

REMEMBER

ROBERT E. MAY
R. H. McCOMMONS
JAMES W. WHITBY

MARVIN WILLIAM SCOTT
WILLIAM H. CAMP JR.
GROVER WOODRUFF

WINFIELD HASTY
DANIEL E. FAISON
2d LIEUT. ROBERT LEE MOORE



THE ROANOKE RAPIDS HERALD

CAROLINA'S FIRST
TABloid NEWSpaper



VOLUME XXIX

ROANOKE RAPIDS, N. C. THURSDAY, MAY 4, 1944

NUMBER 39

Moore Killed In Plane Crash

Dan Faison Killed In Shore Accident

SON OF MRS. J. H. MAYFIELD DIES IN MID-AIR COLLISION NEAR U. S. MARINE AIR BASE

FIRST TRIP AS MARINER; WAS IN ITALY

Daniel E. ("Dan") Faison, 42 years old, is reported to have been killed in Italy on April 15 according to a message received this week by his sister, Mrs. Walter Grooms.

Faison, who was formerly in the United States Army, but was given a medical discharge early last year, was a member of the Merchant Marines. This was his first trip, since signing up about March 1, of this year. He sailed from Norfolk for an unknown port, but finally landed in Italy. He was a carpenter on the SS B. F. Shaw.

The message to Mrs. Grooms from I. J. James, of the Northland Transportation Company, follows: "It is with sincere regret we must perform the duty of informing you your brother, Daniel Faison, serving as carpenter on the SS B. F. Shaw, which this company operates for the War Shipping and Administration, lost his life on April 15, 1944, while visiting ashore at Castellammare Di Stabia, Italy.

"The master of the vessel has advised us that part of a building in which Mr. Faison and another crew member were visiting collapsed while they were in it, both men losing their lives instantly.

"The War Shipping Administration in Washington, D. C., has advised that burial was made on April 18 in the Allied Military cemetery at Naples."

Surviving Mr. Faison are his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Faison, of Roanoke Rapids, Route 1; three sisters, Mrs. Grooms, Miss Mertie Faison and Mrs. Clarence Barlow; four brothers, Otto and Allison Faison of this city, Lloyd Faison of Norfolk, and Hinton Faison, "somewhere in England"; also a niece, Jeannette Faison, and a nephew, Marlyn Faison.

Prior to entering the Merchant Marines Faison was employed by the Welding Shipyards in Norfolk. He had lived in Roanoke Rapids practically his entire life.

Banks Will Close

Both the banks in Roanoke Rapids will be closed next Wednesday, May 10, a full holiday.

Food Program Is Next Week

The second annual health, nutrition and food conservation program will be held next Tuesday afternoon beginning at 2 o'clock.

The meeting will be in the auditorium of the Clara Hearne School.

CARTER GETS 18-20 YEARS FOR MURDER

Eddie Lee Carter, negro, charged with the murder of Sandy Baker, another negro, in February, 1941, pleaded guilty in Halifax Superior Court this week to murder in the second degree and was given a sentence by Judge Walter Bone of not less than 18 years nor more than 20 in State's Prison.

Sam Jones, negro, who was slated to be tried at this term for the "ice-pick" murder of Lindsay Price, negro, had his case continued until the June term.

Other cases disposed of by the court this week are as follows: C. H. Clark, white, charged with crime against nature, nol pros with leave.

Thomas Barkley, white, of Roanoke Rapids, plead guilty to temporary larceny and was given not.

Graduating Class School of Nurses To Have Exercises

The graduating class of the Roanoke Rapids School of Nursing will hold its commencement exercises next Friday, May 12. The program will begin at 8:15 and will be held in the High School auditorium.

Following are members of the class:

Elsie Bridgers De Berry, Mary Elizabeth Warren, Virginia Elizabeth Shell, Mabel Alice Bryant, Carlee Butler Jenkins, Dorothy Lee Garner, Judith Pittman Noon-ey.

The Baccalaureate Sermon will be delivered by Rev. Lester A. Tilley, at the Roanoke Rapids Methodist Church, Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

GAS STATION IS ENTERED; LOSS SMALL

Ted's Esso Service Station, operated by Ted Davis, located at 100 Roanoke Ave., was entered last Tuesday night. The break occurred between 9:30 and 10 o'clock, and the thief or thieves entered the place by jimmiing the window to the men's rest room.

