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Roanoke Ramblings

What Roanoke Rapids Makes - Makes Roanoke Rapids

It Took A Little Time... The Rambler was rambling around the courthouse in Halifax Tuesday morning watching the various people come and go.

Well, On The Way Back... Driving back with Mr. Wilson and Mr. John Taylor, who was also Roanoke Rapids bound, we began talking of various things as per good old American custom.

A Letter from Mrs. Tyson... Mrs. Dan Tyson writes from Duke Hospital in Durham that she appreciates the many kindnesses shown her by her friends during her illness and urges them to keep on hoping that she will get out of the hospital by Christmas.

Isn't Truth Strange? We know a person - in fact, he's a friend of ours - who dotes on history.

Only One of 200 Corporal Clevie A. Ennis of the 319th All Weather Squadron, stationed at the Rio Hata Army Air Base in Panama was the only man in his squadron to be awarded the good conduct medal along with the American Victory Medal recently.

He Can Tell You... Lunsford Crew was telling us about Mr. Hannibal Shearin who lives out on the Littleton highway.

More Service Notes... Pfc. William R. Willis, son of Mrs. J. W. Willis, of 118 Jackson Street and the husband of Mrs. Thelma M. Willis, of East 10th Street in Roanoke Rapids, was graduated from the airplane mechanics course at Keesler Field, near Biloxi, Mississippi this past week.

Local Paper Mill Faces Strike Vote

Negotiations for wage increases at the Halifax Paper Company have apparently broken down as leaders of CIO Local Union 697, United Paperworkers of America announced late last night that a strike vote is being taken.

The union leaders, through their representative, Robert Turner, said a meeting yesterday with company representatives, the third since December 8th when negotiations began, ended in failure to reach an agreement.

Company officials when seen by a Herald reporter this morning said they had not been notified of any strike vote being taken and had no comment to make.

Contract Signed in June In announcing the strike vote Turner explained that a contract was signed between the union and the company last summer after the union had been the victor in a National Labor Relations election held last March.

Local High School Cagers Score Heavily in Final Period to Triumph 52-32

James Bryant Garners 21 Points To Best Aurelian Springs

By WILEY WARREN Danny Cagle's Roanoke Rapids Yellow Jackets turned on a blistering offensive in the final quarter Monday night in trouncing Aurelian Springs 52-32 on the armory court.

Narrow Halftime Margin The Jackets held a halftime margin of 22-18 but soon saw that lead wilt away and by the end of the third quarter, the count was resting at 30-30.

Warren then laid up three successive crisps to send the Jax ahead at 38-32. Bryant got a lay-up at 9:40 and seconds later, Warren on the scoring end the Jackets fast-break ran the score to 42-32.

Table with columns: Sp. Srs., FG, FT, TP, Pp. Lists players like Best, Wilcox, Gibson, Carter, Powell, Pittman, Mohr, Totals.

County Farm Leaders Attend Chicago Meet

Representing Halifax county at the annual convention of the American Farm Bureau Federation in Chicago this week from December 15-18 was Mrs. B. B. Everett of Palmyra.

Delegates from 51 counties in North Carolina left Friday to attend the convention, Will H. Rogers, assistant secretary of the State Farm Bureau, announced.

W. J. Tate of Caswell, in Warren County, received his trip to the convention as a guest of the State Farm Bureau for his work in the recent membership campaign conducted by that group, Rogers disclosed.

Local Masons Elect Higgins Master In '48

Ralph H. Higgins was elected Worshipful Master of Widow's Son Lodge, Number 519, Free and Accepted Masons at a regular communication of the lodge on Thursday evening, December 11th.

Successful Year Members of the lodge reported (Continued on page 6—Sect. A)

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Although most of the citizens of Roanoke Rapids seem to be imbued with the spirit of Christmas - what with shopping for gifts, putting up Christmas trees and the like - every last person apparently isn't.

"Last year," said Davis, "we had quite a few cases of people's homes being entered and wrapped gifts, which were lying under the Christmas trees, were taken. So we want to warn the folks that when they leave their homes they'd better lock the doors."

"And another thing we want to warn people about," continued the chief, "if you're doing your Christmas shopping don't leave parcels in your cars in the business districts or anywhere else unless the car is locked. Some people evidently like to remove the gifts you've already bought while you're shopping for the other ones."

