

# 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  
GROVER WOODRUFF, Army, July 10, 1943  
WINFIELD HASTY, Army, August 19, 1943



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# CHEST DRIVE GOAL IS NEAR

## BLOOD DONOR UNIT IS ORDERED BY RED CROSS FOR IMMEDIATE DUTY

The mobile blood donor unit which will be paid for by funds contributed by the people of Halifax County has already been ordered, according to a letter received here this week by Roanoke Rapids Chairman T. W. Mullen from Thomas DeC. Ruth, Assistant Director of Domestic Operations for the American Red Cross in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Ruth stated that delivery on the unit is expected early next month, that it will be assigned for special duty in New York City where the need has arisen in the past few days and that it will bear an appropriate inscription indicating that it has been presented by the citizens of Halifax County, North Carolina.

He further stated in his letter that Mrs. C. R. Emry of Weldon personally delivered cashiers' checks to the Washington Headquarters of the American Red Cross on October 22, total amount of \$4,061.25, of which \$1,376.76 came from Roanoke Rapids. In closing his letter Mr. Ruth wrote:

"From the above, you will see that we have acted promptly, and I hope you will thus be able to reassure those who have felt some reluctance at contributing to the present National War Fund campaign in Halifax County. You understand of course that the raising of the fund was voluntarily undertaken by Mrs. Emry and her fellow workers, acting in their capacity as citizens of Halifax County, and not as agents of the American Red Cross. We are most appreciative of the generous action of your group in making the funds available for a project which is contributing to the saving of the lives of so many of our fighting men. Thanking you for your letter and with best wishes for the success in your county of the National War Fund Campaign, I am

Sincerely yours,  
Thomas DeC. Ruth.

## CONDITION OF RYLAND DRAPER SATISFACTORY

The condition of Ryland Draper, 32-year-old pulp mill foreman who was injured in an accident at Halifax Paper Co.'s plant in the city last Thursday, is said to be very satisfactory by attending physicians. Draper suffered a fracture at the base of his skull, and his left ear was practically torn off when he was applying dressing to a belt on one of the large machines at the mill last week. He will be confined to the hospital for some time yet, but no complications have set in, and it is believed he is out of danger.

## Robber Of City Store Will Die Friday Morning

Governor Broughton Wednesday declined to intervene in the case of Willie Smith, Negro man who was convicted by an all Halifax County Jury for the murder of Vernon Powell, Warrenton merchant, who is scheduled to die in the Central Prison gas chamber on Friday morning. Smith, who had formerly confessed to the robbery of a city jewelry store in December, was convicted at the May term of superior court in Warren County, by a jury composed of members from Halifax County, summoned because the Negro was well known in Warrenton. He recently lost an appeal to the State Supreme Court.

## JACK WHITE NOT GUILTY OF BRIBERY

John F. (Jack) White of Enfield, former ABC Board manager who resigned some time ago when his purchases of liquor for Halifax County were interfered with, was found 'Not Guilty' by a Halifax County jury this afternoon on a charge of bribery brought against him by a grand jury in connection with a timber deal near Enfield.

Mr. White's attorneys offered no testimony after the State testimony was completed. Judge Burgwyn, sitting at a special criminal term, gave a comprehensive charge to the jury which covered all legal and testimonial points.

Defense counsel D. Mac Johnson charged political persecution of White and counsel George C. Green said there was no evidence presented by the State which had anything to do with the law on bribery. Mr. Green also said no explanation had been made about who hired and paid E. L. Travis, private prosecutor, as the State had not hired him and neither had the chief State's witness, an Enfield Negro. Dr. E. M. Nicholson, Enfield, former County Democratic Executive chairman, was one of the principal State's witnesses.

In another case settled this afternoon, Richard Liles, employee at Roanoke Mills Co. No. 2, was continued under a peace bond of \$100 for another three months. He had appealed to Superior Court from a similar peace bond of six months put on him by Mayor Kelly Jenkins three weeks ago.

## INJURIES IN CULVERT FALL PROVE FATAL

### Body Of Wilbur Cooke Discovered Sunday Morning

Wilbur Cooke employee of Roanoke Mills Company No. 2, resident of the Belmont section of Roanoke Rapids, died Sunday morning from injuries received by a fall into the new culvert on 5th street. Mr. Cooke worked on the mill shift which quit work midnight Saturday. He was found early Sunday morning, lying on the culvert, by some boys who reported it to Herbert Perkinson, operator of the Gulf filling station on Roanoke Avenue. Mr. Perkinson went to the place and said Mr. Cooke was alive, but died shortly afterward.

During the construction of the culvert a foot-way had been placed across the excavation for the use of the workmen and this was used by Mr. Cooke who rode a bicycle to and from work and who crossed the foot-path astride his bicycle.

