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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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CAR DEATH INQUEST FRIDAY

REPORT CITY MAN MISSING IN ACTION

Marvin Scott, Son Of Mrs. Mary Poythress, A Survivor Of Sims

Word has been received by Mrs. Mary Poythress, who lives just across the river from Roanoke Rapids on a farm in Northampton County, that her son, Marvin Scott, 24, serving as machinists mate, first class, in the U. S. Navy, is missing in action.

Young Scott was one of thirteen survivors of the USS Sims, when that ship was sunk in the Coral Sea Battle on May 7th of last year. In addition to his experiences on the Sims, he was engaged in four Pacific battles, and was a passenger on the Yorktown when it was damaged at Midway.

Scott spent several days with his mother near the city last July, and gave a thrilling account of his experiences in World War II, to the Herald while visiting here.

CITY GRANTS 26 V-GARDEN PLOTS HERE

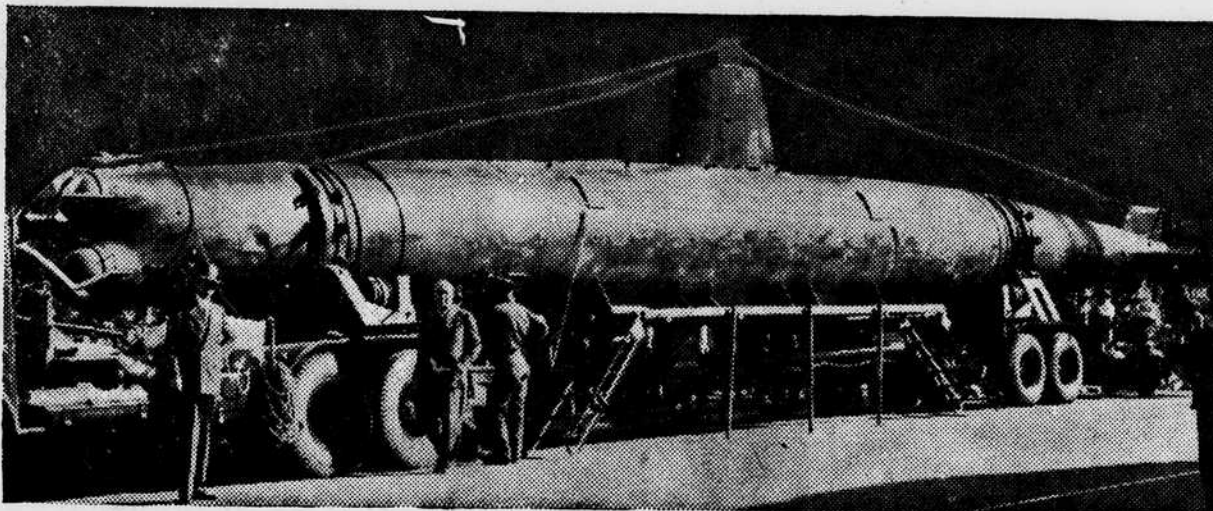
Two More Spaces Are Ready Now; More Will Be Available Soon

Following announcement last week that the City of Roanoke Rapids would grant victory gardeners the privilege of using spaces marked off by them on the lands purchased about a year ago for the cemetery, some 26 residents have been granted gardening space there. Two more plots have been staked off, and are ready for applicants at this time, and much more space at the cemetery grounds may be utilized for this purpose if needed.

George Justice, city street superintendent, states that much of the acreage is ideal for gardening, and that his crew of workmen will stake off the spaces as soon as they are able to do so, and if the demand for gardening space continues.

Granting city residents the privilege of using the land for gardening was decided upon at the March meeting of the city commissioners, as it is apparent the city will not be able to develop the land for the purpose for which it was bought for the duration of the war. Because of the food shortage it was decided to let residents raise gardens on the land without charge.

Captured Jap Submarine In Rocky Mount Tuesday



The Jap Submarine shown here will be on exhibition in Rocky Mount Tuesday, March 23rd, between 5 o'clock in the afternoon and 10:30 that night. The boat will be displayed on a specially designed tractor on Main Street between Sunset and Western Avenues. A big parade through the streets will feature its entry into the city.

ALL SET FOR BLACKOUT IN CITY FRIDAY

Halifax, Northampton Counties Included In The Norfolk Area

A practice blackout test and air-raid drill for the entire Norfolk area has been called for Friday night, March 19th, according to announcement made by R. L. McMillan, state director of civilian defense, and the test will go off according to the schedule originally announced some ten days ago.

The city falls under the jurisdiction of the Norfolk area, as does all of Halifax and Northampton counties, and a part of Warren County. All of the town of Littleton, located in two counties, will be affected by tomorrow night's blackout and air raid drill test.

