

1941 EVENTS IN REVIEW

MANY EVENTS OF NOTE OCCURRED DURING THIRD QUARTER OF YEAR

Continuing its series of articles reviewing the events and news happenings of 1941, the Herald this week presents the third in the series of articles. The story this week covers the third quarter of the past year, July, August and September. The fourth and last in the series of articles will be carried in the Herald next week.

July 3—Lionel M. Wall, 66, died in the local hospital from a self-inflicted shotgun wound. Civil action brought by Citizens Bank and Trust Company against J. Winfield Crew, Jr., settled by mutual consent between the two parties. William Lee, 19-year-old Negro, died in local hospital of injuries received in an automobile accident near Warrenton. Dr. Crocker Maddrey was installed as new President of the local Rotary Club. Widening and surfacing of certain roads in the first Highway Division was approved by Carroll L. Wilson, Highway Commissioner. Actual construction of new Rosemary Cafe is started here. Another reduction in the tax rate of the Roanoke Rapids Graded School District is announced by school officials.

July 10—Dr. M. Bardin appointed city health officer to succeed Dr. M. C. Maddrey, resigned. Leggett's Department Store has formal opening of its spacious new plant. Local draft board decides to investigate all marriage of single men within the draft age limit, due to large number of marriages within the age limits since registration. Halifax county allotted 217 teachers in first release of teacher lists. Charles T. Kidd, prominent local building contractor, dies suddenly. Clerk of Halifax county Superior Court appointed Civilian Defense head in Halifax. D. Pender stores hold opening of new store here with large crowds in attendance. Flood control survey of Roanoke river in the vicinity of Roanoke Rapids authorized. Number of local Rotarians go to Chapel Hill for week-end District Assembly.

July 17—C. E. Medlin, local white man, sentenced to 12 months on a charge of assaulting his daughter. Governor J. M. Broughton takes hand in bringing to justice three men involved in automobile accident in Halifax county. Old North State drive begins in Halifax county to secure funds with which to purchase ambulance plane for Britain. Fifty-four 4-H Club members off to camp at Jamestown, Va. Drive to collect aluminum. Damage to Weldon bonded warehouse as a result of a fire estimated at \$1,200. Mrs. Grace B. Riggan resigns as Deputy Register of Deeds. Robert C. Shields of Scotland Neck is named

Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue. Second typhoid fever case is announced as active in Halifax county by Dr. Robert F. Young, county health officer.

July 24—Cash prizes of \$405 mailed to mill employees as winners in the annual Garden Improvement contest. Funeral services held for Seaboard youth who died as a result of pistol wounds accidentally inflicted as he was rehearsing a part in a French play. City employees go under daylight savings time as Mayor Jenkins moves to cooperate with government. Third typhoid fever case reported in this section. Romancos sew up 1941 city softball league title by winning nineteen games in a row. Wave of petty store robberies ends here with arrest of group of 'teen-age boys. Release report of fourteen road fatalities for Halifax county.

July 31—Results of metal drive in county announced. 3,000 pounds of aluminum collected and officials appreciative. Group of Halifax citizens talk with State School Commission authorities and attempt to get Halifax established as a separate school unit system from the Weldon school district. Contract for building textile building at Roanoke Rapids high school is let and work starts. Town of Halifax set for referendum to enlarge water works system. Annual Lions Club Festival begins. Large training center for N.Y.A. announced for Scotland Neck. F. S. Kemp of this city is appointed softball commissioner for this district. Local postoffice receives high mark in official inspection.

August 7—City officials enact sweeping changes in traffic ordinances and raise pay of city employees at regular meeting. Boydton, Va., girl tells officers she was assaulted near Roanoke Rapids, and arrest of three persons are taken following gun battle near Roxboro and charged with the crime. Three food-handling establishments in Halifax county closed after inspections by Sanitary Officer. First Highway Division allotted \$970,000 in maintenance funds. H. B. "Ted" Speight of Roanoke Rapids named district deputy governor of district 31-C. City softball champs are given awards between games at Roanoke Mills park.

August 14—Judge W. C. Harris

of Raleigh, in address to grand jury in Halifax Superior Court, asks for action and orders officials of county to do their duty. District softball tourney set to open here. Twenty-three members of Roanoke Mills No. 2 softball team leave for New York on free trip. Leonidas Hux of Halifax pushed for President of Young Democrat Clubs of State. Lions Club Festival breaks all records in attendance and receipts, according to officials of the annual affair. All drivers of school busses in Halifax to be given a safety course in driving by State Highway Division and highway patrol. Opening date for white schools of the county announced.

