

Roanoke Ramblings

Local Girl On YD Executive Committee

News from Duke University is that Grace Taylor, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor, has been appointed a member of the Collegiate Young Democrats executive committee and also vice-chairman for the Coastal Plain District.

Gets Sonar Diploma

Pentley Novarro Hux, seaman second class, USN, of Roanoke Rapids received his diploma recently after completing a six months course on sonar operations at the Fleet Sonar School, Key West, Florida.

Thanks Benefactors

Mrs. Minnie Clary, of 935 Jackson Street, was seeking the assistance of the Rambler this week in expressing her thanks to the nice folks who sent cards and edibles.

Goes to Florida

The Rev. C. L. Lyles of 1208 Hamilton Street, Roanoke Rapids, has accepted a call to take over the pastorate of the United Pentecostal Church in DeFuniak Springs, Florida and he began services there last Sunday, January 18th.

Almost 1948 Baby

Howard Hancock, former advertising manager for the Herald and now holding that position with the Wilmington Post, was boasting of the arrival of his third daughter at 2 o'clock on the morning of December 31st in Marion Sprunt annex in Wilmington. The eight pound two ounce baby girl was given her mother's name, Mary Virginia.

Anybody Know Them?

Those two Marine Corps recruits who are holding forth at the postoffice this week (they will be here till Saturday) are Master Sergeants John Faulkner and James Duckworth, now stationed at Raleigh. In case any of you former Gyrenes are interested - Faulkner served with the 21st Regiment of the Third Division (he was at Iwo) and Duckworth was with the 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines, on Guadalcanal.

Both are long - time veterans of the Corps. Duckworth has 10 and a half years service, Faulkner, nine. The former is a native of Georgia and Faulkner hails from Mississippi. If any of the men serving in those units during the war are around this part of the country, the boys will be glad to visit with them and talk over old (and new) times.

Away to Cotton Meet

Mr. and Mrs. Blackwell Pierce of Weldon left Monday night for Atlanta, Georgia, where Pierce will attend the National Cotton Council's tenth annual meeting.

Chief's Friend Dies

The Rambler regretted very much to see in the daily press that Howard Pierce, SBI agent and former Raleigh police chief, was dead. We met Mr. Pierce in Warrenton one day during the last hearing of the Northampton Buddy Bush case. Mr. Pierce, who knew our police chief Pete Davis, quite well, was one of the chief investigators of that case at Rich Square, but doubted that any further evidence would be discovered. He was 53 years old.

Practice in Wayne County

Douglas Wilson of Littleton, a vocational agriculture student at North Carolina State College, has been assigned to New Hope School in Goldsboro to get his practice teaching. He will graduate from State in June, but during the next six weeks will be getting valuable experience in vocational agriculture instruction under the direction of D. W. Kneeshaw, the school's instructor in that department.

City Improvements

A certain officer of the volunteer fire department, the secretary to be exact, says Roanoke Rapids is beginning to have a one - man fire department - a man who not only puts the fires out, but one who inadvertently starts them, with himself as the victim. It all happened Tuesday night, said the Rambler's informant, when the assistant fire chief sat down to read a magazine. He struck a match and lit a cigarette. He didn't sit there long. The match flew back into the chair in which he was seated and removed a large portion of his trousers - just which portion isn't told, but after the unfortunate fellow had succeeded in getting a fire extinguisher and dousing the blaze, he wouldn't turn his back to anyone. Yes sir, said (Continued on Page 6, Sec. A)

What Roanoke Rapids Makes - Makes Roanoke Rapids

Allsbrook Out Of Race For Congress

Julian R. Allsbrook, Roanoke Rapids attorney and State Senator from Halifax County, has spiked persistent rumors that he would oppose John Kerr for the Second Congressional District seat in the U. S. House of Representatives in the 1948 elections.

Won't Oppose Kerr



Julian Allsbrook

In a statement released to newsmen last Thursday, Allsbrook, voted most valuable member of the 1947 General Assembly by reporters covering the sessions, said, "I am announcing today that I do not contemplate being a candidate for Congress from the Second Congressional District of North Carolina, but probably will be a candidate for re-election as State Senator from Halifax County."

First Term 1935

Allsbrook, who was born in Roanoke Rapids on February 17, 1903, served his first term in the General Assembly in 1935 as a member of the upper house. In 1941, he was a member of the House of Representatives of North Carolina, and in 1942 was nominated by the Democratic party to the State Senate, but he resigned to enter the U. S. Naval Reserve before taking office.

