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## Merchants Membership Meeting Splendid Outing

The Roanoke Rapids Merchants Association held its annual membership meeting at the Country Club yesterday afternoon. It was a splendid outing for the membership, despite the small crowd. Delicious barbecue and Brunswick stew were served with iced soft drinks.

After the dinner Graham Shell introduced the guest speaker for the occasion, Paul Scarborough of the public relations department of the Seaboard Railway.

Mr. Scarborough spoke at length on the relationship between employer and employee and stressed politeness, friendliness and service to the public. He delighted his hearers with several splendid jokes to illustrate his address. It was by far one of the finest speeches heard by the association members in many years.

After Mr. Scarborough's address and adjournment several of the members "took" to the links for an afternoon of golf.

## Health Rules For Children First Year In Public School

Rules on health requirements for children who will enter public schools of Halifax County for the first time are set forth in the following article by Dr. Robert F. Young, county health officer:

"It is less than a month now when children begin their daily treks to school throughout the county. Children entering school for the first time must have been adequately immunized for diphtheria, and must present certificates for same from their family physician or the Health Department.

"Diphtheria in particular has been on a rampage in North Carolina since 1945, and all children under six years of age must be immunized for this disease if it is to be controlled. Last year there was a 125 per cent increase in diphtheria in North Carolina, and already this year there has been a 23 per cent increase over 1946.

"All beginners who cannot present satisfactory evidence of adequate immunization for diphtheria and smallpox will be denied entrance to school until these immunizations have been completed as required by North Carolina law. Even without a law, we would be justified in following this policy in order to control diphtheria. Smallpox can come back, too, if satisfactory community immunity is not maintained. This is a final warning to parents to make certain that the above requirements have been met."

## Leaves Germany

Lt. Col. Daisy McCommons sailed from Germany August 1 and is now enroute home for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. McCommons. She is expected to arrive about the middle of this month.

## Light Docket Faces Court Last Tuesday

Judge Charles Daniels of Halifax County Recorder's Court disposed of a light docket last Tuesday. Cases heard by the court and sentences imposed follow:

Thurman Whitehead, colored, of Scotland Neck, was given 10 months on the roads for abandonment and non-support.

Willie Spruill, colored, of Macon, plead guilty to speeding and prayer for judgment was continued on payment of a fine of \$15 and the costs.

Herman Davis, colored, of Enfield, was found guilty of non-support and was ordered to pay the court costs and the sum of \$9.06 each week for the support of the two infant children of Callie Moore.

Arthur Lee Williams and George Bowers, colored, of Hobgood, charged with assault with a deadly weapon. Bowers was found not guilty and prayer for judgment as to Williams was continued upon payment of the costs and the sum of \$11.50 for doctor's bill and on further condition he remain of good behavior for two years.

Junius Ramsey Harris, charged with driving while drunk, requested jury trial and his case was transferred to Superior Court.

Mason Cherry, William Lee Smith and Colonel Smith, colored, were found guilty of gambling and were each given eight months on the roads, to be suspended upon payment of one-third the costs and a fine of \$25 each and Mason Cherry to pay the sum of \$9.00 for Freddie Green.

Bernard Kee, colored, of Garysburg, was found guilty of driving while drunk and was fined \$50 and costs. License revoked for 12 months.

Buster Webb, McKinley Webb, John Lamb, Daniel Pugh, Napoleon Robinson and Ernest Hawkins plead guilty to gambling and judgment was suspended on payment of one-sixth the costs each.

Ossie Alston, colored, of Littleton, was fined \$15 and the costs for driving without license.

Joe Jordan, white, of Hollister, was fined \$50 and the costs and license revoked for 12 months for driving while under the influence of liquor.

## What Is News?

(News & Observer)

Charles A. Dana once said: "It is not news if a dog bites a man, but it would be news if a man bites a dog."

There was a time when divorces were frowned upon and they were few and far between. But now, alas, there are so many that The Roanoke Rapids Herald prints these big headlines as news:

**MORE MARRIAGES THAN DIVORCES IN COUNTY LAST YEAR**

## Want Six Pounds Of Bacon, Free?

Don't get excited, it isn't true! Not now! fountain pen and \$5.00. Earl however, when Earl Shaw and Donald Bennett were in New York recently.

The two young men were on a quiz program, "The Better Half." Donald won a Reynolds fountain pen and \$5.00. Earl won six pounds of bacon and \$3.00. This happened two days before they planned to return home. Realizing the bacon might "spile" they decided to get rid of it. After several attempts which failed, they finally called the management of the hotel at which they were staying and talked him into taking it off their hands absolutely free.

Thinking something "fishy" about the "deal," the hotel manager rushed a bellhop up to the room to claim his six pounds of "hard-to-get" bacon.

## Bus Windshield Is Smashed By Quail

A near serious accident occurred last Thursday afternoon when a quail flying across the highway between Warrenton and Louisburg collided with the windshield of a Trailway bus that left Roanoke Rapids at 2:10 p. m. The windshield was smashed and pieces of broken glass were hurled into the bus. The only injury was to the driver, his hand being cut. A number of people from Roanoke Rapids were on the vehicle at the time going to Raleigh.

