### NOT A DRY LECTURE

The Lions and the local police department are cooperating with North Carolina Automobile Association in giving the city's school kids a good show with slyly interwoven lesson about traffic safety. Houston Fuller of the Lions says the kids should get kick out of the performing dog: in the act. (Remember when you and I were young, McGee? It was always some long dry lecture—how times have changed)!

### BUT A DRY DAY

The water cooler ran dry down down at Halifax in the courtroom Tuesday . . . among Roanoke Rapids residents helping to drink the water all up (the weather was hot enough) were: Blair Gibson, Mayor J. T. Chase, the Newsoms. (M. C., Sr. and Jr.), Dr. T. J. Taylor, Dr. J. H. Cutchin, Rae Martin, and Capt. Jim Thomason One man from Weldon caused One man from Weldon caused some necks to crane when he said "the governor just came in" . . . . we "craned" too and saw Miss Betty Lee Raynor, of Weldon, who

recently was elected "Governor" of the Tar Heel "Girls' State" . . . her mother was with her . . some others from Weldon there were Dr. R. B. Blow, Dr. W. G. Suiter, N. J. Shepherd, M. H. Mitchell, Joe Nash and Mike Josephson. People were there from Northampton county, from Little-ton and some from as far away as Greenville. Capt. Turner Davis, of Jackson, was there. (He brought

Col. H. J. Hatcher was there. He listened to about 15 minutes of "Information Please Gregory Talking" and then, in the company of Landon Rosser, he left. Somebody got the two to pose for pictures ... don't know what happened. but have seen nothing of the snapshot.

EXCHANGE CLUB

Had some notes around about the Exchange Club carnival which opens here next Monday out near the radio tower. Lunsford Crew is never the content of the listened to about 15 minutes of and frolic for most children, the danger of traffic accidents on the way to and from school is not so easily recognized by them. Officer Pressley's show is presented in a manner to bring home to the children these dangers and how to save the four dogs and two pigeons, Oscar and Pete. These dogs have been taught the tricks of the vaudeville stage, which have been cleverly arranged to dramatize the fundamentals of traffic safety. School children all the same was the four dogs and the examination, they will be an examination on a questionnaire of forty-eight questions. Through the teachers all children will be given questionnaire of the sell-grown of the sell-grown of the sell-grown of the principal actors in the skews was the four dogs and two pigeons, Oscar and Pete. These dogs have been taught the tricks of the vaudeville stage, which have been cleverly arranged to dramatize the fundamentals of traffic accidents on the danger of traffic accidents on the teachers all children will be given questionnaire of totake them home and drill themselve or the traffic accidents on the d

the radio tower. Lunsford Crew president of that organization and the club members say the car nival will be a good show carnival people say they've been in the business about 21 years the business about 21 years . . . just came in from near the Cans tian border but deny they brough this hot weather with them.

## SPEAKING OF HEAT

Why not carry it with you? The heat, of course. Don't need it? Some people evidently do — last Thursday night a truck was running along the highway from Roa-noke Rapids to Weldon with the roke Rapids to Weldon with the truck body afire. A bus driver pulled alongside to ask if they wanted him to put the fire out. He was startled by the sight of two men in a jeep calmly towing the burning truck which, in turn, was being guided by a man standwas being guided by a man standing on the running board. The bu-driver rode on with the muttered comment, "crazy with the heat!"

Heard several of the veteran express their opinions about what money from their terminal leave bonds. Said one single veteran, "think I'll pay my debts." Said another who is, so far traveling life's highway solo, "I'm going to save mine till I need it." To which another, deeply involved in blissful matrimony, replied, "Wait till you're married and have four kids brother, you'll need it!'

### INTER-OFFICE MEMO

Note here says for us to make amends for leaving off credit line on last week's photograph on the front page. The picture of the mawas a Photo by Tudor, Jaxon! Mrs. Elva Martin, (she's the Merchants Association's efficient secretary) says tell the boss to settle down in one place or another. Will do, ma'am. Another inter-office memo says "ask Mrs. Addie Medlin about that honey.'

### Cotton Grown In 1929 Sold By Enfield Man

Hugh Bloomer, of Enfield, recently sold 42 bales of cotton which he grew in 1928-29 and 1930, and has had stored in a galvanized iron building, built for storage purposes on his farm in Halifax County.

