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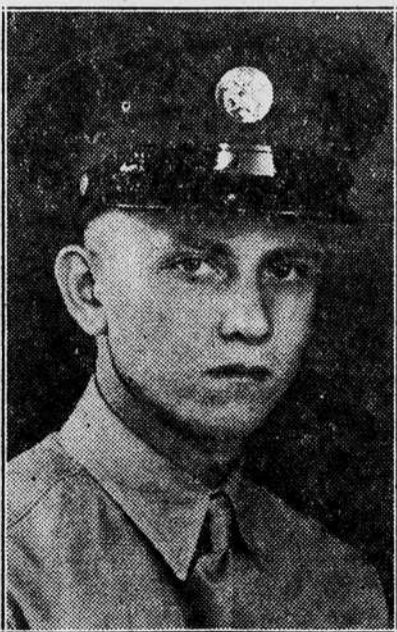
Serving In War Zone



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VISITING FIREMEN IN CITY

Roanoke Rapids firemen Tuesday night were hosts to the Roanoke Firemen's Association, composed of six fire departments in this area, at a banquet in the new Armory, at which time Sherwood Brockwell, State Fire Marshal, was the principal speaker.

With delegates from the six member departments of the Association, totaling more than 100, in attendance, Mr. Brockwell discussed the various duties of the fire departments in the event of air raids and used charts in illustrating the accepted methods of extinguishing incendiary bombs and fires caused by bursting bombs.

"Much of the responsibility in saving human lives in the event of air raids on towns and cities in North Carolina falls upon the local fire departments," Mr. Brockwell pointed out, "and if the time comes in the future when we will be called upon to take over this responsibility, we must be prepared to act promptly and with dispatch in the carrying out of the duties assigned to us.

"The bombing of London and other cities in England has taught the municipal officials and fire department personnel in the United States a thorough lesson. We can rely on the experience of London's firefighters gained in battling blazes night after night caused by German incendiary bombs. We are going to put this experience to good use here in the United States. It is, therefore, important that all firemen know the various methods of extinguishing incendiary bombs before they can cause damage, and of extinguishing a blaze caused by bombs that do explode."

Brockwell was introduced by W. C. King, chief of the Roanoke Rapids fire department.

Other guest speakers at the banquet included Mayor Kelly Jenkins and Will Nelson of Roanoke Rapids; R. A. Joyner, city clerk of Farmville; Will Smith, Chief of the Farmville Fire Department; and George Garner, chief of the Greenville Fire Department.

Fire departments in the Roanoke Firemen's Association represented at the banquet and meeting were

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LAUNCH VICTORY CAMPAIGN

DRIVE for BOOKS

FOR ARMED FORCES OF U. S.

Commissioner



W. G. "Bill" Alligood, coach and manager of the Roanoke Rapids Bombers, nationally known softball team, has been appointed as State Softball Commissioner by the Amateur Softball Association of America, the governing body of softball, according to an announcement received here.

Mr. Alligood will meet with his district commissioners in Greensboro on February 1 to elect officers for the North Carolina Softball Association for 1942.

Alligood succeeds the late Wade Ison, who was director of publicity for N. C. State College, as State Commissioner.

TWO DIE IN AUTO WRECKS

Two automobile accidents in and near Halifax County during the past week-end took two lives and left one other person in the Roanoke Rapids hospital with injuries not believed to be serious.

The dead were Claude Lee Jackson, 30, of Elizabeth City, and Miss Francis Beale, 22, of Potecasi, Northampton County, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Beale, of that town.

Miss Beale died in the local hospital Wednesday just before noon as a result of injuries sustained when the automobile in which she was returning from Richmond with a friend overturned near Potecasi, on Saturday night.

The girl suffered severe head burns, a fracture of the skull, a broken jaw and other injuries. Brought to the hospital here following the wreck, she did not regain consciousness and died Wednesday.

Willie Edwards, driver of the car, who lives in Pendleton, was still in the hospital today suffering a shoulder injury, which doctors said was painful but not serious.

Jackson died in the local hospital on Sunday at noon where he

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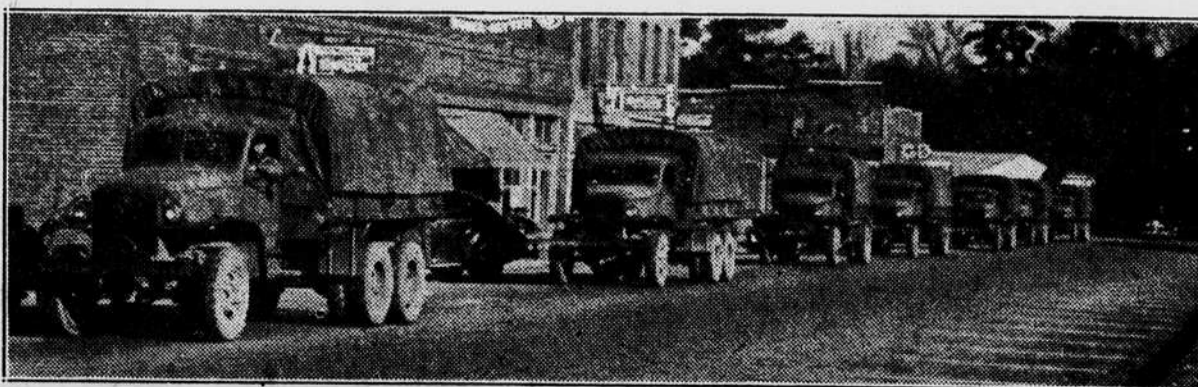
Halifax County is this week launching a Victory Book Campaign to collect books for the men in the armed forces of the United States. The drive is sponsored by the United Service Organization, the American Red Cross and the American Library Association.

A meeting was held in Roanoke Rapids Monday at the office of County USO Chairman F. C. Williams. Miss Evelyn Mullen of the American Library Association presided. Present were Mrs. S. M. Gary, Miss Nannie Gary and Mrs. Charles Boykins, of Halifax, Mrs. Ivey Watson, Miss Susan Whittaker, Mrs. Garland Taylor, of Enfield, Mrs. William Knight and Mrs. Raleigh Daniel of Weldon, Mrs. Cecil Neville of Scotland Neck, Mrs. W. L. Medlin, Miss Mullen, Mr. Williams and Carroll Wilson, of Roanoke Rapids.

All citizens are asked to bring the books they wish to give to the armed forces to their nearest city library or to school children to be delivered to the various schools in the county. Fiction and non-fiction books in good condition are wanted but no magazines or children's books. Ministers are asked to make an appeal to their church members this Sunday and school teachers will explain the campaign to school children. Trucks will visit schools and libraries on Friday, January 30 and on February 6 to collect the books which will be brought to the Roanoke Rapids Armory for sorting and crating. These books will be distributed to the Army, Air Corps, Navy, the Merchant Marines and U. S. O. Centers.

County libraries are located in Roanoke Rapids, Weldon, Scotland Neck, Enfield and Halifax. Take your books to one of these places or send them to school by your children. The slogan is to give as many books as you can but at least one from each family. Somewhere about the home is a book the boys will enjoy reading.

THE ARMY GOES THROUGH



The above is a typical scene in Roanoke Rapids and other cities and towns in North Carolina as the United States girds itself to defeat the Japs and the Axis powers. The picture above shows a portion of a convoy passing down Roanoke Avenue on Friday morning of last week, and is one of several troop convoys passing through the city recently. More will be seen in the future and local residents will probably become accustomed to heavy army trucks and equipment rumbling past their doors night and day.

