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Pictured above are the members of Gov. R. Gregg Cherry's Fact Finding Committee on future federated fund raising in North Carolina. The committee included prominent business and professional men throughout the state. Seated, left to right, is J. C. B. Ehringhaus, Gov. Cherry, J. Melville Broughton and Dr. Ellen Winston. Standing directly behind the Governor is Sam Marks of Roanoke Rapids. (Picture is courtesy of the Durham Sun.)

Explosions In City Part Of Mosquito Eradication

The two explosions heard in the city yesterday, which broke several window panes in residences and business buildings in "downtown" Roanoke Rapids and caused damage to the power line running to the Patterson Mill, shutting it down for several hours, was caused by dynamite blasting in the old navigation canal near the river.

The blasting is part of the work of mosquito eradication in Roanoke Rapids being done by the United States Public Health Service, with J. F. Mareddy in charge. The Roanoke Rapids Sanitary District is cooperating in the program to rid the city of the pests.

Residents of the city are asked to aid in the work by seeing that all tin cans are mashed flat before putting them in garbage cans, emptying water from all tubs and other containers sitting out in the yard at least once a week, drain fish ponds and clean them of all rubbish and green foliage every ten days and keep them heavily stocked with fish, drain all low land and cut the under brush from it so the land can dry out.

The Roanoke Rapids Sanitary District will begin its part of mosquito control work next week by spraying all ditches and lowlands. Any resident who is pestered with mosquitoes is asked to call the sanitary office or Dr. W. P. Speas, Jr., city health officer.

Dr. A. F. Ashton, U. S. public health officer, of Raleigh, will come to the city soon and establish catch stations to determine what kind of mosquitoes are found here and where the breeding is taking place.

The official board in charge of the local program is composed of Virgil C. McDowell, city commissioner; Robert C. Cleaton, Jr., member of the Sanitary Board, and Dr. Speas, as city health officer.

Abner C. Braswell has been employed as full-time foreman of the work.

Spraying Of Homes With DDT Starts Here Soon

Dr. W. P. Speas, Jr., city health officer, announced today that the DDT spraying program, outlined in The Herald several months ago, will get under way about the last of this month or the first of April.

In order that the work may be done with success it will be necessary for occupants of homes to cooperate fully with the program by readying all rooms in their house before the spraying crew arrives. Advance notice of the arrival of the crew will provide occupants with sufficient time to get the house ready.

Here are some of the important instructions for occupants to follow:

- 1—Move all furniture toward the center of the rooms.
- 2—Remove pictures and mirrors from the walls and place them face down on beds, tables, etc.
- 3—Remove clothes from closets.
- 4—Put out all fires.
- 5—Store away cooking utensils, dinnerware and non-canned or non-bottled foods or collect them in one place for covering with a drop cloth by spraying crew.
- 6—Remove curtains and draperies (not shades).

If the house is ready when the crew arrives the actual spraying time is from 10 to 15 minutes. In 30 minutes the interior will be dry and ready for the replacing of furniture.

The effort on the part of the householder in preparing the house is well worth the benefits derived from the spraying, said Dr. Speas. DDT will remain on the walls and ceilings invisible for as long as four months unless removed by wiping, washing or painting. Therefore, said Dr. Speas, it is advisable that spring house cleaning be done before spraying time, to avoid destruction of the DDT.

The preparation will kill mosquitoes, flies, bedbugs, moths, silverfishes and some kinds of roaches. After the first spraying citizens of Roanoke Rapids can look forward to a season without these (Continued on page 4—Sect. A)

World War II Vets Win Most Posts In Local VFW Election

Bill Passed By Senate Tuesday

The United States Senate late Tuesday passed the bill providing \$3,000,000 for the proposed \$3,900,000 Buggs Island Flood Control and Hydro-electric Development on the Roanoke River. The Senate also passed the item of \$300,000 for initial survey and plans for the dam on the Smith river at Philpott in Virginia which is another portion of the \$130,000,000 flood control and electric development project for the Roanoke River and its tributaries. The two items previously had been approved by the lower House of Congress and now goes to the President for his signature. The Buggs Island project already has started with \$1,000,000 voted by Congress last December and \$3,000,000 voted on Tuesday will be for the fiscal year 1946-47.

