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May Prove Interesting

**Airport For Area Is
 Talked At Meeting Of
 High Officials Here**

**Survey Made Blackout Test
 For Likely CALLED
 Location IN AREA
 TUESDAY**

A chance for Halifax County to get an airport was offered when G. L. Bobbitt, State Director of Operations for WPA, Lee Wallace, District Manager and Earle Parker, Halifax County Manager, met with a group of Roanoke Rapids and Weldon citizens here Tuesday afternoon.

The old county Fairgrounds between the two cities had been suggested as an airport location but this was given up when Mr. Bobbitt explained the minimum requirements, which are a tract of at least 400 acres, two runways each 4,000 feet long and 150 feet wide, sufficient land adjoining for future development, no obstructions within a mile to the approaches such as high tension lines, telephone wires.

There are now 19 WPA airports in the State and Mr. Bobbitt said Roanoke Rapids will be the only city of 10,000 population which does not have airport facilities within ten miles of it after July 1. He stated any town which does not have an adequate airport after the war will be like one which did not have water and sewage, so important will air travel and traffic be in the future.

The sponsor must furnish the land and the plans. WPA or CAA or both jointly will then furnish the funds for the construction of the airport after a suitable location has been found and approved by the CAA and the War Department. Mr. Bobbitt estimated Halifax County could receive from \$300,000 to \$500,000 for the airport if it acted before July 1 of this year.

A temporary committee was selected Tuesday to take up the matter with the County Board of Commissioners: Mayor Kelly Jenkins, chairman, Mayor J. T. Maddrey of Weldon and Carroll Wilson. The committee traveled over roads leading out of Roanoke Rapids and Weldon to points about five miles from the two places looking for possible locations. Cultivated areas are not required, said WPA officials. Ike Rochelle, local real estate man, has offered to help the committee in trying to find a low-priced tract which would meet the requirements.

**Kiwanis Club Minstrel,
 "Hooray America",
 Opens Next Thursday**

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Roanoke Rapids and this entire section of the state will undergo its first blackout test under supervision of State Civilian Defense authorities on Tuesday night of next week, W. P. Medlin, of Weldon, District Air Raid Warden, said yesterday.

Medlin announced that W. F. Nufer, member of the State Defense Council and in charge of the air raid warning system in Eastern North Carolina, will be in the area control station in Weldon prior to and during the progress of the blackout. A plane from the Civil Air Patrol, a division of the State Civilian Defense organization, will check the results over the entire area from the air, Medlin said.

Time for the blackout test has not been set, the exact minute being reserved so as to completely test the warning system, the control rooms, and the residents of the area, themselves. However, it was announced that a warning signal would be flashed from Norfolk all over the area via a telephone network sometime between the hours of 8 and 10 o'clock.

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**PRECINCT
 MEETINGS
 SCHEDULED**

Precinct meetings for Halifax County Democrats will be held in the county this year on May 9, Robert C. Josey, chairman of the county elections board, said yesterday, in announcing that the State Board of Elections would hold its annual meeting on March 21 to appoint county Boards and to take other steps to set up machinery for the Democratic primary on May 30th.

Josey also announced that the County Democratic convention would follow the precinct meetings one week later, on May 16th, and that the State convention would be held in Raleigh on May 22.

Candidates for county and legislative offices must complete their filing by April 18, while candidates for state and district offices must

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WYCHE IS ELECTED

WOODMEN CELEBRATE-DINE



The above pictures were snapped by a Herald cameraman at a recent meeting of Birchwood Camp No. 55, Woodmen of the World, held in the lodge hall on Roanoke Avenue. In the top picture is shown a number of officers of the Camp and two state officials of the WOW. In the bottom picture a portion of those attending the meeting are shown enjoying the picnic supper served by the ladies. Staff Photo

**HEAD OF
 RETAILERS
 IN CITY**

C. A. Wyche, owner and manager of the Halifax Farmers Supply Company and one of the city's leading merchants, was elected President of the Roanoke Rapids Merchants Association for the coming year at the annual meeting of the Association held in the banquet room of the Junior-Senior high school on Tuesday night.

George N. Taylor, secretary of the Triple R Grocery Company, was elected Vice-President of the Association. Elected as directors to serve during the next three years were L. D. Hines, general manager of the Dr. Pepper Bottling Company; O. Griffin, local druggist; Graham Shell of Shell Furniture Company; and W. H. Proctor, owner and manager of Proctor's Department Store.

Old members of the Board of Directors, whose terms have not expired, are: Carroll L. Wilson, Frank Sherry, A. N. Martin, M. H. Hedgepeth, M. D. Collier, R. I. Starke, L. G. Shell and C. A. Wyche, who also served as Vice-President of the Association during the past year.

C. C. Shell, retiring president of the Association and First Vice-President of the North Carolina Merchants Association, presided over Tuesday night's banquet-meeting, at which more than a hundred members, their wives and invited guests were in attendance. He introduced invited guests and as retiring president thanked the members of the Association for their cooperation and support during the past year and pledged continued support for the new officers and directors.

Rev. Edmund Berkeley, rector of All Saints Episcopal Church here, gave the invocation. A. N. Martin, a member of the Board of Directors, introduced the speaker, Edmund Harding, humorist and philosopher, of Washington, N. C.

Harding, in an address prepared especially for the meeting, and punctuated by frequent jokes, used as his theme "What Helps Business Helps You". He told the merchants to be friendly, to stay in good spirits, to be thrifty, cooperative and to know the business in which they were engaged. Widely known for his after-dinner speeches, Harding kept the gathering in laughter all through his address with illustrations of various points which he brought out.

At the conclusion of the address, the speaker accompanied the gathering in the singing of favorite numbers, using an accordion.

Harding, in addition to being executive secretary of the Washington Merchants Association and Chamber of Commerce, is an accomplished musician and organist for one of the Washington churches.

Miss Jennie Walton, executive secretary of the local Association, gave her annual report at the meeting, and the report showed a

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Long Hours Ahead For Ladies!
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**CONTROL CENTER
 BEGINS WORK
 HERE ON MONDAY**

The control center set up in the commissioners room at the municipal building will officially begin operation on a 24-hour a day, 7-day week basis through the duration, on Monday morning at 8 o'clock, officials in charge of the center said yesterday.

In connection with the opening of the center, officials said that the first class of instruction in the rudiments of operation of the post for volunteer workers will be held on Friday night at 7:30 in the municipal building. The work in the control center will consist mostly of telephonic and clerical work, the latter in connection with the scope of duties the center will perform all over the territory.

The control center here will act as a filter center for messages to and from the various departments of civilian defense during an air raid alarm.

Commander Frank Sherry, of the local Civilian Defense Corps, said yesterday, "I am highly gratified at the response made to our appeal for lady volunteers in the operation

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**COURT
 OPENS
 MONDAY**

Judge Henry L. Stevens of Warsaw is calendared to preside over the two weeks term of civil Superior Court which gets underway in Halifax on Monday morning.

Judge Stevens, who made a distinct impression on court officials and attorneys alike when he presided over the January terms of Superior court, will be making his second visit to the county as a presiding jurist.

Calendared for trial on Friday of the first week's session are eleven divorce cases, while a part of the day Friday will be devoted to taking care of the motion docket.

Scheduled to be aired at the

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