Roanoke Rapids civic clubs, church organizations and individuals are all cooperating to make this Christmas a more cheerful one for those less fortunate persons in the community, according to reports received from representatives of the Halifax County Welfare Department and Associated Charities.

A spokesman for Associated Charities said that representatives of the local Kiwanis, Lions, Rotary and Exchange clubs, along with workers from Sunday School organizations, church youth groups and philanthropic individuals had obtained the names of a number of needy families in Roanoke Rapids and vicinity.

School For Merchants, Employees Here Next Month Is Announced

Merchants and their employees can go to school again starting January 5th if they so desire.

The Roanoke Rapids Merchants Association's Advisory Committee met Tuesday morning with Carl Brown and H. S. Proctor of Raleigh, who are connected with the Division of Vocational Education of the State Department of Public Instruction, and plans were made for a two weeks training course in: (1) How to Train Employees; (2) Human Relations; and (3) Selling Techniques.

Courses Open To All The courses will be available to merchants and their employees, both to members and non-members of the Roanoke Rapids Merchants Association, officials of that group said today.

Court Frees Joyce Vick And Husband

They were: Sonnie Speller, colored, of Enfield, charged with reckless driving and driving without license, nol pros with leave; Aubrey Silver, colored, of Jackson, pleaded guilty to driving without operators license and was fined \$25 and costs; J. F. Beamon, white, of Jackson, was found not guilty of permitting Aubrey Silver to drive without license.

State Unable To Present Testimony

William Millwood and Joyce Vick of Roanoke Rapids, married on December 6th in Emporia, and arrested on December 7th in Roanoke Rapids on charges of miscegenation, were freed in Recorder's Court in Halifax Tuesday morning when Solicitor Wade Dickens stated in open court that "the State does not have any testimony."

Should Be Publicized In announcing to the young couple that the State had taken a nol pros in their case and that they were free to go, Recorder C. H. Daniel expressed the hope that they would get as much publicity on this phase of the case as they did on the occasion of their arrest.

The young couple then left the courtroom. There were 17 other cases heard in court Tuesday, and the large crowd that had gathered for the miscegenation case had mostly disappeared a few minutes after disposition had been made of it.

The remainder of the docket was made up of cases in which traffic violations had been charged. The 29 other cases were mainly for public drunkenness (16) and disorderly conduct (8). Two were charged with being drunk and disorderly; one with engaging in an affray; one with damaging property and there was one traffic violation charge.

The Local Week . . .

INTRUDER EVADES COPS Police were called to 312 Hamilton Street Monday night after having been summoned by F. D. Wilson, the County Recorder.

LITTLETON MARINE HOME K. B. Topping, Jr. of Littleton, a member of the U. S. Marine Corps, has arrived to spend the holidays at the home of his mother, Mrs. K. B. Topping after a six months tour of duty aboard ship which carried him to China, Sweden and other foreign ports of call.

NEW HOPE CHURCH TO PRESENT PAGEANT The Methodist Youth Fellowship of the New Hope church will present the Christmas Pageant written by Professor Hershey Spence of Duke University, Sunday, December 21, at 6:00 p. m. This pageant is presented in the beautiful Gothic Chapel at Duke annually under Dr. Spence's direction and in cooperation with the choir of the Duke University Chapel.

SOUTH ROSEMARY FETE All boys and girls in South Rosemary and vicinity are urged to attend the Christmas tree at the church in South Rosemary, Tuesday, December 23rd, at 7:00 p. m. There will be a carol sing in the community by the boys and girls prior to the Christmas tree program. The Roy Scouts will assemble with this group which will meet in

Warren Boyd Thornton, colored, pleaded guilty to reckless driving and was fined \$25 and costs; Roy Sneed, colored, of Roanoke Rapids was found not guilty of reckless driving; L. W. Simon, white, of Augusta, Ga. pleaded guilty to speeding and was fined \$15 and costs.

Fred Jones, colored, of Scotland Neck pleaded guilty to driving without operators license and was given three months road sentence to be suspended upon payment of a fine of \$35 and the costs and that he not violate any (Continued on page 6—Sect. A)

Roanoke Rapids Man Heads March of Dimes Campaign in County L. C. Barrow of Roanoke Rapids has been named Director of the March of Dimes Campaign in Halifax County, it was announced today by R. W. Madry of the North Carolina State Headquarters of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, in Chapel Hill.

