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Fair Starts Monday

The Halifax County Fair will throw open its gates next Monday at 12 noon at the Chockoyotte Racing and Fair grounds on the Country Club road between Weldon and Roanoke Rapids.

It will be a week of fun, frolic and recreation for the people of Halifax and Northampton counties and all who attend. From Monday morning until Saturday night there won't be a dull moment, according to those in charge of arrangements.

First off, of course, will be a visit to the agricultural exhibits, which it is believed, will be one of the best at any county fair. Then will come exciting horse races every afternoon, both running and driving. Entered in the races, three heats each, are said to be some of the finest and fastest race horses ever shown on a track in this section.

And for entertainment the world famous Triangle Shows will be on the midway with new and thrilling rides, new shows, games of all kinds, and free sensational acts the like of which have never been witnessed here before.

The fair this year is being managed and sponsored by the Veterans of Roanoke Rapids, Inc., and it is planned to make it an annual affair, enlarging it each year. From here on, it's your fair—be there!

Fall Fatal To Aged Woman

A serious hip injury suffered in a fall last week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George L. Hayes, 1101 Hamilton street, with whom she lived, proved fatal to Mrs. Charlena H. Hart, 83, who died in Roanoke Rapids Hospital Monday morning.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon from the Rosemary Baptist Church at 4:30 o'clock. Rev. B. Marshall White-Hurst, pastor, assisted by Rev. John M. Walker, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, officiated at the final rites. Interment was in Roanoke Rapids cemetery.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Virginia Shelton of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Alexander Dunlap of Knoxville, Tenn., and Mrs. George L. Hayes of this city; one sister, Mrs. Mae Grizzard, also of Roanoke Rapids, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Hart, oldest member of the Rosemary Baptist Church, had spent most of her life here and was known and loved by many people in the city.

Annual Banquet Saturday Night

The P. C. Club will hold its annual banquet Saturday night, Sept. 14, in the Blue Room of the Rosemary Cafe. All members are asked to meet at the club house.

Simmons Park Is Offered For Professional Baseball

The local Junior Chamber of Commerce today took another healthy step down the road toward acquiring organized baseball for Roanoke Rapids, when Frank Williams, vice-president and general manager of Roanoke and Patterson Mills extended the offer of a long-term lease to the Jaycees for use of Simmons Park.

Mr. Williams said that the mill companies are "behind the idea, and while we are not interested in selling the park outright, we are perfectly willing to offer a generous and 'very satisfactory' long term lease to the Jaycees or the corporation which the club brings together to promote the team."

The Jaycees have initiated efforts to secure a Coastal Plain League franchise for Roanoke Rapids, and have advanced plans for remodeling and enlarging the facilities of Simmons Park to accommodate at least 2,500 persons for night games.

A Jaycee delegation composed of President Jack Vincent, Treasurer Frank Neal and Directors M. C. Newsom and Jesse Helms conferred with Mr. Williams about the matter.

Mr. Williams said that he was not prepared "at the moment" to offer definite terms to the Jaycees concerning the Simmons Park transaction, but he assured that it would be a "desirable offer—probably more desirable than you boys had hoped for."

Meanwhile, the Jaycees continued their correspondence with various baseball officials with re-

gards to Roanoke Rapids obtaining a franchise in the Coastal Plain League. Of course, there is nothing concrete that any official could offer at the present time, because the league meeting to determine the league's status next season is still several months off.

However, the club has been assured of support by all officials contacted, and Roanoke Rapids has been endorsed as a potentially good location for a league franchise.

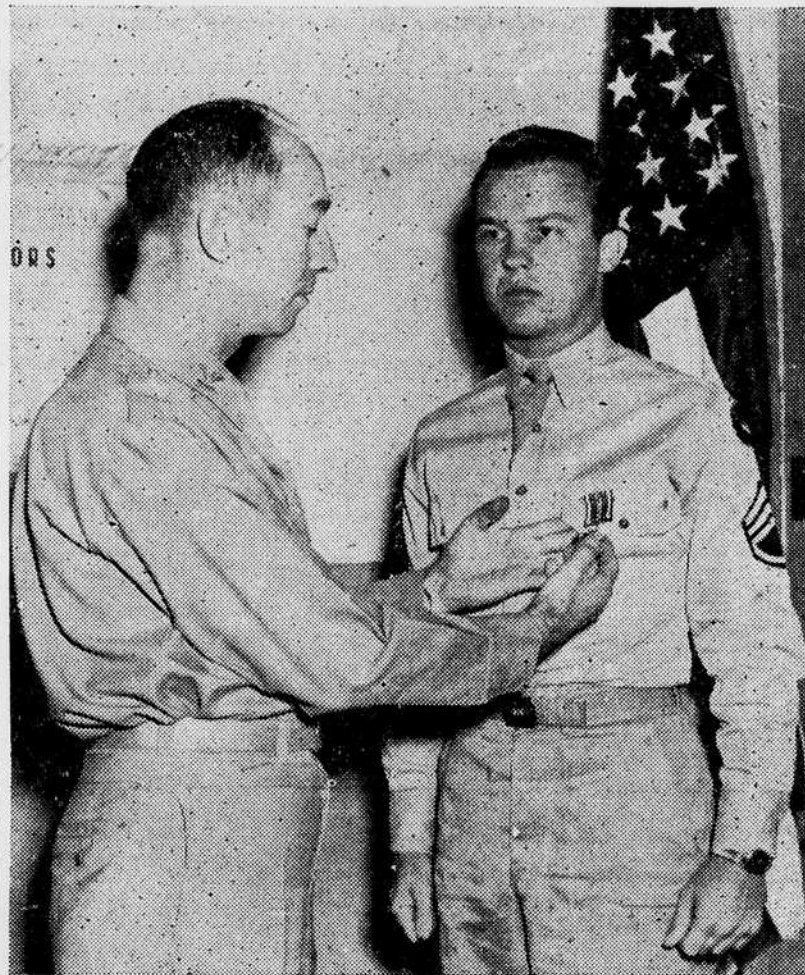
The Jaycees will not sponsor the entry as a club, but rather, will bring together business men who have long been seeking such an investment. Verbal pledges of financial support sufficient to carry the initial load have been made.

