

Roanoke Ramblings

Fraternity Pledges
Willis Murphrey of Roanoke Rapids was pledged to Pi Kappa Alpha social fraternity at Wake Forest College last week.

THEY SAY METHUSELAH LIVED A THOUSAND YEARS. BUT HE DIDN'T HAVE TO SIT UP ALL NIGHT FIGURING HIS INCOME TAXES.

Attends Training Course
E. Y. Brickhouse, of the Roanoke Rapids office of the State Employment Service, was in Raleigh last week attending an instruction training course for farm placement interviewers.

News From Big "T"
William Henry Evans, who was born in Roanoke Rapids on December 4, 1921, is making his home in Fort Worth, Texas and doing right well for himself.

No Home Permits
New residence construction was still non-existent in the city limits, however, with no additional home buildings permits recorded in the office of City Building Inspector Henry Fitts.

IF YOU'LL WATCH WELDON CLOSELY, YOU'LL SOON SEE THE RESIGNATION OF ONE OF THE TOWN COMMISSIONERS. IT WON'T BE AN ACCOUNT OF ANY LAWSUIT, HOWEVER.

Back From Florida
J. V. Womble, who resides at 513 Hamilton Street, got back from Florida this week. He spent several weeks down at a little town called Zephyr Hills.

More About Women
A note for the ladies that got into the Rambler's notes somehow - the new phone number of Elite Beauty Salon is R-472-1 and the Elite recently moved to a new location upstairs over King-Copenhaver Hdw. Co.

THE AVERAGE AMERICAN USES THE PHONE 300 TIMES A YEAR. AMERICAN WOMEN MUST BE FAR ABOVE AVERAGE.

Here and There
Florida seems to be much in the news. Mr. Womble just got back. Now too, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Harrell and family of 628 Hamilton have just returned after a trip there.

Cone Mill Seeks Election
On Union Decertification
Greensboro, March 2-The first union "decertification" petition to be filed in this section was presented to the National Labor Relations Board in Winston-Salem today by a group of workers at Proximity Manufacturing Company here.

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TEXTILE UNION VOTE SCHEDULED HERE

\$610,000 In City Building Permits Issued

Rosemary Mfg. Co. To Re-roof 2 Plants; Construct Addition To Finishing Department Costing \$250,000.00.

Two building permits, issued last Thursday, in the amount of \$610,000 sent the 1948 building total to \$654,575 up until March first; far beyond the \$99,850 mark at which it rested on March 1, 1947.

The permits went to Rosemary Manufacturing Company and were as follows: For re-roofing Mill No. 1, just in front of the Rosemary offices, and No. 3, the one located furthest to Southwest, at a cost of \$360,000. Officials of the company said Wednesday that the present sawtooth type roof on the buildings would be replaced with a monitor type.

Other building, \$610,000; total, \$610,000. Totals for 1948 up until March 1st - Homes, \$31,700; other, \$622,875; total, \$654,575.

Shannonhouse Buys Cobb's Grocery Store

J. G. Shannonhouse announced today the purchase of I. R. Cobb's grocery store located at 15 East Tenth Street. Mr. Shannonhouse is well known in this section, having for 10 years been connected with the State Department of Revenue as deputy commissioner. The business will continue to be operated at the same location under the name of Shannon's Cash Grocery.

TOWN TALK

Those attending the funeral of Mrs. Susie Parsons in Sussex County Monday afternoon were: Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Fortune, the Rev. Gordon L. Price, Miss Butler E. B. Bowman, C. A. Irby, W. H. Carter, H. E. Cameron, Jim Batton, Jr., J. A. Wood, Sam Bunn, Hubert Wirtz, Luke Hollingsworth, A. O. George, George Pappendick and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Massey.

Littleton News

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Pike of Raleigh were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Auke Pike.

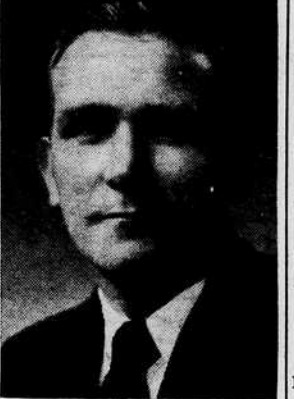
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REVIVAL CONTINUES



The revival now being conducted at the Church of God, 800 West Eighth Street, is proving very successful. Rev. Floyd A. Boger, pastor of the church, announced today. Rev. Boger said there is special singing and music each evening at 7 o'clock and that the public has a special invitation to attend the services.

