# Roanoke Ramblings

- Always Meters

Up at the city commissioners meeting Tuesday, the conversa-tion was mostly about parking meters, as it was all over town. But, says police chief Pete Davis, he's a bit weary of the word "meter".

It seems there was a very persistent salesman for one of the parking meter manufacturers who delighted in haunting the chief in an effort to get him to endorse his particular meter to the board of city commissioners.

"I've been eating with meters working with meters, walking with meters; riding with me-ters--and a while back when I had to take some pills, I had to had to take some pills, I had to take them with meters as well as with water. In fact," the chief related as the commissioners and the mayor began to grn, "that fellow has been around they house so much that my neighbors think he's some of my kinfolks come to visit."

#### He Parked There

In the same channel of conversation, commissioner Marvin Collier said, "we ought to have meters that require no effort or the part of the motorist but the mere putting in of the money and walking on about his busi ness. I've seen people in other towns, where the meter had to be wound up, just lay the nickel on top of the meter and go on." (Something like: "We parked here at 10:10 a. m.-here's our nickel, officer, you fix it up with this mechanical timekeeper.")

Long Drive.

Miss Velma Hailman, who visited at the home of Rev. and Mrs. B. Marshall White-Hurst over the holidays, drove her car all the way from Washington state to Roanoke Rapids solo.

Velma was once an announcer for the radio station here.

Friends in the city and vicin the opportunity for his "seeing Dot let her hair down." He said he didn't know Dot was such a jitterbug, but that she and Jimmy Ellis, from Weldon, were quite a dancing team.

Aid Required
Superintendent of City Schools
I. E. Ready calls on the Rambler
for aid in finding suitable living
quarters for Band Director Geo.
W. Baird and wife. Since their arrival here in September, the Bairds have been living in one room and they are quite anxious to find a small apartment, either furnished or unfurnished. Mr. Ready says that George is doing a fine job with the band here and he would like to find a larger place for him and his wife. They have no children. So, if anyone knows of an apartment, Mr. Ready requests that he call R-337 and tell him about it.

City's "Tom" Ill

Tom Alston, described by city officials and employees of the city building as an institution around the Municipal Building, was taken ill Tuesday and had to enter the hospital for treat-

#### Richmond Speaker Here

Miss Margaret Harbold, interior decorator from Miller and Rhoads in Richmond, will ad-dress the ladies of the Fine Arts Department of the Woman's Club here Monday afternoon at 3:30 the first president of the Roanoke on "That 'You' Look in Your Rapids Javs baseball club was Home." The Fine Arts Department ladies have asked the members of the Study Club and Garden Club to listen in on the

### March of Dimes Here

L. C. Barrow, Jr., the fireman had only a few days before the accident been appointed county chairman for the March of Dimes drive in the county. Dego on, a group of public spirited citizens formed an unofficial committee to carry on the work until such time as Barrow was ble to personally take charge r the drive was over. The Weldon fireman had been

head of the drive in Weldon for the past six years and this was Weldon Resident, Dies his first year as county chair-In Raleigh Hospital

So far, civic clubs and mem bers of the "interim" committee have appointed Charles L. Wills, town chairman for Roanoke Rapids, and James L. Mount-castle for Weldon. Yet to be heard from are Scotland Neck, Enfield, Halifax and Littleton.

#### Methodist Youth Group Holds Regular Meeting

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# City Will Install Parking Meters Very Light Vote Recorded

Seven Business Blocks To Be Equipped With Installation Set For Sometime In April; Speeds on Hamilton, Jackson Reduced

Parking meters for Roanoke Rapids were assured when the board of city commissioners in their regular monthly meeting Tuesday authorized Mayor W. B. Allsbrook to contract with the Car-Park Corporation for their installation.

There were 5450 registered volunts. meeting Tuesday authorized Mayor W. B. Allsbrook to contract with the Car-Park Corporation for their installation.

Voting on the motion, made by W. H. Pruden and seconded by A. M. Cameron, followed a 45 minute discussion of the merits of the various meters and the decision was reached after it was learned that Car-Park would install

1948 Building Starts Same Way As Did 1947

January started out in exactly the same manner this year as in 1947 in the way of building permits.

The first permit issued last year was for a new residence, and so was the first 1948 permits and so was the first 1948 permits.

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Only two permits were issued up to noon yesterday in the office of the city building

inspector and they were:

To L. T. Hawkins, for a one story residence with four rooms and bath on Cedar St., at an estimated cost of \$3500.

To Evelyn B. Thompson, one story concrete block garage on Roanoke Avenue between 13th and 14th Streets, at an estimated cost of \$10,000.

