

BUSINESS HERE MAKES PLANS FOR FIRST BLACK-OUT

Members of the Roanoke Rapids Merchants Association attended a special Black-Out instruction meeting at the Municipal Building yesterday afternoon in preparation for the city's first black-out which comes Sunday night. It was the largest meeting in the history of the Association. The court room was packed.

President C. C. Shell opened the session and presented F. M. Sherry, local Defense Chairman who gave a report on the Chapel Hill school attended by Eugene Lehman, Shearod Crumpler, Chief H. E. Dobbins and Sherry. Don Tillar, chief of the Emergency Utilities unit, gave instructions on actual black-out technique.

Both speakers stressed that this trial black-out for a half hour is just the beginning and that a sustained blackout every night is not remote. It was pointed out to merchants that in this case all places of business planning on remaining open nights should start now making necessary preparations.

Details include light-lock doors which can be opened without revealing lights within, question of ventilation and other problems which confront places of business during these sustained blackouts. Mr. Tillar had a model for the average store in the city and one model store will be chosen as a guide.

Both business and private home blackout is not a question of pulling a switch and cutting off the lights. Purpose as pointed out by the instructors was to blackout effectively but to permit living in a refuge room and doing business to go on during the time the city is blacked out.

Gaston, Horner Town, Hodges Town, South Rosemary, Belmont, Lincoln Heights, and all places a mile from the incorporated limits of Roanoke Rapids are included in this area for the test black-out.

The textile and paper industries here are making plans to co-operate in the first blackout and are making plans to work under sustained blackouts in the future, it was announced.

Mr. Sherry pointed out that for eleven months, air raid officials and wardens were subject to jokes in England but when the raids began they were the heroes of the nation. Many hours of intensive training are needed to make them perfect but this work has been started.

Chief of Police Dobbins asked for the trial blackout that merchants remove things of value from their show windows and station guards inside their darkened stores in case of trouble during the first tests. Later this work will be done by auxiliary police.

Later also will come instructions as to special blackout guards for auto lights and flashlights for those who must be on the streets, said Mr. Sherry, but for the Sunday night test, all citizens are asked to be at home or off the streets.

A special blackout ordinance has been passed by the City Board of

*Commissioners and is printed in this issue of the newspaper. It provides for punishment for those who refuse to willingly co-operate with local officials during blackout sessions.

Girl Scouts In Monthly Meeting Hear Director

On Wednesday evening, February 4, the Girl Scout Leaders held their monthly meeting at the Scout Hut and had as their guests the Troop Committee members of each of the eight troops.

Miss Louise Brown, President of the Leaders, presided at the meeting and extended a welcome to the Committee Members.

Mrs. E. D. Harbour, Chairman of the cookie sale, gave a report of the sales up to this time. She, also, explained how each girl could enable her troop to get a perfect score.

Mrs. Graham Shell, Program Director, asked for suggestions and ideas on how to celebrate the birthday of Scouting on March 30. No definite plans were made at this time.

Miss Frances Newsom, Local Director, presented the booklet, "Volunteers for Victory" in which the Girl Scout adult jobs in connection with defense are outlined. To quote Miss Newsom in presenting the booklet, "The assets of Girl Scouting at this time are many; first, it is based upon a code of ethics that emphasizes service to others; second, it includes in its program many activities that can be used to bolster every aspect of the defense program during this war period; third, it has a method—the democratic method—that insures the highest type of cooperative endeavor on the part of groups of children and adults; fourth, it has hundreds of thousands of girls trained in attitudes, skills, and methods of organization that can be put to use in a war situation; fifth, it has thousands of adult women and men who are similarly trained, and in many communities, are organized into admini-

strative councils and committees; sixth, it has physical resources in its local offices and camp sites; and, last, it has a national organization that coordinates the work of all local groups into an efficient movement for service to the communities of the nation."

Also, instructions on what to do in case of a blackout were given out.

The meeting ended with the entire group forming a circle and singing "Taps".

Those present were: Mesdames Cole, Carroll Wilson, M. M. Moore, R. L. Martin, D. E. MacKenzie, Graham Shell, Louis Johnson, D. E. Harbour, Will Clark, George Taylor, and J. R. King and Mr. Carl Churchill, and Mr. R. L. Knight, Committee Members; Misses Frances Newsom, Margaret Poyner, Estelle Knight, Margaret Toler, Frances Grant, Margaret Watson, Louise Brown, Eileen Fisher, Mesdames Lunsford Crew, A. O. George, W. H. Thorne, Dail Haverstock, and Murrell Hudson, Jr., Leaders.

May Cancel County Cage Tourney

That there is a possibility of the first county-wide basketball tournament for high schools, scheduled to be held in the county on February 23, 25 and 27, being cancelled was expressed this week by Roger Gupton, who has been appointed as secretary of the proposed tournament.

Gupton said that one basketball team in the county had already cancelled its entire cage schedule and that others may be forced to do the same. Hollister is the school not playing out its schedule this year, he said.

The secretary gave as his reason for believing the tourney would be cancelled the fact that the teams would experience transportation difficulties in travelling to and from the games, and that spectators would face the same situation, making a successful tournament a remote possibility.

Action on setting the location of the tournament by the county organization of principals and coaches has been delayed by President Zeb Denny, of the Aurelian Springs School, until all principals can be contacted and a decision reached.

Aurelian Springs Teacher Is Called Into Active Duty

Jessie Liles, instructor of Agriculture at the William R. Davie school for the past two or three years, has been called into active duty with the U. S. Army, it has been announced, and will report for duty at Fort Benning, Ga., on Wednesday of next week.

Mr. Liles, a native of the Aurelian Springs section of the county, holds a First Lieutenant's commission in the Army Reserves. He graduated at N. C. State College in 1936, and took an active part in R.O.T.C. work, receiving his commission.

Lt. Liles is married and has one child.

John E. Johnson, a student at State College, has been named to succeed Lt. Liles at the William R. Davie school. Mr. Johnson is a student teacher who finishes in Agriculture at State College this spring.

R. Elvin Walsh, Wallace Shear, in, Irvin Shearin, Harvey Shearin, and David Loy Shearin were business visitors in Norfolk Saturday. They were accompanied home by Douglas Keeter.

Marion and Marvin Taylor of Fort Bragg spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Tyler spent the week end in Suffolk, Va. Abe Jernigan of Fort Jackson spent the week end with his mother, Mrs. Nellie Jernigan.

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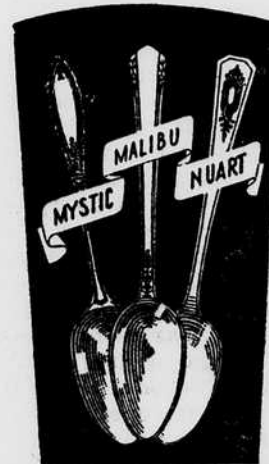
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