

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
MARVIN WILLIAM SCOTT, Navy, Feb. 1944



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Two Brothers Serving Uncle Sam



Above are two soldier-sons of Mrs. Margaret Smith, 320 Madison street, this city. On the left is Cpl. Marvin C. Smith, who has been in the army for the past five years. He is believed to be "somewhere overseas." At right is S-Sgt. Malcolm Smith, stationed at Camp Claiborne, La. He has been in the service 15 months.

MERCHANTS ELECT LOY PRESIDENT

H. S. Loy, manager of Leggett's department store, was elected president of the Roanoke Rapids Merchants Association in last week's secret mail balloting. Announcement of Mr. Loy's election was made at the called meeting of the association held Tuesday night in the Rosemary Blue Room.

Graham Shell, furniture dealer, was named as vice-president of the association in the same election.

Directors chosen for the next three years are: W. A. Thorne, A. N. Martin, H. E. Baker and Moody Hedgepeth. Other directors who have two more years to serve are: R. I. Starke, M. D. Collier, W. C. Allsbrook and Leon T. Walters. Outgoing directors are: L. D. Hines, O. Griffin, Graham Shell and W. H. Proctor.

Past presidents of the association are George N. Taylor, C. A. Wyche, C. C. Shell and W. P. Taylor.

After dinner was served Ray Finley rendered several vocal selections, accompanied at the piano by Billy Waters.

S. Wade Marr, of Elizabeth City, was the guest speaker for the occasion and delivered one of the best after-dinner speeches heard in a long time by the merchants. Mr. Marr was introduced by Leon Walters.

Mrs. Blair Gibson, secretary of the association, gave a splendid report of the activities and financial condition of the organization.

The new vice-president is a native of this city. He has been connected with the Shell Furniture company for many years, is married and one of Roanoke Rapids' prominent young business men.

The new president is a native of Burlington. He has been associated with Leggett's for 22 years and came here 13 years ago from Durham.

BIG BOMBER IS FORCED DOWN HERE

A dive bomber of the Marine Air Corps, piloted by Lieut. E. Matthews, and based at Greenville, N. C., was forced down near the city Tuesday about 12:30 o'clock. The plane was badly damaged on the under side due to a "sliding landing" being made by the pilot when he realized the soft field was too dangerous to use the bomber's landing gear. Neither Lt. Matthews nor Cpl. R. E. Fitzsimmons, who was also in the bomber were injured.

Taking off from the base at Greenville about 8:30 Tuesday (Continued on page 3, Sec. A)

COMPAGN GETS UNDER WAY FOR FUNDS MONDAY MORNING



H. S. LOY
Newly elected president of Roanoke Rapids Merchants Association

At a special called meeting held Tuesday night in the Municipal Building the Roanoke Rapids Chapter of the American Red Cross perfected plans for the opening campaign for funds for the year 1944. The meeting was largely attended and was presided over by Rev. Gordon Price, local chapter chairman, assisted by L. S. Neal, war fund chairman, and J. E. McGee, executive secretary. About 30 minutes were devoted to the showing of short movies, the first titled "The Seven Keys," and the second "Red Cross News." Both were very instructive and interesting.

The quota, as announced by Rev. Mr. Price, chapter chairman, for this year is set at \$15,000. The quota in 1943 was \$10,000 and a little over \$11,000 was raised. It is the belief of those in charge of the campaign that every worker and friend of the Red Cross will have to do a little more than "the

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JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS MAKE GREAT SALES RECORD

The Junior High School of Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, has paid for one and one-half "Cornell" training planes by the purchase of bonds and stamps in the recent 4th War Loan Drive, with the 91A homeroom sponsoring it. This is ten times the amount first set as their goal.

In the first three days of the drive this goal of \$2,640, or \$5 per student, was reached, and the sponsors set a new goal of \$15,000 in order to purchase a "Cornell" training plane. On the final day the total receipts of sales, not maturity value, amounted to \$21,610.20, or \$40.93 per student rather than the \$5 first anticipated.