Preparations for the 1948 March of Dimes drive are well underway in the state, it was announced, and citizens are urged to contribute to the project which was founded by the late President Roosevelt to aid fellow sufferers from - and prevent others from falling victim to - infantile paralysis.

ACCIDENT AVERTED An automobile, parked by its owner, refused to remain at a standstill early Monday evening and started rolling downhill on East Second Street backing against another parked vehicle just off the Avenue. There was no damage to either car which good fortune, said the both unlucky and lucky driver, "was due to the modern new - type bumper on the other car."

REV. HUX TO PREACH Rev. M. Luther Hux will preach at the Aurelian Springs School Sunday, December 21st, at 3:00 p. m., according to an announcement made today by L. L. Bowers, of Littleton, who invites the public to attend the service.

OTHER RURAL CHURCH MEETINGS ANNOUNCED The regular services of the Taber Methodist Church will be held at 6:30 Sunday night instead of the usual hour of 7:30. There will be special music by the young people and a Christmas message by the pastor, Rev. E. H. Messamer.

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ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH WILL ELECT 1948 VESTRYMEN The Right Rev. Edwin A. Penick, D. D., Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina, will visit All Saints Church in Roanoke Rapids on Sunday, December 28, at 11:00 a. m. for his annual visitation, to preach and to confirm anyone desiring membership in the Episcopal Church, it was announced today by the Rev. Edmund Berkeley, rector of the church.

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING The annual Congregational meeting of the church will be held on Sunday, Dec. 21st, immediately after the 11 o'clock service, to elect a Vestry for the coming year and to hear reports of the various parish organizations for 1947. In announcing this meeting, the pastor urged every (Continued on page 6—Sect. A)

Theatre Corporation Will Build \$175,000 Unit Here

Employment Office Will Be Closed For 5 Days

The local office of the North Carolina State Employment Service will be closed from Wednesday, December 24, at 1:00 p. m. until 9:00 a. m. Monday, December 29, states Fred W. McNeil, Jr., manager, according to information he has received from the budget bureau.

Claimants for Unemployment Compensation and Readjustment Allowance benefits who report on Thursdays and Fridays are requested by McNeil to report to the office on Friday, January 2nd to sign claims covering the holiday period. Other persons desiring information or assistance can be served on Monday, December 29th, McNeil added.

City Court Docket Lasts Five Hours

Forty Cases Are Heard In One of Year's Biggest Days

The Monday afternoon session of Mayor's Court, which ordinarily only requires about two hours to finish up, lasted until 7:00 p. m. this week as Mayor W. B. Allsbrook bound 11 defendants to the January 3rd session of Halifax County Recorder's Court and heard 29 other minor offense cases.

Starting at 1:30, the Mayor sent the following cases to Recorder's Court: Howard Sweat, colored, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, released under \$100 bond; Walter Johnson, colored, charged with the same offense, \$100 bond; Leewood Ivey, colored, disorderly conduct charge, \$100 bond; Elmer Daniel, colored, charged with damage to personal property, \$100 bond.

James A. Barber, white, charged with driving while drunk, \$200 bond; George C. Matthews, white, charged with same offense, \$200 bond; Jessie D. Matthews, colored, same charge, also no operator's license and transporting whiskey, \$200 bond. E. M. Burnette, white, charged with driving while drunk, \$200 bond; Herman Cook, white, charged with same offense, \$200 bond; Alford B. Lambert, white, charged with driving while drunk, \$150 bond; and James E. Renn, white, who was charged as follows: "did wilfully and unlawfully have in his possession a quantity of illegal non-tax paid whiskey", \$200 bond.

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Bishop Visits Local Church December 28

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Property Fronting Avenue Purchased By Local Group To Be Construction Site

A new theatre, with an estimated construction cost of \$175,000.00 will be built in Roanoke Rapids just as soon as federal restrictions on that type of building have been lifted. An announcement late Wednesday afternoon by Frank C. Williams, president of Roanoke Rapids theatres, and Lyle Wilson, general manager, disclosed that property in the 900 block of Roanoke Avenue on the east side of the street was purchased Tuesday from the Northeastern Oil Company of Murfreesboro and from R. I. Starke, local grocer and city commissioner, for use as a building site.

