Roanoke Ramblings

Navy Coach Played Here
Vic Bradford, new backfield
coach at the U. S. Naval Acade
my, once played semipro base
ball in Roanoke Rapids. Back in
1938, Vic played left field for the
local nine which went to the na local nine which went to the na tional semipro tournament in Witchita, Kansas. At that time he was a star quarterback for the University of Alabama. In formant tells the Rambler the team lost out near the final round to a Lynchburg, Va. out fit by a 1-0 score.

After 34 Years

E. R. Kidd, who started work for the Halifax Paper Company in 1914 as a screen boy, has set tled down to the business of run ning a grocery store, after his retirement last Wednesday, Feb. 18th, After 34 years of serv ice, Mr. Kidd was a boss ma chine tender.

He's Now News

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The Rambler rambled on last week about Mr. James Tilgh man's resemblance to Mr. H. Truman. The story was first picked up by the Rocky Mount EveningTelegram editor, who sent a photographer to Weldon yesterday to snap some pictures.

Wednesday morning a Raleigh Wednesday morning, a Raleigh morning colly told the story of the president's "double". Who knows, maybe he'll get an in-

OVER IN NORTHAMPTON A Conway merchant and farm J. Raynor Woodard, announce er, J. Raynor Woodard, announced last Thursday that he would be a candidate for the House of Representatives in the General Assembly this summer. Opposing him will be H. R. Harris of Seaboard, presently occupying the post.

Rodgers Designated

Eric W. Rodgers of Scotland Neck was named this week by Governor Cherry to represent the state at the annual conven tion of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress. Rodgers was a delegate last year to the con vention and was elected vice president of the Congress. The meet will be held March 19 and

Attention, Exswabbies
Any of you men who formerly
served in United Seet out, get
your good conduct medals by
making application to the Chief of Naval Personnel, Attention Pors-10, Nava Dept. Washington at Dr.C., and giving name, service number, rate and dates of enlistment and discharge.

Two local lads now serving with the Navy are really seeing the world. Jimmy Mayes, sea man second, son of Mrs. Maude man second, son of Mrs. Maude Mayes of 121 Hamilton, went in to Le Havre, France with the light cruiser USS Spokane re cently. William L. James, car penter's mate third class, son of Mrs. Nellie I. James, is aboard the destroyer thader USS Sheanadeah which is en route to Shenandoah which is en route to the Mediterranean to relieve the USS Grand Canyon.

Gets Revenue Post

S. B. Bradley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard P. Bradley of Scot land Neck, has sone to Atlenta, Ga. where he has accepted an appointment to the office of the counsel of the penal division of the Bureau of Internal Revenue. The Duke Legal Aid Clinic, which announced Bradley's appointment, said he was a former assistant in the clinic and a graduate of Duke University School of Law.

of Law.

He attended the Scotland Neck
High School and graduated from
UNC in June, 1938. After serving
four years as a Naval aviation
pilot lieutenant in New Guinea and the Philippines, he entered the Duke law school and received his LL.B. degree in June of 1947. He was admitted 1947. He was admitted to the North Carolina Bar in Septem-ber and joined the Aid Clinic staff the same month.

Merritt In Tokyo
Pic. Pletcher B. Merritt, son
of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Merritt,
is now with the First Cavalry is now with the First Cavalry Division on occupational duty in the Tokyo-Yokohama area of central Honshu Island, Japan. Young Merritt entered the army in January of last year and got his basic training at Fort Lewis, Washington. Overseas since lest June, he is now serving with last June, he is now serving with "D" Troop, last Squadron, 5th Cavalry Regiment, as a clerk in the Camp Drake Post Exchange.

He Claims They Ought To Not Look Over His Auto Charlie S. Cullom of Route Littleton, has written a peom about auto inspections. While the views expressed are Mr. Cull om's, the Rambler believes he's entitled the express them. It's entitled "The Automible Inspection" and here 'tis:

The ones that have an old car or truck
They are in hard luck, you bet.
They go and try to get new parts
"I just haven't got them they're hard to get."
The poor canot buy a new automobile
No need for us to start
So I guess we'll just have to walk

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200 Protest Rockfishing Change Weldon Hatchery Appears Financial Orphan

Local National Guard Payroll Increased to \$2,060

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 reasy in State 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 Claw-son 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 con
gregation of All Saints Church
in Roanoke Rapids Sunday
through the medium of radio,
Rev. Edmund Berkeley, rector
area.

