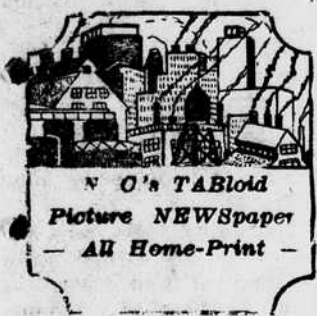


# REMEMBER

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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# ROBERT BRYANT MISSING

## DR. McDONALD TO SPEAK HERE THURSDAY, APRIL 13

Dr. Ralph McDonald, candidate for Governor, will speak to the voters of Roanoke Rapids and Halifax County at the Municipal Building in Roanoke Rapids at 8 o'clock, Thursday, April 13th.

Dr. McDonald, known as the friend of labor and the schools, and the foe of sales tax, will bring the issues of the campaign before the people here and all men and women interested in liberal government are urged to hear him.

C. C. Shell, local merchant and director of the State Merchants Association, will preside at the meeting and Dr. McDonald, a former member of the State Legislature, will be introduced by W. J. Norwood, also a former member of the legislature.

## RECRUITERS HERE 2 DAYS THIS WEEK

Lt. Margaret Pegram, Pfc. Cora McPherson and Pfc. Alga Kovacs will be at the Post Office in Roanoke Rapids today and Friday, April 6 and 7, in the interest of recruiting for the Women's Army Corps.

Lt. Pegram stated that always before she has been pleased with the response from Roanoke Rapids Women, and this time the recruiters anticipate better results than ever.

A woman who joins the army now has the opportunity of selecting whether she is to serve with Army Air Forces, Ground Forces or Service Forces, and may choose, also, the camp where she is to serve. Two hundred and thirty-nine different kinds of jobs are now filled by women in the army, and each new applicant may pick the job for which she is qualified.

Any local woman who is interested in joining the army should contact the recruiters at the post office.

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HOLD MONTHLY MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of City Commissioners was held last Tuesday afternoon in the commissioners' room in the Municipal Building. Those present were Kelly Jenkins, Mayor; A. N. Martin, V. E. McDowell, R. I. Starke and W. P. Taylor.

The most important matter before the commissioners was the appointment of officials for the city election to be held on Tuesday, May 2, for the purpose of electing two city commissioners. They are: North Ward—registrar, J. R. Burton; judges, J. T. Branch and G. W. Wheeler. South Ward—registrar, R. L. Topping; judges, J. A. Wood and A. M. Cameron.

## \$19,700 Now In Sight

L. S. Neal, war fund chairman of the local Red Cross district, said this morning that \$19,700 was "in sight" at this time. "I believe," continued Mr. Neal, "that we will get more than \$20,000."

Final figures for the campaign could not be had this week, due to the slowness in which the reports are coming in, but Mr. Neal hopes to be able to give this information at an early date.

## Will Speak Here



RALPH W. McDONALD

## Stores Remain Open On Monday

It was announced today by Mrs. Blair Gibson, secretary of the Roanoke Rapids Merchants Association, that the stores of the city will be open as usual next Easter Monday. There will be no holiday this week-end.

will open April 8 and close April 15.

The election is being held to fill the terms of R. I. Starke and M. D. Collier, present commissioners, which will expire in June of this year.

No candidates have as yet filed for the posts.

J. F. Glover complained to the board about the city garbage dump, alleging that it is a breeding place for flies and mosquitoes, and also that the smoke and odor from the ruins were very offensive to the residents in that section. The matter was referred to the Street Committee. No other matters of any importance were brought and the board adjourned.

## In England



Above is Pfc. Luther B. Murphy, son of Mrs. Etta B. Murphy, 1016 Burton St., and the late W. J. Murphy, who is "somewhere in England." Luther is a mechanic in the Army Air Corps, and received his basic training in New Orleans, La. His wife is the former Miss Hilda Poindexter of this city.

