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## PLAYERS EXPECTED MONDAY

### Negro Asks Cashier For Two Checks; Now In Jail

Edward Burnett, 20-year-old negro employee of the Halifax Paper Company, wasn't satisfied with working for the company and drawing his own pay check in return for his labors. Burnett wanted more so he decided, it is alleged, that he would collect someone else's check in addition to his own.

According to the police, Burnett would go in and ask the cashier for the pay check of a certain number, say 46. The cashier, looking up the check, would ask for the right name on it and Burnett promptly supplied it. Then, say officers, the negro would wait until the cashier had been relieved for a few minutes and then go in and ask for his own. He got away with it at least twice, but is now in jail pending release under \$300 bond for larceny.

Merchants who cashed the checks will be the losers, because when the paper company found out about it, payment on the checks was promptly ordered stopped at the bank.

### Eddie Gibson Is Recovering

Eddie Gibson, shot through the chest, allegedly by Vance Beard on Saturday night, March 8, in an affray between Gibson and his brother, Lewis, and Beard at latter's store in Gaston, was released from Roanoke Rapids Hospital today.

The Gibson brothers are being held under bonds of \$500 each for their appearance in Northampton County Superior Court on charges of an affray with a deadly weapon in which bodily harm was done.

### 12 Divorces Are Granted

Twelve divorce degrees were granted in Halifax Superior Court this week with Judge Walter J. Bone of Nashville presiding.

They are: Alva Mae King from James King, Moses Easter from Mary Powell Easter, Ella Rae Daniel from Claude Daniel, Paul Smith from Roxie Smith, James Gary from Lillie Gary, with Gary getting custody of his two minor children, Willie Henderson Hardy from Ruth Ellen Hawkins Hardy, Archie Lawrence Williamson from Margaret Ray Williamson, Willis W. Mabry from Nancy Edwards Mabry, Andrew Jackson Harris from Bessie Bunn Harris, Jessie Hazelizer Lynch from Montie Coker, Grady Coker from Margaret Hawkins Hux.

### Tillery Held Up by Negro, \$20 Is Taken

Walter Tillery, 32-year-old negro man of near Enfield, was robbed last Tuesday morning by a negro man and woman. According to Tillery's story, told to Dr. E. D. Harbour, the negro had just arrived on the bus from his home and was on his way to Dr. Harbour's office to get a pair of glasses he had there.

Tillery was accosted by a negro man near the Rosemary Drug Company and was asked to come with him, he had some lots to show him that could be bought cheap. Tillery went with the negro and near the railroad tracks on Tenth street they were joined by a negro woman. At this point Tillery said, the man pulled a pistol on him and told him to hand over his money. Tillery said: "I pulled out my pocketbook and the woman took it and got a \$20 bill, all I had, 'cept a one dollar bill and some change, which she left."

Tillery, about two hours later went to Dr. Harbour's office and told his story. Dr. Harbour suggested he call the police, but the negro said he "didn't know any of 'em."

The Negro man, Tillery said, this morning, when seen by a Herald reporter, was wearing a dark brown overcoat, dark brown coat under it and light brown trousers. He appeared to be about 40 years old. The woman was dressed in a black coat with fur down the front and had "a mouth full of gold."

### Heart Attack Is Fatal To Negro "Grave Digger"

Willie Sims, about 52 years old, a "grave digger" for J. R. Wrenn funeral home, went to work Saturday, March 8, to prepare a grave. It was snowing rather hard, and Willie continued his work — not realizing that he probably was digging his last grave and that someone else would dig his. Sims suffered a heart attack while working and as a result died last Sunday night at his home near Patterson Mills.

### Club President Extends His Thanks for Fine Cooperation

Now that the opening of the Coastal Plain League season is approaching, the Roanoke Valley Athletic Association, the business name for "The Jays," wishes to express its appreciation for the fine cooperation which it is receiving.

It justifies the faith the board of directors has in the baseball spirit of Halifax County, and 'we are happier than ever that we have undertaken the tremendous

### Vice-President



Above is Gordon A. Berkstresser, who, last week was elected vice-president of Roanoke Mills Company, Patterson Mills Company and Rosemary Manufacturing Company at the annual meeting of the stockholders and directors.

