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**FIGHT RISING LIVING COSTS**

**Opening Softball Game—**

**ROMANCOS MEET THE NAVY YARD**

**in Double-Header Friday**

By BILL ALLIGOOD

Coach Doug Worsham will not have to put on his "Worry Clothes" in order to decide who will be his pitching choice against the Norfolk Navy Yard's hard hitting group of softball players who will furnish the opposition for the local Romancos at Ledgerwood Park in a doubleheader Friday Night beginning at 8 P. M.

Kinky headed Russ DeBerry will stride to the mound in both ends of the double-header, in a try to erase the double victory scored against the Romancos last year at Ledgerwood when the Navy Yard blew into town with a real hard hitting ball club. Russ is in good shape and with Bonnie Everette behind the bat again, will no doubt handcuff the visitors, with his wind-mill slants. Anyway it will be two contests worth watching, and will be a treat for local softball fans, who are hungry for a taste of this fast moving sport. Russ will be out to regain the form that carried he and the Romancos to the Worlds Softball Finals in Detroit in Sept. 1941. The Romancos were eliminated last year when they lost their last two games in the National Tournament to Fort Wayne, Ind. and Briggs of Detroit. Tulsa, Okla., won the National title.

Coach Worsham will probably send Clifton "Lefty" Everette to first base; Chet Allsbrook to 2nd base; Robert Rogers to Shortstop, and Grady Wheeler to 3rd base; "Speed" Hux to scf; Braxton Copper to lf; Orian Worsham to cf; and Frank Rhome to rf. This will give him a veteran combination, with the exception of Worsham, local High School star who is rapidly developing into a speedy outfielder.

The Norfolk Navy Yard has always provided one of the best attractions of the season when they clash with the Romancos, and Howard Pruden, business manager, is making plans to handle an overflow crowd for the contest. The Navy Yard will be in early Friday afternoon so they may enjoy a short rest before game time.

**Blood Donor Unit Drive Is Off To Good Start Here**

The drive for funds currently being waged in the county to pay for a mobile blood donor unit to be given in honor of county men serving in the nation's armed forces has gotten off to a good start in the city, according to reports of T. W. Mullen, city chairman of the drive.

Funds are being solicited on a "man-to-man" basis in city industries by mill superintendents and overseers, while the Veterans of Foreign Wars will handle solicitations in the business district and elsewhere. A detailed report of moneys donated will be given in an early issue.

**CITY ACCEPTS ABC MOVE ON OFFICER PAY**

**Agreeable For County Board To Reimburse City Police Pay**

At the regular June meeting of the City Board of Commissioners, F. C. Williams told the board members that the Halifax County Alcoholic Beverage Control Board had set aside a certain amount for law enforcement, in order to obtain co-operation of the various policemen in the towns of Halifax County, and that the Board proposed to pay each policeman the sum of \$15.00 a month.

A motion was then made that the city board accept the proposal of the ABC Board in paying a part of the police officers salary, and they were notified to this effect. The city board also suggested that the ABC Board pay special policemen the sum of \$7.50 monthly. They have not yet received an acceptance from the ABC Board of the latter proposal.

At the city council meeting Mayor Kelly Jenkins read an estimate  
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**BPW CLUB TO GET CHARTER AT MEETING**

**Banquet To Be Held This Evening At Country Club**

The new Business and Professional Women's Club of Roanoke Rapids will hold their Charter Night Banquet at the Country Club this evening, with an interesting program starting at 7 o'clock.

The city club was sponsored by the Rocky Mount Business and Professional Women's Club, of which Miss Mildred Dozier is president, and will serve as toastmistress at tonight's banquet. Miss Mable S. Bacon, State Membership Chairman, will make the principle address on tonight's program. Presentation of the Charter is to be made by Mrs. Arthur Wilson, State Pres.  
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**Women Marines Graduate**



Members of the first graduating class of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve parade on graduation day at Hunter College, New York City. Following a review by their director, Major Ruth Cheney Streeter, the 253 girl Marines were assigned to varied clerical tasks at Marine Corps Headquarters and other posts within the United States, freeing an equal number of Leathernecks for combat duties.

