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**THEY GAVE THEIR LIVES**

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**Editorials---**

C. A. WYCHE

Braving a downpour of rain that was at times little short of torrential, citizens from all walks of life and from many surrounding communities as well as from Roanoke Rapids, crowded the First Presbyterian Church on Monday afternoon to attend the funeral of one of the town's pioneers and foremost businessmen.

The presence of so many persons at the funeral of C. A. Wyche on Monday expressed very clearly the high esteem in which he was held by all who knew him.

When death came on Saturday to Mr. Wyche, the city lost one of its most beloved residents. To the people who knew him—and who, as a consequence, loved him—he will always be an inspiration to the upholding of high ideals of honesty, charity and forbearance.

The multitude who braved the rain to pay those final respects to C. A. Wyche wrote a far greater tribute to his memory than can be expressed in mere words.

**IN WAR AND PEACE**

This morning at eleven o'clock Kenneth C. Royall, of Goldsboro was scheduled to have been sworn in as Secretary of War in Washington. He is the first North Carolinian to attain Cabinet rank since Josephus Daniels, former Secretary of the Navy.

It will be well if Carolinians will pause today and take stock of those things directly concerned with and pertinent to national defense.

**Modern Minute Men**

First of those (on a local basis) is the fact that Company "E", 119th Infantry, 30th Division, of Roanoke Rapids is now a federally recognized unit of the National Guard of the United States, it having passed a federal inspection last Friday night.

Consistent hard work on the part of quite a few returned veterans of the last war has now led to the official recognition of the local unit by the United States Army.

Early in the war, it was noted that many Regular Army officers and men disapproved of the way promotions (and commissions) were handed out to citizen-soldiers.

During and since the end of that war, however, the old line West Pointers have come to recognize the new National Guard as a force whose importance is highly relevant to their own.

For example, should this nation now decide to let its armed forces go entirely "to the dogs" the regulars will feel the imminence of its own paralysis when the Guard begins to collapse. For that reason, the entire War Department is holding the line for the Guard.

Many top-notch combat officers came from the Guard and Reserves during the war, despite official neglect, lack of appropriations and snubbing by the citizenry in general prior to the declaration of a state of emergency. Beightler, of the Buckeye 35th Division (to use one example), the only National Guard Major General to retain command of his division from the time of its mobilization until V-J Day, was highly respected in the inner councils of the MacArthur staff. There were countless others who had never attended West Point who proved their worth, intelligence and courage under the bloodiest combat conditions ever known in the history of the world.

Many will recall the Guard's mobilization of 1940 when England stood—in its battle with the Nazis — alone, fortified only by the domineering courage of Winston Churchill and the flying and fighting skill of the now-famous "few" of the RAF.

Clad in make-shift uniforms that still smelled of 1918 mothballs and equipped with obsolete trucks, guns and equipment, the Guard rolled forth from home stations to training camps in the fall of that year to ready itself and the nation for the struggle that was looming; and it found war thrust upon it before it was ready.

This nation cannot again afford to allow the citizen-soldiers of the National Guard to become the laughing stock of the Regular Army, of Americans, and of the world in

general.

**Air Force Day**

Along the same vein (though national in scope) we can, on August 1, 1947, observe Air Force Day with gratitude that there is no Coventry, Cologne nor Hiroshima here.

The experience of World War II and the growing smallness of the world brought about by the continued improvements in aviation underscore the vital necessity for maintaining strong air forces.

Our air power, supporting the policies of peace-loving nations, together with our reserve fighting power, is insurance against war.

The man in the street is determined not to again be the man behind the gun.

**Hospital Notes**

Admissions and discharges at Roanoke Rapids Hospital during the past week were listed as follows:

**Admissions**  
July 15  
Mrs. Margie Eason, Mrs. Leroy Floyd, Johnnie Craddock, Mrs. E. S. Stainback, Jr., Bobby Tickle, Howard Tickle, Mrs. Virgie Cleaton and Mrs. T. L. O'Brian of Roanoke Rapids; Mrs. D. E. Valentine, Colrane; Lillie Mae Price, Gumberry; Mrs. Wingate Smith, Murfreesboro; Mrs. Elizabeth Hendries, Weldon; George Curles, of Norfolk, and Mrs. S. S. Coker, Jackson.

July 16  
Elton Moody, Michael Braswell, W. W. Hobbs and Steve Mitchell of Roanoke Rapids; Mrs. William Jones and R. E. Kennedy, Stoney Creek, Va.

July 17  
Mrs. G. E. Powers and infant son, Mrs. Bessie Ross, Mrs. Gladys Cooley, Mrs. John Robinson, Mrs. M. R. Mabrey, Mrs. Lenora Bartley and infant, and Clarence Garner of Roanoke Rapids; Early W. Rawls, Ahsokie; Lloyd Earl Long, Jackson; Mrs. W. E. Riggan, Littleton; Mrs. K. R. Barnhill, Scotland Neck; Mrs. Nettie Crowder, Merchant, Va.; Jennings White, Jr., Conway, and Mrs. C. A. Brewer and infant daughter.

