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# TWO STORES ARE ROBBED; TWO AUTOMOBILES LOOTED

## NEW COUNTY BOARD TAKES OATH MONDAY

The recently elected Board of County Commissioners was sworn into office last Monday at Halifax. There were two new faces in the county's governing body.

The redistricting system was responsible in a large measure for the changes. W. J. Collier, of Littleton, long a member of the board, is out, and likewise M. W. Perry was absent. Mr. Collier, after the redistricting, was not a candidate, and Mr. Perry was defeated in the district where he lives.

The new board is as follows: D. G. Dickens of Littleton, J. R. Wrenn of Roanoke Rapids, Meade H. Mitchell of Weldon, a new member, John B. Davis of Enfield, a new member, and G. Herbert Johnson of Scotland Neck.

## New Legion Post Here Is Gaining In Membership

Major Newsome, commander of the recently organized Robert E. Lay Post of the American Legion in Roanoke Rapids, reports that new members are being added daily and the Post will soon have a membership of over one hundred. All service men in World Wars I and II are eligible for membership.

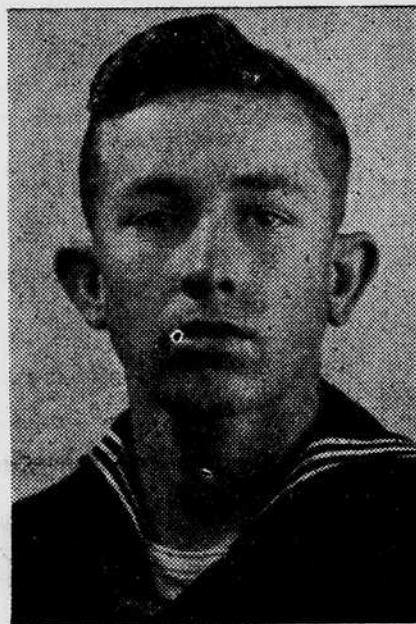
## Frank Williams Made Chairman Cost Committee

F. C. Williams, vice president and manager of Roanoke Mills Co., and Patterson Mills Co., has been appointed chairman of the Cost Committee of the Cotton Textile Institute and a member of the executive committee of that organization.

## Grocery Stores Open Dec. 20th

Announcement was made today that all grocery stores will be open on Wednesday afternoon, December 20. In past years the grocery stores have been closing each Wednesday afternoon; but at Christmas time they remain open for the convenience of the public. This year there will be only one Wednesday afternoon in which they will be open for Christmas shopping.

## The Clary Brothers Are Overseas



Pictured on the left is Pfc. Edward W. Clary, a member of the Roanoke Rapids National Guard at the time it was taken into the regular Army. Edward has been in the South Pacific area for 27 months. He received his education in the local schools. On the right is his brother, Seaman First Class William E. Clary, 19, who entered the service in 1942, receiving his "boot" training at Bainbridge, Md. William has been in England for the past eight months, but is now believed to be "somewhere" in France. The two boys are sons of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Clary of this city.

## Pvt. Hockaday Badly Wounded

Private Francis Hockaday, 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Hockaday of South Rosemary, was seriously wounded in action in France on November 14, according to a message received by his parents last Monday from the War Department. Hockaday entered the Army

March 17, 1944, receiving his basic training at Camp Walter, Texas. He was sent overseas about the middle of October of this year. Young Hockaday graduated from the Roanoke Rapids High School and prior to entering the service was employed by J. C. Penney Company of this city.

## Sgt. Robert O. Jenkins Is Reported Killed In Action

Staff Sergeant Robert O'Brien Jenkins, 21 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Jenkins of Littleton, is reported in a message from the War Department, received by his parents, as being killed in action in France on Nov-

11. Robert was with General Patton's Third Army and had been awarded the expert combat badge after the battle at St. Lo. He attended Littleton High School and was a member of the school's football team. He was known to his many friends as "Peanut."

