

ENFIELD HAS LARGE FIRE

Fire which is said to have begun in a small trash pile outside the back door of Western Auto Store at about 3:30 Wednesday morning of last week, caught in a pile of scrap auto tires and breaking the back window by its intense heat, soon swept through the entire hollow concrete-tile Parker Building on the corner across from the Bank of Enfield and gutted the building completely destroying the large stocks of merchandise and equipment of G. L. Crump's Western Auto Associate Store and of Shaw's dry goods store owned and operated by R. F. Shaw, as well as destroying furniture and equipment of three offices also housed in the building.

The fire is said first to have been discovered in a trash heap by the driver of a delivery truck delivering state papers. Failure of the town's telephone system, presumably because of damage by the flames, prevented the sounding of the usual fire alarm, so Night Policeman Horace Barnhill raced about town sounding his siren to call out members of the Fire Department.

The only articles saved were some of the office furniture and records of E. L. Mizelle, Planters Peanut buyer, who retrieved the fire and water damaged articles after the fire had abated. Frank Montgomery lost a quantity of paper and furniture upstairs where he had planned to open a print shop. Losses of T. W. Gray, tax collector, and John W. McGwigan, insurance agent, in another office are declared to be slight. It is understood that the losses were partially covered by insurance.

Hundreds of people watched the efficient work of local firemen as they fought the flames and afterwards brought down the most dangerous portions of the teetering walls. The Department men were on duty for about 6 hours. Both Main and Whitfield Streets were roped off as rubble from the burning structure's walls crashed across the sidewalks and streets adjacent. Wreckers of local auto repair shops were used to pull down the walls. Members of the street department had cleared the streets so a passage could be made by 1 o'clock.

The Rocky Mount fire department responded to a call sent over company wires by N. M. McCutchin, telegrapher for the A. C. L., in the absence of telephone service. However, when they arrived the local firemen had the flames under control.

This was one of the most disastrous fires in Enfield since Shaw's Store was destroyed in the early part of the last decade.

Mrs. Scott Benton Hostess At Bridge

On Monday evening of this week Mrs. Scott Benton was hostess to the Monday Night Bridge Club. Several progressions were played before the scores were collected and the high score winner, Mrs. Julian Allsbrook, was given defense stamps. A salad plate was served at refreshment time. Those making up the tables were: Mesdames Frank Hawley, Allen Zollinger, Julian Allsbrook, W. L. Medlin, Carroll Wilson, Ed Knott, Jr., Howard Pruden, H. S. Loy, Ned Manning, Miss Elizabeth Griffiths, Miss Ruth Transou and Miss Elizabeth Clark.

Mrs. D. R. Anderson, Jesse Johnston of Weldon, Misses Lucy Rogers and Viola Smith of Halifax, were visitors in the home of Mrs. W. W. Warren on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Denny were guests in this city last Thursday night.

Cpl. Walter Crawley, who was wounded on October 26, will arrive home sometime this week for a visit.

Mrs. Clyde Shearin of Norfolk, formerly of this city, is in the hospital recuperating from an operation, and is doing very well.

Mrs. Earl Householder and Mrs. Barny Jones of Baltimore, Md., spent the week-end in town.

Allsbrook Will Be The Speaker

Atty. Julian Allsbrook will be the guest speaker next Tuesday at the regular meeting of the Rotary Club. Mr. Allsbrook will explain the GI Bill of Rights. Ike Rochelle will have charge of the program.

Wednesday Night Club Meets With Mrs. Meikle

Mrs. Roderick Meikle was hostess to the Wednesday Night Club at her home last Wednesday evening at eight o'clock with two tables of bridge. The home was attractively decorated with spring flowers. Mrs. D. E. Bennett won high score club prize. Mrs. B. E. Stephenson, guest, former club member, was also remembered with a gift.

Punch was enjoyed during the evening, and at ten-thirty a sweet course was enjoyed.

Guests were: Mesdames D. E. Bennett, B. E. Stephenson, L. B. Brown, C. D. Liske, T. R. Wilson, Wilmer Collier, W. D. Hall and J. W. Martin.

Miss Judith Batton Celebrates Birthday

Miss Judith Batton celebrated her seventh birthday at her home last Friday afternoon from 4:30 until 5:30 with a birthday party.

