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Roanoke Ramblings

THE RAMBLER TOOK a stroll this past wet Monday afternoon and he encountered some very friendly people. On our way up the Avenue from our Second Street bivouac we were reminded of several things that have happened since we came here. On the corner opposite the Presbyterian Church, at least, not on the corner, but the first house in the next block, we thought back to when it was being built recently. Mr. Lonnie A. Daniel, who was constructing the home, was at work there one day when the late mayor and I walked by. Mr. Chase said to me then that, "that fellow has built more houses than any other one man in this town." The other day, Mr. Daniel dropped in to see us. He said, "I've known Mr. Chase ever since he came here and I do not feel right without saying a few words in tribute to him. I don't think anyone knew him any better than I did. I have always known him to be a straight-shooter. I have had lots of dealings with him in various ways. He was the same at all times. He granted me many favors which I had asked of him. He granted them with pleasure and they have never been, nor will they ever be forgotten by me. Yes, there have been lots of good things said about him, although not a tenth that should be said. I often wonder just why such men as he are taken away from us and from their families. He will be missed for a long time to come."

ON UP THE AVENUE we notice that Mr. and Mrs. Roger Albright's new home is nearing completion. On into the city building, Mr. A. E. Akers has a new assistant in the tax department. She's Miss Louise King. Over at the hospital, all the folks in the office are still as friendly and gracious as ever. Going on, we pause to admire the beauty of the high school building. Sometimes when you walk or drive along Hamilton Street at just the right time, you can see the students on their way to or from lunch just waiting for the afternoon bell to ring. The safety patrol boys are on the job and they handle the traffic right smartly. It's a shame they couldn't have raised more money with their presentation of the dog show so they would have had uniform winter jackets, but they are right on the job anyhow. We ought to be proud of them. Turning back to the Avenue, we are reminded of one of our first story assignments in Roanoke Rapids as we pass the George Taylor home. Occasion was the graduation with high honors of daughter Margaret from Duke University last summer.

GOING ON PAST the Taylor's we saw the Roanoke Rapids baseball club's special bus parked. What a town this is in the baseball season! Most all of the players are away now, gone back home. We did see Jim Meyer the other day. Simmons Park (the playing field) hasn't been entirely deserted this fall, though. And tomorrow night we've got a few boys keeping the place occupied. From what the Rambler can learn, Weldon and Roanoke Rapids football games of yore were enough to put Georgia-Georgia Tech bames in the "sissy" classification. There's room for 3000 of us out there tomorrow night, according to Joe Talley, if we want to watch the younger generation battle it out. It might help the boys to see so many in the park again.

WELL, GETTING ON, we were reminded to look into all the store windows uptown we look in all of them all over town. The Merchants Association has gone to quite a bit of expense and effort to dress up the city for the holidays. We've got a big thrill coming tomorrow night when Santa Claus himself rides down the Avenue on the fire truck. We hope Mr. W. C. King, Bruce Camp, Clifton Duke, Rufus Britton and all the other firemen take good care of the jolly old gentleman. (Now we're back down the Avenue to the fire station again). The Rambler would like to compliment all the merchants all over town for their attractive window displays. Confidentially a lot of people are commenting favorably also.

GOING ON UP the street to the bus station and Mr. Clifton W. Smith always has a cheery greeting. Clifton was in Raleigh last Thursday attending a one day safety and sales conference of bus station officials. One sees quite a few service men up at the bus terminal. (And speaking of servicemen, we got a personal letter from the War Department which informs us that private first class James W. Walker, of Route 2, Roanoke Rapids, has arrived in Guam and has been assigned to headquarters of the Marianas-Bonins Command.)

WE HAD TO START back downtown but we cut out on 11th street and, coming back down Hamilton, we took a look at the new 10th Street extension. If you haven't been out there during the rain, there's a picture of the project on the front page this week. Reminded us that Mr. James Coker, whose barber (Continued on page 6-Sect. A)

10th Street Extension Undergoes Face Lifting



This picture taken one block east of the 10th and Hamilton Street crossing, shows the new 10th Street extension in a muddy condition after the rains last week. Now undergoing preliminary grading, prior to paving, the extension, when completed, will provide a shorter route to and from the Weldon-Roanoke Rapids highway and will tend to speed up traffic at the Junction. (Present plans of the board of city commissioners call for a traffic light to be placed at the 10th and Hamilton crossing, shown in the background).

