However, its a wonderful place. If my stay here isn't restful and pleasant it certainly will not be the fault of Roanoke Rapids Hospital or anyone connected therewith. Our little hospital is lifted by nurses, attendants, etc. whose first thoughts seem to be "Am I doing what I can to make the patient comfortable and happy?" Their constant friendly "Hellos", and "How're" you wever, its a wonderful place he patient comfortable and happy?" Their constant friendly 'Hellos", and "How're" you ster, and one's stay here just pleasant as possible.

And the Doctors

Octors in Roanoke Rapids are already too well known for me make comment ... but their iendly visits mean a lot to one hose orders are 'stay in bed it least two weeks before sitting

But These Speed Demons One's stay in Roanoke Rapids
Hospital would be a lot more
pleasant if those moronic speed
mons, who inhabit these parts
would do their night time speeding some place other than up and
down Jackson street. And if the car drivers would consider the fact that in the hospitals are people who, if they were well and feeling good, wouldn' be there, and that when they turn into hospitals grounds late at night at an excessive rate of speed, the chees of their cars send gravel lying with a sound that makes more than one unfortunate 'patient' who has reached the state of insensibility in the realm of sleepland, almost jump out of bed, and in his state of excitement, call the driver of said car names that would make any red-blooded American fight a wild cat —those said car drivers would be a little more 'human' and drive in like people who really know

A Good Time to Start

now to drive instead of 'how to get there first.'

Seems to me with so many im-provements contemplated for Roa-noke Rapids, and the city fathers pleading poverty, its a good time to start cracking down on these speed demons around our fair city. Right there is a fine opporunity for some "tightening up" to make Roanoke Rapids a safer town in which to live. And if all the speed demons were brought to the "bar of justice" and forced to "Ante-up", there would be less need for a money-raising bond issue to do some of the things already planned for the benefit of our city.

If You Fly
Should the commercial airplane
in which you may be flying crash at 125 miles per hour the chances are you will be dead. Your safety belt will be of no value in that

belt will be of no value in that type of crash.
Why? Because it is made to withstand only about 2,000 pounds pressure, and a plane crashing at 125 miles per hour will create a pressure against that belt of about 10,000 pounds.
But should your safety belt beld the chances are your seat

sure from the belt.

Now, I am told, a new belt is being made which will withstand 4,000 pounds pressure. But one wonders, what good is that in a major crash? If belts are still made only two inches wide, pressure will continue to be above uman capacity.

From one who knows nothing bout airplanes—I still make the uggestion that belts be made ten ches wide and to withstand 10,-600 pounds pressure and that seats be made part of the frame construction. Then passengers might have a chance of surviving major

In spite of the hazards I have rated, commercial flying is very safe, about as safe as train travel; and there has been only a few serious crashes in this part of the country.

Other Observations

Commercial planes have no seat numbered "13." Eastern Air Lines is the only major airline know to the writer to employ male at tendants. Other airline employ tendants. Other arrine employ beautiful but extremely courteous and helpful hostesses. The beau-teous hostesses make journeys pleasant, especially for mothers with children . . and some male ohildren . . . and some ma sengers! Commercial flying creasing in popularity.

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 augar, but plea-

What Roanoke Rapids Makes -Makes Roanoke Rapids

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# **Lions Club Sets Up Memorial** Honor Rudolph Northington The Roanoke Rapids Lions Club Be Completed Graduating Exercises At Early Date

dolph Northington, only member of the club killed in action dur-ing World War II.

Detailed plans for the memoria as presented to the club and adopted by it are as follows: Name — The Rudolph Northington Memorial Fund.

Purpose — To provide financial assistance to capable, deserving, ambitious boys and girls who need nelp to continue their formal edu To establish for the Roanok

Rapids Lions Club a worthy me morial dedicated to the memory of Rudolph Northington, who gav

his life in World War II.

Administration — The club shall elect a board of directors whose duties shall include:

To receive, investigate and ac apon each loan application.

To keep accurate, up-to-date records of all transactions. To make periodic reports to the club and submit a detailed writ-

ten report each year.

The club is asked to appropriate \$2500 at once, with additional annual appropriations to be recom-mended by the board, not to ex-ceed in any one year the total amount loaned the previous year,

less loans repaid for that year.

The board of directors shall include the president the immediate past president, two members ap-pointed for one-year terms and two members appointed for twoyear terms. The immediate past president shall be the chairman of

The board of directors will have authority to grant loans at its discretions within the limits of the funds available, and shall be guided by the following general principles: The need must exist—that is,

the applicant must be financially unable (as determined by investigation) to provide the funds need

All loans must be for actua not for luxuries.

not for luxuries.

