

Roanoke Ramblings

Meters — Always Meters
Up at the city commissioners meeting Tuesday, the conversation was mostly about parking meters, as it was all over town.

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 meters—and a while back when I 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 groan, "that fellow has been around my house so much that my neighbors think he's some of my kind-folks 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 on the part of the motorist but the mere putting in of the money and walking on about his business. 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."

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.

Farewells

Friends in the city and vicinity were bidding farewells to Jess and Dot Helms this week. They'll leave for Raleigh next week. One of their friends told the Rambler that the New Year's Dance of the Weldon and Roanoke Rapids Jaycees provided the opportunity for his "seeing Dot let her hair down."

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.

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 treatment.

Richmond Speaker Here

Miss Margaret Harbold, interior decorator from Miller and Rhoads in Richmond, will address the ladies of the Fine Arts Department of the Woman's Club here Monday afternoon at 3:30 on "That 'You' Look in Your Home."

March of Dimes Here

L. C. Barrow, Jr., the fireman hurt in the Levon Theater fire, had only a few days before the accident been appointed county chairman for the March of Dimes drive in the county. Determined that the drive should go on, a group of public spirited citizens formed an unofficial committee to carry on the work until such time as Barrow was able to personally take charge of the drive was over.

Methodist Youth Group Holds Regular Meeting

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.

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What Roanoke Rapids Makes — Makes Roanoke Rapids

City Will Install Parking Meters

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.

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 permit.

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.

Scouts Enjoy Halifax Camp New Year's

Participate In Indian Relic Search; Visit Historic Navy Yard

The Boy Scout troops of Roanoke 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 District, 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.

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

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THE ROANOKE RAPIDS HERALD Growing With Carolina's Fastest Growing City

ROANOKE RAPIDS, N. C. THURSDAY, JANUARY 8th, 1948

Proponents Carry Bond Election by 207-10 With Very Light Vote Recorded

Only 237 local voters went to the polls Tuesday 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. Of the number, 207 voted in favor of the project and 10 voted against it.

\$8,975 Bid on Jail Repair is Accepted

A bid in the amount of \$8,975 made by the Van Dorn Iron Works for repairs and improvements at the Halifax County jail was accepted by the board of county commissioners in its regular meeting held Monday in Halifax.

County Home Situation

Dr. F. W. M. White appeared before the board relative to the County Home and Hospital and stated that improvements made by the board at the two institutions during the past year had added greatly to the appearance and cleanliness.

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 Virginia concert of the season in Emporia, Friday, January 16.

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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 enforcement agencies, 26 times; arrests, 82; calls answered, 217; doors, windows unlocked, 4; fire hazards discovered, 3; public services rendered, 119; investigations made, 57; lights reported out, 10; public gatherings worked, 8; funerals, 9; unlighted street obstructions, 2; dogs killed, 3; breaking and entering and larceny reported, 5 — cleared, 3; stolen cars reported, 2 — cleared, 2; stolen bikes reported, 1 — cleared, 1.

Fire Truck Chasers Face Prosecution Says Chief

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 Sunday about 12:30 p. m., causing damage estimated by Roanoke Rapids Fire Chief W. C. King as about \$200.

Chest Board Election Will Begin Jan. 14

Four Trustees Will Be Chosen From Among Six Nominees

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, it was announced today by Community Chest officials.

Jackets Out For Revenge At Washing'n

Balding Bill Sweet's Cagers Will Try To Retain Crown

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

26 young men from Halifax, Warren and Northampton Counties, including four from Roanoke Rapids, were processed through the local Army and Air Force Recruiting Sub-Station during December, it was announced today by Master Sergeant Robert M. DeYoung, Sub-Station commander.

Local Man Marries French Girl

Miss Jeannine Tourneur and Jack Irvin Butts were married on Thursday, December 18th, in Emporia, Va.

Roanoke River Basin Group Meets Tomorrow

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

PTA Meetings

The Rosemary P. T. A. Meeting 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.