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FM AND TELEVISION RADIO STATION IS BEING PLANNED FOR CITY AFTER WAR

RIVER SLOWLY GETTING BACK TO NORMALCY

The Roanoke river was slowly returning to normalcy today after a six-day overflow in which much farm lands in lower Halifax County were inundated last week, destroying and damaging thousands of acres of crops. The flood waters, while not nearly as disastrous as in 1940, did slight damage to some industrial plants along its banks.

In Roanoke Rapids the water covered the road leading to Roanoke Mill No. 1, but access to the mill via the railroad track, remained open. Only slight damage occurred there. Damage to the Halifax Paper mill was also negligible, it was stated.

From across the river in Northampton County reports were received of considerable damage to farm lands and crops.

The river began to rise last Tuesday morning after torrential rains in its upper watershed and by late Friday or early Saturday morning had reached a crest of several feet above flood stage, rising to a total of 48.6 feet at Weldon and about 42 feet above here.

There has been no loss of life reported and slight loss to livestock due to the high waters.

CENSUS TAKEN BY RELIGIOUS CAMPAIGNERS

Last Sunday groups of workers from all the churches in the city took a religious census of Roanoke Rapids proper as the first step in a united evangelistic campaign now getting under way in all the churches in the city. Although handicapped by a smaller number of workers than was found to be needed, the census was considered a success and many cards have already been returned.

The simultaneous evangelistic campaign is continuing this week and next with classes in all churches on personal or visitation evangelism conducted by the various pastors of the city. All Christians who can are urged to volunteer and ask their pastors about this work, the dates and hours of meeting and of visitation.

The campaign will close with a simultaneous series of preaching services in every church during the week of October 8-15th, with visiting ministers, in efforts to reach the nominal Christians on the fringe of the church and those outside the church membership.

Scrap Drive Is Very Successful

The collection of old paper, rags and tin cans last Sunday was a splendid success, said Ben Lancaster, chairman. "We certainly want to thank the people of this city and surrounding communities for their cooperation and the Boy Scouts for their work."

The collection totalled 23,700 pounds of old paper and rags. A weekly collection of scrap will be made in the business district of Roanoke Rapids every Wednesday afternoon, Mr. Lancaster announced, and merchants are urged to pile the old paper outside where it can be picked up.

Telegram To Parents Says Son Wounded

A message from the War Department received Monday by Mr. and Mrs. Luther Simms, 919 Henry Street, revealed that their son, Sgt. Chester B. Simms, 22, has been wounded in action in the European theatre of war. Chester is a member of the Third United States Army under General Patton. The message stated he was wounded on Sept. 11. A graduate of Roanoke Rapids High School and a former member of the school's softball and football teams and also played on the American Legion's baseball team.

Just prior to leaving the states for overseas duty he was awarded the Expert Infantrymen's Badge. His wife is the former Miss Josephine Westbrook, who now resides in Portsmouth, Va.

King Services Held Thursday

Frank King, 72, died Sept. 21 at the Roanoke Rapids Hospital after a long illness. Funeral services were held from Williams Funeral Home Saturday afternoon, conducted by Rev. R. L. Toppings, assisted by Rev. B. Marshall White-Hurst. Interment was in Roanoke Rapids cemetery. Pallbearers were: Bruce Camp, George Long, Sidney Collier, Lewis Crews, Lloyd White and Rufus Britton.

Surviving the deceased are his widow, Mrs. Dora King; one daughter and six brothers.

New Librarian

Miss Elenorn Gralow of St. Paul, Minn., has assumed her duties as tri-county Librarian. The counties are Halifax, Northampton and Hertford. Plans are now being made by Miss Gralow and library officials for the purchase of a bookmobile for use in the three counties. She will make her headquarters in Roanoke Rapids.

Above is Pvt. Claude Thomas Collins, who was wounded in action in France in August. Collins has been overseas since last February.

Pictured here is Pfc. Laster Smith, reported last week as being wounded in the Pacific war area. He has been overseas only a few months.

