

YOU DON'T SAY

"Do you know," said the young agricultural student to an old farmer, "your methods of cultivation are years behind the times. Why, I'd be surprised if you made a dollar out of the oats in this field."

OUR WATCHDOG

Perhaps the title on this story is wrong because when we start thinking of the Herald's "watchdog" we think of the barbecue (and keep wanting to write about it) we went on with a few friends a couple of weeks ago.

Head-on Mishap Hurts 2

Two people were hospitalized, a third treated for minor bruises and two cars were badly damaged Sunday evening at about six thirty when a car headed toward Gaston and driven by George Harris, of that township, crashed headlong into another driven by Robert L. Woodruff, of 77 Hamilton Street, on the Roanoke River bridge northeast of Roanoke Rapids.

Carl Murray Dies Here Early Today

Carl Murray, Roanoke Rapids business man, died at 4:30 this morning at Roanoke Rapids Hospital.

WASHING MACHINE SMOKES

A washing machine motor's smoking caused Mrs. W. G. Bunch to call the fire department to her home at 600 Hamilton Street shortly before ten o'clock this morning. No damage was reported.

OTHER FAUNA

While we are in the animal kingdom—(this is the insect sub-division of same)—we might mention that G. V. Ferguson, of 203 Monroe street, who works at Patterson Mill, found a bug in the slasher room Monday afternoon about 2 o'clock, which can best be described as a "pincher bug."

AND MANY MORE

Happy birthday recipient Tuesday was Miss Betty Dickens, who generally manages to brighten up the day for a lot of people in her capacity as waitress in a local cafe.

Four Dead; Damage \$16,000 Here As 53 Local Traffic Accidents Counted For First Half of 1947

(Editor's note: This is the first of a series of two articles on traffic safety. The Herald is glad to cooperate with the Roanoke Rapids Police Department in an effort to keep our traffic death rate at a minimum.)

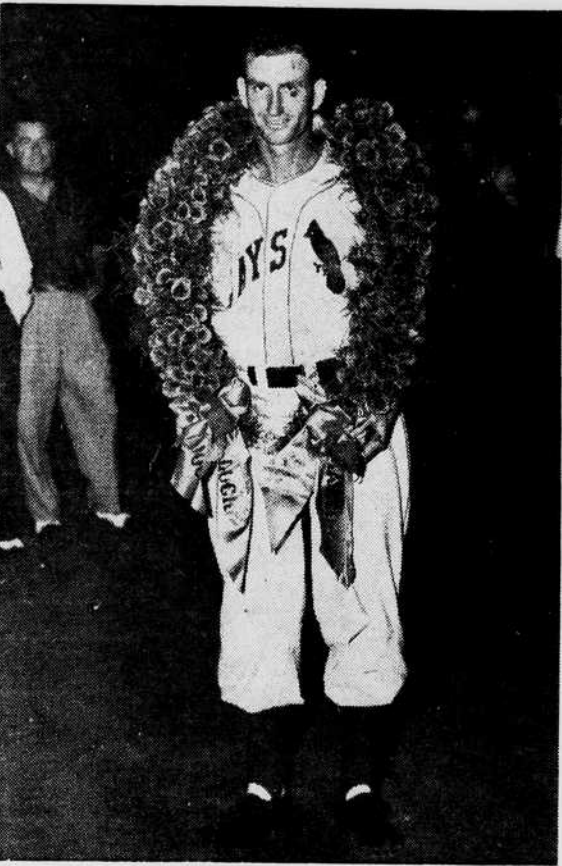
The state-wide compilation does show an encouraging 24 per cent decrease however in traffic deaths throughout the state from a comparative figure for the first half of 1946; a 23 per cent drop in city and town fatalities.

Scotland Neck Group Requests County Commissioners to Take Action on Hospital Project

A delegation of Scotland Neck citizens Monday morning, Aug. 4, presented to the board of county commissioners of Halifax a proposal that the county sponsor the creation of a 20-bed hospital unit at Scotland Neck, in cooperation with the State Medical Care Commission and the United States Public Health Service.

The town board of Scotland Neck. It was pointed out by members of the delegation that, on the basis of Medical Care Commission figures, a 20-bed capacity unit at Scotland Neck would cost between \$100,000 and \$125,000 to construct and equip and the county's share of this would be 28 and seven-tenths percent.

Over 3,000 Jam Simmons Park For Special Ceremonies



STU MARTIN Photo by Tudor

... for a man who's doing well

Robert Josey, Jr. Observes His 92nd Birthday Recently

Robert Carey Josey, Sr., of Scotland Neck, grandfather of Robert Carey Josey, III, of Roanoke Rapids, celebrated his 92nd birthday August 2nd.

Is This The Derby? Martin's Query

They gathered around home plate at Simmons Park Tuesday night.

