

Undercover reports, the kind in which the source cannot be revealed, have it that the present Roanoke Rapids - Weldon highway will be enlarged to a three-lane affair sometime in the future.

But—and this is the best of the deal—it is possible that it will be intersected by a new federal superhighway or failing that, that a new superhighway may cut through in this vicinity.

The dope is that the government plans to build several new superhighways across the country to connect the various areas in time of emergency and the one which may go by here will be quite a bit wider than either U. S. Number 1 or U. S. 301. (So they say.)

Finishes Medical School...

William Robert Jones of Littleton, the son of Mrs. C. A. Jones and the late Mr. Jones, was graduated from Bowman Gray School of Medicine at Wake Forest this month. He'll take his intern work at Watts Hospital in Durham, beginning July first.

The new doctor was valedictorian of his high school graduating class at Littleton High School in 1942. At Wake Forest, he was a member of Kappa Alpha Social fraternity and was president of the pre-medical fraternity. Entering Bowman Gray in September of 1944, he was representative of the junior class to the Student Council.

Bill Hawkins Promoted...

Bill Hawkins, in the Army in Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands, has been promoted to sergeant. Bill will be starting for home February 4th. On February 14th, the new sarge will don his civvies again and then he plans to enter State College.

New Minister Here...

Rev. John R. Edwards, the new pastor of the First Methodist Church here in Roanoke Rapids, came here from the Fifth Avenue Methodist Church in Wilmington. He was educated at the University of North Carolina and at Duke University. His daughter teaches school in Lumberton, N. C.

Learn to 'Let Go'...

A bit of advice forwarded us by a reader says, "If you want to be healthy morally, mentally and physically, just LET GO. Let go of the little annoyances of everyday life, the irritations and the petty vexations that cross your path daily. Don't take them up, nurse them, pet them, and brood over them. They are not worth while. Let them go. That little hurt you got from your friend. Perhaps it wasn't intended, perhaps it was, but never mind, let it go. Refuse to think about it.

"Let go that feeling of hatred you have for another, the jealousy, the envy, the malice, let go all such thoughts. Sweep them out of your mind, and you will be surprised what a cleansing and rejuvenating effect it will have upon you, both physically and mentally. Let them all go, you house them at deadly risk.

"But the big troubles, the bitter disappointments, the deep sorrows, and the heartbreaking sorrows; tragedies of life; what about them? Why, just let them go, too. Drop them, softly maybe, but surely. Put away all regret and bitterness, and let sorrow be only a softening influence. Yes, let them go, too, and make the most of the future."

Duty in China...

Clifton R. Gibson, fireman first class, USN, son of Mrs. W. G. Gibson of Roanoke Rapids, has returned to Tsingtao, China, aboard the destroyer USS Rupertus, after visiting many of the important ports in the Western Pacific, the Navy has announced.

The Rupertus, the destroyer, USS Mason, and the cruiser USS Atlanta, accompanied the USS Estes, flagship of Admiral C. M. Cooke, Commander Naval Forces, Western Pacific.

After visiting Hong Kong and Singapore, the ships proceeded to Brunei Bay on the coast of Borneo. During the trip from Singapore to Brunei Bay, they crossed the equator. Staying at Brunei for only a short visit, the ships embarked for the Philippines for a four day visit at Manila before returning to Tsingtao.

Who's He Kidding?...

A lot of stuff comes to a newspaper office — publicity releases come in bunches. Not long ago, we got one from a nationally known radio, stage and screen comedian's press agent. For about a page it told how the guy wasn't as stinky as he pretended to be in public life.

This boy gives thousands and thousands of dollars a year to charity, the press release (distributed to thousands of papers) related. Then at the bottom of the page it said: "But he won't allow it to be published." !!!

Ex-Patrolmen Hired...

John W. Wilson and A. F. Fields have one back to work with the State Highway Department. Wilson and Fields, former state highway patrolmen, resigned. (Continued on page 8—Sect. A)

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Weldon Leads In Return For Seals

Weldon leads the larger communities in the county in the number of Christmas seal letters returned, a report from the Halifax County Tuberculosis Association revealed today. Trailing Weldon's 43 percent and in second place was Scotland Neck with 36 percent; and Roanoke Rapids was third with 34 percent.