JOHN QUINCY VINCENT

John Quincy Vincent 63, died at Roanoke Rapids Hospital Monday morning after a short illness. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 from the chapel of the Williams Funeral Home by the Rev. W. R. Stevens. Interment followed in Cedarwood Cemetery.

Vestry Chosen For All Saints

At the last Vestry meeting of All Saints Episcopal Church, the following officers were elected for 1948. Rev. Edmund Berkeley said today: Senior Warden, M. S. Benton (succeeding T. W. Mullen now living in Richmond); Junior Warden, Dr. M. S. Brown; Secretary, W. H. Proctor; Treasurer, Russell Buxton, Jr.

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Clifton Barkley Dies In Waverly, Virginia

Enfield - Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Thursday from the chapel of the Branch Funeral home in Enfield for Clifton Ferdie Barkley, 59, who died suddenly of a heart attack at his home near Waverly, Va., Saturday night, at 9 o'clock.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Pearl Braswell Barkley; two sons, Clifton F. Jr., of Waverly, and Victor Barkley of Great Falls, Montana; three daughters, Mrs. Richard H. Wilson, of Norfolk, Va., and Vera Pearl Barkley of Waverly; four brothers, Brooks Barkley of near Halifax, Willie of Roanoke Rapids, Johnnie of Durham, and Clyde of Roanoke Rapids; two sisters, Mrs. Willis Coggins of Scotland Neck and Mrs. Lettie Kinkay of Roanoke Rapids.

All Night Chase Results In Apprehension of Negro Charged With Auto Theft

Enoch Rook, about 28, Negro was in Halifax County jail this week awaiting preliminary hearing on charge of auto theft after attempting to steal a tractor and trailer valued at about \$8000 from Turner Lumber Company last Friday night.

Rook was first spotted by a bus driver making a run from Roanoke Rapids to Weldon as he started out of a side street from the lumber company yard. The driver reported the circumstance to Weldon police who radioed the local radio patrol car.

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Firemen Answer Four Calls Here

Firemen answered four calls during the week as two grass fires in the Chaloner Park section comprised half of the four. Friday, they answered a call to that section at 10:05 A. M., and succeeded in dousing one grass fire. They were called back Monday afternoon at 4:15 to put out another fire in that area.

MRS. SUSIE PARSONS

After a long illness, Mrs. Susie Cocks Parsons, wife of the late Samuel J. Parsons, died Saturday afternoon at 5:35 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Willie Riddle in Carson, Va.

DEATHS

Mrs. Parsons was a native of Sussex County and most of her life was spent there. She is survived by five daughters; Mrs. Willie Riddle of Carson, Mrs. A. L. Gilliam of Roanoke Rapids, Mrs. George Jarrett of Sussex, Miss Susa Parsons of Richmond, Miss Lelia L. Parsons of City Point, Va.; five sons-Samuel J. Parsons, Osler Parsons Eugene and Wallace Parsons of Yale, Va. and James H. Parsons of Lewisburg, W. Va., also five grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

The Local Week . .

GIRL SCOUT SERVICE
There will be a church service for all Girl Scouts at the First Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening, March 7th, at 7:30 o'clock, commemorating the Girl Scouts' Birthday, March 12th.

SHRUBBERY PLANTED
Planting began last week of 5000 worth of shrubbery for Cedarwood Cemetery. The shrubbery was purchased last November from Lindley Nurseries of Greensboro by the board of city commissioners.

METERS NOT HERE
Installation of parking meters is awaiting the marking off of all streets and final shipment of all parts of the meters, it was learned this week. Some of the bases have already arrived and the remainder of the machines is expected in the near future.

HIGH SCHOOL P. T. A.
The Roanoke Rapids High School P. T. A. will hold its regular meeting Thursday evening, March 11th at eight o'clock in the school library. It was announced today by officials of the organization.

NURSE CONTEST SET
The second annual contest to select "Miss North Carolina Student Nurse" was announced today in Durham by the Good Health Association.

COUNTY TOTAL \$4,280
Halifax County raised approximately \$4,280 during the recently-concluded March of Dimes drive. Rev. Edmund Berkeley, chairman for Roanoke Rapids, reported approximately \$1900 raised in the drive.

SUCCEEDS PRICE



Rev. B. Marshall White-Hurst was elected chairman of the Roanoke Rapids Chapter, American Red Cross, at the annual membership meeting of the group held last Friday night and succeeds Rev. G. L. Price, who recently resigned after 14 years in the post.