The loss is small, according to Mr. Davis, who, after checking, found \$3.00 in cash, two checks, one for \$13.46 and another for \$2 missing, in addition to a small amount of candy and some cigarettes.

Police are investigating, but as yet no lead has been discovered as to who perpetrated the break.

WM. R. DAVIE CHAPTER WINS SECOND PLACE

The William R. Davie Chapter of Future Farmers of America won second place in the livestock judging contest of the Roanoke-Chowan Future Farmers of America Federation held at Caledonia Farm.

Twelve chapters entered the contest with Jackson's Chapter placing first, William R. Davie second, and Scotland Neck third. The classes of animals judged were one class in each of the following: Holstien dairy cows, Guernsey dairy cows, Hertford cows, Hampshire sows, and Poland China sows.

Charles Wright, a member of the William R. Davie Chapter, made the highest score on judging Dairy Cattle in the contest.

(Continued on Page 8—Sect. A)

Martin Named Co. Chairman

At the County Democratic meeting held last Saturday in Halifax, Dr. John W. Martin, of Roanoke Rapids, was elected as county chairman of the Executive committee, succeeding Dr. Bahnsen Weathers.

Crash Victim



Above is Second Lieutenant Robert Lee Moore, 21, son of Mrs. J. H. Mayfield, of this city, who was killed last Friday in a mid-air plane collision near Jacksonville, Fla.

Second Lieutenant Robert Lee Moore, 21 years of age, son of Mrs. J. H. Mayfield of Roanoke Rapids and the late Robert L. Moore of Seaboard, was instantly killed last Friday in a mid-air collision.

Lieut. Moore was a member of an eight-plane flying formation in practice flight over the Marine Air Base at Jacksonville, Fla., near where the accident occurred. His plane, a single-seater fighter, crashed head-on with another plane of the same type piloted by First Lieutenant C. Samis, of Illinois. Samis, who bailed out after the collision, was not injured. Moore, however, is believed to have died instantly, no signs being seen by the other fliers of him attempting to use his parachute. At the time of the accident the planes are reported to have been up about 3300 feet and 20 miles south of the Marine Air Base.

Lieut. Moore was flying "on the wing" of his close friend and room-mate, 2d Lieut. W. E. Jennings of Shreveport, La., when the crash occurred. Lieut. Jennings accompanied the body to Roanoke Rapids for the funeral services.

The young flier, one of the city's more popular young men, was a graduate of the Roanoke Rapids High School, later attending North Carolina State College, prior to entering the service of the United States Marines. He graduated about six weeks ago as a Marine pilot.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from the Roanoke Rapids Presbyterian Church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. John Walker. Interment was in the cemetery here.

Surviving are his mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mayfield, and one sister, Mrs. Marvin W. Collier, all of this city. He was a grandson of the late William S. and Betty Futrelle Pruden of Seaboard.

City Election Held Tuesday

In the election held last Tuesday for city commissioners, M. D. Collier and R. I. Starke were returned to office without opposition. The balloting was light, 28 in the North Ward for Collier, and 16 in the South Ward for Starke.

Now At Home From Hospital

Ben M. Camp who has been a patient in the Roanoke Rapids Hospital for about a week, has returned to his home in Garysburg. He is much improved.

Pearl Harbor Vet Returns To 'Frisco

Pvt. Elton Capps has returned to San Francisco after spending a three weeks' leave here with Mrs. J. V. Hock, 718 Washington street. Pvt. Capps has been overseas for four years and was at Pearl Harbor when the attack by Japan occurred. Since that time he has been stationed on several islands in the South Pacific.

STATE GUARD PROMOTIONS CONFIRMED

The following promotions which were recently recommended for officers in the 14th company of the Roanoke Rapids unit of the North Carolina State Guard, have been confirmed and are effective at once:

First Lieut. Francis S. Kemp is promoted to captain.

Second Lieut. John B. Dunin to first lieutenant.

First Sergeant Marshall White-Hurst to second lieutenant.

Sergeant James Rogers to first sergeant.

Corporal Alex Thomas to sergeant.

Private Ellis Reynolds to corporal.