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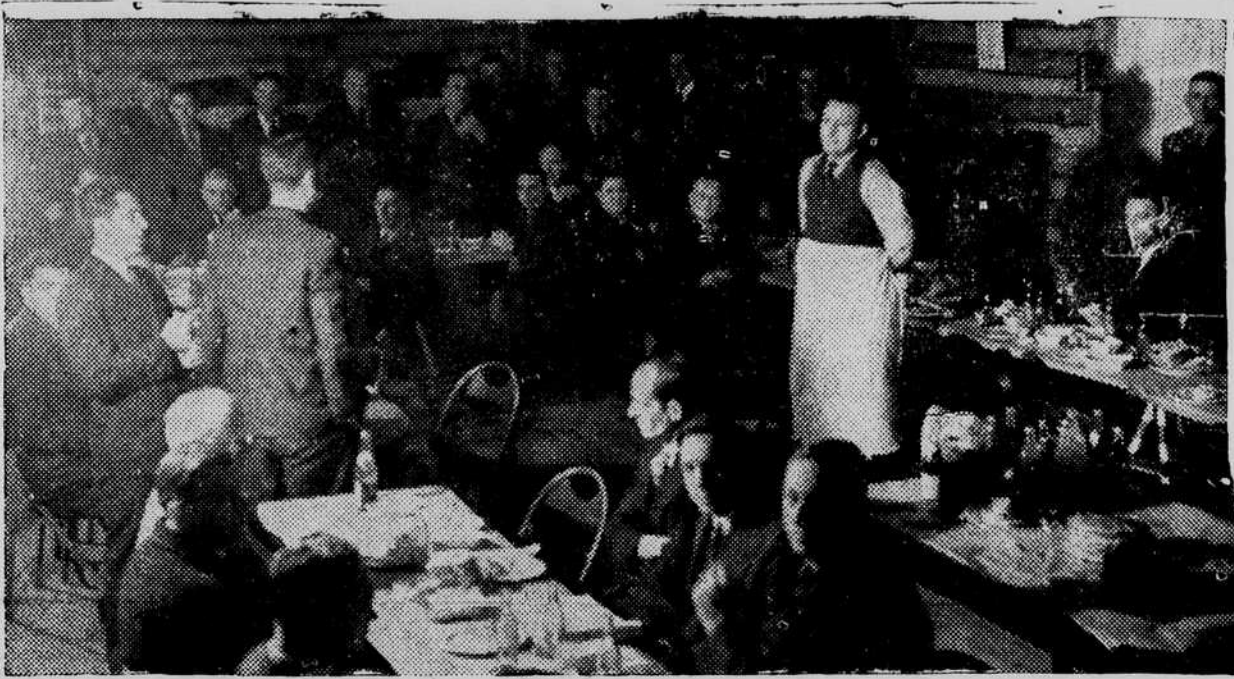
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FIGHTS FRIDAY NIGHT

FIREMEN ENTERTAIN HERE



Above photograph shows a part of the members of the Roanoke Firemen's Association, consisting of the departments from This City, Weldon, Halifax, Waitakers, Scotland Neck and Enfield. They met in the Girls Scout Hut here Tuesday night as the guests of the local department. Many friends of the local department and officials of the city were also guests at the supper. (Story inside) (NewsKut by Brigman)

ROCKY MOUNT AND RALEIGH FIGHTERS WILL SCRAP HERE

Golden Gloves At High School Gym This Friday And Saturday Nights To Feature Local Boys Against Raleigh And Rocky Mount Boxers

Boxers from Rocky Mount and Raleigh will arrive in Roanoke Rapids this Friday afternoon for the first Golden Gloves Tournament in this city. The fights will take place at the Roanoke Rapids High School gym at 8 p.m. this Friday and Saturday nights.

Six three-round Golden Gloves battles are on the card for the opening Friday night. At least three bouts and a Battle Royal are scheduled for Saturday night's finals.

Rocky Mount will not attempt to stage a Golden Gloves Tournament this year and as a result the boxing fans here will benefit by the lack of a tournament there. Boxers from the Railroad City will compete here for a chance to enter at Raleigh. Due to the fact that the local boys are lacking two men in several weight divisions, Raleigh is sending down three of their Golden Glove favorites who will battle local fighters here, assuring the fight fans of a well rounded card on both nights of the show. John Marshall, Sports Editor of the Raleigh Times, Chairman of Raleigh Golden Gloves, will cover the Friday night fights.

Bob Moore, popular Rocky Mount fighter whom local fans will remember for his many stirring battles here in the past, will handle the Rocky Mount delegation in their bouts here; as there is no entry from here in the light-heavyweight class, Bob will probably battle one of the Raleigh fighters; no matter what happens young Moore will enter the Raleigh Tournament as a member of the Roanoke Rapids team. Among the outstanding fighters that Rocky Mount will send here will

be Sonny Gelbert and Jack Turner, both of them rugged fighters who are the best in their class in this section.

