

1940 EVENTS IN REVIEW

FIRST THREE MONTHS OF YEAR CARRIED IN THIS WEEK'S ISSUE

One of the outstanding events of the year in Roanoke Rapids was the August Flood. Another was the mobilization of the National Guard and the ceremony that went along with it and the dedication of the armory site. In all the year 1940 was one that will be remembered for a long time.

Following is a resume of the events in and around Roanoke Rapids, as recorded by the Herald, for the first few weeks of last year. Further resumes will follow in later issues of the Herald.

Jan. 4—Kelly and Hanfords refused reprieve. Census staff begins work. J. B. Hardy dies.

Jan. 11—W. L. Medlin elected president Roanoke Rapids Building and Loan. Kelly and Hanfords reprieved. Vepco cuts rates. President's Ball set. First report of "Gone With Wind" coming to city. "Minstrel Revels" shaping up.

Jan. 18—Miss Garner, teacher, joins Biblical Recorder staff. Bus hearing granted. Nurses pass board.

Jan. 25—Two killed in wreck in Northampton. City has 12 inch snow fall. Schools close because of snow for first time in 13 years. Owl boxers at tournament. R. L. Towe chosen chairman school board. Propose changes in Community Chest constitution. L. A. Grissom dies. New road and bridge planned between city and Gaston. Kiwanis show set March 7-8. Rosemary minstrel presented.

Feb. 1—Accidents decrease in county. Man sentenced for jail fire. Seaboard obstacle to bus line through city. Temperatures below 20 year record. M. C. Moseley Champ. Stove explodes.

Feb. 8—Fred Neal shot. Former policeman buried here. William Dickens dies. Constitution House opened at Halifax. Hollander says his country strictly neutral. Clayton Moody killed by car. Ninety year old map discovered. Dr. Long discussed medical insurance at Greensboro. Boy Scouts celebrate 30th year.

Feb. 15—Barkley boys admit crime. Discuss guard unit for city. Municipal building recognized as best of its type in nation. Weldon officers seek hit-run driver. Neal improves. Father-son banquet by scouts at Weldon. Proctor elected to head merchants.

Feb. 22—V.F.W. offers armory. Alcohol test at Vepco. Dr. L. G. Harrison comes to city. Warren released after shooting Neal. Two killed at Fishing Creek bridge. Jax begin baseball practice. Textile building at school gets approval.

Feb. 29—Annual Kiwanis show. J. L. Suiter new Citizens Bank President. Perry Brown, aged Negro, first traffic fatality in County. Fifth annual Lions Ladies' night. J. Winfield Crew announces license for radio station. Mrs. Cora Jones dies. Haywood Cherry dies. Jax quint enters tourney at Henderson. Chest adopts new by-laws. Debaters chosen at high school. Softball league begins plans at Patterson and Roanoke mills. Further discussion of guard unit, Metts promises consideration. Halifax Cotton Campaign.

March 7—Guard unit favored by county officials. Kelly, Hanfords have death sentence commuted to life. Jax win second round in tournament. Stop signs placed on Hamilton and Jackson.

March 1—Guard decision expected soon. Mrs. Andrews funeral. City league makes plans. W. P. Taylor elected to fill place left va-

cant by resignation of W. H. Proctor. Girl scouts plan hut opening. Jackets Champs in Golden Belt tournament.

March 21—Long, Allsbrook run. Car thieves caught. Easter services announced. George Sorie drowns near Enfield. Big Masonic meeting at Halifax. Mrs. Cox dies. Jax take opener. Scouts open Hut formally. McAlister funeral.

March 28—Deacons and Devils to meet here. Richmond-Wilson to meet here. More men file for county office. Mullen to head Chest again. T. E. Tomerlin comes to Christian Church. 300 attend sunrise service. Garden tour planned. Cassada family in wreck. Associated Charities report. Rosemary Athletic Club formed.

Shot With "Empty Gun", Has Foot Amputated Here

Geneva Henderson, 16 year old Negro girl of near Jackson, had her foot amputated in the Roanoke Rapids Hospital here on Dec. 28 as a result of a gunshot wound.

The wound came from a shotgun in the hands of the girl's 14 year old brother, who is said to have thought the weapon was not loaded. The boy had picked the gun up, it is said, after a hunter had come to the house from the fields nearby. Believing it unloaded, the boy was handling the weapon when it went off, the load hitting the girl in the foot.

