Roanoke Ramblings

OLD COPIES WANTED
After a through search, we find there are no copies of the first Roanoke Rapids Herald in our office files. Would anyone who has preserved the first issue of the Herald consider parting with it? If so, kindly contact the Herald office.

Incidently, the first issue of the Herald was printed in 1914.

Just a Few Feet

From Safety
The plane which chashed at
Leasburg, killing 50 persons, was
just 100 feet from safety. Even
if the mechanism indicating the
heighth of the plane was faulty
to the extent of 100 feet, why
should a plane travel on such a
small margin of safety? Why not
250 to 500 feet? 250 to 500 feet?

Love is a condition of the mind at a time when the mind is out of condition. Most Grateful

There are persons who have been most kind and hospitable to your new publisher. Though he is very conscious of his present is very conscious of his present inability to prove fully grateful, he eventually hopes (1) to be worthy of the kindness shown worthy of the kindness shown and (2) to repay in some way those gracious individuals.

Here and There

When the cow jumps over the moon she takes the price of beef with her . . . Building in our city has averaged just about \$60,000 per month, with new home con-struction leading the list of classi-fications. If this rate of building continues for the remainder of the year, the figure will hit around two-thirds of a million. This would represent a very sound growth, and new homes for many who are destitute for living quarters 2,475 youths have attended the five

city playgrounds in the recreation program during the period June 11 to 18, according to Nick Long, assistant director. Clara Hearne topped the total with 680; Central followed with 590; Vance St., 500, and Rossmary School 360. and Rosemary School, 360. The John Armstrong Chaloner School for colored, registered a total of 365. That was an amazing rally the Jays put on last hight to win, 8 to 7, in the last of the ninth.

FAMOUS LAST WORDS
"Don't drive so fast, dear.
The motorcycle policeman behind us can't get by."
Blue Monday
The cigarette smoke hangs laz-

ity just under the chandeller and you begin to wonder if it will ever move. It just seems to hang there suspended in time as a hundred or more people try to squeeze into the already crowded little courtroom. courtroom

In a side room policemen come and go straightening out last-r.inute details. After what seems an interminable delay, court starts. Someone was drunk Saturday night and raised a racket. You idly wonder how he feels to day. Then you forget to wonder because he is already shelling out ten dollars and costs. It may se him behind on his drinking for a couple of weeks. At any rate, for him, Blue Monday is over.

She: "Does the moon influ-ence the tide?"
He: "I don't know, honey, but it sure influences the united."

Kibitzers
Street scene on the Avenue:
Two kids with bicycles stop and stare as the foundation for the new building between Second and Third is laid. Two or three other people join them. In a few min-utes they're tired of watching so they walk on. So do we.

"He must live in that crowded city of Roanoke Rapids."
"How can you tell?"
"Well, didn't you notice that its dog wags its tall up and down, instead of sideways?" Sugar

It happened the first thing morning after rationing went off. Scene was a downtown grocery. Man wanted a hundred pounds, came down to fifty. Mad, we reckon because the clerk didn't have to fumble around with all those coupons. (Add, Feelings of Frustration: to have two or three sugar stamps good when rationing

Imposing Building Planned For Gaston By Two County Group

imposing building, conta An imposing building, containing 65 hotel rooms, several apartments, a cafe, a large recreation hall, a theatre, bowling alleys and a billiard room, will be
erected in Gaston if plans recently formulated by a group of
Halifax and Northampton County Halifax and Northampton County

citizens are realized.

In addition there will be rental space in the building for professional offices and commercial fessional offices and commercial
establishments, with the building
heing under the higest type
of management. The planners
also claim to be looking far
ahead to keep up with the most
modern advances in furnishings
and equipments and in thestre equipments and in theatre

thirteen to twelve, but seven errors and six wild pitches were all that was needed in gaining a 14-5 nd hotel construction.

