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Bryant Brothers In The Service



Pictured here are the two Bryant brothers—Pvt. Hinton Rayford Bryant, 19, left, and Corp. Greeley V. Bryant, 22, right. They are the sons of Mrs. T. S. Brown, 936 Jackson street, Roanoke Rapids. Hinton is a graduate of Jackson High School and entered the Army July 19, this year. He is stationed at Camp Blanding, Fla.

Greeley, who is 22, attended Roanoke Rapids schools and entered the service of the Army in January, 1940. He was in Panama for nearly four years and has been home only three times in that time. He is winner of the Good Conduct Medal and Expert Marksman's Badge. Greeley is now believed to be somewhere in England.

Robert E. May American Legion Post Is Organized

New Sugar Stamp

Sugar Stamp 34 in War Ration Book Four will become valid today. The stamp, good for five pounds of sugar, will remain valid indefinitely.

Other sugar stamps which now are valid, and also good indefinitely, are Nos. 30, 31, 32, and 33.

Sugar Stamp 40, validated on February 1 of this year and good for five pounds of sugar for home canning, will remain valid through February 28, 1945.

City Schools To Launch 6th War Loan Bond Drive

C. W. Davis, superintendent of city schools, announced today that the junior and senior high schools will launch their Sixth War Loan drive next Tuesday. This drive will last from that date through December 15. The entire high school will go to assembly to hear a guest speaker Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock.

First Sailor To Die In Battle Is Signally Honored

Robert E. May Post of the American Legion was organized at a meeting of men who served in the first World War held in the Armory last Thursday night. This signal honor was made as tribute to young May, Coxswain in the United States Navy, who was the first service man from Roanoke Rapids to give his life in battle for his country during the present conflict. May was killed in action, according to official War Department records, April 5, 1944. He had, however, been reported as "missing" since May 7, 1942.

At the organization meeting last Thursday the following officers were elected: M. C. Newsome, post commander; W. B. White, vice-commander; R. M. Pope, adjutant; James C. Rogers, finance officer; Howard M. Hawkins, sergeant-at-arms. Rogers and Hawkins are both veterans of the present war. Completion of the election of officers for the post will be made tonight (Thursday) at another meeting which will be held in the Armory.

The charter for the organization will remain open for 90 days for acceptance of charter members. The local post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, realizing that there is a need here for an American Legion Post, has been giving its cooperation in the formation of the Legion here for several weeks. The new organization will have a club room in the Armory.

Joseph Waters Is Reported Missing

Information has been received by Mrs. W. B. Waters, 916 Rapids Street, Roanoke Rapids, that her son, Pvt. Joseph F. Waters, 33, has been missing in action in the European war theatre since October 4th.

Waters, who was employed by the Roanoke Mill No. 2 and the Halifax Paper Company prior to entering the service in March, 1942, had been overseas about four months. He received his basic training at Camp Polk, La., and went from there to Fort Benning, Ga., and later to New York from which port he sailed. He was in the infantry and is believed to have been serving somewhere in Holland at the time he was reported missing.



Above is Pvt. Joseph F. Waters, 33, son of Mrs. W. B. Waters, who has been reported missing in action in the European war theatre since October 4th.

Rothrock Now In Littleton

"Skinny" Rothrock has resigned as a member of the North Carolina State Patrol and has moved to Littleton where he will be in business for himself. Mr. Rothrock made many friends in Roanoke Rapids while stationed here.

Meeting He'd By Planning Board

The Roanoke Rapids Post-War Planning Board held an interesting meeting last Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Municipal building, with J. Rives Manning presiding as chairman. Gordon Berkstresser, chairman of the board since its organization, tendered his resignation at a previous meeting, which was "regretfully accepted," and Mr. Manning, as vice chairman, took over the work as chairman.

There were several important projects that were outlined as being beneficial to Roanoke Rapids and Halifax County and on which work will get under way at an early date. Some of these projects, however, have already begun to shape up into definite plans for action. Among them are new highways affecting the traffic in

the city and county; a weather bureau station here, swimming pool, parks and playgrounds, and, of course, the airport.