The applicant must be capable
(as indicated by school records,
recommendations and any other
investigations) of profiting from the type of formal education for which the loan is sought. Applicants should take advan-

tage of any working agreements or scholarships for which they may be eligible.

The applicant's character and orality must be, and remain,

The applicant must agree to repay the money borrowed from the fund with interest at 4 per cent per annum, beginning when formal education is completed or

to waive interest payments in cases of emergency or under other justifiable circumstances.

The applicant must submit a separate application for each school year for which a loan is desired; the board, in consider-ing applications by the students who have been granted loans for prior years, must follow the same procedure approval as hereinbefore provided for of initial loans. The sum approved is to be advanced quarterly, or by the semester, according to the policy o

be piled up in the wreckage.

There is still another hazard in such a crash. Should your safety belt hold and your seat hold you still have little chance of escaping alive, for the human body cannot stand 10,000 pounds pressure from the belt.

Description of the should, in addition to the qualifications of the applicant, keep the status of the fund in mind and never grant more loans than it can reasonably excaping alive, for the human body cannot stand 10,000 pounds pressure from the belt.

Monthly Meeting P. T. Association Rosemary School point.

ty of cream please."
He wrote the order on his pad and returned in a minute with stale and awful tasting cake and a cup of coffee with sugar, but no cream.

Upon receiving it, I suggested

maybe it was not what I ordered.
He looked and said, "Oh, you want coffee with no sugar but with cream."

Thereupon he returned to the coffee urn, put down a cup and saucer, poured three heaping saucer, poured three heaping spoons full of sugar into the cup, added a drop of cream and filled

it with coffee. When he served it, I said noth-ing. I then knew he was a smart boy!!!!

What Most Residents

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."

Innumerable persons have made similar remarks to me, namely, that they are residents of this city, not because they were forced by circumstances to be such, but because of CHOICE.

because of CHOICE.

No wonder so many individuals are so loyal, so willing to sacrifice for and work for the better development of this community.

When times get hard and a depression sets in men lose their jobs, but we have never known a time when their wives couldn't find work.

## '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. The leaf was taken from a cabbage in was taken from a cabbage in Edward's home garden. It is about eight inches in length and the opening at the top is approximately 12 inches in circumference.

### 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 by an automo-pile said to have been driven by Thomas R. Williams of Emporia, Va. The left front fender and running board of the truck were torn almost off by the impact. Williams' car was also badly dam-

The alarm came into the department as a result, it is said, of a wood block being placed on top of an oil stove "to hold the heat in to brown bread," at the home of J. W. Hunt, 1200 Roa-noke Avenue. No damage was

done by the fire.

The department answered a cail to the Roanoke Rapids Lumber Company plant Tuesday afternoon to put out a blaze there. Only slight damage was done by the flames.

### Wm Shelton' Story Winner

William I. Shelton, Jr., son of Mrs. Virginia H. Shelton of Roa-noke Rapids and Washington, D. C., had his first story published in the May Atlantic Monthly. The title of the story is "The Show

ontribution. William R. Shelton, Jr., was educated in the public schools here lina. He entered the Army as a private in 1941 and spent two years in the Infantry and two years in the Air Corps, He was stationed in Corsica and Italy as a B-25 pilot, 12th Air Force, and flew 70 missions, largely in supstationed in Corsica and Italy as a B-25 pilot, 12th Air Force, and flew 70 missions, largely in sup-port of his old infantry division. port of his old infantry division, the 88th. He received the Distin-guished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with eight Oak Leaf Cluse-ters, and was discharged with the rank of captain in 1945. He also received the presidential unit citation. He is now studying creative writing at Rollings College. His father William R. Shelton, Sr. is an attorney of Charlotte.

The Rosemary Parent-Teacher
Association will have its regular monthly meeting at 3:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, May 21.

Mrs. C. L. Johnson, president can always find some extra time | Specific Wednesday afternoon, May 21.

Mrs. C. L. Johnson, president can always find some of the organization, will conduct to help those in need. the business session which will include election of officers fo which will the ensuing year, and financial reports on the Annual Pet Show and Bingo Party recently held in the interest of the school. A treat is in store for the

parents, in that a film will be shown of the May Day Festival, through the courtesy of Graham

ing of the season at Rosemary School and a large attendance is expected. A social hour has been planned and all parents are cordially invited.

