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CROUCH KILLED IN BELGIUM

674 BALLOTS ARE MAILED TO SOLDIERS

S. W. Dickens, Chairman of Halifax County Board of Elections, made the announcement today that everything was going smoothly in the handling of applications for ballots by men in the armed services and the issuance of ballots in pursuance of the law dealing with soldier voting.

Chairman Dickens reports that 674 applications have been received and 674 mailed out. These are one-hundred per cent for service men. It is expected that the Board will also receive applications for absentee ballots for a few Halifax County citizens not in the Armed Forces, who will be unable to come home to cast their vote in the National Election, which will be held on Tuesday, November 7. The registration books, according to Mr. Dickens, will open on Saturday, October 14 and will remain open through the 28th. Registrars, however, will only be at the regular polling places for the purpose of registering voters on Saturdays.

Mrs. Hawley's Father Dies

Mrs. Frank Hawley was called to Christiansburg, Va., Friday on account of the illness and death of her father, who died Sunday afternoon. F. J. Hawley and Frank, Jr., left Monday to attend the funeral which was held on Tuesday.

Joseph Norwood Gets Promotion

Pvt. Joseph W. Norwood, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Norwood of Roanoke Rapids, has recently been promoted to Private First Class at Americus, Ga., where he is now stationed. A member of a Medical Detachment, Norwood received his Basic training at Fort Raleigh, Kansas. He entered the service in May, 1943.

Joins Staff Of Graduate Nurses

Mrs. Loretta Vaughan Rainey, whose husband, Corporal Jimmie Rainey has recently been sent overseas, and Misses Mabel Bryant, Elizabeth White and Mrs. Carlee Butler Jenkins, recent graduates of the Nurses School of Roanoke Rapids Hospital, have joined the graduate nurses staff of the local institution.

Seaboard Man Dies Tuesday

L. Bickley, 82 years of age, of Seaboard, died last Tuesday morning about ten o'clock at the Roanoke Rapids Hospital.

Two Brothers and Brother-in-Law In The Service



Pictured above are the two sons and a son-in-law, of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Akers, 501 Roanoke Avenue. Left to right they are: Ensign Allen E. Akers, 30, who entered the Navy in July, 1943. He is now "somewhere" in the South Pacific, having been overseas about seven months. Next is Capt. Samuel H. Akers, 25, "somewhere" in France, who went into the service in August, 1941. He was promoted to captain Sept. 1, this year. Capt. Akers has been overseas about 12 months. Right is Capt. Robert E. Pattison, 3rd. Capt. Pattison joined the fighting forces in 1941 and has been overseas about 10 months. He is believed to be "somewhere" in Holland. His wife, the former Miss Ann E. Akers, is residing here with her parents for the duration. Their home is in Paoli, Pa.

Simultaneous Evangelistic Services To Begin In City Next Sunday Night

Following the recent religious census and classes in personal evangelism the simultaneous evangelistic campaign by a series of preaching services in practically all of the churches in the city beginning next Sunday night at eight o'clock, and continuing through Sunday night, October 15. The visiting preachers and schedules are as follows:

All Saints Episcopal Church, Rev. Moultry Moore, Rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Salisbury, will preach each night, beginning at eight o'clock.

At Rosemary Methodist Church Rev. Jack E. Garlington, pastor of the Spring church-Garysburg M. E. churches will be the speaker.

Rosemary Baptist Church, Rev. Ben Lynes, pastor of Emporia Baptist Church, will be the visiting minister.

First Methodist Church, Rev. W. M. Howard, Jr., pastor of Bethel M. E. Church, Bethel, N. C., will preach the entire week.

First Baptist Church, Rev. Joe Johnson, pastor of the Baptist Church in Bassette, Va., will be the guest preacher.

First Presbyterian Church, Rev. Daniel C. McGeachey, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Clear Water, Fla., will speak at the eleven o'clock Sunday morning service, and Rev. John Walker, local pastor will preach that night. Rev. Joseph Lansinger, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Smithfield, will conduct the services Monday night through the following Sunday night.

The Pentecostal Holiness and Church of God Churches will have services every night through the week with their new pastors, Rev. Hodges and Rev. Jones doing the preaching.