Eagle Scout Gets God And Country Award In Durham

Bill N. Vaughn, at the morning worship service of the Asbury Methodist Church in Durham Sunday February 29, received the first God and Country Award to be presented a Boy Scout in North Carolina.

State Tax Man Here Next Week

George C. Green, Jr., deputy collector of the State Revenue Department will be in Roanoke Rapids March 8th through the 15th for the purpose of assisting in making state income and tangible tax returns. Mr. Green will be in the court room of the Municipal building from 9 until 5 each day while here.

Accident Victims Improve After Train Strikes Auto

Enfield, Feb. 28-Sunday afternoon, Feb. 22, about four o'clock, Eugene Gray, mail carrier at Enfield, Lucius Stallings, an employee in the Enfield post office, and Sammy Beavans, pharmacist, were riding around town in Gay's new automobile.

Joseph M. Morris Dies in North Dakota

Funeral services were held from the Branch Funeral Home in Enfield Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 for Joseph M. Morris, who died in Grand Forks, North Dakota, February 27. Rev. P. F. Newton, local Methodist minister, conducted the services. Interment was made in McTear Church cemetery, near Whitakers. Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. J. T. Ormond of St. Petersburg, Fla., Mrs. W. A. Crickmore of Battleground; three brothers, Julius of Enfield, Walter of New Greens, N. J., and J. D. Morris of Battleground.

Town Talk

Mrs. Forrest Parrish and sons and Mrs. Lillian Batton Kinker and son spent Saturday in Rocky Mount. Mrs. C. E. ... day in ... Mrs. C. E. ... day in ... Mrs. C. E. ... day in ...

Election To Be Held At Roanoke No. One Next Friday; Union, Company Issue Statements.

Workers at Roanoke Mills Company, Mill No. 1, will vote next Friday on whether or not they wish to be represented by the Textile Workers Union of America, CIO, in dealings with the management.

The company received a directive from the National Labor Relations Board last month instructing that a plant election be held on the question of union representation within 30 days; and the March 12th date is the last lead working day on which such election, to come within the 30 day deadline, could possibly be held.

Both sides issued statements to the Herald yesterday afternoon. Martin L. Ball, Jr., field examiner of the NLRB, had conferred with union and company representatives here Tuesday.

First Union Vote.

Union spokesmen said this would be the first time the textile workers union would have an election on organization of the mill, although the CIO has organized workers at the Halifax Paper Corporation and Grant Brick Works on the Weldon-Roanoke Rapids highway.

Text of Statements

The complete statements of the company and the union are as follows:

(From the company)-"The National Labor Relations Board will conduct a plant election among the employees of Roanoke Mills Company, Mill No. 1, on Friday, March 12, 1948. If of this election is for the employees of Mill No. 1 to determine by secret ballot whether they want the Textile Workers Union of America, CIO to represent them in their dealings with the Company or whether by voting NO UNION the employees wish to continue the same personal relationship that has existed for so many years between the employees and the company.

"Yesterday Mr. Martin L. Ball, Jr., Field Examiner, National Labor Relations Board, was in town conferring with company officials and union representatives in regard to the details of the election. The election will be held under the personal supervision of Mr. Martin L. Ball, Jr., Field Examiner, National Labor Relations Board."

Union Statement

(From the CIO Organizing Committee, Publicity Department)-"The National Labor Relations Board yesterday ordered an election to be held at the River Mill, one of the chain of mills in Roanoke Rapids owned by the Roanoke Mills Company, on Friday, March 12th.

"The company has refused to meet with the Union on the grounds that it was not the policy of the company to meet with Union representatives until the Union had been certified by the Board. This statement to the NLRB was made by Frank C. Williams, President, in the face of the fact that the Roanoke Mills Company has previously met with Union representatives on two different occasions; first in 1942 and again in the Patterson Mills case in 1946 as can be verified by NLRB cases No. 5-R-1089 and case 5-R-2775.

"The election will be conducted by officials of the National Labor Relations Board next Friday in the new Drying Room, located on the company's premises. Voting hours will be from 6:00 A. M. to 10:00 A. M. for workers on the first and third shifts and from 2:00 P. M. to 5:30 P. M. for second shift workers, according to Martin L. Ball, National Labor Relations Board Representative.

"The setting of the election date thus climaxes a year long fight by the Textile Workers Union of America, CIO to bring to the River Mill workers the opportunity to vote for TWUA, CIO to represent them as the exclusive bargaining agency in dealing with the Roanoke Mills Company management."