If the plan is complete, the Jaycees contemplate a \$12,500 lighting system—one of the best in the (Continued on page 8—Sect. A.)

Morgan Gets Road Term

Lee Morgan, white man, tried last week in Roanoke Rapids Recorder's Court for abandonment of his wife and children and non-support, and who was given a suspended sentence by Judge Charles R. Daniels, ran afoul of the law again Saturday night. Morgan was arrested by police about midnight and charged with assaulting his wife. Haled into Halifax Recorder's Court last Tuesday he was found guilty and sentenced to the roads for a period of four months.

Staff Sergt. Searce Winner Distinguished Flying Cross



Staff Sergeant Lester H. Searce, Jr., son of Lester H. Searce of 411 Madison street, Roanoke Rapids, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism in the Battle of the Bonin Islands, the War Department has announced.

Staff Sergeant Searce, who recently re-enlisted in the Army Air Forces and is now stationed at Westover Field, Mass., as a radio operator on one of the Air Transport Command's huge C-54 transports which are engaged in carrying mail and supplies to occupation forces in Europe, was presented with the medal by Colonel Cortlandt S. Johnson, Westover Field base commander, during recent ceremonies at that base.

The award reads, in part: "Sergeant Searce, as a crew member of a heavy bombardment type aircraft, participated in a highly successful medium altitude mine laying mission against the Bonin Islands.

"The material construction of the mines necessitated extremely low altitude flying, and, despite the danger of both heavy and medium anti-aircraft weapons around the enemy-held harbor, the mining was carried out so successfully that the supplying of the enemy for development of bases on this island was definitely retarded.

"Notwithstanding the intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire and the possibility of interception by the enemy aircraft of fighter type, the mission was successfully completed.

"The cool courage in the face of great danger, the high degree of professional skill and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant

Searce exemplifies the highest traditions of the Army Air Forces."

Staff Sergeant Searce, who enlisted in the Army Air Forces a few days after Pearl Harbor, served throughout the war as a member of the 42nd Bombardment Squadron of the Seventh Air Force and participated in the raids on such Japanese strongholds as Funafuti, Guam, Iwo Jima and Tarawa after seeing service during the critical battle of the Midway Islands.

A graduate of Roanoke Rapids high school S/Sgt. Searce climbed to the position of Technical Sergeant within a year after enlisting. Discharged in July, 1945, he re-enlisted last May with the rating of Staff Sergeant. In addition to the Distinguished Flying Cross, Staff Sergeant Searce wears the Air Medal with eight oakleaf clusters, the Asiatic-Pacific theatre ribbon with three battle stars, the Good Conduct medal and the Victory medal.

Lieut. Harbour Is Home on Visit

Lt. Clarence C. Harbour, son of Dr. and Mrs. E. D. Harbour, is home for thirty days. He is a graduate of the Roanoke Rapids High School and entered service in June 1942. For the past thirteen months he has been on an aircraft carrier in the Pacific, China, Siapan, Philippines, and Guam islands areas.

He wears the distinguished flying cross with one star, air medal, victory ribbon, Philippine liberation medal with one star, American Theatre, and Asiatic-Pacific ribbons. He will report to Alameda, Calif., for further orders.

Classes Will Start Monday For Veterans

Following a meeting in the Roanoke Rapids High School auditorium last Saturday, attended by forty six veterans, a schedule of classes has been arranged.

The following list of subjects showing the time and place the class will meet is complete except for the class in welding. This class will be started at a later date because certain wiring needs to be done in the high school machine shop before the class begins.

All veterans who enrolled on Saturday will be notified by letter when to come to class. Any other veteran interested in enrolling in any class can do so by attending the first class meeting. Anyone wishing a subject not listed below, should contact the superintendent's office, telephone R-337. If there is sufficient demand, other classes will be organized.

Each veteran, when he comes to class for the first time, should bring with him his "Certificate of Eligibility and Entitlement". The Veterans' Service Officer in the armory will help him make application for the certificate if he has not already done so. If application has been made, but certificate not received, the veteran should attend the first class anyway, and bring in the certificate (Continued on page 8—Sect. A.)

Dr. Swalin Is Club Speaker

Dr. Benjamin Swalin, music director of the North Carolina Symphony Society and conductor of the North Carolina Symphony who appeared in concert here last May, was the guest speaker of the Business & Professional Women's Club at their regular dinner meeting last Tuesday evening, at the Woman's Club. Spearheading the fall drive of the North Carolina Symphony Society, Dr. Swalin delivered an inspiring message in behalf of good music. Accompanying Dr. Swalin was representative of the Symphony Society, A. Piktis, alumnus of the University of North Carolina. The program was under the direction of Miss Ruth Transou, public affairs chairman of the club.

Mrs. M. A. Garris, president of the Weldon Music Club; Mrs. Raleigh Daniel and Mrs. W. A. China, members of the Music Club were also guests of the Business & Professional Women's Club.

During the dinner a gift was presented to Miss Virginia Blount, a charter member of the Roanoke Rapids Business & Professional Women's Club, who is leaving the city next Sunday to accept a position as Executive Secretary of the North Carolina State Nutrition Board in Raleigh.

Before adjournment of the meeting, announcement was made of the business meeting of the Club to be held September 24, at 7:30 P. M., in the Clubhouse.