First Rock Fish

The rock fish season is "coming in," so say the fishermen. The first Rock was caught at Weldon Friday night of last week by Lewis Glasgow and Buck Mitchell. It weighed three pounds.

Marks Named On Advisory Committee

As a result of a recent meeting of Gov. Cherry's Fact-Finding Committee held in the Governor's office, of which J. C. B. Ehringhaus was chairman, Sam Marks of this city has been appointed by Ehringhaus as a member of the permanent Advisory Committee. This committee will meet from time to time with Dr. Ellen Winston, commissioner of the State Board of Public Welfare, to consider federated fund raising in North Carolina.

In view of the impending wind-up of the affairs of the United War Fund the Governor has requested this committee to consider the situation and make recommendations. (Continued on page 4—Sect. A)

Carrying out the avowed intention to draft young blood into leadership, Halifax Post 3702 Veterans of Foreign Wars, at its annual election Sunday, elected four veterans of World War two to the higher administrative offices in the post. The election was spirited, according to the post's publicity officer, and it was stated that a number of the veterans commented: "This was the finest example of real democracy in actual practice we have ever seen." The election was held in the post's room at the armory and was largely attended.

Samuel Henry Akers, 26 year old former captain in the army air forces, was elected to command the post for the coming year.

Grady J. King, 38, former coxswain in the navy, was elected as senior vice-commander.

Raleigh B. Sadler, 24, former field artillery corporal, was elected junior vice-commander.

Johnny J. Sasser, 25, former motor machinists mate, first class in the navy, was elected chaplain.

Veterans of the first world war elected to office were: Thomas C. Glasgow, post advocate, Carl Churchill, quartermaster (re-elected), Alfred N. Martin, surgeon, Edward P. Hyman, retiring commander, trustee for three years.

N. C. Symphony to Appear Here

The North Carolina Symphony Orchestra will come to Roanoke Rapids on Tuesday, May 7. There will be a concert in the afternoon for school children free of charge. The evening concert is for adults and tickets are still available. They may be purchased through contact with Mrs. T. W. Mullen or Mrs. W. A. China.

American Legion Meeting Sunday

An important meeting of the Robert E. May Post of the American Legion will be held next Sunday afternoon at 2 in the Armory. It was announced today by Carl Churchill. It is urgent that every member, who possibly can, attend this meeting, said Mr. Churchill.

Eight Tickets Available For Jackson Day Dinner

Eight tickets are available to Halifax County Democrats for the Jackson Day dinner to be held in Raleigh Saturday at the Sir Walter Hotel at 7:45 o'clock, announced Dr. John W. Martin, chairman of the Halifax County Democratic Executive Committee, today.

"Good democrats," said Dr. Martin (and he laughed) "can get one of these tickets until the supply is exhausted if they will see me."

Halifax County's quota of \$400 to be used in congressional districts where the Democrats have Republican opposition, will probably be oversubscribed, said the chairman. Through last Tuesday a total of \$245 had been contributed, \$195 of which came out of Roanoke Rapids.

Congressman Robert L. Doughton will be the keynote speaker at the dinner Saturday night.

Ind. League Softballers May Organize

In the years before the war Roanoke Rapids was a "hotbed" for softball and some of the best teams in the state were developed here and competition in the local league was keen and the fans were rabid fans. And now it appears that softball may again be played here with the same old "zip" of former years.

The subject has been under discussion informally for several days and the result has been to call a meeting for the purpose of seeing if a softball industrial league can be organized and operated during the coming summer months.

It is believed that if representatives of Halifax Paper Company, Rosemary Manufacturing Company, Roanoke Mills No. 1 and 2, Patterson Mills Company and (Continued on page 4—Sect. A)

Four More Men Leave for Bragg

Four men who left recently for duty in the army are: Frank D. Hudson, Jr., white, and four colored men, George Crenshaw, Eddie Arrington; and Freddie Sledge, Nello L. Bradley of Graysburg has re-enlisted. Bradley formerly served with 167th Chemical Co., in the ETO during the war.

Julian Allsbrook Will Be Speaker

Next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Enterprise Baptist Church near Littleton, memorial services will be held for Pfc. Gilbert Lee Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Walker. Julian R. Allsbrook, Roanoke Rapids attorney, will make the memorial address. Young Walker was killed in action in France September 15, 1944.