## JONES WINS SILVER STAR

For distinguishing himself by gallantry and intrepidity in action as a member of the crew of a landing craft tank in the assault (Continued on page 8—Sect. A)

## SGT. HOLSCHER SAID MISSING

Staff Sergeant Franz Foster Holscher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Holscher of Rocky Mount, has been reported missing in ac- (Continued on page 8—Sect. A)

## Allsbrook's 5 & 10c Store And Bray's Store Entered; No Clues Left By Burglars

### Postmaster Is 'Very Unhappy'

Postmaster L. G. Shell is "very unhappy." The Herald learned this last Tuesday.

The cause: Late mailing of Christmas packages and cards. Said the Postmaster: "Is there anything you can put in the paper that will make people mail their packages and cards early?"

"Well, we don't know," this reporter confessed. "Tell you what we can do," we suggested.

"What?" eagerly queried Mr. Shell.

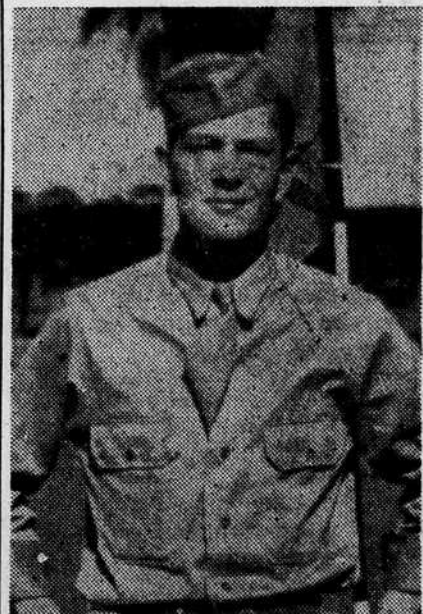
"Simply announce the Post Office will be closed down on December 15 and remain closed until January 1."

"That wouldn't work because some of them would call me up and ask me to stay open just an hour or two longer."

So you see, things are getting bad.

Seriously, the local Post Office has employed several extra clerks to handle the mail, and it is very important that you mail your packages and Christmas cards early. Start now, don't put it off, and you will be helping the War effort and at the same time Mr. Shell will be made "very happy" again.

### Crash Victim



Pictured above is Sgt. Lawrence Wilson Myrick, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Myrick, 312 Monroe Street, who was killed in a plane crash in Italy on November 14, according to a message received last week by his parents.

With no police protection in downtown Roanoke Rapids last night — two officers being off on account of illness and the third out for a night's rest, a thief or thieves evidently sensing the situation, broke into W. C. Allsbrook's Five and Ten-Cent Store and R. O. Bray's Store sometime last night. The breaks were discovered by the owners of the business places when they opened up.

At Allsbrook's the robber entered by breaking a glass in the rear window of the building and crawling through a small hole into the basement. From the size of the hole it is believed the culprit was a small teen-age boy or a man of very small stature. There was no loss at this place to amount to anything, only a little change, less than one dollar, being stolen after one drawer of the cash register had been broken open. No merchandise has been missed. This is the second time Allsbrook's has been entered, the first being about a year ago at which time a loss of about \$20 was suffered.

At Bray's store the thief or thieves cut the staple holding a hasp for a padlock and then pried open another door. A third door had to be opened, but this failed. The burglars then broke a glass in the front of the store building formerly occupied by Harrell Hardware, entering it. They then proceeded to knock out a panel of a side door leading into Bray's place. Here the thief took about \$12 in silver from a box and also two \$25 War Bonds. They also stole two boxes of candy, a fruit cake and about nine packages of cigarettes.

The police department is investigating, but the "breaks" were "clean," no clues being left by the perpetrators of the crimes.

Sometime after 11 o'clock last night the two automobiles owned by Mrs. Fleeta Browning and her brother, Max Lewis, 301 Charlotte street, were looted by unknown parties. Loss of tools, a pair of kid gloves and other small objects was reported. As in the case of the two store robberies there were no clues left as to the identity of the thieves.

## New Manager Of Local A & P Store

Miss Naomi Merritt, bookkeeper for the up-town A & P store for about three years, has been appointed manager of the store, succeeding William M. "Doc" Hester. Mr. Hester has been transferred to Warrenton. He had been in Roanoke Rapids about four years.