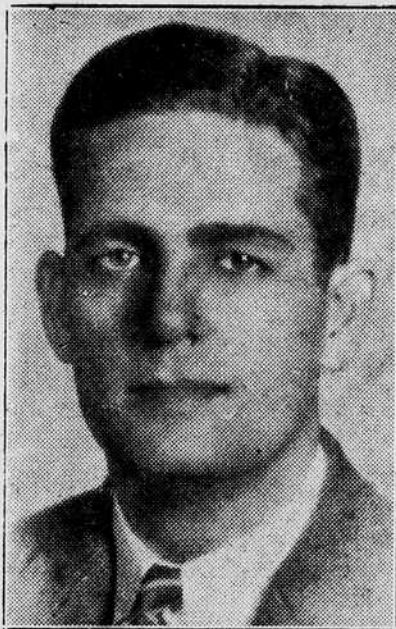
The yellow signal will be given at 8:35 p. m., followed by the blue signal at 8:50, the red at 9 o'clock, the blue again at 9:10, while the white or "all-clear" signal will be given at about 9:22 according to present plans.

Ed Graves, chairman of local civilian defense activities, stated that the purpose of tomorrow night's test was to thoroughly acquaint people with the various signals. He stated he was well pleased with the last blackout held here, which was a surprise test on February 25th, and that had every city in the district complied with the rules as well as Roanoke Rapids, there would have been no occasion for Friday night's test.

He expressed confidence that little confusion would exist during the test here tomorrow night, and ventured the hope that Roanoke Rapids and surrounding territory would continue to keep their blackout record above reproach.

Residents have prepared for tomorrow night's test and it will doubtless go off smoothly.

ABC MANAGER



J. F. White, Enfield, has been employed as county manager by the new Halifax County ABC Board, consisting of G. H. Johnson, chairman, Clyde D. Liske and David L. Suiter.

ENFIELD GOES OVER THE TOP ON RED CROSS

Figures released on Tuesday by Mrs. I. J. Gillett, Chairman of Enfield's Red Cross War Fund Drive, disclosed that Enfield had over-subscribed her quota by \$174.17. Enfield's quota was \$2700, and the amount turned in at that time was \$2874.17.

It is expected that the drive will bring in well over \$3000 as there were twenty canvassers who had not made their reports at that time.

In the first War Fund Drive soon after Pearl Harbor, of which Ivey Watson, president of the Bank of Enfield, was chairman, Enfield over-subscribed her quota by more than \$700, the amount collected being over \$2200.

BELIEVE RED CROSS WILL REACH QUOTA

Reports Not Complete But \$10,000 Goal May Be Reached Next Week

Present indications are to the effect that the War Fund Drive of the American Red Cross which started in the city last week will reach its quota of \$10,000 according to announcement made today by L. S. Neal, chairman of the roll call drive of the local chapter. Gordon L. Price, chairman of the local chapter, could not be reached for a statement as he was attending a Boy Scout meeting in Kingston.

"The progress has been very satisfactory," Mr. Neal said just before press-time when approached for a statement, "and we have high hopes of reaching our quota without resorting to putting more pressure on the drive."

Several of the city mills and industrial plants have made reports showing that they went over the top on the quota set for them. Reports from the entire territory, which includes Littleton and surrounding country, are not complete as yet, but a full accounting will doubtless be made by next week, and the report turned over to Robert W. Vaughan, who is serving as treasurer of the local chapter.

Vet. Foreign Wars Will Stage Dance Saturday, 8:00 - 12

Another round and square dance will be staged at the Armory Saturday night at 8:00 o'clock lasting until 12:00 under the auspices of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of this city.

DICK WEAVER HIT BY CAR ON AVENUE

First Fatal Traffic Accident Of The Year In Roanoke Rapids

A coroner's inquest into the death of Richard Weaver, 60-year old city textile worker and farmer who died Tuesday at 1:30 p. m. at the Roanoke Rapids Hospital, after having been run over by a car driven by Raymond Johnson, Saturday night, will be held Friday afternoon, March 19th, at 4 o'clock from the courtroom in the Municipal Building. F. N. Rowe, county coroner, will officiate. The jury of six has already been selected, and it is understood that the inquest was postponed until tomorrow afternoon at the request of the family, because funeral services for Mr. Weaver were conducted this afternoon.

Weaver was walking across the street from the Royal theatre in the 900 block, Roanoke Avenue, about 11 o'clock last Saturday night when he was hit by the Johnson car, which was headed North on Roanoke Avenue, according to reports of investigating officers.

Johnson took the injured man to the hospital where preliminary investigation showed he suffered both legs broken and a possible skull fracture. He was conscious shortly after the accident, when he explained his version to city officers. Weaver told the officers that he started across the Avenue from between cars parked in front of the theatre, and saw the lights of the approaching car too late to avoid being hit. He died shortly after noon Tuesday.

Funeral services for Weaver were held this afternoon at 3:30 from the Philadelphia Baptist Church, near Triplet, Va. Interment followed in the church burial grounds. He is survived by several children and grandchildren, and his wife. At the time of his death the family made their home on a farm of Mrs. Jim Taylor of the Littleton Highway.

J. B. TAYLOR DIES FRIDAY

Funeral services for John Buck Taylor, 56, of this city, who died at the Roanoke Rapids Hospital after a short illness were conducted from a local funeral home Sunday at 1:00 o'clock. Burial was in the cemetery at Macclesfield. Revs. Baker and Robins of Rocky Mount officiated.

Mr. Taylor is survived by his wife, Irene C. Taylor.

He is a former employee of the Rosemary Mfg. Company and he has made his home here for several years.