young Democrats to hold their Dinner at Halifax on that night, tune in on the President at 10 p.m. E.S.T. to hear the real opening of the 1936 national campaign.

INITIATED into the Kiwanis Club tonight were Bill Wolhar, Clyde Liske and Kinsley McWhorter, the latter transferring membership from the Petersburg, Va. club. Voted into membership was T. J. Alford, business manager of the Roanoke Rapids Hospital. Christmas contributions made by the club: to the Boys Training School at Rocky Mount for Halifax County boys, to the Christmas Tree at the Halifax County Sanitorium, to a needy student from here attending college.

163-524 is the license number of a car whose driver, a lady, will receive a free pass to either of the Roanoke Rapids theatres if she will call at The Herald office. 163-524 is a driver who is always careful holds out her hand with the proper signals on making all turns. Safety Sam says, "It pays to drive carefully at all times."

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## PROMISE WPA CHECKS; CHARITY FUND DRAINED

WPA checks to over one hundred persons in Roanoke Rapids should arrive here the last of the week, according to a report given by WPA officials to the local Associated Charities this afternoon.

There has been a long delay all over the State in receipt of WPA payroll checks and disturbances on the part of workers in some sections of the State.

In Roanoke Rapids, the calls on Associated Charities by some of the families who have not received their checks have drained the treasury until most of the cash raised in the recent drive has been spent to care for this emergency.

The Associated Charities drive here this year resulted in only half as much money being raised and pledged as in past years. This was due partly to the confusion of citizens on what the Federal government was going to do about relief. Now all relief has been stopped by the government and unless more money is raised by Associated Charities, that organization is going to be helpless after the first of the year.

It has managed to spread its funds over the year, but with half rations and the present WPA emergency which had to be taken care of, another drive after the first of the year seems necessary to carry on local relief work.

## PRIZES FOR BEST DECORATED HOMES

For the best lighted and decorated yards and homes between now and Christmas, prizes will be given by a special committee which will travel over Roanoke Rapids on Christmas Eve or a few nights earlier looking for attractively decorated homes and yards.

There will be five prizes, all electric toasters, for the five most attractive places in different sections of the city. The prizes will be delivered on Christmas Eve to the winners.

There will be a prize for the best decorated house in each of the three villages: Roanoke, Patterson and Rosemary. And there

will be a prize for the best decorated house and yard in the South Ward and a prize for the best in the North Ward, outside of the villages.

Mr. and Mrs. Mickle, who won the grand prize last year with their wonderful Christmas Scene which is now on display again, have asked that their home be not entered this year as they won last. The committee will ask Mr. Mickle to act as chairman of the judging committee this year.

The contest is being sponsored by the Kiwanis Club, the Virginia Electric & Power Co. and the electrical dealers of Roanoke Rapids.