City Building Permits Begin to Drop Here As Only Two Issued

Building permits, which soared to an \$88,380 rise last month over November of 1946, leveled off this month and up to noon Wednesday only two permits, in an \$11,800 total evaluation, had been issued by the city building inspector's office.

Thus, the total for the year thus far stands at \$911,330 with \$488,000 of the total issued in the new home construction category and the other \$423,330 representing industrial, commercial and miscellaneous building projects. 1947 Will Best '46 Observers close to the building industry confidently predicted that, despite the lag this month, 1947 will prove to have been a bigger year for building in the city than was 1946, despite the large number of permits which were issued last December.

Two Permits This Month Of the two permits issued so far this month, one—to James C. Rogers, for a one story residence on Williams Street with six rooms and bath at an estimated cost of \$7800—was for new home construction; and one was for commercial building.

The second permit was issued to Winfield Crew for construction of a one story building at 1100 Roanoke Avenue to be used as stores at an estimated cost of \$4,000.

City's School Teachers Scattered From Tennessee To Florida For Christmas

Teachers in the Roanoke Rapids city schools will scatter to points far and wide, from Tennessee to Florida, and to points all over the Tar Heel State during the Christmas holidays which begin on December 19th.

A list of the addresses, as compiled by schools authorities may be of interest to Santa Claus: Miss Nan Abell, Clover, S. C.; Mr. G. W. Baird, 802 Roanoke Avenue, City. Miss Sybil Beaman, Route 2, New Bern, N. C. Miss Winifred Beckwith, 906 Monroe Street, City. Mr. Russell Beddard, Winterville, N. C. Miss Jessie Helen Belche, Rich Square, N. C. Miss Imogene Booker, Route 2, Amelia, Virginia. Miss Margaret Boone, Rich Square, N. C.

Miss Mary Guy Boyd, 1020 Minerva Avenue, Durham, N. C. Miss Maxie Lee Broadwell, 200 Washington St., Greenville, N. C. Mrs. G. E. Brown 434 Charlotte St., City. Mrs. Sam T. Brown, Brown Acres, City. Mrs. W. G. Bunch, 600 Hamilton St., City. Mr. Dan Cagle, Route 1, Box 9-A, City. Miss Marjorie Cannon, Maitland, Florida. Miss Sara Cannon, Honea Path S. C. Miss Ruth Chapman, Grifton, N. C. Miss Martha Rob Cherry, Hobgood, N. C. Miss Emma Grace Clark, Everetts, N. C. Miss Martha Craddock, 2910 (Continued on page 4—Sect. A) (Continued on page 6—Sect. A)

BPWC Members Go With Santa On Trip To Visit County Home, Sanatorium

Lt. Ernest H. Leggett Gets Navy Decorations Lt. Ernest H. Leggett, USN, of Scotland Neck has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Gold Star in lieu of a second DFC, the Air Medal and four gold stars in lieu of second, third, fourth and fifth Air Medals. The awards were presented Lt. Leggett by Admiral E. A. Cruise in ceremonies held at the Norfolk Naval Air Station recently and were given in recognition of his services as pilot of a torpedo plane in Torpedo Squadron Eight, attached to the U. S. S. Bunker Hill, during operations against enemy shipping, airfields and military installations in the Philippines, in the Saipan and Iwo Jima areas; and in action at Peleliu, Okinawa, Formosa, Hollandia and Guam during the recent war.

Seven New Members Welcomed At Xmas Club Meeting

Members of the Roanoke Rapids Business and Professional Women's Club journeyed to the County Home Sunday afternoon, accompanying Santa Claus whom they helped entertain the residents. A visit was also made to the sanatorium by Santa and the BPWC members and gifts were distributed liberally as was entertainment. The club had a Christmas banquet and party last Thursday night in the Rosemary Cafe and welcomed seven new members. The new members are: Misses Mary Ella Curran and Margaret Boone and Mesdames W. A. Thorne, H. E. Gibson, Agatha Miller, Edward Dickens and Gailvine Lane. Mrs. Chester Walsh, District Director, and Mrs. Ruth Meeks, District Secretary, Treasurer, of Greenville, and Mrs. Ruby (Continued on page 6—Sect. A)