One of our super-sleuth corre-spondents in Weldon reports that when Mr. and Mrs. James Mr Tilghman's striking resem blance to the present occupan of the White House caused them to be the object of much atten-tion. In Key West, the Tilgh-mans were enjoying dinner in a cafe very much until all eyes in the place seemed to b turned in the place seemed to b turned toward their table. Finally the waitresses had to go around and tell everybody "No, that isn't Mr. Truman." In Cuba, the Cubanos jumped on the running board of the cab in which the curle was riding shouting "VI. couple was riding, shouting "VI-va, Truman!" and "Welcome, Truman!" But they aren't the only people who think he resem-bles the president.

les the president.
In a Richmond hospital where Mr. Tilghman was once under going treatment, the nurses four o'clock that morning achung a sign on his door reading, "Truman's Boudoir". Tilghman-Truman or Weldon- Washington- it is a coincidence!

Contary to popular belief, the Contary to popular belief, the local teachers received no pay for the days recently when the schools had to close on account of the weather. Said one teacher, "So many people came up to me and said, "My, but you must enjoy these holidays with pay!" but I don't know where they got the idea we got paid for those days off." Speaking of teachers reminds

have been thinking about you hour's notice.

Expected we want to get ready for you to start your school career. If you are going to be six years old before October 2nd of this old before October 2nd of this year, we want you to tell us about it, because we want t make room for you. Ask your mother or daddy to write us your name, the date of your birth, and where you live. We want your parents' names too. Hearne, Box 68, City, or telephone R-492-1."

May Be 40.000th

Some young citizen of Roa-noke Rapids joining the Army or Air Force within the next few days or weeks will receive an extraordinary reception from both military and civilian lead-ers if he happener to be "Number

eighth in the nation in number of volunteers furnshed the two

Kitchin Named

Buck Kitchin, Scotland Neck farmer, has been appointed to the State Committee of the Production and Marketing Admin-istration, according to an an-nouncement made last week by the United States Department of

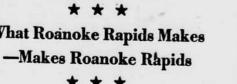
late Arrington Kitchin and a nephew of the late Claude Kitchin, for many years Congressman from the Second Congressional District, and predecessor of John H. Kerr in that office. At the time of the announcement, Mr. Kitchin was in Washington consider the peanut situation.

Got a letter from one of our best informants this week containing a clip (from a trade journal maybe?) which we couldn't resist passing on: The town board was debating

the question of building a fence around the township cemetery. Supervisor Jed Smith from Coon Hollow 'lowed as how it was a complete waste of the taxpayers' money. "Ain't nobody on the outside wants in the cemetery," he said, "and ain't no-body in thar that kin git out, so what good is a fence agoin' to do?"

Everybody's hepped up on basketball it seems, but the zaniest cage story comes out of Sroud, Oklahoma. C. B. Wright of Stroud was hunting a basketball team that wasn't easily discouraged. He announced the strough of the Stroud Independ ent tournament last Monday by describing the meet as follows: "To be perfectly fair we must warn you that our gym is small, our basketballs are lopsided, the floor is generally dirty, the lights are poor, illiterates only are used as scorers and timers, the officials will be blind, local teams will be favored." We

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# River Out of Banks **But Little Damage**

Melting snows all along the Roanoke River from as far west as Clarksville caused specula-tion as to possibilities of flood waters here Monday and Tues-day, but, although the some-times ferocious stream did get out of banks on those days, not much damage was caused much damage was caused.

Monday morning at 11:15, the river was at 41.7 feet in Weldon but had fallen four inches since

No Industrial Damage Manchester Board & Paper

Company reported water in the basement of the company's mill on the river Monday morning and officials said they had moved a few motors. They re-ported not much damage, but at about 10 o'clock hadn't been

able to begin operation.

A. O. Pendleton at Roanoke
Mill Number One also reported a few motors moved out of the basement but anticipated no damage and said the mill would

Speaking of teachers reminds us that we're going to give a little space this week to Miss Clara Hearne. You parents should be interested in this:

"To the little boys and girls of Roanoke Rapids: We are interested in all the little boys and girls in our community. We ready to move equipment on ar

Expected Second Rise
C. Williams told newsmer that the river rose here all day Sunday and up until midnight Sunday in its first rise and a second rise of from 15 to 18 inches was expected by mdnigh

Monday.

With the Weather Bureau's de scription of 31 feet at Weldon as flood level, the river probably reached about 11 and a half feet above that mark. In the September, 1945 flood,

the Roanoke reached 48.8 feet at Weldon, while in th biggst flood of th river in 1940, it went to 58 feet there.

