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EARLY CHRISTMAS HERE

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



The children of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hopkins of Roanoke Rapids honored them with a dinner Sunday, Nov. 6th, celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. Among the many here for the celebration were seven sons and daughters, 25 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Almost 100 persons were served at a sumptuous Sunday dinner in the yard of the Hopkins home at 57 Washington St. In the picture above are Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins seated, while standing from left to right are the following children: Mattie Ethridge, Willie Hopkins, Madgie Cooper, Deanie Hollidia, Ruth Hurst, Fred Hopkins, Marie Carpenter.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TO BURN EARLIER THIS YEAR IS PLAN

Christmas will come a little earlier to Roanoke Rapids this year with plans of the Roanoke Rapids Merchants Association being made to put up the Christmas lights and decorations next week instead of waiting until after the first of December.

A crew will start the first of next week stringing the colored lights with plans being made now to turn them on for the first time on next Friday night, November 25th, the day after Thanksgiving. Decorations for the light standards of the White Way have been ordered and they will be "dressed up" next week in time for the opening of the Christmas season in Roanoke Rapids next Friday night. Stores plan to stay open later that night and

are getting ready to fix their Christmas windows for the Friday night opening on the 25th.

Next weekend and the week-end of Dec. 1 will see Christmas stocks at a peak in Roanoke Rapids stores with a larger variety for the holiday season than ever before.

Citizens of this section are invited to be in Roanoke Rapids on the evening of the 25th to see the Christmas lights turned on and to view the new Christmas stocks which will then be ready for their inspection.

Meanwhile, the Trade Days Campaign is well under way with shoppers taking advantage of the offers and prizes to be given by the Merchants Association members. This campaign will continue until Christmas.

To Head Chest Drive



Frank M. Sherry, manager of the Virginia Electric & Power Co. here, who will be campaign chairman of the first Community Chest Drive in Roanoke Rapids. The drive for funds will start Monday, Nov. 28th. For further details see page 1, section B.

JAX END SEASON THIS FRIDAY WITH OLD FOE, E. CITY

The last High School football game of the season will be played here Friday afternoon with Elizabeth City, old time rivals of Roanoke Rapids, coming here in an effort to blast what has been a most successful season for the Yellow Jackets.

The rivalry between the two schools has always been intense and Elizabeth City is expected to bring another large crowd of rooters here Friday. One year, there were more here from Elizabeth City than from Roanoke Rapids.

With this the last game of the year, it is hoped that Roanoke Rapids will turn out in full force to see the home team close a season which has been marred by only one defeat when the Jax lost to Goldsboro there by one touchdown.

The local boys have defeated Williamston, Washington, New Bern, Kinston, Greenville, Henderson and Tarboro.

W. Williams Drops Dead Here Today

Willie Williams, aged Roanoke Rapids man, died about noon today from heart failure.

Mr. Williams lived alone in an old office building back of Newsome Oil Co. plant at Roanoke Junction. He had been in ill health for some time and was being treated by a physician for bad heart.

The body was taken to Weldon this afternoon where the deceased's son, Lloyd, lives. A brother, Charley, of Lawrenceville, also survives. Alonzo Williams of Roanoke Rapids is a nephew.

Patrolman Hines Is Club Speaker

State Highway Patrolman Hines, stationed at Weldon, was the guest speaker at the Kiwanis Club tonight and gave a history of the State Highway Patrol and touched on some of the laws and rules of driving.

Members of the Club entered into a spirited contest to see how many questions they could ask when the time on the program came for quizzing the Patrolman about laws and rules which worried them. Time had to be called before all questions could be answered regarding licenses, speed laws, signals, right of way, accidents and other interesting questions.

Mr. Hines called special attention to the new law which makes it necessary for anyone having an accident in which their car is damaged over \$10 to report the accident to an officer of the law immediately.

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