These facts came to light this triump over the cellar-dwelling Elizabeth City Juniors there Monweek when S. T. Hyman, of Gaston, acting as spokesman for the group, released the plans for day night.

Overall objective of the organ ization is, in the words of mem-bers of the group, "to create a delightful place for permanent to provide wholesome nents and recreation, that

distance for Roanoke rapids and added nine strikeouts to his im-pressive total. Although hit rather hard, Hasty managed to receive credit for his third victory of the Hyman said W. B. Alisbrook had been retained as atterney for the

What Roanoke Rapids Makes -Makes Roanoke Rapids

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ROANOKE RAPIDS, N. C., THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 1947

Herald Classified Advertising Gets Quick Results * * *

To Celebrate Half

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION
WHEREAS, the City of Roanoke Rapids has enjoyed
enomenal growth and expansion during the 50 years of
life and is the inheritor of a rich and colorful his-

tory; and WHEREAS, merchants and industrialists have assumed a progressive leadership, unparalleled in Eastern North Caro-

WHEREAS, the Roanoke Rapids Lions Club, in recognition of the city's history and growth and in recognition of the leadership of its business and industry, has made available a program of events in which all citizens may participate in the city's Fiftieth Anniversary;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. T. Chase, mayor of the City of Roanoke Rapids, do hereby proclaim the days, July 2nd, 3rd and 4th, as dedicated to a Semi-Centennial Celebration in honor of the Fiftieth Birthday of our city and do hereby urge every citizen to pledge his or her support to make this Semi-Centennial Celebration in Roanoke Rapids a success and a fitting tribute to our city's progress in its first half century.

WHEREAS, the Roanoke Rapids Lions Club, in recogni-

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City Prepares For Gala July Fiesta

Queen of Semi-Centennial Fete To Be Chosen From Ten Contestants Roanoke Rapids



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ELIZABETH BECKWITH
"Libby" is the daughter of
Dr. and Mrs. R. P. Beckwith.
She is majoring in music at
school in Richmond, Va."



LOUISE BURKE Louise, the daughter of Mrs. Sarah Burke, graduated from Roanoke Rapids High School with the class of '47.

MARGARET MARTIN



JEAN BUSBEE Jean, a native of Greensboro, graduated from Roanoke Rap-ids High School in 1947. She is Methodist choir member.



Doris is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Fahey and is employed by the Tar Heel Sporting Goods Company.



ELIZABETH PRICE HINES
"Lib" is the daughter of Mr.
and Mrs. L. D. Hines. She is
one of the teachers at the Central School kindergarten.





ERNESTINE SMITH
Ernestine is the daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Smith and
is a sophomore at Greensboro
College.



PRISCILLA TICKEL Priscilla graduated this year from High School and plans to attend Richmond Professional Institute in September.

Celebration Queen Will Be Selected At Coronation Ball

One of the outstanding events the forthcoming Semi-Centenof the Celebration, according to the Roanoke Rapids Lions, sponsors of the event.

gala fiesta.

These additional prizes were donated by the Rosemary Manu-

has been working for some time on plans to make the affair color-ful and enjoyable. The committee as preced that decorations will be in the royal colors of purples and gold.

A floor committee of twelve cuch (falter on rough) manufacturing Co.—one dozen Norfolk sets, one dozen to dozen the square weave craft and shall cover the

ing to present plans the dance facturing Co.; Sheeting on springs will last from ten till two with manufactured at Patterson Mills (Co.) neld just before intermission.

pration, were placed on advance sale this week and may be ob-Lions Club.

Halifax Recorders

Eddie Lee McGee, charged with driving without clearance lights

Vick, who was driving a ca with leave.
Robert Bridges, colored, of Newjail on charges of

Building Box Score

This week: \$30,050 Total this year: \$390,850. Permits issued during the past eek for the building in Roanoke Rapids were:

HOME CONSTRUCTION

residence with four rooms and bath on Charlotte Street between Fourth and Fifth Streets, \$2,800. W. C. Duke, one story cinder block residence with three rooms and bath on Washington Street between Second and Third Streets, Scotland Neck, plead guilty speeding and was fined \$25 and cos Robert D. Kreidler, white, plead guilty to speeding and upon payment of toosts.