At Scotland Neck, flood stage is 28 feet and yesterday's level (Continued on page 4—Sect. A)

### wildlife Clu Holor M. De Young, in charge of the local Army and Air Force Recruiting Sub-Station. Last year, North Carolina was eighth in the nation in number Wildlife Club Tomorrow

Proposed changes in rockfish ing regulations in the Roanoke River will be discussed tomor-row night in Halifax when members of the Halifax County Wild bers of the Halifax County Wildlife Club meet in the Agricultural Building at eight o'clock.
W. A. Pierce, Jr., of Weldon,
presdent of the club, has called the meeting and urges all interested in rockfishing and other outdoor sport to attend the

er outdoor sport to attend the session. The group will also elect officers for 1948.

Northampton Meet

Over in Northampton County, the Wildlife Club will meet in Jackson Monday night at the courthouse to discuss the procourthouse to discuss the proposed moving of the commer-cial fishing line on the Roanoke from Weldon to Williamston.

Both meetings are prelimnary to the open hearing on the proposal which has definitely been set for next Tuesday morn-ing at eleven o'clock at the Weldon High School gymnasium.

Two Committees

In addition to a committee from the Wildlife Resources Commission made up of Harry Green of Raeford, Frank T. Erwin of Durham and J. R. Wins-low of Robersonville, it was re-ported that the Department of Conservation and Development, which has control over commer-cial waters, will send a commit-tee composed of Roy Hampton of Plymouth, Oscar Breese of Fayetteville and Clyde Council of Wananish to the hearing.

### Four Months Left For C, D Drivers To Get Licenses

Slowed down business cause drivers license examiner Irwin K. Weeks to again remind mo torists whose names begin with C or D to come n for their ex aminations for licenses this

NEW FIRE TRUCK

The new La-France Invade The new La-France Invader truck, purchased by the city last y April 15th, arrived in Roanoke Rapids yesterday by rail and is being unloaded this sternoon.

The new truck, with a 750-gallon pump and hose are with booster system, has a making expactly for Zwe men. Included with the truck is a three steep.

Newly Organized Group

Rapids Male Glee Club was completed Monday night when a group of music-minded young men of the city elected officers

Wants More Members

for the coming year.

James Starke was elected to
head the group, which is being
directed by George Baird, high
school band director; and Arnold Hughes, as vice-president, and Gilbert Baugham, secretary-treasurer, were named to assist him. Mrs. Forrest Rook

The group was organized "for fellows who like to sing," according to a spokes-man, and plans are being made to make public appearances as soon as the members have had a chance to get sufficient prac-

announced today that they meet every Monday night at 7:30 in the band room at the Junior High School building and invite anyone interested in practicing to attend their next meeting.

### **Price Resigns** As Chairman of **Local Red Cross**

Rev. Gordon L. Price, chairman of the Roanoke Rapids chapter of the American Red Cross for the past 14 years, has tendered his resignation and a tendered his resignation and a new chairman will be chosen at the annual open meeting of the group to b neid at 7:30 p. m February 27th in the basement of the First Baptist Church.

At a resent mer ing of the Board of Directors, Kirkwood A. ams and By or Gurley were elected as add or il members aclarge to the board and fames Tuches. Jr., was named (Continued on page 4—Sect. A)

CAA Approves Airport Plans County Informed

telegram was received Wednesday morning from the Wilmington office of the Civil Aeronautics Administration by the county board of commission ers which gave the information ers which gave the intormation that all plans and specifications for the new county airport had been approved by that Federal agency, the Herald learned from the County Register of Deeds of-



From Roanoke Rapids to the Needy

INTER-CHURCH CLOTHING DRIVE SUCCESS. Packing clothes into the 52 peanut sacks filled by the recently conducted Friendship Drive are (left to right) Rev. John M. Walter, Jr., pastor off the First Presbyterian Church and city chairman of the drive, Rev. Edmund Berkeley, rector of All Saints Episcopal Church, Rev. Jerome Hodges, pastor of the Pentecostal Holiness Church, and Rev. B. Marshall White-Hurst, pastor of Rosemary Baptist Church. All articles were carried to the Presbyterian Church last week. The total amount weigh, eed 2000 pounds. They will be shipped to Church World Service Center at New Windsor, Maryland, and from there they will go overseas to be distributed to the needy of Europe and Asia.

### **Finding out Airport Cost** Sound Idea Wilson Tells Local Civic Organization

The Roanoke Rapids Jaycees got a bit of inside information about developments on the proposed new county airport Friday night when Frank D. Wilson, County Register of Deeds, appeared before the club as guest speaker.

"Minus buildings." the county fifeighted the members and

ty official told the members and guests. "the airport will cost a-round \$143,615."

of county commissioners two weeks ago. He said the idea in weeks ago. He said the idea mobalining exact figures of cost was a sound one and predicted the board would accept the agreement before expiration of the 60 day deadline.

