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Senior Chorus Wins Honor Rating I



Pictured here from left to right are: First row: Vivian Haggins, Joyce Ann Hall, Faye Kidd, Pauline Proctor, Mary Alice Daniels, Anne Wood, Miss Katherine Dunlap, Mr. George Baird, Virginia Scott, Hazel Jones, Sue Thompson, Dorothy Cornell, Anne Bunn, Margaret Ouland, Second row: Gladys Draper, Joyce Lewis, Josie Johnson, Jean Sheffield, Judith Parker, Delores Sheffield, Joann Black, Carolyn Chambliss, Josephine Hux, Bobbie Fisher, Ann Grizzard, Sue Briggman, Geraldine Lewis, Third row: Margaret Hunnings, Joyce Oliver, Mary Hurst, Nadine Vick, The Jane Moore, Helen Joyner, Jewel Mitchell, Clyde Waters, Vance Collins, Max Rodgers, Edward Harper, Rachel Britt, Lucy Murfee, Not pictured here are: Herbert Moore, Gene Waters, Roy Rawls, Lewis Ivey, Wilson Epperson, Gene Rawlings, Edward Fanny, Sonny Hines, Noah Sadler, Mahlan Epps, Ruby Futre, Erlene Keeter, Jessie Ellis, O. B. Crumpler, Billy White, Jerry Kidd, Jesse Edwards, Billy Murry.

The ratings won at the Raleigh District Contest Saturday, March 13 by Roanoke Rapids High School vocalists were: Junior High School Chorus was highly praised for their splendid performance, however, they were not eligible for a rating due to an error in registration.

Mixed quartet composed of Neal Allsbrook, Margaret Ouland, Roy Rawls, and Vance Collins received honor rating 2. Soprano soloist, Mary Speight, honor rating 3.

The Junior High School Chorus was composed of: First Sopranos: Shirley Baggett, Gwendolyn Bennett, Barbara Boyd, Doris Ann Whitby, Thelma Britton, Pattie Ann Mitchell, Edith Lynch, Derlie James, Peggy Beal, Betty Carol Jar, Jeanette Faison, Linda Anderson, Josephine Harris, Betty Deloatch, Esther Thomas, Betty Pullen, Margaret Page, Joan Hancock, June Ann Johnson, Connie Holliday, Peggy Hux, Grady McNeil, Shirley Jordan, Joan Bailey, Thelma Tudor, Irma Jean Story, Gertrude Lewis, Christine Justice and Marlene Edwards.

Second Sopranos: Betty Bridges, Nancy Carras, Patricia Cooper, Jeanette Goodfellow, Shirley O'Neil, Shirley Ray, Helen Newsum, Sylvia Collins, Betty Jean Ivey, Iris Sullivan, Mary Katherine Hatchell, Betty Wilson, Faye Johnson and Benny Stadler.

Altos: Nancy Gantt, Peggy Allen, Mary Foster, Elting, Barbara Clary, Betty Jordan, Eddie Anderson, Loretta Stainback, Nancy Brown, Jane Black, Joy Bowman, Marion Brown, Dorothy Cooper, Marshall Thomason, Bobby McNeil, Dickie Smith, Charles Parker, Bill Bunting, Frankie Mountford, Gene Rawls, Ronnie Babb, and Jackie Spencer.

The adjudicators for the contest were Earl Slocum and Paul Young, both of the University of North Carolina, Earl Bone, Duke University; Thane McDonald, Wake Forest; John Holliday, Queens; Stuart Pratt, Meredith; and James Pfohl, Davidson.

The Senior High School Chorus is eligible to enter the State Music Contest finals in Greensboro.

There were ninety-seven entries scheduled for Saturday, March 13, from the following schools: Needham Broughton and Hugh Morrison of Raleigh; Oxford, Nashville, Pinehurst, Roanoke Rapids, Roxboro, Franklin, Carr Junior High, Roanoke Rapids Junior High, E. K. Powe, Roxboro, Oxford, Kenly, Fremont, Nashville, Southern Pines, Goldsboro, Norlina, Chapel Hill, Durham and West End.

Each soloist, or group received a rating according to the degree of excellence attained in performance as determined by the adjudicator. The system is as follows: Honor Rating 1—Excellent, Honor Rating 2—Very Good, Honor Rating 3—Good, Honor Rating 4—Average, Honor Rating 5—Below Average.