Former State Executive Accepts Invitation To Teach Sunday School

Former Governor J. Melville Broughton has accepted an invitation to teach Sunday School at Nahalah Presbyterian Church, located four and a half miles South of Scotland Neck in the Rose-nearth Community, according to Irwin K. Weeks, who is Sunday School superintendent. Weeks said the former executive, who is a member of the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Raleigh, would be at the church on Sunday, January 11, 1948.

In accepting, Broughton told Weeks, "I am looking forward to being with you and hope to be able to meet all my many friends on my trip to your community."

Regular services will be conducted following the Sunday School hour. Weeks said.

Form Xmas Committee To Help the Needy

In order to provide some measure of Christmas joy and to furnish food and clothing to the needy in Scotland Neck, the Christmas Opportunities Committee was organized in that community last week. Organization of the committee revived a custom which was carried out each Christmas in Scotland Neck prior to World War II and which was discontinued for a short period when it did not apply. (Continued on page 6-Sect. A)

Weldon Tornadoes Invade Simmons Park Tomorrow; Tilt Renews Old Rivalry

By WILEY WARREN

Weldon's Tornadoes and Roanoke Rapids Yellow Jackets renew an old-time traditional rivalry tomorrow night at eight o'clock in Simmons Park, and officials estimated today that a crowd of around 3,000 is expected to be on hand to view the contest between the two strongest teams in the county.

Weldon, although winner of six games, is rated on even terms with the Jackets who tasted victory only twice in their eight encounters.

From the standpoint of score calculations, however, the Tornadoes will enter the game a 13 point favorite.

Non-Conference Tilt There won't be any conference title at stake, but to the opposing coaches, Rock Venter and Jesse Parker, and to the players, the game is an all-important test. To the winners will go the satisfaction of realizing a long-time ambition, that of beating the other team.

Football relationship between the two schools was terminated after 1942. In that year, the Jackets with Gene Brickelmeyer at the helm, posted a 7-0 victory.

Past Scores Unimportant However, past scores don't mean a thing when these rivals tangle. Even if they had met

Judge Frizzelle Sentences Five

Johnson Gets Three Years For Larceny

Lloyd Gilbert Johnson, loser in a race with county law officers and their two-way radios after taking a truck belonging to Fred Hopkins from its parking place on 10th Street Monday, Nov. 17th, was sentenced to three years for larceny, Monday, by Judge J. Paul Frizzelle, presiding over the November term of Halifax County Superior Court in Halifax.

Hearing jail cases, Frizzelle wound up the criminal docket Tuesday afternoon and adjourned court until next Monday when the term of civil court will begin.

In other cases, Sidney Collins, of Hollister, pleaded guilty to a charge of assault with intent to commit rape and was sentenced to 15 years in the State Penitentiary.

James Wood, Enfield Negro,

was sentenced to 20 years after he had pleaded guilty to second degree murder in the knife slaying of Earl Powell, Jr., Negro filling station attendant.

Larry Evans, Hollister Negro, was found guilty of larceny and was given a two year sentence to be suspended providing he remains of good behavior for three years.

Buster Sanders, colored, who lives in the Fayette section, pleaded guilty to assault with intent to commit rape and was sentenced to 15 years.

Roanoke Chapter 81, Royal Arch Masons, Elects New Officers

Roanoke Chapter No. 81 of Royal Arch Masons recently revived in this district, held an election of officers at the regular meeting last week.

New officers are—J. A. Pruden, Sr., of Margarettsville, high priest; E. L. Williams of Weldon, king; W. J. Norwood of Roanoke Rapids, scribe; P. E. Merchant of Weldon, secretary and treasurer; J. B. Pruden, Jr. of Margarettsville, captain of the host.

S. G. Grant of Roanoke Rapids, principal sojourner; S. D. Knight of Weldon, Royal Arch captain; W. N. Carpenter of Margarettsville, master of the third veil; J. A. Taylor of Roanoke Rapids, master of the second veil; W. B. Joyner of Weldon, master of the first veil; and L. C. Draper of Weldon, sentinel.

The Local Week . . .

CITY LICENSE TAGS

Roanoke Rapids automobile license tags go on sale this Monday, December 1, it was announced today by Mrs. Dorothy A. Shearin, city clerk. The price of the tags will be one dollar as in previous years and, in conformity with the new North Carolina tags, this year's plates will have orange numbers on a black background.

LAW OFFICERS MEET

The Halifax County Law Enforcement Association will hold its regular meeting next Wednesday night, Dec. 3, at the Rosemary Cafe in Roanoke Rapids, officers of the association said today.

CHRISTMAS MAILING

Postmaster L. G. Shell is again urging early Christmas mailing this year. Shell suggests that mail for distant points be dispatched as follows to assure Christmas delivery: packages—December 10; cards—December 12.

