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PFC. GREEN KILLED IN ACTION

J. E. Ready Is Elected New Superintendent

I. Epps Ready, principal of Hugh Morson High School in Raleigh since last fall and former principal for ten years of the Rocky Mount School, has been elected superintendent of Roanoke Rapids schools, according to an announcement made today by the City School Board. Ready will succeed C. W. Davis, who for the past 15 years has held the position, but resigned recently to accept a similar position in Chapel Hill. The new superintendent will assume his duties here this fall.

Mr. Ready holds A. B. and A. M. degrees from the University of South Carolina, and has had post-graduate work at the University of North Carolina, Harvard, Chicago University and New York University and is now a candidate for the Doctor of Education degree at the latter university.

The new superintendent is of the Methodist religious faith, a Kiwanian, being a past president of the Rocky Mount Club, is a member of the board of stewards of the Edenton Street Methodist Church, and has been connected with many important educational organizations in the state. He is married and the father of three children.

Mr. and Mrs. Ready are expected to move to Roanoke Rapids as early after the close of schools as is convenient.

Capt. Rudolph Williams Wins Distinguished Flying Cross

Captain Rudolph Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. Williams of Roanoke Rapids, is at home for 21 days with his parents and wife, the former Miss Margaret Towe.

Captain Williams, pilot of a P-51 Mustang fighter plane in the European war theater, wears the Distinguished Flying Cross for extraordinary achievements over enemy territory, and the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters. He has participated in two major battles on the continent and has completed fifty bombing missions against the enemy.

After his leave of absence has expired Capt. Williams will report to Miami Beach, Fla., for further orders.

Superior Court Session Monday

A one week's term of Halifax Superior Court will begin next Monday for the trial of civil cases. Judge Leo Carr of Burlington will be the presiding jurist.

Rosemary Cafe Giving Big Dinner For Red Cross Fund

The Rosemary Cafe, under the management of John Carras, is giving a big pit-cooked barbecue dinner Friday, March 16, between the hours of 4:30 and 10 P. M. At this time the cafe will be used entirely for the benefit of the Red Cross Fund campaign which is about to come to an end.

Every dollar, said Mr. Carras, with the exception of a small sum for labor and taxes, will go into the fund.

"I have a deep and sincere feeling for the Red Cross," said Mr. Carras this morning. "This is caused by more than one thing that this great organization has done and is now doing in this tragic war.

"The most important to me is the fact that I personally know the Red Cross is doing a wonderful work in my home country—Greece. I do know that my home town has been completely destroyed and inasmuch as I had several close relatives there at the time I cannot help but feel that the Red Cross in some way is aiding members of my family.

"I always contribute to this splendid cause, but this year I feel more deeply indebted to it. This is why I'm contributing the entire cost of this barbecue dinner together with all proceeds derived from it to the Red Cross. I hope and trust as many people as possibly can will take advantage of this opportunity to give the price of a dinner to the fund."

Red Cross workers, including Rev. Gordon Price and L. S. Neal, (Continued on page 8—Sect. A)



JOHN CARRAS



Pvt. Suddeth Is Wounded

Pvt. Edward R. Suddeth, son of Mrs. H. C. Suddeth, and husband of the former Miss Francis Garis, was seriously wounded on February 20, but is now showing improvement, according to a War Department message received by his parents.

Suddeth entered the service in August, 1944, and went overseas in January. There are two other sons in the service, Joseph C. Suddeth, F 1/c, somewhere in the South Pacific, and Gordon F. Suddeth, TMU 1/c, stationed at Norfolk.

