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NRA CLUB Organized For City

EXPECT RECORD SCHOOL ENROLLMENT THIS YEAR

SECOND MEETING IS HELD

Discuss Plans For House-to-House Canvass In Blue Eagle Drive

Committee Meets

Following receipt of additional information from headquarters of the National Recovery Administration in Washington, D. C., temporary chairman Curtis C. Shell did some quick work in hurriedly calling together a meeting of the committee appointed to help him work out plans this afternoon, and according to word from Mr. Shell, the NRA Club of Roanoke Rapids is rapidly taking form, and bids fair to be one of the most important organizations in the city in the next few weeks.

At Tuesday's meeting, details were lacking, and members were at a loss to know just how to proceed, however, after additional information came from Washington, including organization plans on quite an elaborate scale, everything is being rushed to appoint permanent officers. Doubtless a mass meeting of citizens and supporters will be called for next week after which an intensive drive will be launched for support of the Blue Eagle and the principles of the NRA.

Organization plans, approved by national headquarters in Washington, call for the appointment of a "General" whose task it will be to direct the campaign. Two prominent Roanoke Rapids business men have been named tentatively for this post, and doubtless one will accept the nomination, though it means much responsibility and calls for great leadership.

Under the "General" a Lieutenant General will be appointed. This member will be a lady, according to plans of the committee. There will be three other important posts, composed of workers in charge of publicity, man-power, and education of workers for the campaign.

Roanoke Rapids and her business men are behind President Roosevelt and his admirable NRA campaign 100%, and they mean to take steps to insure the drive going over in the city.

First Meeting Of NRA Club Is Held Tuesday Afternoon

In response to a request by the National Recovery Administration, a meeting of city business men and civic leaders was called by

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UP AND DOWN The Avenue WITH THE EDITOR

Considerable emphasis should, and will be placed, on the "Blue Eagle" in Roanoke Rapids within the next few weeks, following preliminary steps for the organization of a NRA club here Tuesday and today.

City business institutions displaying the Noble bird that the "greatest minds" look upon as being the emblem that will stamp out depression, and who live up to the code 100%, are doing so at some little personal sacrifice to their business. They should have the whole-hearted support of the community, and of course will, when it is brought to the attention of the shopper that they are the ones who are "doing their part."

To the textile industry goes the laurel of being the first to perfect their code. It is impossible to conceive of textile workers, with swelled pay checks, who control the purse strings of Roanoke Rapids, not being patriotic to the cause.

It has only to be pointed out to them, as to the others, that the Blue Eagle is responsible for their increased prosperity, and that they owe it to their country to patronize merchants who are making increased prosperity for others. This will be done by house-to-house canvass, and other methods. We recall the "minute men" in churches, in theatres, and all public places during the memorable Liberty Loan drives. Coming at this time, the NRA drive is equal in importance.

J. B. Hunt, field engineer for the Portland Cement Association, with headquarters in Raleigh, was in the city Thursday afternoon in the interest of getting a hard-surfaced highway on the Littleton-Roanoke Rapids highway. It is understood that Tuesday night's storm did considerable damage to this road, washing away the gravel that was put on there recently by highway workers.

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SCHOOL STARTS SEPT. 11

State Rules Children Not 6 Years Old Before Nov. 15 Cannot Enter

EXPECT RECORD

The 1933 Fall School term begins Monday morning, September 11th, with registration of High School and Junior High School students on September 6th and 7th, and according to word coming from C. W. Davis, City Superintendent, the end of the year will see 3,000 students enrolled.

Registration at the end of the school years last Spring was around 2700. It is conservatively estimated that at least 2800 will enroll at the start of this year, and that that record will steadily climb to an all-time high of 3,000 students for city schools, by the end of the semester.

An important change, affecting children below the age of six-years, has been handed down by the state school commission, in that children not reaching the age of six before November 15th of the school year will not be allowed to enter and attend school that year.

This is a state ruling, and is somewhat contrary to former practices in Roanoke Rapids. It has been the policy of the city schools to enroll children at the beginning of the term who would reach the age of six before January 1st. However, parents that the new rule affects should take cognizance of the fact, in order to avoid later disappointment.

In comment on the new ruling, Mr. Davis remarked: "We realize a number of parents are going to be disappointed by not being able to start their children to school this year. However, the ruling comes from Raleigh, and the local school board is not the proper place to carry the complaint."

Registration for Senior High School pupils will be held at the auditorium at 3 o'clock, September 6th, while Junior High School students are requested to enroll the following day, September 7th, at 2 o'clock, and Monday, September 11th, "Roanoke Rapids goes back to school!"

Florida Peach



Above is Miss Minnie Belle Murray, photographed with a basket of fruit from her own state. Miss Murray is the recent winner of the title "Miss Florida" and was selected from an entry of beauties from all over the state.

FITTS NEW PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Appointment Comes At Joint Meeting Of City Dads And Sanitary Board

LAST FRIDAY

Add to the long list of "official titles" of Henry Fitts, versatile Roanoke Rapids city electric inspector, official United States Agriculture Department "beetle bug catcher" and baseball enthusiast, that of plumbing inspector for the city, for that new title was bestowed upon him at a joint meeting of the Roanoke Rapids Sanitary District Board, and the City Council, in special meeting last Friday night.

The appointment of Mr. Fitts becomes effective at once, and all plumbing work to be done within the city limit must have a permit.

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MYRICK FUNERAL SUNDAY

R. G. Myrick, City Contractor, Dies At Residence Here Wednesday Night

BURIAL AT MACON

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, August 27th, for Richard G. Myrick, 41-year-old Roanoke Rapids contractor, who died at his home in Hornertown, city suburb, Wednesday at 7:10 P. M., after an illness of one-week.

Mr. Myrick was well-known in Roanoke Rapids, having lived here for over twenty years. He is survived by his wife, five children, and many relatives here by the name of Myrick. He made a multitude of friends during his lifetime, and business career here. He was a building contractor.

Funeral services will be conducted by Rev. J. E. Kirk, of the Baptist Church, from the residence. Interment will follow in the Macon Cemetery, at Macon, N. C.

Besides his wife, Mrs. Eva Myrick, he leaves five children, Wylene, Francis, J. B. David, and Elizabeth Virginia Myrick.

Bob Myrick, Russel and Walter Myrick, and Mrs. J. M. Dill, all of Roanoke Rapids, are cousins of the dead man.

Grand Jury Gives List Of Guardians Who Are At Fault

The Halifax County Grand Jury, which completed its report last week, says that it has made a thorough investigation of all guardians of infant children in the county, and their complete report showing guardians who either have insufficient bonds, or who have not renewed their bonds in three years, or who have otherwise violated the laws governing their operations, will be found inside.

Judge Parker, in his stirring charge to the Grand Jury, the first he had ever charged in Halifax County since his appointment as Superior Court Judge, instructed the body of men particularly on the point of investigating guardianships.