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 Bish op's Fund for World Relief, be fore they leave the church.

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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.

The Children's Leaften Service for all Episconal children and

for all Episcopal children and their friends is being held every Friday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock:

Halifax Republicans Meet Here March 13th

Ottis J. Reynolds, chairman of the Halifax County Republican Executive Committee, an-nounced this morning that he is calling a convention of all re-publicans of the county to con-vene at 7:30 p. m., March 13th, in the courtroom of the Roanoke

Large Delegation Told Continued Operation Dependent On Who's

Fate of the rockfish hatchery at Weldon was undecided this week as an aftermath of the public hearing Tuesday in Wel

To Furnish Funds

don on the proposal to move the commercial fishing line from Weldon to Williamston. Dr. Willis King, of the Wild life Resources Commission, in 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 delation urged the joint committee from the two state agencies to

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 com mittee, but as a citizen of this as a member of the joint com mittee, but as a citizen of this

cription 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 Park-

servant's quarters at the Park-er home on the night of Jan-uary 15th at about nine o'clock and never came back.

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.

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and never came back.

Local police and the Halifav
tounty in the course of their investigation that: she caught a
tab 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
(Continued On Page 6. Sect. "A")

Superior Court Judge R. Hunt Parker of Roanoke Rapids who 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, contact. the daily press and weekly papers in this area Monday, giving description and results of investigation up to that time.

Box Seat Sale Begins

As Jays Management Gets

FBI Agents Will Conduct

Police Training School

Here March 17 - April 22

Set For Training Grind

Sale of box seats at Simp ons thou when they take on the New-rank got underway this weet, as officials of the Romoke Bayers and the Romoke Bayers and the Romoke Bayers on the rapidly approaching baseball season.

The Jays management sent of the Romoke Bayers of 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 11th, with Binghampton; Wednesday, April 14th, with Durham; and Saturday, Sunday and Monday, April 17, 18 and 19, with Norfolk.

Another new addition to the ball park will be a combination

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. Seay said there were now 80 men in the company but there were openings with good ratings for "good men." The company will go to Fort Bragg for two weeks from July 11th to 25th and the men will receive full Army pay while at camp. Standing behind Midgette in line is Red Lane, while the officers seated at the paytable are (left to right) Bill Jones, John Conner, Seay and Dick Stainback.

Another new addition to the ball park will be a combination April 8th, with Concord.

The next day they again play
Concord and Saturday step out constructed on top of the grandinto stiff minor-league competestand, it was announced.

John Lackey Is **Elected President** Merchants Asso.

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

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

It was the annual dinner meet ing 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 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.

uating exercises in the Clara Hearne School Auditorium Mon-

day night, with 15 nurses in the

for the occasion was

graduating class.

nvocation.

15 Nurses Get Diplomas

From Local Hospital At

Graduation Ceremonies

The Roanoke Rapids Hospital vis of Roanoke Rapids; Mildred School of Nursing held its grad- O. David, Mooresboro, N. C.;

Snavely, UNC Football Coach, Will Address Local Alumni Group

Carolina football coach Carl Snavely will be guest speaker at a meeting of the Halifax County Chapter, University of North Carolina Alumni, Tues-day night, March 9th, at 8:00 P. M., Scott Benton, chapter resident appropried teday. president, announced today.

president, announced today.

Snavely, who will be accompanied by one of his assistant coaches, will show pictures of several of the Carolina football games of the past season.

The Carolina mentor was here before at a meeting of the local charter, in Pacember.

local chapter, in December,

The meeting will be held in the Municipal Building.

Catholics Asked

Additional help for the suffering and hungry peoples of Eur ope and Asia is in the offing this Sunday as Catholics throughout the United States will be asked to contribute to the 1948 Bishops' Relimber 1948 Bishops' Bi will be asked to contribute to the 1948 Bishops' Relief Cam paign, Father Peter M. Denges, pastor of St. John's Cathetic Church of Roanoke Rapids, said

today.

