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# FIGHT OVER JOHNSON

## 61,970 LBS. SCRAP

IN EGYPT



Roy Gant, Jr., 19-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gant of 1308 Washington Street, is thought to be in Egypt at this time. He is serving as a gunner's mate and enlisted in the Navy in January this year. His father last heard from him about two months ago, saying he was shipping soon for the Suez Canal Zone. His brother, George, plans to enlist in the Army.

SERGEANT



W. Burnette Connell, above, has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant in the Army, according to word received by his brother, Wiley D. Connell, this week. Prior to his enlistment in July, 1940, he was employed by Rosemary Mfg. Co., and was a member of the local fire department. He is stationed at Honolulu, Hawaii, and saw action in the attack on Pearl Harbor.

## SCRAP DRIVE IS AIDED BY THE SCHOOLS

Students Bring 61,970 Lbs. Scrap Material To Date; Drive Continues

Students of the city schools entered into the "Salvage For Victory" campaign with great enthusiasm and to date have accounted for an additional 61,970 lbs. of precious scrap of various commodities to be added to the city's "scrap heap."

An inventory taken late Thursday afternoon indicated the following had been collected by city school students: 46,763 lbs. of iron; 10,139 lbs. of tin; 3,550 lbs. of rubber; 1,140 lbs. of rags; 239 lbs. of aluminum; and 139 lbs. of brass and copper, bringing the total poundage for all commodities to 61,970 lbs.

Background Note: The Salvage Committee for the Roanoke Rapids district, in a meeting two weeks ago tonight, reported that since April a total of 212,000 lbs. of scrap metals, 4,000 lbs. of rubber, and 11,000 lbs. of paper had been collected in the city, of which approximately 172,000 lbs. was traceable to local industries. These figures are repeated here in order to show the relative value of the school children's effort in this important drive.

"This must by no means be construed to be the 'harvest' of the school children's drive," C. W. Davis commented in making the report of the youngsters' progress this afternoon. "It must be remembered that the drive by students has just gotten started; that they are adding to the pile day-by-day, and it will be continued as long as the children are bringing in scrap."

Mr. Davis then pointed out that scores of residents of the city had called the schools reporting they had quantities of scrap metal, rubber or rags to be given to the drive, and that because of the heaviness of the loads the children had been unable to handle it, but that a system was being worked out whereby trucks would be sent for it within the next few days, thus swelling the total poundage to be collected by city school children.

A check-up revealed Central School was leading in the amount of scrap material collected in the elementary schools, and that the Junior High School was leading the High School, as well as all of the rest of the schools in the city. More progress will be reported next week.

## STATE CHAIRMAN ORDERS NAME ON BALLOT AFTER COUNTY CHAIRMAN REFUSES

IN ENGLAND



Pvt. Chas. R. Greene, the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Greene of this city, is assigned to the Signal Corps with the Army and is stationed "Somewhere in England." A cable was received by his parents here recently stating his safe arrival overseas.

The State Board of Elections yesterday ordered S. W. Dickens, chairman of the Halifax County Board of Elections to print the name of D. Mac Johnson, Enfield attorney, on the county ballots for State Senator. Dickens had previously refused to print Mr. Johnson's name on the ballots.

Last week the State Senatorial committee of the 4th district, comprising Halifax and Edgecomb counties, had accepted the resignation of Lt. Julian R. Allsbrook now on active duty with the U. S. Navy, as the Democratic nominee for the State Senator from Halifax County. The district committee had also nominated and certified the name of Mr. Johnson.

The authority of this committee was challenged by Mr. Dickens, who with J. Waldo Whittaker, E. L. Travis and Lunsford Crew, went to see the attorney general. This group contended the nomination in case of vacancy should be made by the Halifax County Democratic Executive Committee.

The latter committee met this Tuesday at Halifax and by a vote of 9 to 8 confirmed the action of the State Senatorial committee and also nominated and certified Mr. Johnson. The name of W. J. Norwood of Roanoke Rapids was nominated by J. R. Wollett of Littleton and seconded by D. L. Traynham of Roanoke Rapids. Mr. Johnson received nine votes, Mr. Norwood eight.

Two seats on the executive committee were challenged and a grievance committee was appointed by Dr. B. Weathers, county chairman, and voted full power to act after hearing all testimony. Perk Crawley contended that he should be seated as chairman from Faucetts Township in place of Daniel Hux who moved to Weldon from the township three months ago. Mr. Hux told the committee he still considered Faucetts as his residence and home and had only moved temporarily on account of the tire and gasoline rationing, to be nearer his job at Roanoke Mills Co. The committee ruled with Mr. Hux. Later this point was confirmed by the State Chairman of the Democratic Party.

Other seat questioned was that of Lovira Leggett of Kehukee Precinct. It was contended that the precinct meeting in that precinct was illegally held a week before the date set by the State Party Committee. Mr. Leggett admitted a meeting was held a week in advance but that upon receipt of the proper notice from then Chairman B. M. Nicholson that a second meeting was called and held at Hobgood on the proper date. There being no testimony before the committee to the contrary, Mr. Leggett was seated.

## OVERSEAS



Pfc. Robert M. Baggett, shown above, is a former employee of Rosemary Manufacturing Co., and is now with the army and thought to be "Somewhere in England." He was inducted into the army in October, 1941. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Baggett of Aulander.

Altho the ballots are supposed to be ready 30 days before the November 3 election, they still had not been printed yesterday afternoon.

## CHEST DRIVE FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 18th

The Roanoke Rapids Community Chest will get under way on October 18 with stirring appeals for support in all the churches of the city. Saturday, October 24, will mark the final day of the campaign.

Father Peter M. Denges, pastor of St. John's Catholic Church, is campaign chairman, and his drive officers are Thomas W. Mullen, Colonel for the Special Solicitation; Gordon A. Berkstresser, Colonel for the Industrial Solicitation; William P. Taylor, Colonel for the General Solicitation in the Roanoke Rapids district and Alfred N. Martin, Colonel for the General Solicitation in the Rosemary district.

Howard B. Speight is Publicity Director for the campaign while Mrs. Sam T. Brown is Drive Secretary.

On Friday night, October 16, at 7:30, a mammoth Community Chest rally will be held in the auditorium of the High School building for all Chest Officials together with all the Colonels, Majors, Generals and Lieutenants.

## G-MAN SPEAKS AT MUNICIPAL BLDG. FRIDAY

Edward Scheidt, Special Agent in charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Charlotte, N. C., will make a special address to the law enforcement officers of Halifax and Northampton Counties, including Civilian Defense Auxiliary Policemen, on Friday night, October 9th, at 8:00 p. m. at the Roanoke Rapids Municipal building. Mr. Scheidt's address will be of particular interest to police officers, and their duties during war.

All members of the local Auxiliary Police are invited to hear Mr. Scheidt.



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