The ratings won at the Raleigh District Contest, Friday, March 12, by Roanoke Rapids High School instrumentalists were: Twirler—Jean Johnson honor rating 1; flute solo—Kathleen Lahey, honor rating 2; trumpet trio composed of Vance Collins, Herbert Moore and Gene Waters, honor rating 3; brass sextet composed of Vance Collins, Gene Waters, Bobby Watson, Roy Rawls, Jerry Kidd, and Lewis Ivey, honor rating 3; and a clarinet trio composed of Payne Harris, Vivian Haggins and Patricia Topping, honor rating 4.

REV. HADEN TO PREACH

Rev. Clarence Haden, rector of St. Phillip's Episcopal Church of Durham will be the Lenten at All Saints Episcopal Church of Roanoke Rapids Friday night. The service will begin at eight o'clock.

Friday afternoon, the children's Lenten service will be held at 3:30 in the church.

Balloting Results

Results of the balloting held last Friday at Roanoke Mill No. 1 under supervision of the NLRB, were as follows: For the union, 428; against the union, 309; challenged, 9; void, 2. Total ballots counted, 737.

Methodist Conference Meeting at Goldsboro

The North Carolina Methodist Conference of Womens Society of Christian Service is holding its meeting in Goldsboro this week at St. Paul Methodist Church, Mrs. Gurney F. Hood, the former Marion Stevens whose marriage to the commissioner of banks for the State took place in St. Paul Church, will preside.

Attending this meeting from Roanoke Rapids are—Miss Estelle Daniel and Mrs. D. L. Wheeler from the First Methodist Church and Mrs. Lillian Batton Kinker from the Rosemary Methodist Church.

Barbecue Supper For Alumni Association

Alumni Association of Wake Forest College will stage a "get-together" at the Country Club Friday night, March 26, featuring a chicken barbecue supper. Dr. Eugene Olive, director of alumni activities at Wake Forest, will be the guest speaker, Jim Weaver, director of athletics at the college will also attend.

The association has about 350 members in the two counties and a large crowd is expected to attend the event.

JOYNER IN KOREA

Buypung, Korea (delayed)—T. J. Noak Joyner, Jr., a Littleton, N. C. man is at present serving with the U. S. Army in Korea as a member of the 61st Ordnance Group, Provisional Guard Detachment in Buypung, Korea.

The Provisional Guard Detachment has the important assignment of guarding the Ordinance Installations in the Ascom-Inchon area of Korea, where many vital supplies are stored for the U. S. Occupational program in Korea.

Sgt. Joyner is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Joyner, of Littleton, N. C. He served his country during the war years with the Navy in both the European and Pacific Theatres. In 1946 he joined the Army and came to Korea in March, 1947.

Rochelle Under \$200 Bond Following Sunday Night Auto Accidents

I. F. Rochelle of Roanoke Rapids was arrested Sunday night shortly after eight o'clock on charges of driving while drunk, it was reported Tuesday by a member of the Halifax County sheriff's department who, in conjunction with city police, made the arrest.

A hearing has been set for next Monday night before Magistrate W. O. Thompson and Rochelle is free under \$200 bond, he said.

According to investigating officers, a car driven by Rochelle ran into two other automobiles. The first accident, they said, occurred in South Rosemary and the second at Roanoke Junction.

Donald M. Higgins Is at Keesler Field

Ptc. Donald M. Higgins, nephew of Mrs. J. M. Taylor, 427 Jefferson Street, has reported to Keesler Field, Mississippi, training in the Airplane and Engine Mechanics School located there.

A yearly weeding out of worn-out kitchen utensils, and other odds and ends will get rid of dust collectors, save extra work and valuable storage space.

Remodeling Completed At School

Remodeling of the Roanoke Rapids High School auditorium was completed last Friday.

The remodeling, done under the direction of Henderson architect Eric Flannagan, consisted of the erection of a material known as "acoustone", a sound-proofing material made of gypsum.

The work was done by the Bonitz Insulation Company of Greensboro and as a result, the auditorium will be better insulated, sound effects will be improved and appearance and lighting effect will also be improved.

The acoustone was suspended on all metal suspension system so that it comes below the steel trusses. The underside of the balcony and over the balcony was done over with the same material, which was cemented directly to the plaster with a special cement.

