



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

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 troupe is very timely, what with school just beginning, since the theme of the show will be "Traffic Safety."

After a summer of carefree fun 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 avoid them. The principal actors in the show are 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 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 academic advice.

The performances of the shows in the Roanoke Rapids schools will be sponsored by the Roanoke Rapids Lions Club, 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. Membership requires that each pupil learn the answers to and pass

Last 10 Days of Month Almost Equal First 20 In Building Permits

Seven Local Men Enlist In Army During August

During the month of August, 15 young men from Halifax and Northampton counties were enlisted in the Regular Army through the Army and Air Force Recruiting Sub-Station located in Roanoke Rapids, M/Sgt. Robert M. DeYoung, Sub-Station Commander, reported today.

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. Lots of Scotland Neck; John D. Millwood, Conway and Detroit W. Greenway of Rich Square.

The Sergeant stated that many opportunities now exist in the Regular Army for ex-service men 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. Further information may be obtained from the U. S. Army and Air Force Recruiting Sub-Station, State Guard Armory, Roanoke Rapids.

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

Production of late summer main beans is now indicated at 840,000 bushels.

BACK TO COLLEGE

Some Getting Ready: most of the collegians are getting ready to leave for their respective schools this fall. Harry Weather, Jr., is packing soon to return to Wake Forest; Some Getting Set: Sara Lou Dehnam returns to WC; Grace Taylor goes to Duke again; Some Gone: "Doc" Murphy, Jr., who played frosh football at Wake Forest last fall and who played baseball with Emporia during the summer, left last Sunday to start the grid grind. . . somebody ought to tip us off on a lot of others returning to their chosen alma maters within the next couple of weeks.

NOT A DRY LECTURE

The Lions and the local police department are cooperating with the North Carolina Automobile Association in giving the city's school kids a good show with a slyly interwoven lesson about traffic safety. Houston Fuller of the Lions says the kids should get a kick out of the performing dogs 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 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 Thompson. One man from Weldon caused some necks to crane when he said "the governor just came in" . . . "craned" too and saw Miss 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. Suter, N. J. Shepherd, M. H. Mitchell, Joe Nash and Mike Josephson. People were there from Northampton county, from Littleton and some from as far away as Greenville. Capt. Turner Davis, of Jackson, was there. (He brought the convict Gregory).

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 president of that organization and the club members say the carnival will be a good show . . . the carnival people say they've been in the business about 21 years . . . just came in from near the Canadian border but deny they brought 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 Roanoke 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 standing on the running board. The bus driver rode on with the muttered comment, "crazy with the heat!"

MONEY FROM HOME

Heard several of the veterans express their opinions about what they were going to do with the 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 machines was a Photo by Tudor, Jackson! 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 1929-30 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 weight.

One of the bales sold brought Bloomer approximately \$900. Today, however, he has no cotton except that growing in his fields.

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. Cunningham, asst. theatre manager 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 entering of the jail.

Judge Frizzelle was forced to free 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 defendant, or unless the confession is made prior to the accomplishment of the conspiracy. Since Cunningham confessed in the presence of only FBI agents, Judge Frizzelle ruled the confession incompetent as concerned the other six.

Godwin (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

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 men who waited in cars outside the jail.

Under a State statute, Cunningham could not be forced to take the stand to testify against his alleged 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 a shred of evidence against any man except Cunningham.

When Jailer Edwards was led into the courtroom, Judge Frizzelle 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 protect them. I could not leave this courtroom 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 in the mind of any lawyer here today — 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 statement as concerns you."

The presentation of testimony 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 people's taking the law into their own hands."

With that, the six freed men left the courtroom. Cunningham and Edwards waited quietly for a moment, while bond of \$5,000 each was arranged. Then they left.

The seven men who were freed by Buxton Weaver of Rich Square, and Archie Gay and Buxton Middleton of Jackson. Solicitor Ernest Tyler of Roxobel represented the State.

The six men who were freed in Tuesday's action were: Robert Vann, pickle plant operator; Russell Bryant, filling station operator; Linwood and Gilbert Bryant, brothers, carpenters; Glenn Collier, barber; and W. G. Cooper, lunch stand operator.