Seven Roanoke Rapids Men Are Now Prisoners of War Of The Japanese And Nazis

A Prisoner of War display by the Roanoke Rapids Chapter of the American Red Cross will be shown here next week, according to Mrs. Carroll Wilson, chairman of the Prisoner of War Committee.

The display will be in the show windows of Leggett's Dept. Store the first half of next week and at the Virginia Electric & Power Company the last half of the week.

It will consist of pictures of Roanoke Rapids men who are now prisoners of war, their present location, items sent to them by the Red Cross and other interesting features.

The local Red Cross committee tries to keep in touch with prisoners through the International Red Cross, contact their nearest of kin and other relatives and sends them needed articles.

Seven men from Roanoke Rapids are now prisoners, four held by the Germans and three by the Japs. Their names and present location follows:

Second Lt. Carlton L. Grissom,

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Parent-Teacher Association To Meet October 5

According to an announcement made this morning by Miss Winnifred Beckwith, secretary, the Parent-Teacher Association of Roanoke Rapids will meet next Thursday night, October 5, at 7:45 in the High School Auditorium. This is the first meeting of the association for the 1944-45 school year and the main business will be the election of officers. All parents who have children in school are urged to attend.

Soldiers' Gift Box Idea Is Abandoned

The proposal to send every boy and girl in the service a Christmas gift box from citizens of Roanoke Rapids was abandoned at a meeting last Monday afternoon. "The time is entirely too short," said a spokesman at the meeting, "and besides there is such a scarcity of worthwhile gifts."

Citizens at the meeting then suggested the money that would normally be spent on this project be turned into something of a lasting nature, such as a memorial to those who pay the supreme sacrifice and to others who served in the armed forces.

Those present heartily concurred in working with the post-war planning committee along this line.

Now In France

Pfc. Herman Spragins has notified his mother, Mrs. Ida Spragins, that he has landed safely in France. He was stationed at Camp Carson, Colo., before he was sent overseas.

To Observe World Wide Communion

The Rosemary Methodist church will observe World Wide Communion Sunday, next Sunday at the 11 o'clock service. All members are expected to be present. Visitors will be welcome at this service of Christian Fellowship.

Permit To Build And Operate Has Been Applied For By Telecast, Inc.

Roanoke Rapids Theatres announce that its affiliate, Telecast, Incorporated, has applied to the Federal Communications Commission for permit to construct and operate a new high frequency, Frequency Modulation radio broadcasting station.

This Frequency Modulation station is not to be confused with the present standard broadcasting Amplitude Modulation as the new Frequency Modulation is static and interference free with a tone fidelity covering 15,000 cycles as com-

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Sergt. Pulley Is Wounded In French Area

Word was received this week by Mrs. Emma Pulley that her son, Sgt. Willie G. Pulley, has been wounded in action in France. Before entering the service on March 10, 1941, and serving the past six months overseas, he was employed by the Patterson Mills Company. Sgt. Pulley has a brother, Pvt. Clyde W. Pulley, who was also wounded in action in France on Aug. 8. They are both now in a hospital somewhere in England, and Pvt. Pulley is showing normal improvement, according to a message sent to his mother by the War Department.

PVT. MANNING KILLED ON 8TH SAYS MESSAGE

Pvt. Joe L. Manning, 37, son of Mrs. Rivey Manning of Bailey, in Nash County, has been reported by the War Department as being killed September 8, in France.

Manning, only brother of Mrs. J. W. Lewis, 923 Jackson street, this city, was well known here, having visited his sister a number of times. He entered the Army March 3, 1942, and received his basic training at Camp Polk, La.

The last known letter to have been written by Pvt. Manning to his mother was dated September 1, and was received on the 18th. His last visit home was in March at which time he also visited his sister in Roanoke Rapids. Immediately after he completed his furlough he was sent overseas.

Prayer Service

Announcement was made that the community prayer service for the month of October will be held at the All Saints Episcopal Church each Tuesday night at 7:30.