

# LEAGUE OPENS MONDAY

## Softball Teams Here To Start At Roanoke Park

A long awaited event will take place in the city Monday night, May 19.

This event will be the opening of the first city-wide softball league schedule, in which all the teams of the league are bonafide members of the National Amateur Softball Association.

The first game will be played under the lights at the Roanoke Mills Company park, located near the No. 2 plant in the 600 block on Jackson Street.

The opening night will see a double header between Roanoke No. 1 and the Rosemary Romancos, the Roanoke No. 2 team and the Patterson Mills Company team.

No special ceremony has been planned. The teams will simply start playing ball, managers of the teams have stated.

The following night, Tuesday, May 20, the "B" League will get underway, a double-header scheduled for the opening night at the Roanoke Mills Park. The Halifax Paper Company team will hook up with the Rosemary Bees, while the Roanoke Mills team (a combination of players from plants 1 and 2) will meet the Patterson "B" team.

Following the two first nights, the teams of the two leagues will meet, for the most part at least, for double headers on the same field.

At a meeting this week, officers and directors of the City Softball League adopted schedules for the "A" and "B" teams. The final games were scheduled for August 6.

The schedules will be found on pages 4 and 9 in section B in this issue of the Herald.

The winners in the city race will represent the city in the district playoff for the right to enter the state tournament. For the past two years, the Romancos, the only team in the league that has been a member of the Softball Association prior to this year, have been state champions, representing the state in the national tournament.

The winner in the "B" League will be given a team trophy, while the players on the team will receive individual trophies.

Heading up the organization in the city are the following men: J. R. Meikle, chairman; F. S. Kemp, secretary; Shearod Crumpler (Roanoke No. 2), James Tucker (Roanoke No. 1), Bill Alligood (Rosemary), J. W. Brank (Patterson), and H. L. Schaaf (Halifax Paper Co.)—directors.

H. E. Lee has been selected as the tentative Softball Commissioner for the city. His appointment is expected to become official soon.

Wilton ("Scoop") Dickens was selected by the board of directors as the head umpire of the "A" League. Today he had employed Clarence Byrd, high school athlete, and Wilbur ("Booty") Outland, ex-pro ball players with several years of experience as an official, to assist him with the games. He expects to secure the services of one other man before the week-end, giving each game two officials. This policy is in accordance with the Association ruling.

Mrs. Talton O'Briant spent Tuesday in Norfolk.

Misses Betty and Virginia Gates were week-end guests at their home in Rice, Virginia.

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## Lt. Graham Dean Remains Very Ill

Word was received here this morning to the effect that Lt. Graham Dean, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Dean of this city, remains critically ill in a Louisville, Ky., hospital. Having undergone three major operations on the stomach, the young lieutenant has had an additional operation performed for glandular trouble in his neck, according to W. J. Norwood, who is associated with the elder Mr. Dean here as a cotton buyer for the Rosemary Manufacturing Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean remain at Louisville with the patient, who has remained in good spirits despite his condition, according to reports.

## Second Son Auto Victim

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Phyllis Hodges of the home.

Herbert Hodges, brother of the boy killed last Sunday, was fatally injured on Friday night, November 22, when a car driven by Rufus Gray of Gaston turned over on the Gaston-Lawrenceville road about three miles from the Hodges home. Vincent Gray, Donald Gray, Benjamin Moore, and the driver were all shaken up but not seriously hurt. Herbert died of a fractured skull.

Herbert had obtained a ride with the boys to his home prior to the time the accident occurred. As all the boys were knocked unconscious in the wreck, they said they were unable to explain why the machine turned over.

## Gets Office In Nurses' Organization

Miss Irene Clark, Roanoke Rapids nurse, was elected vice-president of the North Carolina Nurses Anesthetists Association at an organization meeting of graduate nurses held in Raleigh Saturday. Miss Carrie I. Salmon of the Park View Hospital in Rocky Mount, was chosen as president. Miss Jamie Henley, of Gastonia, was made secretary-treasurer.

The organization, which is the first of its kind ever formed in North Carolina, was effected by nine volunteer committee members who met at the Sir Walter Hotel in Raleigh.

Mrs. Addie F. Medlin, of Roanoke Rapids, who acted as chairman of the organization meeting, said yesterday that only three states in the Union now remain outside of the anesthetists circle. They are South Carolina, West Virginia and Maryland, she added, pointing out that future meetings for the North Carolina group would be held with the Virginia and South Carolina delegations, depending upon the time the latter organizes.

