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NO SO LONG AGO:

It wasn't so very long ago that we wrote in this column about Ernest Eubank, who has his watch repair shop necessarily fixed so that he can work while in bed.

Every once in a while it is nice, we think, to look back and follow up on the doings of people once mentioned in these columns.

Well, Ernest has turned out to be quite a baseball fan, along with a majority of other Roanoke Rapids citizens and the Jays' management is helping Ernest see the games more easily and more comfortably.

Every home game night, after batting practice is over and as the groundkeepers are working on the diamond just before the ump holders "play ball," Ernest's father drives the family car into the ball park and stops just outside the right field foul line in such a position as to enable Ernest, while sitting in the front seat, to see the playing field. Then, the boys roll the big wire batting cage down there to the car and place it protectively around Ernest's "grandstand." Thus Ernest can watch the game with no fear of being hit by a screaming line drive.

Personally, we think it's one of the nicest things we ever heard of and from the remarks we've heard out at the park so does everyone else.

BEETING QUIET: While we're musing over things of the recent past - some of you may remember that Mrs. Addie Medlin (who lives at 209 West Littleton Road in South Rosemary) was having "chicken-thief" trouble a few weeks ago and the Herald carried a little story about the "vanishing poultry."

This week, Mrs. Medlin called us up and gave us what to us - if we were bee keepers - would be one of the most sensational stories we could have heard.

In addition to her other hobbies, this fine lady keeps about seven colonies of bees, six of which are of a variety known to those in-the-know as Three-Band Italian bees and one of which is a more vicious type known as the Golden Italian.

From the six, said Mrs. Addie, there has been little or no trouble while gathering honey - but just step inside the danger zone of the Golden tribe and there is trouble with a capital "B".

Now, the problem resolved itself into this: "how to get the honey without causing a lot of bad feeling between yourself and the bees?"

To Mrs. Addie who, in her 23 years of administering anesthetics, anesthetized around 32,400 persons, the solution was simple. Just chloroform them.

Well, your columnist thought and asked: wouldn't that kill them? Not if you let a little air stay in the hive with them, sprightly replied our anesthetic administrator.

So that's just what she did. Using about half of an eight ounce bottle of chloroform, she sprayed the hive and within about 10 seconds all the little bees were asleep.

16 minutes later, just as Mrs. Medlin and her assistant, a Mr. Hopper and also a bee keeper, took the last of the honey from the hive and added it to what they had previously removed from a smoked-out hive of the not-so-vicious type for an 125 pound total; her charges were beginning to rouse themselves and resume work just as if nothing out of the ordinary had ever transpired.

The next day, reports Mrs. Addie, she went back out near the hive to check up and see if maybe some of them had died. She was greeted by the cheerful sight of some four to five thousand bees busily buzzing about their business and there wasn't a dead one in sight.

We wish we could say that Mrs. Addie was trying to get rid of all that honey, folks, but sad to relate it's all pledged.

WAS AND WHERE:

While looking back this week, we want to stop and say thanks to Mrs. F. H. Winter who lives at 789 St. Marks Avenue in Brooklyn, New York, whose husband is an ardent follower of the Jays and both of whom say "we do enjoy the paper immensely" and "two like the change from a small size to the regular newspaper size" and who wish us the "best of luck with the Herald."

Halifax, Northampton Deer Hunters Go Into Action October 6th Under 1947-48 Wildlife Commission Rules

Halifax and Northampton county hunters may go after deer on October sixth and hunt (from Mondays through Saturdays) until New Year's Day, according to an announcement released today by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission concerning seasons and bag limits for 1947-48 set after a public hearing in Raleigh August 11th and 12th.

Although the rules and regulations are substantially the same as last year, there were a few minor changes, not the least of which was the added regulation that "deer must have antlers plainly visible to the hunter."

Weldon in Washington



Miss Betty Lee Raynor of Weldon, elected Governor of the Tar Heel State at the recent "Girls State," holds aloft the proud banner of North Carolina at the American Legion Auxiliary's "Girls Nation" in Washington while Miss Marshale Moody of Siler City, Lieutenant Governor, smiles her approval.

Youngsters Scamper Thru Streets Despite Much Playgroup Space; Parents, Adults Cautioned Anew

(Editor's Note: This is the second and last in a series of articles on traffic safety, written in cooperation with the Roanoke Rapids police department in an effort to keep our traffic death rate and property damage at a minimum.)

