

# County Bills PASS FINAL READINGS IN THE LEGISLATURE

— SEE DETAILS BELOW

**REMEMBER**

ROBERT E. MAY, Navy, May 8, 1942

R. H. McCOMMONS, Merchant Mar., July 5, 1942

JAMES W. WHITBY, Navy, Oct. 26, 1942

WILLIAM H. CAMP, JR., Navy, Nov., 1942



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# RED CROSS DRIVE TO START

## KIWANIS CLUB WILL STAGE MINSTREL

Thursday and Friday  
March 25, 26 Is Date  
Set For Big Show

Announcement is made this week by the Roanoke Rapids Kiwanis Club that their 13th annual minstrel-revue will be presented to city audiences on Thursday and Friday, March 25th and 26th, this year, with actual practice probably getting underway Monday, March 15th.

The title of this year's minstrel-revue will be: "At Your Service," and it has been written especially for Roanoke Rapids by the John B. Rogers Producing Company. It will be directed by Pat Gorman, one of Rogers' ace directors.

With the staging of "At Your Service," local audiences will again have the opportunity to see a show of the same high calibre of the many productions presented by Kiwanians in the past. As one member of the local club put it this week, "fun has not been rationed," and the 1943 minstrel will not only be up to par but will possibly eclipse other home-talent productions presented by the club here over a period of the past twelve years.

The show will feature all home talent, and will include snappy dance numbers, new songs, brilliant costumes, and the minstrel interlude, which will customarily form the second part of the show will be one of the best yet presented, it is said.

The annual minstrel-revue presented by Kiwanians offers local people, both old and young, the opportunity to display their talents, and provides the principal means of obtaining money for the club to carry on its program for underprivileged children. All of the shows presented by the club here in the past have been outstanding successes, both from a standpoint of entertainment and revenue earned for the club.

For a number of years the dental clinic has been the club's underprivileged child project. They submit the following statistics for their last dental program, showing the score of this work:

"This program was conducted by Dr. Spencer Woody of the Oral Hygiene Department of the State Board of Health. For a period of twenty weeks the clinic was conducted in both the white and colored schools. All children in the lower grades were examined. If the child needed dental attention..."

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## PROMOTED



NORMAN SCRIVENER

The Field Scout Executive above has served in the city since last year, and has recently been promoted to Assistant Scout Executive, and will leave the city shortly. Full details of the promotion of the city man will be found on Page 2—Section A.

## OFFER FREE COURSE AIR "SPOTTING"

Ben E. Lancaster, chief observer at the Air Warning Station in the city, announces that a free course in air recognition will soon be available to anyone interested in taking it. The offer applies to either adults, men or women, or children of boy or girl scout age. All materials incidental to the instruction will be furnished, and the course will be given without obligation to those taking it serving as "airplane spotters" for the city observation station in the future.

Lancaster has just returned from a week's course in air observation at Virginia Beach.

In an interview the first of the week he stressed the importance of the local air observation station being furnished with a pair of field glasses. He appealed to readers of this newspaper last week to "donate" a pair of field glasses, stating that they would be returned after the war, but thus far no contributors have signified their willingness to loan the local station the binoculars. They are sorely needed by the local air observation post, and will be well taken care of, Lancaster assures.

## ABC BILL IS LAW; COUNTY BILL PASSES

County Commissioners Will Be Elected From Districts In Future

The bill introduced by Representative Ben Everette to set up an ABC Board for Halifax County passed the House Monday night; had its final reading in the Senate yesterday, and today is "the law of the land."

It names Clyde Liske of Roanoke Rapids, Dave L. Suiter of Weldon, and G. H. Johnson of Scotland Neck as members of the Halifax County ABC Board, and takes all of the affairs of the county's Alcoholic Beverage Control out of the hands of the present Board of County Commissioners. Enactment by the legislature of Representative Everette's bill restores the set-up of the county's ABC affairs to those originally set forth by Senator Julian Allsbrook when legislation creating the ABC Board was enacted into law under his direction several years ago.

