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Horizons Unlimited
The Kiwanis Club has planned a special treat for members at their meeting tonight.

Joins Army Air Corps.
Herman H. Allsbrook, Jr., of Scotland Neck, left recently to enter the U. S. Army Air Corps.

Unique Window Display
One of the most eye-arresting window displays we've seen in a long time came to our attention while rambling along Roanoke Avenue recently.

School Saturday.
Roanoke Rapids school children will again be attending Saturday classes this Saturday.

All's Quiet Report.
Chief T. J. Davis of the Police Department had a report for us that makes good reading.

Locker Convention.
Two local men, Vincent Mychal and Quentin Gregory, Jr., attended the North Carolina State Locker Convention in Winston-Salem Monday and Tuesday.

Something New Added.
Students in the Roanoke Rapids elementary and junior high schools will have the unique opportunity of teaching their own classmates.

To Attend Employment Meeting.
Roanoke Rapids will have a fine representation from the local Employment office at the annual meeting of the N. C. Chapter of the International Association of Public Employment Services in Raleigh May 8.

"C" and "D"
Irwin K. Weeks, local drivers license examiner, says that there are still some folks whose surnames begin with "C" and "D" who have not yet applied for their new driver's license.

Senior High Council and Kiwanis Club Making Plans for Career Day, April 29
The Kiwanis Club in conjunction with the Senior High Council of Roanoke Rapids High School is rounding out plans for a Career Day to be conducted at the school Thursday, April 29.

Moving to New Location
The Rosemary Building and Loan Association and the Citizens Realty & Insurance Agency, for many years located next door to the Citizens Bank & Trust Company will move Friday afternoon to its new location at 1012-B Roanoke Avenue in the building formerly occupied by the Sanitary Barber Shop.

TYPHOID CLINIC
Starting Saturday, May 1, typhoid vaccine will be given each day, Monday through Saturday, at the Roanoke Mills Clinic, 201 Jackson Street. The shots will be given through May 30.

Speaks Tonight



OSCAR G. BARKER

Candidate Barker To Address Local Citizens Tonight

Oscar G. Barker, candidate for governor, will speak to Roanoke Rapids citizens tonight at 8 o'clock at the Central School auditorium on Hamilton Street.

Mr. Barker is the second of the four active gubernatorial candidates to come to the city and speak to local citizens.

The public is cordially invited to attend these meetings.

Permits Issued Last Week Total \$25,600

A total of \$25,600 in building permits was issued by the office of the city building inspector for last week, making the total of permits issued for 1948 to date \$799,125.

Permits issued last week were to: Paul K. Harris for a one story building with two rooms to be used as a store on Washington Street at an estimated cost of \$2,000; C. T. Tripp for a one story residence between 225 and 226 Clinton Street at an estimated cost of \$1,400; N. S. Hatem for a one story servant's house consisting of two rooms and bath at 1006 Washington Street between 10 and 11 Streets at an estimated cost of \$1,200; Randolph Teel for a one story residence with six rooms and bath on the 400 block of Jefferson Street between 4 and 5 Streets at an estimated cost of \$7,000.

To: Bill Edwards for repairs Tri City Motor Co. on the 10 block of Roanoke Avenue at an estimated cost of \$1,000; W. B. Grizzard for a two story residence with seven rooms two baths, and basement on West Second Street at an estimated cost of \$12,500; J. W. Dickens for a one story house with two rooms to be used as a servant's house at 901 Jackson Street between 9 and 10 Streets at an estimated cost of \$500.

In 1947, 990 Americans were killed and 22,000 injured by automobiles with defective brakes. Check your car and check accidents!

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The Kiwanis Club in conjunction with the Senior High Council of Roanoke Rapids High School is rounding out plans for a Career Day to be conducted at the school Thursday, April 29.

The day's program will highlight discussion groups covering 30 vocational fields and will be led by guest speakers obtained by members of the Kiwanis.

Opening the day's activities will be a special devotional conducted in the auditorium at 8:40 Thursday morning. A group of Senior High students will plan and give the program. Special music will be furnished by the Glee Club, under the direction of George Baird, Glee Club director.