### **New Officers B&PW Club**

The Business and Professional Women's Club held its fourth annual party at the Woman's clubhouse Tuesday evening with approximately 70 present. Officers elected to serve for the ensuing year are: President, Miss Josie Moore; first vice president, Mrs. Bisherd Taylor, second vice president.

# Grandstand At Early Date

On Tuesday night of this week the directors of Roanoke Valley the directors of Roanoke Valley Atheletic Association held their monthly meeting for the purpose of considering the status of its entry in the Coastal Plain League and to make arrangements for the early completion of the grandstand at Simpose Park at Simmons Park.

The building committee reported that most of the materials for the completion of the grandstand have been purchased and that work will go forward as rapidly as these materials and labor are available. It is believed that the stands will be completed by the end of next week.

During this week the club has acquired three new pitchers, a second baseman and an outfielder who have added considerable strength to the team. Manager Stuart Martin, the business manager and other stockholders are constantly on the alert for im-proving and bettering the team. By the addition of the new players who have been aquired it is be lieved that the Jays will continue to show improvement and begin winning its share of the bai

games yet to be played.

The board went on record a expressing its sincere appreciation for the splendid support that the fans and citizens of this commun-ity have given the Roanoke Rapids Jays. Information furnished at the board meeting indicated that Roa-noke Rapids is leading the league in game attendance which is be lieved to be the direct result of the faith and confidence of the fans in the continued improvemen in the ball club. As a result of this support and the addition of new players the directors look with confidence to the future of the ball club. It is the desire of every member of the board of directors to give to this community

## **Cancer Drive Nets \$1648**

The campaign to raise funds for research work in the preven-tion of cancer recently closed in Roanoke Rapids, netted the sum 

"Dear Mr. Taylor:
"The citizens of Roanoke Rapids have once more demonstrated unlimited generosity in their re-

sponse to the appeal of the American Cancer Society.

"The enclosed check for \$1,-648.55 represents contributions

"It is with great pleasure and justifiable pride that I send you Roanoke Rapids' contribution to

### Lions Club Sends Help to Police Make 97 **Texas City**

The Roanoke Rapids Lions Club just suffered a great loss by fires fluence of alcohol and seven for

### Fletcher Merritt Finishes Training

Pvt. Fletcher B. Merritt, hus-band of Mrs. Louise Merritt, 1801 South Roanoke Avenue, has com Lewis. Washington, and has been assigned to an occupation outfit. Merritt entered the service January 31, of this year, and is now a squad leader,

### **Benton Resigns** As Police Officer

H. C. Benton, member of the Roanoke Rapids police force since came here from Raleigh and will return to that city, it was an-nounced today.

clected to serve for the ensuing year are: President, Miss Josie Moore; first vice president, Mrs. Richard Taylor; second vice president, Mrs. H. M. Hudson, Jr.; second my secretary, Miss Mary Gurley; corresponding secretary, Miss Mary Gurley; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Marjorie Iles Smith; treasurer, Miss Irene Fisher.

Mrs. Irma Edmondson, retiring president, who has served for the past two years, was presented a matched set of luggage. Mrs. Edmondson is planning to leave Roanoke Rapids soon to live in Texas.

Charles Johnson Speaks at Weldon Rotary Charles M. Johnson Motor of North Carolina in next year's Democratic primary, was guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Weldon Rotary Club last week. New officers of the club were elected as folows: F. J. Bounds, president; T. J. Swain, vice president; Tack Anderson, secretary; J. Mason Mohorn, treasurer; D. W. Seifert, J. B. Ellie and N. J. Shepherd, directors. Charles Johnson Speaks

## Pictured above is the type of new fire truck that has purchased by the city, which, it is hoped, will soon I swering fire alarms calls in Roanoke Rapids. Farmers Are Boy Hits Car Cautioned On Chasing Foul Overplanting

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

"Growers who harvest any acre age of tobacco in 1947 in excess of their farm acreage allotments are subject to marketing guota penalties and will not be eligible for full participation in Governnent price support loans," Mr. Kelly stated.

Of Tobacco

Growers who plant within their farm acreage allotments can mar-ket all their tobacco without penalties and are eligible for full Government price support loans Kelly added.

In connection with price support lone. If ally emphasized that any acreage harvested in excess of the farm acreage allotment will make all the tobacco produced within the alloted acreage on the farm ineligible for any price support loans. "This year there wi be no acreage tolerances in estab lishing loan eligibility, as con-trasted with the 1946 tolerance of the lesser of three-tenths acre of 5 percent of the allotment, Any acreages harvested in excess o

farm allotments, however small will disqualify growers for full loan privileges and subject them to marketing quota penalties."
Mr. Kelly also stressed that
eligibility for Government price
support loans on tobacco is becoming increasingly important to

guate and the future level of

# Arrests in April

Police department records re-The Rosmoke 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. This city has

was recovered.

