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### McFee Addresses Merchants Group



Shown addressing the recent annual outdoor meeting of the Roanoke Rapids Merchants Association is Charles B. McFee, managing director of the Virginia Retail Merchants Association. With McFee at the "rostrum" are C. C. Shell, a director of the North Carolina Merchants Association and member of the local group, and George Wilkes, vice-president of the local association. (Photo by Tudor.)

### Vic Huggins Here On Official Visit Local Rotary Club

L. V. (Vic) Huggins of Chapel Hill, newly-elected governor of the 189th Rotary district, was here last Monday evening for his first official visit to the Roanoke Rapids Rotary Club.

Huggins was greeted with a nice attendance of local Rotarians and addressed the club after dinner had been served.

"Anything that Rotarians or people in a community want, they can have if they work hard enough for it," said Huggins in stressing that Rotarians should work for "better schools, better law enforcement and the other things that go to make a better and finer community."

The new district governor, a merchant in Chapel Hill, was warmly greeted after his talk by local Rotarians, some of them expressing belief that it was one of the best talks heard by the membership in a long time.

### Gaston Cops Two During Week-end

The Gaston baseball team won two games last week end, dropping Roanoke Rapids Eagles by 10-5 on Saturday and sending Triplett, Va., home on the short end of an 8-0 count Sunday.

Batteries for Saturday's game were: for Gaston, Burnette, Oliver and Garner; for the Eagles, Stewart, Lewis and Cook.

In the Sunday encounter Charles Draughn pitched his second successive shutout, scattering eight hits over the route.

Score by innings:

Triplett	000 000 000—0 8 6
Gaston	141 010 01X—8 14 5

Batteries: Pearson and High; Draughn and Oliver.

### Two Make Break From Road Camp Hire Roanoke Rapids Taxi For Journey To Tarboro

A manhunt was in progress this week for two Halifax County prisoners who fled from Halifax County road camp some time last Monday afternoon.

Arthur Goff, 26, formerly of LaGrange, and Ernest Eubanks, 18, formerly of Swansboro, escaped from the county camp some time after noon Monday and hired a taxi in Roanoke Rapids.

Arriving in Tarboro, the men paid the driver \$15 and disappeared in the vicinity of a service station, located on the edge of town, before the driver realized the pair were escaped prisoners.

Tuesday night's developments found the two on the road again, this time in a blue 1946 Chevrolet coupe (license number 657-606), allegedly stolen in Greenville.

Goff was serving a six months' sentence for trespassing, while Eubanks was serving time on a larceny charge, was to have been released shortly.

### Former Littleton Resident Among Kerr's Visitors

Washington — Visitors from all parts of Eastern North Carolina came last Thursday to the office of Representative John H. Kerr.

John P. Leach, formerly of Littleton, and now living in Ohio, stopped off to pay his respects to the congressman on his way home to Littleton on vacation.

W. H. Fountain, Jr., of Rocky Mount, and A. D. Harris of Warrington, were among the other second district visitors to the Kerr office.

From outside the district, Van B. Sharpe, of Carthage, was one of the Kerr callers.

### Young Child Dies Suddenly

Alice Faye Hazelwood, seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Hazelwood of Weldon, died suddenly Monday morning in Roanoke Rapids Hospital following an operation. Funeral services were conducted from the residence in Weldon Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock by the Rev. W. C. Grant, pastor of the Weldon Baptist Church. Interment was in Cedarwood cemetery. Besides her parents, she is survived by one sister, Barbara Ann Hazelwood, and one brother, Billy, both of the home.

### Methodist Youth Caravan Here Soon



Members of the Methodist Youth Caravan which will be at Rosemary Methodist Church during the week August 3-8 are pictured above. Left to right (standing): Ramona Resler, Topeka, Kansas, and Jimmie Miller, Elizabeth City, N. C.; (seated): Evelyn Sanders, Scottsboro, Alabama; Ella Jackson, Godwin, N. C., and Gwendolyn Egan, Olney, Texas.

The caravan is one of four groups of young people working this summer in the North Carolina Methodist Conference. The caravan program of one week is designed to include both youth and interested adults.

Program for the week was listed by Rev. W. R. Stevens, pastor of the church, as follows:

**Sunday, August 3**

At the morning church school hour members of the caravan will teach classes and participate in the church school program.

7-7:45 p. m., classes.

8-9 p. m., worship service.

9-9:30 p. m., fellowship period.

