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## Allsbrook Is Hospitalized After Affray

R. V. Allsbrook, white, is in Roanoke Rapids Hospital suffering from knife wounds in the arm, back and chest, alleged to have been inflicted by W. F. Lowe, also white, in a pool-room brawl last Monday night. Lowe is also reported to have suffered injuries to his head as a result, it is said, of being hit by Allsbrook with a bottle. Warrants charging assault with a deadly weapon have been issued for both men. Their cases will be heard as soon as Allsbrook's condition will permit his appearance in court.

## Warren G. Moore Is Now At Home

Staff Sergeant Warren G. Moore, husband of Mrs. Zelta Moore, is at home on leave of absence from the Army. Moore, who was a German prisoner of war, was liberated by American troops on May 2. He will leave within a few days for Conway, S. C., where he will visit his father.

## State Licenses Were Due May 1

Unless you have paid your state licenses in schedule "B" which covers bottled drinks, tobacco, service station and professional licenses, etc., you will be penalized July 1, according to George Greene, state revenue department representative for this district. There are some licenses yet to be obtained and unless this is done by the first of July the law will be enforced.

## Six Years In Army; Total Points 132; Is Discharged

Technical Sergeant Russell E. Wood received his honorable discharge from the Army last Friday and arrived in Roanoke Rapids Wednesday morning. Russell is the son of Mrs. Lela Wood, 42 Madison street.

Entering the Army six years ago, Sgt. Wood has seen much service and plenty of action. He was at Pearl Harbor when the Japanese made their first attack December 7, 1941. After that, he saw action in the battles of Wake Island, Midway, Guadalcanal and New Guinea. On New Guinea Russell contracted malaria fever and was confined in a hospital 128 days.

He wears a Presidential Citation, American Defense ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific campaign ribbon with four bronze stars, American theatre of operations ribbon and the Good Conduct Medal.

"I don't know how I got the last one," he said. "That has always been a puzzle to me."

A tall gunner on a B-17 bomber, Sgt. Wood related his most exciting experience. "I guess it was the time when we were out on a mission and a Jap fighter headed right into the tail of our plane tearing most of it off. The other members of the crew of nine had bailed out with the exception of me and the pilot. The pilot told (Continued on page 12—Sect. A.)

## Bronze Star



Major Eugene B. Crutchfield of Roanoke Rapids, has been awarded the Bronze Star for "meritorious achievement in connection with military operations on Luzon." The officer worked with the 11th Airborne Division throughout the Luzon campaign as a civil affairs officer aiding in the reorganization of the municipalities disrupted by war and three years of Jap occupation. Crutchfield, whose wife, Eugenia, is living at 205 North Spring Street, Winston-Salem, N. C., landed on Luzon January 31 with the 11th Airborne's amphibious forces, setting up his unit in the wake of the division during the drive on Manila, and after it turned south to sweep the Japs from the southern provinces. He graduated from North Carolina State College in 1933. He is the son of Mrs. T. T. Shell, 916 Hamilton Street, Roanoke Rapids, and entered the service in February, 1942.

## Clary Takes New Scotland Neck Position

Morris S. Clary, a social science and mathematics teacher in Roanoke Rapids High School for the past nine years, has accepted the position as principal of the Scotland Neck Schools for the ensuing year, 1945-1946.

Clary is a graduate of the Roanoke Rapids Junior-Senior High School. He attended the University of North Carolina where he earned both an A. B. and an M. A. degree. His Masters' thesis entitled "Progressive Education in Retrospect," received high appraisal at The University of North Carolina in 1942 at which time it was accepted as partial fulfillment of the work accomplished leading toward the M. A. degree.

He has taken an active part in the religious, civic, and educational life of Roanoke Rapids. At the present time he is the teacher of the Young Men's Class and a member of the Board of Stewards of the Rosemary Methodist Church. He has served as president of the Roanoke Rapids Lions Club for the past year. He was regional organizer for the North Carolina Education Association in the fall of 1944 and was president of the Local Unit of the N. C. E. A. for the past year, and recently was appointed to the Board of Editors of the magazine, "North Carolina Education."

He will take up his new duties in Scotland Neck in the late summer.

## 80-Year-Old Man Breaks Neck In Fall

Charlie Matthews, 80-year-old white farmer of near Jackson, fell last Friday off a load of hay and broke his neck. He was brought to Roanoke Rapids Hospital, where it is reported he is doing as well as can be expected.

The accident occurred when Matthews, who was on top of the wagon load of hay, attempted to pull another man up on top of the load. He toppled over striking his head against the ground. Mr. Matthews is a brother of the late J. E. Matthews of this city.

## Softball Game Saturday Night

The boys Romanco softball team will play the Young Men's Business Team of Raleigh next Saturday night at 8 o'clock at Ledgerwood Park. The team from Raleigh is rated as one of the best teams of that city this year and the game will be one of the best scheduled for the entire year.