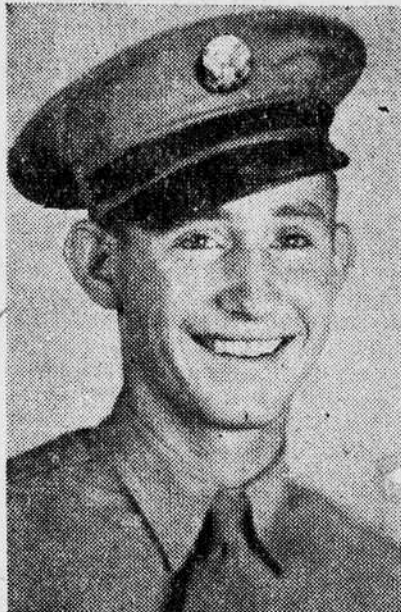
Child Dies From Hot Water Burns

Thurman Hurst, 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hurst, 919 Cedar street, who was severely scalded last Friday when he fell into a wash pot filled with hot water, died this (Thursday) morning at the Roanoke Rapids Hospital from his injuries. Funeral arrangements were incomplete today.

Breaks Leg In Bike Accident

"Poochie" Fitts, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fitts, broke his leg when he fell last Friday from his bicycle. He is now resting at the home of his parents.

Killed In Action Reported As Missing Since Last January



Shown here is Pfc. Wayne C. Green, reported a few weeks ago as "missing in action," has now been declared killed by the War Department.

Pfc. Wayne C. Green, 22-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Green of 522 West Fifth street, Roanoke Rapids, who a few weeks ago was reported by the War Department as missing in action in Belgium since January 9, this year, is said to have been killed in action according to a message received by his parents this week.

Young Green entered the service in March, 1943, and went overseas in July, 1944. He attended school in High Point where his parents resided before coming to Roanoke Rapids. His wife is the former Miss Louise McKinney of that city.

His father is employed by the Roanoke Rapids Lumber Company. Mr. and Mrs. Green have two other sons in the service, Pvt. Clyde Lee Green, stationed in Oklahoma, and Seaman second class Herbert James Green, somewhere in the Pacific area.

Red Cross War Fund Drive Meeting With Popularity

Red Cross war fund Chairman L. S. Neal reported today that the campaign for funds is meeting with a new high peak in popularity since it began on March 5.

"The enthusiasm on the part of the workers," said Mr. Neal, "and the enthusiastic spirit which has spread to the rank and file of Red Cross supporters is making the task of the solicitor much easier than usual," continued Mr. Neal.

"Never before have the workers and solicitors met with such sym-

pathetic and generous support. We hope," the chairman stated, "that within a few days we will be able to give some figures on the outcome of the drive. I understand that most of the majors have about reached their goals and I am confident we will go over our goal of \$14,000 when complete reports are tabulated."

The campaign for funds will continue only a few more days and if you haven't made your contribution do so now.

Police Officer High Arrests Mule; Chief Fines Mule \$1.00

Roanoke Rapids has a most efficient police department. Its officers don't give a hoot who you are or what you are. Officer Warren High will arrest anything, so the story goes.

This reporter went out this morning looking for a "horse" story, or something, and not having any luck, we came up with a mule story.

Now this particular mule was taking a late Sunday afternoon stroll about the city. Maybe he was looking for a place to eat or sleep. Who knows. Anyway, Officer High came along and seeing the "loiterer" stopped him and began plying him with questions about law violations. Not being able to get any satisfactory answers from the mule he hopped on his back and said:

"Get the H - - - down to the police station, I'm gonna lock you up."

And he did, too, believe it or not. And there the mule stayed—in jail—until Monday morning.

Came down Chief Dobbins early Monday and after learning about the law violating mule, he

promptly called a "special term of his court."

The mule went on trial for his life or something. He couldn't defend himself and he had no smooth-talking lawyer. So Chief Dobbins took advantage of the situation, promptly found him guilty and fined the heavy penalty of one buck. The fine was paid by Bruce Camp.

So, in the future, if you are walking about the city and you look like a mule, keep out of sight of Officer High or you will go to jail just as sure as you are living.

Fall From Truck Fractures Skull

Mary Virginia Edwards, 10, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Edwards of Washington street, either fell or was thrown from a truck on which were several other children on their way to school Wednesday morning. Virginia was taken to Roanoke Rapids Hospital where it was discovered she had suffered a fractured skull.