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MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION MEETS WEDNESDAY; WILL HEAR TALK BY VIRGINIAN



Charles B. McFee, Jr.

McFee became managing director of the Virginia merchants organization on December 2, 1946, when its offices were opened in Richmond.

Scotland Neck Girl Places Third In Essay Contest

Third place winner in the eastern district in the essay contest sponsored by the Carolina Co-operator, publication of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association, and the Farmers Cooperative Exchange, was Ann Winslow, 15, of Scotland Neck, Halifax County representative.

Prediction... WCBT Says Seven Rich Square Men To Be Acquitted

Radio Station WCBT predicted in a Tuesday night broadcast that the seven Northampton County men who will be arraigned in Superior Court at its August term will probably never be indicted by the grand jury on charges of kidnaping Godwin (Buddy) Bush from jail in an alleged lynching attempt.

Romancos Take Doubleheader

The Rosemary Romancos invaded Norfolk last Saturday night for the first time this season in a big way by handing Bybee & Bybee, winners of the Norfolk Major Softball League title, a double defeat, 5-0 and 6-2.

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Jack Brigman, the deputy sheriff, out in his patrol car Sunday afternoon, heard a call come in over the net for "Car 11." That being the number of his car, Jack turned around and headed out in response to the directions.

16 Revocations Among Halifax County Drivers In Three Weeks Period

While only 402 North Carolina drivers' licenses were revoked during the three weeks' period, June 6 through June 27, sixteen of these were Halifax County drivers.

Postmasters To Convene In Raleigh

The North Carolina branch of the National League of District Postmasters will hold a convention in Raleigh on July 25th and 26th, it was announced today by Mrs. Mattie F. Greer of Boomer, secretary-treasurer of the North Carolina branch.

Tobacco Men Approve Proposal 117-1 Majority

Flue-cured tobacco growers in North Carolina and South Carolina have approved by an overwhelming vote of 117,419 to 1,410 - a 10 cents per acre assessment proposed to safeguard and expand export markets through a comprehensive program of education, information and public relations to be administered by Tobacco Associates, Inc.

Wilson's Anniversary Dedication

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilson and family and Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Wilson and family spent Sunday in Southern Va. They attended the 100th anniversary services of the Mercy Seat Presbyterian Church of which the late Dr. Thornton Wilson was pastor for thirty five years.

Driver's License Tests Being Held

Roanoke Rapids and Halifax County were reminded this week that those whose last names begin with the letters A or B are now being tested for re-issuance of drivers licenses.

Building Box Score

Total this week: \$14,500 Total this year: \$435,550

Tragedy Strikes Locality Twice Within Four Days

Girl, 10, Dies In Auto-Bike Mishap Friday

Betty Louise Cobb, 10, daughter of Tilman Cobb of Roanoke Junction, was killed about 12:30 p. m. last Friday at the corner of 14th and Hamilton streets when she fell from her bicycle into the path of an automobile driven by Harding Jones of Gaston.

Bond Lowered To \$500 In Local Hogs' Disappearance

Marriages, Divorces Show Decline In '47

Marriage licenses are trailing in quantity this year by only a small fraction of the number issued in 1946, according to figures released this week from the clerk's office in Halifax.

Halifax County Court House News

The Recorder's Court will meet on Tuesday July 15, 1947 but will meet Tuesday July 22, 1947 at Halifax, N. C.

Local Girl Named Librarian-Director At Charlottesville

Evelyn Day Mullen To Assume Duties July 15th

Miss Evelyn Day Mullen of Roanoke Rapids has been appointed to serve as librarian-director at the Charlottesville Public Library, Charlottesville, Va., according to an announcement released by Homan W. Walsh, chairman of the Charlottesville Public Library Board of Trustees.

Twelve Meters Are Installed by Water Dept.

Meter changes listed by the Sanitary Commission office this week included: Meters Removed Lucy Clements, 217 Madison Street; J. W. Baird, 282 Roanoke Avenue; Lewis Little, 1300 Roanoke Avenue; E. W. Ellerson, 221 William; Stokes Distributing Company, 258 Roanoke Avenue.

Revival Services

The public is cordially invited to attend a tabernacle revival every evening at the Church of Jesus, located at the foot of East Emery Street, next to the creek in South Rosemary. Leading the services will be singing evangelist, Minnie E. Wingate, of Jacksonville, Fla. The services will begin at 7:45 each evening, according to Mrs. H. J. Finch, pastor.

Ray Finley Gives Up Position Here

Ray Finley, for four years director of the Roanoke Rapids High School Band and Glee Club, has resigned and accepted a position with the Waterman High School near Chicago.

Freak Accident Claims Life Of Newcombe Child

Flora Jean Newcombe, 7, was killed about 10:30 Tuesday morning when a horse, belonging to a neighbor, kicked at a dog, missed his target and struck the child instead.



A dual control car, to be used for driver training purposes, has been examined by (left to right): Coleman W. Roberts, Chairman of the State Committee For Traffic Safety, Inc.; Charles M. Johnson, Committee Treasurer; Governor R. Gregg Cherry, Ex-Officio Committee Chairman; T. Boddie Ward, former Commissioner of Motor Vehicles; R. C. Hoffman, member of Committee Board of Directors; Col. H. J. Hatcher, Commanding, State Highway Patrol; Sam Gaynor, Committee Secretary and Joe W. Garrett, Assistant Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Three Remanded To Superior Court In Downing Case

Three additional arrests in connection with last week's disappearance of four hogs belonging to Roger H. Downing were effected last Thursday when police arrested E. B. Bowman, local grocer; George Lewis and Sterling Harris, on warrants sworn out by Downing.

Seven Births Reported At Hospital

Seven new arrivals were reported at Roanoke Rapids Hospital during the past several days. On July 8th a baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Price of Roanoke Rapids; a baby girl to Mr. and Mrs. John Cowan of Roanoke Rapids.

Meters Transferred

Carl Carter, 309 Henry Street to 402 Monroe Street and G. L. Joyner, 402 Monroe Street to 309 Henry Street.

Meters Installed

H. S. Parker, 200 Washington Street; Harold Bloom, 236 Roanoke Avenue; S. S. Smith, 221 Jackson Street; R. B. Tudor, 1212 Hamilton Street; Annie Franks, 1312 Roanoke Avenue.

From 1925-45 North Carolina cow population increased by 85,000.

Milk production in North Carolina, from 1925 to 1945, increased by 56 million gallons, and average milk production per cow increased by 55 gallons.

THIS COULD GO ON AND ON

There were two morons - one of whom wanted to have a house built and the other of whom wanted to build it for him.

SECOND SPASM

Safely over this disaster, the little moron who was having the house built decided to add a garage onto the project.

SIAMESE DEPARTMENT

On Friday morning (after last week's column had gone out saying we'd probably see a Siamese saucer most any time) the Rambler walked into the office to find two flat white squashes sitting on his desk.

IT MUST HAVE BEEN POTENT

A few days ago we heard a man say that he had figured out why so many people were seeing "Flying Saucers".

FIRST PRESS

Speaking of the coast, though, the Rambler got down that way this week end and, although he didn't see any of those things - now-are't-you-hearing-about-things - he did see a sign in New Bern which told that the first printing press in the state was put up by James Davis there in 1749.

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WEDNESDAY

Despite all reports to the contrary it was Charlie Munday, manager of the Rocky Mount ball club, who was ejected from Wednesday night's washed out ball game at Simmons Park.