Although the recent report on North Carolina traffic accidents pointed out several discoveries from a study of the figures, there are two or three local conditions, which, if corrected, could do much to reduce local fatalities, injuries and monetary loss.

One of these - the playing by children in the streets - should take care of itself automatically to a certain extent with the advent of school days. However, there are still a couple of weeks remaining yet for the kids to be at leisure.

Despite the multitude of vacant lots, parks and back yards, no few children are still using the city streets (including the much traveled ones) for playgrounds.

65 Candidates Will Start Football Grind Next Wednesday; Coach Hunts Players To Replace Losses In Line

Approximately 65 candidates, including 13 lettermen, are expected to be on hand for the opening session of football practice at the high school field next Wednesday, Rockefeller Venter, head coach of the Yellow Jackets, disclosed today in elaborating on a previously released announcement of the drill.

The disclosure came in conjunction with an announcement that there would be a change in assistant coaches this year. Danny Cagle, who handled the Junior Jackets as the last season has moved up to assist Venter, replacing Crawford Hoyle, who will take over the Junior squad. This announcement, emanating from the office of Athletic Director Joe Talley, also revealed that Hoyle will retain his post as head baseball mentor.

Lettermen returning from last year's squad are Backfield men Sam Wood, Walter Myrick, O. B. Crumpler, Vance Stewart, David Cook, Runt Acree, Eobhy MacAdams, Reuben Slade, Curtis Higgins and William George; and linemen Wordest Felts, Hubert Lowder, and Jabo Hale.

The Jackets lost the entire first-string line by graduation. Three backs, one of whom entered the Navy, will also be missed from last year's squad.

Ten players, six of which are linemen, have been promoted from the 1946 Junior team. M. C. Crane, Buster Britt, Harold Messer, and Russell Johnson are the only ball-carriers that have moved up to the varsity. Linemen coming up to the No. 1 team are Kenny Mizell, Vixon Harris, Vance Collins, Harry Talley, Billy Nixon, and Noah Sadler.

The present schedule calls for eight games and there is a possibility that one more may be added to the list. Thus far, Oxford is the only non-conference team that the Jax will play, but athletic officials are trying to work the Henderson Bulldogs into the schedule.

The schedule: Sept. 26 - Washington, there; Oct. 3 - Tarboro, here; Oct. 10 - Edenton, there; Oct. 17 - New Bern, here; Oct. 24 - Elizabeth City, there; Oct. 31 - Oxford, there; Nov. 7 - Greenville, here; Nov. 14 - Kinston, there; Nov. 21 - open.

NO BAIL, BOSS? Milton L. Wick, publisher of the Herald, was "imprisoned" for about a half an hour yesterday.

He entered a safety deposit vault at the uptown branch of the Roanoke Bank and Trust Company and when he got ready to leave he couldn't - the door was stuck.

They finally got him out.

School Conferences Begun In County

Administrative activities in connection with the re-opening of the county's schools got under way Tuesday afternoon when the District Principals of the colored schools (which open September first) met in a conference with County Superintendent W. Henry Overman in the auditorium of the County Office building in Halifax.

In a similar meeting being held this afternoon in Halifax, District Principals of the white schools were discussing: the principals' use of time of employment prior to opening of school, policies of operation of Halifax County schools and planning programs of work for the school year. The

white schools, as previously announced, are slated to open on September fourth.

Next Thursday afternoon at two-thirty, a conference with school bus drivers, principals and bus mechanics of the colored schools will be held while the corresponding personnel of the white schools will meet on September third. These two conferences will be attended by a representative of the Division of Highway Safety and topics to be dealt with include: school bus routes, safety and economy in operations of busses, and laws, rules and regulations governing operation of school busses. Principals and teachers meetings

will begin with a negro school principals' conference next Friday morning (August 29) at ten o'clock, colored school teachers will join the principals for a three-hour meeting of their common problems. White instructors and principals will hold their meeting at ten o'clock on the morning of September third.

All the above meetings are scheduled to be held in the County Office building auditorium in Halifax.

In an administrative conference called for two-thirty the afternoon of Friday September fifth, the superintendents and principals (Continued on page 2 - Sect. E)

Half Million Mark Reached In City Building Permits As August Adds \$35,550

According to Gravis, the man entered the Bank of Duluth about two o'clock in the afternoon and requested change for a small bill. About a half hour later the man came back and, informing cashier Everett Bagwell he was a Federal officer, lured him into a back office where he knocked him in the head with an Army .45 calibre automatic.