Father Denges said the 1947 campaign resulted in 25,786,000 pounds of supplies, valued at \$33,160,000, being made avail able for overseas relief.

Since 1943, the campaign has raised 206,670,000 pounds of supplies worth \$122,160,000, or approximately 103,000 tons—the equivalent of 13 Liberty Ships loaded from stem to stern.

This year, the bishops are appealing for \$3,000,000 for continuance of the work.

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Scouts Will Sponsor Own Cage Tournament

Halifax District Boy Scouts will have a basketball tourna-ment of their own, it was an-nounced today by D. E. Bennett, district committeeman.

The tournament will be held March 8th, 10th and 12th at the Roanoke Rapids Armory and is The tournament will be held means of what ve're told is the March 8th, 10th and 12th at the Roanoke Rapids Armory and is the outgrowth of rivalry built up by inter-troop contests held during the past few months.

It is expected that five teams It is expected that five teams from Roanoke Rapids one from ment.

from Roanoke Rapids, one from Halifax and one from Weldon will be entered in the tourney a one game elimination affair (Continued On Page 6, Sect. "A")

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 sympasium for an open

Gathered in the Weldon High School gymnasium for an open hearing on the proposal, the rep resentatives of rockfishing sport from Halifax, Northampton, Bertie and Warren counties, em phatically told a six man com mittee from the Department of Conservation and Development and Wildlife Resourced Commis sion, through their spokesmen, that "we have fished in these waters undistrubed for over a

that "we have fished in these waters undistrubed for over a hundred years and all we want is to be left alone down here."

Xing Explains Stand

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

He very frankly stated that

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 fish ermen to the Roanoke River.

Take Exception
Several members of the local delegation took exception to his theory. Archie Gay, former

delegation took exception to his theory. Archie Gay, former state senator from Northampton County, Julian Allsbrook of Roa noke Rapids, who acted as un official spokesman for the group, Watson Shearin of En field, B. F. Turner of Weldon, Quentin Reynolds, Jr. and many others stress. The fact limit the when they noids, Jr. and many others stress: the fact that the rockfish did not face a traction through the efforts of local firetimen, but rather through was of big nets and seines in waters nearer the coast, if, in deed, 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 peopl who are means of what we're told is the

Nobody In Favor

The theme of the entire meet ing was set in advance when Allsbrook in his first remarks asked all opposed to any change in rockfishing regulations to stand up. Everybody stood. He then asked if anyone favored the proposal. No one took to his

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

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In preparation for the hearing,
the Halifax County Wildlife Club
met in Halifax Friday night,
with 134 members and guests in attendance and expressed them attendance and expressed them selves as opposed to any change. cited In Jackson Monday night, a layor's round 300 had attended a meet harges ing of the Northampton County and un- Wildlife Club and the same de hy en-

cision was reached. Committee Members
On the committee represent
ing 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 act
ed as chairman.

Not This Season

Hampton told the group that

Hampton told the group that the committee could not make a decision then and there but would have to make recommer dations to the respective board

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

Must Have '48 Tag

1948 city tag on their auto biles or be indicted for opera the vehicle without proper cense, the police departs warned today.

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

A 14 year old Negro, Willie shoulder just above the heart. Pierce of near Garner's Cross-Sheriff H. A. House sail mem roads, west of Weldon was admitted to Roanoke Rapids Hos-westigated told him the boy's pital 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 man-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 reeting held in Lawrence-ville February 14th. Smith took the position as

bers of his department who in-vestigated told him the boy's 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

An ambulance brought the in jured boy to the hospital shortly after the accident, and hospital attendants said late Tuesday nite that the boy's condition was a little better than when he was

first admitted. House said the boy didn't re-member 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 remain in that position until he takes over his new duties with Lawrenceville March 15.

partment was continuing its investigation into the incident last night. Law enforcement officers from Director Kiwanis Show

city, county and state agencies throughout this area have been invited to attend a police train-ing 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 courtroom of the Roanoke Rap-ids Municipal Building and will be conducted two hours per day, two days per week.

