

"Briarthoppers" to Show Here



"Whitey and Hogan" are among the featured numbers in the "Briarthoppers" show by the Lions, Semi Centennial celebration, at the high school, Friday, July 4th.

The "Briarthoppers," direct from the "Carolina Hayride and Hit Parade," featured on the Columbia Broadcasting System, coast-to-coast, will play at the Semi-Centennial celebration here Friday evening at the high school, July 4.

Carolina farewell." He is a veteran of radio and the stage and has appeared in many motion pictures, the last of which was "Swing Your Partner," with Vera Vague.

Neighborhood Club Elects Officers

Last Saturday noon at Lewis Springs the newly formed Neighborhood Club elected officers for the coming year while its 28 members were enjoying a Brunswick stew and fried fish.

Years Ago A Backward Glance

Three Years Ago  
T. J. Alford is elected president of the North Carolina Hospital Association.

Four Years Ago  
The wedding of Miss Lottie Allen and Lt. William Evan Jackson is solemnized in Grace Episcopal church in Alexandria, Va.

Thirteen Years Ago  
Scott Benton is selected as delegate to the Lions International convention at Pittsburgh.

Estimate Halifax County Budget, \$597,678.75

Leggett and Moye Named To Board

L. W. Leggett of Holwood and A. J. Moye of Scotland Neck were named to the Halifax County Board of Education by the County Democratic Executive Committee in session Friday morning.

Ralph A. Rives, another school board member, has also tendered his resignation, but this does not take effect until June 30. It is expected that this pending vacancy will be filled after that date.

Whitaker Elected County Chairman

J. Waldo Whitaker of Enfield was elected chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Halifax County Friday morning.

Littleton Legion Services Sunday

The annual memorial service of the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary of Littleton, will be held in the Littleton Methodist Church Sunday night at 8 o'clock.

Halifax County Court House News

The following cases were disposed of by Judge Daniels in Halifax County Recorder's Court on Tuesday:  
Rebie Wiggins, colored, of Enfield, plead guilty to larceny and was given six months in jail, to be suspended upon payment of the costs and a fine of \$2, and that she remain of good behavior for two years.

Berkeley Will Be On Camp Faculty

Rev. Edmund Berkeley, rector of All Saints Church, will serve on the faculty of Camp Cheshire, Jr., for boys from 11 through 13 at the Diocesan camp and conference center at Vade Mecum, N. C., from June 29 to July 12, it was announced today by F. M. McCaschem, director of Vade Mecum.

Romancos Will Play Two Games

Friday and Saturday nights the Romancos bring to Roanoke Rapids two more strong teams when Virginia Dairy of Richmond, currently leading the strong AA Commercial League, invades this city to play the Rosemary Romancos a doubleheader on Friday night.

Overman Named As School Head

W. Henry Overman, superintendent of Gates County schools for the past 12 years, was elected superintendent of Halifax County schools by the school board last Friday morning.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Austin Bray of Florida announce the birth of a son in Roanoke Rapids Hospital. Mrs. Bray is the former Miss Virginia Lee of Gates.

A BIT OF SHOPPING IN PANAMA



Naval Reservists on a training cruise of the USS Wisconsin spend part of their liberty ashore in Colon, Republic of Panama, selecting presents for the folks back home. They are among 600 Reservists from the Third, Fourth, and Ninth Naval Districts recalled to active duty, voluntarily, for two weeks of training aboard the "Wiskey." The cruises give the Reserve sailors a chance to learn of the latest developments aboard this mighty warship. As a part of the Wisconsin cruises there are two days of liberty in Panama for sightseeing and shopping. Many of the men bring back perfumes, lingerie, alligator skin luggage, white shirts, summer suits and other items which are obtainable at prepar prices.

Schools and General Fund To Receive 75% of Total

Carroll Wilson Will Introduce J. M. Broughton

Former Governor J. Melvin Broughton of Raleigh, will be the principal speaker at the high school graduation exercises, Friday evening, May 30, 8 p.m.

Class night exercises will be Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock, with Mary Louise Arrington delivering the salutatory.

"C. D." Martin Selected for R. O. T. Corps

Clyde D. Martin, Jr. ("C. D.") son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde D. Martin of this city, was among 60 young men in North Carolina selected for the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps and the Naval Aviation College program for 1947—the new peacetime supplement to Annapolis, created by Congress.

Miss Daniel Is Guest Speaker

Miss Ruby Daniel of Oxford, a returned missionary from Hungary, was guest speaker at a special missionary meeting in the First Baptist Church Tuesday evening, sponsored by the "Ruby Daniel" Y. W. A.

An estimated budget of \$597,678.75 for the fiscal year, 1947-48, has been tentatively approved by the County Board of Commissioners. It was announced today by C. S. Vinson, county auditor.

The budget, however, is subject to revision by the board. The proposed budget will cost the taxpayers no more than last year, since the same tax rate of 65 cents prevails.

The general fund will receive the largest portion of the budget, an amount of \$179,165, or slightly less than one third of the total budget.

Capital outlay for schools is next largest with \$172,500; school debt service will receive only \$1,250, and current school expenses, \$97,783, giving the total school budget, \$271,533, or almost half of the total county expenditure.

Health Department will receive \$29,490; the welfare department, \$19,175; floor relief, \$21,025; county home, \$26,082; old age assistance, \$8,065, and aid to dependent children, \$420.

Young Men Are Graduated From Union Seminary

Tuesday, May 20, three members of this community received graduate degrees from the Union Theological Seminary in Richmond. Rev. Jon Murray, who was recently ordained to the ministry, received the bachelor of divinity degree, cum laude. This is the standard theological degree.

Clothing Drive Is Big Success

The clothing drive conducted by the churches of Roanoke Rapids, in cooperation with the North Carolina Council of Churches, and other state and nation-wide councils, came to a successful conclusion last Monday. On the previous Sunday clothing and other useful articles were brought to the various churches throughout the city to be packed and shipped abroad for those in need.

Finds Clothes Cut By Razor

A middle aged woman was being held on a \$200 bond for allegedly cutting a young woman's wardrobe to shreds, presumably with a razor, according to police.

Annual Dance for Minstrel Cast

The Kiwanis Club will hold its annual dance for the minstrel cast in the High School gym Friday night, May 23 at 8:30 o'clock. This affair is always enjoyed and is one that is looked forward to by those who participate in the Kiwanis minstrel each year. Each member of the cast is entitled to bring a guest. The club pays all expenses.

The Late George Hux's Story of Funniest Ball Game; Only Four Men Came To Bat, The Score Was 147 to 32

In Carl Goerch's column entitled "Funny Experiences," in The State magazine, issue of May 17, is the story of one of the strangest baseball games.

The late George Hux of Halifax told the story to a Mr. P. V. Randolph who in turn sent the story to Carl Goerch. Leonidas Hux of this city recalls that his father told him the story many times. It is herewith reprinted:

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Enfield team. He grabbed a horse with a saddle on him and rode down to the telegraph office and wired the agent at Whitakers to flag the freight and get the ball. Joe then rode the horse to Buzzard, six miles away, gained possession of the ball and hurriedly galloped back to Enfield.

Here is one that was told me by the late George Hux of Halifax, about a ball game between Buzzard Town and Enfield. George was the only man I knew who would admit that he lived in Buzzard Town. All the other residents of that community would tell you they lived just on one side or the other. But George was proud of his old home town, regardless of its name. He was particularly proud of its baseball

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