### Scouts Enjoy Halifax Camp New Year's

Participate In Indian Relic Search; Visit Historic Navy Yard

The Boy Scout troops of Roa-noke Rapids and Halifax had an enjoyable overnight camp at the old breastworks near Halifax last Thursday.
Under the direction of Houston

Fuller, camping and activities chairman for the Halifax Dis-trict, a very successful camping rrict, a very successful camping experience was completed by Troop 141. Dorsey Neathery, Scoutmaster; Troop 142, Rudolph Waters, Scoutmaster; Troop 144, Nathaniel Lowe, Scoutmaster; Troop 145, Willie Mincher, Scoutmaster and Troop 53, Halifax, Vernon Bradley, Scoutmaster.

The Scouts took a historical hike, visiting places of interest

hike, visiting places of interest in and around Halifax, including the old Navy yard where the first battleship of the Confederwas built.

automatic meters free of charge as soon as they could be obtain

on another motion by Pruden, seconded by M. D. Collier, it was voted to install meters on Roanoke Avenue from Second to Third Streets in the North Ward; from Ninth to 11th in the South Ward; from Hamilton on 10th to Jackson on 10th and from Hamilton on 11th to Jackson on 11th also in the uptown section of the also in the uptown section of the

The commissioners then authorized the mayor to sign a con-tract for the purchase of the meters after parking spaces have been counted and the number needed specified. The mayor said in this con-

place 25 mile an hour speed limit signs on Hamilton and Jackson Streets and begin en-

orcement of that limit. Mayor Allsbrook was authorized to contact the State Highway Department with regard to the state's surfacing of Roanoke Avenue in the business sections.

#### BIRTHS

Babies born in Roanoke Rapids Hospital last week were:
To Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Driver, Skippers, Va., a girl, Jan. 3rd; to Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Manning, Weldon, a girl, Dec. 31st; to Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Outland, Margarettsville, a boy, Jan. 3rd; to Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Turner, Emporia, a girl, Dec. 31st; to Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Taylor, Seaboard, a girl, Jan. 1st; to Mr. and Mrs. William B. Evans, city, a boy, Jan. 3rd; to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Williams, city, a boy, Jan. 2nd; Williams, city, a boy, Jan. 2nd; Williams, city, a boy, Jan. 2nd and to Mr. and Mrs. L. B. White city, a boy, Jan. 3rd.

### **Hines Reelected President** Of Jays; White, Pierce, **Vincent Also Keep Posts**

the first president of the Roanoke Rapids Jays baseball club, was (about 250 in number) plan to

termined that the drive should liams and M. H. Hedgepeth were

L. D. Hines, who served as bottom in the standings.

# John R. Kirkland, 65,

John Robert Kirkland of Wel don, 65, died Sunday in a Raleigh hospital after a long illness. Funeral services were conducted from the Rowe Funeral Hom from the Rowe Funeral Home Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 by the Rev. Worth C. Grant pastor of the Weldon Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Jackson Cemetery. Mr. Kirkland was born in Littleton, April 25, 1882 the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Robert Kirkland. He had spent the greater part of his life in Littleton. For the past five years he operated the Jackson Company of the past five years he operated the Jackson Company of the Mrs. The Youth Fellowship of the First Methodist Church met Sunday evening at 6:30 in the church annex.

The program opened with the call to worship by Happy Atwill.

Jeanne Gibson read an interesting story which was followed by prayer.

Several hymns were sung and the group was dismissed with the League benediction.

Sundant Alleigh, First American, April 25, 1882, 18

#### 32 Accidents in City Last Month; Property Damage Only \$232.61

The December report of the Roanoke Rapids police department shows that: Assisted other law enforce-ment agencies, 26 times; ar-rests, 82; calls answered, 217;

rests, 82; calls answered, 217; doors, windows unlocked, 4; fire hasards discovered, 3; public services rendered, 119; investigations made, 37; lights reported out, 10; public gatherings worked, 8; funerals, 9; unlighted street obstructions, 2; dogs killed, 5; breaking and entering and larceny reported, 5—cleared, 2; stolen cars reported, 2—cleared, 2; stolen biltes reported, 1—cleared, 1.

There were 32 accidents (not all in the city limits) reported with a total property damage of only \$322.51, or an average of about \$7.25 damage in each wreek."

# Proponents Carry Bond Election by 207-10 With

Only 237 local voters went to the polls uesday to express either approval or disapproval of the issuance of \$404,000 in city bonds for the purpose of financing the long - sought street-paving project for the city.