Mr. Cooke was found on top of the culvert about 20 feet from the walk-way. His bicycle was in a hole by the side of the culvert. J. R. Wrenn, local undertaker, went to the scene with coroner, H. G. Rowe, 9:30 Sunday morning and stated that Mr. Cooke was dead when he arrived. There was a small blood spot on the culvert where Mr. Cooke was lying and it was agreed that death was caused by the fall of between 4 and 5 feet from the top of the present road surface to the top of the concrete culvert.

Barricades had been placed at the street intersection on both sides of the excavation since the work began, with 4 torch lights at each barricade and signs reading "Danger—Road Closed—Bridge Out." On the east side the barricade signs were also illuminated by a street light. In addition there were warning signs 300 feet east from the barricade with a similar warning sign some distance from the west barricade.

Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday from the home in the Belmont section with Rev. Lester Tilley officiating. Burial followed in the Roanoke Rapids Cemetery. He was survived by his wife, Mrs. Wilbur Cooke, and several children.

## Ross Edwards At Pulp Convention

Ross L. Edwards, Superintendent of Halifax Paper Company left Monday, October 25, to attend a joint meeting of Southern and Southeastern Divisions of the American Pulp and Paper Mills which is being held at the Atlanta Biltmore Hotel, Atlanta, Ga. Oct. 27th and 28th. He will return Sunday, October 31.

## Rotary Speaker



Robt. W. Madry, district governor of Rotary International, a former Halifax County resident, was speaker at the Tuesday noon meeting of the club here this week. Additional details will be found on Page One—Section B, this issue.

## BILL TAYLOR IS MISSING IN ACTION

### War Dept. Reports Him Missing Since Sept. 13th

Harvey W. Taylor, 1205 Washington Street, received the following telegram this afternoon:

"The Secretary of War desires me to express his regret that your brother, Pvt. Chas. W. Taylor, has been reported missing in action since September 13th in Italy. If further details or other information is received you will be promptly notified.

Ulio, the Adjutant General." Mr. Taylor had not heard directly from his brother since the latter part of August, at which time he was under the impression he was in North Africa, however, he stated he thought other members of the family had heard from him since then.

Bill spent about five days in the city in July of this year, at which time he was in this country on a special mission, after seeing overseas service. He was inducted into the army on August 7th, 1942, and had been overseas since January of this year. A native of Brunswick County, Virginia, he was 38-years old, and a former employee of Rosemary Manufacturing Co. He had lived in the city since 1920.

The Taylor family is well known in Roanoke Rapids. Besides his brother, Harvey W. Taylor, he has three sisters living in the city; Mrs. E. M. Wright and Mrs. Joe Williams, and Miss Mattie Lee Taylor; another sister, Mrs. John W. Clements, lives in Salisbury, and he has three other brothers, George W. Taylor of Richmond, Henry C. Taylor of Salisbury, and Herbert T. Taylor, of Williamston.

## \$17,545. HAS BEEN RAISED IN CAMPAIGN

If People Will Keep Promises Goal Will Be Met

## TO CONTINUE DRIVE UNTIL FUND RAISED

Denges Confident Of Ultimate Victory With Hard Work

The sixth annual drive of the Roanoke Rapids Community Chest, which is this year merged with the War Fund Drive, was within 75% of its goal at press time this afternoon, according to figures released by the Rev. Peter M. Denges, chairman of the 1943 campaign.

Total funds amounting to \$17,545.80 have been raised to date. The budget for the coming year calls for \$23,117.94. Fr. Denges stated he was confident that the goal would be reached, and hoped that it would be accomplished by the middle of next week. The drive, which started on Sunday, October 17th, and was to end last Saturday night, will be continued until the quota has been reached, he said.

While chest officials were confident that their quota would ultimately be reached, they stressed the fact that it would require lots more hard work on the part of local campaign workers to put the campaign over.

"We have a lot of promises," Fr. Denges said in commenting on the drive, "and if all of them mature, we would have little difficulty in meeting the goal at this time, however, it is tedious work calling back on those who have made a pledge or promise, and I believe it will be the middle of next week before we can announce complete victory in reaching our goal."

Roanoke Rapids has always over-scried the quota for the local Community Chest, but this year's campaign included also the War Fund Drive, thus swelling the budget considerably over drives conducted in past years. It is felt that workers will unite in their efforts to finish the campaign successfully within the next few days.

## 1943 CROP OF COTTON AHEAD OF LAST YEAR

The latest census report of the Department of Commerce, Washington, shows that 15,331 bales of cotton have been ginned in Halifax County from the crop of 1943, prior to October 18th, compared with 12,392 bales for the 1942 crop. These figures were made available by Mrs. L. E. Clark, special agent for the bureau, at Littleton.