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TWO BIG EVENTS HERE

LIONS CLUB FESTIVAL IN FULL SWING

The Sixth Annual Mid-Summer Festival to be staged by the Lions Club is in full swing at the Roanoke Avenue showgrounds this week, and has been attended by record crowds all week. With only two more nights to go, the Festival will draw to a close Saturday night with the awarding of the grand cash prize. It is expected that Friday and Saturday night crowds will set an all-time record for attendance.

The success of the show this year is credited largely to the fact that the W. C. Kaus Shows, midway attraction, is by far the largest outdoor show organization to play for a Lions Festival here, and is perhaps the largest show of its kind ever to exhibit within the city limits.

From the very first night of the Festival, which started on Monday, record crowds have jammed and packed the Midway, and observers on the show lot report thousands of "repeat customers" night after night. Many visitors will undoubtedly be attracted to the city on Friday and Saturday night to attend the state championship softball tournament being played off here, and this fact is expected to swell the attendance at the Festival rather than hurt it. Undoubtedly they will attract huge crowds after the ball games have been played, and it is anticipated these people will come late and stay until closing time. The wide difference in the nature of the two attractions will not interfere with attendance of either, it is thought.

The entire membership of the Lions Club has co-operated wholeheartedly with the festival committee this year, which is under the guidance of Clayton Gurley, veteran festival committee chairman. Gurley directed the first Mid-Summer Festival to be presented by the club some five years ago. Each new show has by far eclipsed its pre-runner from a standpoint of profits, all of which money is spent locally by the club in its welfare and blind work. Gurley expressed his thanks to local people for their support of the club's undertaking this year, and was loud in the praise of the co-operation he and his committee have received from club members, together with the members of other civic clubs in the city and the public in general. The Lions Club is "short-handed" this year by reason of the fact they have lost many members to the Nation's armed services, but every detail connected with the festival has progressed very nicely this year with the very best of order maintained.

HOSPITAL FURNISHES ARMY NURSES



Lieut. Pearl Howell



Lieut. Dorothy Drake



Lieut. Ella Mae Lassiter

The three young ladies shown above are all graduates of the Roanoke Rapids Hospital Nurses School, now serving with the Army Nurses Corps. Further details will be found on Page 8—Section A of this issue.

BRING STATE CHAMPIONSHIP MEET TO CITY

The eyes of the entire state will be focused on the city on Friday and Saturday nights this week as Ledgerwood Park becomes the playing field for the state championship softball games. It is at least safe to say that every softball enthusiast of the state will be looking in this direction, and hundreds of them are expected to come here to see the matches that will determine the state champions for 1942.

Roanoke Rapids has had the thrill in previous years of seeing their famed Romancos the past three consecutive state champions in softball. Many of "those in the know" in the world of sports are predicting a fourth victory, but be that as it may, at least local fans will have the opportunity of seeing a state championship match this year for it was tossed right in their own backyard when the Romancos defeated Pilot Mills in Raleigh last Saturday night, giving them the Eastern championship.

Much of the credit for the fact that Roanoke Rapids was selected for the first two games for the state championship goes to State Softball Commissioner Bill Allgood and F. S. Kemp, secretary and treasurer of the N. C. Softball Association, both of Roanoke Rapids.

Early Friday afternoon the Burtner Furniture softball team of Greensboro, current Western champs, will come rolling into the city full of fight and itching for revenge.

Burtner's is the same team that was defeated by the Romancos last year in the state finals in a contest full of thrills and disagreement. In the Western meet this year they hold wins over Kannapolis and Canton. In the Western finals they defeated pitcher Howard "Windy" Sams of the Canton YMCA in a pitchers' duel that went eight innings and finally ended up 2 to 0.

The Romancos and Burtner's will hook up first on Friday night at 8:30 o'clock at Ledgerwood Park here in Roanoke Rapids. The second game is to be played at Ledgerwood on Saturday night. The third contest, if necessary, is to revert to the Greensboro team's home field on Monday night.

The winner of the state crown is to play the South Carolina champ for the district championship, Georgia and Florida having withdrawn from the meet because of transportation difficulties.

Game time Friday night will be 8:30 o'clock p.m. Admission will be 40 cents for adults and 25 cents for children.

Probable starting lineups for the (Continued on Page 12, Sec. A)

HELD FOR MURDER

Judge Denies Writ Of Habeas Corpus; Held First Degree Murder

Harry Hardison, former Enfield night policeman, must face a charge of first degree murder at the next term of Superior Court, it was decided at a court hearing before Judge J. Paul Frizelle in Halifax yesterday. The murder charge is the result of the death of Robert W. Baugham, Enfield

automobile dealer and member of the Town Board of Commissioners, last Thursday afternoon, following an alleged assault upon him by Hardison.

Baugham died in a Rocky Mount hospital about two-hours after being assaulted in his place of business in Enfield by the former policeman, with whom it is reported he had had some trouble over previously discharging him from the police force. Hardison surrendered shortly after learning that Baugham had died and was

placed in the county jail at Halifax without privilege of bond pending a hearing in the matter.

Judge Frizelle, holding the second week of Superior Court at the county seat this week, granted the hearing Wednesday, upon a writ for release presented by Hardison claiming that no definite charges had been placed. The Judge declined to grant a writ of habeas corpus in the case and ordered that he be remanded to jail without bond to face a first degree murder charge. (Continued on Page 12, Sec. A)

Navy Calls Him



M. SCOTT BENTON

who will leave Roanoke Rapids Monday to report at Norfolk to the U. S. Navy. (Story—Pg. 12, Sec. A)

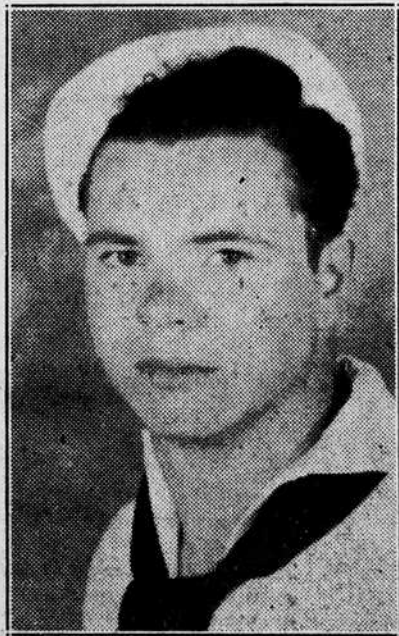
Wins Quiz Prize



CHARLES HORN

who won a prize on a quiz program in New York last week. (Story on Page 12, Section A)

Aviation Corps



W. T. POYTHRESS

advanced to Aviation Machinist's mate at Pensacola, Florida. (Story on Page 10, Sec. B)