

ADVISES ON EMPLOYMENT IN COUNTY

B. B. Everett, County Chairman, Issues Statement

The unemployment situation in Halifax County has been the subject of much speculation in the past, thus the following statement issued this week by B. B. Everett, chairman of the Halifax Labor Mobilization Board, is of unusual interest to our readers. Chairman Everett had the following report to make:

The 1943 General Assembly (Legislature) gave to the Governor and Council of State very broad War Emergency Authority. This authority was considered necessary by the Legislature for our State to accomplish its full part in the National War effort; also that any necessary local war situations that might arise such as a bombardment or invasion.

The unprecedented need for production of food and supplies for our boys on the fighting fronts; supplies for our Allies in the war; supplies for retaken invaded areas; and supplies for our civilian population has created a severe shortage of production workers.

"All physically able men, women and children should feel it their patriotic duty to make a real work contribution to the production effort. Much recreational activity can healthfully and profitably be devoted to essential production. Off hours and available part time can be patriotically and profitably devoted to production work.

"Every effort will be made by Howard Winstead and his associates of the U. S. Employment Bureau Office at Roanoke Rapids and County Agent W. O. Davis, with the Agriculture labor committee to place all unattached workers on seasonal work in the local community at established pay rates.

"The Governor's Number 4 War Proclamation decrees that able-bodied men do a minimum weeks work or be prosecuted in courts of jurisdiction to try misdemeanor offenses which carry a maximum punishment of two years imprisonment or one thousand dollars fine in the discretion of the Court.

"It is the legal duty of the Sheriff, Deputy Sheriffs, Mayors and Police Officers to enforce the provisions of War Proclamation 4.

"The procedure is first to inquire of idlers why they are not at work; discourage absenteeism from work; assist in getting unattached workers placed on jobs or report them to above employment agencies. If repeated unemployed or absenteeism amounts to more than the minimum work week prescribed, a warrant will be obtained and the case taken to the County Recorder's Court for trial. This last action should be taken in conjunction with the Halifax Labor Law Enforcement Board who will assist in the prosecutions. The Board has authority to subpoena persons and require them to furnish information.

"Employers on essential War Production and patriotic citizens should aid in the labor mobilization by reporting inactive men to the committee. Such persons will be contacted and first offered assistance."

The Halifax Labor Mobilization Board Members appointed by the Governor are:

B. B. Everett, Chairman, Palmyra; W. O. Davis, Secretary, Halifax; Kelly Jenkins, Mayor, Roanoke Rapids; J. T. Maddy, Mayor, Weldon; E. E. Stallings, Mayor, Enfield; B. F. Bracy, Mayor, Scotland Neck; D. E. Preast, Mayor, Hobgood; J. H. Pritchard, Mayor, Littleton; A. L. Hux, County Chairman OCD, Halifax; J. B. Hall, Welfare Officer, Halifax; Howard R. Winstead, U. S. Employment, Roanoke Rapids; D. J. Knight, Colored County Agent, Enfield; W. B. Jamison, Colored Vocational Teacher, Lit-

CITY WOMAN IS SUICIDE

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action because of a visit from one of her daughters.

Mrs. Robinson was buried, this afternoon at Roanoke Rapids Cemetery, with services starting at 4:30 o'clock.

Surviving are her husband, W. H. Robinson; three sons, Eugene Robinson of this city, Harry Robinson, of Newport News, and Kermit Robinson of the Army; seven daughters, Mrs. Read of Belmont, Mrs. Mirdis Abrams of Durahm, Miss Irma Robinson, Mrs. Elbiry Baggett, Mrs. Minar Matthews, Mrs. Louise Sutton, and Mrs. Claudia Allen, all of Roanoke Rapids.

FACULTY CITY SCHOOL

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Martha B. Rice, Commercial; Lloyd H. Sandlin, Science; Mary White Thompson, Phys. Education; Elizabeth Wilder, Hist. and Eng.; Mary Jane Smart, Vocal Music; Louise Godbey; Elaine Wise, Music Supervisor; Raymond Finley, Band and Orchestra and Mrs. Kathleen May Suiter, Nurse.

The faculty is complete with one or two exceptions, which the school board hopes to close with in the next two or three days.

Lt. Dick Burton Here On Leave Recovering From Plane Accident

Lieutenant Dick Burton of the 109th field artillery, is home on leave until September 27th. Dick is recuperating from a plane accident and plans to return to the Walter Reid hospital for further treatment when his leave expires. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Burton of 123 Jackson Street.

Mrs. C. L. Riker and little daughter, Susy, who have been visiting Mr. Riker, who is at present engaged in service work for Hines Beverage Company, returned to their home in Greenville, Michigan, on Monday of this week.

tleton; J. E. McGee, Textile Industry, Roanoke Rapids; G. C. Fanney, Lumber Industry, Scotland Neck; Blackwell Pierce, Farmer, Weldon; and Rex Edmond, Farmer, Tillery.

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BLACKOUT IS A SUCCESS

City Joins Most Of State In Surprise Test Wednesday

A. E. Akers, chief air raid warden for Roanoke Rapids and the four outlying districts, reported that the surprise air raid drill under Army observation, in which most of the state was blacked out last night, with multiple danger signals being used for the first time, was a success in Roanoke Rapids.

All warning districts except the Asheville district were included in the Army-ordered drill. To test the efficiency of Civilian Defense Forces, planned incidents were observed by Army officers at Wilmington, Charlotte, Greensboro and Durham.

The State Office of Civilian De-

fense cautioned the public two weeks ago that the regular routine of air-raid signals probably would not be followed in the next drill. Last night's signals included, for the first time in this State, two red signals (denoting planes overhead.)

A blue signal (warning of planes in the vicinity) was sounded at approximately 9:30 o'clock throughout most of the State. Then came the red, followed by a blue, another red, and the last blue, which signified that hostile planes were moving away. The all-clear was sounded approximately one hour after the first audible warning.

The first red signal lasted 15 minutes. Five minutes after the following blue was sounded, another red signal was in effect for 10 minutes, which was the length of the final blue signal preceding the all clear.

Included in the air-raid drill were all warning districts in the Wilmington Air Defense Region and the warning districts of Hen-

derson, Weldon, Ahoskie, Elizabeth City, Tarboro, Williamston and Washington.

Frank Neal Made First Lieutenant

Second - Lieutenant Frank Neal of the Army Air Corps has recently been promoted to first Lieutenant and assistant adjutant at Douglas, Arizona, where he is now stationed. First Lieutenant Neal is now in the Finance Department of The Douglas Air Corp. Advanced Training School. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie S. Neal, 417 Roanoke Ave.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal have two other sons in the service, Bill Neal, who is now at Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, Virginia, and has a school rating of Lieutenant Colonel. Since Bill's entrance at Lynchburg, he has made excellent progress in his work.

The other son is corporal Webb Neal who has recently been transferred from Young's Camp in California, to Fort Benning, Ga.

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