## 18 NURSES AIDES IN NEW CLASS

Capping Exercises for another class of Red Cross Volunteer Nurses' Aide Corps will be held at All Saints Episcopal Church, Thursday night, April 13th at 8 o'clock.

This is the class which has been instructed by Mrs. Fred Kroncke and caps and certificates will be awarded to Mesdames Elsie Louise Bushal, Lois Crumpler, Lucy Marie Ellis, Hubert Speight and Misses Mary Sybil Allen, Elizabeth Brown, Virginia Christine Bush, Sara B. Cannon, Celia Dail, Alice Garner, Mildred Hodges, Mildred Jenkins, Margaret Moore, Marie Riggan, Corriane Satterthwaite, Betty Green Simpson, Mary Rachel Smith, Annie Reese Spivey.

Dr. John Martin will preside at the ceremony and the address will be given by the Rev. Edmund Berkeley. The caps will be presented by Mrs. Kroncke and the Red Cross certificates by Mrs. Louise Starke.

The public is cordially invited to attend the exercises.

## Urge Members Attend Meeting

All members of the Business and Professional Women's Club are asked to attend the dinner meeting Tuesday evening at 7 in the Blue Room of the Rosemary Cafe. This meeting will be shortened in order that those who so desire, may attend the Kiwanis minstrel. Members who are unable to attend should call Mrs. Pat Matkins.

## MESSAGE RECEIVED BY HIS PARENTS YESTERDAY; WAS IN ITALIAN FIGHTING AREA

### Mayor's Court

Since the increase in value of ABC coupons from one-half pint to one full pint, apparently the police are having a busy time with "drunks."

There were 19 cases before His Honor, Mayor Kelley Jenkins, in the Monday session of the court. Of these 19 one was for speeding, another for fighting, and 17 for public drunkenness.

### Good Conduct

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## Banks Closed Next Monday

According to an announcement made today the banks of the city will be closed all day next Easter Monday.

## MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION HOLDS SPIRITED MEETING

The Roanoke Rapids Merchants Association held a spirited meeting in the Rosemary Blue Room Tuesday night. The meeting was called by President H. S. Loy who presided, and was in the nature of an "experimental" session for the purpose of determining whether the members of the association wanted to hold meetings once a month and whether or not the association was going to be made to function as a strong organization working for the common good of all merchant members and toward a greater Roanoke Rapids.

President Loy sent out the call for the meeting and told the 32 members present that he was "deeply disappointed" at the at-

Private First Class Robert L. Bryant, 21-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Bryant, of Roanoke Rapids, Star Route, is reported missing in action in Italy, according to a message received yesterday by his parents.

The telegram from the War Department read as follows: "The Secretary of War desires me to express his deep regret that your son, Pfc. Robert L. Bryant, has been reported missing in action since February 16 in Italy."

(Signed) Robert H. Dunlop, Acting the Adj. Gen.

Receiving of the message saying young Bryant is "missing" does (Continued on page 12, Sec. A)

## ROTARY CLUB HELD MEETING LAST TUESDAY

The Roanoke Rapids Rotary Club held its regular weekly meeting Tuesday at noon in the Rosemary Blue Room. The meeting was well attended by the membership, and was presided over by President Joe Suttler. After routine business had been disposed of election of club officers for the year was held with the following results:

President, William White.  
Vice-President, William China.  
Secretary-treasurer, Mack Savage.

Directors: Fr. Peter M. Denges and William Taylor. Mr. Taylor has been a director the past year and was therefore re-elected, while Fr. Denges, who served as vice president, but requested that his name not be considered for the presidency due to his being absent from the city on occasions, was named to the board of directors by the members.

Several merchants present expressed in no uncertain terms a desire for the organization to continue functioning as a strong organization, and deplored the fact that so many of its members had adopted "the don't care" attitude of attending the sessions of the body.

With an estimated population of 80,000 in the Roanoke Rapids trade area, President Loy said it was time for the merchants of this city to start post-war planning. "We are far behind industry and highways in this area in doing this, but it is not too late, if we do something about it right now."

A few of the members were very