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Red Cross Drive Opens Monday; Citation To Neal



AMERICAN RED CROSS, 1944 WAR FUND CITATION FOR SERVICES AS FUND CHAIRMAN

Reposing especial Confidence, Faith and Trust in the Public Spirit, Loyalty and Patriotism of

L. S. Neal

this Certificate of Recognition is conferred by THE AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS

Howard H. Davis
CHAIRMAN

The 1945 campaign for funds of the American Red Cross will open in Roanoke Rapids and Halifax County next Monday. The drive for funds for the Roanoke Rapids Chapter will again be headed by L. S. Neal. Mr. Neal has been given a personal citation by the National Red Cross, a picture of which is published herewith. The citation is a distinct honor to Mr. Neal who did such splendid work in past campaigns, especially in 1944.

"I really don't know what to say," said Mr. Neal today when asked how he felt about the citation. "I do appreciate it very highly and want to thank the people and all the workers who aided in the raising of funds. Without their

help I couldn't have done very much. I am indeed honored and I shall give my best efforts to the success of the present campaign."

The drive which will open Monday has a goal for this chapter of \$14,000. If there ever was a time, said Mr. Neal, when the Red Cross needs money, it is now, and I will certainly appreciate it and so will those boys "over there" who are being aided by the Red Cross workers. It will make everybody happy all around. Give as generously as you can.

A general meeting of all Red Cross workers will be held Friday (tonight) at 7:30 o'clock in the Municipal building when plans will be perfected for the campaign. Everyone is urged to be there.

Robt. May American Legion Post To Give Show March 7

In an effort to raise funds with which to aid returning World War No. 2 veterans, the Robert E. May Post of the American Legion will stage a big show here on Wednesday night, March 7.

The performance will feature the Radio Jamboree with the "Cowboys," and will be heard on the High School auditorium promptly at 8 o'clock.

They are now on the Roanoke Rapids drug store, purchased as a gift to obtain entertainment.

Kiwanis Club Ladies Night

Possibly demonstrating the truth of the phrase, "sweet are the uses of adversity," besides realizing again the excellence of local talent and facilities, the Roanoke Rapids Kiwanis Club hung up another record in an enjoyable Ladies Night meeting on Thursday night of last week.

The meeting was held in the Junior High building at the Club's (Continued on page 12—Sect. A)

Killed In Action / Missing In Action / Dies In Action



Shown here is Frank W. Harris, husband of Mrs. Edna Harp Harris of this city, who was killed in Germany February 8.



Pictured here is Pfc. Harvey Shearin, son of Mrs. Grady Jenkins, and husband of Mrs. Dorothy Askew Shearin, reported missing since Dec. 17.



Above is Pfc. Kenneth Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Evans, Roanoke Rapids, Route 1, who was killed in action in France, January 25.

LIONEL NORTHINGTON IS MISSING IN ACTION

"Uncle Hux" Blair Dies; Had Been In Ill Health Long Time

Jesse Ross Baird, 67 years old, and known to hundreds of people in this section as "Uncle Hux" Baird, died in the Roanoke Rapids Hospital about 9:15 last Tuesday morning. He was taken seriously ill Monday afternoon.

A native of Brunswick County, Virginia, "Uncle Hux" had been a resident of Roanoke Rapids for approximately 45 years. Back in the "old days" he served the city as a policeman for nine years.

Funeral services were conducted from the home on Bolling Road Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock by Rev. Edmund Berkeley, pastor of the Episcopal Church, and Rev. Lester Tilley, pastor of the Methodist church. Interment was in Roanoke Rapids cemetery.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Mattie Moore Baird; an adopted daughter, Mrs. Olivia Rook Allen; four brothers, Sidney and Vance Baird of Gaston, Bennie and Richard Baird of the Belmont community; four half-brothers, Joe, Lewis, Robert, of Gaston, and Wilson Baird of Fort Bragg; one sister Mrs. Ida Taylor of Roanoke Rapids; and a half-sister, Mrs. Jordan Pearce of Belmont; also his step-mother, Mrs. Lucy Baird of Gaston.

"Uncle Hux" lived to see Roanoke Rapids grow from the small wooded village in "his day" to the present thriving little city, and numbered his friends by legions. His passing is the loss of another "oldest citizen" and fine character.

Joined Army Last August; Overseas In January '45

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Northington of this city received a telegram last Tuesday from the War Department stating that their son, Pvt. Lionel F. Northington, 18, has been missing in action since February 8 in France. He is the brother of Rudolph Northington who was killed in action over England on December 24, 1944. Lionel entered service on August 25 of last year after graduating from high school. He received his basic training for the infantry at Camp Blanding, Fla., and from there he was sent to Fort Meade, Md., where he remained for only a few days before being shipped overseas from New York in the early part of January, this year.

Prior to his entrance in service he was employed by the downtown Roanoke Rapids A&P store.

Shell Head Merchants' Association

Graham Shell, furniture merchant, was last week elected president of Roanoke Rapids Merchants Association for the next year. W. H. "Bill" Proctor was elected vice-president. New directors are O. Griffin, W. P. Taylor, L. D. Hines, Wyche Land and Carl Thompson. Results of the balloting were made known Tuesday night at the annual dinner meeting of the association.

Henry S. Loy, outgoing president, arranged a fine program for the evening which included vocal renditions by the High School Glee Club under the direction of Miss Josephine Johnson, and a reading in colored dialect by Rev. John (Continued on page 12—Sect. A)

Johnson Will Be Speaker At Club Meeting

Theodore S. Johnson, of Raleigh, district Office of Price Administration director, will be the principal speaker at the Tuesday meeting of the Roanoke Rapids Rotary Club. Mr. Johnson, it is thought, will stress the job of keeping prices down as it applies to the cost of living. The meeting will be held in the Rosemary Blue Room beginning promptly at 12 o'clock. Several guests have been invited by the Rotarians to hear Mr. Johnson's address.

Oliver Crawley, director of public relations of the Raleigh OPA district, will accompany Mr. Johnson to the city.

TOURNAMENT GAME SCORES

The following are the scores of the Invitational Tournament games played Wednesday afternoon and Wednesday night in the Roanoke Rapids Armory. The girls score for the afternoon game was Weldon 21, Scotland Neck 19; Boys, Emporia 25 and Warrenton 21. In the night games Emporia girls 25, Warrenton girls 14. The Roanoke Rapids boys won by three points over Scotland Neck with a score of 28 to 25. The final game of the tournament will be played Friday night to determine winner.