Other Public Office

He graduated from the Roanoke Rapids Public Schools in 1920 and attended the University of North Carolina from 1920 until 1924. He has been a member of the Board of Trustees of Roanoke Rapids Public Schools District, the Board of City Commissioners and was Presidential Elector from the Second Congressional District in 1936.

College Honors

At the university, he was president of the Student Body in 1923-1924 and is permanent vice-president of the class of 1924. Also among his college honors were: Golden Fleece, Order of the Grail and membership in Tau Kappa Alpha Debating Fraternity.

He married Miss Frances Virginia Brown of Garysburg, June 24, 1926, and they have three children, Richard Brown, 18, Mary Frances, 16, and Alice Harriette, nine.

He is a member of Widow's Son Lodge No. 519, AF and AM, and the Woodmen of the World and is a Baptist. He is also a member of the Halifax County Bar Association.

Kiwanis Club Installs New Officers Here

Dr. Joe Hall took office as the new president of the Roanoke Rapids Kiwanis Club at installation ceremonies presided over by Lt. Gov. Frank Meadows of Rocky Mount Thursday night.

Have Barbecue Tomorrow

A combination Methodist church and Scout meeting place, recently completed in South Rosemary through the cooperation of the Kiwanians, Scouts and church members, will be the scene of a barbecue and brunoist stew tomorrow at noon and during the evening, the Kiwanians announced.

Former Littleton Resident Severely Hurt in Auto Mishap

Mrs. Henry Lee Sloan, Jr., niece of county commissioner C. Shields Alexander, of Scotland Neck, is a patient at Graduate Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa., after she and her husband sustained severe injuries in an automobile accident last week.

Weldon Tied With Raleigh In Total Traffic Fatalities 11-Month Report Shows

Despite its small size, in comparison with other communities of the state, Weldon was in a tie with Raleigh in the matter of traffic fatalities in 1947 through the month of November, a report released this week by the State Department of Motor Vehicles discloses.

Covering November specifically and the 11-month period of 1947 generally, the report showed Charlotte leading all cities with 20 persons killed; Fayetteville second with nine; Asheville, Durham, Wilson and Winston-Salem, third with five each; Raleigh and Weldon, four each; and Greensboro and Kannapolis, three each.

Halifax 2 in November

Lincoln county, with seven fatalities (six in one accident), led in traffic deaths during November. Durham county with four was second. Eight counties had three fatalities each and Halifax County was in a fourth place classification, along with nine other counties, each of which reported two deaths each.

Through November 30th, 751 persons had lost their lives in North Carolina traffic accidents, with 234 killed during the month of November, the last month covered by the report.

Seaboard Child Dies Of Injuries Received When Struck by Car

Funeral services for Wilbur Leon Pegg, six, who died Friday night in Roanoke Rapids Hospital from injuries received earlier in the evening when hit by an automobile near his home in Seaboard, were held Sunday morning at 10 o'clock from the Seaboard Methodist Church, of which the child's father is pastor.

Funeral Here Today For Local Man Who Dies In Chicago

Funeral services will be held at 4 o'clock this afternoon from the Wrenn Funeral Home for Bernard Keeter, who was found unconscious and dying on the streets in Chicago, Illinois by police last Thursday.

FIGHTS EXTRADITION

A man, identified by local police as Joe John Shumate, white, of Roanoke Rapids, was arrested this week in Charleston, West Virginia, on charges of abandonment and non-support of his family here. He was released under \$500 bond and police said he has elected to resist extradition proceedings which are scheduled for hearing in the governor's office in Charleston, February 16th.

NEW NORTHAMPTON AGENT

P. H. Jamerson, teacher of vocational agriculture at the Woodland-Olney school and former Pasquotank county agent, has been appointed Northampton county agent succeeding E. L. Norton, who resigned to become Northeastern District Agent.

SMOKE EATERS MEET

Approximately 150 members and guests of the Roanoke Firemen's Association attended the group's regular bi-monthly meeting in Enfield Tuesday night.

THE ROANOKE RAPIDS HERALD

Growing With Carolina's Fastest Growing City

ROANOKE RAPIDS, N. C. THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 1948

Local Teacher Group Sanctions Requests For Special Session

The Roanoke Rapids unit of the North Carolina Education Association voted unanimously to adopt a resolution endorsing the action of the Department of the State Superintendent and the N. C. E. A. Board of Directors requesting the governor to call a special session of the Legislature to consider emergency needs in education caused by the increased cost of living and operational expense of the schools.