CHEST DRIVE BEGINS 15TH

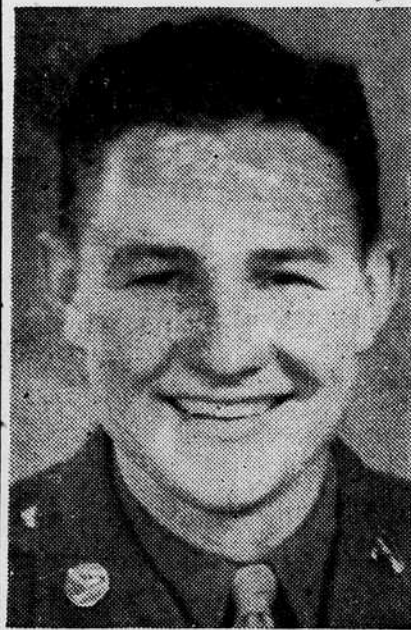
The Roanoke Rapids Community Chest and War Fund will launch its annual campaign during the week of October 15 through October 21. The goal set for this year is \$23,862.50, \$7,500 of which is earmarked for the National War Fund.

Four million volunteer workers, in every community in the United States, are now laying plans to start work this month for the second time in history, to secure contributions to a united war fund for the nineteen war-related agencies comprising the National War Fund, and for the home front agencies of local community chests. The total objectives of some 10,000 of these federated community campaigns will be in excess of \$250,000,000. The Community Chest of Roanoke Rapids will merge again this year with the National War Fund. Next week a complete coverage of the campaign will be given. Dr. John W. Martin is the president of the Community Chest; Father Peter M. Denges, who was campaign chairman during the past two years, is the vice-president; and the drive chairman this year is Edward B. Manning, president of the Associated Charities. Howard B. Speight is county chairman of the National War Fund.

Mrs. Harrison

Mrs. J. J. Harrison, age 55, of Warrenton, died at the Roanoke Rapids Hospital on Tuesday, October 3, 1944. She is the wife of J. J. Harrison.

Killed In Belgium



Pictured here is Corp. Joseph A. Crouch, who is reported as being killed in action Sept. 12 in Belgium.

Fire In Weldon Burns Building

Fire of an undetermined origin, destroyed the building and stock of goods of the Weldon Fruit and Produce Company in Weldon last Wednesday night. The blaze was discovered about 11:30 and was of such a dangerous nature the Roanoke Rapids Fire Department was called to assist in extinguishing the flames.

Brigman Resigns

A. J. Brigman, who has been a member of the Roanoke Rapids police department since January, 1938, resigned his position, effective Oct. 1. Mr. Brigman would give out no information on his plans for the future.

War Department Sends Telegram To Mother Here

Corporal Joseph A. Crouch, 25, son of Mrs. L. B. Crouch, 1108 Franklin street, this city, was killed in action in Belgium on September 12, according to a telegram received this (Thursday) morning by his mother from the War Department.

Young Crouch, a graduate of Roanoke Rapids High School, went into the Army November 5, 1941, receiving his basic training at Camp Croft, S. C. He had been an overseas veteran of several major engagements, including the campaign in North Africa, Sicily and the invasion of the Normandy coast across the English channel on June 6, 1944.

Corp. Crouch had been awarded the Silver Star for bravery in action in the vicinity of Froina, Italy. During a bitterly contested engagement, Crouch, in the face of heavy enemy mortar fire, succeeded in placing his machine gun in an advantageous position and directed effective fire on the advancing enemy troops. His heroic action aided his company in accomplishing its mission and capturing enemy material and personnel.

Mrs. Crouch has three other sons in the service: Pfc. Lacy B. Crouch, who is on his way home after participating in major engagements in Guadalcanal and other battles in the South Pacific; Pfc. Troy L. Crouch of the Air Corps, stationed in California, and Sgt. Francis Crouch, also in the Air Corps, and stationed in Geneva, Neb.

Young Crouch is survived by his mother, four brothers, the three named above, and J. Ivey Crouch of Pulaski, Va.; and one sister, Mrs. Graham Lynch, of this city.

Merchants Hold Business Meet

The Merchants Association held a business meeting in the Municipal building last Thursday night at which time several important questions were discussed. President H. S. Loy presided. The attendance was 18 out of a membership of 50.

Location Of Lots On Sale Thursday

The Edmonia C. Wilkins property to be sold next Thursday at auction by Rochelle Realty Company are located on Clinton, Emery and B streets near the intersection of the Weldon and Littleton Highways, and on Roanoke Avenue and Washington street in downtown Roanoke Rapids. The sale will be held at 10:30 a. m.

Now Stationed In California

Seaman 2/c Junior Layton, who took his basic training at Camp Peary, Va., is now stationed in Shoemaker, Calif. He spent a short while here recently with his wife the former Edna Dudley, of N. C. She is in the service.