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Red Cross Campaign In March

The Roanoke Rapids Chapter, American Red Cross, has announced its 1946 Red Cross Fund Campaign goal, Rev. G. L. Price, chapter chairman, announced today.

This year the local chapter hopes to attain \$5,100 for local use and \$3,400 for national Red Cross operation, making a total goal of \$8,500. Of the total funds raised 60 per cent stays in the local budget and 40 per cent for worldwide operations.

Besides providing for work with occupation troops abroad, said Mr. Price, a large part of the money allotted for national work will be spent in military and veterans hospitals. Recently Red Cross, upon request, has extended its hospital services to the many veterans hospitals so that the former serviceman may still be assisted in every possible way.

The 1946 Red Cross Fund Campaign in Roanoke Rapids will be March 1-9.

N. C. Symphony Orchestra Is Coming Here

The North Carolina Symphony Orchestra will give a concert in Roanoke Rapids in the High School auditorium on April 23, it was announced today. Tickets for the concert may be secured from Mrs. T. W. Mullins or Mrs. W. A. China.

Civil Air Patrol Weekly Meeting

All cadets and senior members of Roanoke Rapids Civil Air Patrol will report in uniform for formation next Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock. Members who do not have uniforms will have them issued at that time.

The squadron has a Navy trainer in its possession and will use it in connection with navigational instructions to be given at this meeting. All members must bring their student's manuals.

These instructions are issued by the command of First Lieutenant A. C. Culbreth, CAP.

'March of Dimes' Drive Nets Sum of \$1,082.64

Cranford Hoyle, Roanoke Rapids Chairman of the March of Dimes campaign, announced today that \$1,082.64 has been collected in the fight against Infantile Paralysis.

One half of this money will remain in the county to finance the hospitalization, care, and treatment of local sufferers. The other half goes to headquarters of the National Foundation and is for continuing research, education and emergency aid in epidemics throughout the nation. Every person and every organization that was asked to help in this cause did so willingly, and thus helped to make a success of the drive.

The money was given by the various organizations and individuals as follows:

Roanoke Rapids Schools (white and colored)	\$ 264.71
William R. Davie School	52.14
WCBT Radio Jamboree	92.26

Veterans of Roanoke Rapids Dance sponsored by Veterans of Roanoke Rapids 158.47
Coin Collection Boxes -- 364.50
Checks through the mail 150.50

Total.....\$1,082.64

One of the coin collection boxes was stolen from one place of business. A person who wishes to remain unknown contributed \$15.00 to cover the amount of money that the coin box might have held.

Mr. Hoyle wishes to thank everyone that contributed to the fund, and especially to express his appreciation to The Herald, Radio Station WCBT, Pal Tanner and His Rangers, The Carolina Playboys, The Jubilee Quartet, The Cherokee Boys, The Roanoke Rapids Veterans and to the March of Dimes committee for their splendid cooperation and fine work which meant so much to the success of the campaign.

Coroner Says Deaths Were 'Accidental'

Coroner F. N. Rowe of Halifax County has rendered a verdict of "accidental death by poisoning" in the case of Mr. and Mrs. Lellie E. J. Bryant of Roanoke Rapids.

Vital organs of Mr. Bryant were sent to Dr. Haywood M. Taylor of the Duke Hospital medical staff, and in his report he stated that 30 per cent of monoxide poison was found in the blood stream. It requires only 3 per cent to produce death. There has been no report made on Mrs. Bryant, but it is assumed from the coroner's verdict that she died from the same cause as her husband.

Bryant was found dead in his bed Sunday morning, February 3, and his wife was in an unconscious condition. Mrs. Bryant died last Thursday morning in Roanoke (Continued on page 8—Sect. A)

Accepts Position As An Instructor

Miss Mae Brown Sterling has accepted the position of instructor in the Roanoke Rapids Hospital. She was an instructor in the institution in 1935.

Confesses To Efforts Burn P. O. Building

One day last week Roy Finch, white man, formerly of Roanoke Rapids, but now residing in South Weldon, walked up to Weldon's Chief of Police, T. R. Kitchen, and said he wanted to confess to the attempted burning in April of 1945, of the Weldon Post Office. Of course, the Chief listened.