"Whereas the inflation following the lifting of OPA regulations has advanced the cost of living since the salary increase granted by the 1947 Legislature, and

"Whereas the training period is lengthy and expensive and the duties of the teacher are exacting, the present salary is insufficient to attract young people of high calibre to the teaching profession, and

"Whereas the enrollment of schools has increased and will increase in successive years, the children of our state face inadequate and inferior educational training which will result from a teacher shortage, and

Pre-School Clinics Slated

The Halifax County Health Department has scheduled the preschool clinics for all the schools, both white and colored, in Halifax County for the coming year. These clinics will begin on February 2, and will continue through February 25 for all schools in Halifax County except Roanoke Rapids white schools where the clinics will be held April 28 and 29.

The importance of this immunization program has been very forcibly emphasized in some of our communities during the past year, where we have had diphtheria, for instance, to break out among the older age children in school. We feel that it is probable that there would have been a considerable epidemic from this disease had the children not been given booster doses or adequately immunized at the beginning of their school career.

With further reference to the booster doses for diphtheria and whooping cough, all children who have not been recently immunized, or certainly immunized

City's Protestant Churches Cooperating For Overseas Relief; Drive Ends Feb. 1st

Cooperating in North Carolina's drive to "Fill a Ship with Friendship" the Protestant churches of Roanoke Rapids are now collecting materials for overseas relief. The drive will continue through Sunday, February 1st.

2 Negroes Escape From Law But Only Temporarily

Finally halted in a 10 mile escape dash from three highway patrolmen when their 1936 Ford automobile wrecked over an embankment early Sunday morning, two Garysburg Negroes took to the woods and water and got away - temporarily.

Merchants Association Will Elect Officers For 1948, Feb. 11th

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Roanoke Rapids Merchants Association will be held in the Blue Room of the Rosemary Cafe Wednesday night, February 11, it was announced today by officials of the organization.

Local Workers as Follows

Publicity - W. Graham Lynch, radio and newspaper; Harvey Woodruff, signs and window cards; Schools - Robert Holler, for both white and colored schools; Dime banks - Jim Batton, Jr., George Pappendick (city chairman for all banks), John Lackey, Jack Livesey, Raine Wilson and Sleepy Fleming.

STOLEN CAR FOUND

A 1946 Pontiac coach automobile, found abandoned on Seventh Street about two weeks ago by local police, has been identified by police in Baltimore, Md., as one stolen from Andrew Derickson of that city. Police are holding the car pending Derickson's arrival to claim it.

Paperworker Union Accepts 5-Cent Hourly Pay Increase

After voting to strike for higher wages from the Halifax Paper Company on the 17th of last month, members of Local 697, United Paperworkers of America, C.I.O., voted Friday to accept a five cents an hour wage increase instead.

The increase, retroactive to January 12th, was tendered by the company following two conferences with federal and state conciliators; one conference held January 6th and the other on Friday. It will be a straight five cents an hour across the board wage hike to all employees.

Superior Court Criminal Docket Has 27 Cases

The January term of Halifax County Superior Court will begin Monday with Judge Clawson L. Williams of Sanford presiding. On the criminal docket are the following cases: one for abandonment and non - support; one for assault; one for assault with intent to kill; four cases of breach and entering; two cases of crime against nature; one case of false pretense; two cases of carnal knowledge; 12 cases of drunken driving; four cases of larceny and one case of speeding in excess of 75 miles per hour.

Official Notice Received Discontinuance of Marketing Quotas on 1948 Peanut Crop

Official notice has been received by the Halifax County Agricultural Conservation Committee that marketing quotas for the 1948 peanut crop have been suspended, it was announced today by C. L. Kelly, Committee chairman.

"Farmers will be permitted to plant in excess of allotments established for 1948 without being penalized," Kelly said.

Under marketing quotas, production in 1948 would have been approximately 2,359,000 acres compared with the approximately 3,378,000 acres harvested for nuts in 1947. Thus, said Kelly, the 1948 allotment would have been about 30 percent less than the average acreage harvested for nuts during the 1942-46 period.

"Peanut producers voted in favor of quotas for the next three years, however," Kelly declared, "thus making the quotas machinery available for 1949 and 1950 in the event conditions should make it necessary to impose marketing quotas for peanuts."

Under the Agricultural Adjustment Act, peanut quotas are in effect for three years following a two-thirds favorable vote in the referendum held on December 9th, but the Secretary of Agriculture may increase or terminate quotas for any year if he finds, upon investigation, that either action is warranted.

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