Alarmed by Bagwell's groans, his wife and a woman bank employee ran out the front door screaming. Gravis said he apprehended Martin about 45 minutes later in Duluth and he was immediately removed to the county jail at Gainsville.

The FBI then took over the investigation of the case, according to Gravis, who said Martin told him his home was "somewhere up that way" (North Carolina).

A James T. Martin recently wrote The Herald from Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, that after seven years service with the armed forces, he was being discharged on July 23rd. He gave his rank as that of major and said he left here with the National Guard in 1940. (The Roanoke Rapids guard unit - Co. "B", 103th Medical Regiment - was mobilized Sept. 26, 1940, and trained for Ft. Jackson, S. C., on Sunday, Sept. 29th.)

Martin said he had served in almost every state in the union, end overseas in the Pacific Theater of Operations. He requested The Herald to tell his friends his plans which he gave in part as "I'm taking a job in the Far East. I expect to spend the rest of my life over there in some part of Asia helping them to rebuild what has been destroyed."

Typhoid Breaks Out Anew; Brings Year Total To 4 Cases

By DR. ROBERT F. YOUNG Typhoid fever has tightened its disagreeable grip upon Halifax County with the reporting of three new cases, bringing the total to four cases in this County for 1947. All of these cases are in negroes located near Mullins Crossroads, none of whom had been adequately immunized for typhoid fever, although, the immunization clinics were held within a short distance of this locality. These tenants are to blame for this neglect. One of these families had neither a sanitary privy nor a safe water supply, while the other family had an approved sanitary privy but was not using it, and did not have a safe water supply. This is, at least in part, a neglected responsibility of the land owner. The tenant and the land owner have a joint responsibility in whipping typhoid fever, and when this responsibility is fully disposed of, the tenant and land owner will realize material benefits in improved health and production. A sick tenant is a liability, and the health of the land lord and his family is in jeopardy with sick tenants and poor sanitation surrounding them.

During the past five and one-half years, Halifax County has had 36 cases of typhoid fever, 30 of which have been located in the lower end of the County near Scotland Neck, and Hobgood. This disagreeable record gives Halifax County one of the highest typhoid fever morbidity rates in the state of North Carolina as well as in the Nation. As the Halifax County Health Department has pointed out many times in the past, typhoid fever is a filth disease the presence of which is positive proof that the sanitary conditions are very poor in the area in which it exists. Almost without exception when investigating these cases, it is found that either sanitary sewage facilities or an approved water supply or both are lacking on the premises where typhoid fever exists. Repeated appeals have been made to the citizens in this county and particularly to the citizens in the community of Scotland Neck and Hobgood to take a positive stand in providing better sanitation so that this disagreeable disease can be controlled. Moreover, appeals have been made to the citizens to be adequately (Continued on page 6 - Sect. A)

Martin was a line sergeant (grade four) when he left here with Company B. After attaining the rank of first sergeant, he left the company in the early part of 1943 to attend Officer Candidate School of the Army Medical Administrative Corps at Camp Barkley near Abilene, Texas.

Army records at Brooks Army Medical Center at Ft. Sam Houston showed a Capt. James T. Martin as having gone on 28 days' terminal leave July 22, which leave would have expired on August 19th.

The Local Week . . .

Two Fire Calls Friday Firemen answered a call about noon Friday to the corner of Sixth Street and Roanoke Avenue when a laundry truck was suspected of being on fire. Smothered with dirt, prior to arrival of firemen, the sparks caused no damage.

Friday night, a vehicle parked outside Simmons Park, began smoking and the smoke-eaters were summoned at about 8:20. Again there were no damages.

Negro Child Hurt Richard Parker, colored, aged four, of 132 Vine Street, was struck though not seriously injured by a 1935 Ford car, owned by Willie B. Williams of 763 Williams Street and driven by his wife. The child was admitted to Roanoke Rapids Hospital after what police said was a part of his skull had been found embedded in the fender of the car.

Office Resigns C. A. Ball, with the Roanoke Rapids police department for the past year and a half, resigned August 15th. He was succeeded by T. L. Glosson, of Burlington, a former policeman here who had resigned several weeks ago to return to his home in Burlington.

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Whites, Negroes Mix Near Church; Leaving Today

Negroes and white persons mixed together, 31 in number and members of a church founded by a native Halifax County negro, were scheduled to leave the county this morning only two days after arrival in response to a board of health order issued them Wednesday morning.

