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Brantley Given Road Term On Charge Assaulting Wife

Jack Brantley, white man, who was arrested last week and charged with assaulting a female (his wife), was tried this morning in Roanoke Rapids Recorder's Court.

Evidence tended to show that Brantley, while under the influence of intoxicating beverages, "got into an argument" with his wife at their home on Jefferson street Sunday afternoon, July 21, "tore her clothes off, beat her with his fists, knocked her down twice and finally dragged her up the steps and onto the porch by her hair."

Judge Charles R. Daniels indicated after the evidence had been concluded that he would send the man to the roads, but had not made up his mind for just what length of time he would give him, preferring to wait until just before adjournment of court this afternoon before passing final judgment in the case.

Attorney Ottis J. Reynolds appeared for the defendant and Lunce Crew of the firm of Crew & Crew appeared as special prosecutor.

Most Schools In County To Open in Sept.

V. C. Matthews, superintendent of Halifax County Schools, announced this week that most of the schools in the county system will open next month.

White and colored county schools which use bus transportation will open Thursday, September 5. All other colored schools in the county will open on Tuesday, September 3. The 14-county colored school at Bricks will open on August 26. The new colored grammar school building at Enfield is expected to be completed in time for the September opening, said Mr. Matthews.

More Marriages Than Divorces In County Last Year

There were 530 marriage licenses issued in Halifax County from January 1, 1945, through July 19, 1946, according to the records in the Register of Deeds office. A number of the licenses issued, however, were to couples from other counties and states.

The records show also that there were a far less number of divorces granted by the courts during the same period. There were 135 couples legally separated, all from Halifax County.

Draft Board Will Close Two Weeks

Halifax County Selective Service Board No. 1 offices will be closed for two weeks from August 5 through 17, it was announced today. Closing of the offices is for the purpose of allowing vacations for the personnel. The board offices, however, will be open on the morning of August 6 to send a group of colored men to Fort Bragg for pre-induction physical examinations.

Employment Is Showing Increase In Halifax Co.

Employment is still showing a gradual increase in Halifax County, but material shortages are hindering employment expansion—especially in the construction industry. Job openings have been gradually decreasing which has resulted in a corresponding increase in the number of persons filing applications for employment.

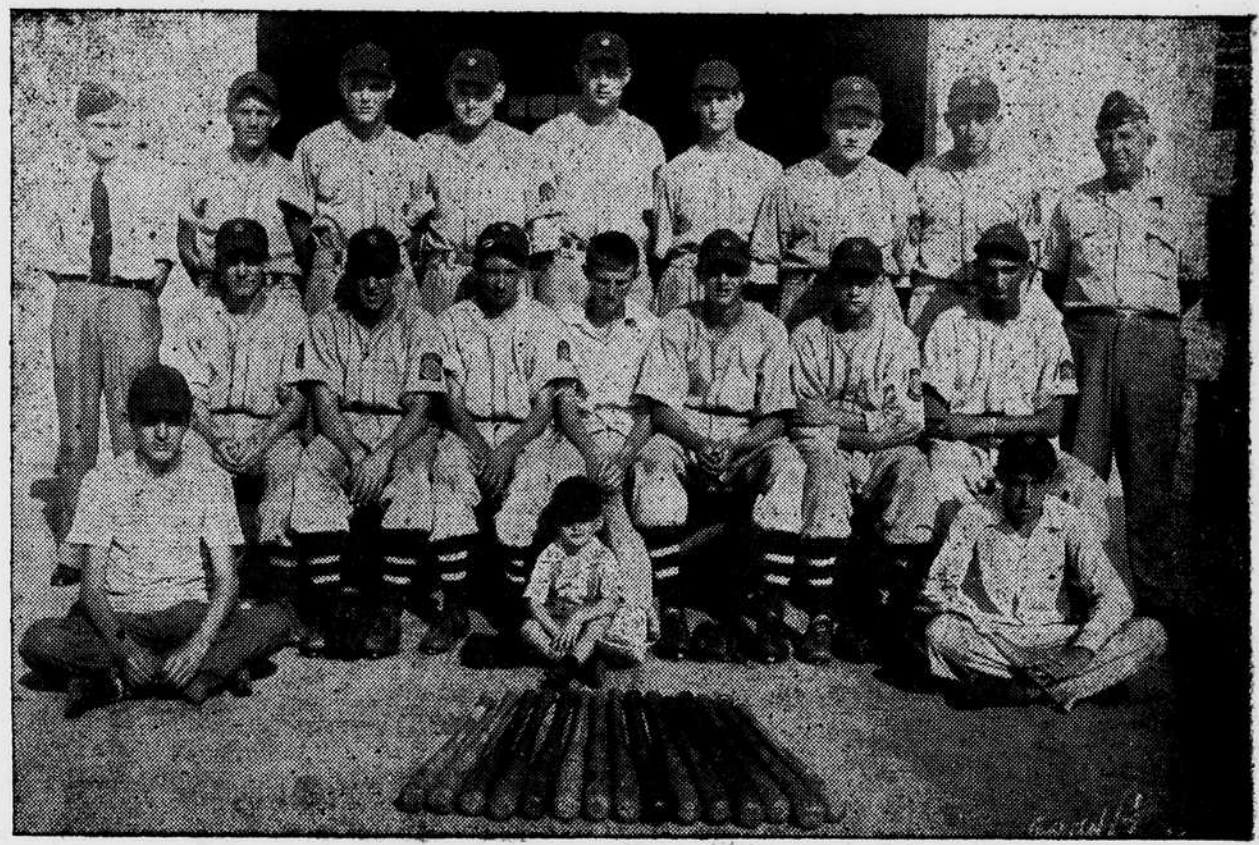
There are now 260 job applications on file in the local U. S. E. office, which is an increase of 27 percent over the preceding month. Veterans remain as the main source of male job seekers with 70 percent of the active job applicants being veterans and only 18 percent of the total are women. Thirty percent of the veterans registered are only available for temporary work as they are entering school in the fall. Persons registered at the office fall into the following occupational groups: professional and managerial, 19; clerical, 38; service, 6; agriculture, 22; skilled, 48; semi-skilled, 76; and unskilled, 51.