Bloomer had, at one time, as much as 275 bales of his old cotton on storage and the 42 bales represented the last. He reports that there was no damage whatever to the cotton nor was there any loss in

oright.
One of the bales sold brought sloomer approximately \$500.
Today, however, he has no otton except that growing in is fields.

What Roanoke Rapids Makes -Makes Roanoke Rapids \* \* \*

Here are two of the performers who will appear in Officer

Pressley's Traffic Safety show in the Roanoke Rapids Schools starting September 11th. The show is being sponsored by the Roanoke Rapids Lions and the city police department in conjunction with the North Carolina Automobile Association.

Traffic Safety Show For Youngsters

troup is very timely, what with school just beginning, since

the theme of the show will be with a one hundred per cent grad-

Last 10 Days of Month

Seven Local Men

During the month of August, 15

young men from Halifax and Northampton County were enlisted

Sub-Station located in Roanoke Papids, M/Sgt. Robert M. De-Young, Sub-Station Commander

Those enlisted were: Basil C.
Johnson, William L. Reid, Charles
C. Etheridge, Roy Macon Harlow
Jr., James W. Bailey, William N.
Hayes and Willard F. Parham all

of Roanoke Rapids; William K. Sherrick, Arthur G. Neville, Geo

Hardy, Jr., and Harry L. Light of Enfield; Raymond E. Avery and Henry J. Lotz of Scotland Neck; John D. Millwood, Conway

and Detroit W. Greenway of Rich

The Sergeant stated that many

Grain export quotas for October announced by the U. S. Department of Agriculture will total 1,-213,400 long tons (45,685,000) bashels of wheat, flour, (in wheat equivalent) barley, and grain sorghums.

Production of late summer snap seans is now indicated at \$40,000

Young, Sub-Sta reported today.

Enlist In Army

**During August** 

**Almost Equal First 20** 

permits issued this year in all classifications to \$557,200 which,

although comparing unfavorably at first glance with the \$627,005

eight months of 1946 to \$383,700

worth this year.

Other construction, generally ir-

regular and not reflecting actual

progress accurately, has declined from the \$443,405 mark of this time last year to \$166,950 to date

Permits issued during the latter

part of the month were to: Rose's 5 and 10 cents store, a permit to build an addition 'o present building at 1028-30 Roa-

noke Avenue at an estimated cost

of \$18,000; to Jane Stephens, to

in 1947.

or stegment stated that many or steemens, to opportunities now exist in the build a one-story block building Regular Army for ex-service men on Madison Street to be used as

who are eligible to reenlist. It is now possible to be assigned to the European Command or to units within the Third Army Area as well as the Pacific Theatre. Fur-

ther information may be obtained brick residence with five rooms from the U. S. Army and Air and bath at 317 Cedar Street, Force Recruiting Sub-Station, \$8,000; and W. L. Polston, a one State Guard Armory, Roanoke story frame residence with four

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**Herald Classified Advertising** Gets Quick Results \* \* \*

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## Northampton Lynch Case Slated In Warren County; Six Defendants Acquitted

Northampton County residents today were awaiting the fourth -- and final -- chapter of the most publicized incident in that tradition-laden county's history, following a sensational ending Tuesday to a special hearing called to study evidence in an attempted lynching case. Six men were freed Tuesday by Committing Magistrate J. Paul Frizzelle of Snow Hill after the State had failed to

produce enough evidence for the jurist to find probable cause against them on charges of criminal conspiracy and of breaking and entering the jail at Jackson on a purported lynching attempt. But a seventh man — Joe L asst, theatre man ager of Rich Square — was bound over to the September 15 term of Warren County Superior Court. And in addition, Judge Frizzelle ordered a bench warrant for the arrest of elderly, grey-haired A W. Phillips, the Northampton jailer, charging Edwards also with conspiracy and with aiding and abetting the breaking and enter-

ing of the jail. Judge Frizzelle was forced ree the six other men - whom Cunningham had implicated in a confession to the FBI — because North Carolina law declares a confession incompetent against other defendants unless the confession is made in the presence of the defendants, or unless the confession is made prior to the accomplishment of the conspiracy. Since Cunningham confessed in the presence of only FBI agents,