Other than emphasizing the need of the "home backing" of the boys on the fighting fronts, numerous activities were initiated. Each morning during the drive the students of 91A homeroom visited the other rooms in Junior High, making necessary announcements about the drive, and picturing definite needs of more bond buyers. An amateur contest, a

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Final Figures Tell The Story

Students and teachers in the High School and the Junior High School of Roanoke Rapids did a wonderful job in the recent Fourth War Loan campaign, according to final figures released today.

In the High School war bond and stamp sales amounted to \$31,431.85, and in the Junior High School the sales reached \$21,610.20.

The combined total sales of bonds and stamps for the two schools is \$53,042.05 — a great record.

KELLY DUKE, WHITE, KILLS SELF SUNDAY

Kelly Duke, about 45 years of age, white, and a resident of South Rosemary, killed himself Sunday afternoon about 5 o'clock, using a single-barrel shotgun as the death weapon.

Duke, it is alleged, had been living with a white woman, passing as her "uncle." The woman in the case left Duke's home some time last week going to Northampton County near Jackson where she married Arthur Tanner. Duke, is said to have had knowledge of the woman's approaching marriage, and wrote her a letter asking her to come back and he and she would divide the furniture.

After receiving this letter from Duke the woman and her husband returned to South Rosemary last Sunday and went to where Duke lived. Entering the house the couple found him standing in the front room with a note in his hand. Mrs. Tanner reached for the note but was unable to get it. It was brought out at the inquest held Monday morning that Duke got his shotgun and threatened to kill Tanner who ran into the kitchen. Duke raised his gun and Mrs. Tanner is said to have knocked it upward, the charge of shot going into the ceiling.

Rushing the man, Tanner and his wife overpowered him and threw the gun into another room, then fled the house. A few minutes (Continued on page 3, Sec. A)

NEGRO KILLS WHITE MAN; IS TURNED LOOSE

Allen Thompson, about 32, formerly of this city, but more recently removed to Northampton County, was shot to death last Saturday night by Andrew Turner, a negro. The killing occurred about 11:30 o'clock at Turner's home near Weldon.

According to information, Thompson had been at the negro's house earlier in the night and was taken part of his way home by Turner.

Returning to his house the negro retired and is said to have been asleep when he was awakened by someone trying to enter the house. He got his shotgun and seeing a man at one of the windows he fired the gun. The load of shot entered the side of Thompson's head killing him almost instantly.

The slaying was reported to the sheriff's office by Turner and an inquest was held by Coroner Rowe, Sunday morning at which time the jury returned a verdict of "justifiable homicide."

175 Men Will Leave Friday

Approximately 175 men will leave here Friday morning for final physical examination and possible induction into the armed forces of the United States. This is by far the largest contingent of selectees called from Halifax County during the present war. Names of the men leaving are withheld by officials until they are returned from camp, and then only those that are accepted for service are given out.

PENDLETON SHOT TWICE BY THE JAPS

Lt. Cecil Pendleton, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Pendleton, was shot in the shoulder and the neck in an engagement with the Japs in the South Pacific. In a letter to his wife, Lt. Pendleton, writing with his left hand, said he was on the road to recovery and hoped to be back in the U. S. soon.

His present address is Lt. Cecil Pendleton, 0358127, APO 716, care Postmaster, San Francisco, Cal.

The letter to his wife follows: "I am writing this left-handed. Hope you can read it. I have a cast all around my chest and right arm, the reason is to keep the wound in my shoulder closed as much as possible. There are no bones broken and only two bullets hit me, one in the neck and one in the shoulder. Am feeling fine and wounds never hurt, even at first. Was up out of here the third day so you see I am not fooling; in fact, it was a good rest for me and before long expect to be on my way home. Think I may be stationed at Camp Devens, only 440 miles from here. They will probably give me 30 days leave, so all in all, I am quite happy. Tell Mom and Pop I am OK. Love."

Lt. Janie Lassiter Is Now In England

2nd Lt. Janie L. Lassiter, former supt. of nurses at the Roanoke Rapids Hospital, is now on duty in England. Her present address is N 763875, 53rd Gen. Hospital, APO 515, care Postmaster, New York City.