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'Night Club' Is Burned Down In Early Morning Fire; How Blaze Started Is Not Known

"The State Line," alleged night club, located about ten miles from Roanoke Rapids, and which was partly in Virginia and partly in North Carolina, was destroyed by fire early this morning. The alarm came in to the Roanoke Rapids fire department at 4:50 o'clock. The local firefighters arrived on the scene a few minutes later and succeeded in saving the outbuildings and tourist cabins, but the main building of the outfit was completely destroyed.

Estimated loss is placed at \$5,000 partly covered by insurance.

The cause of the fire, while not definitely known, is believed to have been from an overheated frigidaire. Coker brothers have operated the place for several years.

Pfc. Vernon King Home on Leave

Pfc. Vernon A. King, son of Mrs. Hattie King, is home on a 90-day furlough after serving with the marine corps. He has been overseas for the past 33 months. He recently reenlisted. King entered the marine corps on August 28, 1942. He is the wearer of the Purple Heart, having been wounded in action on June 19, 1943. Prior to his entrance he was employed by the Rosemary Manufacturing Co.

\$5000 In Bonds Credited County

J. G. Tarrant, Field Supervisor with headquarters in Rocky Mount, announced today that Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, has purchased Victory Bonds in the amount of \$55,000.00 in North Carolina in connection with the Victory Bond Drive. In line with the Company's policy of allocating this purchase among the 100 counties of North Carolina in proportion to each county's quota, Halifax County has been allotted \$5,000.00.

Hilda Hines Back From the Service

SK1/c Hilda Patterson Hines, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Hines, 316 Jackson Street, has been returned to civilian life through the separation center in Memphis, Tenn. Hilda entered the navy on February 5, 1943, in Raleigh, and has since served overseas in Pearl Harbor and Oahu for four months.

Atwell Taylor Is Back From France

S/Sgt. Atwell Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam A. Taylor, is back with his discharge after serving with the army since April 17, 1942, having spent 23 months in England and France with the Ninth Air Force as an administrative specialist. Taylor wears the good conduct ribbon, the ATO and ETO ribbon with three campaign stars and the Victory Medal. He and his wife, the former Miss Louise Hudson, are making their home in this city.

Shearin Said Injured Badly In Accident

Grover Shearin, white former service man, is in Roanoke Rapids Hospital, seriously injured in an automobile wreck which occurred last Tuesday night on the Littleton highway at the intersection of a dirt road and the highway at the Information Service Station.

According to information, Jesse Lee, Roanoke Rapids man, was crossing the highway when his car and the Shearin automobile crashed. Both vehicles were completely demolished.

Reports from the hospital today revealed no change in Shearin's condition.

Lieut Akers Is On Way Home

Lieut. (jg) Allen E. Akers, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Akers, is in his way home. Said Lieut. Akers in a telegram received this morning: "Arrived San Francisco Dec. 5. Must say Golden Gate Bridge looks better from this side." Akers sailed from Manila on November 18.

Cooper Returned To Civilian Life

Corporal Richard H. Cooper, husband of Mrs. Catherine Cooper, 97 Jackson Street, Roanoke Rapids, has been given an honorable discharge from the Army Air Forces and returned to civilian life. Cpl. Cooper entered the service June 2, 1942, and his last station was Pope Field, N. C., a base of the IX Troop Carrier Command. He wears the American Theatre Defense ribbon, Victory Medal, a Unit Citation with 2 oak-leaf clusters.

Prior to entering the service, Cpl. Cooper was employed as a textile worker.

Wilkes Buys the Wolhar Home

The William A. Wolhar home, 537 Roanoke Avenue, has been sold to Mr. and Mrs. George Wilkes of Waynesboro, Va., it was announced today by McRae Faison, local realtor, who handled the transaction. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkes are moving to Roanoke Rapids the first part of the new year where Mr. Wilkes will enter business. Mrs. Wilkes, the former Miss Blonnie Taylor, is a graduate of the local high school and the Roanoke Rapids Hospital School of Nursing. She is the daughter of Mrs. Jennie Taylor, 313 Jackson street.

Expected Home

Cpl. Walter Norton who has been serving in the Pacific, namely New Guinea, Luzon and now Tokyo, is expected home soon.

South Hill Meeting Favors Buggs Island Dam Project

Free Ticket To Theatres If You Buy a War Bond Friday

Hog Killing Now Is Order of Day

With the advent of cold weather hog killing in and near Roanoke Rapids is the order of the day. Local people, for years, have been "long on" raising hogs, and this year is no exception to the rule.

Those who have raised their own meat are not enjoying such "grand things to eat" as back-bone and collards, hashlet, spare-ribs, fresh ham and shoulder, along with turnip greens and potlicker and cornbread. It's a great country!

Letchworth Back From the Pacific

Wilford "Blackie" Letchworth, BM2/c son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank F. Letchworth, of this city, has returned from the Pacific after serving 23 months overseas. He is now stationed in Norfolk. Previous to his volunteering for the Naval Reserve on July 7, 1942, "Blackie" was employed by Roanoke Mill No. 2. He left the Philippines on October 14, on the USS Zane and came via Pearl Harbor, Panama Canal and San Diego, California, and arrived in Norfolk on November 30. He was home last Sunday for the week-end, this being his first trip here in about two years.