Revival Begins 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. Sunday services are as follows: Church School at 10:30 a. m.; Divine Worship at 11:00 a. m.; and lunch at the church following this morning service. Afternoon services are scheduled to begin at 2:30 p. m., with the Reverend William M. Howard, Jr., of the Bethel Methodist Church, Bethel, N. C., preaching. The Reverend Mr. Howard will be the guest preacher for the revival. He was formerly the pastor of the West Halifax Methodist church.

Beginning on September 8th, at 8:00 p. m., there will be evening services each night through September 12th.

The Local Week . . .

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

LOCAL MAN HONORED

L. I. Cobb, 809 Jackson St., a sales representative for the Davey Tree Expert Co., in Alabama and Western Florida, was recently honored for completion of 15 years service with the company. Along with commendation from Martin L. Davey, Jr., youthful president of the company, Cobb received a service pin in yellow gold.

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 staff sergeant. He is a member of Widows Son Lodge No. 519, A. F. and A. M.

REVIVAL BEGINS

A revival at Harris Chapel Baptist Church near Hollister begins Sunday, September 7th, according to the Rev. Crate Jones, pastor.

Services will be held at 11 o'clock in the morning and two o'clock Sunday afternoon, and during the week from Monday through Friday at eight p. m.

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 in Players' Appreciation Night ceremonies at Simmons Park have expressed a desire to remain in the city this winter if off-season employment can be found.

Three have already planned to make their homes here. Merle Blackwell, who'll confine his talents mostly to painting, will make his home just outside the city in Hornetown.

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

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

Lanky Leroy Carlton hasn't decided as yet what he wants to do during off-season. Carlton is a Durham native and may play professional basketball with the Cleveland Rebels.

The elongated pitcher recently stated "Sure, I'd like to stay here. Don't suppose you could find me a \$75 a week job, do you?"

Outfielder Jim Meyer, who hails from the far-away state of Washington says that he's a truck driver and wouldn't be averse to hanging his hat here this winter.

In Norfolk, Paul Stalls and his father will operate a service station. "Yep, Pop will fix the flats and I'll work the cash register," Stalls explained.

The veteran pitcher Al Kimmel disclosed that he would probably referee football and basketball games around Washington, D. C. Backstop John Pavlich will probably return to Joliet, Illinois, where he would like to get a job as a radio control tower operator.

Glenn Titus, originally a Pennsylvania product has revealed that he plans to do some carpentry work in Durham.

Lefty Louis Knorek announced he would return to his Elizabeth, New Jersey, home and resume his "drafting" studies.

First sacker "Gashouse" Parke has 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 this 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 winter.

Frank Toth, who claims to be a fighter, says he'll earn his away-from-baseball money in the ring in Detroit, Michigan.

Joe Trentalange and Pete Messina, both natives of Staten Island, New York, haven't any specific plans. Messina, another basketball star, may also accept an offer from professional cage ranks while Trentalange may voyage to Panama for some more baseball.

Weldon's W. J. Boseman will continue his job of hauling pulpwood until next season rolls around.

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

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Defense Calls 75 Character Witnesses In All Day Trial

One former state highway patrolman, C. L. Teague, was found guilty of simple assault and fined \$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 with a deadly weapon in connection with the whipping of a re-captured convict August 21.

Bringing out in his closing argument 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 defendants and who were then preparing to leave satisfied that justice would be done if Teague were found guilty only of simple assault, and the other three men freed, after hearing the evidence 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 Teague was guilty of simple assault in which no deadly weapon was used and from which no serious injuries resulted; and that the other men were not guilty.

Dickens, who presented the state's case ably, using every shred of state's evidence available, said the state could not accept that plea.

Convict Claude Gregory spent approximately two hours on the stand under examination by Dickens and "cross-examination" by Allsbrook.

The defense began its presentation of the case by calling about 75 character witnesses from Madison, Kenley, Greenville and all parts of Halifax County.

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