The bill had been bitterly opposed by various citizens of the city and county who openly fought it at its hearing before the House Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns last week. Many of these same citizens continued their efforts in opposing the legislation even after the committee reported it favorably last Thursday, but their efforts were to little avail, as evidenced by the legislature enacting the measure into law.

Senate Bill 16, introduced soon after the first of the present legislative session by Senator D. Mac Johnson, was also ratified by the legislature on Monday of this week, in its substituted form. This bill districts Halifax County into five districts, each to nominate one member of the County Board of Commissioners in the next primary election.

The voters will select their members from the following districts: One from Roanoke Rapids township; one from Littleton, Butterwood and Brinkleyville townships; one from Weldon and Faucette townships; one from Enfield and Halifax townships; and one from Scotland Neck, Conoconnara, Palmyra and Roseneath townships.

Each district will nominate its own member on the County Board of Commissioners; for example: the Commissioner from Roanoke Rapids will be voted on by the voters of Roanoke Rapids township only.

## "WAR DEAD"



PFC. JOHNNIE W. BRANTLEY

The Marine shown above is a former resident of the city who was killed in an automobile accident at a California Camp on February 19th. Funeral services were held here last week. He was the adopted son of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. White of this city.

## BLACKOUT OF THURSDAY IS BIG SUCCESS

The blackout test held here last Thursday night was "particularly successful" in the words of Ed. H. Graves, chairman of the local civilian defense corps. It was the first such test for the city and surrounding territory since early last fall, and came as a surprise to everyone, including OCD officials. The local civilian defense unit had been told that a blackout test would be called for some time between Monday morning and Friday midnight of last week, but other than that they had no further information.

The yellow signal was sounded here at 9:11 p. m. last Thursday; the blue signal was flashed at exactly 9:22; the red signal at 9:40; the blue again at 9:52, and the all clear at 10:11 p. m.

Graves reports the signals were sounded on time to the exact second almost, that local civilian defense workers mobilized immediately, and that only one case of an unattended light was reported to local OCD officials. It seems there were a few isolated cases of misinterpretation of the signals, but these were quickly straightened out by air raid wardens.

## RAISE QUOTA TO \$10,000 IN TERRITORY

The annual Roll Call drive of the American Red Cross will start in the city on Monday of next week, with \$10,000 as the goal for Roanoke Rapids and surrounding territory, which includes Littleton, Aurelian Springs and places near those towns and communities. The goal is by far the largest set for the local chapter, though local officials expressed themselves as confident the amount could be raised this year.

The goal for the last drive was only \$4,000.00 and was more than doubled by the local chapter. The same procedure in soliciting funds will be carried out this year, according to preliminary plans announced by Rev. Gordon Price, chairman of the local chapter.

A meeting was held Monday night at which time the following officers for the local chapter to serve during 1943 were elected: Rev. Gordon L. Price, chairman; Rev. John Walker, vice-chairman; Mrs. J. E. McGee, executive secretary, and R. W. Vaughan, treasurer. The nominating committee was composed of C. W. Davis, Mrs. J. E. McGee, Mrs. F. G. Jarman, and Shearod Crumpler.

A financial report was submitted at Monday night's meeting showing that the local chapter had received \$10,198.19 from all sources as of the period ending December 31st, 1942, which with the balance on hand gave them a total to be accounted for of \$11,054.48. Of this amount the major disbursements included the Roll Call Remittance to National Headquarters of \$1,180.90, and the War Fund Remittance to National Headquarters of \$5,859.22, with other disbursements running the total to \$9,951.72. This left a balance on hand of \$1,102.76, with which to start the new year.

Reports of various activities conducted by the local chapter will be found on the inside pages of this issue of the Herald, and R. W. Vaughan, treasurer, acting also in the capacity of publicity chairman, has turned over additional reports which will appear in next week's issue of this newspaper.

Officials of the local chapter of the Red Cross pointed out this week that the national organization faces the second year of United States' participation in World War II secure in the knowledge that its vast resources have withstood the rigid tests of wartime in the months since Pearl Harbor.

To meet its increased wartime responsibilities, the Red Cross has set a goal of \$125,000,000 for the year.

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