

Roanoke Ramblings

Navy Coach Played Here
Vic Bradford, new backfield coach at the U. S. Naval Academy, once played semipro baseball in Roanoke Rapids.

After 34 Years
E. R. Kidd, who started work for the Halifax Paper Company in 1914 as a screen boy, has set tied down to the business of running a grocery store.

He's Now News
The Rambler rambled on last week about Mr. James Tighman's resemblance to Mr. H. Truman. The story was first picked up by the Rocky Mount Evening Telegram editor.

OVER IN NORTHAMPTON
A Conway merchant and farmer, J. Raynor Woodard, announced last Thursday that he would be a candidate for the House of Representatives in the General Assembly this summer.

Rodgers Designated
Eric W. Rodgers of Scotland Neck was named this week by Governor Cherry to represent the state at the annual convention of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress.

Attention, ExSwabbies
Any of you men who formerly served in Uncle Sam's fleet can get your good conduct medals by making application to the Chief of Naval Personnel.

And Two Still There
Two local lads now serving with the Navy are really seeing the world. Jimmy Mayes, sea man second, son of Mrs. Maude Mayes of 121 Hamilton, went in to La Havre, France with the light cruiser USS Spokane recently.

Gets Revenue Post
S. B. Bradley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard P. Bradley of Scotland Neck, has gone to Atlanta, Ga. where he has accepted an appointment to the office of the counsel of the penal division of the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

Merritt in Tokyo
Pfc. Fletcher B. Merritt, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Merritt, is now with the First Cavalry Division on occupational duty in the Tokyo-Yokohama area of central Honshu Island, Japan.

He Claims They Ought To Not Look Over His Auto
Charlie S. Cullom of Route 2, Littleton, has written a poem about auto inspections. While the views expressed are Mr. Cullom's, the Rambler believes he's entitled to the expression.

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200 Protest Rockfishing Change

Victim Dead Forever, Judge Tells Defendant

Winton - "You're going to prison for a long time, but the man you killed is dead forever," Judge Hunt Parker of Roanoke Rapids told John M. "Buck" Fleetwood Monday afternoon as he sentenced him to serve not less than 20 nor more than 25 years in State Prison at Raleigh for the October slaying of Overton Myrick, aged Negro of the Como vicinity.

Judge Parker, who convened a one week mixed term of Superior Court Monday in the place of assigned Judge Clawson Williams of Sanford, faced one of the heaviest criminal dockets in many months here.

Episcopal Bishop Will Preach On Overseas Relief

Presiding Bishop Henry K. Sherrill will preach to the congregation of All Saints Church in Roanoke Rapids Sunday through the medium of radio, Rev. Edmund Berkeley, rector reminded today.

Prior to the sermon, which starts at 11:32 12 A. M., the Young People's Service League will put on the candlelight service of the Feast of Lights. After the sermon, an opportunity will be provided all Episcopalians to contribute to the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief, before they leave the church.

Rev. Berkeley also announced that Rev. C. W. Sydnor, Jr., rector of St. Paul's Church in Petersburg, Va. will preach at the Lenten Service tomorrow night, at eight p. m.

Halifax Republicans Meet Here March 13th

Ottis J. Reynolds, chairman of the Halifax County Republican Executive Committee, announced this morning that he is calling a convention of all republicans of the county to convene at 7:30 p. m., March 13th, in the courtroom of the Roanoke Rapids Municipal Building.

Reynolds said election of two delegates and two alternates to the state convention and of two delegates and two alternates to the Second Congressional District convention would be made at the meeting.

The chairman requested that Township conventions be held immediately for selection of delegates to the county convention.

Negro Youth Is Wounded When He Rides Bicycle Into Brother's Line of Fire

A 14 year old Negro, Willie Pierce of near Garner's Crossroads, west of Weldon was admitted to Roanoke Rapids Hospital Tuesday afternoon shortly after five o'clock for treatment of a bullet wound in his left

Lawrenceville Cards Get Business Manager

John D. Smith, who assisted Wallace McKenna, business manager of the Lynchburg Cardinals during the 1947 baseball season, has been appointed business manager of the Lawrenceville club in the newly organized Virginia League by J. C. Lucy, chairman of the Lawrenceville team. The appointment was made at a meeting held in Lawrenceville February 14th.

Smith took the position as McKenna's helper at Lynchburg in March of last year and will remain in that position until he takes over his new duties with Lawrenceville March 15.

Ask Protection For Trees

A very special appeal is being sent out by the planting committee of the Garden Club, composed of Mrs. C. A. Wyche and Mrs. Sam Bump, urging the various civic organizations to cooperate in getting residents to protect the dogwood and pin oak trees planted last year.

Last year hundreds of trees were planted, and while many of these died, others were broken, some cut and others pulled up entirely, the committee said.

