

Roanoke Ramblings

Don't Look Now Citizens of Roanoke Rapids and visitors from out of town looked up and down Roanoke Avenue Friday morning and, with mixed feelings, generally agreed that something new had been added. Rinsing the fire of some, the Rambler will mention that the "something new" was called a parking meter.

The Sto Ere t day had gan to ginia n in from town, found a c on his windshield when he got back. He departed and never reported. Of course, what he doesn't know is that in the interim, photographer Grant had taken a picture of his car while officer C. C. Deese was tagging it. . . . Uptown Saturday morning, reports Ben Lancaster, Edward George went to Cox's Sanitary Barber Shop and, having to wait his turn, for got about his nickle and the fact that it might run out. So, in the midst of his haircut, he jumped out of the chair and ran out to pay the thing off some more. Al so, said Ben, a colored man from out in the country got a citation while his car was parked in front of an uptown bank. Not knowing what it was, he asked a passerby what to do with the thing. Upon being advised to take it to the police station across from the postoffice, he unhappily departed for midtown. After a lengthy stroll through the postoffice, and thence through the hospital, he finally arrived at the Municipal Building. "Boss," he told police chief Pete Davis after the chief had explained that it was a citation for a parking meter violation. "I'd like to know what is a meter. I was fixin' to bring my family to town next Sat'day 'cause I figured you all city folks had finally fixed up something for us country folks to lean on while we was in town." Pete said he had to let him go. . . . Another colored motorist, a story goes, emerged from an establishment and finding the red flag denoting a violation showing on the meter facing his vehicle, hastily deposited a nickle, then jumped in his car and zoomed away.

Others Have Troubles City Commissioner Marvin Collier had his troubles with the meters first thing Friday morning. Parked on Front Street, his System Grocery in the downtown section was his delivery truck, with a nickle duly deposited in the meter. Things were going fine, the truck was being loaded and then it happened—the right front tire went flat. The meter must have demanded a few more cents before that was repaired. Al Drew says visiting the dentist is a lot of trouble. While he was in the dentist's office uptown, his nickle ran out. Harold Bloom noticed it, luckily, and dropped a nickle in the meter for him. Harold said he saw the officer was starting to tag it so decided he had to do something quickly.

Capitalization Several of the merchants have decided to capitalize on the meters. Lyle Wilson of the Roanoke Rapids theaters had some cards printed for use in front of the theaters. The deal is they deposit it a nickle when they see the time running out on a car parked in their vicinity. . . . McFae, Faison and Charles Oletree decided on the same kind of a deal so they handed some cards to Betty Wynne Ingram and Elaine Welch and told them to "save overtime parkers". Things were going pretty slow Wednesday morning so when Elaine spotted a car parked a few spaces down from the office, she rushed over and put some money in the meter, tagging it with the Faison Cannon card. As she turned to go back to the office she looked back at the vehicle. It was a police car.

Makes Dean's List Among the 145 North Carolina students at Duke University who made the dean's list last semester is Edwin H. Webb of Roanoke Rapids. Says the college, "Membership on the dean's list, numbering 528 students, is given those making a B average grade, and entitles them to six class cuts during the semester instead of the regulation three absences."

Kiwanis Minstrel Success Last week, the Rambler hinted that the Kiwanis Minstrel was one of the best amateur shows in this part of the country, basing his prediction on reliable informants. Thursday night, he saw the show. He hasn't changed his mind—it will be hard to single out any one person for praise as they were all good. The Rambler will say that all the leading actors were good. And he heard several loud guffaws when the "tight wire act" came on stage. Jack Downing's naive, carefree expression as he skipped happily on and off stage was said to have been the cause of much of the merriment. The Kiwanians are to be congratulated on the good entertainment which they have been presenting annually for 19 years.

