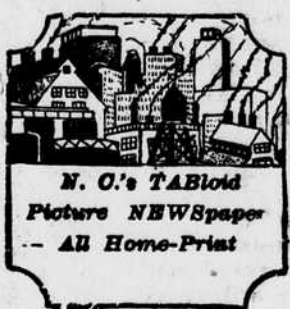


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Fire Causes Heavy Loss Rose's Store Last Friday

Fire of undetermined origin broke out in the second floor of the building occupied by Rose's five and ten-cent store last Friday morning doing an estimated damage to the building and stock of goods of between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

The alarm was sounded at 7:45 o'clock and when firemen reached the scene heavy clouds of black smoke were boiling from the front and rear of the building. Firemen laid several lines of hose and steadily fought the stubborn blaze burning fiercely on the second floor which was heavily stocked with Christmas goods.

Plans are already under way for reopening the store. This is the second time Rose's has suffered heavy loss by fire since opening in Roanoke Rapids, the first being Monday morning, December 21, 1942.

The local fire department was aided by the Weldon department and several of the retired local fire fighters, for which, said Fire Chief King, "we wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation."

While the fire was confined to the second story of the building where the heaviest damage was done, smoke and water did considerable damage to the street floor of the store and the stock of goods.

Crawford Deese Is New Officer

Crawford Deese, formerly chief of police at Gibsonville, has been added to the Roanoke Rapids police department as an officer on the night shift, it was announced today. Deese came highly recommended.

Cpl. Epperson Given Discharge

Corp. Nora A. Epperson, daughter of Mrs. J. S. Barrett of this city, has been given her discharge from the armed forces, after 17 months service. She had been stationed for some time at Randolph Field.

Robertson Visits City Last Tuesday

John W. Robertson, Field Assistant of the Rocky Mount Social Security Office, who spent Tuesday, November 19, in Roanoke Rapids, said that local claimants were keeping him busy in his weekly itinerant station here. He explained that he could be found every Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 p. m., at the Employment Service Office.

Mr. Robertson declared that although there are over 400 people in Halifax County drawing monthly Social Security payments of over \$63,600.00 a year, he was sure there were some others who should get in touch with him or his office to inquire about the program.

Roanoke River Basin Association Directors Meet



The picture above was taken at Danville, Va., where directors of the newly formed Roanoke River Basin Association met to consider plans for promoting the multi-purpose flood control dams for the Roanoke River and tributaries, as proposed by the U. S. Army Engineers. Left to right: Eric W. Rogers, Scotland Neck; Bolling Lambeth, Bedford, Va.; H. A. Ford, Martinsville, Va.; Frank C. Williams, Roanoke Rapids; G. B. Updike, Danville, Va.; C. S. Alexander, Scotland Neck; M. L. Hardie, Clover, Va. Absent when the picture was taken were three directors: Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn, Woodland, N. C.; Senator Y. M. Hodges, South Hill, Va.; and F. C. Bedinger, Boyden, Va.

County Ranks High Among TB Deaths

Tuberculosis is rapidly becoming a popular topic of conversation in Halifax County because of the approaching county-wide chest X-ray survey designed to X-ray everybody in the county 15 years of age and over.

In North Carolina Halifax County ranks among the counties with the highest death rate from tuberculosis, having an annual death rate of 58 over the period of five years, 1941-1945. During this same period there was a total of 158 cases reported and 112 deaths reported. It has been estimated that from each death there are 10 cases, and of these only 158 were reported. People sometimes go along for weeks or months without knowing they have tuberculosis because the symptoms of the disease are not apparent in its early stage. Yet the disease is gradually growing worse all this time and the original victim may be spreading it to others, for tuberculosis is contracted from people who have it.

"If we are to prevent the spread of tuberculosis and restore the health of individuals who already have the disease," said Dr. Robert F. Young, health officer, "we must find the 'unknown' case. If we find this 'unknown' case while the disease is in the early stage, before there are outward symptoms, the individual has the best chance of recovery. Since we cannot depend upon symptoms to warn us of tuberculosis, we must turn to the X-ray. X-ray pictures reveal the presence of tuberculosis even in its early stage, and X-raying apparently healthy people we can find the unknown cases of tuberculosis which are a threat to the individuals and to the communities in Halifax County." Watch for the dates the mobile units are to be in this city.