Finch, an alleged violator in 1944 of the selective service act, is said to have served a term in the federal penitentiary for his crime. Finch told Chief Kitchen how the fire was started at a rear window with some lightwood sticks and a pair of overalls. He made efforts to fire the building inside. Before the blaze could make much headway it was discovered and extinguished. Post office inspectors worked on the case for many months, but turned up nothing.

Finch was given a hearing in Roanoke Rapids last Monday before Commissioner Thompson and bound over to the April term of federal court which will be held in Wilson. His bond was placed at \$500, which he was unable to post and he is now awaiting trial in jail at Wilson.

Linwood Easter and 'Pigeon' Williams Are Arrested Here; Both Confess To Crimes

Chief of Police H. E. Dobbins announced today the arrest of two negroes, Linwood Easter, 18, and Adolph Williams, alias "Pigeon," also about 18 years old, which has cleared up the cases of several robberies committed here and in Weldon within the past few weeks.

Easter and Williams were arrested Wednesday morning by Chief Dobbins and Officer J. M. High. Both are being held in jail pending liberty on bonds of \$1500 each.

Easter, according to the Chief, has admitted breaking into the Newsome Oil Company about four weeks ago where he is said to have stolen a Colt automatic pistol. The gun is believed to have been disposed of in Littleton and officers expect to recover it soon.

Easter is also said to have admitted breaking into the Anderson Feed & Grocery Company in Weldon about two weeks ago, where he stole \$150 in currency and \$150 in pennies. He broke into the T & N Cafe in Weldon on February 12, according to his statement to officers. There he got \$30 in cash. In the break-in of the Rosemary Drug Company Monday night, Easter is charged with obtaining \$24 in cash.

Adolphus Williams, alias "Pigeon," the other negro jailed for robberies, is charged with breaking into the Anderson Feed & Grocery Company in Weldon on the night of February 1. It is said that Easter had told "Pigeon" of his good luck at this place and "Pigeon" decided to try his luck there, too, but got nothing for his efforts.

On February 2, Williams, it is alleged, broke a window at Humphries Service Station at the Junction, and after entering the place stole only a flashlight. He is also charged with breaking into Jackson's Service Station in South Rosemary by smashing a window. Here, Williams admits, he got only about 100 pennies. This break-in was reported as happening on February 9.

Some weeks ago Cofield's store in Hodgestown, was broken into and robbed of about \$15 in cash. This crime has been charged to "Pigeon." On February 7 "Pigeon" decided to repeat at the same place, and succeeded in getting \$12 or \$15 in cash on his second try.

How the thief entered the store puzzled police for quite a while. (Continued on page 8—Sect. A)

Land Named President of Association

At the annual dinner meeting of the Roanoke Rapids Merchants Association held in the Blue Room of the Rosemary Cafe, Wyche Land, head of Land Bros., jewelers, was elected president of the association for the coming year. Mr. Land succeeds Graham Shell, outgoing president. Marvin Collier, Jr., was elected as vice-president. Mrs. Clyde Martin is secretary.

New directors elected to serve the association are: Roy Gooch, Frank Hawley, Miss Fannie Marks and John Lackey.

Willard Dowell of Raleigh, executive secretary of the State Merchants Association, was a guest at the meeting and delivered a most interesting address on "Unity and Cooperation of Merchants."

A fine attendance of merchants was at the meeting. Fried chicken was served as the principal course of the dinner.

Rotary Club Hears Merritt

At its regular meeting last Tuesday the Roanoke Rapids Rotary Club heard an address on Rotary delivered by Joe Merritt of Dundalk, Md. Rotarian Merritt is a past governor of his district and is now a member of the Extension Committee of Rotary International. Merritt's address was interesting and educational and was attentively listened to by a large membership of the club present for the meeting.

Carlton Edwards Given Discharge

Pfc. Carlton Lewis Edwards, son of Mrs. W. L. Edwards and the late W. L. Edwards, is home with an honorable discharge from the army after arriving in the states from Germany recently. He is the wearer of the Bronze Star and the Good Conduct Medal. Lewis plans to enter State College in March.