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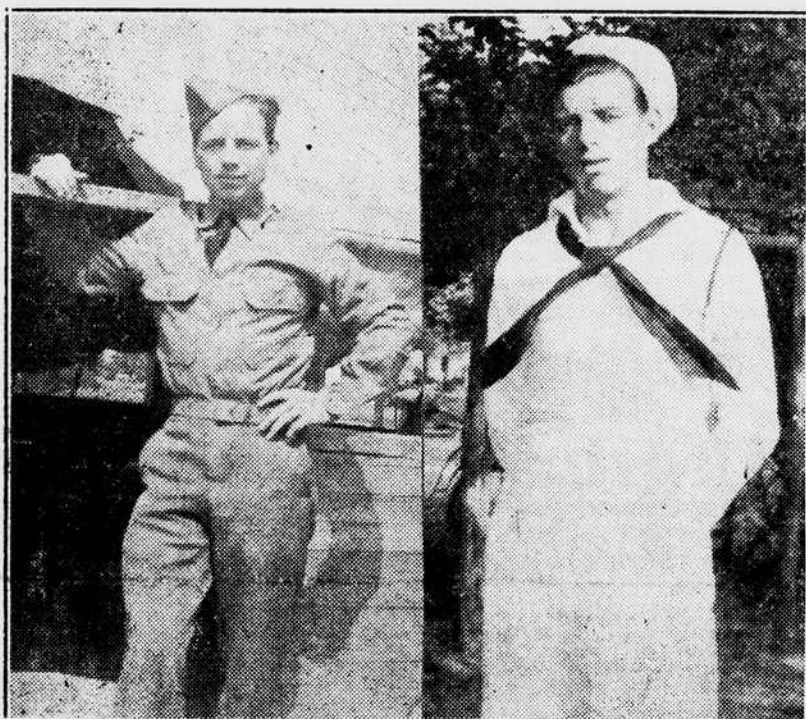
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# AIRPORT PROJECT UP

## BROTHERS IN SERVICE



Three sons of Leonard L. Loomis, employee of the Roanoke Mills Company, are now serving in the Army and Navy, and one of them is already seeing service in the War Zones. Shown above at left is George L. Loomis, Private First Class, who is now stationed at Fort Dix, N. J. with a Medical detachment at the station hospital. Joseph H. Loomis, shown at right, above, is a Fireman, First Class, and is stationed at the Norfolk Naval Base. Clarence W. Loomis, a former employee of Roanoke Mills Co. No. 2, is stationed on an uninhabited island in the Pacific. A letter from Clarence, to the Editor, is published on Page 10, Section B.



## SOLDIERS TO LEAVE CITY BUT WORK TO CONTINUE

Company D, 30th Engineers, stationed at the local armory building since early in the Spring, will definitely leave the city on a new assignment in the near future, but the work of mapping the surrounding countryside will be carried on by other engineer groups, Lieut. Graham Waitt, acting commanding officer of the company, said today.

Lieut. Waitt said that because of war time censorship regulations he could not divulge information as to where the company would be sent, nor when, and added that he has not been given such information as yet. However, it was learned that Captain A. T. Dodson, commanding officer of the company, was at present up North on official gov-

ernment business, possibly looking over sites for re-location of the company when it leaves here in the near future.

When the Engineer company occupied the Armory building, the board of commissioners announced that they had leased the Armory to the War Department until July 1, with an option to take an additional six months lease, which would expire January 1. A month of this second six months period has already lapsed and it was supposed in many quarters that the War Department had decided to take up its option for another six months.

Lieut. Waitt said that he did not know at present whether other troops would be sent here to complete the work started by (Continued on Page 12, Sec. A)

## SECOND RAID TEST TO BE HELD HERE ON TUESDAY P. M.

### Plan Test Of Entire Civil Defense Corp

Permission has been received from Director Ben E. Douglas of the State Office of Civilian Defense in Raleigh, to conduct a second daylight air raid drill in Roanoke Rapids, according to an announcement made yesterday by F. M. Sherry, Commander of the local Civilian Defense Corps.

