

ENGINEER CO. OBSERVES 4th ANNIVERSARY

Detachment Of 30th Engineers Are Now Stationed Here

The detachment from Company A, Topo, Battalion, 30th Engineers that moved into Roanoke Rapids Armory on Thursday, July 29th, celebrated on September 1st, the fourth anniversary of the Thirtieth Engineers as a mapping organization.

Activated from the 29th Engineers on the West Coast, at that time the only topographic outfit in existence, while the war clouds were rumbling over Europe, the 30th Engineers have played an indispensable part both in mapping and training officers and men for other topographic units.

A special program honoring the day, comprising mostly of track and field events, was observed at Wilson, which is North Carolina headquarters for the company.

Akers And Hall Speak to Members Of Kiwanis Club

J. B. Hall, Supt. of County Welfare and Mr. A. E. Akers, Tax Collector of the city were speakers on the program of the Roanoke Rapids Kiwanis Club at its regular Thursday night meeting last week.

Mr. Akers addressed the club on the subject of 'Support of Churches,' one of the regular departments of Kiwanis activities.

Mr. Hall, who was introduced by President Jim McGee, likewise spoke on a subject of vital interest to Kiwanis - Juvenile Delinquency. Lt. Crouch was the guest of Alfred Martin and the meeting was well attended by the usual number of members.

Mrs. R. A. Williams, Jr. and baby are visiting relatives in White Plains, Virginia for a few days.

County Farmers Attend Course On Tobacco Grading

J. E. O'Hara, inspector of the Tobacco Branch, Food Distribution Administration of Raleigh, held two tobacco grading demonstration in the county on August 26. In the morning, a large group of farmers attended the demonstration at Rev. Wells Mitchell's home in Albert Tillery neighborhood and an interesting group were present at Grey's Place at Johnson Cross Roads in the afternoon. D. J. Knight, Negro County Agent, scheduled the meetings to assist the farmers in marketing their crops.

While sorting the four main grades, the Specialist explained why the changes in demand for certain types of tobacco and showed how to forecast the prices of various grades prior to marketing. Tying and mixing the different primings were also discussed in the educational meetings.

8 CITY BOYS JOIN NAVY LAST WEEK

Roanoke Rapids again last week furnished over one-half of the 15 youths from Halifax County volunteering for service in the United States Navy. A total list of the 15 volunteers signing up is comprised of the following:

Albert Jackson Brantley, Roanoke Rapids; Graham Long Carpenter, Roanoke Rapids; James Floyd Deaton, Roanoke Rapids; Joseph Howard Gilliland, Roanoke Rapids; Simon Day Haislip, Roanoke Rapids; Donald Lee Jernigan, Roanoke Rapids; Grady Joseph King, Jr., Roanoke Rapids; Willard Melvin Dockery, Halifax; John Hubert Faucette, Halifax; Andrew Jefferson Jordan, Weldon; Rogers Aary, (colored) of Roanoke Rapids.

Brown will be at the radio station here Friday, Sept. 3, to assist youths in making applications for enlistment in the United States Navy. Office hours will be from 8:00 A. M. til 9:00 P. M.

The opportunities offered young men in the U. S. Navy are increasing daily with the Navy's ever increasing need for young men, it was announced by J. W. Brown, Petty Officer in charge of the Elizabeth City Navy recruiting station.

For instance, take a young man of seventeen who would like to be an Aviation machinist mate and who is willing to put forth the effort required to be a quality Navy man. This young man is enlisted in the Navy as an apprentice seaman and sent to one of the great Naval Training Stations for seven weeks of introduction and then is given nine days leave to visit his home. Upon returning to the training station he enters the Aviation Machinist School for a period of four months and if he applies himself will then be sent to an advanced Aviation School which upon graduation will be promoted to either, third, second, or first class petty officer Aviation Machinist mate. Should he make petty officer first class his salary will be \$114.00 per month base pay with everything furnished. All of this is equal to approximately \$300.00 per month aside from the fact that he has learned something that will pay him well should he decide to return to civilian life after the war.

Brown said that the Navy had several openings in the seaman branch for aggressive colored boys with the same opportunity for advancement that the above white boy had. This branch is relatively new in the Navy for colored boys, as in previous years all colored boys were enlisted in the stewards branch and did not get a chance at the various trade schools offered to the white boys. "We can only take a limited number of colored boys for the seaman branch and these boys must be above the average, however, we can take an unlimited number in the stewards branch whose sole duty will be to keep officers quarters clean and see

that their food is served to them promptly." Brown said.

Baptismal Services At Quankie Baptist

Baptismal services will be held next Sunday morning at the pool adjoining House's Mill near the

city for Quankie Baptist Church, beginning at 10 o'clock. Following the baptisms, Rev. E. W. Greene of Henderson, will deliver the regular sermon at the church. There will also be an afternoon service. A basket luncheon will be served. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

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From where I sit . . .

by Joe Marsh

At Jeb Crowell's the other day, we were havin' a glass of beer or two and talkin' about the kind of world there'd be when Peace came.

"Hear they'll have trans-Atlantic airplanes flyin' regular as taxi service," says Ed Carey.

"Yep," says Will Frost, "and television and plastic cars and air-conditioned homes and super-duper highways."

Finally, Doc Mitchell chimes in. "You know," he says, "we're talkin' about the future in terms

of luxuries—like air-conditioned houses and television.

"But what really will shape tomorrow's world is what goes on in men's own hearts . . . like tolerance and understanding."

And from where I sit, Doc's right. Whether it's tolerance of another's politics or respect for a neighbor's right to enjoy a glass of beer occasionally, tolerance is a mighty good foundation for a peacetime world.

Joe Marsh

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