\$2,500 Returned

The returns from the Christmas seals continue to come in to the Association office at Halifax, officials reported, and the total contributions amounted to approximately \$2,500 on Friday, December 19th, the last time a complete tabulation was run.

Halifax had returned 32 percent; Enfield, 27 percent and Littleton, 20 percent, as of December 19th.

Of the total of 4,041 letters containing seals mailed out to citizens in the county, 1,233 contributions have been returned, leaving approximately 69 percent of the letters still not heard from. It is sincerely hoped by the Association that the citizens who haven't found an opportunity to return their contributions will do so at their earliest convenience.

Smaller Communities
Of the smaller communities in the county, Palmyra leads with 35 percent of the letters returned. Hobgood, 30 percent, Spring Hill, 22 percent, Tillery, 18 percent, Essex, 10 percent, Thelma, eight percent, and Hollister, seven percent.

Although the Christmas Seal Sale is supposed to end officially on Christmas Day, the sale will remain open at least through January in order to give everyone an opportunity to make a contribution to the Tuberculosis Control Program that is being sponsored with the sale," the spokesman advised.

Chest Board Nominations To Be Made

Seven Nominees Picked So Far For Two Year Terms

Every year the Executive Committee of the Roanoke Rapids Community Chest Board of Trustees appoints a nominating committee to choose nominees from Contributing Members at large, to serve on the Board for a two-year period.

The members of this year's Nominating Committee are: Don P. Tillar, Chairman, R. J. Tucker, C. L. Elting, H. S. Loy and H. C. Johnson. The following nominees have been submitted by this committee and all have agreed to serve, if elected: Rev. Edmund Berkeley, Wilmer Collier, Charles Fitts, John Lackey, Sammy Marks, Ed Shaw and W. P. Taylor.

Four Trustees are to be elected from the ballot. The four Trustees who have served for two years and whose terms of office expire in January are: F. J. Hawley, H. E. Lee, L. G. Shell, Jr., and J. R. Allbrook. The four Trustees elected last January who have another year to serve are: Dr. W. D. Hall, Al Drew, J. C. Hoyle and Rudolph Williams.

Additional nominations may be made by petition signed by at least twenty contributing members and presented to the Chest president, Mr. J. Byron Gurley, within ten days after the list of nominations has been announced.

A copy of the ballot and date of the annual election will be published in a later issue of the Herald.

Growing puppies need more protein than mature dogs.

Calves should be vaccinated against blackleg before they are 6 months old.

Santa Claus Was Here



HE WAS AT THE ARMORY — Sunday afternoon, Santa Claus was the guest of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars when he distributed gifts to the underprivileged children of the city.



AFTER BEING AT THE SCHOOL — He was at the School Cafeteria Friday night as a guest of the Roanoke Rapids Lions Club when he gave out gifts to some other underprivileged children of the city.

Store Building Is Bought By Firm

Merchants Resolution Lauds Shell

Untiring Efforts of Late Director Are Praised

The following resolution was adopted by the Board of Directors of the Roanoke Rapids Merchants Association at its regular meeting held December 11, 1947.

"With deep sorrow and sincere regret, the Board of Directors of the Roanoke Rapids Merchants Association record the death, on Monday, December 1, 1947, of Curtis Shell, and extend heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Shell and other members of his family.

"In his passing the Association has lost a faithful and conscientious official and the community a valuable citizen. In his many years' association with the organization, Mr. Shell's fellow members paid him the honor of election to the office of the President and membership on the Board of Directors of the Roanoke Rapids organization and President and membership on the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Merchants Association.

"His experience, ability and fineness of feeling for his fellow man won the respect and admiration of all with whom he was brought into contact.

"Mindful of his long association with Mr. Shell as an official of this body and his untiring efforts on behalf of his fellow merchants the Board of Directors, on behalf of its members, gratefully record its appreciation of him by adopting the following:

"Be it Resolved, that we, on behalf of the membership of the Roanoke Rapids Merchants Association, attest to the inspiration and support which Mr. Shell brought to the activities of the Association and the committees upon which he faithfully served; and

"Be it further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be recorded in the minutes of this organization, and published in this Herald and the Carolina-Virginia Retailer, and that a copy be sent to Mr. Shell's family as a testimonial of our sincere appreciation of his faithfulness, not only as a member of the Roanoke Rapids Merchants Association, but also as a citizen of Roanoke Rapids."