Arriving at a point about three miles east of Halifax Tuesday morning after a trip from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, members of the bus-car caravan, belonging to a church described in two inch-high script letters on the side of the bus as "The Church of the Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith," had held services at a colored church in the vicinity of Tillery. They had been ordered out under the recently passed county law prohibiting the parking of, or camping in, trailers in areas other than authorized and licensed trailer camps.

Acting under this law, enacted in January, the county board of health and the county health officer, Dr. Robert F. Young, yesterday dispatched County Rural Sanitarian E. A. Hastings and Deputy Sheriff Jack Winstead to impromptu camp grounds of the group at the farm home of Lizzie Clark, colored, to inform members they were breaking the sanitation laws and would have to leave the county by ten o'clock this morning.

In an interview Wednesday afternoon in Halifax, Dr. Young stated the board was only concerned with the sanitation aspects of the case and was not interested officially in, nor did they issue an order pertaining to, the breaking of segregation customs.

A white man, identifying himself as the Rev. Alfred N. Durham, a minister of the church he said was founded by "Bishop S. C. Johnson" (a negro born and reared on a farm near Tillery and sometimes known as Shay Johnson), readily answered reporters' questions, stating the church was for "everyone regardless of race, creed or color" and that he was the national secretary of the church.

He gave his home address as Merchantsville, New Jersey, and said he is a member of the group included his wife, a daughter, Edith, a niece, Ray Latham, and a "Sister Anna Pierce."

When asked if a percentage of about half white and half colored of the group would be a "fair

North Carolina ranked as number 18 in income payments during the years 1934-45 with a payment of \$17,647,000.

The total peach crop grown in the State is estimated at 3,104,000 bushel or 2 percent less than 1946 and 57 percent greater than the 10-year average production.

Reshuffling

Full time secretarial service for the city's police department was assured on August 15th when Miss Julia Cook assumed her duties with the department in a small-scale personnel reshuffling at the Municipal Building. Succeeding Miss Cook in her former job with the city clerk's office was Miss Hazel Lee.

In addition to her secretarial duties, the new police department employee will act as clerk of the mayor's court and be in charge of all police records.

Two Arrested; 150 Gallons Mash Seized As Gaston Officers Raid Northampton County Liquor Still

One Surprised At Still; Second Is Arrested Later Same Day

Two Gaston negroes, Allen Scott and Louis Turner, were bound over to Northampton County Recorder's Court in Jackson at a preliminary hearing before Gaston Justice of Peace George A. Brewer, Sr., after Constable John Dixon had raided a liquor still in Gaston Township Saturday afternoon.

Dixon, who deputized George A. Brewer, Jr., to assist him in the raid, said Scott was caught at the still, about an 100-gallon capacity outfit where two 60 gallon barrels and another half-full of mash were seized.

Turner was picked up later in the day and, after the preliminary hearing, the men were bound over to Recorder's Court in Jackson for trial Wednesday, August 27th.

Funeral Services For Carl Murray Held Saturday

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Edmund Berkeley at the First Presbyterian Church Saturday afternoon at four o'clock for Carl W. Murray, 47, Roanoke Rapids business man, who died early last Thursday morning.

Carl W. Murray was born in Greensboro in 1900, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ernest R. Murray.

At the time of his death he was sole owner of the Roanoke Transit Company and Murray's Service Station and Garage, and was the local Oldsmobile dealer.

He belonged to the Presbyterian Church and to the Exchange Club. Survivors are: his wife, his step-mother, two sons, Carl, Jr., and William, a brother, Ernest, of Roanoke Rapids, and a sister, Mrs. Tilling Jordan, of Greensboro.

Group Will Pick "Miss Weldon" At Dance Tonight

"Miss Weldon" will be selected tonight at a dance in the Weldon High School gymnasium by a committee of three judges, composed of the presidents of the Roanoke Rapids, Williamson and Barboro Junior Chamber of Commerce organizations.

Royce Stoener and his orchestra, popular musical organization which has performed in this section, before, will provide music for the dance, being sponsored by the Weldon Jaycees.

23 beautiful girls have been entered in the beauty contest by Weldon merchants to compete for the honor of representing Weldon at Morehead City in the Sixth Annual Coastal Festival, August 23, 29 and 30.

Some veterans Administration hospitals are training handicapped veterans to fill technical and skilled jobs within the hospitals after their release.

City Building To Be Enlarged

More space for the Roanoke Rapids Fire Department (and, as a result, for other city departments) was in the offing today as the city advertised for sealed bids on cost of construction of a one-story addition to the present building housing the department.