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LAW BARS CHILDREN FROM ATTENDING PUBLIC PLACES

City Schools Will Open On Sept. 18

Will Operate Usual Number School Days

Roanoke Rapids City Schools will open Monday, September 18, according to Superintendent of Schools C. W. Davis, who made the announcement today. "This is in conformity with the recommendation of the State Board of Education, said Supt. Davis.

The schools normally would have opened this year on September 4, but due to the epidemic of infantile paralysis raging throughout the state, it was advised by health authorities that all school openings be postponed until a later time.

The schools of the city will run the usual length of 180 school days, and thus will necessarily close later in June next year than in the past. This is contingent, however, upon the number of days it is possible to make up, said Mr. Davis. It may be, he added, that we will be able to slightly curtail Christmas holidays and get

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YELLOW FRONT SUSPENSION IS MODIFIED

The charge that E. B. Bowman, doing business as Yellow Front Market in Roanoke Rapids, was selling or offering to sell merchandise above ceiling prices, was dismissed on an appeal made by Bowman to Washington OPA.

Two other charges made by Raleigh OPA, that the Yellow Front (1) had failed to register as a retailer of meats and (2) on Dec. 10, 1943, had failed to post current point value tables on meats and processed foods as required by the rationing regulation, were upheld.

The Raleigh decision, which called for a six months suspension of the sale of any rationed items with point values, was modified by Washington to a suspension period of ten days commencing Sept. 3, 1944.

Ottis Reynolds, local attorney, represented Mr. Bowman on the appeal.

Jesse Riley and Wife Locked Up; Accused Of Abducting 12-Year-Old Thompson Child

Overseas



T/Sgt. Kenneth C. Messer, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Messer, 403-A Madison street, this city, has arrived "somewhere" in England, according to word received by his parents. Kenneth entered the Army in July, 1943. He is a graduate of Roanoke Rapids High School.

Jesse Riley, 24, and his wife, Elizabeth, alias Louise Riley, 17, were placed in jail here Tuesday to await preliminary hearing on a charge of kidnapping.

According to police, Riley and his wife came to Roanoke Rapids last Friday and contacted Dorothy Thompson, 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Thompson, 743-A Charlotte street, telling the girl to "come with them" and she would have a "good time going to USO dances and other places of amusement." According to officers, she was told by the Rileys to meet them at the local bus station Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock. This she did, according to information, and Riley purchased tickets for he and his wife to Blackstone, Va. The young girl bought her own, it is said.

When she was missed late Sunday by her parents, the father of the girl was told by Frankie Moseley, another little girl who lives in the neighborhood, that Dorothy had gone off with the Riley couple. Thompson then contacted Police Officer C. R. Green, and a warrant was issued for the arrest of the couple by Mayor Jenkins.

Later Sunday night Officer A. J. Brigman took over the investi-

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Three Fronts



Sergt. James M. Lynch, son of J. W. Lynch, 119 Hamilton street, shown above, is a veteran of three fronts, Italy, North Africa and England. He entered the service in 1942.

Ordinance Is Enacted Last Tuesday P. M.

In efforts to aid in the prevention of the spread of infantile paralysis in this section, the Roanoke Rapids Board of Commissioners met Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock, and after much discussion of the subject, and on the recommendation of City Health Officer Dr. R. M. Bardin, Dr. F. G. Kroncke and Dr. R. P. Beckwith, passed an ordinance prohibiting all children under the age of 16 from attending any public places of amusement where crowds congregate. The law goes into effect at 12 noon, Friday, August 25.

The dances that have been held

Resolution

Due to the fact that several cases of poliomyelitis have recently been reported in near-by counties the Halifax County Board of Health has passed the following resolution:

"That all children up to and including fifteen (15) years of age be prohibited from attending picture shows, Church, Sunday School, Boy Scout and similar meetings, swimming pools or any other public places which brings together groups of children."

on Friday night by the Fire Department and the square dance under the sponsorship of the Veterans of Foreign Wars have both been cancelled for the time being in cooperation with efforts to keep down the spread of the disease.

The law prohibits the children from attending these dances, the theatres, churches, Sunday Schools or any other place of public gathering. A similar ordinance was enacted in 1935 when infantile paralysis reached an epidemic stage.

So far there has been no case of polio reported in Halifax County, but due to the fact that the spread of the disease appears heading in the direction of the eastern part of the state, every precaution is being taken by health authorities to prevent cases developing in this section.

The law will be strictly enforced say city officials, and carries a heavy penalty for its violation.

The theatres in the city have announced today they will not admit any child under 16 years of age to any performance.

Rhoden Leaves For Conference

W. B. Rhoden, field Scout executive for this district, left Monday for West Palm Beach, Fla., where he will attend a Scout executives' conference. Mr. Rhoden will return September 15.

Cars Collide; Driver Under Bond of \$500

Alphonso Lewis of Florida, and Virgil McDowell of this city, were in an automobile collision at the intersection of Ninth and Monroe streets Tuesday night about 8:45 o'clock.

The front of McDowell's car was badly damaged, while the side of the Lewis car was smashed.

Lewis was charged with speeding and reckless driving and placed under bond of \$500 for his appearance in court to answer the charges.

GIVEN DEATH SENTENCE

Shay Winner Distinguished Flying Cross

Cited for "extraordinary achievement" while participating in heavy bomber operations over Europe, Staff Sgt. James W. Shay, Jr., 24, 235 Washington St., Roanoke Rapids, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross at an Eighth Air Force Bomber Station in England.

A top turret gunner on a B-17 (Continued on page 8—Sect. A)

Charles Alexander, Negro, was found guilty last Tuesday in Halifax County Superior Court on a charge of raping a nine-year-old negro girl in Enfield Township. The negro was sentenced to die in the gas chamber in State's Prison on October 27 by Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn, presiding over the last week of the two-weeks' term. Notice of appeal was filed by Alexander's attorneys.

If Alexander dies in the gas chamber for his crime, it is said by some officials, he will be the first negro ever to pay the death penalty from Halifax County for a crime of this nature.

Service Bars Are Received By Clerk Hux

A. Leonidas Hux, Clerk of the Superior Court of Halifax County, left Monday for another trip on the high seas. He is in the Merchant Marine, having a leave of absence.

A few hours before he left, Hux received, from the War Shipping Administration in Washington, the Merchant Marine Service Emblem, (Continued on page 8—Sect. A)