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FIREMEN REQUEST AID

DRESSED TO MEET A BLITZ



Above are pictured two of Roanoke Rapids' soldiers, dressed in tin hat and wearing a gas mask—looking very much like they would should they have to go into a burning city or into a gas covered battlefield for wounded, a duty which the members of Company B, 105th Medical Regiment, will have to perform if worst comes to the worst. The above two are Corporal Troy Merritt and Staff-Sergeant E. L. Goodfellow.

HERE'S WHERE IT ALL STARTED



Above, seen under a litter of charred timbers, is the blackened asphalt kettle from which the fire started here on April 1, resulting in tens of thousands of dollars damage to the armory. It contained about 40 gallons of the boiling liquid when it boiled over and caught on fire.

SEEK PAY FOR CALL OUTSIDE

Favorable Reaction Seen Among County Commissioners

Representatives from all the active Fire Departments in Halifax County appeared before the County Board of Commissioners at a meeting in Halifax Monday to request funds for equipment and payment of firemen for fighting fires outside the corporate limits of the cities and towns in which the departments are located.

The board members expressed themselves as in favor of such a movement, but deferred any action in the matter, after a discussion, until the county attorney could be consulted in regard to the legality of such procedure. Further discussion of the matter is expected to come up at the next regular meeting of the board on the first Monday in May.

The firemen had records of the fires that they had attended and fought outside corporate limits for which they received no compensation whatsoever. It has been true of all the fire departments in the county that they have gone beyond their boundaries time and again to assist in putting out fires.

The members of the fire departments in this city and in other municipalities are paid to fight fires only in their own city's limits. When they leave their jobs and go outside the limits they are doing it on their own hook and good will.

It is true of the Roanoke Rapids department, and all the others as far as is known, that it has never been known to turn a call down, refusing flatly to go and attempt to put the fire out.

In addition to the firemen's part in the fighting outside limits, the city that maintains the fire-fighting equipment does not, in a great majority of cases, get any compensation for the use of its trucks, hose, and chemicals.

The local department reports (Continued on Page 8, Sec. C)

KIWANIS KITE CONTESTANTS



Above are a few of the contestants who reached the finals in the Kiwanis Kite Contest held here last Saturday. In all 109 boys entered the contest from the five schools in the city. (NewsKuts by Brigman)

Craven car received the impact about the left center, while the Baker car was struck about the left front wheel.

No Figures Yet

Figures for the damages resulting from the armory fire here last week were not yet ready this afternoon, a county official said. A final estimate is expected to be reached Friday or Saturday of this week.

Three checks on the damages are being made. Lee Wheeden is making one for the County; another is being made for the insurance company which carried the insurance; and another is being made by the WPA for the official files of the WPA.

Unofficial estimates by persons who have inspected the building remain at between \$25,000 and \$35,000.

Polling Place In North Ward Changed To Ave.

Polling place for the coming City Election has been changed from the Boy Scout Hut on Second St., to the old Boston Chain Store building at 200 Roanoke Avenue, in the north ward, according to the announcement by Mrs. Ruby Wood Mincher, City Clerk, this week.

Defer Judgment

Evidence in the case of the State Versus Grover Tripp was heard at Recorder's Court Tuesday, but judgement was deferred until the court convenes next Tuesday.

Judge C. R. Daniel told the defendant that he was to remain under a \$500 bond until next week. By that time he said he would have made up his mind in regard to a sentence.

CONDITION OF 2 MEN IS GRAVE

"Very little change" was the opinion of hospital officials late today in regard to the condition of Sheriff Gaddy and Detective Baker, who were injured in an automobile wreck near Jackson Monday morning. R. C. Craven, driver of the other machine in the wreck, was reported resting well.

All the others in the wreck have been allowed to leave the hospital.

Mr. Baker is believed to have suffered a head injury. He was still unconscious late today. Mr. Gaddy, who was not believed seriously injured at first, has been very ill from possible internal injuries.

The two prisoners, who were handcuffed together in the rear seat of the Baker machine, were hurt only slightly. Charlotte detectives came for them on Tuesday.

In accident, the handcuffs were torn from one boy's hand, bruising it badly.

The boys were being taken back to Charlotte on a charge of breaking and entering and forgery.

Sheriff Gaddy was making the trip with Detective Baker because he was a friend of the detective. When Mr. Baker started to Norfolk for the two boys, he had planned driving one of the boy's father's car, but the plans were changed at the last minute. In order to have someone with him on the trip, Barker went to Wadesboro and picked up Sheriff Gaddy for company.

Patrolmen have stated that the Craven machine was apparently going around the curve at a high rate of speed, probably slipping sideways into the other machine as it rounded the curve. The

TO CLOSE

The Roanoke Rapids Schools closed this afternoon and will remain closed through Monday, April 14. Banks in the city will close on Easter Monday. Beauty shops in the city are expecting to be closed for the day Monday.

So far as could be learned today, few, if any, of the stores will be closed. The post office will be open. The ABC stores will remain open.