

Virginia. The Whitehursts have two small children and the famiand night by the Business and Professional Woman's Club. "This ly moved in the Rosemary Baptist (See THRONGS Page. 12-Sec. A) Parsonage a couple weeks ago.



Mexico. He is a graduate of Koan-oke Rapids High School and en-tered the Army on July 30, 1942, and trained at Santa Ana, Califor-nia, Ryan Field, Tuscon, Arizona; Pecos, Texas and Fort Sumner, New Mexico. Lt. Woodruff has been ensigned to Del Bie Texas assigned to Del Rio Texas.



gala parade at 2:40 p.m. and an informal Valentine Dance in the Armory later that evening. On Tuesday night, Feb 1,

a double-header basketball game will start at 7:30, with the 1890 Faculty of Jr. High vs. 1944 Girls and

## **ASK ROANOKE RAPIDS FOR 75 PER CENT INCREASE**

Because of the extra demands on the National Red Cross, the times and on the battle fields uotás in the country will be raised 75 per cent over those of last years' Annual Roll Call when the 1944 drive starts here in which the Red Cross is burdened

Last year, the citizens of the Chairman Gordon Price stated Roanoke Rapids Chapter, which a public meeting would be held includes Roanoke Rapids, Littleton of all Red Cross workers and civand Butterwood townships, gave ilian volunteers prior to the March \$5300 to the National Red Cross. drive. This year they will be asked to dollar will be asked to give \$1.75 Poyner Promoted and those who gave nothing will be asked to give a dollar. L. S. Neal of Roanoke Rapids has ac- faculty and later program manager cepted the tough job of Roll Call at WPTF, Raleigh, has been pro-

Miss Marian Weinel, General Field Representative of the National Red Cross, was in Roanoke Rapids today and pointed out a few of the reasons for the increase in the quota with the ex-ira calls made because of the war. She pointed out that the Red Cross is the only organization which is actually in camps at all Midyette.

while the work of getting contact and the gifts to our men who are with.

Chairman Gordon Price stated

Graham Poyner, former member of Roanoke Rapids High School moted to Lieutenant Sr. Grade in

Scott In Hawaii Lt. M. Scott Benton, U. S. N. is



Cpl. George A. Lucas, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Vaughan of Gaston. George graduated from the Gaston High School in 1940. He was drafte in the armed forces in Feb., 1943. He took his basic training in Keesler Field, Miss, and Daniel Field, August, Ga. He was sent to England in July, 1943. His wife was the former Miss Louise Hinson of Gaston. George said to tell all his friends hello and to write to him, for he is always glad to hear from some one back home. His address is: Cpl. George A. Lucas (34665991), A. P. O. 638, % Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

## MISSING SINCE 11TH

Lt. Rudolph Allen Welch has been missing in China since Jan. 11th, according to a letter received this week by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Welch, from General Ulio, the Adjutant General.

He was on an operational mission over China and failed to return, according to the General's letter, which also said it would take some time to get all the facts but searches and investigations would continue. However, as the letter pointed out, if he had bailed out and been captured by the Japs, the time would be still longer before any news might be received that he was alive.

Lt. Welch was on a B-24 Bomber and had taken part in a recent bomber raid on Rangoon. His last letter was written to his parents on Jan. 4th and reached the Police Force in Roanoke Rapids on Jan. 14h. As ids and made a good officer. he was a consistent letter writer, his folks are expecting to receive teen days ago.

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Troy V. Holloman, 49, died yesterday at Roanoke Rapids Hospital after a several weeks' illness. He is survived by his wife, Addie Keeter Holloman; two sons, George Holloman, Camp Wheeler, Ga.; Garland E. Holloman, Roanoke Rapids; one brother, George Holloman, Danville, Va.; one sister, Mrs. Pearl Leonard Shallotte, N. C., and a host of friends.

Mr. Holloman moved here about 23 years ago and worked for Roanoke Mill Co. until 1938 when he went into the dairy business in which business he was very successful and made lots of friends. In 1943 he became connected with the Police Force in Roanoke Rap-

Funeral service will be conducted at his home at the old Sima letter any day written just be- mon's Place on Bolling Road, Frifore the take-off on Jan. 11, six-teen days ago.