Dr. M. C. Maddrey, chairman of the airport committee, made a report to the board on the visit of G. E. Garantlo, of Charlotte, representing the CAA, who was here Tuesday making an inspection of the air field site.

Chairman Manning, in furtherance of the board's activities, appointed the following committees: Nominating Committee, whose duty it will be to select names of men to serve as officers for next year is composed of George N. Taylor, chairman; W. V. White and Dr. M. C. Maddrey.

Meteorology Committee: F. C. Williams, Chairman; J. T. Chase. (Continued on page 12—Sect. A)

Briggs Is Found Dead Saturday

Charlie Briggs, 42 years old, well known in Roanoke Rapids, who was found dead in his automobile last Saturday morning, died from natural causes, according to a coroner's jury verdict rendered after an inquest held Monday afternoon.

Briggs, it is said, had attended the Rotary Dance held Friday night in the Armory, and after having taken several drinks, was carried from the building and placed in his car by friends. Later early Saturday morning he was found dead. No money or valuables of any nature was found on his person, and upon examination it was discovered he had a slight abrasion on his head. This led to rumors of possible foul play, but it developed at the inquest that all his money and valuables had been removed from his clothing by friends for safekeeping.

Dr. John Martin was called and after an examination expressed the opinion that Briggs died from a heart attack or cerebral hemorrhage of the brain.

After hearing the testimony of several witnesses who were examined by Coroner Rowe, the jury rendered a verdict of death from natural causes.

Funeral services were held from the Williams Funeral Home Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Edmund Berkeley. Interment was in Roanoke Rapids cemetery. Pallbearers were: Mack Moore, Wilbur Allen, Lyn George, Monk Tickel, Johnny Little, Eddie Moore, Hugh Wood and Leroy Askew.

Honorary pallbearers were: A. N. Martin, Fred Forrest, A. K. Hatem, Jimmy Hatem, J. A. Wood, Dr. J. W. Martin, A. B. Speight and Fenton Johnson.

Briggs is survived by one brother. (Continued on page 12—Sect. A)

Mileage Record Or No Gasoline

If motorists expect to obtain gasoline for any purpose in the future they must present their mileage record which was returned to them when they were issued new basic "A" coupon books. This announcement came today from the War Price and Rationing Board officials.

"Every motorists," say officials, "must present this mileage record no matter for what purpose application for gasoline is made. Without this record no gas will be issued."

So, motorists are warned, don't destroy or lose the mileage record which was returned to you. You must have it when you make application for gasoline in the future, matters not what the purpose.

6th War Loan

The Sixth War Loan campaign will get under way Monday morning, November 20. The quota for the nation is \$14,000,000,000, and the quota for Halifax County is \$1,400,000. This is less than the quota for the county in the Fifth War Loan. F. H. Gregory is War Finance chairman for the county, while H. E. Lee is chairman for Roanoke Rapids.

In Washington

Frank C. Williams was in Washington this week, being called there on account of the death of his brother-in-law.

CARS CRASH; ROBERTSON IS OUT ON BOND

Two automobiles crashed last Sunday night about 10:40 o'clock at the intersection of Ninth and Jackson streets. Joe Robertson of Aurelian Springs, as a result of a preliminary hearing Monday in Mayor's Court, is being held under bond of \$600 for his appearance in Halifax Recorder's Court next Tuesday.

Evidence tended to show that Robertson was driving south on Jackson street at a terrific rate of speed, hit the automobile of Frank Barrett of Garysburg, who was driving west on Ninth street. Robertson, it is said, applied his brakes, dragging its wheels for a distance of some 20 yards, and after striking the Barrett car, the force of the impact knocked it about 14 yards. Barrett was slightly injured. The Garysburg man's car is estimated to have suffered about \$900 damages.

Another wreck occurred Tuesday on Jackson street when the automobiles driven by Len Cameron and Harvey Saunders collided. Cameron's car was damaged to the extent of about \$200. No one was injured.

In another smashup, which occurred Wednesday morning at (Continued on page 12—Sect. A)