### Enlistments Being Sought for Guard

Enlistments are now being sought for Co. E, 119th regiment, 30th division, National Guard in Roanoke Rapids. Needed are 51 non-coms, seven technicians and 123 privates, first class. Pay starts at 2.50 for lowest rank and goes as high as \$5.50 for drilling once a week. Anyone interested in joining the outfit should see James Taylor or Raleigh (Buster) Seay at the Roanoke Rapids Armory.

### Recorder's Court Will Be April 10

Roanoke Rapids Recorder's Court, which is held here on the first Thursday in each month, will not be held next week, according to announcement made today. The court, however, will be held on Thursday, April 10.

job of bringing professional baseball to this county," said L. D. Hines, president.

"On only one phase do we need more help. Scores of persons have pledged to invest various sums in the corporation, and we have reached the point that we soon will need this money to complete the park and whip the baseball team into shape.

"If you have pledged to invest—  
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### President Hines Is Certain Everything Will Be Ready To Open Season Here April 24

### "Death Blow" Will Be Dealt "Town Rats"

"Town rats" are going to be given the "death blow" the second week in April along with those on the farm of Halifax County. The City Councils are working with the Halifax County Department of Health to perfect the Organization for killing the "town rats". It will be worked differently than in the rural areas. In the country each farmer poisons his own rats, while in the towns the campaign will be worked on a town basis, street by street, with a crew of workmen distributing the bait. In this way the whole area will be covered, including commercial houses, storage plants, city dumps, vacant lots, etc.

Scotland Neck, Enfield, and Weldon have already completed their campaign plans with the organization ready to go.

Roanoke Rapids, Hobgood and Littleton are considering joining the campaign and are discussing possibilities. They, too, will probably join the rest of Halifax County in this greatest of all mass movement against man's worst pest, the rat. All farm orders must be in by Friday.

### Juveniles Are Caught Again in 'Break-in'

Two juveniles, young white boys, one age 10 and the other 15, are again in the toils of the law, this time for breaking into the soft drink place of Rosemary Manufacturing Company last Tuesday night.

The youths were under sentence to the reformatory for a prior crime, and, when questioned by officers, said they "knew we were going to be sent away so we thought we'd get all we could before we left."

According to the police department \$115.50 in cash was stolen by the boys, all of which was recovered.

The call came to the department over the telephone and the patrol car, radio equipped, was dispatched to the scene.

Officers L. H. Nelson, J. F. Stanley and C. C. Deese arrested the youths in a few minutes after the break-in was reported. "It was a fine piece of work on the part of the police," said an official department spokesman.

The Roanoke Rapids Jays' race with the calendar continued this week as baseball officials awaited the first arrivals of players from several states to begin spring practice.

It was the same old story of a lot of work to do—and a lot of work being done. L. D. Hines, president of the club, said today that "we're gradually getting things worked out. It'll be a close call, but we feel pretty certain that everything will be in readiness when the season opens on April 24."

Stuart Martin, former major leaguer, who will pilot the Jays' in their first Coastal Plain League season, has just returned from Florida, but no announcement was available today on the players Martin has obtained for try-outs here.

The promising band of players who have been signed for try-outs will begin arriving here next Monday. Tentatively they will room and board at the Weldon Hotel, and will practice in the Weldon ball park.

Simmons Park, which is in the midst of renovation and changes, is not yet ready even for practices, but Hines predicted that the team could begin practice "in a week or ten days at Simmons."

Meanwhile, the club announces that a bus has been purchased for transporting the players on their out-of-town games.

Thanks to the help of George Stirnweiss, New York Yankee star, a nifty crop of rookies are on their way to Roanoke Rapids for try-outs with the Jays. These players are not assured a place on the team. Players who do not prove acceptable will be released. The Jays have the choice of keeping or dropping any or all of the players after a fair try-out.

Under Coastal Plain rules, the Jays may operate with 20 players on its roster for the first 30 days, but after that time, the roster must be cut to 15 players.

It's expected that—with the players Manager Martin has selected—the Jays will have the stipulated 20, with some to spare.

Plans are being rushed on installation of the lighting system. Speight-White Company has contracted the installation job, and indications are that all materials will be on hand in plenty of time to install the lights before the season opens.

The Virginia Electric and Power Company, through the efforts of E. W. Fortune, district manager, is cooperating fully with the club to obtain the hard-to-get items necessary in the installation of the lighting system.

President Hines once again appealed to residents of Halifax County to invest in the corporation which is financing the team.