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AIRPORT IS BEING PLANNED

Ramson Reported Killed

Committee Will Appear On Monday Before The County Board Of Commissioners

As a natural result of post-war planning an Airport Committee has been organized and definite plans have been made for securing a site for the erection of an air field for Halifax County. Members of this committee were named from various civic clubs of the city of Roanoke Rapids, and representative citizens outside the clubs and the city.

This committee will appear before the Halifax County Board of Commissioners at 11 o'clock next Monday morning seeking financial aid from the county in the purchase of a proposed tract of land on which it is hoped to build the air field.

This tract of land contains about 200 acres on which an option for purchase has been obtained. It is situated about 4 miles west of Roanoke Rapids on the Littleton Highway; about 6 miles from Weldon; 10 miles east of Littleton, and a little over 12 miles from Halifax. In selecting this site those interested in the project took into consideration the fact that it was as nearly centralized as any place in the county where sufficient land could be obtained for the field in order to comply with the Civil Aeronautics Commission.

In connection with the proposed airport representatives from two big air lines have already been to Roanoke Rapids and investigated the possibilities. They were: Truman Miller and Dan Wiggs, representatives of Serv-Air, Inc., of Raleigh, and H. G. Hassett and A. M. Lockwood, associates of the Southeastern Air Service of Atlanta, which is an affiliate of Southeastern Air Express, also of Atlanta. Mr. Hassett has been here three times, speaking to civic clubs on the subject, and Mr. Lockwood has been here once. Both these gentlemen were civilian pilots engaged in training Army fliers at Bennettsville, S. C., and Jackson, Tenn., until a short time ago when the Army discontinued the two schools.

George Hatch who is connected with Hawthorne Flying Service, Rocky Mount, has also been here looking into the project. Mr. Hatch, however, was interested only in leasing the field for commercial flying training.

At an enthusiastic meeting held by the committee last Tuesday afternoon in the Municipal building, it was suggested that instead of making the airport a Roanoke Rapids-Halifax County project, that it be made a county-wide proposition, which was unanimously adopted. A suitable name for the air field will be selected after

No More Sugar For Canning Is Order Of OPA

Owing to a nation-wide shortage, which is very acute, the Office of Price Administration has ordered War Price and Rationing Boards to discontinue issuing canning sugar for this season as of November 1. The order is now in effect and further applications for canning sugar will be denied by ration boards.

Congressman Kerr Backing The Airport

Congressman John H. Kerr is backing the proposed Halifax County airport project, and in this connection has written the following letter addressed to Director of Airports, Charles B. Donaldson: Warrenton, N. C., Oct. 23, 1944.

Mr. Charles B. Donaldson, Director of Airports, Civil Aeronautics Administration, Washington, D. C.

My Dear Mr. Donaldson: In my Congressional District, in

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Reported Killed



Shown in the picture on the left is Pfc. Robert L. Harris, son of Mrs. Octavia Woodruff, of Gaston, who was reported last week killed in action on Palau Island. The other soldier in the picture is one of Pfc. Harris' "buddies."

In The Pacific



Curtis Jack Callahan, pictured here, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Callahan, 1017 Roanoke Avenue. Jack enlisted in the Navy August 14, 1943, and took his "boot" training at Bainbridge, Md. He was then sent to Charleston, S. C., and came home for a brief visit in March of this year. He is now "Somewhere" in the Pacific and has seen some action in battle.

Now Overseas



Above is Pfc. Garnie D. Beasley, son of Mrs. Morris, 1839 Argus street, Roanoke Rapids, who is now overseas. Beasley, a graduate of the local high school, entered the service in 1942, receiving his basic training at Camp Howze, Texas. He is winner of the Expert Infantryman's Badge and the Good Conduct Medal.

News Comes In Telegram Last Sunday

Staff Sergeant Mat Whitaker Ransom, III, only son of Mrs. P. E. Ransom and the late Mr. Ransom, who resides on the Weldon-Roanoke Rapids Highway, was reported in a message Sunday from the War Department as having been killed in action over Germany. Sgt. Ransom's wife, the former Miss Doris Hurley, and her little son, Mat W. Ransom, IV, were visiting at the time the message came with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Hurley of Snow Hill. She makes her home here with Sgt. Ransom's mother.

Ransom, the message stated, was killed while on a bombing mission October 12. A tail gunner on a Flying Fortress, Sgt. Ransom entered the service, volunteering for the Air Corps in December, 1943. He had only recently been promoted to the rank of staff sergeant and was winner of the Air Medal. He was the only grandson of the late Gen. Mat Whitaker Ransom, I, for whom he was named.

Sgt. Ransom attended Roanoke Rapids High School, later attending State College, Raleigh; V. E. S., at Lynchburg, Va., and Augusta Military Academy.

Back In States

Raiford Carl Greene, seaman 1/c, son of Officer Carl Greene and Mrs. Greene, is now back in the states after having seen eight months' service with the Atlantic Fleet. He was in Roanoke Rapids last week for a short visit with his wife, daughter and parents.

Veterans Of Foreign Wars Plan Big Day

Halifax Post No. 3702, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will sponsor an Armistice Day celebration Saturday, November 11. Plans are being completed for a parade with Veterans, State Guards, Boy and Girl Scouts and the High School Band participating.

After the parade, public speaking will be held at the Armory at 11 a. m., with General James H. Jenkins, Commanding Officer of the North Carolina State Guards, as the principal speaker.

A barbecue dinner in the rear of the Armory will follow the speaking and end the day's activities.

Commander D. L. Mahaffey, of Halifax Post No. 3702, has appointed Alfred Martin, Frank Kemp and Bill Duncan as committee on arrangements.

Vinson and Wall Are Said Missing

Pfc. Albert L. Vinson, 21, only child of Dan D. Vinson, who lives just outside Roanoke Rapids on the Littleton Highway, has been reported as "missing in action," according to a telegram received by Mr. Vinson last Sunday. Date of action in which young Vinson is said to be missing was given as September 13, in France.

Pfc. Vinson entered the service in May, 1942, going into the infantry, and has been overseas since October, 1943. He was last at home in the early summer of 1943, just before going across. Young Vinson attended Roanoke Rapids High School and was employed by Roanoke Mills No. 2 prior to joining the Army. He saw

service in North Africa and Italy. Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Wall, of Roanoke Rapids, Route 1, have also received a message from the War Department saying that their son, Pfc. Edgar J. Wall, has been missing in action in France since September 11. E. J. was inducted at Fort Bragg in January, 1943, and received his basic training at Camp San Luis, Calif. Later he was stationed at Camp Rucker, Camp Forrest and Camp Butner. He is believed to have been serving under Gen. Patton at the time he is reported as missing.

A graduate of William R. Davie School, young Wall was 20 years old, and was formerly employed by Roanoke Mills, No. 2

Banks Closed Next Saturday

The Roanoke Rapids Bank & Trust Company, both "uptown" and "downtown," and the Citizens Bank & Trust Company, will be closed all day Saturday, Nov. 11, in observance of Armistice Day, it was announced.

Sgt. Stephenson Reported Missing

Mr. and Mrs. Whit M. Stephenson, of Halifax, have been notified that their son, Sgt. Harold Stephenson, is reported as missing in action in France.