Job openings on file have shown a 19 percent decrease over that of June with the greatest demand being for laborers. Job orders now fall into the following occupational groups: professional and managerial, 4; clerical, 38; service, 15; agriculture, 61; skilled, 36; semi-skilled, 12; unskilled, 141. The greatest labor demand at the present time is for skilled and unskilled construction workers and as more material becomes available this demand will increase the present shortage of skilled and unskilled workers.

Problems of housing, transportation, veterans expecting to enter school in the fall, jobs on file not matching applicants' qualifications, and numerous other complications contribute to the condition of surplus applicants for work, while at the same time, a demand for workers exist. (The actual labor demand being 50 above the available supply at present.) The shortage of laborers seems to be the most critical labor shortage at this time and this is expected to increase as the number of construction jobs increase in the county.

On-The-Job Training for veterans is proving to be the answer to many employers' employment problems, said H. W. Winstead, U. S. E. office manager, and, at the same time, it trains the veteran for a job skill that is needed in the community. It has become nearly impossible to fill any orders for workers that pay less than 50 cents an hour as jobs are plentiful in the laboring classification at 60 cents an hour or more. The number of persons entering the labor market is also expected to decline as the number of men being released from the service has reached its peak and will be less and less from now on.

These Youngsters Made Good Showing In League



Pictured above are the players, coaches, managers, mascot and others connected with the local American Legion junior baseball team which made a good record in the recent league schedule of play to determine the state champion team: Front row: left to right: Al Gilliam, manager; Mac Newsom, mascot; Vick, manager. Second row: left to right: Clifton Acree, second baseman; Dwight Elting, first baseman; Troy Hasty, pitcher-outfielder; Bobby Oakes, second baseman, who broke his leg in the Durham game; Billy White, outfielder; Billy Wood, utility; Leo Rabil, pitcher-outfielder.

Standing: Commander C. C. Churchill; Sherman Deaton, third baseman; Captain Vance Stewart, shortstop; Haynes Lowder, right fielder; Coach M. C. Newsom, Jr.; Ruben Slade, outfielder; Robert Wright, catcher; Lloyd Williams, Jr., outfielder; athletic officer, F. S. Kemp.

Absent when picture was made: Assistant coach Jack Vincent; James McDaniel, Jr., utility; James Hux, catcher, and Pat Edwards, pitcher-infielder.

Team batting honors went to James Hux and Troy Hasty with a .333 average each, closely followed by Capt. Stewart, .273, and Dwight Elting, .261.

The team ended the season with a 6-4 win-loss record, defeating the league leaders, Durham and Wilson.

Negro Being Held Charge Of Stabbing

Leewood Ivey, 17-year-old negro, is being held in Halifax County jail without privilege of bond charged with stabbing Henry Brown, 23, another negro.

The affray occurred last Friday night at the John Armstrong school gymnasium where a negro dance was being held by the Negro VFW Post.

Brown is in Roanoke Rapids Hospital in a serious condition. Ivey was arrested this morning in Weldon by Officer M. T. Rogers of the Roanoke Rapids police department and Officer Ward of Weldon.

It Cost Lashley \$42.75 to Speed

Samuel Lashley, negro, had been out on "a date" last Friday night and he, with two negro friends, was taking the girls home. Lashley ran into trouble at Eleventh and Roanoke Avenue when he "ran through a red traffic light." Officer Rogers whistled at him, but Lashley kept going. He was finally overtaken on the Weldon road by police, who say the negro was driving about 60 or 65 miles per hour.

Judge Daniels gave him a fine of \$20 and cost after Lashley voluntarily surrendered his driving license for three months. It cost him a total of \$42.75.

Spraying Of Homes With DDT Starts Next Week

The second spraying of homes in Roanoke Rapids with DDT will get under way next week, it was announced today. The first spraying, which was held the early part of the year, was very successful in destroying insects, especially flies, said a spokesman in charge of the work. This second spraying should certainly complete the job.

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 houses before the spraying crew arrives. Advance notice of the arrival of the crew will provide occupants with sufficient time to make last-minute arrangements.

Here are some of the important instructions to follow:

- Move all furniture toward center of rooms.
- Remove pictures and mirrors from walls and place them face down on tables or beds.
- Remove clothes from closets. Put out all fires.
- 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.
- Remove curtains and draperies (not shades).
- If the house is ready when the

Election On Bond Issue Next Tuesday

The special election on the question of issuing \$200,000 in bonds for sewerage and water extensions in the Roanoke Rapids Sanitary District will be held next Tuesday. The polls will open at 6:30 a. m. and remain open until 6:30 p. m.

Only those who reside in the sanitary district and who registered for the election as provided by law will be allowed to cast their ballots.

An official spokesman for the city said this morning that only a small number of people registered for the election.

"If you are registered," said the spokesman, "and you don't go to the polls and cast your ballot, it will be a vote against the bonds."

Following are the voting places: Precinct No. 1—Warehouse on Second street, in rear of old Boston & Hub Store.

Precinct No. 2—Municipal Fire Station.

Precinct No. 3—Rosemary grade school, corner of 11th and Hamilton streets.

Radford's Band Will Play Here

Dickey Radford's all-veteran orchestra will play at a dance here on Friday night, August 16. The dance is being sponsored by the Ladies' Auxiliary of VFW Post, No. 3702, and will be held in the Armory.

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