

REMEMBER

ROBERT E. MAY, Navy, May 8, 1942
R. H. McCOMMONS, Merchant Mar., July 5, 1942
JAMES W. WHITEBY, 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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LOCAL WAR PRICE AND RATIONING BOARD NOW FINISHING 2ND YEAR

In November, 1941, Governor Broughton, as well as the governors of other states, wrote certain citizens regarding a meeting to be held in December. J. T. Chase was summoned to this meeting from Roanoke Rapids. There the story was told about the need for rationing tires.

Members of the Roanoke Rapids Board were selected as follows:

Dr. W. G. Suiter, Weldon; Paul A. Johnston, Littleton; J. T. Chase, Roanoke Rapids, chairman. The first meeting of this board was in the offices of the V E and P Co. in Roanoke Rapids.

When rationing got under way, Mr. Chase was made County Administrator of all 3 boards (Halifax, Scotland Neck, and Roanoke Rapids) allocating quotas on tires and tubes to the 3 boards. When Mr. Chase was made county administrator, H. B. Speight replaced him as a member of the Roanoke Rapids Board, and at the first meeting of the Board after the change, Mr. Speight was elected chairman.

The functions of the Board were carried on in the office of the V E and P Co. with Miss Ruby Williams as volunteer secretary of the Board. This set-up continued until the workload became so heavy that a full-time secretary had to be hired to take care of the many details rapidly coming in the rationing program. Mrs. (Continued On Page 8—Section A)

TAXI RATES GO UP WHEN GAS IS CUT

All taxicab companies in Roanoke Rapids have been cut thirty per cent in the amount of gasoline they get by the Office of Defense Transportation and this week, B. F. Johnson announces a raise in taxi rates. No announcement was made by other taxi companies.

It is understood the gas cut came after ODT officials had tried to get local taxi companies to unite with a common office in order to cut overhead and cut out duplicate trips.

Mr. Johnson states he is raising his prices in order to make it possible for his drivers, who work on percentage, to maintain a living wage as a 30 per cent cut in gasoline represents a 30 per cent drop in their income.

Taxi patrons are also asked to give full information as to number in party and destination of each and also to give taxis time to reach them or else call and cancel the engagement, in order to save gas.

MEMBERS OF OPA PANELS

The Roanoke Rapids Price and Rationing Board No. 45:29.1 consists of H. B. Speight, chairman, Dr. W. G. Suiter, Weldon, and Paul A. Johnston of Littleton. J. T. Chase of Roanoke Rapids is County Administrator for the OPA for the Boards in Roanoke Rapids, Halifax and Scotland Neck. The Board has just completed its second year of war-time service.

On the local Board Messrs. Speight, Suiter, and Johnston also act as the tire and gasoline panel. The oil and stove panel consists of E. B. Manning, chairman, T. H. Holmes, Weldon, and J. R. Wollett, Littleton. The Price Panel is F. J. Hawley, chairman, C. F. Gore, Weldon, and Mrs. J. H. Baucom, Littleton. All the above serve without pay.

Employees of the local Board are Mrs. Grace Kennedy, chief clerk, Mrs. W. B. Allsbrook, senior tire clerk, Miss Hazel Neville, price clerk, Miss Doris Louise Edwards, gasoline and boots, Mrs. Elva Martin, ration books and shoes, Mrs. Grace Gates, fuel oil and stoves.

MEN HERE ENLIST IN STATE GUARD

Application cards are beginning to come in to Capt. E. H. Graves from men between 21 and 45 desiring to join up with the 14th Infantry Company of the N. C. State Guard which will be quartered at the Roanoke Rapids Armory.

Those desiring to enlist or wishing more information will find information cards to be filled out and mailed in at all city drug stores and offices of the three officers, Capt. Graves, 1st Lt. F. S. Kemp and 2nd Lt. John Dunn or any of these officers will be glad to interview prospective members.

The company will drill at the armory one night a week and will be on call for duty anywhere in the State. Guns, ammunition and uniforms will be furnished by the government.

After Tonight All Black-Outs Sundays

Roanoke Rapids and Halifax County will continue to have blackouts after tonight but those in the future will be held on Sundays about once every three months.

Only States on the Atlantic and Pacific Seaboards will have blackouts, other states having been taken off the list by Office of Civilian Defense.

PLANE CUTS HIGH POWER LINE 110,000 VOLTS ON TUES.; MILLS SHUT DOWN

A low-flying plane Tuesday afternoon crashed thru three VEPCO high-powered lines carrying 110,000 volts near Boykins, Va. The lines were cut by the plane and this closed down local mills for an hour.

The pilot and plane? Just kept right on flying.