The second drill will be held on August 4, sometime between the hours of 4 and 8 o'clock in the afternoon. Another drill has also been authorized later on in the month of August, Sherry said. Details of the third drill will be announced at a later date.

Tuesday's drill will be for one hour and it will be similar to the first air raid test here in daylight on July 14, according to Sherry. Problems covering all of the defense units will be set up and it is expected that this drill will be run much smoother than the first test held here.

It is the intention of local Civilian Defense authorities to have these daylight drills frequently and when the workers become familiar with their duties, drills will later be held at night during blackout tests, Sherry explained.

The first drill held here on July 14 was considered excellently carried out, but local officials said that there were still a number of units that needed more actual drill in order to become proficient in the carrying out of their duties.

Commander Sherry said that by holding the raid Tuesday for an hour's duration, this would give defense workers time to complete all problems without having interference from local traffic. Problems covering many phases of civilian defense will be prepared. Air raid wardens expect the problems will be much more explicit and plainer than they were during the first test.

Wardens are to look for red flags in their territories. Attached to these red flags will be a message which will be very explicit, explaining the exact nature of the trouble and the time of the incident. To coordinate the activity, air raid wardens are asked not to report the incident until the time shown on the card.

The air raid wardens will report the "incident" directly to their sec- (Continued on Page 12, Sec. A)

## SURVIVOR



Marvin Scott, shown above, son of Mrs. Mary Poytrass of Roanoke Rapids and the late Paul Scott, is one of the 13 survivors of the U.S.S. Sims, which sank in the Coral Sea battle on May 7. Read young Scott's story of his experiences in battles on the sea since Pearl Harbor. It will be found on Page 2, Section B.

## Romancos Again Are City Champs

The Romancos of Rosemary Manufacturing Co. are again City Softball Champions.

Their victory over the Roanoke No. 2 Red Raiders Wednesday night at Roanoke Park makes it impossible for the second-place Redmen to catch up. Before Wednesday night the Raiders had a slim chance to overtake the Romancos, that is if the Rosemary boys lost all the remainder of their games and the Redmen won all their remaining games.

That win puts the Romancos five full games ahead of Roanoke No. 2 and gives them the title.

Although the Romancos have won the State title in the three previous years they have won the city championship only one of these years. They were not entered in the city race in 1939 and 1940.

As City Champions they are entitled to enter in Eastern district playoffs to be held in Raleigh on August 13, 14, and 15.

## HEARING MONDAY MORNING

### Citizens to Appear At Meeting of Commissioners

The question of whether Halifax county will have an up-to-date and modern airport in the near future may possibly be decided at the regular meeting of the county Board of Commissioners scheduled to be held on Monday morning in Halifax, at which time delegations from civic clubs in the county and interested citizens will appear before the Board in an effort to get a definite commitment from the Commissioners in relation to the purchase of land upon which to erect the project.

Civic clubs in the city plan to send delegations to the meeting, it was learned, and all other interested citizens in the city and county are urged to attend.

The purpose of the hearing will be to ask the county Board of Commissioners to appropriate money to purchase the land upon which the field would be built. In the event the county does purchase the land and, in addition, take care of initial engineering work necessary to get the project ready for actual construction, the Civil Aeronautics Authority would then build the field and add the necessary equipment if the War Department approves the plans.

CAA investigators are known to have been in the county within the past few weeks conferring with interested citizens in regards to the building of a modern airport to serve the county, and the meeting with the Board of County Commissioners is being called in an effort to bring the matter to a definite conclusion while "the iron is hot".

## Special Scrap Drive To Be Made On Friday

Boy and Girl Scouts of the city will assist in carrying out a special drive in the city Friday to collect available scrap materials for contribution to the Salvage program.

For more complete details on this drive, readers should turn to Page 12, Section B and read the complete story carried there.

## Strange Letters Found In County

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