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Planning Services For Gold Star Mothers of Halifax Co.

It was announced this week that the Roanoke Rapids Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Robert E. May Post of the American Legion are planning to have an appropriate service for mothers of soldiers who gave their lives in World War 2. The services are being planned for Memorial Day, May 30, at which time a Gold Star Citation will be presented to each mother or wife or next of kin, if not married, and the mother of the soldier is not living.

In order that every mother in Halifax County and the Gaston Township who has lost a son in World War 2 be presented a gold star citation the American Legion and Roanoke Rapids Veterans of Foreign Wars requests that the name of the soldier and the name of his mother, wife or next of kin, if he was not married, be sent in at once to Robert E. May Post American Legion, Postoffice Box 603, Roanoke Rapids, N. C.

Plans now are to make this the biggest and most historical of all Memorial Day services ever held in Halifax County and it is urgent that the names be sent in as soon as possible. Don't put it off, said officials of the two service organizations — But do it now.

13 Cases Public Drunkenness On Mayor's Docket

Thirteen cases of public drunkenness were tried in Mayor Kelly Jenkins' court last Monday afternoon. The number was unlucky for they drew fines and costs. Also in court were two speeders, one fighting case and one charge of assault with a deadly weapon.

Fortune Is Named District Manager

E. Wiley Fortune, district superintendent of the Alleghany district of the Virginia Electric & Power Company at Clifton Forge, has been appointed district manager of the Roanoke district at Roanoke Rapids, according to an announcement made this week.

A Deep Mystery: She Loses Money

Mrs. Dorothy Shearin, assistant city clerk, and Mrs. Edith Dickens, bookkeeper for the Roanoke Rapids Theatres, are both fine ladies — absolutely! And they are not absent-minded, either.

Mrs. Shearin last Monday had quite a nice sum of money in her billfold. She paid a small account and put the billfold back in her purse and did not have any occasion to open it again until Wednesday morning. When she did her face went white and she began to tremble. There was no money in her billfold. About \$22 was missing. Where it went, how it got out, who got it, when? Mrs. Shearin doesn't know. She does know however, that she's broke until pay day comes again. Mrs. Dickens was less unfortunate. She reported the loss of only \$2 and Mrs. Shearin is figuring on borrowing half of that. A call to all law enforcement officers has been made to track down the money — whoever got it, she doesn't care — she wants the money.

Sergt. Green Commended By Officer

Sergt. Henry W. Green has been highly commended by his commanding officer, Maj. Roland W. Walters. In a letter to the North Carolina Board of Pharmacy, Maj. Walters wrote:

"I should like to take occasion at this time to commend the character and efficiency of Sgt. Green. The results of his performance of duty left nothing to be desired. Without desire to be platitudinous I should like to state that it was through the efforts of such men as Green that Victory was achieved in the American war effort."

Henry, who finished at the University of North Carolina in 1941, is the son of Paul Green, 407 Charlotte street. He worked in Wilson about a year and is now employed by Tom's Drug Store in Wilmington. During the war he was in the Medical Corps in the Army, but was assigned to the SS Cape Neddick as chief pharmacist. He served in the Atlantic and Pacific and was discharged in February of this year. His wife is the former Miss Marie McDaniel of Jackson.

Thompson Is On Terminal Leave

First Lieutenant James W. Thomason, son of J. T. Thomason, of Belmont, Roanoke Rapids, has been processed for separation at Fort Douglas (Utah) Separation Center, and is now on terminal leave until May 10. Lt. Thomason, who served 32 months in the States as an Engineer with the Air Corps, is authorized to wear the American Theatre Ribbon, and the Victory Ribbon. He received his commission in the Air Corps, November 13, 1943. Thomason is a graduate of North Carolina State College with a B. S. Degree in Aero Engineering.

Pfc. John Massey On Way Home

Private First Class John L. Massey, age 28, husband of Mrs. John Massey, who with their two children, John, Jr., six, and Patricia, two, resides at 46-B Jackson St., Roanoke Rapids, recently passed through the 25th Replacement Depot on Okinawa for processing prior to returning to the United States. Pfc. Massey entered the Army December 21, 1944, at Fort Bragg, N. C., and departed for overseas June 4, 1945. While on Okinawa he served with the 285th Quartermaster Laundry Detachment. Before entering the service Pfc. Massey was employed in the textile mills here.

FOR SHERIFF

I hereby announce my candidacy to succeed myself as Sheriff of Halifax County, subject to the Democratic Primary on May 25, 1946.

Your vote and support will be highly appreciated.

H. A. HOUSE,
Sheriff of Halifax County.

Insurance Is Given Helms: Bitten by Cat

Beaman Helms of Roanoke Rapids was awarded \$600 compensation by the State Industrial Commission for injuries he sustained in an altercation with a cat.

Helms, at the time an employe of the Roanoke Rapids Sanitary District, testified that, when he picked up two cats to remove them from a seat he wished to occupy at a desk, one of the felines sank a tooth in the middle finger of his left hand.

The wound became infected and as a result Helms lost six weeks of work and partially lost the use of his finger permanently.

Buren Jurney, the industrial commissioner who wrote the opinion in the case, held that the injury was sustained in the course of employment and awarded the worker approximately \$600 compensation. He also ordered the insurer for the sanitary district to pay all medical bills incurred in treating the finger.

