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NEGRO SENTENCED TO DEATH

"V" War Loan Opens

Campaign To Get Started Next Monday

The Fifth "V" War Loan campaign of the United States Treasury will get underway next Monday, June 12, throughout the Nation and in Halifax County at a most favorable time.

Halifax County people, under the chairmanship of H. E. Lee, will be asked to purchase a total of \$1,657,000 in War Bonds during the next few weeks.

The response to the Treasury's call for more money to finance the war has already been given impetus by the opening of the invasion second front in France which began last Tuesday morning.

The reaction in Roanoke Rapids to the invasion was one of quiet and sober thoughtfulness and prayers for the young men from this section and throughout the world. There was no jubilant demonstration whatsoever over the news all day Tuesday. However, on the contrary, church bells of the city tolled and the doors of the edifices were opened for earnest prayer by people here.

In view of the fact that D-Day has actually arrived, coupled with the natural patriotism of the people throughout the nation it is believed by those in charge that the Fifth War Loan will be over subscribed before it hardly begins. Among business men in Roanoke Rapids the opinion was expressed that there will be no need for "high pressure salesmanship" for the bonds at this time because of the fact that most people now realize that the war against the enemy is in full swing and that its successful conclusion depends upon support by the people at home in every possible way.

There are many firms in Roanoke Rapids...

PAY DAYS TO REMAIN FRIDAYS

When Roanoke and Patterson Mills Co. go on a 48 hour week next week pay day will remain Friday, according to a notice posted in the mills this week.

The six day week in the textile industry has been ordered by the War Manpower Commission under President Roosevelt's executive order because of textile shortage for war and essential civilian needs.

The local notice is as follows: 48-Hour Week - Textile Industry It has been called to our attention that paying off on Saturday would cause a great inconvenience and hardship to those of you who...

INVASION NEWS IN PARAGRAPHS

The greatest news of the war "broke" about midnight last Monday night when Allied Troops began the invasion of Continental Europe with History's greatest Military undertaking. Briefly are a few of the important news paragraphs of the beginning of the invasion and its progress until noon today (Thursday):

Wednesday, June 7—Masses of Allied sea and airborne troops, which landed in France against little opposition, were fighting their way inland early today along a 100-mile stretch of the Normandy coast between Cherbourg and Le Havre, while heavy reinforcements were being rushed across the channel in the face of a falling barometer.

President Roosevelt, in his first report on the invasion of Western Europe, said today that operations are running "up to schedule"—which, he added, is saying a mouthful—but he warned the nation against becoming overconfident because neither the invasion nor the war are over by any means.

In the second day of the great invasion, landing beaches in Normandy were cleared of the enemy Wednesday and some were linked by extending the flanks, while steady reinforcements poured in by sea and air, said a headquarters communique issued shortly before midnight.

German resistance is stiffening, and fighting is expected to increase in severity as more enemy reserves come into action against the advancing Americans, British and Canadians, headquarters stated.

Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force, Thursday, June 8.—Allied invasion forces have captured the Nazi-fortified cathedral town of Bayeux and have cut the highway to Caen, 18 miles east-southeast, in generally heavy fighting, supreme headquarters announced early today.

Striking from cleared and consolidated beaches, the United States, British and Canadian troops were officially declared to be "doing better than expected" against ferocious armored counterattacks by German reserves.

City Board Commissioners Held Its Meeting On Tuesday

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the city of Roanoke Rapids was held in the Commissioners Room last Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kelly Jenkins with the following members present: A. N. Martin, V. E. McDowell, R. I. Starke and W. P. Taylor.

After minutes of the last meeting were read and approved the following business was heard:

Ray Stephenson appearing before the board on behalf of the Lion's Club asked that payment of privilege license on the annual Lion's Club Carnival be exempted, giving as the principal reason the proceeds from the show will be used for charitable purposes. After some discussion the board agreed to exempt the club from the license, provided it furnish necessary police protection without the cost to the city.

The Mayor and City Clerk were authorized to execute a lease between the city and Rosemary Manufacturing Company for the swimming pool this season. At the same time they were authorized to take public liability and property damage insurance on the swimming pool in the amounts of 5,000 and 10,000 dollars respectively.