## Paper Collection Sunday, July 1st.

Troops 141, 142, 143 and 144, Boy Scouts of America, will make a collection of old scrap paper in Roanoke Rapids and vicinity on Sunday, July 1, it was announced today. The Scouts will meet at the Girl Scout Hut at 1:30 p. m., and begin the collection rounds from that point.

## Roanoke Rapids Recorder's Docket Is Unusually Heavy

### Stephenson Elected Head Of Lions Club

R. W. Stephenson was elected president of the Roanoke Rapids Lions Club at its regular meeting on June 12 in the Rosemary Cafe. The complete list of officers for the coming year, beginning July 1, is as follows: President, R. W. Stephenson; first vice-president, J. E. Knott; second vice-president, L. B. Brown; third vice-president, W. G. Lynch, Jr.; secretary, L. H. Sandlin; treasurer, J. L. Ridout; lion tamer, A. Zucker; tail twister, Joe Talley. The complete list of officers elected was the same as that submitted by the nominating committee, headed by W. B. Allsbrook.

Officers for the past year: President, Morris S. Clary; first vice-president, Claude Cannon; second vice-president, G. F. Pappendick; third vice-president, S. L. Robertson; secretary, J. E. Knott; treasurer, E. M. Daughtry; lion tamer, R. A. Gant; tail twister, Albert Gaskins.

### Martin Resigns School Position

Thomas L. Martin, associated with the Roanoke Rapids schools since 1929, has resigned to accept the position of assistant principal and dean of students at Morrison High School, Hilton Village, Newport News, Va. He will report for his new duties on August 15.

Judge Charles R. Daniels faced an unusually heavy docket in Roanoke Rapids Recorder's Court this morning when 28 cases were scheduled. Up until noon some had been continued and a few had been "aired" out in court. Among those disposed of were:

C. K. Aycock, 36-year-old white man, charged with illegal possession of non-tax paid liquor for sale, was found guilty of illegal possession and given a fine of \$15 and costs.

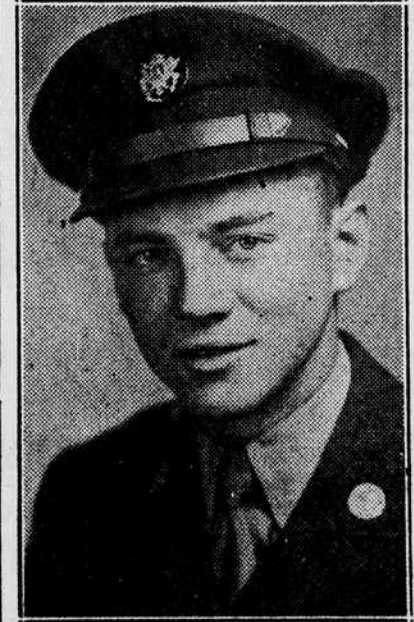
Henry P. Hall, white, 24 years old, charged with larceny of \$4.00 from Troy L. Rogers, a soldier, was found guilty and sentenced to six months on the roads, suspended upon payment of a fine of \$25 and the costs. Judge Daniels also stipulated that Hall be on his good behavior for two years and prohibited him from being in Roanoke Rapids except by passing through the city in a vehicle.

"There are several of your kind in Weldon," the Judge told Hall, "who hang around with soldiers until they get under the influence of liquor and then take every cent they have. I ought to send your kind to the roads."

Arthur W. Moyer, young white man, charged with non-support of his two minor children, and assaulting a female, was found guilty and ordered by the court to resume payment of \$15 per week until the back amount of \$105 is paid up. He also was assessed the cost in the case. He was ordered to abstain from any alcoholic beverages for a period of two years and also not to molest his former wife in any manner. Moyer has been divorced and has since remarried.

Marvin Avens, negro, was up for (Continued on page 12—Sect. A.)

## 'Bobby' Martin Comes Home From Italy On 30-Day Visit



T/Sgt. Robert G. ("Bobby") Martin, 20-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Martin of this city, returned to Roanoke Rapids last Thursday from Italy for a thirty day leave. Bobby, a flight engineer on a liberator, recently completed his 35 missions with the 15th Air Force, and has received the European Theatre ribbon, five battle stars, the Air Medal, three Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Presidential Unit Citation. Before entering service he graduated from high school here with the class of '43, and immediately entered the air corps. He received his basic training at Keesler Field, Miss., Laredo, Texas, where he received his wings, and then San Diego, Calif.

Once during a flight, he and his crew were shot down in Oswiecim, Poland. This took place on December 26, after he went overseas in September. After the crew were together, they had to sneak through the German lines and it took them eight days of hitch-hiking, riding bicycles and walking to get to Yugoslavia where they were flown back to Italy on a C-47.

After his leave expires Bobby will report to Greensboro for further orders, and he has expectations of being an instructor.

## Pfc. Hedgepeth Home On Leave

Pfc. Waitis Hedgepeth, stationed at Camp Drew, Tampa, Fla., is at home on furlough, being called here on account of the death last week of Edward Gray. Young Hedgepeth will return to his post July 1st.