August 21—Opening of new \$20,000 bus terminal here held with Carolina Coach officials on hand for official opening. Local citizens face gasoline shortage here as check of filling stations shows stations selling more than necessary. Fourth case of typhoid in Halifax county announced by Dr. Robert F. Young, county health officer. Firman C. Myrick of Roanoke Rapids named secretary-treasurer of North Carolina Star Route Mail Carriers Association. Playgrounds here close for season but swimming pool will remain open for sometime. Teachers for local school are named for coming year.

August 23—W. L. Joyner, 48-year-old Weldon paralysis victim, kills lover as she sat in front of home in Weldon. Blames liquor for slaying. Mrs. M. McRae Faison named as principal of the Battleboro school. Robert Carey Josey named to the Halifax County Board of Elections. Romancos leave for Raleigh for competition in State softball tourney, after winning from Rocky Mount in district tourney. Land use program as aid to Halifax county farmers is planned. Grid practice for Roanoke Rapids high school candidates begins. Health officer reveals prevalence of venereal diseases in county. Surveying crews of the North Carolina State Highway and Public Works Commission look over proposed highway projects in Halifax county.

September 4—A negro home demonstration agent to work among the Negro element of the county is authorized by the county board of commissioners. K. M. Collins, farmer of the Littleton section, sold the first bale of 1941 cotton here to Rosemary Manufacturing Company. J. R. Adams, on the night police force for a number of years, resigned to take new job with airplane plant. Roanoke Rapids girls softball team is eliminated in the semi-final round of the State Softball tourney and the Roanoke Rapids Romancos win the state title by defeating

Greensboro. As a result of their winning the State championship the locals will go to Detroit for the national tournament.

September 11—Romancos defeat Kentucky and South Carolina in first round of national softball championship. The city board of commissioners order five stop lights for erection on Roanoke Avenue. W. J. "Billy" Norwood of this city was elected Lieutenant Governor of the Sixth Division of Kiwanis clubs at Myrtle Beach. Bishop James W. Cannon, Jr., of the Methodist church, speaks here. Local draft board completes mailing out of all questionnaires. L. W. "Boots" Rainey assumes duties with local police department. Memorial tablet to late Dr. T. W. M. Long is unveiled at Roanoke Rapids hospital, with Judge R. Hunt Parker as the principal speaker. Miss Marion Fisher and Robert C. Josey were awarded trophies in the first annual golf championship matches at the Country Club.

September 18—Funeral services held for H. C. Strickland, father of two local men, who was shot to death at his farm at Brink, Va., by a Negro tenant. William Luchford Crew, young Roanoke Rapids man, sworn in as a member of the North Carolina bar at Warrenton. New jewelry store, The Jewel Box, opens in uptown section. Local grid team plays Littleton in opener of 1941 season. The Halifax County Medical Society holds regular monthly meeting, with Dr. Dean Cole, Richmond physician, as speaker.

September 25—Woodmen of the

World in Bright Belt Log Rolling Association, composed of eleven counties, held here, with prominent Greensboro attorney and Woodmen official, as principal speaker. George T. Edwards, former soldier, taken to hospital following attempt to kill himself. A. Leonidas Hux, Halifax County Clerk of Superior Court, named President of North Carolina Young Democrat clubs. Roanoke-Chowan group of agriculture teachers hold meeting in Rich Square. Tuberculosis clinics for Halifax county held at various points in the county.

Birthday Party

On Friday, January 16, Marion Hudson, Jr. celebrated his fourth birthday at kindergarten. The customary birthday cakes were colored and imaginary gifts drawn and presented to the host. Games were played and birthday songs sung.

At the regular lunch period Mrs. Hudson paid the group a surprise visit, bringing ice cream and favors for each child. These refreshments were supplemented by a birthday cake on which gayly burned four miniature candles.

Those present at Marion's party were: Fred Fayed, Ben Thatch Parker, Bill Savage, Walter Gray, Eugene Beale, Carl Thompson, Byron Brockwell, Patsy Warwick, Iris Faye Sullivan, Mary Ann Womble, Betty Bardin, and Yvonne Tidwell. Those absent from the party were: Ronald Baggett, Michael Johnson, Freddie Martin, Ann Smith, and Mary Ann Dickens.



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