MRS. SUSAN ROBERTSON

Williamston.—Mrs. Susan Robertson, 86, died at her home on South Watts Street here Monday morning at 10:35 o'clock. Her condition had been critical for about a week. Eight of her nine children were at the bedside when she died. The daughter of the late James Henry and Charlotte Hatton Ellison, she was born in Williamston on June 3, 1862, and with the exception of about two years spent on a farm near Williamston, she lived all her life within a few yards of her birthplace. She was married on October 12, 1881, to Joseph Lawrence Robertson, who died on April 1, 1924. Mrs. Robertson, affectionately known by four generations as "Miss Sudie" was the mother of 18 children. She was thought to have been the oldest native of the town and was the oldest member of the Methodist Church where she held membership since her childhood. Surviving are five sons, Eli Robertson of Owensboro, Ky., James H. Robertson of Washington, N. C., Charite A. Robertson of Greenville, Roland A. Robertson of Suffolk, Va., and Fitzhugh L. Robertson of Miami, Fla.; four daughters, Mrs. J. Owen Bowen of Miami, Mrs. Julian C. Anderson of Williamston, Mrs. W. H. Booker of Plymouth and Mrs. Jesse W. Harrel of Roanoke Rapids; two sisters, Mrs. H. H. Pope of Robertsonville and Mrs. J. Gus Goddard of Dunn; one brother, John R. Ellison of Suffolk, Va.; 17 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted at the home Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock by the Rev. B. T. Hurley, her former pastor, of Stantonburg, and the Rev. E. R. Shuller, her pastor. Interment was in the family plot in Woodlawn Cemetery here.

A large market basket provides a handy container in which to keep cleaning supplies. Soap powder, polishes, cleaning cloths, small brushes, and other articles are conveniently stored in one place.

Enfield Man Shoots Self

Robert Harper, 50 year old white man, was found dead at his home in Enfield yesterday afternoon at about 3:30 by a 15 year old daughter; and Coroner Rufus Britton has ruled the death a suicide with no inquest necessary.

Although there was no apparent reason for the man's action, Britton said his wife, an employee of the Enfield School cafeteria, told him her husband had been suffering from a severe headache for several days.

Children's Play To Be Presented At High School

Advanced theories in the field of mental suggestion can be attributed to Johanna Spyri, author of "Heidi" which will be presented as a stage play by the famous Clare Tree Major Children's Theatre of New York at the High School Auditorium next Wed., March 24, at 2:00 P. M.

As performed by the adult professional actors of the Clare Tree Major company, the story of the skipping "Heidi" never fails to delight its youthful audience. The production is being sponsored here by the Roanoke Rapids Branch of the Association for Childhood Education.

Although the juvenile classic was written in 1881, when even the word "psychology" was but a figment of lexicographer's imaginations, it is evident that the author of the famed juvenile classic was something of a psychologist even by modern standards. It is certain that she was keenly aware of the powerful influence which love, hate, and environment exercise upon the mental and physical well-being of young and old alike.

Like all great juvenile stories, "Heidi" is not, however, merely a moral object lesson, but an entertaining series of exciting episodes which children will never cease loving.

Meters Start In Operation Tomorrow

Low Airport Bids Are Announced

A Roanoke Rapids firm was low bidder for lighting of the new Halifax County airport this week as the board of county commissioners opened bids.

The bids were opened in the presence of Chairman D. G. Dickens and other members of the board and consulting engineer Philip D. Freeman of Norfolk, Va. and low bids were posted as:

Airport lighting, lowest of seven bids, Fitts-Crumpler Electric Company of Roanoke Rapids, \$18,291.76; site preparation, lowest of 13 bids, Rea Construction Company of Charlotte, \$78,292.25; seeding and sprigging, lowest of six bids, E. H. Hines Construction Company of Greenwood, S. C., \$12,565.

District Airport Engineer Joseph Norwood and his assistant, B. A. Waldenmaier of the CAA airport branch, Wilmington, said all three bids were below engineers' estimates.

Awarding of contracts must await approval by both the county commissioners and the CAA.

Purdy Leaving Colonial Ice Co.

Raymond B. Purdy, connected with the Colonial Ice Company for 24 years, has resigned his position, effective about June 15. Mr. Purdy, who is well known to the people of Halifax and Northampton counties, will enter the coal and oil business for himself as soon after leaving his present position as possible.

Lions Club Annual Ladies Night Banquet

With about 140 "roaring Lions" and their "Lionesses" in attendance the Roanoke Rapids Lions Club staged its annual ladies' night banquet in the High School cafeteria Tuesday evening.

The tables were beautifully decorated with flowers by Sandlin and a delicious turkey dinner was served under the supervision of Mrs. Frank R. Thomas, high school lunchroom supervisor.

Toastmaster for the occasion was Zed Denny; song leader was Ted Speight, and Rev. Edmund Berkeley gave the invocation. Joe Talley rendered the welcome to the ladies, and Ed Knott introduced Cullen Johnson of Raleigh, who entertained the crowd with "Capers by Cullen." Afterwards a dance was given at the Country Club.

