

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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NAME DICKENS TO BOARD

FEAR FOR TWO CITY MEN

1 MISSING
IN ACTION;
1 PRISONER

Relatives Officially
Notified By War
Dept. Monday

It appears possible Roanoke Rapids may have one more casualty, and definitely one more local man held as a prisoner of



SGT. D. L. ROBBINS

war, from communications received by parents of two men here this week.

Mrs. Nettie Morris, 117 Jackson St., received the following telegram from the Adjutant General, Washington, D. C., on Monday:

"I regret to inform you our Commanding General, European Area, reports your son, Technical Sergeant LeRoy W. Morris missing in action since June 22. If further details or other information of his status are received you will be promptly notified."

John Robbins, 85 Jackson St., received a telegram from the Adjutant General, Washington, D. C., dated June 27th, stating:

"Reports just received through International Red Cross states that your son, First Sgt. D. L. Robbins is a prisoner of war of the Japanese Government in Mukden, Manchuko. Letter of information follows from Provost Marshal General."

LeRoy Morris, about 25, is the son of Mrs. Nettie H. Morris. His father, Dallas Morris, died during the first world war when he was only two years old. He worked for his uncle, M. H. Hedgepeth, in his grocery store here up until the time of his induction in August, 1942. He was a gunner in the Army Air Corps, and was

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APPOINTMENT
MADE TODAY
BY A. L. HUX

Will Fill Unexpired
Term of Warren;
Takes Office

D. G. Dickens of Littleton, was this afternoon appointed a member of the Board of County Commissioners to fill the unexpired term of N. W. Warren, chairman of the Board, who died in a Durham hospital Wednesday of last week.

The appointment was made by A. Leonidas Hux, Clerk of the Superior Court, who in making the appointment stated he felt that Mr. Dickens was well qualified, and would render a high type of service to the county.

Mr. Dickens took the oath of office immediately, pleading earnestly to perform his duties and that he would at all times keep foremost the interest of Halifax County. He is a life-long resident of the county, and is a successful business man. A veteran of World War 1, he saw service overseas in 1918, including active combat duty in the Argonne Forest.

He was a candidate for the county board during the last campaign, which is the only time he has ever offered himself for public office.

The next regular meeting of the County Board of Commissioners is scheduled for next Monday, at which time board members are expected to pick a successor for the chairmanship left vacant by the death of Mr. Warren last week.

Invite All Employers

COUNTY-WIDE LABOR MEET AT HALIFAX

Large Attendance Is Expected Monday At Courthouse

A county-wide labor meeting has been called by B. B. Everette, labor chairman of Halifax County, for 10 o'clock Monday morning, July 5, in courthouse at Halifax for the purpose of organizing the county for the maximum amount of effort in war production. This meeting is an outgrowth of the proclamation issued by Gov. J. Melville Broughton last week.

Every person affected by labor as an employee or an employer is invited to attend and participate in the discussions regarding solutions to the acute problems facing farmers and industrialists

Special invitations are being sent to professional and civic leaders of every town and community in the county. Civic clubs, professional organizations, churches, schools, boys and girls scouts, county officials, draft boards, city officers, law enforcement officers, farm neighborhood leaders — all are expected to be represented at the meeting.

Some of the topics to be discussed at the meeting, according to Mr. Everette, are as follows: The governor's proclamation, manual labor, the bottleneck of war production, problems to industry and suggested remedies, women's work in the war effort, Victory Farm Volunteers and part time work, manpower stabilization regulations, and what farmers may expect in the way of a solution to their problems.

Outstanding speakers are being lined up for brief talks on the above topics.

Labor committees to handle labor problems in the various communities in the county will be appointed at the meeting.

APPEALS FOR ROOMS FOR SERVICE MEN

BPW Club Again Asks Local Residents To Entertain Men

Recently the newly formed Business and Professional Women's Club of the city announced the set-up of a sort of "USO Booth" at the city bus station, to give out information to visiting service men, and particularly to find rooms where they might spend a night or two while on leave here.

Any person wishing to place a room at the disposal of a service man on leave here may do so, by communicating with any of the following club members: Betty King, day phone R-695-1, night R-673-1; Mary Gurley, 'phone R-525-6; Shafia Hatem, 'phone R-879-1; Derith Morgan, 'phone R-703-1; Mrs. Arthur Schwartz, phone R-880-6.

OVERSEAS



Hubert L. Rook, is a storekeeper in the Navy, thought to be at present with the Pacific fleet "somewhere overseas." Rook formerly operated a grocery store here.

NEW MANAGER



R. L. Wynne is the new manager of the A & P Super Market, at 1033 Roanoke Ave., who was recently transferred here from Scotland Neck, where he had been A & P's manager for 2 years. He has a 19-year service record with the company, and is a native of Craven County. He and Mrs. Wynne and their 4-year old son are making their home in the Chaloner Park residence section of the city.

FUNERAL FOR P. E. RANSOM TO BE FRIDAY

Pat E. Ransom, 77-year old Northampton County native, was found dead in bed this morning at "Verona," the old Ransom home place, between Weldon and Jackson. He had not been in ill health, and retired as usual last night, servants at the place reported. Mrs. Ransom was spending the summer at a summer home maintained by her at Blowing Rock at the time of her husband's death.

Funeral services will be conducted tomorrow afternoon at four o'clock, from Verona, with Rev. Edmund Berkeley of this city officiating. Burial will follow in the family burial grounds, there.

Mr. Ransom was the last of seven sons of General Mat Whitakers Ransom, Warren County native who spent most of his life in Northampton County, and who distinguished himself as a statesman.

The Ransoms maintained a home near the city on the Weldon highway, but Mr. Ransom spent most of his time at his farm place. Besides his wife, he is survived by one son, Mat W. Ransom, and a stepson, Frank Meacham.

NO HOLIDAY FOR MOST OF CITY STORES

Banks And Few Places Of Business Close Monday For 4th

Roanoke Rapids will be doing "business as usual" Monday, in spite of the fact it will be July 5th, and usually the Independence Day closing rule is invoked when the holiday falls on Sunday.

City banks the Post Office, ABC Stores and the Virginia Electric and Power Co. will observe July 5th as a holiday by closing all day. A few stores may close their places of business for the day, but by far a wide majority of them will observe regular store hours. The regular half-holiday closing will be in effect next Wednesday.

A limited meeting of the Merchants Association was held this week with several members voicing themselves in favor of closing Monday, but a majority could not be reached to agree to the move.