The board of city commission of the purpose of the city composed for the city.

ters elibible to vote in the elec-tion, official figures from the of-fice of City Clerk Dorothy A. \$592,500, which is still almost a

**Election Will** 

Begin Jan. 14

Four Trustees Will Be

Chosen From Among

Six Nominees

(Editor's Note—The official ballot for the election of Trus-tees to the Roanoke Rapids Community Chest Board will be found on page 1, Section B of the Herald.)

Nominees are: Rev. Edmund Berkeley, Wilmer Collier, Charles Fitts, John Lackey, Sammy Marks, Ed Shaw and W. P. Tay-

HOSPITAL NEWS

Out of town patients in Roa-noke Rapids Hospital this week

were: Clifton William Blowe, Marga-

Shearin disclosed.
Voting places and officials for the election were: South Ward—local valuation of over \$14,000-Rosemary Graded School; R. L.
Topping, registrar; Clyde D. Act of 1921.

# **\$8,975** Bid on Jail Repair is Accepted

made by the Van Dorn Iron spection by the State Welfare Works for repairs and improvements at the Halifax County jail P. Bryant at the County Home

County Home Situation

Dr. F. W. M. White appeared before the board relative to the County Home and Hospital and ply.

county commissioners each first Monday. He was also told he was not to drive the county truck. Bryant promised he would comply. stated that improvements made by the board at the two instit-utions during the past year had added greatly to the appearance and cleanliness.

Dr. White told the board that corn, housed; 325 bushels

The election of four trustees to the Board of the Roanoke Rapids Community Chest will be held from Wednesday, January 14th to Wednesday, January 21st, l4th to Wednesday, January 21st, it was announced today by Community Chest officials.

For the convenience of those eligible to vote (everyone who subscribed any amount to the 1948 Chest funds) extra ballots and boxes will be available at each of the industrial plants of the city, and in the lobby of the postoffice.

For further convenience as was accepted by the board of county commissioners in its regardlar meeting held Monday in Halifax.

Was equally praised. Mrs. Bry-ant, said Dr. White, was recognized as one of the best County Home matrons in the state.

eeded specified.

The mayor said in this conjection that he would sign no nontract until Collier, Pruden and Chief of Police T. J. Davis had seen it and okayed all terms.

Other Business
In other business, R. I. Starke and J. W. Sears were appointed to meet with the Sanitary Board to discuss terms of rental of fire to discuss terms of rental of the county to discuss terms of the discuss terms of rental of the county to discuss terms of the discuss terms

Mrs. Bryant was complimen ted on the work she had done.

County Home Inventory
An inventory of the Cou
Home showed: 500 bushels the beds were clean, the food was good and plentiful and that the inmates were happy.

Filled to Capacity

Tigh potatoes; 3000 collards, fall; one half acre rutabagas are rutabagas. Filled to Capacity
Dr. White said both institutions were filled to capacity, there being 45 at the County Home and 25 in the County Hospital. He said the Sanitorium was rated as the best County Hospital in of lard.

#### Talented Young **Artist Appears** In Emporia 16th

William Masselos, who won the national piano competition in the 1947 'Young Artists Auditions of the National Federation of Music Clubs, will give his only Virtuella Clubs, will be action to the control of the clubs of the club acy was built.

An Indian relic hunt was an interesting part of the camp. Several Indian arrowheads were found by the Scouts.

Mr. and Mrs. Macon Radcliff Clubs, will give his only Virginia concert of the season in Emporia, Friday, January 16.

Mr. Masselos comes to Emporia in the National Federation of Music

Musical Art. Upon his graduation at the age of sixteen, he received a scholarship for study at the Juilliard Graduate School with Carl Freidberg. He made with Ca

W. O. W. MONUMENTS

ASSUMES NEW POST

### Lottery Charges

Three local white men, identified by police as Marvin Williams, H. L. Neal and Robert Umphlett, were arrested this week on charges of operating a lottery in connection with use of some pull boards. Police reported the three were under bond for appearance in Recorder's Court here today.

Machines Agrin

burg; Mrs. Mollie T. Garris, Conly way.

Harvey D. Hart, Jackson; M. long time associate in the coaching assignment. A. long time associate in the coaching assig

#### **Machines Again**

Mr. Masselos comes to Emporia in an artist concert series sponsored by the Emporia Public Schools.

Mr. Masselos, a native of Colorado Springs, Colorado, moved to New York at the age of eight. He studied there, on a full scholarship, at the Institute of Musical Art. Upon his graduation at the age of sixteen, he formances

L. D. Hines, who served as the first president of the Roanoke Rapids Jays baseball club, was relected to the post at a meeting of the club's stockholders held in the Roanoke Rapids Municipal elements and Allen Pierce of Weldon were reelected first and second vice-presidents and Jack Vincent was reelected secretary-treasurer.