Mrs. T. M. Jenkins and Mrs. L. S. Neal spent Saturday in Richmond.

# WELDON FINALS FRIDAY

On the front page of this issue is a picture of the Weldon High School seniors who are expected to receive their diplomas in the graduating exercises to be held tomorrow night, Friday, May 16, in the high school auditorium.

Henry Ellis, Superintendent of Schools in Petersburg, Va., will deliver the address. Class Day exercises were scheduled for tonight. The seventh grade exercises were held Tuesday night at the Halifax School Auditorium with Mrs. Anna Kitchen Josey, member of the County Board of Education, as the speaker. The baccalaureate sermon was delivered Sunday by Rev. H. B. Porter of the First Methodist Church, Wilson.

Finals for the Roanoke Rapids Schools will be held June 5. The difference in closing dates of the schools nearby and the local schools is due to the fact that the Roanoke Rapids schools are operated for a nine months' term, the last month being supported by a supplement.

## Hardy Rites At Corinth Sunday

Funeral services for Mrs. Annie Ellington Hardy, 80, widow of S. T. Hardy, were held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Corinth Church, near Littleton. Mrs. Hardy died Friday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. G. D. Insko. Survivors are the following sons and daughters: J. P. Hardy, Houston, Tex.; Mrs. W. G. Bobbitt, Winston-Salem; Mrs. J. M. Riggan, New York City; Mrs. Nannie Insko, Mrs. G. D. Insko and Mrs. B. F. Morris, all of Littleton, and two brothers, E. T. Ellington, of Hollister, and J. E. Ellington, of Columbus, Ohio.

Out-of-town people attending the funeral were Mrs. J. M. Riggan of New York, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Bobbitt, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Webster, Miss Emily Franklin, Mrs. John Shoah, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Bobbitt, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Bobbitt, Kenneth and Agnes Bobbitt, all of Winston-Salem; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Nelson of Ettrich, Va.; Mr. nad Mrs. W. R. Hardy of Nashville; Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Hardy of Durham; Bonney Morris of Warsaw; Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Morris of Richmond, Va.; Miss Virginia Inscoc of Anderson, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Partin of High Point; Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lovelle of Columbia, S. C.

## Mrs. George Hostess

A lovely party was given Tuesday evening when Mrs. A. O. George was hostess to her bridge club. The home was lovely with arrangements of spring flowers. Mrs. H. E. Gibson won second prize and Miss Edna Wafford high. For refreshments, Mrs. George served a salad course with coffee.

Guests included Mesdames T. N. Adams, Bill Alligood, Sam Bunn, Ivey Mohorne, George Pappendick, E. B. Snoot, M. F. White, H. C. Wirtz, H. E. Gibson, J. D. Edwards, Jimmie Curran, and Miss Edna Wafford.

## Injured In Wreck Gaston Highway

Francis Curry of Roanoke Rapids was treated at the hospital here Sunday night for injuries received when a car driven by Junius Johnson, also of this city, collided with a car driven by Mrs. Nellie Harris of Garysburg. The accident occurred a few hundred yards north of Gaston post office late Sunday night. Curry received a cut on the head. He was not admitted to the hospital.

No arrests had been made in the case this morning. Mrs. Harris told officers that Johnson was driving on her side of the road without lights when the accident occurred. Johnson is said to have denied this, however. Both cars were practically demolished in the head-on collision.

## Hospital Patients from Out-of-Town

Among the out-of-town patients at the Roanoke Rapids Hospital this week are Mrs. W. T. Clary of Brunswick, Va.; B. C. Clary of Lawrenceville, Va.; Mrs. E. L. Delbridge of Skippers, Va.; Miss Sarah Grant of Jackson; Boy Melvin Lassiter of Milwaukee; Clifton Moore of Garysburg.

# COTTON WEEK IS PLANNED

## Merchants Ready With The Latest Styles, Materials

Merchants in Roanoke Rapids are planning to participate in the observance of National Cotton Week from May 16 to May 24 and Mayor Bernard Allsbrook has issued a proclamation, officially proclaiming that period to be National Cotton Week in the city.

The Merchants Association is sponsoring Cotton Week among the merchants, all members having received posters and banners for display purposes.

The stores are planning to have cotton displays in their windows and all ready-to-wear establishments are well prepared for the week with attractive cotton merchandise. Practically every type of wearing apparel will be offered in cotton during the week.

Several of the merchants have just returned from New York, where they purchased the latest in cotton styles and materials in preparation for the week.

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