The largest real estate transaction in Roanoke Rapids in many years was consummated Dec. 10th when the building now occupied by Leggett's Department Store was bought by the occupants from the owners, Dr. Bahnsen Weathers and J. E. McGehee.

According to H. S. Loy, manager, plans are being formulated to build a third-story addition on the present building which, with the increase in stock and display room, will make the store the largest of its type between Richmond and Raleigh.

Although no purchase price was disclosed officially, it was understood to have been well within the six figure bracket.

No Building Permits Issued This Week

There were no building permits issued by the office of the city building inspector this week up to and including Monday afternoon.

The total evaluation of all permits issued so far this year thus remains at \$911,330 with \$488,000 in new home construction and the remaining \$423,330 divided among industrial and commercial building and repair work.

Firemen Answer Call To Roanoke Avenue Establishment Thursday

Firemen were called out last Thursday night at 6:20 p. m. to 934 Roanoke Avenue to the Auto Supply Company where a fire had been started by a stove. Firemen reported that there was some damage to the building, but that they got the blaze under control.

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Result Strike Vote Not Announced As Company, Union Remain Reticent

15 Halifax Students Home From Meredith; Two Sing in Choir

Raleigh — 15 Meredith College students have returned to their homes in Halifax County for the holidays, the college announced today.

They are: Sunshine Bellamy, Sarah Burton Clark, Eve Kitchin Edwards, Ann Kitchin-Josey and Wesdell Pope, all of Scotland Neck; Susan Graham, Emma House, Osee Mac Johnson and Nell Parker, all of Enfield; Oley Hockaday, Pattie Louise King, Sarah Elizabeth Pope and Frances Rightmyer, all of Roanoke Rapids and Ella May Shirley and Eloise Thomas, both of Weldon. Miss Graham and Miss Thomas are members of the choir at the college.

The holiday season at the college will end on Jan. 2, and will be followed by semester exams January 24-29; and by spring registration on Feb. 2.

New Bus Terminal Opened At Weldon

The new Weldon bus terminal was opened to the public Saturday. The new terminal is the result of efforts by the Weldon Junior Chamber of Commerce, Weldon citizens and officials of the Carolina Trailways to provide the community with adequate and up to date bus travel facilities.

L. G. Shell, Jr., Is Named to State Board Merchants Association

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the Roanoke Rapids Merchants Association, L. Graham Shell, Jr., of Shell Furniture Company, was unanimously elected to the Board of the North Carolina Merchants Association to fill the unexpired term of his late uncle, C. C. Shell.

St. John's Catholic To Have Midnight Mass

A high mass will be sung at midnight, Christmas Eve in St. John's Catholic Church in Roanoke Rapids, the pastor, Rev. Fr. Peter M. Denges, announced today.

Masses will also be said at eight and ten o'clock on Christmas morning, Father Denges said.

Student Night Service At Rosemary Baptist

The annual Student Night service will be conducted at the Rosemary Baptist Church next Sunday night, December 28th, at 7:30 o'clock. At this time, college students, home for the holidays, will lead in the service.

On New Year's Eve in the church, there will be a watch night prayer service, beginning at 11:30 p. m. This service will be concluded with a moment of silence and prayer at midnight.

Internal Revenue Office Closes 24th

The office of the Collector of Internal Revenue in the Roanoke Rapids postoffice building will be closed after the end of the business day Wednesday, Dec. 24th, until probably around the first of January, it was reported today.

Present personnel of the office are going to Greensboro for duty after Wednesday.

DECEMBER 25th
CUSTOMS OF THE DAY

ALTHOUGH THE FIRST INDOOR CHRISTMAS TREE DID NOT APPEAR IN LITERATURE UNTIL 1604 THE EVERGREEN WAS USED AS AN INDOOR DECORATION IN THE TIME OF MARTIN LUTHER

SANTA CLAUS WAS TRANSFORMED FROM ST. NICK BY EARLY DUTCH SETTLERS WHO MADE HIM FAT, JOLLY, ROSE CHEEKED, OLD FELLOW HE IS TODAY

CHRISTMAS BELLS JOYOUSLY ANNOUNCE THE BIRTH OF CHRIST — LEGEND HAS IT THAT WHEN CHRIST WAS BORN, SATAN DIED, AND THE BELLS IN ALL CHURCHES WERE RUNG

THE CHRISTMAS FEAST AND DRAGGING IN THE YULE LOG ORIGINATED IN ENGLAND. BURNING THE LOG SYMBOLIZED THE DESTRUCTION OF OLD HATREDS AND MISUNDERSTANDINGS.