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Court

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port News Va., charged with driv-ing without license — defendant called and failed, judgment absolute on bond—nol pros.

John T. Jones, white, of Fuquay
Springs, plead guilty to speeding

and was fined \$15 and costs. William Williams, colored, of Littleton, plead guilty of driving without license and was fined \$20

George W. Farmer, white, of Wilson, Wilson, was found guilty of being disorderly and resisting ar-rest and was fined \$25 and costs. Robert D. Kreidler, white plead guilty to speeding and judgement suspended upon payment of the

As Textile Mills Donate to Lions Donation of more prizes for the

Prize List Grows

(Signed) J. T. CHASE, Mayor,

of the forthcoming Semi-Centen-forthcoming Semi-Centennial Cele-nation Ball at which a local girl will be chosen and crowned Queen Lions Club, which is staging the

the Roanoke Rapids Lions, spon-sors of the event.

The ball, planned as it is for
Thursday, July 3rd, the night be-fore Independence Day holiday, is
expected to attract a large crowd.

These additional prizes were
donated by the Rosemary Manu-facturing Company, Roanoke and
Patterson Mills Company of this
city and by Simmons Company
and Simtex Mills, celling agents

expected to attract a large crow.]

I festivities are expected to get under way at 10 p. m.

Announcement has been made that Alghe Batts and his Easternaires, a local orchestra that has attracted favorable attention in this section since the war, will furnish the music for the occasion.

The Coronation Ball committee has been working for some time

and Simtex Mills, selling agents for the local mills.

The newly donated prizes are:

From Roanoke Mill Number One—1 dozen men's pajamas, one dozen women's pajamas, one dozen than the music for the occasion.

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ple and gold.

A floor committee of twelve Lions will be on hand to handle tured at Mill number two), one the crowd and see that the coro-nation goes off smoothly. Accord-manufactured at Rosemary Manufactured at Rosemary Manu

Simtex Mills-two pictures (these Trickets for the ball, as well as prints are valuable and worthy for the other events in the Cele-

Jax & Jays Sportlight

The Roanoke Rapids American Legion Juniors will get one last attempt to salvage a win from the Ahoskie Juniors Saturday of the car, to the officer who immediately phoned in to head-quarters.

Leslie Upton, white, of Emporia, Va., driving without license, improper registration plate and no horn was fined \$15 and costs.

J. F. Phillips, white, of Enfield, sent out ordering the car to contact the officer at the bus station for information on a hit and run driver. They picked up the license number at about 1000 me. number of hits with 13.

Teeny Elting, catcher, replaced Clyde Waters in the No. 3 spot. Elting raised his figure to .381 while Waters dropped to .348 In the pitching column Hasty has the best record with three victories as compared with only

Why can't the Jays win? No me seems to know the exact reaing has kept them on the sad side of the ledger in the past several

They're going to continue fact ing lefthanded slants, too, until they prove otherwise. As a rule, lefthanded batters aren't very impressive against a portsider's of-ferings. Thus, the Jays have got to get some righthanded hitters or

continue in a dismal downfall. Some fans say that Man Some fans say that Manager to Martin isn't strict enough on his

Harvey Campbell, white, of Washington, plead guilty to speeding and was fined \$10 and costs. Stella Drake, Bonnie Drake, and Dock Whitaker were found guilty of affray with deadly weapons and prayer for judgement constituted upon payment of costs and good behavior and sober for two years.

