

\$404,000 City Bond Election Set For January 6th

First Additional Revenues Received Beer Tax Increase

Raleigh, Dec. 3.—A check for \$20,294.52 has been mailed to Halifax county as its share in the first distribution of income from the increased taxes on beer and wine, according to information released by the State Department of Revenue.

Banks Mailing Out Christmas Checks

The Rosemary branch of the Roanoke Bank & Trust Company and The Citizens Bank & Trust Company this week began mailing out hundreds of checks to Christmas club members.

Police Make 102 Arrests Last Month

Roanoke Rapids police officers made 102 arrests during the month of November, according to police department records.

November Shows Increase Of \$88,380 Over Same Month, 1946 In Permits

November of 1947 registered a total evaluation of \$123,580 in building permits in all classifications, which was \$88,380 more than November, 1946 could boast.

Two Permits Last Week Only two permits were issued last week and they were: to the Metal Products Company for a one-story building on Williams Street between 11th and 12th.

Local National Guard Unit Places 12th In State's Enlistment Campaign

Although ranking only 31st among North Carolina cities in the 1940 census, the local National Guard unit ranked 12th in total enlistments in the recent state-wide campaign.

The local unit, Co. E., 119th Infantry is commanded by Capt. Raleigh W. (Buster) Seay.

The local unit now has 88 men and six officers. The pay roll of the unit last month was \$1140 and will total close to \$2000 the next pay day, January 20th, according to Capt. Seay.

Because of the fast growth of the company, a movie projector with training films has been awarded for use of the local unit.

City Schools Close Dec. 19

The Roanoke Rapids schools, both white and colored, will begin the Christmas holiday period after regular school hours on Friday, December 19, and will reopen on Monday, January 5.

Work Will Start On School Auditorium

Work on building new acoustical ceilings under the beams, putting acoustical materials under sides of the balcony, and repainting the High School auditorium will begin about December 15, it was learned today.

The Local Week . . .

A. E. Akers presided over Mayor's Court in the absence of Mayor W. B. Allsbrook who was busy in Halifax at the December term of Superior Court.

VISIT FREEDOM TRAIN The Boy Scouts of Roanoke Rapids will assemble at Troop 144 Scout Hut and at the bus station at 7:00 o'clock Saturday morning, December 6th, to go by chartered bus to Raleigh.

It's Hog Killing For Many People The anticipated meat shortage for next year with its continued price increase won't worry hundreds of people in Roanoke Rapids.

Reason: For many years employees in the industrial plants here have been raising their own hogs — year after year leaning over the fence of the "pig pens" and swapping yarns with friends as to how "big my hog will be when it's time to kill."

FIREMEN OUT TWICE The Roanoke Rapids fire department was called out twice this week. On Monday evening about 8:15, firemen said they answered a call to 716 Washington Street where sparks had set a mantelpiece and chair afire and they extinguished the blaze with only minor damages resulting.

NEW ROAD PAVING Included in the December 16th letting of surfacing of highways in the state will be the grading and bituminous surfacing of 10.92 miles from a point South of Roanoke Rapids toward Collier's Park on the county road.

DIES SUDDENLY



Curtis Shell

Funeral services for Charlie Curtis Shell, 54, prominent local business man who died at his home Monday night following a heart attack, were conducted Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock from the Rosemary Baptist Church, with the Rev. B. Marshall White-Hurst, pastor, officiating.

Headed Merchants Group

At one time Mr. Shell was president of the North Carolina Merchants Association and at the time of his death was serving on the board of directors of that group.

Yellow Jackets Basketball Squad Drills Opened

Coach Danny Cagle disclosed today that his Roanoke Rapids Yellow Jackets will tackle an 18 game basketball schedule this season.

The card calls for 14 North-eastern Conference tests, and 4 non-conference battles; one with the famed House of David cagers. The "Bearded Boys" are slated to appear here sometime in January.

Meat production under Federal inspection for the week ended November 8 totaled 369 million pounds, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

October milk production on United States farms this year totaled 8.9 billion pounds, slightly lower than in the 1944-46 period but higher than previous years.

When REA was established 12 years ago, 10 per cent of the farms had electricity as compared to 61 per cent receiving electric service today.

West 8th Street—Roanoke Rapids Township; state maintenance

Extending 5th Street and short road leading northerly to home of Mrs. Viola Pearce; state maintenance.

Road leading from U. S. No. 258 to Hill's Cross Roads; Scotland Neck Township; black topped.

Federal Highway No. 301 from Virginia state line to Nash county line, widened to conform to No. 301 in Virginia and south of the Nash county line.

After approval of the road petitions, the clerk was ordered to notify the State Highway and Public Works Commission.

On motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Alexander, and carried, the chairman was authorized to sign revival of current expense budget for the board of education, the revised budget not exceeding in total amount the original budget.

The Annual Report of George A. Hux, Clerk of Superior Court, was presented to the board. On motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Alexander, the report was accepted and ordered filed in the Register of Deeds office.

The following List Takers were appointed by the board: Brinkleyville—A. Crawley, \$140; Butterwood—Mrs. Robert Clark, \$75.00; Conocanara—J. R. Edmondson, \$80.00; Enfield—T. W. Gray, \$160; Faucetts—H. O. Hux, \$120.00; Halifax—J. G. Butts, \$120.00.

