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CONVENTION SATURDAY

FIRST AIR MAIL PLANE WILL LAND HERE MAY 19TH

An episode of air history will be recorded for Roanoke Rapids next Thursday, May 19, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, when an airplane will land here and receive air mail to be flown to all parts of the United States and foreign countries. The flight of air mail from Roanoke Rapids on Thursday will mark the first even of this sort to ever occur here and will be the high mark locally in observance of National Air Mail Week, according to L. G. Shell, Roanoke Rapids postmaster, who stated that air mail from Weldon would be placed on the plane at the same time.

In connection with Air Mail Week, Postmaster Shell states that in his opinion the intent behind this national event is to establish "feeder lines" connecting with transcontinental air lines with stops on the feeder lines in those places showing the most interest in the use of the Air Mail Service.

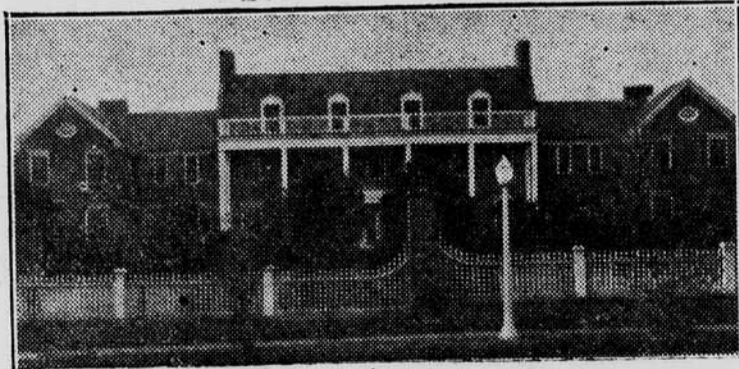
A short program, including one or two short addresses, will be given at the field, it was stated. The local postmaster urges that every person in the city who can possibly do so be present on the field which is located on the Littleton road a short distance beyond South Rose-

mary when the plane lands. He also asks that event be recorded by all persons having movie picture cameras as well as those having cameras of other types.

In discussing National Air Mail Week, Postmaster Shell emphasized the importance of the use of air mail in shortening the time element. He also called attention to the fact that a count of all air mail will be made in both the post office and the trains during the week starting on Sunday, May 15 and continuing through Saturday, May 21. A supply of the new air mail stamps, recently authorized by the Post Office Department, has been received. They will be placed on sale Monday, May 16.

Mr. Shell pointed out that the cost of air mail service is small when compared with the quick service rendered by its use, the cost of such service being only three additional cents postage on an ordinary letter. Mail of any description may be transported by air mail—registered mail, special delivery matter as well as parcels, the air mail fee of six cents per ounce or fraction thereof applying to all classes of mail.

PATTERSON AP'TS READY MAY 15TH



Roanoke Rapids' first big apartment house will be ready for occupancy after May 15th, according to announcement made this week by R. D. Beam, of the Wachovia Bank & Trust Company of Raleigh, rental agents for the new Patterson Apartment here.

Workmen are putting finishing touches to the 8-apartment house this week, and even a casual inspection of the luxurious quarters convinces one that the Patterson Apartments will easily rank with the most modern and pretentious apartment houses in the entire state.

The new apartment house is the result of completely re-modelling and re-arranging the interior of the huge Patterson Mansion, located in the center of spacious and beautiful grounds in the middle of the city, just across the street from the new Municipal Building and Post Office.

All apartments contain four and five rooms, in addition to private baths, and each has a separate servant's entrance. Six apartments are accessible from the main entrance, with entrance to the stairway located in both the front and back of the building, while two of the apartments have separate outside entrances. In addition, there is a back service stairway, with large corridors connecting various apartments in the building.

Heat, hot and cold water, an electric stove and electric refrigerator will be furnished with each apartment, and they are equipped with individual meters for electricity.

Remodelling of the building was done by the John F. Danielson Company, of Raleigh, with E. H. Franks, superintendent, in charge of the work here. It required about two-months to complete the contract.

Calls Convention



DR. JOHN W. MARTIN
County Chairman of the Democratic Party of Halifax County, who has called the County convention for Saturday, May 14, at Halifax courthouse at 11 a.m.

Dancers At Kiwanis In Big Program

The dancing classes of Mrs. Tommy Holmes, with more than thirty young dancers, staged one of the best programs of the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke Rapids in many a week, the youngsters, in costumes presenting taps dancing groups, folk dances, military tapping, clown tapping and an older group with boy-girl tap-ballroom specialties.