Letchworth wears the ATO, Good Conduct and the Asiatic-Pacific ribbons with one battle star on the latter for the invasion of Guam and Siapan. He also took part in the liberation of the Philippines. After a 30 day furlough he is expecting soon, Letchworth will be eligible for a discharge.

No More Sunday Night Services

There will be no more Sunday night services at the local Episcopal Church, according to an announcement made today by Rev. Edmund Berkeley, rector. Rev. Berkeley has assumed charge of St. Alban's in Littleton. Meetings will be held at that church each Sunday night at 8 o'clock.

Gregory Serving On Mine Sweeper

James A. Gregory, 25, quartermaster, second class, Roanoke Rapids, is serving on a YMS, a motor minesweeper, in Kure Harbor, Japan. YMS groups are engaged in clearing such areas as the Kure Channel and the Inland Sea, of both enemy and American-laid mines. Already they have completed one of the largest minesweeps of all time, clearing the sea from Okinawa to Formosa to the East China Sea.

Tomorrow is the fourth anniversary of the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor, by Japan, which plunged the United States into the greatest and bloodiest war in its history.

Since then the government has conducted several war bond loan campaigns, and in each of them Halifax County has over-subscribed its quota.

At present the Victory Loan is in its final stages, and up to December 4 only about 36 per cent of the "E" bond quota for the country has been sold, it was announced this week.

In an effort to stimulate sales the Roanoke Rapids theatres will admit free any person who will show a bond at the ticket offices that was bought and dated Friday, December 7, 1945—"Pearl Harbor Day."

It is a small thing for one to do when it is compared to what millions of young men and women did to aid in the winning of the war. So why not make just a little more sacrifice—why not buy just one more bond?

Remember those boys who gave their lives. Remember those who have come back home maimed for life. Remember those who have gone through the hell of battle. Remember PEARL HARBOR.

Bonds can be purchased at the Citizens Bank & Trust Company, Rosemary Building & Loan Association, the Roanoke Bank & Trust Company, Roanoke Rapids Building & Loan and the Post Office.

Sgt. Shearin Is Given Discharge

S/Sgt. Franklin Shearin received his discharge on November 19 from the army air forces at Seymour Johnson Field. He served for 37 months as Crew Chief and maintenance technician on a C-54. Cpl. William G. Robinson has returned to the states after serving twenty months overseas with the first and third armored divisions, and recently received his discharge. He wears four battle stars among his other ribbons and medals. Robertson participated in action in France, Germany, Austria and Belgium. He and his family are at the present residing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Matthews.

Worsham Given His Discharge

Pfc. Orian D. Worsham, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Worsham, has recently been discharged from the army after serving 16 months overseas. Worsham, who entered the service in 1943, is a graduate of Roanoke Rapids High School. He was awarded five battle stars and the bronze service arrowhead. He and his wife, the former Miss Mamie Faye Jernigan, are making their home in Roanoke Rapids.

Motion to Build Dam On Roanoke River Is Carried Overwhelmingly

The proposed \$31,000,000 Buggs Island multi-purpose dam and reservoir construction near South Hill, Va., was "aired" Tuesday at a public hearing held in the school auditorium in that city. About 600 representative citizens from North Carolina and Virginia attended the meeting.

From Roanoke Rapids were W. L. Manning, President, Rosemary Manufacturing Company; F. C. Williams, Vice President and Manager, Roanoke and Patterson Mills Company; J. K. Adams, Manager, Halifax Paper Company; Rives Manning, National Loan and Insurance Company; L. S. Neal, Alfred Martin, T. J. Alford, A. Meikle, Wm. Hodges, A. O. Pendleton, F. S. Kemp, John Dunn, Jesse Harrell, James Tucker, William Thorne, Julian Allsbrook, and J. Winfield Crew.

Advocates of the development greatly outnumbered opponents among those jammed into the high school auditorium for the five-hour hearing.

A motion from the floor near the end of the hearing was adopted by voice vote and then by standing, with only a handful in opposition, to express as the sentiment of the hearing that the Buggs Island project should be carried forward to completion, substantially as planned, at the earliest practical date.

Eric W. Rodgers of Scotland Neck, N. C., secretary of the Roanoke River Flood Control Committee, submitted resolutions from Roanoke Rapids, Enfield and Scotland Neck officials, civic and commercial bodies endorsing the project.

Rodgers said he had talked over the phone with Congressman John H. Kerr (D-NC) after reaching South Hill and that Representative Kerr had requested him to tell the hearing that in his opinion the project proposed at Buggs Island "is the greatest opportunity for Southside Virginia and northeastern North Carolina I have seen in a lifetime."

Frank C. Williams, textile executive of Roanoke Rapids, stated that he had been told at the Scotland Neck hearing by engineers of the power companies that "you cannot have flood control and power development in the same package."

Col. R. E. Cruse, Army district engineer, who had explained engineering features of the development at the morning session, expressed considerable interest in the reasons that are advanced for such a statement.

Colonel Cruse stated that while the primary objective is flood control, power is planned as a secondary objective to help carry the cost of the flood control.

He explained that if planned for flood control only, the dam would be only 13 to 15 feet lower, while the cost "would be very little less." (Continued on page 12—Sect. A)