With six bouts on the opening night program, each bout a three round affair under Golden Gloves Amateur rules, and with three bouts on the second night, and in addition a slam bang battle royal between colored gentlemen from Roanoke No. 2, Roanoke No. 1, Patterson Mills Co. and Rosemary Mfg. Co., a full card will be on tap for fight customers both nights.

Among the local fighters who will appear on the opening night will be J. T. Brown, former N. C. State scrapper, Walter Brown, another member of the Brown family, Dewitt Babson, hard punching Roanoke No. 2 fighter, Henry Lyles from Rosemary, Phil Hux, one of the most popular fighters here, and several more local youngsters that will make it one of the best cards ever put on in the city.

The fights will start immediately at 8 p.m.; ring announcements will be made by Ted Speight, President of the Lions Club, referee will be Wilbur Outland, who a few years back made a great record here fighting under the name of Scrapper Outland. Among the judges will be Tom White, Johnnie Crutchfield, Dr. Beckwith and Rives Manning. Just to remind you, do not forget, boxers from Rocky Mount and Raleigh will arrive in Roanoke Rapids this Friday afternoon for the first Golden Gloves Tournament in this city. The fights will take place at the Roanoke Rapids High School Gym at 8 p.m. this Friday and Saturday nights.

COBURN'S STORE AT GREENVILLE BURNS LAST NITE

Word was received here Wednesday evening that the F. M. Coburn Shoe Store in Greenville was on fire. Mr. Coburn and his son rushed to the scene only to find that the stock of merchandise and fixtures were a total loss.

The building was saved from complete destruction by the Greenville firemen, but the heat from the fire and the water used in extinguishing the blaze reached every part of the building, ruining the entire stock on hand.

Mr. Coburn estimated this morning that the losses would fall around \$25,000 and that they might reach as high as \$30,000. He said that the stock was covered partially by insurance.

The fire broke out in the rear of the store, reports say, where a quantity of packing materials was

stored. The blaze was discovered about 6:30, about 30 minutes after closing time. Cause of the blaze had not been determined this morning.

Mr. Coburn left here early this morning for Greenville where he expected to spend the day checking over the building. He was expected to get back to the city late this evening.

This morning he said plans for reopening the store were indefinite.

B. D. Johnston, a Greenville man, was in charge of the store.

The store at Greenville was comparable to the Coburn Shoe Store in the South Ward business section here, with the Greenville store being a few feet deeper. The store carried shoes and related articles only.

Will Report Delinquent Tax Listers

The Halifax County Grand Jury will present the Superior Court at Halifax next week with a report of those people who have been delinquent in listing their taxes for 1940. Just what action the court will take in regard to these who have failed to list is not known.

George Pappendick, chairman of the Committee to make the investigation to determine the number of people who had not listed their taxes, said this week that there would be a great many people who would have to appear before the court to give an account of their failure to list.

During the past weeks hundreds of property owners and men of the poll tax age have been to the tax listers in their respective communities and listed their taxes for 1940, Mr. Pappendick said. All those whose names were found among the delinquent listers have been sent letters urging them to list before it was necessary to summon them to appear before the court.

In many cases the recipient of the letter had listed his taxes and registered under different given names, thereby confusing the committee in its check up, it was discovered.

Mr. Pappendick said that he had instructed the list takers to take the lists of delinquent listers up until the time after which they could have their reports ready for the court, which convenes Monday.

TO LEAVE MONDAY FOR FORT BRAGG

One Of Group, Jasper Rease, Is Volunteer

Three Negro men are ready to leave the city Monday morning for Fort Bragg where they will be inducted into the army for a year's training, provided they pass the required examinations there. They are William Henry Brown, 22, of Route 1, Box 276, Roanoke Rapids; Bernon Lee, 23, of Littleton rural route and at present serving with the CCC

Camp at Chapel Hill; Jasper Rease, about 24, General Delivery, City.

Rease, at present employed at a local cafe as a cook, is the only volunteer in the group. This contingent of men brings the total to four Negroes who have left for the training.

The office of the Selective Service board here announced this week that it would send out the second hundred questionnaires (Continued on Page 12, Sec. A)

CHEST OFFICERS

T. W. Mullen, W. L. Medlin, Dr. T. W. M. Long, and F. M. Sherry were chosen the trustees of the Community Chest in the election held in the city during the past week. These men were elected by the contributors at large.

At a meeting of trustees Wednesday night in the Municipal building the results of the election were announced and officers for the following year were chosen.

Dr. T. W. M. Long was elected president; F. M. Sherry, 1st Vice-president; Rev. Gordon L. Price, 2nd vice-president; T. J. Alford,

treasurer; H. B. Speight, secretary; and Madeline Lipscomb, assistant secretary.

Dr. Long takes the place of T. W. Mullen, who has served as president for the three years that the Chest has been organized here. Dr. Long has served in the capacity of first vice-president during that time. Mr. Sherry has served as drive chairman for two terms, the first two after the organization of the Chest.

Committees in the Chest will be appointed later. An announcement of the date was not made as Dr. Long was not present at the meeting.