I. Moore, white, plead the plead of the players, it's hard to run a club in the ground. This might be true with the Jays' organization with the Jays' organizati

PATRICIA HODGES "Pat," a graduate of Roanoke Rapids High School, is employed at the Manchester Board and Paper Company. "Margo," daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Martin, is a junior at the University of N. C., at Chapel Hill, Kidnap Attempt Fails As Nervous Intruder Drops Intended Victim

A 28 year old Weldon waitress, identified by Sheriff A 28 year old Weldon wattress, identified by Sherill Harry House as Mrs. Bessie Fawcett Dunlow, a native of Warrenton, stumbled into the Weldon police station late Sunday night and described to officers how an undentified man had seized her as she lay sleeping in her second story room, bound and gagged her; then carried her downstairs only to drop her and flee as he received the street. dentified man had seized her as she lay sleeping in her second story room, bound and gagged her; then carried her downstairs only to drop her and flee as he reached the street.

Unharmed, but frightened and suffering from shock and minor bruises, the young woman, who, according to House, was divorced from her husband, said that she awoke in her room above a store building on main street in which

At the foot of the stairs which to the street, the man became

street below carrying her, she

put in by Weldom police to other alternately removing his shoes and law officers in the immediate vicinity, including the sheriff (who took charge of the investigation upon arrival) and the SBI Al-

Coach Cranford Hoyle's Ameri an Legion Juniors were outhit,

Legion Juniors

Continue To Win Drop E. City

day morning but was released later in the day, hospital records

Monday afternoon, investigators At the foot of the stairs which reported there was not the slight-est clue to go by, although they were checking every possible sus-

pect and lead. frightened, dropped his burden and raced away into the shadows. A passerby, who saw her trip and fall over the sheet as she attempted to make her way to the police station just across the around and around, through woods street helped her to her feet and and fields across rolling. street, helped her to her feet and into the station.

Telephone calls were immediately ritory over again, with the man

put, five in the ninth.

In that final frame, Hubert Lowder reached first safely when second baseman Smith booted his grounder. After Lowder had stole second and third, Teeny Elting walked and stole second. Clemmer fined out, but Pitcher Hasty hit to shortstop Mann who made a The vestry of the church and way.

Commissioners Meeting for the third time in

City Attorney

Named by City

s many weeks Tuesday afternoon, ne Mayor and Board of Com-assioners disposed of enough outine details as to insure ne need for meeting until their next regularly scheduled session, Tuesoay, July 1.

GERALDINE REVELLE

Geraldine is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Revelle and is employed by the Roa-noke Rapids Herald.

Bernard Allsbrook, local attor-

awoke in her room above a store building on main street in which she lives alone to find a towel wrapped around her head and a man tying her hands and feet, after firmly binding her wrists and legs, the man, whom she failed to identify as to color, failed to identify as to color, and legs, the man, whom she failed to identify as to color, and legs, the man, whom she failed to identify as to color, and legs, the man, whom she failed to identify as to color, and legs, the man, whom she failed to identify as to color, and legs, the man, whom she failed to identify as to color, and legs, the man, whom she failed to identify as to color, and legs, the man, whom she failed to identify as to color, and the stairway officers said.

The woman was taken to Roam the reported that, although the previous board of commissioners had voted a \$300 appropriation for the program, this sum would not be sufficient in the light of higher costs of the dependence Day (which gives textile workers a long week end) and that the mills will be closed on Friday, July 4, in ovservance of Independence Day (which gives textile workers a long week end) and that the mills will again close dependence Day (which gives textile workers a long week end) and that the mills will again close in the barry officials. Announcement was made that the mills will be closed on Friday, July 4, in ovservance of Independence Day (which gives textile workers a long week end) and that the mills will be closed on Friday, July 4, in ovservance of Independence Day (which gives textile workers a long week and) and that the mills will be closed on Friday, July 4, in ovservance of Independence Day (which gives textile workers a long week and) and that the mills will be closed on Friday, July 4, in ovservance of Independence Day (which gives textile workers a long week and that the mills will be closed on Friday, July 4, in ovservance of Independence Day (which gives textile mills week by company officials. Announcement was made that the mills will be closed on Friday, Jul Robert F. Young, county health officer, had originally scheduled June 23 and 24 as dates for the drive, the state man asserted he believed there would be a post-

In other action, the board voted In other action, the board voted to recommend to the state high-way department the \$4,600 credit of the city with that department for road use should be spent in reconditioning Roanake Aevnue.