Weldon Jaycees Sponsor "Miss Weldon" Contest

A beauty contest, in conjunction with a dance, will be sponsored by the Weldon Junior Chamber of Commerce Thursday evening, August 21, to select a "Miss Weldon" for the town's representative in the sixth annual Coastal Festival at Morehead City, August 28, 29 and 30, it was announced today by club officials.

Notables Praise Jays, Fans And Martin In Ceremonies

A crowd of fans, estimated at more than 3,000, gathered in Simmons Park Tuesday night to witness a doubleheader between the Jays and the Tarboro Tars and to pay tribute to the Jays' player-manager at "Stu Martin night," sponsored by the Roanoke Rapids Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Four Licenses Revoked During Recorder Court

Four men plead guilty in Recorder's Court here last Thursday to driving while intoxicated and were fined \$100 each, costs of court and had their operators' licenses revoked for 12 months.

The Local Week . . .

False Alarm Firemen answered a call to a laundry near the Junction Friday night but found, on arrival, there was no fire.

Superior Court Recesses Early For Mob Parley

PARADE

With Potentate William J. Bundy, of Sudan Temple A.A. O.N.M.S., the guest of honor, and the Temple Band providing a rite, the newly organized Roanoke Valley Shrine Club staged a parade Wednesday afternoon through the city, followed by a band concert Wednesday night in Roanoke Rapids.

Grand Jury Gives Jail Good Grade

The Halifax County Grand Jury report was submitted to Presiding Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn in the Superior Court at its August term this week in Halifax as follows: We, the Grand Jury for Halifax County, do respectfully report that we have passed on all bills brought to our attention to the best of our ability.

Judge, Solicitor Meet With Chief Executive

Judge J. Paul Frizzelle, Solicitor Ernest Tyler, state Attorney-General Harry McMillen and SBI Director Walter F. Anderson attended a lengthy conference Wednesday morning with Governor Gregg Cherry in Raleigh.

Health Officer Back From Attending Course In New York Hospital

Dr. Robert F. Young, county health officer, returned recently from attending a refresher course in poliomyelitis at Knickerbocker Hospital, New York City on a scholarship granted by the Halifax County Chapter of the Infantile Paralysis Foundation.

Nancy Sheley Draws Two to Five Years For Knifing

Hearing only jail cases due to a summons to Raleigh to discuss the Northampton "mob" case with Governor Gregg Cherry, Judge J. Paul Frizzelle, presiding over the Superior Court in Halifax Monday sentenced Nancy Sheley, 33 year old Hobgood negro to prison for from two to five years after she plead guilty to manslaughter in the butcher knife killing last week of 37 year old Pete Shields.

Manawhile Judge Frizzelle and Solicitor Ernest Tyler were slated to go to Raleigh sometime this week for a discussion of the failure of a Northampton County grand jury to return a true bill in the case of the seven Rich Square white men charged with the attempted kidnapping of a Rich Square negro last May.

In another case heard Monday, Willie Smith, colored, of Enfield, plead guilty to burglary in the second degree and was given a sentence of not less than forty nor more than sixty years in State's prison.

Roanoke Rapids Merchants Asso. Sends Secretary to Training Institute

Begun last year to give members of the various bureau and association staffs additional training, writing, salesmanship, public speaking and other courses helpful to them, the institute will be attended this year by representatives from North Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, Missouri, Ohio, Illinois and Iowa. About 45 persons have registered thus far and total enrollment is expected to reach about 75 before start of the sessions.

Representatives From Ten States Gather At Chapel Hill

Mrs. Elva Martin, secretary of the Roanoke Rapids Merchants Association, will leave Saturday to attend the second annual training institute for merchants association secretaries to be held at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, August 17-23.

First Football Drill Wednesday, August 27

An announcement released today by Rockfellow Ventrone coach of the Roanoke Rapids Yellow Jackets pikakin squad disclosed that the first practice for the local high school's gridiron aspirants will be held on Wednesday, August 27th.

Gene Austin, colored, found guilty of assault on a female, was given two years on the road; and Sam Clanton and Ernest Arington, both colored, were found guilty of larceny and given 12 months on the roads.

Scotland Neck, conditions are good, with the exception that the Grand Jury recommends that some of the bunk mattresses are gone and should be replaced.

G. Washington Used an Axe

A large tree, identified as a cherry tree, caught fire from the burning of some trash, according to firemen, who were called to the vicinity of 49 Madison street Wednesday at noon.

Manufacturing Employes 5,412

Halifax county had 5,412 workers or 81.3 per cent of total employment engaged in manufacturing in 1945, compared to a state average of 66.9 per cent, it was announced this week by Chairman Henry E. Kendall of the State Employment Security Commission.

New Directors Named

John Wilbourne and Frank Neal have been elected to the