All school children of Roanoke Rapids are in for a treat in the near future. Officer Ernest E. Pressley and his trained dogs, Lassie, Lady, Elmer and Suzy will arrive in town September 11th to put on a very entertaining show at each school in the city. The arrival of Officer Pressley and his stand Tuesdingham as including the control of the city. sion incompetent as concerned the (Buddy) Bush, the would-be lynching victim, took the stand Tuesday and identified Cunningham as one of the three men who entered the Jackson jail last

Judge Frizzelle ruled the confes-

## **Local Grid Squad** Goes Into Heavy Work Next Week

Coach Rock Venters sent his igh school football charges thru another lengthy session today with special emphasis on the team's defensive game.

two pigeons, Oscar and Pete. These dogs have been taught the tricks of the vaudeville stage, which have been cleverly arranged to dramatize the fundamentals of traffic safety. School children all over North Carolina are loudly enthusiastic over the antics of Pressley's dogs, and they are more impressed by the rules they teach than could possibly be achieved by any amount of acedemic advise.

The performances of the shows in the Roanoke Rapids City Police and the North Carolina Automobile Association, At the conclusion of each show. Officer Pressley will describe his Junior Traffic Safety Club and will receive a pretidence of Officer Pressley will describe his Junior Traffic Safety Club, Membership requires that each pupil learn the answers to and pass learn the logs in action. The line, hardest hit by last year's graduation, shapes a tackle last sea-been the subcution. The North Carolina in the such subcution and the subcution of the Roanoke Roanoke Rapids Children all over the antics of Pressley Straines. Those Certificate of Membership which is a picture of Officer Pressley and his four dogs in action.

Those who saw the short subceton. The North Carolina in the shown for the Roanoke Rapids children and Russell Johnson, out for the Roanoke Rapids Children The North Carolina. If it saves of the pressley of the mother and worth the subcution of the Roanoke Rapids Children The North Carolina. If it saves of the pressley of

Junior Traffic Safety Club. Mem-puning a new part of the answers to and pass learn the answers to an answer the ans

et problems, other than that of in-experienced linemen, is how to fill the quarterback role. Finding an able signal-caller has been quite a problem for Coach "Rock" since

worth issued up until the same time last year, represents an in-crease of from \$183,600 in new ence card in Washington on Sep home construction in the first tember 26. With only three hom opponent for September 19th.

May 23, and took him from his cell. Bush, however, could not identify the other two men who entered the jail, or any of the mer who waited in cars outside the

Under a State statute, Cunning-ham could not be forced to take the stand to testify against his al-leged conspirators. Had the state forced Cunningham to the stand to testify against the other men, he would have automatically been pardoned for any part he played in the incident. The state placed four FBI men.

Godwin Bush, Jailer A. W. Edwards and Mrs. Edwards, and several other lesser witnesses on the stand, but from none of them was the State able to gather

shred of evidence against any man except Cunningham. When Jailer Edwards was led into the court room, Judge Friz-zelle told him, "You had custody of those prisoners and your obligation to the State and to the laws of the land required you to do far more than you did to pro-tect them. I could not leave this court room with my self respect

intact if I did not call upon you to answer (these charges)" And in releasing the six alleged accomplices of Cunningham, Judge Frizzelle said: "There is no doubt the mind of any lawyer here day — or in the minds of most laymen here — but that the only reason you are allowed to go free is because of the incompetence of the defendant Cunningham's

"... the presentation of testi-mony here today is calculated to impress upon the people the efficiency and the majesty of the law. There is — there never will be — any justification in the peo-ple's taking the law into their own ands.

statement as concerns you.

With that, the six freed mer left the court room. Cunningham and Bawards waited quietly for s moment, while bond of \$5,000 can

was arranged. Then they left. The seven men were defended by Buxton Weaver of Rich Square. and Archie Gay and Buxton Mid yette of Jackson. Solicitor Ernest Tyler of Roxobel represented the

Tuesday's action were: Robert Vann, pickle plant operator; Russell Bryant, filling station opera-tor; Linwood and Gilbert Bryant brothers, carpenters; Glenn Col-lier, barber; and W. G. Cooper, lunch stand operator.