What Roanoke Rapids Makes —Makes Roanoke Rapids

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Symphony Orchestra Here May 17



Above is a typical scene of an enthusiastic audience of youngsters applauding a concert by the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra, Benjamin Swalin, Director, which will appear in this city on May 17. Caroline Taylor, 17 year old pianist of Wadesboro, N. C., will be soloist in Roanoke Rapids at the children's concert. Persons who have sent in subscriptions to the Symphony Society and have not received their membership card, please notify Mrs. W. A. China or Miss Ruth Transou at once. Your \$2 membership will admit you to all of the concerts for adults anywhere in the state this season. The "Little Symphony" is now on tour. The Full Symphony will begin its tour on April 7. Watch for lean and places of these concerts.

City PTA Council To Be Organized Committee To Nominate New President

On March 17, representatives from each of the school Parent Teacher Associations met in the High School library with Mr. I. E. Ready, Supt. of Schools, to organize a P.T.A. City Council. Mr. Ready was elected temporary chairman. It was voted to have as members of the council the president, program chairman and a member at large from each of the Parent Teacher Associations, also the Supt. of Schools and the Supervisor of the Elementary Schools. It was also voted that the president of the council should be a parent rather than a teacher and should be chosen outside the regular council group. A nominating committee was appointed to secure a new president for the council, to be elected at the next meeting which is to be held April 28th at 3:30 in the library. The committee is composed of Mr. Ready, chairman, Mrs. Zeb Denny, and Mrs. T. J. Taylor.

Dr. Daniels To Conduct Spring Revival Services

The Spring Revival at the First Baptist Church, Rev. G. L. Price, Pastor, will begin March 28th and continue through April 11th. Services will be held each morning at 10 o'clock and each evening at 7:45. The Children's Service will be at 7:45 P. M. Rev. E. J. Daniels, D. D. will conduct the Revival Services. Rev. W. G. Stroh will accompany him as director of music. Dr. Daniels received his education from John B. Stetson University, Florida Southern College, Florida Baptist Bible School, and Southwestern Seminary. He is director of "Christ for the World", one of the largest Religious Broadcasts. He is editor of a paper and author of several books.

Holy Week Services At Episcopal Church

Special Holy Week Services will be held at the All Saints' Episcopal Church tonight and tomorrow. There will be a celebration of the Lord's Supper and Sermon at 8 o'clock this evening. There will be a Corporate Communion and Presentation of the United Thank Offering by the Katherine Webster Branch of the Women's Auxiliary.

Methodist Services

Beginning Monday, March 22 and continuing through Friday, March 26, Pre-Easter services will be held at the Methodist Church here each evening at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Arnold came to the pastorate of the Enfield church just one year ago March 1. He is much beloved by his congregation, and has made many friends since coming to Enfield by his sincerity and friendliness. Members of the local choir are arranging special music for each service. Miss Virginia Branch is organist, and Mrs. R. E. Shervette, Jr. is choir leader.

WALTON TRANSFERRED

John Walton, who was employed by the State Highway Commission here for several years, has been transferred to Raleigh. Mrs. Walton and little son, Johnnie, will join Mr. Walton as soon as living quarters are available. Mrs. Annie Crawford and Miss Helen Crawford spent Saturday in Richmond shopping.

Field tests show that a single application of BHC (benzene hexachloride) in pine oil will kill all ear ticks on an animal and that the ears will remain tick-free for over two weeks.

EVANGELIST SERVICES

A series of evangelist services will begin at the Pentecostal Holiness Church on Monday morning, March 25, at 10:00 and

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Jays Mail Out 31 Contracts

Lackey Names Committees

Home Building Permits Total \$61,500 This Week

A total of \$62,300 in building permits was issued by the office of the city building inspector for this week as 1948 building permit evaluation climbed to \$736,875. New residential construction claims \$93,200 of this amount. The breakdown for this week was \$61,500 in new home permits and \$20,800 in other construction.

