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A PUBLIC STATEMENT

Released by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, Roanoke Rapids, N. C., Sept. 17, 1947.

It is with deep regret that the Roanoke Rapids Junior Chamber of Commerce notes that certain of the Halifax County Commissioners apparently are reluctant to endorse and support unanimously plans for a COUNTY airport to be located near the city of Roanoke Rapids.

And it is with a sense of civic responsibility that the Junior Chamber of Commerce hereby strongly recommends that the honorable commissioners preclude themselves from any possible sectional animosity, thereby clearing the way for cooperation on this and future projects which involve the progress of Halifax County in general.

Personal obligations, personal desires and personal reasons should never enter into a decision involving so many people as live in this county. The matter for consideration is one that progressive communities throughout the nation have already endorsed and allocated their funds toward in recognition of the importance of air travel in the trend of progress.

A COUNTY airport at Roanoke Rapids would serve the majority of citizens who ordinarily would use airport facilities. It would be near the county's largest city, the county's largest industries, and within the reach of the largest possible segment of population.

A COUNTY airport must be regarded as a necessary public utility. It's up to the county to face its obligation to its future. It's up to the elected commissioners to fulfill their obligation to the people by causing a unanimous vote on behalf of the airport.

At the present time, we enjoy a confidence in the thoughtfulness to duty of our commissioners. We request that the two dissenting commissioners reconsider and thereby render a most important decision which will keep Halifax County in step with the times.

GUEST MINISTER



Rev. Charles Riggs (above) of Goldsboro, will be guest preacher during the revival at the First Christian Church here, which will begin next Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to these services.

"Black" Eleven Topples "Gold" By 13-7 Count

By Wiley Warren

Statistics

Table with 2 columns: Gold, Black. Rows include First downs, Yards gained, Yards lost, etc.

A spirited "Black" team took to the air lines Wednesday night in registering a 13-7 triumph over never-say-die "Gold" outfit in a Yellow Jacket intra-squad game at Simmons Park.

The "Black" squad, coached by Head Coach Rock Venter, battled assistant Coach Danny Cagle's "Gold" club on even terms for most of the contest.

A small crowd witnessed the practice exhibition which was staged in the regular dress uniforms.

Not until late in the second quarter did either of the clubs get their attack operating successfully.

When the "Black" attack bogged down, Vance Stewart, who proved a thorn in the side of the opposition all night, got off a 48 yard punt which rolled to the eight before O. B. Crumpler could return it to the 13.

Officials then detected the "Gold" offside on two successive downs, moving them back to the three. Walter Myrick, "Gold" tailback kicked out to the 15 where the ball was ruled dead.

That's when the "Black" boys got their attack underway. Sam Wood and Stewart picked up four yards apiece at tackles and Art Brown, the South Carolina newcomer, made it a first down through the middle of the line picking up three yards.

Billy Clemmer and Stewart moved it to the two on a pair of line smashes, and then fullback Elliott carried it over to give the "Black" a 6-0 edge. The try for the point was good but nullified, backfield in motion.

Midway of the third period, Stewart took Myrick's punt on the 39 and returned it 27 yards to the 12.

After passing to Clemmer for eleven yards to the one, Stewart crashed over for the "Black" second score. Brown took a pass from Stewart for the point, running the count to 13-0.

Walter Myrick sparked the "Gold" club to its lone touchdown in the final period. After a sustained drive to the "Black" 19, the fast-stepping back took a 24 yard touchdown jaunt and Runt Acee sneaked through center for the extra point.

Venter seemed pleased with the performance. "However," the coach said, "they take too much time in the huddle. Too much yardage is being lost on time."

PROCLAMATION CHILD SAFETY WEEK

WHEREAS, many children between the ages of 4 and 15 were killed or injured in all types of accidents during the past year; and

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Citizens of Roanoke Rapids, N. C., to make a concerted effort to instill in their children now returning to school the necessity of being careful at home, careful at play, careful at school and on the way to and from school; and

WHEREAS, the time of school re-opening is most advantageous for emphasizing these ideals.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. T. Chase, as Mayor, do hereby proclaim that the period from September 22, 1947, to September 29, 1947, shall be known officially as the Child Safety Campaign. And furthermore, I request all citizens to cooperate in this safety campaign and to take all possible precautions to reduce accidents in line with the National Safety Council's year-around campaign.