Days of Month
Ost Equal First 20
In Building Permits

The last 10 days of August showed almost as much business in the building permits field for the city as the first 21, as \$32,800 worth were issued in that period worth were suggested.

New Hope Church
Sunday, Sept. 7

The annual revival will begin in New Hope Methodist Church, Sunday, September 7th, according to an announcement by its pastor, the Reverend John T. Maides, of "airing" the argument whether or not the Halifax County Airport is coheduled for next week since heavy equipment was issued only Wednesday.

Opening scrimmage sessions are scheduled to begin at with the Reverend John T. Maides. Church School at 10:30 a. m., Divine Worship at 11:00 a. m., and Divine Worship 2:30 p. m., with the Reverend William M. Howard, Jr., of the Bethel Methodist Church, Bethel, N. C., preaching. The Reverend

> Beginning on September 8th, at 3:00 p. m., there will be evening services each night through Sept-

# **Teague Fined \$25, Costs;** Other Defendants Freed In **County Recorder's Court**

## Carpenters, Painters, Cage Stars, Boxers, Truck Drivers; The Jays Spread Coast to Coast in Off-Time

By WILEY WARREN More than half of the eighteen members of the Roanoke Rapids Jays who will be honored tonight n Players' Appreciation Night ceremonies at Simmons Park have expressed a desire to remain in the city this winter if off-season

nake their homes here. Merle Blackwell, who'll confine his talents mostly to painting, will make his home just outside the city in Hornertown.

employment can be found.

Stu Martin, who now resides in Severn, would like to bring his family here if housing arrange-ments can be completed. The Jays' skipper revealed that he like to become situated as early as possible in order that his kids night attend school here.

Ray "Rochester" Skelton wants to bring his family here from Pel City, Alabama. Skelton is scheduled to work with Ike Rochelle, although the nature of his duties was not disclosed.

Lanky Leroy Carlton hasn't de-

cided as yet what he wants to do during off-season. Carlton is a Durham native and may play pro-fessional basketball with the Cleve-land Rebels.

from the far-away state of Wash-ington says that he's a truck driver and wouldn't be averse to hanging his hat here this winter. In Norfolk, Paul Stalls and hi-

father will operate a service sta-tion. "Yep, Pop will fix the flats and I'll work the cash register," Stalls explained.

Two Littleton Women

Arrested Friday
Mrs. Frances Collier and
Mrs. Lillian Keeter, of Little-

Mrs. Lillian Reeter, of Little-ton, posted bond of \$200 each Friday afternoon after having been arrested and charged with shoplifting on complaint of a local dry goods store man-ager that they "lifted" \$10 worth of shirts the previous

day and appropriated them for their own use. Scheduled to have been heard in Mayor's Court Mon-

To Cash in Their 'Leave' Bonds

ably return to Joliet, Illinois, where he would like to get a job as a radio control tower operator. Glenn Titus, originally a Penn-sylvania product has revealed that he plants to do some carpentry work in Durham.

Lefty Louis Knorek announced ne would return to his Elizabeth, Three have already planned to New Jersey, home and resume his

"drafting" studies.
First sacker "Gashouse" Parkerhas no outlined plans and will probably take life easy at his home in LaGrange, Ga.

Val Gonzales, the club's leading hitter for the year, hasn't mapped his plans for the winter.

"Vinnie," as folks around his home town of Newark, N. J., call him, will start thee season with Norfolk next spring.

Another Jay, Bill John, has already left to join the Tars. John is eyeing a repairman's job at the steel mills in Bethel, Pa., this win-Frank Toth, who claims to b

a fighter, says he'll earn his away-from-baseball money in the ring in Detroit, Michigan. Joe Trentalange and Pete Mes-

and Rebels.

The elongated pitcher recently basketball star, may also accept stated "Sure, I'd like to stay here.

Don't suppose you could find me ranks while Trentalenge may voya \$75 a week job; do you?"

Outfielder Jim Meyer, who hails

Red Rudden says he's going to have a whale of a time loafing around Baltimore.

They may not be the best ball club in the country, but as for

Stalls explained.

The veteran pitcher Al Kimmel disclosed that he would probably to-win, they're tops in practically referee football and basketball games around Washington, D. C. Backstop John Pavlich will probnustle and that determined will- that plea.