STOCKINGS HAVE REPLACED THE WOODEN SHOE USED BY THE DUTCH FOR HIDING CHRISTMAS SURPRISES

THE ENGLISH BEGAN CAROL SINGING IN THE FIFTEENTH CENTURY. CHRISTMAS CAROLS HAVE BEEN FOSTERED BY THEM AND THE NORTH AMERICANS EVER SINCE.

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Sam Wood, Fred Etheridge Named To All-Star Eleven

By WILEY WARREN
Co-Captain Sam Wood, Yellow Jacket backfield ace, and guard Fred Etheridge were selected for the 1947 22-man All - Conference football team picked by coaches and sports writers of the circuit in balloting held in Elizabeth City last week.

Wood and Etheridge were the only Roanoke Rapids players to gain a berth on the mythical squad.

Washington's title - winners, Elizabeth City and New Bern each placed four men on the all-star unit, while the remainder of the teams were only represented by two players.

Scotland Neck Board Annexes Three Tracts Effective January 1

Scotland Neck — The town of Scotland Neck formally annexed three tracts of land to the town at a special meeting last week, with the annexation to become effective on January first.

The first tract of land annexed included all houses on North Church Street north of the residence of Mrs. Sally Dunn Elmore and going northward to include Mrs. Surry Dunn, J. T. Madry and others in that area. It also extends the city limits on Main Street beyond the residence of L. B. Sulter and takes in everything up to Dr. C. H. Neville beyond Mrs. W. W. Kitchin's.

Cagle's Cagers Present Tallest Starting 5 Seen Here Since 1942 Season

Sermon By Bishop Here Next Sunday To Be Broadcast

The sermon by the Rt. Rev. Edwin A. Penick in All Saints Episcopal Church next Sunday, Dec. 28th, will be broadcast by radio station WCBT, the Rev. Edmund Berkeley, pastor of the church, announced today.

The bishop will visit the local church for the purpose of confirmation. The services will begin at 11:00 a. m.

Appropriation Bill Has Two Items of Interest to Farmers

Washington, D. C. — Of keen interest to the people, and especially the farmers of North Carolina are two items contained in the Appropriation Bill recently passed by Congress. One of these provisions, placed in the Foreign Aid section of the bill largely through the actions of Representative John Kerr provides that none of the funds appropriated by the Act shall be used or made available for use for the acquisition of nitrates or nitrogenous fertilizer, or petroleum products unless the President adheres to three conditions.

By WILEY WARREN

Danny Cagle's Yellow Jacket cagers may not set the Roanoke River afire this season but one thing rests assured — that of presenting the tallest quintet seen here since 1942.

With eight lettermen listed among the 12-man squad, including two regulars from last year's five, Cagle has produced a fast-breaking team that looms as a possible contender for conference honors.

Lack of that much-needed scoring punch which has plagued Yellow Jacket teams in the past may gain a new light this season because of the locals' new style of play.

Cagle has stressed shooting considerably since opening day's practice and all indications point to a higher-scoring club than usual.

Guard Sam Wood and forward James Warren bore the brunt of the scoring chores last season but this year, they will be ably assisted by James Bryant, six foot, five inch center, Billy Clemmer and Earl Rook.

Bryant, the only senior in the regular cast, seems to be the most team, but at present, remains as Cagle's Number One sub. Lettermen Earl Waters and Sonny Hines, both guards, also are scheduled to see considerable service as reserves.

Four newcomers: forwards Tommy Wheeler, Charles Hasty and George Lewis; and center Billy Sullivan, compose the remainder of the squad. All four were regulars on the junior team last year.

Cagle announced that drills would be continued during the holidays in order for the Jackets to remain in condition for their conference opener here January 7, with the New Bern Bears.