Littleton—H. C. Morris, \$140.00; Palmyra—Robert Ausbon, \$120.00; Roanoke Rapids—A. E. Akers, \$275.00; Rosemeath—H. C. Bass, \$75.00; Scotland Neck—B. F. Bracy, \$180; and Weldon—Mrs. J. T. Maddrey, \$180.00.

All list takers to meet with the board of commissioners at the board of commissioners at 9:30 A. M. on December 6, 1947.

County Jail Repairs The county commissioners have authorized repairs for the Halifax county jail. The repairs and alterations include removal of 42 chain bunks; and the installation of a new type stationary bunk. Installation of washrooms on the third floor of the jail is also included in the list of repairs for which the board is advertising for bids.

Money Will Be Allocated For City Street Paving; Election Officials Named

An election for purpose of approval of a \$404,000 bond issuance by the city of Roanoke Rapids will be held on January 6th, according to plans formulated by the board of city commissioners at its regular December meeting on Tuesday afternoon.

The bonds will be used to pay for the new street paving project whereby the city seeks to eliminate some of the mud holes and provide surfacing for several much-traveled thoroughfares.

A sufficient number of property owners, whose land fronts the streets under consideration for paving, has approved the idea by signing petitions requesting that the paving be accomplished.

Regular Polling Places Regular registration books for city elections will be used and the books will be open for the registration of voters, not previously registered, from nine o'clock in the morning until sunset from Saturday, December 13th until Saturday, December 27th, with Sundays excluded, at the regular polling places.

The board named the following polling places and officials to supervise the election: North Ward—B. Marks Warehouse; Junius M. Taylor, registrar; S. C. Cook and J. R. Burton, judges.

South Ward—Rosemary Graded School; R. L. Topping, registrar; Clyde D. Martin and Noah W. Saddler, judges.

City Still Under Quota Issuance of the bonds will boost the city's bonded indebtedness to \$592,500. Since a municipality is restricted (under the Municipal Finance Act of 1921) to a bonded indebtedness of 10 percent of its total listed tax valuation; and, since the local valuation is over \$14,000,000, the

Christmas Music Mrs. Elva Martin, secretary of the Roanoke Rapids Merchants Association, told by the police department that the playing of legal, sought and received permission of the board for her organization to serenade local citizens with Christmas music thru that medium. Assuring the board, she had no intention of flouting the law. Mrs. Martin paid the police department a compliment attesting to its efficiency in apprehending her.

"We've done it for the past several years," she told the board. "But this is the first time we've had our hand called. It makes you realize you've got a good police department."

City Office Holidays By action of the board in the Tuesday session, the municipal building will be closed from Wednesday noon, Dec. 24th, until Monday morning, Dec. 29th.

Mayor Urges Enforcement Officers To Be Courteous

"The main point to remember as you go about your duties is to be courteous," Mayor W. B. Allsbrook told members of the Halifax County Law Enforcement Officers Association at their meeting last night.

The mayor was invited by local police chief T. J. Davis to speak before the organization, which is headed by Sheriff H. A. House, and which includes all law enforcement officers in the county.

Allsbrook told the gathering, "Although I haven't had much time in which to prepare a talk—and since I am limited to five minutes—I would like to state briefly what we would like most to see in our law enforcement officers."

Four Other Features He then went on to point out four other features, in addition to courtesy, which should be an integral part of every police officer's everyday life. They were: conduct and wise choice of places in which to spend leisure time; willingness to abide by the laws just as much as he expects and demands other citizens to do; including traffic regulations; and a fair and impartial attitude in the courtroom toward any defendant, no matter by whom he was arrested.

Plans For School Just prior to adjourning the meeting, House told the members that Weidon police chief P. R. Kitchen and Davis, both graduates of the FBI National Police Academy, were making plans to conduct a school for law officers of the county shortly after the first of the year.

Commissioners Are Visitors Other guests for the meeting, held in the Blue Room of the Rosemary Cafe, were: four of the Roanoke Rapids city commissioners, Howard Pruden, A. M. Cameron, D. C. Clark and Jimmie Sears; State Senator Julian Allsbrook and Lunsford Crew.

Farm Placement Man Appointed to Assist NCSES Office Manager

Easton Y. Brickhouse of Creswell, N. C. has been appointed Farm Placement Interviewer for Halifax, Hertford and Northampton counties and will be stationed in the local office of the North Carolina State Employment Service, located at 216 Roanoke Ave according to an announcement made today by Fred W. McNeil, Jr., manager of the Roanoke Rapids office.

Brickhouse received a B. S. degree from Wake Forest College in 1939 and was affiliated with the North Carolina Pulp Company at Plymouth as a chemist until his entry into the U. S. Navy in June of 1942.

Since his separation from the naval service in April, 1946, he has been self-employed in farming.

As a farm placement interviewer, Brickhouse will assist farmers in this area in securing needed farm laborers and tenants; and will assist farm laborers and tenants in getting placed in desired farm work.

E. H. Smith made report of taxes collected during the past month to the board.

All commissioners were present at the meeting. Next meeting of the group will be Monday, December 8, at 9:00 a. m.