County Board Ousts Freuler

At a special meeting of the Halifax County Board of Commissioners held last Monday afternoon Robert Freuler, superintendent of the County Home since May, 1939, was ousted from his job. His removal to become effective on or before January 1, 1947.

Commissioner Meade H. Mitchell, in casting the only dissenting vote against the removal of Freuler, asked that his objections be put on record stating that he opposed the "firing of Mr. and Mrs. Freuler without notice, without a hearing and without cause." Mr. Mitchell stated that Mr. and Mrs. Freuler had given the County Home the best supervision and management in its history. He said he had regularly visited the County Home for the past sixteen years and he was speaking from personal knowledge of the conditions. He stated that the Grand Jury had continually praised the efficient conditions of the home under Mr. and Mrs. Freuler's supervision, and their reports praising them were on record in the Office of the Clerk of the Court. He further stated "the Board of County Commissioners should not gamble with the welfare of the aged and unfortunate citizens of the County by placing an inexperienced man in charge."

Mr. and Mrs. I. P. Bryant were named by the commissioners to operate the home with salaries between the two being set at \$200 per month.

Superior Court Starts Monday

A mixed term of Halifax County Superior Court will begin next Monday. Judge R. Hunt Parker of Roanoke Rapids will be the presiding jurist.

'Stolen' Car Owner Is Yet To Be Found

The latter part of May a 1939 model Pontiac convertible automobile was found by the police department abandoned on the streets of the city.

Believing the car to have been stolen officers have checked every angle, but as yet the owner has not been found. Having had the car in its possession since the time it was found abandoned the department last week took up the question of its disposal with Harry McMullan, state's attorney general. Mr. McMullan, in a ruling sent the department, says: When personal property seized or confiscated by sheriffs, police officers

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Thanksgiving Day Will Be Observed By Stores in City

Roanoke Rapids stores, banks, city offices and the post office will observe Thanksgiving Day next Thursday as a full holiday.

All grocery stores and barber shops which observe a half holiday on Wednesday the year round will be open all day next Wednesday but closed with the other business houses on Thursday.

Business will be resumed as usual Friday morning.

Double Funeral Services Are Held For Accident Victims

Double funeral services were held last Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Williams Funeral Home for Robert Lee Black, 46, and George D. Watkins, 48, both of this city who were killed in an explosion of a gas-operated banana ripening chamber in a Columbia, S. C., produce market last Thursday morning. The two men had gone to the South Carolina city for a load of produce. Services were conducted by Rev. Gordon Price, pastor of the First Baptist Church. Interment was in Roanoke Rapids cemetery.

Mr. Watkins came to Roanoke Rapids in 1936 from Henderson and had been employed by the Patterson Mills Company. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ora Black Watkins; one daughter, Mrs. C. B. Frasher; one son, John E. Watkins, and one grandson, John E. Watkins, Jr.; a brother,

Charlie Watkins, all of the home; four sisters, Mrs. Tom Brooks of Roanoke Rapids; Mrs. Sarah Ellington, Mrs. M. J. Johnson of Henderson, Mrs. Dick Wortham of Raleigh.

Mr. Black had lived in Roanoke Rapids practically all his life. He was in the produce business. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Annie Tanner Black; two sons, John David and Robert Oliver, of the home; two sisters, Mrs. Ora B. Watkins of Roanoke Rapids, Mrs. Mary Gates of Weldon, and one brother, John Black of Roanoke Rapids.

The blast took a toll of three other lives in addition to Black and Watkins. They were: Nolan W. Wessells, operator of the wholesale produce business; Arville Gantt of Pelion, and J. C. Abernathy of Inman, S. C.

Several other persons were severely injured by the explosion.

Sunday Services At Church of God

The Church of God, West 8th street, announces an all-day service and dedication of the parsonage next Sunday. Special musicians and singers will be present for the occasion and dinner on the ground will be a feature.

In Hospital

Mrs. Dorothy Shearin, city clerk, is recovering in Roanoke Rapids Hospital from an appendectomy performed last Monday.

Local Boy Plays With Navy Band

The United States Navy Band from Washington, D. C., under the direction of Lt. Charles Brendler, played concerts in the Virginia Theatre in Harrisburg, Va., and at Shenandoah College. This band had been on an eight weeks tour and had previously been in Raleigh, N. C., and other large cities in the east. Edward Taylor, a local boy and four other students from Shenandoah College had the honor to play with the Navy Band during both concerts.