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County Will Purchase Site For County-Wide Air Field

The Airport Committee of Roanoke Rapids, headed by Dr. M. C. Maddrey, and accompanied by several representative business men from other sections of Halifax County, met with the Board of County Commissioners last Tuesday and presented the plan for building and development of an Airport.

Dr. Maddrey gave the commissioners a detailed description of the project and the site of land that was desired purchased by the county and was backed up with other brief statements from others present.

After going into the details from every angle and hearing discussions on the project the commissioners retired into executive session and agreed to purchase the tract of land for the proposed air field.

The Airport Committee asked the commissioners to appropriate \$15,000 for the land and grading improvements, but this request was denied and a compromise was offered. The result of this was that the county will purchase the land and leave the expenses of grading up to those who are working for the project. It is believed that the money for the latter can be easily obtained.

According to the commissioners, they felt that the county might become involved too much financially to underwrite the whole project. However, it was agreed by them that whoever put up the money for the grading would be reimbursed from the first money the county obtained from the lease of the field.

At the present time there have been two bona-fide offers made for the field by Air line operatives. It is expected, however, many more such offers will be made in the near future.

An Airport for Halifax County is now assured, however, and it may not be many months before planes will begin to land here, furnishing the public travel service, express, freight and mail service by air.

BPW Club Dance On Thanksgiving

Miss Minnie Johnson, president of the Roanoke Rapids Business and Professional Women's Club, has announced that a big dance will be held by the club at the Armory on Thanksgiving night, November 23.

The dance will be informal and music will be furnished by Hal Thurston and his orchestra. Dancing will be from 10 until—Proceeds from the affair will be used for community projects sponsored by the club.

Messages To Philippines May Be Sent

For the first time in many long months the Red Cross is now able to send messages to prisoners of war or civilian internees in the Philippines, it was announced here today by Mrs. J. E. McGee, executive secretary of the local chapter. Only one Red Cross message may be accepted by the organization from any person in the county to be dispatched. All messages must be written on a special form that can be obtained at the Red Cross office in the Armory, here in Roanoke Rapids. The correct address of the person to whom the message is directed must be attached to all messages.

If you have anyone in the Philippines who is interned or is a prisoner and would like to send a message it must be done between now and the 20th day of this month. No messages will be accepted after that date.

Mrs. McGee's office hours are: Daily 11 to 12 a. m., and 3 to 4 p. m. The telephone number is R-815-6.

Gen. Jenkins Will Speak To Veterans

Missing



Missing



Above is pictured Pfc. Edgar J. Wall, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Wall, Roanoke Rapids, Route 1, who has been reported "missing in action" in France since September 11.

Above is shown Pfc. Albert L. Vinson, 21-year-old son of Dan D. Vinson, who was reported missing in action since September 13 in France.

Foreign Wars Veterans Are Planning Big Day Saturday

Saturday will be a big day in Roanoke Rapids, according to plans made by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The day will begin with a big parade at 10:30 o'clock in the morning and will be followed by an address at the Armory by Gen. James H. Jenkins, commanding officer of the North Carolina State Guard.

The day is being observed in commemoration of the services rendered by men in the first World War and also in the present conflict, as well as Armistice Day.

The line of the parade will originate at First Street, go to 12th street, then to Hamilton and to the Armory. Veterans of the first war, the State Guard of Roanoke Rapids, Boy and Girl Scouts will participate, and music will be furnished by the Roanoke Rapids High School Band.

The public is urged to witness this parade and by all means to attend the speaking at the Armory which will follow immediately after the parade. Gen. Jenkins is an interesting speaker and will have some important things to say about the vets of the past war and the men now in the service fighting in this one, as well as tell just what an important role the State Guard is playing in the nation today. A large crowd is expected to hear him.

D. L. Mahaffey is commander of the local VFW post, and Alfred Martin, Frank Kemp and Allie Duncan are in charge of arrangements.

Brothers Are Awarded The Purple Heart

Sergt. Willie Pulley and Pvt. Clyde Pulley, brothers, sons of Mrs. Emma Pulley, of Littleton, Route 3, have been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in battle in France on August 8th and 28th. The medals have been sent to their mother. Willie is still in a hospital "somewhere" in England, while Clyde has been returned to the United States and is now confined in Woodrow Wilson General Hospital, Ward A-11, Staunton, Va.