Kunis Signed To Manage Jays; Gonzalez Recalled

Local Merchants Plan Special Sale

John H. Lackey, president of the Roanoke Rapids Merchants Association, Inc., issued the following statement today: "The Merchants Association extends to all citizens in Halifax county a cordial invitation to visit Roanoke Rapids on April 23, 24 and 26 and take advantage of the special April Shower Days values."

This special sales event, which will be an annual after-Easter affair, was arranged by the Trade and Promotion Committee of the Merchants Association, headed by John H. Lackey.

Today's issue of the Herald is being sent to all box holders on all rural routes leading into Roanoke Rapids. Towns included are: Weldon, Littleton, Halifax, Jackson, Seaboard, Margarettsville, Pleasant Hill, Essex, Garysburg, Tillery, Enfield, Scotland Neck, Hollister, Palmyra, and Hobgood.

The local Merchants Association, to which 72 different local businesses belong, functions as a Chamber of Commerce in addition to being a credit bureau.

Mrs. Elva Martin, secretary of the Association, told of many civic improvements in which the group is interested. The Association receives many inquiries from firms desiring to establish new businesses in this area.

However, to date, lack of available buildings and land space has prevented such enterprises as a ladies' garment factory, a luggage factory and others from being established in the Roanoke Rapids area.

N. C. Symphony To Visit Roanoke Rapids May 17

The North Carolina Symphony, directed by Dr. Benjamin Swalin, is entering the third week in its annual spring tour. This orchestra, now in its 9th year since its re-organization, has brought good music to many North Carolina towns and hamlets where there are few opportunities to hear the world's great masterpieces of music first hand.

The Symphony Society consists of more than 1,300 members, whose contributions help maintain the orchestra. The State Legislature provides a subsidy that assists in making the free concerts for the children possible.

While on tour, the Symphony features a number of outstanding North Carolina musicians as guest soloists. To acquaint North Carolinians with the talent of these individuals, the Music Committee of the Symphony Society holds auditions and selects the soloists who later appear with the orchestra in North Carolina towns.

Marion Perley of Black Mountain will be featured as harp soloist with the Symphony in Roanoke Rapids, May 17. She has been studying with Mildred Dilling in New York for the last three years, when not on tour with the Symphony, and is the Orchestra's regular harpist.

In 1947, 630 persons were killed and 21,000 injured on bicycles in the United States. On a bike, play it safe!

The signing of Pete Kunis, veteran right-handed pitcher, to replace the injured Stu Martin as manager of the Roanoke Rapids Jays was announced here Wednesday afternoon by officials of the Roanoke Valley Athletic Association, Inc.

Kunis comes to the Jays from Binghamton, after having spent the 1947 season with the Class A team. Pete is well known all over the Coastal Plain Circuit, having played three years for Goldsboro and one with Williamston. From the Coastal Plain League he went to Jacksonville of the Sally League and from there to Elmira of the Eastern.

Kunis was then purchased by the New York Yankees and was sent to Newark of the International League. At this point, the war interrupted his baseball career and he served two years in the Army, 1945-46.

Pete hails from Wilks-Berra, Pennsylvania, is married and has one child.

The new Jays' skipper arrived in Roanoke Rapids late Wednesday afternoon, but lost no time in getting a look at his boys. He called a practice for 7:30 P. M. in order to get some idea of what he had to use in a season that was only twenty-four hours off.

Val Gonzalez, hard-hitting first baseman, who was on option to the Norfolk Tars, was recalled and is now back with the Jays to booster their team for the opening season.

In the starting line-up to-night at Rocky Mount, there will also be two new infielders, for the Jays. Frank Kempf, from Long Island, N. Y., who was purchased from Amsterdam, and Bill Bolick, from Charlotte, N. C., who comes to the Jays from the Norfolk Tars.

These boys, along with their new manager, should give the Jays a well balanced club to open the 1948 campaign.

National Guard Gets Pay Boost

The local Reserve Unit, Company E, of the 119th Infantry, 30th Division of North Carolina has received a five per cent pay boost for Reserve personnel, based on longevity of service, 1st Sgt. Hurley Midgett, of Company E, revealed today.

