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MATTHEWS CAUGHT

Fugitive Lawyer Found In Hawaii

NEARLY 5,000 NRA CONSUMERS IN CITY SIGN

Roanoke Rapids went over the top in splendid style in the drive for NRA Consumers with an actual total of 4,827 signing the agreement to trade with NRA stores and buy NRA products.

With the goal set at 4,000 for the city, the army of 200 workers visited every home in the city, Belmont and South Rosemary to get 827 more signatures than anticipated.

A few special teams are working other outside sections near Roanoke Rapids in order to reach the 5,000 mark. Colonel Steve Lipscomb, in charge of the drive, has been congratulated on his report by Raleigh and Washington NRA headquarters.

Every store in the city and every industry is flying the Blue Eagle, having signed up the Employers agreement with the President.

Team workers met last Thursday night to report and every team made a 100 per cent report.

In addition to those team members whose names were printed in last week's Herald, the following were volunteer workers who did valiant work: Mrs. O. R. Elmore, Roy Kennemur, Mrs. Sadie Askew, Mrs. John Gaylord, Miss Minnie Johnson, T. G. Bush, Collins Fitts, Mrs. Collins Fitts, Miss Lucille Baird, Miss Fannie Harris, Miss Viola Glover, Miss Ruth Glover, Miss Clyde Fulgham, Miss Mabel Fitts, Miss Edith Fitts and Miss Ethel Cook.

Select Senior Boys As Kiwanis Members

On Wednesday, September 27, the Senior Class elected the boys who are to represent the school at Kiwanis Club meetings during this school year. The boys elected were: Marvin Matkins, J. D. Edwards, William Gaylord, Ed. Lewter, Murrell Hudson, Leonard Sullivan, Jack West, Woodrow Garis, Chester Chase.

These boys will serve one month each.

Health Officer Oct. 2

The Health Department, under the supervision of Dr. Z. P. Mitchell, has announced the annual immunization campaign against diphtheria in the schools throughout the county. He will be at the Aurelian Springs school Monday, October 2, from one o'clock to two-thirty P. M. All parents having children under six years of age should be present and have the Schick Test made.

Hospital Manager Here Is Honored

T. J. Alford, who came to Roanoke Rapids less than a year ago to assume the position of business manager of the Roanoke Rapids Hospital, was elected a vice-president of the North Carolina Hospital Association in the annual convention of that body at Charlotte yesterday.

Under Mr. Alford's management the local hospital is now in the best financial condition it has been in for many years. J. T. Chase is President and Dr. R. P. Beckwith is chief of staff.

SPECIAL RED CROSS DRIVE ON

The local churches will bear the brunt of the Red Cross drive next week for funds to relieve suffering and distress among the storm victims of the recent Carolina coast hurricane.

This decision was reached by Mrs. F. G. Jarman, who will be in charge of the drive, when she noted that the city-wide annual Associated Charities drive comes next month and the regular Red Cross membership Roll Call starts Armistice Day. Rather than burden the general public with another drive now it was decided to confined it to donations on the part of any who desired to make them for the storm victims.

The ministers have been asked to make an appeal Sunday morning and those in charge of the work in each church are: Mrs. W. C. Allsbrook, Roanoke Rapids Baptist; Mrs. T. M. Jenkins, Rosemary Baptist; Father McNeerney, Catholic; Mrs. F. J. Hawley, Presbyterian; Mrs. V. H. Grantham, Christian; Mrs. F. G. Jarman, Episcopal; T. M. Jenkins, Rosemary Methodist; R. L. Towe, Roanoke Rapids Methodist and Kiwanis Club.

Anyone wishing to make a donation, please send it to Mrs. A. E. Akers, Treasurer, Roanoke Rapids Red Cross Chapter.

Miss Eddins, Mr. Cheek, and their bunch of "Dignified Seniors", as they call them, are planning a most successful year.

UP AND DOWN The Avenue WITH THE EDITOR

The Woman's Club will hold their October meeting on Monday afternoon at the club house. The program for the afternoon will be under the direction of the Civic Department and several local speakers will present local problems of interest to every woman in town. The membership committee wishes to welcome quite a few new members, and all women interested in club work are asked to become a member.

Mr. and Mrs. William C. Thompson, married here on September 14th, are at home at 1506 W. Girard Avenue, Philadelphia.

Citizens of Roanoke Rapids are warned about parking near the new fire hydrants. It is against the law to park within ten feet of a hydrant. The maximum fine can be \$50.00 and costs.