Veterans of World War II, hold-

ing their terminal leave bonds in their hands, "lined up" in front of

due to the long week-end holiday, which caused heavy business among their normal customers on Tuesday, coupled with the work of

vicemen." However, "the rush"

Tuesday, of course, was the

'have a good time.

three banks were:

Individual transactions at the

the bonds Tuesday and \$5,000 Wednesday, making a total of \$30,000. The Roanoke Bank and Trust Company (Rosemary Branch) cash-

ed about \$25,000 Tuesday and by

oon Wednesday the total reached

Company in "downtown" Roanoke Rapids, \$25,000 was handed out for

The effect of cashing the bonds

was immediately felt in many of the stores in the city. At one place the manager commented: "I

aven't seen as many \$100 and \$5

Other merchants reported brisk buying and paying of bills.

None Injured Tuesday

In Airplane Mishap
No one was injured Tuesday
morning when a plane owned and
piloted by Fred Hoyle, of Enfield,

bushed into some trees at the Roanoke Rapids Country Club in making a routine landing. The plane, which was a Piper Trainer, was occupied by Hoyle and one other eccupant.

otal of \$40,000 Wednesday.

## stand under examination by Dick-Veterans Line Up At Banks Here

tion of the case by calling about 75 character witnesses from Mad-ison, Kenley, Greenville and all parts of Halifax County.

The verdict came shortly after

slowed down considerably Wed-nesday morning, but a busy week end is anticipated when many of the former service men who live driving and placed in Halifax in the rural sections of the coun- County jail in default of \$5,000 in the rural sections of the county come in to either deposit or cash their bonds.

The arrest was made in connec Figures given out this morning tion with an accident Sunday night by bank officials here show that about three miles from Roanoke a total of \$101,000 in cash had been passed out to the holders of the bonds up until noon Wednes- white resident of Roanoke Rapids had his arm torn off when a truck sigeswiped the automobile he was

The accident happened about 9:30 Sunday night and the truck, which was headed toward Roanoke securities. The bonds averaged about \$240 each, said one banker. Some of the men deposited them to their accounts, but as a gen-eral rule, the most of them took Rapids, continued on its way with out stopping while the automobile, heading toward Weldon, came to the cash in greenbacks and went out of the banks to either pay bills a stop about 50 yards from the highway in a field.

Pland, of Roanoke Rapids they were reported not to have been injured in the accident.

weakened by loss of blood and in a crifical condition, was reported to be resting comfortably by of-ficials of Roanoke Rapids Hospi-

**Probe Continues Into** 

## Alleged Slapping Of Gregory's Companion

State authorities, including prison officials are continuing their investigation into the slapping of convict Marion K. Williams by a man identified by eye-witnesses as John F. Delbridge, former superinten-dent of the Martin County

dent of the Martin County prison camp.

Delbridge, who resigned Fri-day, August 29, after serving two years as camp superin-tendent in Williamston, was among the spectators at the trial in Halifax Tuesday of the three patrolmen and one po-lice officer charged with as-saulting Claude Gregary, Wil-liams' companion in a scape from a Halifax read grang.

# The Local Week . . .

LOCAL MAN HONORED L. I. Cobb, 809 Jackson

sales representative for the Dave Tree Expert Co., in Alabama and Western Florida, was recently Western Florida, was recently honored for completion of 15 years service with the company.

Along with a commendation from Martin L. Davey, Jr., youthfu president of the company, eceived a service pin in yellov

Cobb, who is unmarried, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Cobb of the Jackson Street address. He served during the war as an AAF saptist Church near Roanoke Rap-staff sergeant. He is a member of dis Sunday, September 7th at 11 Widows Son Lodge No. 519, A. F. a. m., in the absence of the pastor and A. M.

REVIVAL BEGINS

18,000; and W. L. Polston, a one story frame residence with four rooms and bath on Vance Street at Seventh, \$3,300.

Total August permits were: for commercial and other construc-tion, \$30,500; for new homes, \$37,-850 registering a grend total of \$68,350 or \$24,535 more than the \$43,615 worth for August, 1946. A revival at Harris Chapel Bap-tist Church near Hollister begins Sunday, September 7th, according to the Rev. Crate Jones, pastor. Services wil be held at 11 o'clock Production of home and farm freezers is expected to top 125,000 units this year, compared with 80,000 units in 1946. in the morning and two o'clock Sunday afternoon, and during the week from Monday through Fri-day at eight p. m.