Every man attending and bassing the courses offered will be issued a certificate upon com-pletion of the school, the chief

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

Arrives Next Week

Bob Rockhold of the Rogers begin direction and rehearsals of the Kiwanis Club-sponsored new circus - minstrel show. "Sawdust and Spangles."

Rockhold, a newcomer to Roanoke Rapids, will come here from Fayetteville where he is directing a show this

Kiwanians announced that rehearsals will start next Tuesday in the high school gym-nasium and that local talent is invited and their services will be appreciated.

Proceeds from the show, of new and special interest this year, will be used to forward the civic work of the local the civic work of the local Kiwanis Club.

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 Mc-Crimin'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. FIRE SATURDAY

I faced charges of "having in their possession equipment for the purpose of gambling, to wit: punchboards" this week after having been summoned Satur having been summoned Saturday at Neal's Cafe on 11th Street, police said this week. At a hearing Monday, H. L. Neal was released on \$100 bond for appearance in Recorder's Court March 4th, and the cases of Otis Boyd, William Bailey and Mark Carell were continued. Vann Cornell were continued.

The hearing in Charleston, W. Va., scheduled for last Monday, regarding extradition of Joe John Schumate was postponed John Schumate was postponed until next Monday, it was reported by police. Police said Schumate was wanted here on charges of abandonment and non-support.

benediction.

A social hour, at the nurses as John Haislip, Sam Jones, Le Members of the graduating class were: Misses Beulah Mae Adkins and Jacqueline Palmer Moore of Littleton; Dorothy Ade-

presented the graduates their

ospital pins.
Rev. Stevens pronounced the

laid Barnes, Juanita Callihan and Margaret Elaine Nelson of Vaughan; Mina Gray Bass, Vaughan; Mina Gray Bass, Newton Grove, N. C.; Helen Da-

to Congress:

. Washington, D. C.. Feb. 23— to the other. In the past I have Returning to Washington today, always voted against these so-after a few days absence in call Civil Rights measures. I shall North Carolina, Congressman John H. Kerr issued the followhas the most humane and bene

Local motorists must have a

entitled the express them. It's entitled "The Automible Inspection" and here 'tis: The ones that have an old car or truck They are in hard luck, you bet. They go and try to get new parts "I just haven't got them they're hard to get." The poor canot buy a new automobile No need for us to start So I guess we'll just have to walk or ride in a wagon or cart Then when we get out on the roads "Recently these trees have and the planting committee has spent hours of time and real labor in contributing toward the beautification of our operate 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 brokened for ride in a wagon or cart then when we get out on the roads. "Recently these trees have to the first of the planting committee has spent hours of time and real labor in contributing toward the beautification of our operate in getting residents to protect the dogwood and pin oak trees planted last year. With a lot of work and cooperation, members of the club states and others were brokened we could sponsor a campaign to try and develop civic pride, working toward the soal of the pretiest town in Morth

Ask Protection For Trees

HEARING POSTPONED

John H. Kerr issued the follow-ing statement in regard to the President's Civil Rights message thoughtful and just Southerner "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 cells on this matter containing least ranging from one extreme

Music for the occasion was Padgett, Mount Holly; Frances furnished by the high school band under the direction of ginia; Gladys Frances Van Hook W. Baird and the Rev. of Reidsville and Nellie Eliza Stevens pronounced the beth Wilder of Sanford. T. J. Alford introduced Julian 4 Cited Last Night Allsbrook who delivered the principal address of the evening, after which Alford presented the diplomas. Mrs. Mary P. Bounds Four local men were

Annie Bennett Gay of Garys-burg; Ursula Louise Mooring of Rocky Mount; Willie Mae Mur-

ray of Oxford; Mary Elizabeth

last night to appear in Mayor's Court next Monday on charges that they "did wilfully and unlawfully operate a lottery by en-gaging in a game of chance." They were identified by police

Fire is the worst enemy of the but kills all the seedlings and spalings above ground, and, if severe enough, causes serious damage to the butts of mature

Kerr Stand On Civil Rights