

CITY-WIDE CHURCH DRIVE

MARCH MONTH FOR GOING TO CHURCH IN ROANOKE RAPIDS

Eight city churches of Roanoke Rapids have combined in a city-wide drive for larger church attendance and their ministers have set aside the month of March as "Go-To-Church" month in Roanoke Rapids.

5,000 letters will be sent out the latter part of next week to employees, employers, professional and business men and women of Roanoke Rapids, in which the ministers make an appeal to all to attend some church during the month of March. A religious census of the city will be taken during the month and on March 21st the churches will begin together, a series of special meetings, having as many outside speakers as can be obtained.

In this concerted drive, local ministers have forgotten denominational barriers and are united in an effort to build up steady church attendance and a stronger community life. They think it is time to recognize the sincerity and worthy aim of every denomination.

In their appeal to all citizens of Roanoke Rapids, the ministers ask help in the following ways:

Make a special effort to bring someone with you for both church services.

Speak a kind word for your church where you work.

The support of the individual is required to bring in His kingdom.

Choose your denomination and then attend church.

The appeal is made by the following ministers: the Reverends J. J. Boone, pastor of the Rosemary Methodist Church; J. N. Bynum, rector of All Saints Episcopal Church; A. H. Butler, pastor of the Pentecostal Holiness Church; E. B. Fisher, pastor of the First Methodist Church; G. L. Price, pastor of the First Baptist Church; Lawrence Stell, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church; J. L. Willis, pastor of the Rosemary Baptist Church; Kermit Traylor, pastor of the First Christian Church.

LETTERS from Our Readers

Letters should be short and to the point. Their content does not necessarily express the views of the newspaper. However, we welcome short letters of expressions on any matter of general public interest from any Herald subscriber. All must be signed.

To the Editor:

Enclosed is a copy of House Bill 204 introduced by Mr. Robert Rouse of Kinston, requesting \$150,000 annually for State Aid for Public Libraries. The bill was reported favorably by the Library Committee of the House and referred to the Appropriations Committee.

The desire for good books and reading material from all sections of North Carolina has demonstrated the need for improved and extended library service. The fund requested from the General Assembly should serve as a stimulating and equalizing fund.

About two million North Carolinians are without library service. Of this number one million two hundred thousand are white people, who live in the rural sections and in the smaller counties. Library service to most sections of North Carolina should be provided by bookmobiles which would take books to the people at the cross

roads and communities. A trained librarian would travel with the bookmobile to introduce people and books. State Aid for public libraries would help provide service for all of the people.

Many of the local libraries are inadequately supported and open only a few hours each week. Some libraries have little or no funds for books. State Aid and a larger area of service are necessary to build up the book collection, to lengthen the hours of opening and to make the public library a vital part of community life.

Will you emphasize in your newspaper what this bill would mean to your locality? It is necessary to have people understand that the fund provided in H. B. 204 would aid in supplying books of all types to all sections of North Carolina.

Sincerely yours,
Marjorie Beal,
Secretary and Director.

GO TO CHURCH IN MARCH KEEP GOING

REPORT DUKE SHEARIN ARRESTED YESTERDAY

It was reported to Weldon police headquarters today that Duke Shearin, for whom an assault with intent to kill warrant was issued following assault on a filling station operator at Enfield several weeks ago, had been arrested near Washington, N. C.

The arrest took place yesterday afternoon and is said to have been made by Beaufort County officials who found two stills on the place where the capture was made. Shearin is reported in jail at Washington.

Shearin had been afloat the law many times in Halifax County and was said to have moved his residence to a place near the Beaufort County capitol.

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Dr. W. L. DAVIS

will be in **ROANOKE RAPIDS** **THURSDAY and FRIDAY** **MARCH 4th & 5th** to examine eyes

LADIES ARE GUESTS OF LIONS CLUB

Celebrate Anniversary Charter Night at Meeting

The Roanoke Rapids Lions Club celebrated the first anniversary of the presentation of their charter at their regular meeting tonight in a combined "anniversary-Charter and Ladies Night" program, at which time the fifty odd members were hosts to their ladies, and several guests from nearby clubs.

Scott Benton, past president of the Young Men's Civic Club, of which the Lions Club is an outgrowth, acted as Toastmaster, and was introduced by Lion President Bernard Allsbrook. Joseph E. Pippen, of the Littleton Lions Club, was the speaker of the evening.

Regular business was dispensed with, in honor of Ladies Night. The activities of Tail Twister "Ootchie" Acree, seemingly more alert than usual, provided many laughs for the lady guests, and a good program was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

Mr. Pippen, Littleton attorney, and charter member of the Lions Club there, which was sponsored by the local club, gave a brilliant address in which he lauded the efforts of the local Lions Club.

Over sixty members, special guests and their ladies were present at tonight's banquet, and "Ladies Night" promises to be an annual affair with the Roanoke Rapids Lions Club.

TRY TO IDENTIFY SKULL AS THAT OF MISSING BOY

When a skull was washed up near Manteo last week, friends and relatives of the missing William Ed (Peter) Smith were notified by Police Chief Dobbins and started an investigation, results of which were not known by the police today.

The skull was found near Manteo and finders noted the only means of possible identification was by dental work which had been done on the teeth of the dead person. Relatives here began a check of school records at Roanoke Rapids School and in the County Health Department files to see if records of young Smith's dental clinic work could be found.

Smith, with Ralph Merritt, disappeared three months ago on the Roanoke River near here and were never seen again. Young Merritt's body was found up the river, in a decomposed condition, over two weeks ago. There was no trace of the other boy.

Infant Daughter Dies

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Matthews of Seaboard died Sunday. Interment was in the family cemetery near Seaboard.

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Eli M. Butts

Eli M. Butts, 53, of Aurelian Springs, died of pneumonia at his home Monday night.

Funeral services were held at Tabor Methodist Church yesterday afternoon by Rev. Rufus Bradley with interment in the church cemetery.

His widow and four children survive: Mrs. H. D. Hawkins, Mabel, Elvis and Marvin Butts.

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