The Street Committee, in its report, stated favorable comment had been heard on the condition of the

alleys since the police department had assigned a special officer to check them.

The City Clerk read a letter to the Commissioners from the Policemen of the city in which they asked that they be allowed one day off each week. The Board referred the matter to Chief of Police Dobbins but expressed the opinion that no officers should be allowed to be off on Fridays or Saturdays, except when absolutely necessary.

The fiscal year for the city ends on June 30, and the City Clerk stated that she had received a bid from George G. Scott and Company for the auditing of the city's books and records. The price named in the bid was \$200.00. The Board voted that the bid be accepted.

After a motion by Commissioner Starke that the financial report and the Police report for the month of May be approved and accepted was carried the meeting adjourned until next month.

Brother Dies

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Lee went to Shelby, Monday, being called there on account of the death of Mrs. Lee's brother. They are expected to return the later part of the week.

SAM JONES SCHEDULED TO DIE JULY 7; WAS CONVICTED TUESDAY ON MURDER COUNT

Assistant



Appointment of O. W. Hall as Assistant General Industrial Agent of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, with headquarters at Norfolk, was announced today by Dallas T. Daily, General Industrial Agent.

A native of Portsmouth, Mr. Hall began his railway service in 1928 in the Commerce Department and has occupied positions of increasing importance in the office of the Chief Freight Traffic Officer, office of the Receivers and Industrial Department. In 1924 he became Assistant to General Industrial Agent, from which position he is now being promoted.

Sam Jones, negro, about 22 years of age, was found guilty on Tuesday of this week in Halifax County Superior Court for the "Ice-Pick Murder" of Lindsey Price, also colored, whose body was found in Chocoyotte creek near the John Chaloner Cchool and the road which runs from Tilghman's Cross Roads on Thursday, December 30, 1943. He was sentenced by Judge Walter Bone, presiding jurist, to be executed in the gas chamber at State's Prison in Raleigh on July 7.

If Jones is executed on that date he will be the first man sentenced to die from Halifax County since May 6, 1938, at which time Claud Bowser, another negro, was sentenced to die for the murder of a negro woman. Bowser, however, appealed and his case was heard by the supreme court which upheld the sentence and he was later executed.

In Jones' case it is believed from authoritative sources that he will not die on the scheduled execution date.

Price, a farmer for J. K. Giles on the old Simmons place in West Rosemary, had previously worked for the local mills and was reported missing by his wife about nine days prior to the discovery of the body in the creek. He is said to have been carrying a considerable amount of money on his person at the time and this was established as a robbery mo-

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Square Dances By The Firemen

The Roanoke Rapids Volunteer Firemen are now sponsoring Friday night square dances in the Old Town Hall in downtown Roanoke Rapids. These dances were formerly held by the Auxiliary Police.

The local fire department is in need of certain essential equipment and money derived from these dances will be used for this purpose. The firemen play an important role in the preservation of life and property in the city and the public is urged to attend these recreational events each week.

Former Citizen Dies In Norfolk

Mrs. Geneva Bobbitt Burroughs, 68, who formerly lived in Roanoke Rapids, but several years ago removed to Henderson, died of a heart attack last Saturday while visiting her sister, Mrs. C. F. Crumpler, in Norfolk, Va. Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at four o'clock from the Herman Methodist Church in Henderson. Misses Ruth and Viola Glover of Roanoke Rapids, are nieces of the deceased.

HARRIS UNDER BOND DRIVING WHILE DRUNK

Hardy Harris, white, who was charged with driving while under the influence of liquor and as a result of which collided with the automobile of Eulas Branch, was bound over under bond of \$300.00 for his appearance in Halifax County Recorder's Court next Tuesday after pleading guilty before Mayor Kelly Jenkins here Monday afternoon. Branch's automobile, it is alleged, was damaged to the extent of about \$200.00. Harris was arrested Sunday.

Mayor Jenkins continued the cases of Mose Turner and Charlie Hicks, both negroes who were charged with assault and with assault with a deadly weapon to June 15. The charges grew out of a fight between the negroes last week end. Hicks is said to have drawn a knife on Turner threatening to cut him and Turner in retaliation picked up a soft drink bottle and threw it at Hicks.

There were several other cases before the court, most of which were for plain public drunkenness.