WEBB PROMOTED

Private first class Benjamin D. Webb, formerly of Roanoke Rapids, has just been promoted to corporal, it was announced today at Albright Field, Panama Canal Zone.

IT HAPPENED . . . Despite All Warnings

Chief of Police T. J. Davis was wondering aloud if a man could win.

Only last week he had issued warnings via press and radio to would-be firecracker explosives that the last Legislature had made it illegal to even have fireworks in one's possession.

Then, at 11.10 p. m. Monday night officers J. L. Moore and L. H. Nelson took into custody a young local man whom they booked as Willie E. Moore, 20, of 1023 Henry Street, a textile worker.

When Chief Davis looked on the desk Tuesday morning, he read the warrants for the previous night's arrests.

On the Moore case, the charge read—"shooting fireworks."

As he got ready for the local Thanksgiving Day activities yesterday, Davis remarked to reporters, "No, sir, you just can't win!"

Moore will be tried in Mayor's Court Monday.

East Carolina Council, BSA Has Election

At the annual meeting of the East Carolina Council, Boy Scouts of America, held in Rocky Mount last week, Colon W. McLean of Washington, N. C., was elected president of the council.

Scouters and friends of scouting from Halifax, Hertford, Nash, Northampton and 16 other counties came together and W. Howard Pruden, of Roanoke Rapids, Ben F. Eagles, M. G. Waters, Dr. H. I. Glass, and Dr. E. F. Menius, members of the nominating committee made a report. In addition to McLean, other officers elected were: Waters, Rev. Gray Temple and Menius, vice-presidents; Lowell K. Powell, Scout Commissioner; A. D. Shackelford, Dr. Clark, Frank P. Meadows and

John H. Hines was elected District Chairman of the Halifax District and James A. Glover, of the Nash District, and other scouting heads were named for the other 15 districts.

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Increase In Unemployment Recorded During November

The monthly activity report of the local employment office reveals an increase in unemployment in Roanoke Rapids during November.

There is a decided surplus of labor in the Roanoke Rapids area due primarily to reconversion in one textile plant, according to Fred W. McNeil, Jr., office manager, and, although the other textile plants are absorbing all of the surplus they possibly can, a decided surplus still exists.

75% Textile

Approximately 75% of the applications for jobs on file are textile workers, McNeil stated, although another reason for the increase of unemployment is the seasonal curtailment of construction work and sawmill plants.

McNeil also reported that some of the textile workers laid-off due to conversion will not be needed at their same old jobs later due to technological advancement.

During November of 1946 there were 1025 reception contacts handled by the local office and in November of this year 1292

\$2,496,175 Farm Income Reduction Predicted Here

Permit for 100th Home To Be Built In City This Year Is Issued

The 100th permit issued this year for construction of a residence was issued this week at the office of City Building Inspector Henry Fitts.

In the only permit issued up until the office closed for the Thanksgiving holidays yesterday, William Hazelwood was granted permission to construct a one story residence with four rooms and bath on Williams St. at an estimated cost of \$5,500.

\$119,230 In November The permit sent the November total to \$119,230, of which \$57,700 evaluation was for new residential construction and \$61,530 was in the industrial, commercial and miscellaneous category.

Year's Totals to Date New residential construction for which permits have been issued so far this year now registers a \$460,200 total, leaving a total of \$416,980 in other building for a grand total of \$877,180 in all classifications in 1947 to date.

November, 1946 Slow With a comparison of November

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REA Approves Loan Of \$410,000 Here

Washington, D. C.—Nov. 18.—Congressman John H. Kerr announced today that the Rural Electrification Administration had approved a loan of \$410,000 for the Halifax Electric Membership Corporation. The money will be used for several purposes, the main portion of it, \$240,457 being earmarked for the construction of new lines totaling 194 miles to serve 563 consumers. \$134,363 is to be set aside for system improvements. \$15,000 for right-of-way clearance and \$7,500 for a two-way radio. The remainder of the amount will be used for various miscellaneous items. Mr. Balfour Dunn of Enfield is President of the Corporation.

RETURNED WAR DEAD

The body of Vernon E. Whiteley, Seaman first class, USN, the son of Walter C. Whiteley, of Route one, Roanoke Rapids, was scheduled to arrive early this week in New York harbor aboard the USAT Robert Burns.

Soil Committee Voting Places Are Announced

Polling places for the election of three members of the Halifax County Soil Conservation Committee were announced today by G. G. Alston, supervisor of the Fishing Creek Soil Conservation District, as follows: Scotland Neck — Roanoke Supply Co., Hobgood — Whitehurst Store; Palmyra — Tipsett's Store; Littleton; H. L. Fawcett's Store; Roanoke Rapids — Harrison's Gln; Airline — Hollister Store.

