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Vacation Bible School Held Here Best Ever



Above is shown about 160 members of the Vacation Bible School held jointly last month by the Rosemary Baptist and All Saints Episcopal churches of this city. The total registration for the school was 215. Average attendance was 180 per day for the 10 days. (Story on page 5, Sect. A).

MISS MIRIAM MOUNTFORD

... The Jaycees Went Peach Picking

The Roanoke Rapids Junior Chamber of Commerce already has established a reputation for being fast workers — but it appears that the boys didn't know their own speed.

Having been in operation for only three weeks — and yet to receive an official charter — the Jaycees were called upon to furnish a "Miss Roanoke Rapids" for entry in the North Carolina beauty contest at Wilson on August 3.

So the Jaycees took a hasty look around town, and came up with a prize catch. Her name is Miss Miriam Mountford. She's pictured on the left.

Miss Mountford, thus, will represent Roanoke Rapids in the contest, which, of course, will decide North Carolina's representative to the national Miss America contest later in August.

Miss Mountford is an employee of the Virginia Electric and Power Company, is 18 years of age. She's five feet, six and one-half inches tall, and weighs 120 pounds. And she has no telephone number.

Jack Vincent, president of the local Jaycees, said today that ordinarily a beauty contest would have been conducted here, but that the pressing deadline forced the club to dispense with that formality. However, he said that next year, the club will sponsor such a contest.

Miss Mountford will receive a week's vacation at Carolina Beach before going to Wilson for the beauty contest. All her expenses will be paid by the Carolina Beach Jaycees, and she and the other contestants will be entertained nightly with dances and parties.

Miss Mountford, a little reluctant to accept the Jaycees proposal, finally agreed to enter the contest on behalf of the local Jaycees. It will be the first time that a Roanoke Rapids girl ever has been entered in the contest.

She is a graduate of Roanoke Rapids High School, class of 1945. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Mountford of Roanoke Rapids.

Jaycees Elect Four Directors

Four directors were elected this week by the Roanoke Rapids Junior Chamber of Commerce.

They are M. C. Newsome, Jr., and Robert Josey, who will serve for two years; and Lunsford Crew and Jesse Helms, who will serve for one year.

The directors will serve in an executive capacity in formulating policies and procedures for operation of the club's business, along with the usual officers.

Jack Vincent is president of the club. Arnold Hughes is vice president; Carlton Cannon, secretary; and Frank Neal, secretary.

Registration Is Scheduled Veterans and Non-Veterans

In order to determine the demand and the location of proposed college centers, the steering committee of the Governor's committee on veterans' education is planning to conduct a preliminary registration of veterans and non-veterans next Monday and Tuesday. The registration will be held in the offices of the county and

Missionaries Make Good On Invitation To Visit Here

Through an invitation issued by Capt. J. Winfield Crew, Jr., while he was serving in the armed forces in the China-Burma area during World War II, Miss Frances Flannigan of Ireland and Miss Winifred Embery of Australia, two missionaries, are in Roanoke Rapids this week for a brief visit.

It is the first time either of the young women have been to the United States and when asked if they were disappointed in the country and the American people, their faces lighted up and with beaming smiles they both agreed that "it is a country of beauty and plenty, and oh, the people! They are so friendly and hospitable."

Their first stop in this country, of course, was in New York, where they landed on June 3. From there they went to Copperhill, Tenn., to visit Capt. and Mrs. Edward Middleton; thence to this city where they are guests of Capt. and Mrs. Crew.

Leaving here they will go to Huntington, W. Va., for a short visit and then to Iowa. They plan to leave in September for their homes—Miss Flannigan to Ireland and Miss Embery to Melbourne, Australia.

Telling of a few of their experiences during the battle for Burma and the Burma road the two young ladies gave interesting detailed accounts of some of the hardships suffered by them and the people in China.

"The Japs were experts at disguising themselves. They would put on Chinese soldiers' uniforms and even the Chinese could hard-

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