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BOND SALES ARE \$2,405,161

Rosemary Baptist Church Men's Bible Class



The above picture represents about two-thirds of the membership of the Men's Bible Class of the Rosemary Baptist Church. The class is working to have 100 regular attendants every Sunday morning, and also issues a challenge to other Men's Classes in the various churches of the city. W. B. Allsbrook is the teacher. Assistant teachers are W. J. Norwood and J. K. Giles. Officers of the class are: President, C. C. Shell; secretary and treasurer, Urill Powell.

Halifax County's Quota Of \$1,281,000 Oversubscribed More Than Million Dollars

Killed In Action



Above is Sergt. Davie L. Harper, 34-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Harper, 62 Madison street, this city who was reported last week as killed in action on Leyte Island in the Philippines.

The people of Halifax County showed they are backing the war against Germany and Japan to the limit during the past Sixth War Loan Campaign which ended on December 16.

The county's quota, placed at \$1,124,161.25. The total amount of bond sales was \$2,405,161.25.

This announcement was made today by F. H. Gregory, Halifax County War Finance Committee chairman. Mr. Gregory added, however, that sales of "E" bonds are still lagging, the quota of \$451,000 for this type of security for the county being short \$106,135.75. He stated that the campaign for the sales of "E" bonds would continue until the end of this month and it is believed that the quota will be reached.

Christmas Party On Friday Night

The Roanoke Rapids Lions Club will hold its annual Christmas party for needy children of the city tonight (Friday) at 6:45 o'clock in the First Baptist Church. Dinner will be served and gifts distributed. This is one of the many charitable projects sponsored each year by the Lions.

Three-Day Holiday Will Begin Here Next Sunday

The Christmas holiday season will begin in Roanoke Rapids next Sunday, Christmas Eve day, and will last through Tuesday with many business firms and industries.

Many of the merchants have announced their stores will be closed for three days, the banks will also be closed until Wednesday morning. The cafes and filling stations are planning to take off two days reopening on Tuesday morning.

Regardless of the war business in the city has been at a high peak for the past several days,

many firms reporting heavy sales. Stocks of merchandise, while nearly complete in many stores, have now dwindled and many items have been completely sold out.

The heavy buying of Christmas gifts and other needed articles, however, in no way retarded the sale of War Bonds during the Sixth War Loan, the county's quota being heavily oversubscribed.

Despite many homes that will feel sadness during the holidays there still prevails much of the old-fashioned Christmas happiness, joy and celebration.

Wounds Fatal To Pvt. Rook

Private Brutus W. Rook, Jr, 19 years old, and only son of Mr. and Mrs. Brutus W. Rook of Gaston, is dead from wounds received in battle "somewhat" in France, according to a telegram received by his parents Wednesday.

Last week a message was received from the War Department by Mr. and Mrs. Rook confirming that their son had been seriously wounded.

Young Rook was a graduate of Gaston High School and entered the Army in May, of this year. He trained at Camp McCellan, Alabama, and went overseas last October.

Prior to going into service he was a student in a Richmond (Va.) business school.

DR. MURPHREY IS NOW HOME

Becoming suddenly ill after a hunting trip several days ago, Dr. W. E. "Willie" Murphrey of this city was taken to Johnson-Willis Hospital in Richmond where it was discovered he was a victim of rabbit fever. Dr. Murphrey will return to his home today (Friday) considerably improved. According to a prominent Roanoke Rapids physician, this is believed to be the first known case of rabbit fever in this community.

CELEBRATION STARTS EARLY

Christmas celebration started early this week, according to the number of offenders hauled into Mayor Kelly Jenkins' Court last Monday afternoon.

His Honor had a big docket, but it consisted mostly of plain drunks, there being 26 of these to face the Mayor. There were four drunk and disorderly charges and one assault case also disposed of at the same time.

Lawson B. Tilley

Lawson B. Tilley died Wednesday morning at his home in Charlotte. Funeral services will be held at 3 p. m. Friday. Tilley was a brother of Rev. Lester Tilley, pastor of the First Methodist Church here. Rev. Tilley left Thursday afternoon for Charlotte. Funerals services will be held at 3 p. m. Friday.

Trucks Come In; Liquor Unloaded The 'Run' Starts

Trucks bringing liquor supplies to the local ABC stores this week were eagerly watched for by many people who wanted to "buy a little of the spirits" for holiday celebration.

The last two coupons in liquor books, being good for two quarts instead of the usual one, caused a "run" on the stores as soon as the trucks came in. Lines extended for many yards before the "spirits" were unloaded. Soon as shelves were replenished the stores did a landslide business.

Grocery Stores Closed Two Days

All grocery stores in the city will be closed all day on Monday and Tuesday, December 25 and 26, according to an announcement made this morning.

Bond Campaign In Schools Brought To Close Friday

Roanoke Rapids High School brought to a close the Sixth War Loan campaign last Friday in a program given by students in Junior and Senior high school under the direction and supervision of Miss Ada Edwards. The high school band, Ray Finley directing and the glee club and mixed chorus conducted by Miss Josephine Johnson presented a very effective program of patriotic music and songs.

The pageant was made up of three parts with tableaux concerning our "National Heritage", our "Regional Heritage", and "Sharing Our Wartime Work". Vail Hope was narrator, Sonny Hines, Junior High, and Douglas Sanford, Senior High, were honored for selling the most bonds.

Mrs. Chris Lambert's 8 1-A and Lloyd Sandlin's 12-2 home rooms were highest in bond and stamp sales.

A bond auction was staged in the armory last Thursday night, with R. B. Butler and Ike Rochelle auctioneering the various articles contributed by merchants in town, \$15,375 in bonds being sold and credited to the high school. Douglas Sanford, senior high student was chief instigator of the auction.

The goal for Roanoke Rapids High School was \$60,000, an increase of \$5,000 in the Fifth War Loan Drive. C. W. Davis, superintendent, stated he is highly pleased with the results. *Continued on page eight, Section A*