Dated this 15th day of September, 1947, A. D. J. T. CHASE, Mayor City of Roanoke Rapids, N. C.

Building Lags; \$12,000 Worth In September

Permits Issued So Far For 79 New Homes This Year

Building permits lagged somewhat so far this month as only \$12,000 worth were reported to have been issued up to and including Tuesday.

Of this \$12,000, half of it was for new home construction and the other \$6,000 for commercial and remodeling, the figures from the office of city building inspector Henry Pitts showed.

Grand total in building for the year is now \$360,200 worth for which permits have been issued. \$389,700 worth of which went for new home construction and the remaining \$199,500 worth were for commercial, industrial, remodeling and other building.

With the issuance of a permit to Joseph T. Taylor to build a one story frame residence with five rooms and a bath on Bolling Road at an estimated cost of \$6,000, the number of new homes slated for construction in the city during 1947 so far rose to 79.

Other permits were: to E. F. Johnson, a one story brick garage at 88 Roanoke Avenue between First and Canal Streets at an estimated cost of \$4,000; and to the Herald Printing Co., a one story cinder block addition to present building at an estimated cost of \$2,000.

At the meeting, Brigadier General P. C. Crawford, of Washington, D. C., Assistant to the Chief of Army Engineers, and Colonel George Derby, District Engineer at Norfolk, will conduct a tour of the project.

After the tour a luncheon will be served at which Gen. Crawford and Col. Derby will make brief statements explaining all phases of the project and will answer questions. The meeting is scheduled to end by four o'clock that afternoon.

In addition to Rodgers, other officers of the group are: W. H. S. Burgwyn, of Woodland, chairman, and Frank C. Williams, of Roanoke Rapids, Vice-Chairman.

Members include: W. J. Long, Garysburg; Louis T. Rascoe, Windsor; W. P. Benthall, Rich Square; C. S. Alexander, Scotland Neck; Charles Griffin, Woodville; T. Douglas Temple, Scotland Neck; C. G. Crockett, Williamson; D. W. Saffert, Weldon; Albert S. Bug; Warrenton; W. E. Smith, Scotland Neck; John H. Kerr, Jr., Warrenton; Curtis R. Turner, Weldon; Walter H. Glenn, Weldon; F. U. Barnes, Williamson; K. F. Adams, Roanoke Rapids; Fletcher H. Gregory, Halifax and W. Roy Hampton, of Plymouth; and John W. Clark, of Franklinville, an associate member.

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Warren County Grand Jury Frees Nor'ampton Men

Confirming reports emanating from Warrenton on Monday and Tuesday through reliable observers, a grand jury in Warren County Wednesday morning returned a no true bill of indictment sent them by Solicitor Ernest Tyler on Monday morning against Joe L. Cunningham, of Rich Square, and A. W. Edwards, of Jackson, in connection with charges growing out of the attempted lynching last May of Godwin (Buddy) Bush, young Rich Square negro.

In Raleigh, the governor's secretary told a Herald reporter that ended the case as far as the governor was concerned.

The Warren County Superior Court, Judge W. C. Harris, of Raleigh, presiding, was convened at 10:15 Monday morning by Sheriff Roy Shearin.

Judge Harris then began his charge to the grand jurors, even as a local reporter was told by a Warrenton citizen "you can write your story now—there will be a no true bill returned."

"It is not my purpose to charge you gentlemen at any great length in view of the facts that you have already been sworn and have been serving. However, since I was not the presiding judge at the time you began your service there are a few things I want to bring to your attention . . ."

Proceeding to discussion of the way in which he wanted the jurors to discharge their duties, Judge Harris referred to the impending bill from Northampton county indirectly as he said, "It is my understanding there are some bills of indictment sent you from other counties. It is perfectly proper under the law for such bills to be sent you. It is your duty to pass on those bills just the same as on those from your own county."