**Monday-Thursday, Aug. 4-7**

9-11 a. m., workshop for intermediates (age 12-14).

6:45-7:30 p. m., classes.

7:30-8:10 p. m., forum.

8:15-9 p. m., worship.

9-9:45 p. m., recreation.

**Friday, August 8**

9-11 a. m., workshop for intermediates.

6:45-7:30 p. m., classes.

7:30-8:10 p. m., forum.

8:15-9 p. m., worship.

9-9:45 p. m., recreation.

### \$33,960 Gain Registered In 1947 Building

#### Figures For First Seven Months Listed

A gain of \$33,960 on comparative figures of building permits for a year ago was registered this month, a compilation of estimated costs totals showed yesterday.

Total for construction permits issued during the first seven months of 1946 was \$583,190 as compared to the end of the present month figure of \$488,850. However, whereas a month ago, the 1947 total was running \$128,390 worth behind that of 1946, this month's total has pulled up to within \$4,340 of the total for first seven months of last year.

Home building, just as in every other city in the state, in Roanoke Rapids, continues its phenomenal lead over that of 1946. Whereas in July of 1946, only five permits for new home construction in the amount of \$22,000 were issued, seven permits for this month added up to \$33,500 and coupled with an "other construction" classification, totaled \$71,300. Last year in July all the permits together totaled a meager \$37,340.

A perusal of the figures in tabulated form shows that, while the contemporary total is still almost a hundred thousand dollars off last year's pace, the accelerated building in residential structures should more than offset the lack of other building and pull the total at the end of the year up to (or near) that of last year.

**Home Construction**

A tabulation follows:

**Home Construction**

July 1946, 5 permits for \$22,000.

July 1947, 7 permits for \$33,500.

First 7 months 1946, \$169,600.

First 7 months 1947, \$352,400.

**Other Construction**

July 1946, 5 permits for \$15,340.

July 1947, 5 permits for \$37,800.

First 7 months 1946, \$413,590.

First 7 months 1947, \$136,450.

**Totals**

July 1946, \$37,340.

July 1947, \$71,300.

First 7 months 1946, \$583,190.

First 7 months 1947, \$488,850.

Only two permits were issued during the last week in July.

The first was to Leon Edwards for a one story frame residence with five rooms and a bath on Rapids Street between Fourth and Fifth Streets at an estimated cost of \$4,500. The other was to Connie Ivey to build a one story cinder block store building on Popular Street at a cost of \$1,000.

A good rule to follow in feeding dairy cows is to give a cow all the good hay she will eat and three pounds of silage for each 100 pounds live weight.

# Nine Arrested On Gambling Charges After Knife Attack

## The Local Week . . .

### City Commissioners Meeting

The board of city commissioners which met last Thursday to consider the budget for the forthcoming year will hold its regular monthly meeting this Tuesday, August 5th, in the board room at the Municipal Building.

### Air Force Day

Tomorrow, Friday, August 1st, is Air Force Day.

### Firemen Called Twice

Firemen were called out twice during the past week. On Friday morning they answered a call to the home of Bill Lowe, 210 Madison Street, where an oil stove had caused some trouble, but a fire extinguisher was all that was needed to extinguish the blaze. Sunday morning, a curtain caught fire at the Cagle home at 519 Hamilton Street, but there was only minor damage and the fire was out when the firemen arrived.

### Mrs. Sam A. Dunn Named

At a meeting of the County Democratic Committee in Halifax Friday morning, Mrs. Sam Arrington Dunn, of Enfield, member of a prominent Halifax County family, was appointed by unanimous vote to fill the vacancy on the Board of Education left by the recent resignation of R. C. Rives.

### Local Scout Sails For Paris

Scout L. D. (Sonny) Hines, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Hines, of Franklin Street, sailed from New York last Thursday aboard the Army transport the "General Muir," to attend the Sixth International Jamboree of Scouts in Paris, France.

30,000 Scouts from all countries, (1,020 of them from the U. S.) will attend this jamboree, the first to be held in 10 years.

While in Europe, the Scouts will tour Belgium, Switzerland, and Holland, and a special group will be taken on a tour of England.

The American scouts will return to the United States on August 30th.

### Central Wins Second Half Loop Title

Central's eleven-inning 1-0 win Tuesday over Rosemary clinched the second half title for the mid-city club and now gives them the right to meet Clara Hearne's first-half winners next week for the city playground title.

The playoffs will get under way Monday morning. On Wednesday night the champions of each half in both the senior and junior leagues, will battle it out under lights at Ledgerwood Park.