# Deaths

CHARLES J. SHIELDS

Charles J. Shields, 62, of Scot land Neck, an outstanding busi-ness and religious leader of East-ern Carolina, died Saturday as he was attending to his business affairs at his office. Death was caused by an acute heart attack and came within a few moments after he fell unconscious while alking to a business associate.

Funeral services were held in the stricken victims of the disthe Scotland Neck Baptist Church Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock and interment was in the Baptist cemetery. The services were conducted by the Rev. Douglas M Branch, pastor of the church, assisted by the Rev. W. H. Goode, retired pastor of the church.

On Deans List

Students who made the dean's list in the school of arts and science during the winter quarter at the University of North Carolina, whose names were released by Dean A. W. Hobbs, included Ruth Lee Collier, Lawrence Clem-ents and his wife, Sara Clements, of Rosnoke Rapids. Only students who made A's and B's are in-cluded in this list.

Mrs. T. V. Witt and son, Rog.er, of Knoxville, Tenn., will arrive this week to spend some time
with her sister, Mrs. J. C. O'Dell.
boree.

# Ball; Broken Leg Is Result

n't news. But if a man bites dog that's "hot news." And isn't news. But if a man bites new cemetery at a price of 63 a dog that's "hot news." And cents per yard, and also the of-vice versa with automobiles and pedestrians. Both are news, how-

that sent young Robey Lee Walk er, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. F Walker, 918 Rapids street, to the hospital Saturday night.

Robey Lee was at the ball park and like most all youngsters was on the lookout for a foul fly ball that came out of the park. It did and Robey Lee, so intent on recovery of the ball, ran into the side of an automobile being driven by Bill Speight. The lad hit the fender and the running board breaking his leg and bruising himself otherwise. He was nospitalized and released today.

### Young Boys **Believed Be** Bike Thieves

toanoke Rapids, said Chief of Pe lice Davis this morning, about 15 being taken in the last few days. Most of them, Chief Davis said

ave been recovered.

Asked about the thefts, the chie cratched his head and rubbed h

hands and said: "This breycle stealing business is about to run the police crazy and we believe it is being done by a ring of youngsters. We are going to get them, however, and in the meantime I want to cause the grant one who gives and

in the meantime I want to caution every one who owns and
rides a bicycle to put a lock on
it while not in use. This will
help the police a lot and cut
down the thefts."

About this time of the year
an epidemic of bicycle thefts
breaks out in the city and it
usually turns out that most of
the stealing is done by young

The police are investigating all the cases and they expect the break up the ring in a short

### **Braswell Among** 200 Men Ordered To Stricken City

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

ered immediate medical aid to aster, setting up clearning station facilities at the Fort Crockett Hospital at the request of the Fourth Army Disaster Relief Organization. Trained in medical work Army, their assistance was invalu to the citizens of Texas City S/Sgt Braswell is the son of Mrs R. G. Braswell, Rich Square.

Sonny Hines, Senior Scout of Troop 142, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Hines will leave August 1 for Paris to attend a two weeks' Scout jamboree, it was announced today.

Sonny will also visit London and sonny will also visit London and Mrs. Helen Smith, director of other points of interest in Europe. He is one of five Scouts be complimented on the success who will represent the East Carolina Scout Council at the jamboree.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Turner and daughter, Linda, of Weldon, were and the school who assisted the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Woodruff.

### Will Soon Answer Fire Alarm Calls Gerald Johnson Will Speak To Graduates; Rev. Burris to Deliver Sermon on May 25th

### Last Session **Present City Board Is Held**

Will be Held May 30

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

The meeting was presided over by Mayor Kelly Jenkins and present were Commissioners M. D. Collier, W. P. Taylor, W. H. Pru-den, V. E. McDowell and R. I. Starke.

Only important business trans-acted by the board was the ac-ceptance of the offer of Kiker & Yount to hard surface approxi-mately 5000 square yards in the pedestrians. Both are news, how-ever, but "hot news" when a pe-destrian hits an automobile. to be 18 feet wide and probably wider for street leading to the

Work on the project is expect-d to begin about July 1.