"Remember the oath you took when you began your service. Regardless of what you might think or want—regardless of your opinion—if you, from the evidence, conclude that there should be a true bill then it is your duty to return one."

"The court asks you to do your duty." The judge then instructed the jurors as to their duties of inspecting school buses, school bus drivers, the county institutions and the county offices.

Finishing his charge at 10:30 with the reminder that all their deliberations were supposed to be kept secret, Judge Harris then retired the jurors to the sheriff and they retired to the grand jury room.

The courtroom with a seating capacity of 200 was crowded with an overflow at times of about 100 persons. The crowd was predominantly colored, due in part to the presence on the court calendar of several cases involving colored persons, two of which were charged with murder.

All day Tuesday, newsmen from the United Press, Associated Press, several of the state papers and spectators from Northampton County, waited with no action other than the hearing Tuesday of several witnesses in connection with the case.

Cunningham and Edwards, as well as Bush, were in the courtroom Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning the grand jury returned a no true bill and, as Solicitor Ernest Tyler made the announcement, the principals in the case departed the former defendants as free men.

Members of the grand jury were: Vernon C. Brown, foreman, farmer of Vaughan; C. E. Thompson, farmer of Macon; R. L. Yancey, farmer of Norlina; H. J. Seaman, farmer of RFD, Norlina; J. M. Twissdale, truck driver for a bottling company of Littleton; George Robinson, picture show man of Warrenton; J. K. Pinnell, farmer and trucker of Afton-Elborton; P. E. Riggan, service station and store operator of Norlina; W. H. Hawks, farmer of Rt. 1, Warrenton; W. S. Davis, clerk in ma; A. D. Harris, government employee of Warrenton; Albert Seaman, former of the Ridgeway section; J. T. Mayness, farmer of Rt. 1, Littleton; Arthur Petar, salesman for the Warrenton Grocery Co.; Edward J. A. Hilliard, merchant of Warrenton; and F. E. Wilson, farmer of near Manson.

Presley managed quite skillfully the difficult task of holding the interest and attention of the entire group in spite of the wide span of educational level in the audience. The dogs were superb, with each one performing his part of the show in either serious or comic fashion to illustrate a point in traffic safety or to impress on the children the value of such institutions as the church, the school or scouting organizations.

For example, "Lady," the bird dog who spent four years with Officer Pressley in the field before being trained for the show, delighted the audiences by selecting from a number of blocks the one containing the correct answer to her master's question. On one occasion she performed the same act in answer to a different question asked by a little sixth-grade girl.

The trained pigeon rolled over and over with wings flapping to illustrate the way a child might say "hit by a motorist" while jay-walking. Little "Elmer" then turned tips in mid-air to illustrate in case some of the audience could not see his act before.

Between and during every act, Pressley lectured to the groups, drawing heavy applause for his humorous tales and gasps of horror for his descriptions of fatal accidents that he, as an officer, had investigated.

The Pressley show is saving lives and preventing countless injuries of school children walking, riding bicycles or roller skating. It is indelibly creating a safety consciousness that will build a new generation of safe drivers.

PRICE CORRECTION Due to an error, the wrong prices for Baby Beef Chuck Roast and Sirloin Steak were listed in this week's Colonial Stores advertisement. The correct prices are: Baby Beef Chuck Roast 49c lb. and Sirloin Steak 75c lb.

Meat production under federal inspection for the week ended August 16 totaled 285 million pounds according to USDA. This production was 1 per cent above the 280 million pounds produced during the preceding week and 15 per cent above the 247 million pounds recorded for the corresponding week of last year.

WANTED TO RENT 2 Houses A 3 or 4 room house, preferably just outside the city, or as far as a mile outside.

A 5 or 6 room house with 2 or 3 bedrooms. Good Location. CALL DEBNAM Herald Printing Co. PHONE R-326

One Bid Submitted To City For Addition To Municipal Building Rejected By Board

The board of city commissioners of Roanoke Rapids met Tuesday afternoon for the purpose of opening bids on the proposed construction of a second story addition to the part of the municipal building at present housing the fire department.