The new increase stems directly from the March 26th Act signed by the President. It calls for a longevity increase of five per cent for all Reserve members after three years' service.

An added feature of the increase is the provision that Reserve members will receive longevity pay for attending Armory drill under the terms of the bill. Previously, Guardsmen received pay only for the 15 days spent in summer encampment.

Guardsmen will now receive the equivalent of a full day's Army or Air Force pay for each 48-hour drill period and also for 15 days' summer encampment.

Reports received from national headquarters show that the 30th Division of North and South Carolina now numbers 208,345 enlisted men. About 40 per cent of these are veterans.

Sergeant Midgett set the local enlistment strength at 70 men and five officers. Authorized strength for the company is 188 men and seven officers. Thirty per cent of the members are veterans.

This year's field training will be at Fort Bragg, N. C. Beginning July 11, the encampment will last two weeks.

Officers for Company E are Capt. Raleigh F. Seay, Commander, 1st Sgt. Midgett Hurley, 1st Lt. John C. Coner, 1st. Lt. Dick Stambaek, 2nd Lt. Bill Jones, 2nd Lt. Leon Edwards.

O. E. S. Installs Husband and Wife As Worthy Patron and Worthy Matron



IVEY T. MOHORN



FANNIE T. MOHORN

On Thursday evening, April 15, Emera Chapter 119 of the Order of the Eastern Star, held its regular monthly meeting with about 40 members present. Seven guests from the newly organized Seaboard chapter attended. Mrs. Brunette, formerly Ella Lee Taylor, of Tonora, Calif. was also a guest and brought greetings to the chapter.

At nine o'clock an open meeting was declared for the installing of the officers for the ensuing year. About 25 non-member visitors attended.

Mr. Ralph Higgins, Past Worthy Patron of Emera Chapter, was the installing officer. Mrs. Alice H. Miller served as the Marshal and Mrs. Minnie Neal served as the Chaplain.

"Whatzit" Also Found In Canadian Waters Called Mud Puppy

Remember our "Whatzit" picture on last week's sports page—that was caught on hook and line in the Roanoke River by Sam Jordan of Gaston? A recent issue of the Kingston Whig-Standard (Ontario, Canada, carries a similar picture. The weird-looking "thing" that looked like an offspring of some prehistoric monster, was identified as a "mud puppy" by Dr. H. W. Curran, professor of biology at Queen's University.

The Kingston paper goes on to say that "Harmless in every respect, the mud puppy is quite edible, tasting much like that of frog's legs. Equipped with four legs, complete with jointed toes and all, the creature lies quiet during the day and then proceeds on its nocturnal 'stroll' around the bottom of whatever body of water it inhabits. It feeds on crayfish, earthworms and often small minnows. Water snakes in turn find the mud puppy quite a delicacy."

One of the mud puppies netted in Canada, measured close to 10 inches long. This, Dr. Curran says, is an average size but they have been reported over a foot long. The Roanoke River mud puppy measured about 8 inches.

Member of the amphibia family, mud puppies are classified by biologists as neurus maculosus. In the same family are newts and salamanders.

No ... they do not bark.

Police Training School Ends This Afternoon

Final lecture in the Police Training School, under the sponsorship of the local Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, was given this afternoon by Police Chief J. T. Davis. His subject was "Interviews and Confessions."

Yesterday Sheriff H. A. House spoke on "Handling of Mobs and Riots." Fifty-six law enforcement officers from the surrounding area have attended the six weeks course which opened March 1.

Officers Installed

The following officers were installed: Worthy Matron, Mrs. Fannie T. Mohorn; Worthy Patron, Ivey T. Mohorn; Associate Matron, Mrs. Vera Culbreth; Associate Patron, Archibald Meikle; Conductress, Mrs. Louise Hutchinson; Associate Conductress, Mrs. Elmer C. Liske; Secretary, Miss Christine Bush; Treasurer, Mrs. Edna W. Speight; Chaplain, Mrs. Annie M. Wrenn; Marshal, Mrs. Sallie W. Odell; Warden, Miss Irene Jordan; Sentinel, Hubert Speight; Ada, Mrs. Sibel Bowman; Ruth, Miss Ruby Mad-drey; Esther, Mrs. Lucille F. Howell; Martha, Mrs. Edythe W. Dickens; Electra, Mrs. Nellie Higgins. (Continued on page sixteen)

Home Economist Will Talk On Frozen Foods In Halifax Thursday

Miss Nita Orr, Home Economist in Food Conservation with the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service Division, will give a lecture and practical demonstration on the preparation of fruits and vegetables for freezing Thursday, April 29, at 2:30 p. m. in the auditorium of the Educational Building in Halifax.