Halifax County Has 72 Students At State College

Seventy-two students from Halifax County enrolled at North Carolina State College in Raleigh for the winter term, a recent survey of the institution's registration figures shows. Total enrollment of the school is 5,151, including 5,093 men and 58 women. Veterans of World War II now enrolled in the college number 3,884. Eighty-three per cent of the students attending State College during the winter term were North Carolinians. The figures, compiled by the College News Bureau, showed that 4,253 Tar Heel students and 898 out-of-state scholars—including 62 from foreign countries—registered at State College last term. All North Carolina counties, with the exception of Perquimans, were represented in the student body. Forty-two states, in addition to North Carolina and the District of Columbia, were represented in the enrollment. New York was first, with 169, and Virginia took second place, with 154. The out-of-state enrollment, representing 17 per cent of the total figure, was one of the lowest on record in recent years. The College's School of Engineering attracted the largest number of students, with 2,922 reporting for classes, and the School of Agriculture drew 1,036. The School of Textiles was third, with 820, and the Division of Teacher Education registered 307. There are 66 unclassified special students. The following students from Halifax County are enrolled at State College: James H. Alexander, III, Scotland Neck; Calvin P. Allyn, Essex; Hosmer P. Allyn, Essex; Arthur R. Bobbitt, Littleton; Robert M. Bobbitt, Littleton; James F. Boseman, Jr., Scotland Neck; David G. Boyette, Scotland Neck; Allan R. Brown, Roanoke Rapids; Coyt C. Brown, Roanoke Rapids; James Brown, Roanoke Rapids; Olyo R. Cobb, Jr., Weldon; Robert L. Cobb, Scotland Neck; Eddie W. Copeland, Enfield; Francis E. Crouch, Roanoke Rapids. Robert T. Currin, Littleton; Walter P. Dickens, Halifax; Acie Carlton Edwards, Scotland Neck; Benjamin B. Everett, Jr., Palmyra; John M. Fisher, Jr., Roanoke Rapids; James R. Franck, Scotland Neck; Alvis O. George, Jr., Roanoke Rapids; Frank A. Gupton, Essex; William L. Glasgow, Littleton; Joseph E. Hardee, Enfield; Reginald T. Hardy, Scotland Neck; Joseph D. Hartsoe, Weldon; Paul M. Henderson, Littleton; Eugene K. Hinman, Hoggood. Richard S. Hulmer, Weldon; Charles M. Horne, Roanoke Rapids; Hugh J. Horne, Jr., Roanoke Rapids; Milton Hummel (Continued on page 4—Sect. A)

Local Contestants Win At Baptist Unlon Rally

Among the winning contestants at the Roanoke Association at Training Union rally at the Baptist Church in Nashville, March 19 were two members from the Rosemary Baptist. Miss Sybil Wood won the Intermediate Sword Drill and Miss Ruby Bloye was judged to be winner of the Better Speakers contest. If these contestants also win the regional tournament, in Kingston on April 9 and 10, they will compete in the state wide contest to be held at Fruitland and Carolina Beach in June. Many representatives from the thirty-eight churches that compose the training union Association were present at the March 19 rally. Pvt. James W. Bailey, son of Mr. & Mrs. C. Bailey 752-B Charlotte St. Roanoke Rapids, N. C., will be assigned to one of the Engineer Aviation Battalion now undergoing overseas training at this station. Pvt. Bailey attended high school at Roanoke Rapids and prior to entering the service was employed at the Patterson Mills Co. Roanoke Rapids, N. C.

Training For Overseas Engineering Duties

New Pro Coming To Country Club April 16

Bill Creighton, pro at the Roanoke Rapids Country Club for the past two years, has resigned and will leave April 1 for Henderson where he will be pro at the Henderson Country Club. Bud Miller, for several years assistant pro at the Ocean View (Virginia) Country Club, will become pro at the local Country Club, taking up his duties there April 16. Miller is married and has two children.