Weldon Hatchery Appears Financial Orphan

Large Delegation Told Continued Operation Dependent On Who's To Furnish Funds

Fate of the rockfish hatchery at Weldon was undecided this week as an aftermath of the public hearing Tuesday in Weldon on the proposal to move the commercial fishing line from Weldon to Williamston.

Dr. Willis King, of the Wild life Resources Commission, in his explanation of the situation regarding the proposal, said, "the hatchery at the present time is in a dire situation. There is a question as to who is to support it—the Wildlife Commission or the Board of Conservation and Development."

Members of a 200-man delegation urged the joint committee from the two state agencies to consider working out a method of financing the hatchery, and they were joined in the appeal by Eric W. Rodgers of Scotland Neck who said he spoke, not as a member of the joint committee, but as a citizen of this area.

Missing Cook Now Working At Woodland

Superior Court Judge R. Hunt Parker of Roanoke Rapids was hunting his Negro cook, Beulah Valentine, for several weeks, has called off the search.

Local police, in an effort to locate the 210 pound woman, age between 55 and 60, contacted the daily press and weekly papers in this area Monday, giving description and results of investigation up to that time.

With the story duly printed and with Beulah's ranking second only to "Miss Hush" as the object of a search, sure enough, Mrs. Parker got a letter postmarked Woodland in which Beulah asked that some additional clothing be sent her.

It seems that Beulah left the servant's quarters at the Parker home on the night of January 15th at about nine o'clock and never came back.

Local police and the Halifax County sheriff's department found in the course of their investigation that she caught a cab from here to Weldon on the morning of January 22. Then she took another cab from there to Margarettsville, after which she later caught a ride with a white man from Seaboard to

shoulder just above the heart. Sheriff H. A. House said members of his department who investigated told him the boy's brother had shot him and told them the shooting was accidental. The brother, Jesse, age 17, said Willie rounded a corner of the house on a bicycle just as he started to shoot at a hawk and ran into his line of fire.

An ambulance brought the injured boy to the hospital shortly after the accident, and hospital attendants said late Tuesday night that the boy's condition was a little better than when he was first admitted.

House said the boy didn't remember being on a bicycle when he questioned him at the hospital but that he was apparently confused due to shock and the drugs given him to ease the pain.

Members of the sheriff's department was continuing its investigation into the incident last night.

Local National Guard Payroll Increased to \$2,060



Capt. Raleigh (Buster) Seay shakes hands with First Sergeant Hurley Midgette as local National Guard unit officers begin paying off on a \$2,060 payroll at the Armory Tuesday night. The last payroll was \$1,100 and the happy looks reflect the men's elation at the pay jump.

Box Seat Sale Begins As Jays Management Gets Set For Training Grind

Sale of box seats at Simmons Park got underway this week, as officials of the Roanoke Rapids Jays announced developments on the rapidly approaching baseball season.

The Jays management sent out 25 contracts on Feb. 11th and have gotten 10 back so far. Seven of these went to new rookies, one catcher, three pitchers, an outfielder and two infielders.

Spring training will start March 29th with the first exhibition game slated for Thursday, April 8th, with Concord.

The next day they again play Concord and Saturday step out into stiff minor-league competition when they take on the Newark Bears, in the Bears' first game on their northward trek after the Florida spring training grind.

FBI Agents Will Conduct Police Training School Here March 17 - April 22

Law enforcement officers from city, county and state agencies throughout this area have been invited to attend a police training school in Roanoke Rapids from March 17th through April 22nd, police chief T. J. Davis announced today.

Davis said instructors for the school will be special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, a number of court officials, including judges and prosecuting attorneys and high ranking state law enforcement officers.

Classes will be held in the courtroom of the Roanoke Rapids Municipal Building and will be conducted two hours per day, two days per week.

Every man attending and passing the courses offered will be issued a certificate upon completion of the school, the chief said.

Although letters have been mailed out to most police agencies in this area, Davis said that no formal invitation to attend is required and that any qualified police officer may do so.

The Local Week . .

WELDON MAN INJURED
John McCrimin, 32, of Weldon, was painfully injured last week when some caustic soda out of some truck batteries he was stirring flew up and hit him in the eye. The accident happened near Franklin, Virginia and McCrimin's eyelid was burned quite badly. He is an employee of the Seaboard railroad.

FIRE SATURDAY
Firemen were called to White Motors in the uptown section of the city Saturday about noon where a flue had caught fire. Firemen said they had to pull down part of a chimney to get to the flame, but that there was not much damage.

GAMBLING CHARGES
Two Roanoke Rapids men were

John Lackey Is Elected President Merchants Asso.

John Lackey, manager of J.C. Penny Company, was last night elected president of the Roanoke Rapids Merchants Association, succeeding Carl Thompson, who has headed the group for the past year. Sam Markd was named vice-president. Four new directors R. M. Taylor, W. T. Boone, D. L. Traynham and Charles Pitts, were added to the board.