The meeting was arranged by Miss Florence Cox, Halifax County Home Demonstration Agent.

Miss Orr will discuss the advantages of using frozen foods and will include locker planning and utilization in her talk.

Persons interested in frozen foods are invited to attend.

More than 90 per cent of all automobile accidents in 1947 involved cars with no apparent mechanical defects. Drive carefully!

FOUR GENERATIONS



Shown above are four generations of the family of Mrs. Mary Jane Hasty, city. They include her son, Willie Joe Hasty; her granddaughter, Mrs. Lenie C. Small, and her great-granddaughter, Janie Faye Small, all of Roanoke Rapids.

Candidates Throw Hats In Ring For May 29th Primary

Postoffice Lobby To Open Nights

Postmaster L. G. Shell announced yesterday that the lobby of the Roanoke Rapids postoffice will remain open all night, every night, as of April 21. The Postal Department in Washington has just granted this special privilege, not usually accorded postoffices unless a postal employee is on duty through the night.

In the past the local postoffice has closed its doors at 9 o'clock each evening. Now, however, nightworkers, out-of-town salesmen and visitors who have postoffice boxes or who wish to mail letters and packages at night, can do so at any time.

In making the announcement Postmaster Shell lauded the local police department's cooperation in the matter, saying that it was due to good police protection that such a service could be rendered to Roanoke Rapids citizens.

Union Election At Mill Delayed

On March 26 the Textile Workers Union of America, CIO, petitioned the National Labor Relations Board for an election at the Patterson Mill. The NLRB called for a joint conference to be held Thursday, April 15.

The company, however, declined to meet with the union in joint conference last Thursday, giving as its reason, according to NLRB field examiner Martin L. Ball, Jr., that it was not the company's policy to meet with unions unless they were certified by the NLRB.

TWUA Director Toby E. Mendes stated that the Patterson Mills Co. did meet in joint conference with the union in Nov. 1946 and at that time agreed to a consent on stipulation election, which election was (Continued on page sixteen)

Senior High Council To Open School Pool

The Senior High Council of Roanoke Rapids High School is completing arrangements to open the high school swimming pool every Friday night from 7:30 until 9 o'clock the coming summer season.

Dancing in the school gymnasium will be available to those who do not care to swim, and cold drinks and candy will be sold.

Danny Cagle, with the aid of another faculty representative to be chosen each week, will be in charge of arrangements.

Branch To Operate Williams Funeral Home

Mr. W. C. Williams, owner of the Williams Funeral Home, city, issued the following statement today:

"On account of my health I find it necessary to be relieved of all business responsibilities for a period of one year. During my absence Mr. Edwin B. Branch of Enfield, will operate the Williams Funeral Home in the same manner and under the same name in which it has operated for the past 35 years."

Dates For Preschool Clinic Set Next Week

Dates have been set by the County Health Department for preschool clinics in the schools of Roanoke Rapids as follows:

Rosemary School, Wednesday, April 23, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.; Clara Hearne School, Wednesday, April 23, from 1 p. m. to 4 p. m.; Central School, Thursday, April 29, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.; Vance Street School, Thursday, April 29, from 1 p. m. to 4 p. m.

All children attending these preschool clinics are requested to bring with them a copy of their birth certificates.

High School Glee Club Participates In Music Festival At Greensboro

More than 3,000 high school musicians competed in the 29th annual North Carolina music contest-festival held at Woman's College in Greensboro this week.

Appearing before the judge for the mixed chorus finals yesterday afternoon were 2,000 singers, including the Roanoke Rapids Glee Club, under the direction of George Baird. Miss Katherine Dunlap was accompanist for the group.