Stores Will Close Thanksgiving Day

Roanoke Rapids stores will all be closed Thursday, November 23, in observance of Thanksgiving Day, it was announced this week by Mrs. Blair Gibson, secretary of the Merchants Association. All banks will also observe the holiday.

Closed All Day

The banks of the city will be closed all day Saturday in observance of Armistice Day.

President Roosevelt Is Re-elected Fourth Time

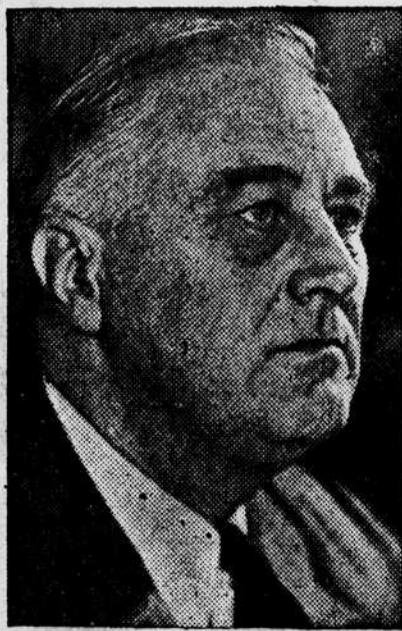
For the fourth time President Franklin Delano Roosevelt will be President of the United States. He was re-elected over Thomas E. Dewey, governor of New York and the GOP candidate, according to unofficial returns, in the national election held Tuesday.

Tabulation of returns Wednesday night showed the President to be pulling away from his Republican opponent in popular votes. He was gaining around 800,000 every two hours against 700,000 for Gov. Thomas E. Dewey.

The count when all but about 20,000 of the 130,000 precincts were in was:

Roosevelt, 22,520,961.
Dewey, 19,873,469.

Roosevelt led in 35 states with an electoral vote of 413, just 36 short of his 1940 total of 449. Dewey still was maintaining margins votes, including three states not carried by Wendell Willkie in 1940—Ohio, Wisconsin and Wyoming. Dewey's lead in his native state of Michigan was narrow and counting of "lost" ballots might in 13 states with 116 electoral



change the stand there.

Dewey showed that the Republican strength still was in the Mid-west. He led in nine states there with 101 electoral votes; Roosevelt was ahead in two—Ill.

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Tommie Holmes Home On Leave

Corp. Tommie L. Holmes, who has been overseas for 31 months, reached here yesterday and is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Holmes, Garysburg, Route 1. Tommie is a member of the Eighth Air Force Military Police.

Ricks Is Made Staff Sergeant

Grady V. Ricks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Ricks of Box 271, Conway, N. C., was recently promoted to Staff Sergeant. He is an engineer-gunner with a B-24 heavy bombardment group which has flown over one hundred combat missions against the enemy in Southern Europe. A graduate of Conway High School, 1942, Sgt. Ricks entered the Army Air Forces on November 29, 1943. He received his aerial gunner training at Tyndan Field.

Wins Silver Star, Purple Heart; Was Twice Wounded



Captured by Germans, Sgt. Henry E. Jenkins, above, talked with them all night. Next morning he captured them.

Sgt. Henry E. Jenkins, who received the Silver Star and the Purple Heart with one oak leaf cluster for being wounded twice, returned to the U. S. last week aboard the Army Hospital Ship "Chateau Thierry" and is temporarily being treated at Starke General Hospital, Charleston, S. C., prior to being transferred to another Army hospital for definitive treatment.

The Silver Star was awarded Sgt. Jenkins for gallantry displayed during action in Normandy about July 15th. His company advanced beyond the line of resistance and when they discovered that they were too far ahead, they withdrew to a position they had originally planned to hold. During the withdrawal several men were wounded and Sgt. Jenkins, with others, volunteered to go out and bring back the wounded.

One night a short while later while on patrol near St. Lo, Sgt. Jenkins was captured by a small force of 25 Germans and their officer. He sat up most of the night. He sat up most of the night. He sat up most of the night. (Continued on page 8—Sec. 2.)