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Parents and Sisters Slain By Germans

Hearing from his sisters in Russia for the first time since hostilities began in Europe, Harold Bloom, Roanoke Rapids merchant has learned that his father and mother, his two sisters and their families met tragic deaths during World War 11.

The sister and her family moved farther into Russia as the war progressed, thereby escaping death. One daughter, being sick and unable to travel was later shot by the Germans.

Since the war's end, the sister went to Lithuania, the home of her parents and a sister and her family, and there learned that they had all been killed by the Germans. When she went to Poland, she learned that her other sister and her family had been locked in their home and burned alive.

Mr. Bloom has three brothers in this country who came here years ago. They are Morris A. Bloom of Lawrenceville and Charlie and David Bloom of Emporia.

Revival Services In Holiness Tent

A series of Pentecostal Holiness meetings are being held under a tent in Weldon at the end of Elm street near the Oil Mill. Services are conducted at 7:45 each night by Rev. J. Albert Taylor and J. L. Parker. The public is invited.

Revival Services At Pierce Church

Revival services will begin next Sunday night at Pierce Methodist Church, according to an announcement made today. The services will begin each night at 8 o'clock. Rev. O. L. Hardwick, pastor of the Jackson Methodist Church, will be the guest minister.

Killebrew Will Be Speaker Sunday

"Religion as a Peacemaker", with the questions: "Can religion win the peace?" and "Does her record qualify her for the role?" will be the theme of an address by J. T. Killebrew at Kingdom Hall, Fifth and Monroe streets next Sunday at 3 p. m. The public is invited.

Draft Boards Are Moved To Halifax by State Director

By order of the state director of selective service the two Halifax County draft boards will be moved to Halifax and will occupy the same office space in the county office building.

The move will be made Tuesday, September 6, and after that date the office of the local, No. 1 in the Kidd building will be closed. The two boards will retain their identity and have the same clerks that are now serving them.

Local Board No. 1 will consist of R. Hunter Pope, chairman; D.

Half Holiday Is Continued By Merchants

The Wednesday afternoon closing of the stores in the city which has been in effect for the past summer months, will be continued through the month of September, it was announced today.

This action was taken at a board of directors' meeting of the Roanoke Rapids Merchants Association held in the office of the secretary last Tuesday afternoon.

The half Wednesday holiday has been an annual custom here for many years. The buying public is asked by the merchants to keep in mind the continued Wednesday afternoon closing of the stores through this month.

More Men Join The U. S. Army

To date the following men from this district have enlisted in the U. S. Army or U. S. Army Air Corps for the month of August: Edison G. Peed, 210 Monroe Street, Roanoke Rapids, U. S. Army, enlistment of eighteen months. Reported to Ft. Bragg on August 2.

Raymond G. Pike, Route 1, Littleton, U. S. Army Air Corps, enlistment of three years. Reported to Pope Field, Ft. Bragg on August 5.

James E. Little, Gumberry, U. S. Army, enlistment for eighteen months. Reported to Ft. Bragg on August 8.

Donald L. Riggs, Gumberry, U. S. Army Air Corps, enlistment of three years. Reported to Pope Field, Ft. Bragg on August 8.

Carl J. Riggan, Littleton, U. S. Army Air Corps, enlistment of three years. Reported to Pope Field, Ft. Bragg on August 19.

George W. Perry, Littleton, U. S. Army Air Corps, enlistment of three years. Reported to Pope Field, Ft. Bragg on August 19.

William J. Rowell, Rich Square, U. S. Army, enlistment of eighteen months. Reported to Ft. Bragg on August 19.

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New Case Polio Has Been Found

Another case of infantile paralysis has been reported in Halifax County, said Dr. Robert F. Young, district health officer. The victim is a white child, age 2, living near Halifax. The case is a mild one, said Dr. Young, and complete recovery is expected.

W. Seifert and T. W. Mullin. Board No. 2 will be composed of R. Hunter Pope, chairman; A. Stuart H. Smith and Thomas B. Moss.

For the convenience of the 18-year-old men who must still register, the following men will fill out registration cards for local board No. 1: D. W. Seifert, Weldon; O. L. Currin, Littleton, and T. W. Mullin, Roanoke Rapids. This will relieve these young men of the necessity of making the trip to Halifax for the purpose of registering.

Equipment To Be Increased For 'Phones

The Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Company building in Roanoke Rapids is being considerably enlarged in order to make room for much new equipment to be installed. This new equipment is being added to alleviate the congested telephone traffic in the city.

Mrs. Martha Herring, local commercial manager, is probably more happy about the improvement than any one else. Asked how she felt about it she replied: "I'll be so happy when it's finished and the new equipment is installed. Then I can say 'yes' instead of 'no' to my friends here when they ask if they can get a telephone."

Getting a telephone has been quite a problem not only in Roanoke Rapids, but throughout the country, caused by a shortage of badly needed material for the manufacture of telephone equipment.

