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# TWO YOUNG BOYS INSTANTLY KILLED BY BOLT OF LIGHTNING

## Voters Will Cast Ballots Saturday

### Governor's Race Is Most Important; 2 Local Races

Saturday is the day when the voters of North Carolina go to the polls to cast their ballots for the office of Governor, U. S. Senator, Congressmen and State and County officials.

The machinery is all set for the holding of the Democratic primary, tantamount to election in North Carolina. The polls in Halifax County will open at 6:30 a. m., and close at 6:30 p. m.

Only two county offices are to be filled by the votes of the people; most of the local candidates have no opposition, and the campaign has been quiet.

In the Enfield-Halifax district, (Continued on page 12—Sect. A)

### House Opened To Service Men

The Business and Professional Women's Club will open its Club House on Jackson street, beside the Nurse's Home, each Saturday and Sunday at 2 P. M., for the benefit, pleasure and enjoyment of the local and visiting service men. Anyone in the service is welcome.

### DANCES WILL CONTINUE ON SAT. NIGHTS

The "world's largest" square dances that have been held on Saturday nights, sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, will be continued, reports to the contrary, said A. N. Martin, publicity chairman.

"Recently," said Mr. Martin, "rumors have persisted that the Veterans of Foreign Wars would discontinue the dances. But such is not the true facts. The dances will absolutely be continued."

Funds from the dances are used for charitable purposes and so far have been largely patronized. Dances are held each Saturday night in the Armory in Roanoke Rapids.

### President



T. J. Alford, manager of local hospital, was elected last week as president of the North Carolina Hospital Association.

### 107 STUDENTS HIGH SCHOOL TO GRADUATE

Finals for the Roanoke Rapids High School will begin next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock with the baccalaureate services held in the school auditorium. Rev. J. G. Phillips, executive secretary, Board of Education, North Carolina Methodist Conference, of Durham, will deliver the sermon.

Class day exercises will be held (Continued on page 12—Sect. A)

### UNAVOIDABLE!

Due to circumstances beyond the control of the owners, opening of the Croatan is postponed. This is due to a shipment of equipment being routed wrong and did not arrive in time to be installed. Announcement of the opening will be made later.

### Speaker



Above is Dr. Hugh T. Lefler, who will deliver the principal address at the commencement exercises of the Roanoke Rapids High School. Dr. Lefler will speak next Thursday night.

## Larry Matthews and Charlie Lyles Victims of Tragedy; Two Other Boys Are Stunned

The lives of two little boys—Larry B. Matthews, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Matthews, 1215 Washington street, and Frank Lyles, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Lyles, were snuffed out by lightning yesterday afternoon during the severe thunderstorm. Two other boys, W. C. Leonard, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Leonard, and Jimmie Gilbert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Gilbert, who were playing with the two youths at the time, were stunned by the shock.

The tragedy occurred in a field across from the 1200 block of Jefferson street about 5:15 o'clock. The four boys were playing in a large cherry tree when the storm broke. Lennon Floyd, who lives at 1209 Jefferson street, directly in front of the scene, was the first to reach the boys. Floyd was out in his yard when the crash of lightning struck. Turning, he observed smoke coming from the tree in the field. He rushed to it and saw the Lyles boy lying on the ground and the Matthews child lodged in the tree.

Others gathered quickly and police were notified. Matthews, a city policeman for a number of years, answered the call, unaware that his son was involved in the tragedy. When he arrived on the scene Officer Matthews, still not knowing the identity of the (Continued on page 12—Sect. A)

### Three Wrenn Brothers Are In Service



Shown above are three sons of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Wrenn, of Roanoke Rapids who are serving Uncle Sam in the Armed forces. They are, left to right: Pfc. Fitzhugh Lee Wrenn, who entered the Army June 2, 1942. He received his basic training at Camp Wheeler, Ga. He is now stationed somewhere in New Guinea. Be-



fore entering the service Fitzhugh was employed by Roanoke Mills No. 2. Next is Corp. Robert J. Wrenn. Robert entered the Army December 10, 1942. He trained at Battle Creek, Mich., and Camp McCoy, Wis., and is now "somewhere in England." Prior to his going into the Army he was manager of



the Roanoke Rapids Transit Co. On the right is Sgt. James C. Wrenn, the youngest of the three brothers. He entered the service August 25, 1943, and is a member of the famous 42nd Rainbow Division. James is stationed at Camp Gruber, Okla. He was formerly employed by the Rosemary Manufacturing Company.

### Poppy Sale Will Be Held Saturday

The annual Poppy Day sale of the little red flower will be held Saturday under the auspices of the Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Benefits from the sale of poppies will be used to aid disabled veterans of World War 1.

### T. J. ALFORD ELECTED HEAD ASSOCIATION

T. J. Alford, manager of the Roanoke Rapids Hospital since 1933, was elected president of the North Carolina Hospital Association at its meeting last week in Asheville.

The most important topic of discussion at the meeting, according to Mr. Alford, was "personnel problems."

Dr. J. B. Whittington, of Winston-Salem, has been president of the organization the past year. Mr. Alford assumed his duties as head of the association during the meeting. There were about 350 guests in attendance.