The attendance total dropped to the 1779 mark this week. Central moved out front with 449, and was followed by Clara Hearne with 437, and Vance Street and Rosemary who had respective totals of 399 and 297. The colored playground at John Armstrong Chalmers School fell way below to a mere 197 total.

### City Playground League

	W	L	Pct
Rosemary	7	1	.875
Clara Hearne	5	3	.625
Vance Street	4	4	.500
Results—July 29:			
Clara Hearne	000 000 0—0		
Rosemary	000 000 1—1		
Storey and Lynch; King and Maurice.			
Vance Street	000 000 0—0		
Central	000 100 x—1		
Batton and Myrick; Acree and Joyner.			
Results—July 28:			
Rosemary	314 023—13		
Vance Street	000 000—0		
King and Maurice; Acree and Myrick.			
Central	101 120 000—5		
Clara Hearne	041 000 001—6		
Adams, Acree and Joyner; Tritt.			
Results—July 29:			
Lynch and Lynch, Smith.			
Vance Street	000 20—2		
Clara Hearne	621 4x—13		
Rook, Myrick and Edmondson; Tritt and Lynch.			
Rosemary	000 000 00 00—0		
Central	000 000 00 01—1		
King and Maurice; Acree and Adams.			
Results—July 28:			
Clara Hearne	5 1 .875		
Rosemary	4 3 .572		
Vance Street	3 4 .429		
Central	1 5 .167		
Results—July 29:			
Vance Street	000 01—1		
Central	030 7x—10		
Edmondson and Doyle; Poindexter and Vick.			
Results—July 28:			
Central	301 10—5		
Vance Street	000 00—0		
Poindexter and Edmonds; Edmondson and Wrenn.			
Rosemary	103 00—4		
Clara Hearne	340 0x—7		
Brown, Little and Warrick; Cobb and Buck.			

## Police Investigation Of Sabbath Morning Stabbing Results In Mass Arrests

### Thirteen Meters Installed Here

Meter changes for the past week were listed by the Sanitary Department as follows:

**Meters Removed**

Patty Dickens, 117 Washington and Pearl Harris, 312 Monroe street.

**Meters Installed**

Marvin Anderton, 813 Jackson street; Dr. E. C. Murray, 1003 Jackson street; W. H. Stokes, 900 Vance street; Grace B. Gates, 603 Jefferson street; Dr. W. W. Farley, 711 Madison street.

D. M. Chestnut, 10th and Marshall streets; E. R. Myrick, 317 Monroe street; J. W. Shay, 112 Washington; Bill Idins, 1014 Hamilton street; Sam T. Brown, Eighth and Madison streets.

Alton Baggett, 1305 Washington street; W. C. Simpson, 813 Jackson street, and Ashley Smith, 200 Roanoke Avenue.

### Silas Hendley Bonded At \$500 After Monday Apprehension

Silas Hendley, formerly of Henderson and now of Roanoke Rapids, posted bond of \$500 Tuesday night after he had been arrested and lodged in city jail Monday by police and sheriff's deputies on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon in connection with an early Sunday morning knife slashing of Joe (Pete) Wells, Jr., in an alley behind Wells' home in the 900 block of Jackson Street.

Meanwhile Wells, whose stomach wound required 20 stitches and 11 clamps to close, was also under a bond, although of only \$200, on charges of gambling, operating a gambling house and engaging in an affray in which a deadly weapon was used.

Hendley was also charged with gambling and another man, Garland McGee, was charged with aiding and abetting in gambling.

Six other men, Lindsey Shearin, Claude Barnes, Hassell Bridgeman, C. C. Batty, Basil Davis and J. C. Warrick, were arrested and charged with gambling after news of the cutting scraps had sent officers into an investigation of circumstances surrounding the 3:00 a. m. Sunday fight.

Preliminary hearing for the nine men will be held Saturday morning at 10:00 o'clock before Mayor J. T. Chase in the courtroom of the municipal building.

### Revival Services Beginning Sunday

Revival services at Quankie Baptist Church near Roanoke Rapids will begin Sunday, August 3 at 11 a. m. with a sermon by Rev. Thomas Greene of Kentucky, assisting the pastor, Rev. E. W. Greene.

At the noon hour a basket lunch will be served. The afternoon service will begin at 2 o'clock.

Two services will be held each week day night beginning Monday night at 7. The second service will begin at 8:15 p. m.

The pastor announces that the public is cordially invited to these services.