Hollister — I. A. Crawley's Store; Halifax — County Agent's Office; Brinkville — Mohorn's Store and Weldon — Pierce-Whitehead Store.

Five Halifax County farmers—George Alston of Littleton, L. G. Barnhill of Scotland Neck, B. B. Everette of Palmyra and W. D. Harris of Enfield have been nominated to serve on the committee and the three receiving the highest number of votes will be elected. The election will be held during the week of December 1-8, as provided by the last Legislature.

CITY BOARD MEETS

The board of commissioners of Roanoke Rapids is slated to meet next Tuesday, December 2, for its regular monthly meeting. Three special called meetings have been held since the last regular session.

County Agent Calls Meeting On Problems

"An acreage reduction in 1948 in two of Halifax County's best money crops — tobacco and peanuts — will mean a reduction in farm income of approximately \$2,496,175 in one year," County Agent W. O. Davis declared today.

Davis made the statement in announcing a meeting of farmers and business men of the county at his office in Halifax next Wednesday night at 7:00 p. m., for the purpose of discussing plans for using 13,926 acres of land that will be taken out of peanuts and tobacco next year due to new acreage allotments.

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For the past four years, Halifax County farmers have averaged planting 43,261 acres of peanuts, but in 1948 they will be allotted only 32,082 acres or a drop of 11,179 acres. Figuring peanuts at 12 and a half bags per acre and 10 cents a pound, this amounts to a \$1,397,375 cash loss in this money crop.

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Thus, said Davis, the acreage reduction for both peanuts and tobacco will be 13,926 acres, with a resultant loss of \$2,496,175 in 1948 farm income.

"This reduced income will be felt by every farmer and business man in the county and everybody's help is needed to solve this problem," he concluded.

TOWN TALK

Lou Palachi of Wake Forest College was the week end guest of Willis Murphrey.

Mrs. M. S. Brown and Miss Carolyn Brown spent Saturday in Richmond and attended the matinee performance of Oklahoma.

Miss Omara Daniel and Miss Virginia Furgerson spent Saturday in Richmond and attended the matinee performance of Oklahoma.

Former Local Policeman Succumbs to Injuries Received In Auto Crash

James M. Thompson, Seaboard police chief and former Roanoke Rapids night policeman, died in Roanoke Rapids hospital, Friday afternoon from injuries received at 11:10 Thursday night when his 1937 Plymouth coupe smashed into an electric light pole one block from Weldon's main business district, snapped the pole in two, wrecked the automobile and threw him 45 feet across the road into a dirt embankment.

Accident Follows Chase

The accident climaxed a speeding dash from Hamilton Street in Roanoke Rapids to a railroad underpass just inside Weldon; and Thompson was trailed by Officer T. L. Glosson of the Roanoke Rapids police department after Glosson had watched the Plymouth, traveling South, pass him on Hamilton at a rate of speed Glosson said was in the neighborhood of 65 miles an hour.

Glosson said he managed to get in front of the other car at Roanoke Junction, but that the Plymouth pushed the patrol car out of the way and continued on the Weldon road, weaving from one side of the road to the other.

Radios Warning The local officer said he radioed a warning to Deputy Sheriff James Mountcastle in Weldon and Weldon officers C. M. Kirkland and George Cole that "a crazy or drunk man is heading your way" when he realized the automobile was out of his territory.

In response to the warning, Kirkland and Cole pulled into a

side road bordering the Weldon-Roanoke Rapids highway to watch for the car, while Mountcastle started out for Roanoke Rapids in a county car.

Gets Off Road Glosson, trailing the car while acting as observer for the other officers, radioed Mountcastle that the car was weaving from one side of the road to the other and that he'd better get off the road. The deputy pulled off into a field and let the car pass.

Then, with Glosson and the other officers only a few yards behind him, Thompson lost control of the car and crashed. The car, although badly torn up, proceeded 76 feet after the impact and stopped.

Thompson, badly mangled around his stomach regions and on his legs, was rushed to Roanoke Rapids hospital. Local police said he regained consciousness at times but was unable to make a statement.

Funeral Services were held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 from the Williams Funeral Home, with the Rev. W. R. Stevens and Rev. E. J. Rogers officiating. Interment was in Cedarwood Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, the former Trannie Miller, and one daughter, Dorothy.

Thompson, 35 years old, was a native of Roanoke Rapids and left the local police force in February of 1946. Shortly afterward he was employed by the Town of Seaboard.