On the board of directors election, the total number of members of that board was cut from 15 to seven, including officers and F. C. Williams, M. S. Williams and M. H. Hedgepeth were reelected to the board.

Last year, the Jays drew hite the first president of the Roanoke Rapids and sighest in the league, although they finished second from the load of the Roanoke Rapids and standard or characteristics of the School Auditorium, includes four state the Juilliard Graduate School with Carl Freidberg. He made his Town Hall debut at the age of eighteen. He has been soloist with the National Orchestral Association in concerts at Carnegie Hall and has played at the White House at an enter-tainment given by Mrs. Franklin D. Rossevelt.

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BROUGHTON TO TEACH

#### Roanoke River Basin The Local Week . . . Group Meets Tomorrow

at Seaboard High School, Norton W. O. W. MONUMENTS
Birchwood Camp 55, Woodmen
of the World, would like for the
families of all deceased members of the camp, fegardless of
date of death, that do not have
a W. O. W. monument, to please
contact Calvin E. Medlin, Financial Secretary, at 129 Jefferson Street, Roanoke Rapids.

at Seaboard High School, Norton
began work with the Extension
bers volve in 1936 when he was appointed assistant county agent in
Northampton County. From 1938
until March, 1939, he was county
agent for Franklin county and
contact Calvin E. Medlin, Financial Secretary, at 129 Jefferson Street, Roanoke Rapids. secretary.

Main point of the meeting will be the election of officers and members of the board of directors for the ensuing year. with a full report on the pro-gress made in the development of the Roanoke River and its iributaries to be heard. Officers and directors will

ASSUMES NEW POST

E. L. Norton, Northampton county farm agent, assumed his new duties as Northeastern District agent for the State College Extension Service on January 1, according to Extension Director I. O. Schaub.

Norton succeeded B. Troy Ferguson, who retired December 31 following 32 years of continuous service in Agricultural Extension.

A former agriculture teacher

BROUGHTON TO TEACH
Former governor J. Melville Broughton will teach the Bible Class at the Nahalah Presbyter-ian Church Sunday School next Sunday, January 11th, at 10:00 by Irwin K. Weeks, superintendent of the Sunday School.

Weeks said the public is cordially invited to attend the services at the church, located in Roseneath community, near Scotland Neck.

## Fire Truck Chasers Face Prosecution Says Chief **Chest Board** Firemen Impeded by Traffic at Sunday Fire;

Destruction of Fire Hose to Merit **Court Summons Also** An oil stove exploded in a home in West Rosemary Sun-

day about 12:30 p. m., causing damage estimated by Roa-noke Rapids Fire Chief W. C. King as about \$200. But it was a mild explosion compared to that of King when he saw the fire department's efforts to get to the fire impeded by traffic and several other unthinking acts committed by some citizens.

King told the Herald that "from the time the siren sound-

ed, unauthorized vehicles were in our way. We hadn't gotten out of the station house before we ran into a snarl of traffic. Then Man Sought In Local Jewelry Thefts Held when we got to the fire, some of the firemen had to park as much as two blocks away. We could hardly move for the people and By Norfolk Authorities

Wilbur (Spec) Carter, 28 year old Roanoke Rapids native, sought by local police in con-nection with the break-in on nection with the break-in on Dec. 26th at a downtown jewelry store, has been arrested by Norfolk police and sentenced to 90 days on the city farm in the Virginia municipality on 
vagrancy and morals charges. 
Local police said they had 
filed a warant with the Norfolk 
police department as a detainer for Carter and he will 
be released to them on April

be released to them on April 2nd upon completion of his sentence there. Police chief T. J. Davis said

Carter told him he would not resist extradition proceedings.

### Jackets Out For Revenge At Washingt'n

Balding Bill Sweel's Cagers Will Try To Retain Crown

By WILEY WARREN It will be age and experience versus youth and ambition Fri-day night when Dan Cagle's Yel-low Jackets travel to Washing-

rettsville; Mrs. M. E. Britton,
Potecasi; Willie Brewer. Boykin; Mrs. Charles Cowherd, Mineral, Va.; Mrs. C. S. Clary, LaCrosse, Va.; Miss Hilda Dillard,
Inez, N. C.: Mrs. Bill Eure, Halifax; Mrs. Lena Grant, Garysburg; Mrs. Mollie T. Garris, Conway.