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Whit Newsome Held On Hit-Run Charge; Bond Set at \$1200

A Roanoke Rapids resident identified by local police as Whit Newsome, is being held in Halifax County jail in default of \$1200 bond this week on charges of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and causing injury, driving while drunk and hit and run driving.

Police said Newsome was halted at about 7:30 Saturday night by police officer T. L. Glosson who told him to move over in the front seat. Instead of doing so, Glosson said, the man stepped on the accelerator and sped away, throwing Glosson to the pavement.

The local officer deputized Malcolm Smith to aid him in the chase and the man was apprehended near the Information Service Station, 10 miles west of the city, shortly afterward, the police department said.

According to police, Newsome will face trial in Halifax County Superior Court which opens April 26th.

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Mason Scott, Negro, Dies From Injuries

Mason Scott, negro man, died last Monday afternoon in Roanoke Rapids Hospital, where he was taken for treatment for wounds, after being hit on the head three times with a stick of wood said to have been wielded by Mable Evans, negro woman. The trouble occurred Sunday night about 9 o'clock near Garysburg in Northampton county.

Gaston Constable John Dixon and Halifax county Deputy Sheriff A. J. Briggman investigated the affair and arrested the Evans woman about 1 o'clock Monday morning. According to the officers, the woman said she had been the common law wife of Scott for some time and had given birth to two children by him.

She was lodged in the Northampton county jail to await hearing on the charges.

Contracts Let For Paving City Streets

Bids on the city's street paving project were opened last Thursday afternoon at the clerk's office in the Municipal Building and contracts were let as follows:

Contract for storm sewer construction—to William F. Bowe Co. of Augusta, Georgia. Curb and gutter construction contract—to F. D. Cline Construction Co. of Raleigh. Bituminous surface treatment contract—to Sam Finley, Inc. of Roanoke, Virginia.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Out of town patients in Roanoke Rapids Hospital—Mrs. Cecil Allen, Emporia, Mrs. J. R. Conway, Mrs. Ridley Brown, Wood, E. C. Davis, Branchville, Mrs. J. F. Draper, Conway, Mrs. G. J. Harpur, Boykin, Va., P. W. Harris, Littleton, D. E. Hedgepeth, Conway, Peter Luther Casper, Emporia, Miss Virginia Martin, Conway, Mrs. C. F. Ogletree, Enfield, J. T. Reid, Littleton, H. C. Triplett, Seaboard, Mrs. James Wright, Littleton, Mrs. Edgar Gums, Rich Square.

JAMES E. MYRICK, USN

Midshipman James E. Myrick, USN, son of Walter B. Myrick of Littleton, N. C., has visited the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, N. Y.

While the Annapolis midshipmen were at West Point, 69 cadets visited the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md. This is one of six exchange visits scheduled for the midshipmen and cadets.

The visits have been scheduled by the superintendents of the two academies to maintain a high degree of understanding between the services and to provide an opportunity for the development of friendships.

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High Point Graduate



Mrs. William Bobbitt, Jr., who before her marriage was Miss Margaret Bennett of Roanoke Rapids, was graduated from High Point College in the winter graduating exercises in late January, receiving the A. B. degree in English and Religious Education. Mrs. Bobbitt was married at the end of her freshman year and continued her schoolwork. Later her husband was discharged from the Army and joined her at college. He is a junior and plans to graduate next January. They have a host of friends in this city.

Scouts Will Have Boards of Review

Sherod Crumpler, recently appointed advancement chairman for Boy Scouts, announced today that regular boards of review will be held at the Municipal Building the last Wednesday night in each month. The review for March will be on the 31st at 7 p. m.

All scoutmasters are urged to send a list of their Scouts who will appear for review at least three days in advance, giving the rank and merit for which they will be reviewed.

AAA Office Closed Saturday Mornings

The Halifax County AAA Office will no longer be open on Saturday mornings as in the past. C. L. Kelly, chairman of the Halifax County A.C.A. committee, announced today. Employees of the association are now on a 40-hour work week basis. The office will be open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

JOHN W. DREWETTE

John W. Drewette 54, died Friday night in Roanoke Rapids Hospital. Funeral services were conducted from Bethel Church near Gumbury Sunday afternoon by the Rev. B. Marshall White-Hurst, pastor of the Rosemary Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Church Cemetery. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Gertie Drewette; two daughters, Mrs. Garland Taylor of Emporia, Va. and Mrs. J. W. Drewette of Franklinton, Va.; two step sons Troy and Paige Allen of Roanoke Rapids; one sister Mrs. Minnie Barum of St. Petersburg, Fla.; five brothers Charlie and Tom Drewette of Pleasant Hill, Walter Drewette of Seaboard, Norman Drewette of Roanoke Rapids and George Drewette of Florida.

