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Meeting at Scotland Neck Favors Roanoke River Dam

Representatives from five counties attending a meeting in Scotland Neck Friday night approved a resolution asking for the construction of a dam at Buggs Island for flood control and power development. The proposed dam on the Roanoke River has caused considerable controversy both in this area and in Washington.

Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn, who presided over the meeting stressed the need for flood control, and promised that power company representatives who have threatened major fight over the issue will find competition.

John W. Clark, president of Randolph Mills, Inc., at Franklinville, declared that the counties on the northeastern border of the State should make a determined effort to get cheap power that would lead to industrial development. Clark said his firm paid \$80,000 for electric power last year, adding that it could have been purchased for not more than \$55,000 under TVA rates.

Frank C. Williams, manufacturer representing the Roanoke Mills, said that the 1940 flood cost his plants more than \$275,000. He added that the mills wished to have flood control without delay, and that they have no objection to cheaper power.

John H. Kerr, Jr., reported that some land in Warren County could be flooded but that Warren would not oppose the Buggs Island project, expressing the opinion that the people would rather have the flood control project and forget about the power development. Kerr said he understood the people of Vance County would oppose the project.

Charles J. Shields expressed the opinion that the project represented a great opportunity for the people of this section. The motion that the meeting go on record in favor of the project was offered by B. B. Everett. It was adopted.

Colonel Crews, representing the Army, said the Buggs Island dam would prevent disastrous flood losses and that additional dams further up the river would furnish additional protection. He said the Buggs Island dam would not be justified for flood control alone, but that power must be included.

Principal opposition to the project was expressed by former State Senator Lunce Long. He said he had a tungsten mine that would be flooded. He declared the proposed program was socialistic and Communistic. He termed as 'disreputable' a mass meeting at Boynton, Va., on August 6, which went on record as favoring the Buggs Island project.

Allen Webb, Jr., Is Coming Home

First Lieutenant Charles Allen Webb, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Webb, 430 Washington street, is expected home this week end for a visit with his family. Lieut. Webb has been in the service nine years, overseas two years, and will have the happy privilege of seeing his 18-months-old daughter for the first time. His wife is the former Miss Constance Barnosky of Pennsylvania.

Lieut. Webb landed in New York on the victory ship Antioch on October 10.

Billy Burton, DFC Winner, Out of Army

T/Sgt. William R. Burton, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Burton of this city, has received an honorable discharge from the army. Sgt. Burton entered service April 20, 1940, with the National Guard. He went overseas in March of 1943 and served over 12 months in C-B-I. He got back to the states in March of 1945. While overseas he served with the 10th Air Force under General Joe Stillwell. Sgt. Burton was a liaison pilot and the duties of his squadron were reconnaissance, photography, evacuation of wounded, strafing, shooting artillery, and dropping supplies and ammunition. His plane was forced down three times and shot down once. Once when his plane was forced down with four other planes close to Mandalay while they were on a mission to rescue a B-25 pilot they were lost in the jungle for 14 days and had to fight their way back to their squadron. Seven men were parachuted down to lead them to safety. They lost contact with air observers after two days. A Jap patrol spotted them and bitter fighting ensued, with only five of the twelve Americans surviving the experience. The survivors finally reached an English base and were flown back to their squadron.

Sgt. Burton received his discharge at Seymour Johnson Army Air Field in Goldsboro, October 6. He wears the Distinguished Flying Cross with one cluster, the Air Medal with one cluster, the Presidential citation, C-B-I ribbon with two battle stars, Before Pearl Harbor ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, the African Campaign Medal, and the American Defense ribbon.

Lieut. Hoyle Out of Navy

Lt. Cranford Hoyle, former Athletic Director of Roanoke Rapids High School for 11½ years, was discharged from the U. S. Navy in Norfolk last Saturday. In service since June, 1942, he has spent a majority of that time serving sea duty. Lt. Hoyle entered the navy as a chief specialist, and served aboard a destroyer and then a CBE. He wears six battle stars.

Lt. Hoyle and his wife, the former Miss Frances McClary, are residing at 425 Jackson Street. Future plans for them are still in the making.

William King Is Home For 90 Days

S/Sgt. William A. King, son of Mrs. Hattie King, 205 Clinton St., has returned home from Germany after serving there for 17 months. He previously served 18 months in Iceland. King, a member of Patton's Third Army, entered service on August 12, 1940, and is eligible for a 90-day furlough since he has re-enlisted for three more years.

4 Men Go On Trial For Capital Crimes

Thorne Home Damaged By Fire, Smoke

Fire, smoke and water damaged the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Thorne, 614 Roanoke Rapids Avenue, last Monday night. The estimated loss is placed at \$1,500, covered by insurance.