As the guests arrived they presented Judith with a lovely birthday gift.

After a number of games and contests, Mrs. Batton invited the children into a table centered with a big white birthday cake, holding seven lighted candles. The children stood around the table and sang "Happy Birthday." Judith blew out the candles and everyone enjoyed cake, ice cream candy and Pepsi-Cola.

Guests were: Mary Frances Powell, William Powell, Drusella Ferguson, Ann Ferguson, Jacqueline Fann, Fay Ryles, Helen Baggett, Hugh Harris Cameron, Janet Wayne, Marjorie Mayne, Maxine Cobb, Bob Kinker and Betty Wilson.

Mesdames R. M. Pope, G. S. Bunn and J. A. Wood spent Wednesday in Raleigh.

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TALL IN THE SADDLE

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NEVER A DULL MOMENT

Buster Crabbe

OATH OF VENGEANCE

WED. - THURS.

Edw. G. Robinson - Joan Bennett

WOMAN IN THE WINDOW

FRI. - SAT.

Jane Frazee

SHE'S A SWEETHEART

AND

William Boyd

HOPPALONG CASSIDY ENTERS

Pfc. Warwick Is Now At Home

Pfc. Ovid Warwick, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Warwick, is spending a furlough at home. Ovid entered service in December, 1942, and received his training at Camp Phillips, Kansas, Camp Forrest, Tenn., Camp McCain, Miss., and Camp Shank, N. Y. He was sent overseas in August, 1944, and was wounded September 1, in southern France. He was in the 94th Reconnaissance Infantry Division, 9th Army, under General Hodges. He arrived in the States in January and was confined in a hospital until recently. He will be at home for 30 days.

Oaks Will Be Guest Speaker

A. W. Oaks of Weldon will be the speaker at Mt. Tabor Church Sunday night at 8:30. This meeting is sponsored by the Women's Society of Christian Service in connection with the Crusade for Christ of the Methodist Church. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Party Given For Son And Niece

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Warrick entertained recently with a party for their son, Pfc. Orvid Warrick, who has just returned from overseas, and Mrs. Warrick's niece, Miss Edith Edwards, of Dunn, who is visiting them for a few days.

Dancing and games were enjoyed and at refreshment time iced drinks, cookies, fruit and candy were enjoyed.

Those enjoying the Warwick hospitality were: Misses Faye McLean, Helen Edmondson, Edith Edwards, Katie Cates, Margaret Outland, Lola Cates and Margaret Wood; Cpl. George Outland, Cpl. Wade Myrick, Tassie Pope 1/c Petty Officer, Pfc. Orvid Warwick.

Smith - Harp

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harp announce the marriage of their daughter, Rheta Mae Harp on March 15, to Jessie G. Smith, ARM 3/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Smith. The couple left Saturday for California where Smith is stationed.

TAYLOR NEW CLUB MEMBER

At its regular Tuesday meeting the Roanoke Rapids Rotary Club elected R. W. (Dick) Taylor a new member. After dinner was served a fine program of vocal selections was rendered by the High School mixed Glee Club which has only recently been organized. The program was arranged by Mack Savage and was under the direction of Miss Josephine Johnson.

Mrs. J. M. Grizzard has returned home from Washington, D. C., where she spent the winter months with Mr. and Mrs. Cooper Grizzard.

Mrs. Hunt Parker is spending a week with her sister in Greensboro.

Rev. W. R. Stevens is preaching this week at Saint Pauls, N. C. He is guest preacher for Rev. L. Hathaway.

Mrs. Paul Overton, Mrs. H. E. Cameron and Charles T. Johnson spent the week-end in Danville, Va.

AUCTION SALE

THURSDAY, MAR. 29

RUSSELL ROOK

1:30 O'CLOCK HOME PLACE 1:30 O'CLOCK
54 ACRES - - 30 CLEARED

Located 6 Miles from Roanoke Rapids on Warner Creek Road

ALSO AT THE SAME TIME AND PLACE WILL BE SOLD FARM IMPLEMENTS AND TOOLS AND ALL HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE. HERE IS A PARTIAL LIST OF ARTICLES:

15 Hogs — 3 Milch Cows — 3 Heifers — 1 2-Horse Wagon — 10 Barrels of Corn and a lot of Peanut Vine Hay

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