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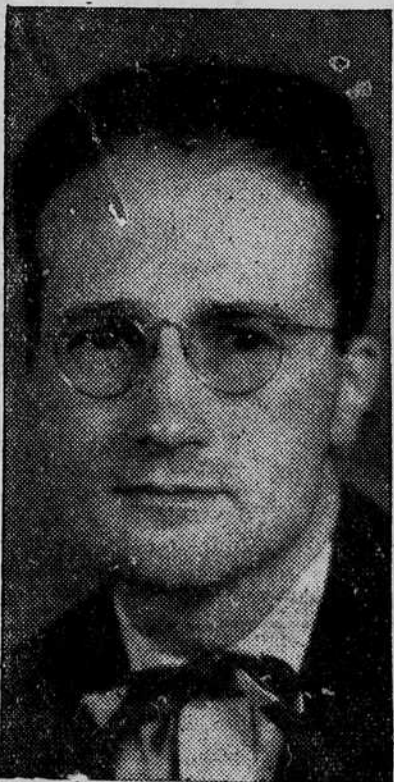
BOY CATCHES BURGLAR

COLONEL



G. A. BERKSTRESSER
Who accepted the appointment as Colonel of the Publicity Division in the second annual Community Chest Campaign. Mr. Berkstresser, who was born in Pennsylvania, came to Roanoke Rapids in 1938. Since making his home here, he has been very active in civic affairs and is a member of the Kiwanis Club.

JEWELER



W. GRAHAM LYNCH
Head of the firm of Lynches, whose newly remodelled jewelry store opens for business Friday, after undergoing an extensive expansion program, in which a large gift department has been added, and the stock carried by the store increased materially. Complete details will be found inside.
(Photo by Brasington)

HERE'S "STATE'S FINEST"



*ABOVE is Halifax County's Five State Highway Patrolmen, stationed here as a result of the State Highway Safety Department's determination to curb the staggering loss of life on our county highways and roads.

Left-to-Right the "Troopers" are: J. C. Long, stationed at Weldon, Sam Ewell, stationed at Enfield, J. K. Clay, stationed at Roanoke Rapids, Fred Hines, stationed at Scotland Neck and H. W. Rothrock, who has been stationed in the city for some time, and retains his post here.

Clay and Ewell are new to Halifax County, Clay having been transferred here from Kinston, while Ewell was formerly on duty at Bayboro. Patrolmen Long, Hines and Rothrock have all served in the County for quite some time.
(Staff Photo—Herald NewsKut by Crumpler)

TRAPPED
COMING
IN DOOR

Lester Cook Meets
Intruder At Door With
Shot Gun

Shelby Bennett, Roanoke Rapids colored man of about 25 years of age, is being held without bond in the Halifax jail on a charge of first degree burglary, having entered the home of W. P. Cook on the Halifax road about two miles southeast of Roanoke Rapids last Sunday morning about 2:30.

Bennett was heard by Mr. Cook's son, Lester, as he opened a screen door leading into a screened-in porch at the front of the house. The boy, who was waked by the noise of the door's being forced open, picked up a shot gun and met the intruder as he stepped into the porch. Covering the negro with the gun, he called to the other members of the family who came to his aid.

While Mr. Cook held the burglar at bay with the gun, one of his sons got word to Officer Jack Brigman, who went and took the negro into custody. When the officer arrived, he found the negro seated with Mr. Cook sitting opposite him, holding the shot gun at a business-like angle.

Upon being searched, the Negro was found to have in his pocket a large pocket knife, his only weapon. The knife was one of the arge barlow single-blade type, long enough to be termed a deadly weapon.

Bennett waived his preliminary hearing before W. O. Thompson in Mayor's court Monday morning. He is being held for the October 3 term of Superior Court without bond.

First degree burglary carries a death sentence penalty.

Bennett told officers that he thought he was entering the home of a Mr. Fulgham who lives about two miles from the Cook home. He was, he said, intending to pay some rent that his brother owed Mr. Fulgham. He had only a dollar in his pockets at the time of his arrest.

Mr. Cook, his wife, and two sons were in the house at the time the negro entered.

Safety Council

TO HOLD
MEETING
FRIDAY

Mrs. Bill Pleasant Flythe, field director of the State Highway Safety Division, will come to Roanoke Rapids Friday, September 22, for the purpose of organizing a Safety Council within the City of Roanoke Rapids. With Mrs. Flythe will be Ronald Hocutt, of the Highway Safety Division.

Mrs. Flythe will preside over a meeting to be held in the Municipal Building Friday at 10:30. Representatives of all the civic clubs in Roanoke Rapids will be present at

the meeting at which time a Safety Council will be organized here.

The meeting tomorrow is an outgrowth of a program that the Kiwanis Club gave on August 24, at which time Mrs. Flythe and Captain Farmer, of the State Highway Patrol, talked to the members of the Kiwanis Club and other club members who had been invited for the occasion. Mrs. Flythe told those gathered there at that time that she would come back to Roanoke Rapids to help in forming a Safety Council if such action was desired by the people of the city. T. J. Alford of the Kiwanis Club, Mrs. Gordon Berkstresser of the Woman's Club, and Rufus Vick of the Lions Club assured Mrs. Flythe in behalf of their respective organizations that the people of Roanoke Rapids desired such a Safety Council as she outlined to them. At that time Mrs. Flythe promis-

ed that she would come back to Roanoke Rapids during the third week in September to help in the organization of a council.

Safety Councils have been formed in various towns throughout the State with very favorable results, according to Mrs. Flythe. Asheville in the western part of North Carolina has set a model for the State to go by, she says. She hopes to be able to get an organization going in Roanoke Rapids similar to that of the western city.

Mrs. Flythe said that she wanted the people of Roanoke Rapids to understand that anyone who is interested in the safety of themselves and their children upon the highways and streets in and around Roanoke Rapids and in the State of North Carolina is welcome and urged to attend the meeting in the Municipal Building Friday morning.



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