CLYDE LISKE IS DISTRICT CHAIRMAN

Clyde Liske, prominent Roanoke Rapids young business man and widely known in Boy Scout circles for the last several years, was last night installed as chairman of the Halifax District Committee of the Boy Scouts in the first meeting for the new year. Mr. Liske succeeds he Rev. Gordon Price. The Rev. Mr. Price has served as chairman of the district committee for the past three or four years, and was instrumental in having a field scout executive permanently located in Roanoke Rapids, to aid in carrying on the work here. The former chairman gave as his reason for giving up the district chairmanship the fact that his duties as pastor of the First Baptist Church, and the additional responsibilities as chairman of the local Red Cross Chapter, prevented him from giving the time he felt should be devoted to Scout work.

Mr. Liske has served as a (Continued On Page 8—Section A)

ALL GIVERS TO CHEST CAN VOTE

An election will be held on Jan. 24th and 25th for the purpose of electing 4 new members to the Board of Trustees of the Roanoke Rapids Community Chest.

The Ballot Boxes and ballots will be distributed to various public places in the city such as the mills, postoffice, city drug stores, grocery stores and other places for the convenience of local contributors to Community Chest.

All contributors to the 1944 Fund are eligible to vote. Four will be voted for from the following nominations: W. C. Allsbrook, T. L. Martin, T. J. Alford, A. Melke, J. B. Batton, Sr., J. B. Dunn, Paul Harris, Thornton Wilson, C. C. Shell.

A sample copy of the ballot will be published in next week's issue of The Herald. W. H. Pruden is chairman of the balloting committee with Carl Churchill and Ray Stephenson.

4TH WAR LOAN DRIVE TO START NEXT WEEK JAN. 18 STRESSING INDIVIDUALS

LATE NEWS BRIEFS

Register Of Deeds 25 Years Is Buried In Jackson Today

Samuel Carver, 87 years old, Register of Deed of Northampton County for 25 years, died yesterday and funeral services were held this afternoon at Jackson. Six children survive. Mrs. Carver died one month ago.

T. F. ANDERSON DIES IN WELDON

Thomas Frances Anderson, 52, died at his home in Weldon Tuesday afternoon after a lingering illness. Funeral services were held Thursday morning at 11 o'clock by the Rev. W. W. Finlator. Burial followed in Cedarwood Cemetery.

He is the son of the late Thomas Frances and Eugene Whitfield Anderson. He was a member of the local Masonic and Knights of Pythias lodges. He was employed by local Atlantic Coast Line Railway for 40 years and retired two years ago because of ill health.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mattie Anderson and three daughters, Mrs. W. D. Scott, Mrs. Carroll Bass and Mary Edna Anderson and one sister, Mrs. G. D. Hawks all of Weldon.

Two Charged With Entering Store Are Held For Halifax

Herbert Winfree and Monroe Long, charged with breaking and entering the store of Edward George on the Weldon Road were bound over to Superior Court under \$200 bonds each by Mayor Jenkins.

Jan. 31 Deadline To List For Taxes

January 31 is the deadline for listing for taxes. Citizens of Roanoke Rapids list with A. E. Akers at the Municipal Building.

Penalty for failure to list? Possible indictment by a grand jury.

FIRST 1944 BABY IN ROANOKE RAPIDS

First baby of 1944, born in Roanoke Rapids and reported to The Herald was a boy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Atlas Edwards, 1122 Roanoke Avenue. The young man arrived at 2:30 p. m. on January 1.

Halifax County's quota in the Fourth War Loan drive which starts next Wednesday, Jan. 18, has been set by the U. S. Treasury Dept. at \$1,388,000, according to County Chairman F. H. Gregory and Roanoke Rapids Chairman H. E. Lee.

The quota for the Nation is 14 billion dollars of which five and one half billion dollars in bonds are expected to be sold to individual citizens. This phase will be stressed in Halifax County where non-bank investors will be urged to buy war bonds and individuals will be contacted to purchase "E" Bonds.

Previous drives have gone over the top with the help of large investors, banks, mills and other large businesses, but the 4th War Loan Drive, which will last until Feb. 15 is aimed at the lower income brackets, many of whom have yet purchased no bonds.

ABC STORE STAYS OPEN

Uncle Hux Baird and Woodrow Humphrey, employees of ABC Store No. 2 in downtown Roanoke Rapids, were notified Tuesday afternoon to keep the store open until further notice.

Previous written orders had been given them by the County ABC Board to close the store on Saturday, Jan. 15th, because of a shortage of liquor.

Petitions were signed by many citizens asking the Board to rescind the order and it is understood an attorney has been employed to intercede for the patrons of the store which has always shown a profit, even in the past several months. The records show that this store ranks third and fourth of the eight county stores over the period of years since the stores were voted in.

SECRETARY N. C. BANKERS SPEAKS HERE

Leroy Lewis, Secretary of N. C. Bankers Association, was speaker at Kiwanis Club tonight as guest of H. E. Lee, Cashier of Roanoke Bank and Trust Company.

"What Is War-Time Citizenship" was Mr. Lewis' subject stressing the need of individual citizens buying War Bonds.

Mr. Lewis was a former instructor at Duke before entering the banking business. He is now traveling the State in the interest of the Fourth War Loan Drive.