Judge Daniel asked one Roanoke Rapids speeder if he had read about the death of a child, the Mayor's warning to speeders, and other speed news of the past few issues of The Herald. The defendant replied that he was not a subscriber to The Herald and had not read the news. Just think how much he would have saved if he had been a Herald reader. It certainly pays to keep up with what's going on in city and county.

J. Saunders and his East Carolina Concert Band played to several thousand people at Rocky Mount last Sunday afternoon. And had two baseball games close by for competition. They have played to crowds of 5,000 at Wilson and Kinston in past months. While a large part of the band comes from Roanoke Rapids, it is impossible to get the crowds here like they do at other places in the State. J. wonders Why?

Our guess was that the other places had big parks for outside concerts, properly built bandstands. When they play here, they must use the High School auditorium and people do not like to go indoors in the Summer time.

Another guess by somebody else sounds even better. He said the

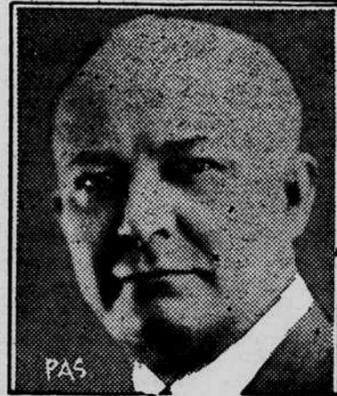
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E. A. MATTHEWS TO BE RETURNED HERE FOR EMBEZZLEMENT

A fugitive from the law for six years, E. A. Matthews, Roanoke Rapids lawyer, was arrested in Honolulu, Hawaii, this week and is being returned to Halifax County to stand trial for embezzlement.

Disappearing from this city in the fall of 1926, Matthews' whereabouts were unknown until a cablegram from the Honolulu police last week stated the fugitive had been identified by three tourists from Halifax County.

Kidnap Trial On



Above, Federal Judge Edgar S. Vaught before whom is being tried the defendants charged with the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel, millionaire oil man of Tulsa, Okla. The trial is being held at Oklahoma City.

An indictment, charging embezzlement of \$3,800 from E. W. Lises of Halifax County, was secured in 1929. Other embezzlements are said to run into a total of some \$50,000. His victims were Roanoke Rapids, Halifax and Northampton County property owners for whom he negotiated property loans.

A cablegram was sent today by Halifax County authorities to the chief of police of Honolulu. It reads:

Gabrielson, Chief of Police, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Put Matthews on ship stop Check for \$90 will await you in San Francisco payable to Chief of Police San Francisco stop Deliver Matthews to police authorities in San Francisco to be held until called for.

Matthews will be brought to San Francisco and from there will be brought to Halifax County by some one from Sheriff Johnson's office. It is not known yet who identified the fugitive. More than a year ago, a Roanoke Rapids boy in the Marines says he saw Matthews in Honolulu.

According to Superior Court Clerk Ed. Travis, there is only the Lises indictment against Matthews, altho there were several other victims in this and Northampton County. Some of these settled with by the loan companies from proceeds of the sale of Matthews' property. Banks and title companies also lost money in their dealings with Matthews.

The lawyer represented the Federal Land Bank of Columbia and he was said to have refinanced loans thru the Virginia-Carolina Joint Stock Land Bank of Elizabeth City. When the loans would arrive for his clients, it is charged Matthews would cash the checks, made out jointly, and keep the money. When a client became unduly impatient, he would negotiate a loan for a new client and use that money to satisfy the first client. Things went well for him until too many of them became disgruntled and he could not make enough new loans to pay

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ONE DEAD RESULT OF BREAK

Four prisoners are back at Caledonia tonight, and one of their colleagues is in Billy William's morgue as a result of the most recent break and escape attempt at the penal institution Tuesday at noon.

Joseph McCarty, 23-year-old white man serving a 3-year sentence from Moore county, is the dead man, and he was accompanied on the escape attempt by Jim Tendall, Benjamin Drew, Raymond Rich and Ned Heffner. Heffner gave up after swimming a short distance in Roanoke River. The other three men succeeded in swimming the river, but were arrested near Jackson yesterday afternoon and returned to Caledonia.

H. S. Powell, foreman, and Julian Riggs, guard, were working a group of 13 men, picking butter beans near the camp Tuesday. While eating their lunch, McCarty, assisted by two other prisoners, hit the guard on the head with

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