Prominent County Farmer Is Buried

Walter Edgar Barkley, 78, prominent farmer of the Enfield section of Halifax County, was buried last Thursday at 3 o'clock in the Enfield Cemetery. Mr. Barkley died in a Rocky Mount hospital Wednesday afternoon, after an illness of about three weeks. He had been very active up until the time of his illness.

He is survived by two daughters and one son, Miss Sallie Barkley and Lacy Barkley of Enfield and Mrs. Eugene Dodson of Rocky Mount.

Davis - Tickel

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Tickel announce the marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth Faye Tickel, to Theodore Browder Davis, son of H. J. Kincaid, on January 1, 1941, at eight o'clock p.m., Rev. Haynie officiating.

The marriage took place at the bride's home at 927 Jackson Street with the immediate families attending.

The couple will be at home at 222 Hamilton Street, Roanoke Rapids.

"Red" Mason Now Serving With CCC

Kermit "Red" Mason, son of Mrs. D. H. Mason, 931 Jackson Street, has been called into service with CCC Camp No. 3404 with a rating as second lieutenant. Lt. Mason graduated from the Roanoke Rapids high school and attended Clemson College in South Carolina and State College of North Carolina. Camp No. 3404 is located near Raleigh.

77 Licenses Revoked In This County

A total of 77 drivers licenses were revoked by the courts of Halifax County during the year 1940, according to a release from the State Highway Safety department this week. November and December led the months with 10 and 12 revocations respectively.

Northampton County, across the river, had 23 revocations during the year.

In the entire state there were 6,065 revocations. Of that total 5,232 were revoked for driving drunk.

Guilford County led the counties in revocations with a total of 387. Hyde County was low with one license revoked.

Colored Man Is Held On Attempt To Enter Charge

A warrant charging John Vinson, Jr., Colored, with attempted breaking and entering was sworn out by Edward Green of South Rosemary this week. Green told officers that Vinson came upon the porch of the Raymond Barrett home, where Green stays, and tried to get in the door. Green stated that he held the door and prevented the Negro from getting into the house.

The incident occurred on the night of December 15 about 9 p.m. It was only this week that Green was able to identify Vinson. The colored man waived his hearing and is being held under a \$500 bond.

Whether he is the same person that has been reported "prowling" in that section of the city has not been determined.

Two Fire Alarms Turned In Sunday

The Roanoke Rapids Fire Department answered two alarms here Sunday.

The first call came from the Holiness Church on Burton Street during the church hour Sunday morning. Fire had caught into the wall of the building near the flue. Only a slight damage resulted.

Firemen were called to the home of Gibert Brown at the corner of Jackson and Ninth Streets Sunday afternoon when steam was seen escaping from the basement of the house. The pop-off valve on the heating system was allowing the steam to escape, filling the basement. The steam was mistaken for smoke and an alarm was turned in.

There was no one at home at the time.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our daughter and sister, Shirley Mae Finch, who died Dec. 25, 1936. We who loved you miss you sadly.

As it dawns another year; In the lonely hours of dreaming, Thoughts of you are ever near. Four long years have passed in stillness,

Passed away in silent tears, Since the day that God called you For He loved you too, my dear. Often to your grave we wander To lay flowers with tender care, Over the one we loved so dearly Who is peacefully sleeping there.

Mother, Father, Sisters, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Finch and family.

Last Rites For John Drake House Held December 31

Funeral rites for John Drake House, Jr., 23, were conducted at the home at Thelma Tuesday afternoon, December 31, by Rev. Francis Joyner of Littleton, Rev. H. L. Davis of Littleton and Rev. R. E. Brickhouse of Warrenton.

The deceased, who was the son of John Drake House and Roberta Robinson House, was born in Halifax County, finished high school at Littleton and attended State College. He was engaged in farming and lumbering at the time of his death. He was ill for a number of months prior to his death on December 29.

MRS. BENNETT HOSTESS

A delightful meeting of the Wednesday Club was held with Mrs. D. E. Bennett entertaining, twelve guests enjoying her hospitality for an afternoon with bridge being played at three tables. After playing several progressions the scores were added and Mrs. Wilmer Collier was awarded the high score prize. For refreshments a salad plate was enjoyed. The players included Mesdames Wilmer Collier, Cyde Liske, John Lupton, Thornton Wilson, Jr., Edwin Graves, Lew Yerger, R. A. Daniel, L. B. Brown, Roderick Meikle, Clayton Gurley, Wyche Land, and Ray Rodgers.

Mrs. Graham Poyner and Miss Susan Womble of Raleigh were visitors in the city Friday.

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