Pienic to Climax Bible School at Episcopal Church

The vacation Bible school of Al Saints' Episoopal Church will have its commencement exercises Friday morning at 9:30 a. m., and come to a climax in the afternoon at 5:30 when all parents and friends of the church will assemble with the children to the The locals added singletons in church to go for a swim and ple-through with their largest out-put, five in the ninth. and community house. It is urged that every member of All Saints' Church attend this affair. Bring

to shortstop Mann who made a wild throw in an attempt to nab locals, against two losses, and strengthened their grip on second place in the Legion League. Troy Hasty went the entire distance for Roanoke Rapids and added nine strikeouts to his impressive total. Although hit rather hard, Hasty managed to receive credit for his third victory of the church announces through its chairmen of the building and steering committee, Gordon Berkstresser and Howerton Gowen, that work on clearing the land for laying the foundation for the new parish house would begin in the next two or three months, though the actual building might have to be delivered a base-clearing double to deep center, but was credited with an infield hit, loading the bases. Clyde Waters them delivered a base-clearing double to deep center, but was thrown out at third when trying to stretch it into a triple.

Roanoke Rapids scored seven runs in the first three innings, Continued on Page 6—Sec. A) (Continued on Page 6—Sec. A) (Continued on Page 6—Sec. A) (Continued on Page 6—Sec. A)

Deputy Returns Halifax Negro From Virginia

Returned from Newport News Virginia Tuesday on an order from Superior Court, William T. Powell, Halifax County Negro charged abandonment and non-support, is in county jail awaiting trial. Powell, who was brought back from the Virbinia city, by Double from the Virbinia city by Deputy Sheriff A. J. Brigman, was placed in Roanoke Rapids city jail overnight Tuesday and transferred to county jail Wednesday morning.

Mill Officials Release Dates For Vacations

Good news or employees of the local textile mills was released this week by company officials. the workers a long week end) and that the mills will again close for the annual summer vacation during the week beginning Sun-day, July 27.

All employees who have been

regularly employed by the company for twelve months prior to July 27, 1947 will be eligible for vacation pay to be computed at two percent of a worker's straight time earnings for the year beginning July 1, 1946 and ending

June 30, 1947. On Monday, August 4, work ers will receive pay for the week ending July 26, and on Friday, August 8, will receive their vacation pay checks.

Rev. J. T. Maides Gets Theological Degree From Duke

Reverend John T. Maides, who has been filling the pulpit

Hit-Run Driver Nabbed Within Three Minutes

Within three minutes after they handed the license number f a hit and run driver by another officer Monday night, three Roa-noke Rapids policemen arested C. R. Vick, of Weldon.

It happened when Mose West, plored, who had been the victim of a hit and run driver while Iriving along Roanoke Avenue in in automible had spotted another officer, just off duty from the baseball game, in the bus station. West reported the incident, to-

it and run driving and driving

G. E. Brown, one story frame residence with four rooms and

keverend John T. Maides, Jr., who has been filling the pulpit at New Hope Methodist Church and acting as junior minister to Rev. Willis R. Stevens of the Rosemary Methodist Church, received his degree of bachelor of divinity from the Divinity School of Duke University at Durham on June 2. In addition to the degree conferred upon him by Duke, Rev. Maides possessed degrees of arts and bachelor of arts from Louisburg College and High Point College, respectively, and comes from Maysville, N. C. Labert of Caston Baptist Church To Hold Revival

Revival services will start at the Gaston Baptist Church Monon of the Caston Baptist Church Monon of