Guest preacher will be the Rev E. G. Willis.

MACHINE CASE CONTINUED A case scheduled for hearing in Mayor's Court Monday on a charge of possession of illegal coin-operated machines was con tinued until next Monday on mo tion of counsel.

GUEST PREACHER

Association, will preach at Quanki Rev. E. W. Greene, who is holding a revival in Indiana.

The Rev. Lee Pridgen, associational missionary for the Tar River

Bruce Camp, asistant fire chief, and Rufus Britton will attend the 60th annual convention of the North Carolina State Fireman's Association which begins at Atlantic Beach next Monday. More
than 800 delegates are expected to
attend the four day meet.

The required authorization, it was
announced today by M/Sgt. Robert M. DeYoung, commanding officer of the local Recruiting Station.

port was taken Tuesday at a meet-ing of the board when J. R. Wrenn offered a motion to com-Mr. Howard will be the guest preacher for the revival. He was formerly the pastor of the West Halifax Methodist charge.

Beginnia. supported Wrenn and a tie vote on the question resulted. Chairman Dickens told the board "that rather than kill the project it would only be fair to those favorset the date for the public hearing As the matter now stands the

airport, provided that amount is matched by the county. Engineering expenses totalling \$5,000 has already been incurred which would be a total loss if the airport fails At a previous meeting of the board the project was unanimous-ly approved. Since then, however, Commissioner Johnson has resign ed and Commissioner Alexand

# **Army Veterans**

Army World War II veterans of Halifax, Warren and Northampton Counties who have been authorized by the War Department to wear by the War Department to wear the Victory Medal may obtain the medal at the Army Recruiting Sta-tion, State Guard Armory, Roa-noke Rapids, N. C., upon presen-tation of their discharge certifi-cates or similar papers bearing the required authorization, it was amounced today by M/Sat Rob-

# May Get Medals

# 75 Character Witnesses In All Day Trial One former state highway pa-trolman, C. L. Teague, was found guilty of simple assault and fined

**Defense Calls** 

\$25 and costs; and two others, A. F. Fields and John W. Wilson, in company with Littleton police chief, R. D. Jenkins, were freed, in Recorder's Court in Halifax Tuesday after a nearly all-day hearing on charges of assault hearing on charges of assaut with a deadly weapon in connec-tion with the whipping of a recaptured convict August 21. Bringing out in his closing argu-

Bringing out in his closing argu-ment that the affair had been grossly exaggerated to the public, State Senator Julian Allsbrook, of Roanoke Rapids, who, with his fellow townsman, Winfield Crew, led the defense legal staff, said he had seen persons enter the courtroom Tuesday morning bitterly prejudiced against the de-fendants and who were then pre-paring to leave satisfied that justice would be done if Teague wern found guilty only of simple assault. sina, both natives of Staten Island, New York, haven't any presented.

In so doing, he renewed the plea that the defense attempted to enter at the beginning of the case but which was rejected by county solicitor J. Wade Dickens, i.e. that Weldon's W. J. Boseman will Teague was guilty of simple as-Weldon's W. J. Boseman pulp-continue his job of hauling pulp-wood until next season rolls wood until next season rolls serious injuries resulted; and that

> Convict Claude Gregory spent approximately two hours on the

brook.

The defense began its presenta-

Six o'clock and friends of the former patrol corporal inna-ately paid the fine levied by Re-corder's Court Judge Charles R. Daniel.

# their nanes, "ined up" in 1762 of the three local banks Tuesday morning, some as early as eight o'clock, waiting to convert the bonds into cash. Each of the banks experienced the busiest day in many years, due to the long week-end holliday. Negro Jailed: **Bond Set \$5,000**

mpossible," said one bank official otake care of our regular cusomers and give time to the sericemen." However, "the sericement of the sericement of the sericement of the sericement of the sericement." Negro who lives near Littleton on the Littleton-Aurelian Springs the Littleton-Aurelian Springs road, was arrested Monday after-noon on charges of hit and run driving and placed in Halifax

ariving.

The other occupants of the au-tomobile were listed as: Thurston Bland, of Weldon, and Emory

Ormond, although considerably