**CAMPAIGN IN CITY STARTS ON TEST BASIS**

**OPA Official Visits Here And Maps Out Extensive Drive**

Ruth Vick Everette, District Information Officer of the Office of Price Administration, spent the day in Roanoke Rapids Monday working out a campaign against the rising cost of living. While here Mrs. Everette conferred with Fr. Peter M. Denges Community Service Member, H. B. Speight, chairman of the local OPA Rationing Board; Frank Hawley, Price Panel Chairman and others.

Such a program grew out of the Community Service Meeting recently held in Raleigh, and is first to be held on so extensive a scale in any smaller city. The Roanoke Rapids drive against inflation will be used as a pattern for all Community Service Members in the Raleigh District served by the OPA, and is being watched with a great deal of interest.

Highlights of the local campaign calls for the Merchants Association through Price Panel to give information on: Price ceilings, specific dollars and cents ceilings on beef, veal, mutton, lamb, pork and soap; Complaints; More equitable distribution of food—especially to mill workers and office employees; Market basket ceiling prices; the effectiveness of Price Control in the city, and an elimination of possible "black markets."

The three civic clubs of the city, the Kiwanis, Rotary and Lions Clubs, have a message on Price Control from an outstanding lawyer of the community.

Housewives will be called upon through leading club women and community workers to: Observe all price ceilings; to take steps to insure the proper distribution of food—meats especially for laboring classes in mills and plants, and to co-operate with the drive in its effort to stamp out all black markets.

Farm Groups, through the county farm agent and superintendent of schools will spread information to farmers on the danger to them of inflation.

Ministers in all churches in the city have been urged to preach sermons on dangers of inflation, and there will be a series of broadcasts over the local radio station on: Consumer complaints and merchant's answers; an explanation of inflation and its dangers in Roanoke Rapids, and discussions on what we may do to combat the rising cost of living.

The current week, ending June 12th, has been designated as the campaign week here. Father Denges and other local rationing board officials are watching the results of this community project with a great deal of interest, as is the Raleigh office of the OPA.

(Further Editorial Comment on inflation, headed: "Why Prices Go Up" will be found on Page 4—Section B, of this issue.)

**A FEW "LAST MINUTE" NEWS BRIEFS OF CITY AND COUNTY**

**U. S. Employment Service To Hold Meeting In City**

Howard W. Winstead, Manager of the local United States Employment Service office, announces an important meeting for employers and employees in the Municipal Building at 8 o'clock Wednesday night, June 16.

All who are interested in a clear interpretation of the Labor Stabilization Program for North Carolina are invited to attend this meeting.

**EXACT CAUSE OF BIG NOISE IS NOT KNOWN**

The noise resembling that of an earth tremor or explosion which was heard in the city and a wide area in this section one morning last week has yet not been officially explained.

Monday morning's daily newspapers carried reports of two American cargo ships, a tanker and an ammunition-laden freighter, colliding off the East Coast before dawn several days ago, causing terrific explosions and blazing oil slick that took the lives of 83 of the 150 men aboard.

It is not known whether the impact of the explosion was sufficient to be heard this far inland, but most people here accept the theory that the noise they heard was caused by the sea tragedy.

**48,600 Sponges Sent From City To Armed Forces**

Mrs. F. G. Jarman, chairman of the local chapter of the American Red Cross Surgical Dressing Rooms, announces that 48,600 surgical sponges were sent Wednesday to the nearest Quartermaster Depot, to be shipped to service men for use in the fighting zones.

Mrs. Jarman stresses the immediate need for more volunteer workers to make these sponges for the Red Cross. Anyone interested in doing their bit by helping make these supplies for the armed forces, are urged to see Mrs. Jarman.

**Announce Change In Personnel At Halifax Paper Co.**

Ed. H. Graves, who has served as resident manager of Halifax Paper Co. here since 1939, has been promoted to assistant to the president of the parent company, the Albemarle Paper Manufacturing Co. of Richmond, Va.

O. J. McSwain, vice-president of the company, has assumed active management of the local plant replacing Graves, and plans to move his family to the city from Richmond in the near future.

Thornton O. Wilson, who was transferred to the Richmond office of the company about the first of the year, returns to his post as per-  
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