Judged in the Class C division, the Roanoke Rapids Glee Club received a rating of 3. Following the judging, the Club heard other contest participants and spent the night at Woman's College. They returned to Roanoke Rapids today.

S. W. Dickens, chairman of the Halifax County Board of Elections, announced April 17 that the following candidates have filed for county offices to be voted upon at the May 29 primary:

Register of Deeds: Frank D. Wilson, of Roanoke Rapids; State Senator, Julian R. Allsbrook and W. Lunsford Crew, of Roanoke Rapids; House of Representatives, Joseph Branch, of Enfield; Judge of Recorders Court, Charles R. Daniel, of Weldon; Solicitor of Recorders Court, Robert C. Josey, III, of Roanoke Rapids, and J. S. Livermon, of Scotland Neck.

County Commissioner: District No. 1, D. G. Dickens, C. Macon Moore, Jr., of Littleton; District No. 2, J. R. Wrenn, of Roanoke Rapids; District No. 3, Meade H. Mitchell, of Weldon; District No. 4, R. Lonnie Applewhite, of Halifax; R. Hunter Pope, of Enfield; District No. 5, C. S. Alexander, M. W. Perry, of Scotland Neck.

County Board of Education: Mrs. Sam A. Dunn, of Enfield, N. M. Hockaday, of Roanoke Rapids, C. L. Kelly, of Littleton, Mrs. Treva H. Millikin, of Halifax, T. B. Moss, of Enfield, A. J. Moy, of Scotland Neck, T. W. Myrick, of Littleton, Mrs. W. P. White, Jr., of Hobgood.

Roanoke Rapids Sanitary District Board: R. E. Cleaton, M. H. Hedgepeth and Major C. Newsum, of Roanoke Rapids.

Deadline for filing was Saturday, April 17, at 6 p. m. Though a few incumbents announced at that time that they would not run for reelection, many decided to run again.

Several new candidates threw their hats into the political ring. Following the withdrawal of Wade H. Dickens, of Scotland Neck, for reelection as Solicitor of Halifax County Recorder's Court, Robert C. Josey, III, of Roanoke Rapids, and James Livermon, of Scotland Neck, announced their entrance.

W. Lunsford Crew, of Roanoke Rapids, candidate for the office of State Senator, is also a newcomer.

Minstrel Show Members Invited To Dance Sat.

Everyone who took part in the Kiwanis Minstrel Show March 18 and 19, is invited to attend a dance, Saturday, April 24 at the Country Club from 8 to 12. Al Batts and his Orchestra will furnish the music.

Anyone needing transportation should meet in front of the High School between 7:30 and 8:30. Members of the Minstrel Show cast may bring a guest.

Young Discusses Dangers of Cancer

(Editor's Note: This is the first of a series of 3 articles on this subject by Dr. Robert F. Young, County Health Officer.)

Imagine a killer wiping out the entire population of Halifax, our historical county seat, in the brief span of 24 hours (Of course, you would have to imagine, also, that Halifax had 500 people). But you certainly don't have to imagine that this many Americans actually are killed in the United States every 24 hours by an outlaw, because cancer is the outlaw, and 500 people are his daily toll.

Yes, cancer killed more than twice as many Americans every day during World War II as were killed in combat. The actual fighting war is over for, at least, the time being; however, cancer continues its war against Americans, day in and day out, stealthily stealing into one out of every two homes and relentlessly killing one person out of every eight.

Cancer kills more fathers and mothers than anything sickness. If some of you who are reading this happen to be youngsters, you should know that some women die of cancer when they are about as old as your mother. As a matter of fact, at that age, one death out of every four is caused by cancer.

Cancer not only breaks up homes and brings in its wake suffering, hardships, and heart-rending sorrow, but in so doing it costs the American people two billions of dollars, or almost one-third of the total medical care bill for this country each year. This staggering sum is almost twice the total that the Federal, State, and local governments plan to spend on a nationwide hospital construction program during the next five years, as authorized by the historical "Hospital Survey and Construction Act," commonly known as the Hill-Burton Bill.

"But," you say, "we've had enough of statistics. Get on with your story. What is this outlaw cancer?"

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Traffic accidents killed 32,900 Americans in 1947. Drive carefully!