July 18  
Mrs. Edward Allen, Mrs. Blonnie Smith, Mrs. Arthur Tanner, Mrs. Luther Smith, Mrs. John Thompson, Deloris Davis and Donald Davis of Roanoke Rapids; Joe Johnston, Littleton, and Mrs. James Bass, Pleasant Hill.

July 19  
Mrs. Sallie Collins and J. H. Nicholson of Roanoke Rapids; Wesley Newsome, Emporia, Va.

July 20  
Thomas Mayton, Anzell Lynch, Elbert Lee Hersey and Mrs. Grover Jordan of Roanoke Rapids; Mrs. W. T. Barnew of Garysburg, and Jamie Hux of Halifax.

July 21  
Peggy Taylor, Aivis Matthews, C. F. Young, John Smith and Mrs. Herman Taylor of Roanoke Rapids.

**Discharges**  
July 15  
Mrs. Walter Epps, Mrs. W. D. Nance, Bobby Tickle and Howard Tickle of Roanoke Rapids; Mrs. P. I. Wright and infant daughter of White Plains, Va.; Mrs. Henry Taylor and infant daughter of Boykins, Va.; Mrs. John Piland, V. M. Hedgepeth and Edward Plythe, Jr., of Conway, and Mark Grizzard, Jarrett.

July 16  
Shirley Jane Hargrove, Shirley Daniel, Steve Mitchell and William White, Jr., of Roanoke Rapids; Claude Emory, Rich Square; Mrs. Carl Gaudin of Rawlings, Va.; Mrs. J. J. Pridden, Weldon, and I. W. Bryant, Boykins, Va.

July 17  
Michael Braswell, Mrs. H. M. Faison, Mrs. Thurston Midgett, Mrs. Nellie Erwin and Mrs. E. C. Hurst and infant son of Roanoke Rapids; Robert Knopp, Emporia; Mrs. Horace Hill and infant son of South Hill, Va.; R. E. Kennedy, Stoney Creek, Va.; Mrs. S. C. Coker, Jackson; George Curles, Norfolk; Mrs. W. B. Browning, Littleton; Mrs. B. E. Stephenson, Rich Square, and N. C. Cole of Sanford, N. C.

July 18  
Mrs. R. L. Collins and infant son, Earl Griffith, Elton Moody and Clarence Garner of Roanoke Rapids; Jennings White of Conway; Lloyd Earl Long, Jackson; Early W. Rawls, Ahsokie; Mrs. Wingate Smith, Murfreesboro; Mrs. Rufus Green and infant daughter, Emporia, and Mrs. L. B. Spence of Broadnax.

July 19  
Donald Smith, Mrs. Margie Eason, James Etheridge, Mrs. W. G. Hockaday and Mrs. L. E. Finch of Roanoke Rapids; B. D. Hamill, Weldon; Mrs. K. R. Barnhill, Scotland Neck; Lillie Mae Price, Gumberry; Mrs. R. L. Ricks and infant son of Branchville, Va.; Susie Williams, Broadnax, and Mrs. J. R. Kidd of Brunswick.

July 20  
J. H. Nicholson, Mrs. J. C. Pair and infant daughter, Mrs. James McDaniel and infant daughter and Rae Martin of Roanoke Rapids; Westley Newsome, Emporia; Mrs. K. R. Barnhill, Scotland Neck; Mrs. William Jones, LaCross, Va.; Mrs. James Walker and infant daughter of Weldon; Mrs. D. E. Valentine, Colrane; Mrs. Robert Powell, Lawrenceville; Mrs. R. W. Long, Conway; Mrs. J. W. Thompson and infant daughter, Emporia, and Mrs. Novella Blowe, Margarettsville.

July 21  
Mrs. Sallie Collins, Mrs. Virgie Cleaton, Johnnie Craddock, Jr., and Mrs. Fred Neal of Roanoke Rapids; Carl Wright, Lawrenceville; Mrs. C. B. Moseley and infant daughter of Ebony.

**Mrs. Roderick Meikle Is Bridge Hostess**

Mrs. Roderick Meikle was hostess to her bridge club last Wednesday evening.

In the living room where two tables were placed for bridge, arrangements of gladioli were used effectively.

Bridge was enjoyed until 10:30 with Mrs. W. D. Hall scoring high. She was given an attractive prize by the hostess.

Food punch was served during the evening and at refreshment time the hostess served ice cream and cake.

Guests included Mrs. W. D. Hall, Mrs. Ed Knott, Mrs. John Dunn, Mrs. T. R. Wilson, Mrs. C. D. Liske, Mrs. Wilmer Collier, Mrs. T. J. Taylor and Mrs. Dick Taylor.

**Town Talk**

Charlie Edwards and Richard Allsbrook spent Wednesday at Chesapeake Beach.

Mrs. Sam Bunn, Miss Ann Bunn and Mrs. A. L. Gilliam spent Tuesday in Wilson.

Mrs. W. R. Hackney, Mrs. Jackson and little Miss Kitty Towel of Rocky Mount were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bunn last week.

Mrs. Ed Berkeley and daughter, Mary Louise, returned Wednesday from a visit with relatives in Lumberton. Miss Margaret Lifsey and Miss Hazel Barrett of Emporia were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. Griffin last week.

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