## Service Office Aids Veterans

Citizens are anxious to do all possible for returning veterans and much assistance has come through Service Officer Frank A. Cole, Jr.

Interviewing Mr. Cole this week it was learned that one hundred forty five veterans called at that office during the month of July for advice and assistance. The action taken on these bases including interviews, filing applications, letters for veterans long distance telephone calls on behalf of the veteran and other services totaled 256 different forms of service.

The largest number of requests this month concerned applications for on the job training, followed by requests for pensions or increases in pensions, educational benefits, hospitalization, insurance reinstatements or changing of beneficiary, loans under the G. I. Bill of Rights and out-patient care.

As the Service Office did not officially open until June 1 the number of veteran callers for July was 45 over the amount for June. It is expected that this number will increase each month. Mr. Cole expressed the desire for all veterans to feel free to call at the office concerning any problem they may have. It is the purpose of this office to assist veterans in any way possible.

## Donald Gray Hearing Set August 19th

Donald Gray, white man, ran afoul the law last week and as a result will be given a hearing in Mayor's court on Monday, August 19.

Gray is charged with using profane and indecent language in a public place, attempting to assault Aubrey Johnson with a bottle, resisting arrest and assaulting Officer C. A. Ball with his fists.

Officer Ball received painful injuries in the melee before Gray was subdued.

Hearing on the charges was postponed from last Monday's docket in Mayor's court.

## Formal Opening Of Betty Shoppe

The Betty Shoppe, one of the most attractive stores in Roanoke Rapids had its formal opening today. The building was formerly the Jack Weissner Store and was completely remodeled and enlarged by L. S. "Pete" Garner, local contractor. The blue and cream carriage front offers an appealing note to the terrazo entrance which leads into this modern store featuring a complete line of all ladies ready-to-wear. The tile-tex floors and the modernistic lighting of this shop will make shopping a real pleasure for everyone. According to W. G. Mullins, manager of the Betty Shop, the store will feature Swansdown ladies suits and will employ six clerks regularly.

## Believe Child Is Paralysis Victim

According to information given out today by the Halifax County Health Department, a three-year-old white child in Roanoke Rapids is believed to be a victim of infantile paralysis. The child's name and its parents are being withheld until a definite diagnosis is made.

This is the first case of poliomyelitis reported in the city this year. Parents are urged by Health Department officials not to "get excited," but to take the necessary precautions to safeguard their children.

No indications of an epidemic of this dread disease in the state has thus far appeared.

## Flounder Caught In Roanoke River

The unusual "fish stories" has come up again. This time it isn't about the longest or the biggest "fish I ever caught," but it concerns a small flounder caught in a fish basket last Saturday morning by Eddie Gibson just above the bridge behind the power plant.

A flounder, it is said, is strictly a salt water fish, but Eddie had proof of his "catch" and plenty of witnesses to swear to it.

It just goes to show you never can tell what a fish will do.

## Light Vote Is Cast Tuesday In Election

The special election held Tuesday for the purpose of passing on the question of issuing \$200,000 for sewerage and water system improvements of the Roanoke Rapids Sanitary District, drew only a small number of votes to the polls.

Final tabulations show: For bond issue 248; against, 4. Only 324 people who reside in the district registered for the election. This is a very small percentage of the population. However, under the law, a new registration must be held and a majority of those registered must vote for the issue to declare it legal.

Bids for the work are now being asked and as soon as the "lowest bid" is approved and materials and equipment can be purchased and delivered the work on the project will begin. It is estimated that it will possibly require from eight to twelve months to complete the work.

## Herman Browning Is Made Captain

Recently promoted to captain in the Army Air Forces at Ladd Field, Alaska, where he has been stationed for eight months, was Herman T. Browning, 222 Hamilton Street, Roanoke Rapids. At present, Capt. Browning is the Commanding Officer of Squadron "D" at the northern air base, which served as a focal point for ferrying planes to Russia during the war.

## Grady T. Brewer Gets Discharge

Grady T. Brewer, Jr., USNR, 1023 Franklin Street, Roanoke Rapids, has been given an honorable discharge from the service, according to information received this week from the Naval Personnel Separation Center at Jacksonville, Fla.

## Sugar Still Very Scarce

OPA District Director Theodore S. Johnson today urged housewives to keep a sharp curb on the family's sweet tooth — for the rest of the year at least.

"Treat your sugar as you would a store of gold dust," Johnson said. "It's that precious and it is going to continue precious for several months."

According to the Secretary of Agriculture, Johnson explained, sugar will not be off the scarce list before 1947.

Estimates show that if supplies were ample, Americans would consume eight million tons of sugar this year with our increased population and buying power, he said, but the total coming in will be just under five and a half million tons.

Johnson stressed the importance of using the canning sugar allowance for preserving fruit rather than for making jams and jellies, adding that every bit of food saved for next winter's table will do its part towards relieving a critical food supply.