Completion of the project will probably take five or six months, it was said by a spokesman for the company.

New Agency Opens Office

McRae Faison and Carlton Cannon have formed a new insurance and real estate firm—Faison-Cannon Agency, Inc., and will open next Monday in new offices at 253 Roanoke Avenue, next to WCBT radio station. Mr. Faison has been active in the insurance and real estate business in this city for several years. Cannon is a World War II veteran, a graduate of the University of North Carolina and was formerly connected with the Smith Hotel here before it was burned. The agency will conduct a general insurance and real estate business.

Fire Truck Bumps Into Automobile

Answering a call last night to the carnival grounds on Tenth street where the ferris wheel was reported to be on fire the Department truck bumped into the rear of an automobile. No damage was done to either vehicle. The department answered another call this week to extinguish burning wires in a truck owned by Howerton Gowen Company. Slight damage was done.

Child Recovering From Pneumonia

Little Jo Ann Willis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Willis, is recovering in Roanoke Rapids Hospital from a serious attack of pneumonia. She was hospitalized early last Saturday morning.

Piano Pupils Are Asked to Enroll

Brandal James, piano teacher will be at the High School Saturday for the purpose of registering piano students. Classes will begin Monday.

Wages Increased By Textile Mills

Dr. R. M. Bardin Going To Wilson

Dr. R. N. Bardin, connected with the Roanoke Mills Clinic here for the past six years, will leave with his family on September 1, for Wilson where he will be associated with Dr. Henry B. Best in the practice of his profession.

Dr. Bardin came here in September, 1940. His wife is the former Miss Ann Fitts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fitts.

Representative of CAA Visitor Here

A representative of the CAA from Charlotte met here last week-end with Dr. M. C. Maddrey, Junius Wrenn and Mayor Kelly Jenkins and discussed the building of the Halifax County Airport. The representative was very profuse in his praise of the site of the air field, saying that it was one of the finest natural fields in the country. Plans and specifications are now being completed. Federal funds are available and work on the Airport's completion is expected to start in a short while.

Episcopal Church Picnic on Friday

The families and friends of All Saints Episcopal Church are invited to the annual church and church school picnic for all adults and children in any way connected with the church. The purpose of this picnic is for fellowship in the church. All new comers are especially invited. The congregation will start from the Church on Roanoke Avenue at 5:30 P. M. and go to Weldon for a swim in the Weldon Community House pool at 6 P. M., before supper at 7 P. M. Each family is asked to bring its own basket supper and a cold drink, and bathing suits, if intending to go swimming. It is hoped that any one who can't come out earlier for the swimming will come out and join the congregation at supper.

Every one who has a car, if not full, is asked to come by the church at 5:30 P. M. and fill it up, so that no one need be left behind for lack of transportation.

Lost Shirt; Lost Address Is Cause of Much Concern

D. W. Effridge is a Boy Scout. He lives in Roanoke Rapids. He attended Camp Shawondasee in Chesterfield County, Virginia, this summer and was a member of Eagle Scout Phil Janosik's unit. When Effridge left camp he forgot one of his shirts. So he wrote Janosik and asked him to send it to him. Now, Janosik's in trouble. He lost Eff-

Increased wages for textile workers in Roanoke Rapids was announced this week by Roanoke Mills Company, Patterson Mills Company and Rosemary Manufacturing Company. The increase became effective last Monday.

It has been the policy of the textile mills here to pay the highest wages possible, consistent with manufacturing costs and the prices at which the mills are able to sell.

The minimum wage of 65 cents an hour, with the exception of learners and handicapped workers, is being increased to 73 cents per hour.

All other rates, whether hourly or piece work, are being increased up to 12.3 per cent, but in no case less than 8 cents an hour.

This makes a total of not less than 18 cents per hour general increase paid to textile employees in this city to date this year.

Banks Be Closed All Day Monday

The banks in the city will be closed all day next Monday, it was announced today. The occasion of the closing is in celebration of Labor Day.

Resume Sunday Night Services

Sunday evening services will be resumed at the First Methodist Church next Sunday night, it was announced today. The Youth Fellowship meeting will be at 7:15 and regular worship services start at 8. Beginning October 6 all evening services will begin 30 minutes earlier.

Roland DeBerry Given Discharge

Roland Clifton DeBerry of Seaboard, N. C., received his honorable discharge from the U. S. Army on August 23, at Ft. Bragg. Roland served for 23 months in the army, eighteen months of this time being spent in Italy.

Mrs. Mills Going With OPA Office

Mrs. Mary G. Mills has resigned from her position as secretary to the Halifax County Service Officer to accept a position with the Office of Price Administration in the Area Price Control Board in Roanoke Rapids.

ridge's address. So he wrote The Herald a letter asking its aid in finding Effridge, so he could send him his shirt.

So, if Scout Effridge will write Scout Janosik (306 North Third Avenue, Hopewell, Va.) he'll get his shirt, which is a valuable thing these days, even if it is a Scout shirt, and all will be happy again.