The invitation to the local man The invitation to the local man to speak to the club was in line with a recent decision of the club to ask city and county officials to appear and explain their official duties.

Explanations of the workings of the Bureau of Vital Statis-(Continued on page 4—Sect. A)

Call Raleigh Bureau; Get Hit-Run Driver Here Within Minutes

Shortly after his automobile struck another car, belonging to city policeman John Moore and parked in front of the city build ing, last night, a man identfed by State Highway Patrolman Wilson said the county has 60 days in which to accept or reject the grant agreement, executed by the Federal government and presented to the board driving and driving while under the influence of intervicing the company of the influence of intervicing the company of the influence of intervicing the influence of intervicing the influence of intervicing the company of the influence of intervicing the influence of intervicing the company of the influence of intervicing the company of ed on charges of hit and run driving and driving while under influence beverages.

> Two men in a car behind Lane's watched him proceed north on Roanoke Avenue after the accident; then reported his license numbr to Petteway and

# City Board Approves Plans For Paving; Asks For Bids

Income Tax Specialists To Help With Filing

Representatives of the Col-lector of Internal Revenue will be at the postoffice in the several towns of Halifax County according to the following schedule to assist in the filing of income tax returns, it was announced today by local col-lector R. A. Pope:

Roanoke Rapids—Feb. 23rd; March 1st through 12th and March 15th.

Weldon — March 2nd and March 24th. Halifax — March 3rd and March 25th.

Scotland Neck - March 4th and March 26th. Enfield — Feb. 20th; March 5th and March 27th.

Littleton — March 3rd and March 25th.

### **Full Itinerary Local Inspection** Lane Announced

vehicles inspected and mechan

### Forest Fire **Dangers Seen** By Forester

By DAVID J. MARTZ

District Forester
With the disappearance of the snow and drying out of our farming lands, devastating re-sults from forest fires can be expected in our woodlands, un-less landowners and tenants exercise the greatest possible care while burning off fields and new ground in preparation for the planting season ahead.

County Forest Warden M. M. Lawrence and his fire fighting organization request whole-hearted support in preventing forest fires in our county this spring, and offer the following friendly reminders for consderation: do not burn lands while a high wind is blowng; try to burn followng a rain or in the late afternoon or at night and not when the woods are dangerously dry; keep a competent watch over your fire at all times; notify adjoining land-

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The schedule is as follows:
Rich Square, March 3, orientation of mechanics on requiretion of public-owned vehicles
March 3-5, open to public-owned vehicles
orm March 15-16, open to
March 15-16

The yearly report of Associated Charities released today shows 595 individuals helped in

cases accepted.
Starting out January 1, 1947
with \$115.23 on hand, the local welfare organization received \$3500 from the Community Chest during the year and \$28 from the Famine Relief Drive for a workable total for the year of \$3,643.23.

Disbursements included \$3,253.48 for food, clothing, medicine, shoes, fuel, milk and services of the case worker; which along with vouchers outstanding in the amount of \$146.24, sent

\$3,399.72.

This left a balance on hand for the new year of \$243.51.

Specific Report

The breakdown for 1947 showed: 189 cases applying: 148

accepted: 17 rejected: 24 transferred to other agencies; 43 new cases 146 old cases; 276 office interviews; and 98 visits to homes by the case worker.

Affected By Grain Drop

### \$4000 Damage In Fire At Weldon This Morning

A hot water heater flared up early this morning at the home of Mrs. S. E. Dawson, located at Seventh and Sycarome Streets in Weldon, as she was lighting it, burned her about the face and hair and caused property damhair and caused property damage estimated at about \$4000.

Mrs. Dawson was brought away from the house by L. C.

Glasgow, a former fireman, and Wick Draper, both of whom were passing by the house at

Weldon fire chief Lynn Medlin said the heater, located on the back porch of the home, caught up at about 6:40 and caused damages to the roof and interior, including some of the furnishings.

The firemen returned to the station at about 8:30, he reported

ers met yesterday afternoon in the municipal building and approved all plans and specifications in connection with the \$404,000 street paving project. Advertisements for bids be-gins this week and the commis-

sioners expect that construction will begin by Aprl first. In the event that three sep-

arate contractors for the three sections of the project are awarded contracts, the board will stipulate that construction on the storm sewers will have to begin within 10 days of such award. Deadlne for the curb and gutters will be set at 20 days and for the actual paving of the streets, 30 days will be allowed.

The possibility of installing concrete sidewalks in Roanoke rapids was discussed by the board of city commissioners in their special meeting yesterday afternoon.

A motion was carried for the city to have Philip D. Freeman, Norfolk engineer, make a survey, afterwards to present an estimate of cost for concrete sidewalks in all sections of town in which population of town in which population would justify their installation.

pering this work and other pro-posed contract documents will be at the city clerk's office in the Municipal Building and at Freeman's office, 201 Adams Pullding, Norther

Bidders, of course, must be reg stered to do business in the state and are subject to all laws and regulations applicable to general contracting in North

### **Grass Fire Doused**

Firemen answered a call tonew fire truck was being unloaded.