The Jackets well remember (Continued On Page 4, Sec. A)

### 26 Army Enlistments Here **During December With 4** From City Among Number

Enlisted from Roanoke Rapids Enlisted from Roanoke Rapids were: James E. Patrick, Malvern, W. Tharrington, Beeman F. Olmstead and former radioman, second class in the Navy, Robert D. Height, all with previous service.

Other former service men encounter of the service of the

Hapids, were processed through L. Clark and John S. Powell of the Church. The chairman for the local Army and Air Force Recruiting Sub-Station during December, it was announced to day by Master Sergeant Robert M. De Young, Sub-Station commander.

L. Clark and John S. Powell of the Church. The chairman for Roanoke Rapids is the Rev. John M. Walker, Jr., pastor of the Pirst Presbyterian Church. All churches are urged to begin their collections at once. These articles can be carried land. land.

Other former service men en- adding that the standards for en listed were: former 1st Lt. Carl listment in the new Regular Ar-W. Keeter, 812 Washington St., my or Air Force are high and Weldon; Pedro House of Tillery; those accepted are assured of Asa P. Throckmorton, Enfield; their choice for assignment and and William G. Davis of Sea-opportunity for advancement.

The annual meeting of the Roanoke River Basin Associa-tion wil be held at the South Boston Armory, South Boston, Virginia, tomorrow, beginning at 10:00 a.m., it was announced ed today by Eric W. Rodgers,

Officers and directors will also present their reports and an open discussion of the Buggs Island and other projects in the Roanoke River Basin will be held.

A lunch will be served at 1:00 p. m. under the auspices of the South Boston Arrangements Committee.

## VANCE STREET

The P. T. A. of the Vance Street School will meet on Wed-

nesday Jan. 14 at 3:45. The topic for the afternoon will be "Foundations for a Better Family have been called to Columbia, S. Life." Parents of the school are C. on account of the illness of urged to attend this meeting. Mr. Fuller's mother.

ROSEMARY

The Rosemary P. T. A. Meet-ng will be held next Wednesday January 14th. at three thirty.
Some very important business will be brought up for discussion at this meeting. The program committee with Miss Viola Glover as chairman, is planning a worthwhile program. All parents are invited to attend.

Mrs. William Poindexter and son, Billy, left Sunday to visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Macon Radeliff in Norfolk.

Miss Jearrine Tourneur and Survival Butts were married on Thursday, December 18th, in Emporia, Va.

Mrs. Butts is the daughter of Madame Jeanine Marcelle Ferdinand Tourneur of Paris, France.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Butts of Roanoke Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Butts are making their home at 321 Monroe Street.

# just to be that way — we'll see if we can't arrange for them to pay the bill by themselves instead of having all other tax-payers chap in to belp them pay King said all previous warn-ings have apparently been to no avail and he felt that some firm

everyone was offering his sug-gestions as to how to put the

fire out.
"Last week, the police depart-

That week, the police department asked the people to get out of the way of siren-equipped vehicles. Evidently they didn't believe that they would be indicted under the North Carolina laws. Well, we've got a job to do and we can't stand by and be pushed around From pow on they are

around. From now on, they are

around. From now on, they are either going to get out of the way or tell the Mayor in his court why they didn't.

"They've also been running over our hoses. Anytime a hose is run over, it is permanently out of commission. It's a complete loss. And it costs the city \$95 not to mention how much it may cost a home-owner who watches his house go up in smoke because the hose is out of commission.

ommission. "This indiscriminate destruc-

tion of property has got to be stopped. We think we may be able to stop it by taking those people into Mayor's court also. \$95 is a lot of money to pay just to be obnoxious, but if people want to run over a fire hose just to be that way — we'll see

avail and he felt that some firm action would have to be taken. (All news-disseminating agen-cies in the city had carried warnings last week from the po-lice department, sheriff's office and state highway patrol that it was against the law to inter-fere with the passage of signs. fere with the passage of siren-equipped vehicles in perform-ance of their duties. They warn-ed local residents to either comply with the law or indictments would probably have to be

#### **Church Wide Collection** Of Clothing For Relief Of Overseas Needy

There is a church wide collection of clothing and other materials such as toys, etc. for overseas during the month of January. This collection is to be distributed through various country observed.

to any of the churches

#### Town Talk

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kendrick of Norfolk were the week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank

Mrs. George Cullom spent last PTA Meetings week in Richmond with her brother, Jack Humphries, who is a patient at Johnson-Willis Hospit-

> Mrs. R. I. Starke and Mrs. Willis Hawkins were called to Raleigh Monday on account of their mother's death.

## **Local Man Marries**