There was only one bid submitted and it having been considered too high, the board members agreed not to accept it.

In other business the board heard letters from the Southern Shovel and Signal Company, of Shreveport, Louisiana, and the General Electric Company read in regard to the anticipated installation of several new traffic lights in the city.

Action on proposals by the two companies was deferred until the next meeting of the board, Tuesday, October 7, at which time representatives of the two companies have been invited to attend.

New petitions were given out to the commissioners, with a list of names of property owners who are to sign requesting that a city election on the proposed new paving.

It is expected that signed petitions will be returned and in the hands of the commissioners at the next meeting at which time they will probably begin action to call an election on the issuance of bonds.

Cherry Refuses To Reinstatement Ex-Patrolmen A trip to Raleigh by about 40 Halifax and Northampton county citizens and about 35 citizens from other parts of the state, in the interest of gaining reinstatement for three former highway patrolmen to their former ranks and stations, went for naught when their plead down with finality last Thursday.

After listening to pleas by four state senators including Julian Allsbrook, of Roanoke Rapids, by law enforcement officers from several counties and other prominent citizens, pleas which lasted from three o'clock until about 4:15 Thursday afternoon, the chief executive asked, "Is there anyone else who wants to say anything?"

When no one else spoke up, the governor began his statement, "I have listened to your request that these men, Teague, Wilson and Fields, be reinstated at their former ranks and stations. I take full responsibility for what I am about to say."

"At the present time I can not reinstate these men. In no event could I reinstate them and send them back to their same division . . ."

The governor then went on to explain his stand in the matter—that the conduct of highway patrolmen, by virtue of their position in the public eye, was above that of the criminal laws of the state.

In about 150 words, the governor said "no" and that wrote "finis" to the case as (in the words of Cherry) "the matter stands now."

J. Winfield Crew, Jr. following Allsbrook's 15 minute summary of the entire case, told the governor that "Halifax County for quite a few years been divided politically—Mr. Allsbrook has been on one side—I've been on the other. But we went the governor to know that the country is united politically in this question. We want those boys back down in our part of the state."

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Junior High News . . . Gus Patronis, 16, Attended School In Athens, Greece

This week our interesting personality we have 16 year old Gus Patronis from Athens, Greece. In his second year of high school in Greece, he studied arithmetic, history, physics, physiology and religion, or the Bible. He likes music and wants to learn Spanish in the future. He speaks old and new Greek and a little English. For sports they played a game similar to American football. Five months ago, his mother, father, his nine-year old brother, who goes to Rosemary School, and he arrived at New York after an eighteen day trip across the Atlantic on "The City of Athens."

He said, "America is now my home." He is residing at 1346 Roanoke Avenue.

We have six new teachers in Junior High. Miss Ferguson, ninth grade math teacher, is from Boykins, Va., and formerly taught at Wilson, N. C. Mrs. Reynolds is the wife of lawyer Otis J. Reynolds, and taught last year at William R. Davis. This year she is teaching seventh grade English. Mr. Bedford, Science teacher, is from Winterville. Last year he taught at Maury High School. The new band instructor is Mr. Baird from Illinois. Mr. Eldres is a shop teacher, and he is also from Illinois. Mr. Woodard, Junior Business Training teacher, is from Wilson County.

Temporary Committee To Meet Tomorrow A temporary committee appointed by the N. C. State Nutrition Committee, with Miss Florence Cox as temporary chairman, will meet in the office of the Home Demonstration Agent in Halifax on Friday, September 19th, to lay plans for a meeting of all people in Eastern North Carolina who are interested in better Nutrition for our people. At that meeting the State Nutrition under the direction of Miss Virginia Blount, executive secretary, hopes to organize an Eastern North Carolina Regional Nutrition Committee. This Regional Committee will be in closer touch with this part of North Carolina and will be better able to serve the needs of the people.

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