Postmaster L. G. Shell asked for cooperation from club members during National Air Mail Week next week and F. C. Williams, speaking for the club, advocated all business firms use air mail stamps during the week and be present when the air mail plane lands here at 10 next Thursday morning. The purpose is for tests to see where feeder lines may connect with main line planes.

The Minstrel cast will be entertained next Thursday at 6:30 at Chockoyotte Country Club and the High School traffic squad will be invited at the same time. Howard Pruden was appointed chairman of the arrangements committee.

James Grogan, a representative of Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. in Roanoke Rapids, and a former Kiwanis Club member of the Lynchburg, Va. club, was elected to membership.

The Rev. C. T. Rogers, pastor Rosemary Methodist Church, was a guest at the club. H. S. Loy was program chairman for the night.

Beat Henderson

The Roanoke Rapids golf team defeated the Henderson Country Club golf team at the Chockoyotte Golf Club yesterday afternoon.

HALIFAX DEMOCRATS TO MEET AT 11 A.M. COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Delegates to the Halifax County Democratic Convention from the 17 county precincts will meet in Halifax at the court house at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 14th.

The purpose of the convention according to County Chairman Dr. John W. Martin, will be to hear a keynote address which will be a reminder to all Democrats of the glories of their party, to elect delegates to the State Convention in Raleigh at noon on May 21st, and to hold a meeting of the County Democratic Executive Committee, the precinct chairmen, for the purpose of choosing a County Chair-

man and for other business relating to the party welfare.

Books Now Open

County registration books opened last Saturday and will be open thru Saturday, May 21st. All voters who are not now on the county books, who have lived in their precinct for four months, or those who have become 21 since the last election or will be 21 before the November, 1938, election, are entitled to register and must register now in order to vote in the Primary on June 4th. Registrars will be found at the precinct polling places this Saturday and next.

MRS. C. T. SHAW DIES SUDDENLY TODAY AT WORK IN GARDEN

Husband Killed Here 25 Years Ago; Raised Nine

Mrs. T. C. Shaw, widow of the late Thomas C. Shaw, died suddenly at her home about one-mile from South Rosemary at 3:30 this afternoon, Thursday, May 12th. Mrs. Shaw was in her 68th year, and her death came as a distinct shock to the many members of her immediate family, as well as the community as a whole, as she had been in excellent health up to the time of her death.

Mrs. Shaw was at work in the garden near her farm home, when she was suddenly stricken. A daughter, Miss Virgie Shaw, was nearby and frantically summoned the help of a son, Shelton, who arrived just as the aged lady drew

her last breath.

The death today of Mrs. Shaw recalls the tragedy of the murder of her husband on May 3rd, 1913, for which "Kid" Cobb, of this city, was electrocuted.

Her husband's murder left Mrs. Shaw with a family of nine children to raise, the oldest of whom was only eighteen. Her struggles thenceforth to raise her family has won for her the admiration and respect of everyone in the community.

A faithful member of New Hope Methodist Church, Mrs. Shaw leaves many friends in the community who mourn the passing of a faithful, Christian woman.

Mrs. Shaw is survived by six daughters: Mrs. J. R. Jenkins, Mrs. W. D. Allen, Mrs. John Hoggard, and Misses Virgie, Ruth and Susie Shaw, all of Roanoke Rapids; three

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3 DROWNED NEARBY AS 2 FIGHT VAINLY

Three colored boys met death by drowning at the State Line, a few miles from Roanoke Rapids, last night. Two others suffered narrow escapes. The dead are Thomas Jones, 14, and Walter Jones, 29, brothers, and Arrela Blount, 12. The bodies were recovered from Fountains Creek at two o'clock this morning, five hours after they went under for the last time.

Two others, older brothers of the Blount boy, tried to save the three who could not swim as their fishing boat overturned in the dark, throwing the five occupants into

eight feet of water. Thrashing around in the dark, the Blount boys had practically saved the younger boys when Walter grabbed the rescuers around the neck and in breaking his hold, they lost the two young boys.

The sheriff's party searched for several hours before finding the bodies, which were brought to Wrenn's Funeral Home in Roanoke Rapids.

The boys lived on the State line, across the road from each other. The Jones family lived on the North Carolina side, the Blounts on the Virginia side.