The "Cherokee Boys," local radio entertainers, will render a program of gospel songs at the Sunday morning service.

### Home Economics Teachers Attend Conference

Home economics teachers of the eastern counties of North Carolina held their annual vocational home economics conference at the Carolina Teachers College, Raleigh, July 21 through July 25.

The 123 home economics teachers attending the conference were instructed in home improvements, clothing, health, home nursing, consumer education, teaching food in the 60-minute period, unusual aids and care and use of equipment.

Themes for the general session throughout the week included "Toward New Horizons for Future Homemakers in 1947-1948," "Successful Experiences in Working with Adults in Home Economics," and "How Active County Organizations of Home Economics Teachers Can Contribute to More Successful Teaching."

Among the speakers and leaders of discussion groups during the week were Catherine T. Dennis of Raleigh, Mabel Lacy and Mrs. Adelaide Blaxton of East Carolina Teachers College, Mrs. Dorothy B. McClure of Clarkston, Julia Bradshaw of Rock Ridge, Rose Mary Codell and Mrs. Will Frances Sanders of Raleigh, Louise Lowe of the Womans College, Greensboro; Emily Burt Person of Tarboro, Mrs. Clarinda Britt of Goldsboro, Marjorie Smith of Burgaw, Carolyn Outlaw of Kenansville and Josephine Grant of Edenton.

Helen Sorrell, vocational teacher at Hillsboro, was announced as the only teacher representative from North Carolina who will attend the national executive meeting of the Future Homemakers of America in Kansas City on July 28. Betty Cannady of Franklin will attend as student representative from the state.

### Smith's Church Homecoming Day To Be Observed

Next Sunday marks the homecoming day and beginning of a revival at Smith's Methodist Church, it was announced today. All former pastors, members, absentees members, resident members and friends are invited to be present Sunday for the all-day services the announcement stated.

Rev. P. F. Newton of Enfield will assist the pastor in the revival and participate in the homecoming day services. The day will open with the sessions of the church school at 10 a. m., followed by an appropriate special service at 11 o'clock. After the dinner hour the homecoming service will be conducted in which former pastors and members will make brief remarks.

The pastor stated that this will probably be the last revival with the present auditorium has been remodeled and a new church school plant has been built. The architect is drawing plans for remodeling the present building and erecting the new plant. About half the \$25,000 necessary has been paid in or subscribed.

### WELL, WE WERE!

It is the custom of the Rambler to purchase a newspaper prior to entering a cafe for dinner in order that he might increase his meager knowledge of the world while waiting arrival of his food from the kitchen.

And, on some few occasions, he has even been known to go so far as to add a magazine to this pre-dinner purchasing spree, using same to weight down the newspaper while his hands were otherwise occupied in silverware management.

Such was the case one evening last week when suddenly an old gentleman diner, previously safely at anchor in another part of the establishment, arose from his coffee and pie and advanced warily upon our stronghold with a greedy look in his eyes.

We were set to respond to an expected request for the loan of our magazine with an "oh-gr-right-ahead-I-wasn't - reading-it-anyway" when we were startled no little by a sudden outstretching of his hand toward our recently purchased stack of literature.

Hypnotized by this sudden and entirely unexpected action and unwilling to believe our eyes, we stared in horror as the magazine was quickly lifted and the newspaper "switched" to be borne in proud triumph back to his table (a feat accomplished without so much as a "pardon me" or a backward glance).

Helplessly we boiled — the petty larceny was done—we half-heartedly contemplated an appeal to the U. N.—then rejected the idea—and at the time our feelings were not unlike those of the new-famous prize fight manager who once exclaimed to the nation over a radio network that: "We wuz robbed!"

### SHADES OF HARVEY!

The scene: a ball diamond in Belmont a few years ago. The batter hits a long one out to the right fielder—(so Ed Elmore says)—in his haste he picks up a rabbit instead of the ball and hurls it to the catcher at home plate . . . yells the umpire: "Out—by a hare!"

### HERE AND THERE

Joe Kidd dropped in this week. He's Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Kidd's boy who went to the service a while back . . . got his basic in Fort Belvoir, Va. . . then went to Camp Stoneman, Cal., for about two months . . . jumped to Hawaii in November and stayed in the land of the pineapples and Waikiki a half year . . . In April, Joe went with a company from the 30th Engineer Base Topographic Battalion to the Palau Islands for a month . . . June 20th was discharge date for the happy lad at Fairfield Army Air Base, Cal. . . Here and there . . . now he's here.