Sunday Beginning Of Holy Week at Catholic Church

Next Sunday will be Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. Palms will be blessed, distributed and carried in procession at St. John's Catholic Church on this Sunday at 9 A. M. Holy Mass will follow the blessing of palms. "Holy Week Thoughts" will be the sermon theme, and the Passion of Christ according to St. Matthew will be read by Donald MacKenzie, Jr. The acolytes will be Robert MacKenzie, Thomas Mayton, Jack Stadler and Ben Stadler. Jay W. Sanders, director of St. John's choir, will present an attractive musical program with Mrs. Ameal Rabil, of Weldon, at the console of the electric organ.

Mass will be offered on Holy Thursday at 7 A. M., with the Holy Hour in the evening at 7:30. On Good Friday the Mass of the Presanctified will be said at 7 A. M., and at 7:30 P. M., the Way of the Cross and the Devotion of the Seven Last Words will be held. The Paschal Ceremonies will be observed on Holy Saturday at 6 A. M., which will be followed by the Midnight Mass of the Resurrection, anticipated at 7 A. M. (Continued from page 1—Sect. A)

Five-Acre Cotton Contest To Be Held Again In 1946

The Five-Acre Cotton Contest which was started in 1945 will be held again in 1946. Farmers in Halifax County are invited to enter this contest. \$3000 in prize money is divided into State and District prizes as follows: First prize for the State will be \$800 and the second prize for the State will be \$400. There will be three districts with first, second and third prizes for each district. District prizes will be \$300, \$200 and \$100 for first, second and third place. A contestant who wins a State prize cannot compete for a District prize. Any farmer, landlord or tenant producing as much as five acres of cotton in one body is eligible to enter this

Building Regulations Cause Concern Here

Services For Leatherwood Next Sunday

Memorial services for Private First Class Charles Leatherwood, Jr., will be held next Sunday morning at the First Methodist Church at 11 o'clock, it was announced today. The services will be conducted by Rev. Lester A. Tilley, pastor of the church.

Leatherwood was killed in action in Germany April 13th, 1945. He was with the F. A. Communications Headquarters attached to the Fifth Infantry Division of Gen. Patton's Third U. S. Army.

Born in Hopewell, Va., he was the son of Mrs. Ruth Robertson of Petersburg, Va., and H. C. Leatherwood of Hopewell. For several years he made his home here with his grandparents, the late Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Holloway. He attended Roanoke Rapids High School and was active on the baseball, football and basketball teams.

Leatherwood entered the service April 5, 1943, and went overseas October 7, the same year. He is survived by his mother and father and one brother, Robert H. Leatherwood.

Sgt. Eugene Ennis Arrives Overseas

Sgt. Eugene C. Ennis, whose wife resides at 1825 Powell street, has arrived at the European theatre army air forces reinforcement depot at Furstenfeldbruck, Germany, and will soon be assigned to a permanent station somewhere in Germany. Before entering the service in October, 1943, Ennis attended Roanoke Rapids High School and was later employed by the Halifax Paper Company.

Revival Meeting

A revival meeting is now going on at Gum Chapel Church on the Littleton highway, according to an announcement made this week by Rev. Charles L. Lyles, evangelist. Services begin each night at 7:30.

The new federal building regulations and restrictions which were ordered last week is causing much criticism not only throughout the nation, but here in Roanoke Rapids as well. Lumber yard officials here are in a quandary as to just what will be the outcome of the ruling. One official said: "It looks to me like I may as well close down my lumber yard. If we cannot sell to anyone but veterans of World War 2, what are we going to do with what little lumber we do get? Not enough soldiers here are contemplating on building homes at the present time to use up our output of lumber."

And as a follow-up of the building activities going on in Roanoke Rapids at the present City Building Inspector Henry Fitts gave out the following "broken-down" figures:

"In the city," said Mr. Fitts, "there is now under construction or permits issued for residences totalling \$45,550; stores, \$62,000; garages, \$51,500; wash rooms in industrial plants, \$24,000; repairs and additions, \$14,450."

"This makes a bad situation," said Mr. Fitts, "inasmuch as I am now restricted in issuing permits only up to \$400."

"It looks to me like that the veterans should have been given priority on all building materials and then if any is left over let other people buy it."

The figures above total \$199,100 for building in the city alone and does not take in anything outside the city limits.

"It's a jumbled up mess," said a spokesman for a lumber concern. "I don't know what the outcome will be, but it looks like building will have to stop except for the veterans."

Commissioners Will Be Elected Tuesday, May 7

Two city commissioners will be elected in the City election which will be held on Tuesday, May 7. The commissioners whose terms will expire are Alfred Martin of the South Ward and W. P. Taylor of the North Ward. Mr. Martin has definitely announced that he will not be a candidate for reelection. No candidates have as yet filed their intentions of running for the offices.

Advanced Rating For Vernie Smith

Vernie E. Smith, aviation ordnance man, third class, Littleton, has been advanced to his present rate at the navy staging center at Pearl Harbor. The center receives high-point veterans and places them in groups bound for separation centers in the States.

Ball Appointed To Police Force

Charley Ball of Creedmore has been appointed to the Roanoke Rapids police force and assumed his duties last week. The new officer is married and has two children.