Pasture Management Revolutionized Here

A revolution is taking place in the management of pastures in this county in the opinion of C. L. Kelly, Chairman of the Halifax County Agricultural Conservation Committee.

"The most striking part of the change," he says, "is that farmers are finding that pastures need plant food, just as do other crops."

Mr. Kelly pointed out that in 1938 there were about 170,000 tons of fertilizer put on the pastures of the country; in 1947 more than 785,000 tons were applied. That is an increase of 468 percent. Figures on the amount of agricultural limestone applied to pastures show that about one ton out of every five applied under the Agricultural Conservation Program was put on pasture. In 1945 that amounted to over 4 million tons. A half-million tons more than the lime applied to all crops the year before the Agricultural Conservation Program was started. The Chairman says, "The assistance available through the ACP Program has been one of the most helpful measures that we have had in getting the pasture improvement part of the program established. Farmers find it hard to realize that pasture yields vary as much as any other crop. Farmers can measure grains by numbers of bushels per acre, but only a careful observer has any idea of the amount of grass that a cow, horse, or hog eats in a pasture. Pastures are one of the most important conservation crops. The lime and fertilizer increase the growth of both the grasses and legumes in pastures. The increased growth holds the soil in place and increases its fertility and organic matter."

BIRTHS

Babies born in Roanoke Rapids Hospital last week were: To—Mr. and Mrs. William Dickens, city, a girl March 15th. To—Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Evans, city, a boy March 15th. To—Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mooney, city, a girl March 13th. To—Mr. and Mrs. Percy Midgett, city, a girl, March 14th. To—Mr. and Mrs. Parker Rowell, Gaston, a girl March 15th. To—Mr. and Mrs. Carl Taylor, Seaboard, a girl, March 9th. To—Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Wade, city, a boy March 13th. To—Mr. and Mrs. Percy Allen, city, a girl March 10th. To—Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Johnson, city, a boy March 13th.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smith announce the birth of a son, David Allen, in Park View Hospital at Rocky Mount on February 22, 1948.

Mrs. Smith is the former Miss Beaufort Knight of Enfield R. F. D.

St. Patrick's Party

Central School P. T. A. sponsored a Saint Patrick's Day party last Friday night, March 12, at 7 o'clock. The price of admission was five cents for every drink. An electric toaster was given away as a prize. A list of names of those who attended is on Page 4.

SEABOARD WOMAN WINS

Mrs. Robert E. Vick of Seaboard is listed among 41 North Carolina \$5.00 prize winners in the Pepsi-Cola "Treasure Contest." Other North Carolina winners are listed on Page 4.

Pvt. Wm. L. Reid Now in Germany

Pvt. William L. Reid, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reid, 1514 B street, is now in Germany where he is attending a radio operator's school in Frankfurt. His address is: Pvt. William L. Reid, 14247952, c/o ASA, Europe, APO 757, care Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

Pre-Easter Services In Local Churches

Following is the schedule of services which will be held pre-Easter week, March 22 through March 26. The Rosemary Baptist and First Methodist will be host churches. The services will be from 5:15 to 5:40 and will not exceed 25 minutes—10 minutes for worship and 15 minutes for the message. A team of two ministers will be in each church, one leading the worship service and the other delivering the sermon.

At Rosemary Baptist: Monday, Revs. Floyd Boger and W. R. Stevens; Tuesday, Revs. J. R. Edwards and Gordon L. Price; Wednesday, Revs. Edmund Berkeley and John T. Maides; Thursday, Revs. Marshall White-Hurst and Jerome Hodges; Friday, Revs. John Langston and John M. Walker.

At First Methodist: Revs. Jerome Hodges and Marshall White-Hurst; Tuesday, Revs. John Walker and John Langston; Wednesday, Revs. W. R. Stevens and Floyd Boger; Thursday, Revs. Gordon Price and J. R. Edwards; Friday, Revs. John T. Maides and Edmund Berkeley.

Two Men Released; Others Bound Over Lottery Charges

Two men, Levi Jones and John Haislip, cited recently by local police on charges that they "did willfully and unlawfully operate a lottery by engaging in a game of chance" were bound over to Recorder's Court, April first session in Mayor's Court Monday, March 8th.

In the cases of two other men, Sam Jones and Jack Bell, a nolle proes was recorded by Mayor W. B. Allsbrook.

Warren Bush Member Square, Compass Club

Warren Bush, a junior at Wake Forest College, is a charter member of the newly-organized Square and Compass Club. President of the new organization is Alex Bonner of Raleigh. The club is composed of 18 members on the campus.