### Ordination of Jon Murry Next Sunday

The ordination of Jon Murra, as a minister of the gospel will take place at one seening serof the First Presbyteria Church of this city next Sunday Acommission appointed by Garn ville Presbytery will conduct the ville Presbytery will conduct the ordination service. The commission will be composed of Rev. W. F. Little, Littleton; Rev. W. D. McInnis, Henderson; Rev. J. M. Walker, Jr.; Ruling Elder, H. S. Loy; and Ruling Elder E. B. Manning. Rev Lawrence I. Stell, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Tallahassee, Florida and former pastor of the Presbyterian Church here, will preach the service. Church here, will preach the ser mon. The service will begin mon. The service will begin a byterian Chuch.

Mr. Murray is a native of Roanoke Rapids. He is a graduate of Davidson College and Union Theological Seminary in Rich-mond. He will now become profesor of Bible at Hampden-Sydney College, Hampton-Sydney, Va.

### Negro Is Held Attempt Rape And Assault

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

The warrant for Arrington's arest was sworn out by Ruth Trenshaw, negro woman, who ves on Marshall street in this ity. She alleges that Arrington assaulted her and attempted rape at her home last Sunday morn-

### May-Day Festival Splendid Affair

Those attending the lovely May Day festival on the lawn of the regular stands, which are estimated Rosemary School recently will to be 10 to 15 per cent less long remember the occasion. The large attendance was the best indication of public interest in this annual event.

Sun" elected to attend at the last moment, although "Mr. Wind" came with him to stir things up a bit. The lovely Queen of May and her attendants held court with all of the bees, butterflies, butterflies, butterflies, and flowers of the various in forces offer young men in forces of the various in the control of the state of the various in the control of the control of the various in the control of the control of the various in the control of the various in the control of the contro and her attendants held court with all of the bees, butterflies, birds and flowers of the various birds and flowers of the various seasons, portrayed by the children of the school and interpreted by delightful little songs. The festival closed with the traditional Maypole dance, beautifully done by a group of the older children.

Mrs. Helen Smith, director of music at Rosemary School, is to

was announced today by Joe

alley, principal.

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The baccalaureate sermon this ear will be delivered by Rev. C. C. Burris, president of Win-ate Junior College of Wingate, and will be at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon, May 25, in the school auditorium. The change in time from the usual 11 o'clock hour to the afternoon was made on the suggestion of the Senior Class and was approved by the School Board, school officials and the Ministerial Association. Reasons for the time change, said Mr. Talley, was that this year the school is responsible for obtaining the speaker with the cooperation and advice of the Ministerial Association. It is believed that a larger crowd will be in attendance inasmuch as the time will not conflict with the regular Sunday morning worship hour in the churches of the city, which was another factor in de-ciding to change the time. This move is in line also with many other schools which have found it ideal. It was very difficult to find a noteworthy speaker, said Mr. Talley, who could be obtained for the morning hour, but no

rouble was had in getting one or the afternoon hour. The annual class night play, "Garden Memories," an original story, written by the dramatic class, will be presented at 8 o'clock Wednesday night, May 28, the auditorium

The educting exercises will be held F migh. May 30, beginning the auditorium. Dr. Ger id Johnson, native North Carolinian, graduate of the Thomasville High School, Mars Hill Junior College and Wake Forest, will address the graduating class. Honorary degrees of doc-tor of literature and doctor of laws have been bestowed upon him by several colleges. Dr. John-son served as editorial writer for the Greensboro Daily News for s number of years, was profes-sor of journalism at the University of North Carolina and is now editorial writer on the Bal-

### Crop Report On Irish Potatoes

Commercial early Irish potatoes ecovery in most producing secions in response to favorable veather conditions during April. Reports wrom growers, as of May 1 Reports wrom growers, as of May I indicate a production of 4,576,000 bushels for 1947. A crop this size would be 40 per cent less than the record-high production of 7,650,000 bushels in 1946 and slightly less than the average of 4,652,000 bushels harvested during the 10 years—1936 through 1945.

Prospects as of May 1 point to a yield of 160 bushels, or 102 100 pound bags per acre. This is 65 bushels less than the record-high yield of 225 bushels per acre. n 1946, but is considerably above the 10-year average of 132 bushels per acre.

Factors contributing to the estimated decreased production this year as compared with that of 1946, are reduction in acre-age brought about through the acreage control program and generlly unfavorable weather during March. The earlier unseasonable weather retarded germination of planting making

### **Mobile Recruiting** Hundreds of people enjoyed the Unit Coming Here

colorful, tuneful pageant. The weather was doubtful, but "Mr. Pope Field will arrive in Roanoke Sun" elected to attend at the last