The secretary, Mrs. Clyde Martin, rendered a comprehensive report of the activities of the organization during 1947, showing the association is in good shape.

It was the annual dinner meeting of the merchants group and business consisted of discussion on continuing "dollar days" on a larger scale and the raising of dues in order to have more money for the promotion of Roanoke Rapids as a trading center in Eastern Carolina. The meeting was well attended.

15 Nurses Get Diplomas From Local Hospital At Graduation Ceremonies

The Roanoke Rapids Hospital School of Nursing held its graduating exercises in the Clara Hearne School Auditorium Monday night, with 15 nurses in the graduating class.

Music for the occasion was furnished by the high school band under the direction of George W. Baird and the Rev. W. R. Stevens pronounced the invocation.

T. J. Alford introduced Julian Allbrook who delivered the principal address of the evening, after which Alford presented the diplomas. Mrs. Mary P. Bounds presented the graduates their hospital pins.

Rev. Stevens pronounced the benediction. A social hour, at the nurses home, followed the graduation exercises.

Members of the graduating class were: Misses Beulah Mae Adkins and Jacqueline Palmer Moore of Littleton; Dorothy Adelaide Barnes, Juanita Callihan and Margaret Elaine Nelson of Vaughan; Mina Gray Bass, Newton Grove, N. C.; Helen Dav-

Kerr Stand On Civil Rights

Washington, D. C., Feb. 23.—Returning to Washington today, after a few days absence in North Carolina, Congressman John H. Kerr issued the following statement in regard to the President's Civil Rights message to Congress:

"For the past several weeks there has been a great deal of talk and friction within the Democratic Party as a result of our President's recent message on Civil Rights. I have received numerous letters, telegrams and calls on this matter containing ideas ranging from one extreme

Tell Joint Committee To Change Line Will Be Attacking Problem From Wrong End.

Over 200 men, from four counties, voted a resounding "no" Tuesday to a proposal to move the commercial fishing line on the Roanoke River from Weldon to Williamston.

Gathered in the Weldon High School gymnasium for an open hearing on the proposal, the representatives of rockfishing sport from Halifax, Northampton, Bertie and Warren counties, emphatically told a six man committee from the Department of Conservation and Development and Wildlife Resources Commission, through their spokesmen, that "we have fished in these waters for years and all we want is to be left alone down here."

Dr. Willis King, of the Wildlife Commission and apparently the originator of the proposal, said the idea was to protect the rockfish from extermination.

He very frankly stated that, if the proposal were carried out, creel limits of eight per day would be set and no fish caught in the inland waters could be sold.

Explaining that requests for fishing permits had come to the Wildlife office from as far away as Colorado, King envisioned a future swarm of tourist fishermen to the Roanoke River.

Take Exception
Several members of the local delegation took exception to his theory. Archie Gay, former state senator from Northampton County, Julian Allbrook of Roanoke Rapids, who acted as an official spokesman for the group, Watson Shearin of Enfield, B. F. Turner of Weldon, Quentin Reynolds, Jr. and many others stressed the fact that the rockfish did not face extinction through the efforts of local fishermen, but rather through the use of big nets and seines in waters nearer the coast, if, indeed, the number of fish was decreasing.

Said Turner, "What we catch up here every year is just a drop in the bucket. Furthermore, we're the only people who are trying to propagate the fish by means of what we're told is the only rockfish hatchery in the world."

Spokesmen for the Northampton County Wildlife Club, and George Hux, of the Halifax County club, echoed this sentiment.

Nobody In Favor
The theme of the entire meeting was set in advance when Allbrook in his first remarks asked all opposing regulations to stand up. Everybody stood. He then asked if anyone favored the proposal. No one took to his feet.

"Then," said the Halifax County state senator, "if no one is in favor of the proposal, Gentlemen, we don't see anything to oppose. If there is no one for it, then why is it even under consideration?" Later, he added, "If there's anyone for this proposal, let him speak up now or forever hold his peace."

County Clubs Meet
In preparation for the hearing, the Halifax County Wildlife Club met in Halifax Friday night, with 134 members and guests in attendance and expressed their selves as opposed to any change.

In Jackson Monday night, a round 300 had attended a meeting of the Northampton County Wildlife Club and the same decision was reached.

Committee Members
On the committee representing the two state agencies were: Frank T. Erwin of Durham; J. R. Winslow of Robersonville; Eric Rogers of Scotland Neck; Roy Hampton of Plymouth; Tom White of Kinston, who acted as chairman.

Not This Season
Hampton told the group that the committee could not make a decision then and there but would have to make recommendations to the respective boards first.

He said that, even if the two agencies did decide to change the line, they couldn't do it this season anyway.

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