About 11:30 this morning they were called to Roanoke Junction near the pickling factory where a grass fire was threatening the total in outgoing funds to some residences. They extin-

# Affected By

The drop in the grain market throughout the nation the middle of last week reflected locally in a reduction of prices on lard and flour, the Herald was told today by grocery operators.

Lard, retailing at around 37 cents a pound before the drop, slipped to 26 but was recovering today and had gone back up to

Average price of a 25 pound sack of flour skidded to as much as 27 cents lower on the sack and so far has shown no tendency to go back up, grocerymen said.

Meat prices remained stable thus far.

### Doing All Right

caught up at about 6:40 and caused damages to the roof and interior, including some of the furnishings.

The firemen returned to the station at about 8:30, he reported.

I'll this Air Age, the Navy as a combat organization, is astrong as its aviation, the air arm on which rests the control of meistaining our responsibility.

# Local Youth Is Named Outstanding Scout



TOMMY PAPPENDICK

Scout Committee Meet Will Be Held Monday

The Halifax Disfrict Committee. Boy Scouts of America, will hold its February meeting in Enfield Monday, February 23rd, at seven p. m., in the Club House, it was announced today by John Hines, District Chairman.

This meeting will be a "Dutch supper" affair and all district committeemen, troop committeemen and Scoutmasters are urged to attend, Hines

Scout Dwight Elting, son of Possessing a truly enviable re- OUTSTANDING SCOUT trophy presented by Clyde Liske at the annual Boy Scout Father and Son banquet Friday night.

Scout Elting was selected for

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Elting, 339 cord on all counts, Scout Elting Charlotte Street, was awarded the "Outstanding Scout" for 1947 thunderous applause from Scouts, Cubs, and their fathers

Scout Elting was selected for for the award from among all Scouts in the Halifax District, comprising Roanoke Rapetrict, compr Meldon, Halifax, and Enfield.

Judges decisions were based not only on young Elting's qualifinity in his neat, blue Cub uniform, cations as an outstanding Boy Cab Pappendick presented a Scout, but also on his school record, athletic activity, church Cub should wear his uniform. and Sunday School attendance, Runner-up to young Pappendick and his neighborhood behavior. (Continued on page 4—Sect. A)

# The Local Week ...

Another week has passed without the issuance of any building permits by the city building inspector. There had been none issued up until noon yesterday when the office closed.

MERCHANTS MEET

The regular monthly meeting of the board of directors of the Roanoke Rapids Merchants As-sociation was held this morning at 10:30 in the association of-fice. The annual meeting, post-poned from February 11th, will be held next Wednesday night at 7:00. Election of officers for the year is slated to be held at pletely destroyed the firement the meeting.

ANNAPOLIS NOMINEE
Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Martin of
Roanoke Rapids were notified
Wednesday by Congressman
John H. Kerr that he had nominated their son, Clyde, Jr., for
appointment to the Naval Academy in 1948. Kerr told them, "I
was very happy to have an opportunity to do this, and I feel
sure that he should get in with
an difficulty. He should hear
from the Department of the Nay in the near future."

Tours Martin granuled from

\$500 ACCIDENT
\$500 ACCIDENT ANNAPOLIS NOMINEE

Roanoke Rapids High School in June, 1947 and entered State College in September, enrolling un-der the Naval aviation program. He'll be 19 years old in June. BANKS CLOSE MONDAY

Monday, February 22nd, will be a bank holiday in Roanoke Rapids in observance of Washington's birthday. HOME BURNS

Firemen were called out Mon-day about noon to Medlin's Hill section where a five room house occupied by some colored peo-ple was on fire. When they arrivd the home had been com

\$500 ACCIDENT

Vaughan.

DWIGHT ELTING

Gaston Scout Troop Reorganized Recently

been reorganized and is under the direction of Rev. W. Rez-man Vaughan, Scoutmaster. The troop committeemen are Joe Beard, chairman; Vaun Wood and Clifton B. Pearson.

Most all of the Scouts have
passed their tenderfoot require-

The Gaston Scout troop h

ments, it was announced.

John Hines, district chairm of the Halifax District, preser ed the following boys with tenderfoot badges at church services in Gaston last Sunday: Adolphus Ellis, Glenn Anderson, James Thompson, Otis Camp, Sydney Gay, William Hux, Tom Branch and Mason

Other boys who recently joined the troop and who will receive tenderfoot hadges as soon as they complete the requirements are Tom Blytis.

Randolph Baird, Walter Wray.

Tayne Bartley and Edward.