The fire was discovered by Miss Dorothy Delbridge and Miss Edith Barrett, school teachers, roomers in the Thorne home. Cause of the blaze is believed to have come from a defective flue. Mr. and Mrs. Thorne were not at home at the time of the fire.

Lt. Edwards Discharged

Lieut. Daniel Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. Edwards, is at home with an honorable discharge from the service after three years' duty. Edwards plans to make his home in Roanoke Rapids with his wife and baby.

Roanoke Rapids Unit State Guard Is Highly Commended

Quite an enviable record has been made by the 14th Company, North Carolina State Guard of Roanoke Rapids, according to several commendations that have been received by Capt. Francis S. Kemp, commanding officer of the unit, from high-ranking State Guard officers throughout the state.

The public, probably has not been aware of the importance of this organization and its high degree of efficiency of operation and protection afforded this section in the perilous days of the war and this fact was thoroughly

Have You Made Your Donation?

The campaign for funds to bring to Roanoke Rapids the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra is well under way and the response so far has been generous, but more money is needed. If you haven't made your contribution you may do so by calling Mrs. W. A. China, chairman for Roanoke Rapids, or any member of her committee.

Cpl. White Is Discharged

Cpl. Lewis L. White, son of Mrs. E. F. White of 309 Jackson Street, and veteran of the Italian campaign, has been given an honorable discharge from the Army at Moore General Hospital Separation Point at Swannanoa. He has been in service since March 1942. He served with the 33d Field Hospital attached to the Fifth Army in Europe and was decorated last January with the Bronze Star Medal for outstanding achievement under fire. Before induction he was a cloth inspector for the Rosemary Manufacturing Co.

Murder and Rape Cases Scheduled For Hearings In Superior Court

A one week's criminal term of Halifax County Superior Court will begin next Monday with Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn of Woodland presiding.

Featuring the docket are four men charged with rape and murder, penalty for which, upon conviction, carries the death sentence. These cases are:

Thomas B. Hart, negro, 22 years old, will go on trial for his life, charged with killing on Wednesday morning, August 1, Marjorie Blackman, 24-year-old negro woman, and her brother, Algie Blackman, 19. The slayings took place on the farm of T. W. Myrick about 4 miles from Littleton.

Paul Grosso, 27-year-old white man, former special policeman of Jackson, will go on trial on trial on charges of assault with intent to rape and rape, alleged to have been committed against Ollie Juanita Strickland, young daughter of Laddie B. Strickland of Roanoke Rapids.

Another capital crime case is against Floyd Lynch, Jr., of this city, who is charged in a warrant with kidnapping and raping Myrtle Bryant, white girl, of Northampton County.

Clyde Day, negro, will come up for trial on two counts of rape.

Robert Jones of Scotland Neck will face a jury on a charge of kidnapping. It is alleged that Jones, a white man, had hired some laborers to work for him, using meat as an incentive. After the meat had been eaten, the laborers left their place of employment. Jones, it is said, went after them and brought them back to the job.

There are other cases of a minor nature that will have the attention of the court during the week, but the public eye will more or less center on those that carry capital punishment upon conviction.

Funds Given For Cadet Uniforms

First Lieutenant A. C. Culbreth, commanding officer of the local unit of the Civil Air Patrol, has announced that the Lion's Club has made five hundred dollars available for the purchase of C. A. P. Cadet uniforms. Effective Tuesday, October 16th, enlistments of cadet enlisted personnel for this unit were closed and will not be reopened until the training projects now in progress are completed. The date of acceptance of a new class of cadets will be announced later.

Here On Leave

Master Sergeant Thomas E. Keeter, stationed at Fort Worth, Texas, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Elton Eason, and other relatives here. He has a 90-day furlough.

Bert Weaver Is Rotary Speaker

Bert Weaver of Leaksville-Spray, 89th Rotary District Governor, paid an official visit to the Roanoke Rapids Rotary Club today. Gov. Weaver gave an interesting outline of Rotary aims, objects and ambitions. The regular Tuesday meeting of the club was postponed until Thursday in order for Weaver to meet with the local club today and the Weldon Club tonight.

Capt. Sam Akers Is Expected Home

Capt. Sam Akers, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Akers of this city, is expected home by Thanksgiving Day, according to a message received this week by his parents.

Negro Arrested After Car Smash

Millard Moody, negro, was arrested and is being held for Roanoke Rapids Recorder's Court trial on charges of driving an automobile while under the influence of alcoholic beverages. Moody, it is said, crashed into the automobile of Robert Michie, who was backing out of a parking space on Roanoke Avenue last Sunday night, doing about \$50 damage to Mr. Michie's car.

Collins Placed On City Police Force

Richard Collins, recently discharged from the Army, has been appointed to the Roanoke Rapids police force to fill a recent vacancy, it was announced today.