Branch Announces For Relection To House

Joseph Branch of Enfield has announced his candidacy for the Lower House of the General Assembly. Branch represented Halifax County in the Lower House during the last session of the General Assembly. Branch's announcement brings to two the number of candidates for state office in the county as State Senator Julian R. Allbrook of Roanoke Rapids has previously indicated he would be a candidate for reelection to the Senate. Banks Close Monday Local banks will not open Monday, March 29, in observance of Easter, according to bank officials. CHURCH SERVICES The Christian Endeavor Society of Pugh's Memorial Christian Church, located on 10th Street extension, will present a program "Thoughts at Easter Time" Saturday night at 7 o'clock. The public is invited to attend the services. AWNINGS TOO LOW? Police Chief Davis has informed us that the Police Department has had several complaints from people stating that the awnings on some merchants' stores are too low. A City Ordinance requires awnings to be at least seven feet from the ground. If your awnings are too low now is the time to make an adjustment before you are cited for violation of this ordinance. CLOSING JULY 5TH The Board of Directors of the Roanoke Rapids Merchants Association voted that places of business close on Monday, July 5th, in observance of the July 4th holiday. All banks and Post Offices are also observing Monday, July 5th.

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Winner



Jean Johnson won an Honor Rating I in twirling at the recent music contest held at Raleigh, Dr. Earl Slocum of the University of North Carolina, was judge. Jean began her twirling lessons last October and winning the district contest finals for Junior High shows fine progress. She also plays oboe in the band. The Senior High School Chorus is now putting on a drive to raise money for the Greensboro contest which will be held April 20 and 21.

Jackets Win First Game Of Season

Hasty Pitches Five Scoreless Frames

Coach Cranford Hoyle's Roanoke Rapids Yellow Jackets opened their 1948 baseball season Tuesday afternoon with a 7-0 shutout over the New Bern Bears on the high school athletic field. Troy Hasty pitched five hitless innings for the locals and received credit for the win. The little righthander struck out the first three batters he faced. Edward Wright finished the contest and held the visitors to three hits during his stint on the mound. The Jax scored in the opening frame when leadoff man Vance Stewart reached first on an error. He then stole second, went to third on a ground out, and came home on Dwight Elting's single to right field. In the third inning, the Bee Hive iced the game as six big runs crossed the plate. One base blows by Reuben Slade, Hasty, Stewart, and Fred Etheridge; and a booming triple off the left centerfield wall by "Bear" Mix rick with the bases loaded, mixed in with a walk and a costly error provided the Jackets with a comfortable margin. The New Bern nine never seriously threatened. Etheridge, with two hits in three official appearances at the plate, and Hasty, with two for four paced the local club in hitting. Score By Innings. R H E New Bern 0 0 0 0 0 3 3 3 Roa. Rapids 106 000 0z 7 9 3 Batteries: Stewart, Gaskins (6) and Tilghman-Hasty, Wright (6) and Elting, Joyner (6).

Junior Class Collects \$644 in Recent Drive

The Junior class of the Roanoke Rapids High School has collected \$644 through the sale of magazines, it was announced yesterday. The fund will be applied to expenses of the annual juniors reception at the school. Margaret Lou George was the best salesman, collecting \$61. Julian Armstrong was runner-up. School stickers currently being sold by the class for the purpose of collecting additional expense money. Margaret Lou George and Bobby Goss are the top two.

High School PTA Group Holds Third Meeting

The third meeting of the High School Parent Teachers Association was held in the school library Thursday evening, March 11th. The Rev. Edmund Berkley of the All Saints' Episcopal Church conducted the devotional. He read a passage from St. Luke and stressed correlation between parents, home and school in his message to the group. Mrs. I. E. Ready, president, presided. She announced a State P. T. A. meeting to be held in Raleigh, April 13th through April 15th. Mr. F. J. Jady stated that the district P.T.A. Council will meet in Roanoke Rapids next fall. He advocated a city P. T. A. council to be set up for the purpose of coordinating all P.T.A.'s and making it possible for them to exchange ideas.

Box Seats Finished

George Nethercutt, business manager of the Jays, said that construction of box seats had been completed. Sale of the month ago, but there are still some available, he said. Sale is being made either by whole boxes or seats within the boxes, he added. Season tickets are also available. "Our seating capacity this year will be 4,500, including 4,000 for whites and 500 for colored fans. The 500 colored fans will find seats in new bleachers," Nethercutt further disclosed.

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