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Lions Club Sets Up Memorial Honor Rudolph Northington

The Roanoke Rapids Lions Club at its meeting last Tuesday night established a memorial "loan fund" of 2500 in honor of Rudolph Northington...

'Strange Things'

Strange and unusual things "pop up" almost every day. Yesterday Edward Spence of Gaston, young fourth grade student, sent in a cabbage leaf grown in the perfect shape of a funnel...

Fire Truck in Run to Blaze Struck by Car

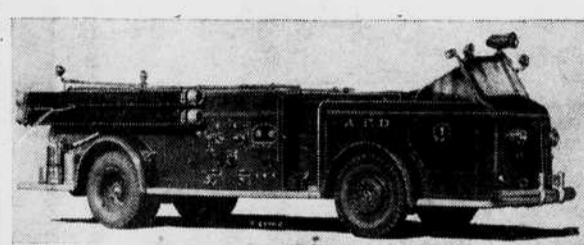
The Roanoke Rapids Fire Department truck answering a call last Monday morning about 6:45, was hit on the left side at the intersection of Ninth street and Roanoke Avenue...

Grandstand Be Completed At Early Date

On Tuesday night of this week the directors of Roanoke Valley Athletic Association held their monthly meeting for the purpose of considering the status of its entry in the Coastal Plain League...

Graduating Exercises Will be Held May 30

Will Soon Answer Fire Alarm Calls



Pictured above is the type of new fire truck that has been purchased by the city, which, it is hoped, will soon be answering fire alarm calls in Roanoke Rapids.

Gerald Johnson Will Speak To Graduates; Rev. Burris to Deliver Sermon on May 25th

An estimated 114 high school students will graduate this year from Roanoke Rapids High School, it was announced today by Joe Talley, principal.

Last Session Present City Board Is Held

The last meeting of the present City Board of Commissioners was held Tuesday afternoon in the commissioners' room in the Municipal Building.

Ordination of Jon Murry Next Sunday

The ordination of Jon Murry as a minister of the gospel will take place at the evening service of the First Presbyterian Church of this city next Sunday.

Young Boys Believed Be Bike Thieves

Bicycle thefts are increasing in Roanoke Rapids, said Chief of Police Davis this morning, about 15 being taken in the last few days.

Negro Is Held Attempt Rape And Assault

Calvin Arrington, negro man, who gave Richmond as his home, is being held in jail here in lieu of \$2500 bond pending trial on charges of assaulting a female and attempted rape.

Braswell Among 200 Men Ordered To Stricken City

Among the more than 200 men of the 32nd Medical Battalion, Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, ordered to Texas City immediately following the explosion was S Sgt James L. Braswell of 208 Hamilton Street, Roanoke Rapids.

May-Day Festival Splendid Affair

Those attending the lovely May Day festival on the lawn of the Rosemary School recently will long remember the occasion. The large attendance was the best indication of public interest in this annual event.

Mobile Recruiting Unit Coming Here

The mobile recruiting unit from Pope Field will arrive in Roanoke Rapids Sunday and will be on display here for two days.

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Wm. Shelton' Story Winner Cancer Drive Nets \$1648

The campaign to raise funds for research work in the prevention of cancer recently closed in Roanoke Rapids, netting the sum of \$1648.55, according to a letter sent to the county chairman, Jacob B. Taylor, by Mrs. Gordon Berkstresser, chairman of the campaign in this city.

Lions Club Sends Help to Texas City

The Roanoke Rapids Lions Club has just received a wire thanking it for the donation of \$50 which was made to the Lions Club of Texas City, Tex.

Fletcher Merritt Finishes Training

Pvt. Fletcher B. Merritt, husband of Mrs. Louise Merritt, 1801 South Roanoke Avenue, has completed his basic training at Fort Lewis, Washington, and has been assigned to an occupation outfit.

Benton Resigns As Police Officer

H. C. Benton, member of the Roanoke Rapids police force since last March, has tendered his resignation to Chief Davis to become effective June 1.

Charles Johnson Speaks at Weldon Rotary Meet

State Treasurer Charles M. Johnson, who is an announced candidate for governor of North Carolina in next year's Democratic primary, was guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Weldon Rotary Club last week.

Farmers Are Cautioned On Overplanting Of Tobacco

C. L. Kelly, chairman, Halifax County Conservation Association committee, today cautioned all tobacco growers in Halifax County against overplanting their farm acreage allotments this year.

Police Make 97 Arrests in April

Police department records revealed today that 97 persons were arrested during the month of April. Fifty-seven were for drunkenness, four for disorderly conduct, five for driving under the influence of alcohol and seven for speeding.

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Boy Hits Car Chasing Foul Ball; Broken Leg Is Result

Such was the unusual accident that sent young Robey Lee Walker, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Walker, 918 Rapids street, to the hospital Saturday night.

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Roanoke Ramblings

By MILTON WICK Douglas Debnam, Herald plant superintendent, convalescing in the hospital, could find no other release or his pent-up energy, so he wrote the following:

Rest, have a good time!

They were nice words, Mr. Wick... and at the time you said them to me, I really thought that was just what was in store for me. Rest? Yes... so much that my back aches... and the thoughts of another week just lying here in bed are really worse than a hard week at the office.

And the Doctors

Doctors in Roanoke Rapids are already too well known for me to make comment... but their friendly visits mean a lot to one whose orders are 'stay in bed at least two weeks before sitting up.'

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What Most Residents Say

Visiting a few moments with Don Tillar, president of the Kiwanis Club, the other evening, brought forth this statement from him, "I liked this town and its congenial people so well that I quit another job to work and live here."

Smart Boy

A few weeks ago, we traveled to Greenville, where I decided to have a bite of food. A "wide-awake" young waiter came to serve us. I gave my order as follows: "May I have some of those cookies and a cup of coffee without sugar, but please."