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The Rev. John R. Edwards

People in Roanoke Rapids, especially members of the First Methodist Church, were stunned this week to learn of the sudden death of The Rev. John R. Edwards.

Rev. Edwards, served his church well, in many ways. Only this past Sunday he made a plea on behalf of a local young man who is studying to become a minister. He urged members of his congregation to assist in sending this young man to the conference at Lake Junaluska for training and inspiration. He pointed out that so few young men are interested in becoming ministers. Rev. Edwards was vitally interested in the youth of our city.

It has been the privilege of some of the new members of the Herald staff to know Rev. Edwards though briefly. There was a friendly, helpful, interested way about this man. It made one feel that he would be welcome to come to worship at his church.

The First Methodist Church, has lost a good pastor and this community has lost a good citizen.

Way Should Be Clear To Protect Public

The numerous threatened strikes and those already in existence in this country should show the necessity as never before for fair and just legislation that could be invoked to lead to a definite settlement of all disputes.

As a matter of fact, employees and employers should be able to settle their problems without all this pushing, shoving, loss of time and wages, slowing up of production and harassment of the general public.

It is just smart business for the employer to pay as high wages as possible and the employee to turn out just as much production as possible. On that basis all would benefit. When one side tries to "take" the other, everyone loses.

The action taken by the federal court in Washington to prevent the threatened railroad strike was within the bounds of a statutory law. If it had been necessary for the government to proceed against the unions, all the power the administration possesses could have been brought to bear on the case to compel obedience to the court order in performing an imperative service for the people and the nation.

Regardless of the differences of opinion as to the rights of either management or labor, that was the proper thing to do since it made it possible to avert a situation that could have been calamitous to the entire population. Government cannot ignore such situations, and it should not be without instruments of power with which to control situations menacing to the nation and the people as a whole.

By all means let there be fair, just settlements of the controversies between workers and management in every labor dispute. We believe that such settlements are always possible. Somewhere between the extremes of any situation, agreement can be found. It is there if both sides honestly wish to find it, and make steadfast efforts to do so.

It is the duty of the Congress and the government to provide rules and regulations under which justice can be done to both sides of every labor controversy.

Let's Buy Bonds Again

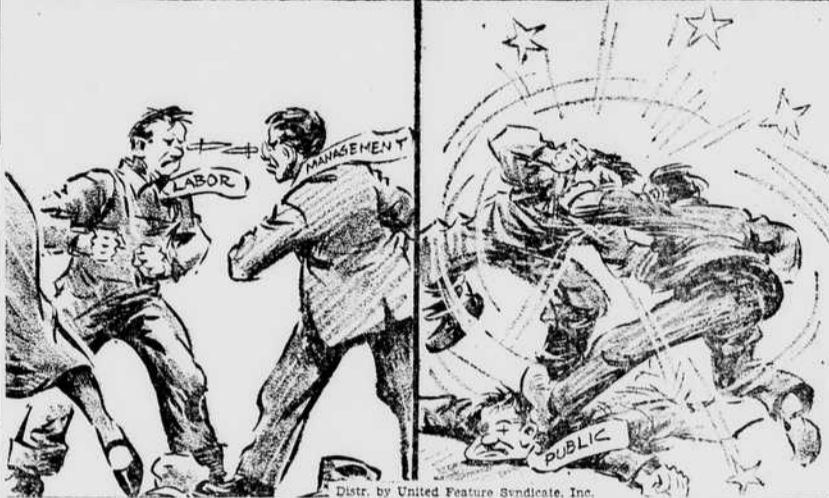
The campaign of the Government to persuade Americans to purchase Government bonds was instigated with the hope that billions of dollars will be added to family savings.

We do not hesitate to recommend that families, or individuals, purchase the bonds of the Government. In the first place, the investment will be safe and, in the second place, every dollar put into such savings decreases the spending money available.

While there will be many families in Halifax County who will not buy any of the savings bonds of the Government, there will be many others to make such purchases. These will postpone present purchases for future buying and, we have no doubt, the wisdom of such action will become abundantly plain in future years.

It is hoped to double the normal sales of savings bonds in the second quarter of this year. In the first three months \$1,228,982,000 in bonds were sold. Redemptions during the same period totaled \$992,945,000, leaving net saving-investment of \$236,137,000.

BOYS MEET GIRL



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor

On Friday night, May 7, Joseph D. Wall lost his life by drowning in the Roanoke River near Weldon. The body was recovered by friends on Wednesday evening, May 12. The family and I, his oldest brother, would like to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to the many friends who worked so untiringly both day and night searching for the body. Special thanks go to Ruben Daniel, Cecil Edwards, J. C. Leggett, Pete Ferrell, Lloyd Eppes, Elwood Wilder and the many, many others who stayed away from important jobs in order to join the search.

We feel that had it not been for these friends that the body would never have been recovered. The police and authorities

gave very little assistance, with the exception of deputy sheriff outcastle of Weldon. Constable John Dixon of Gaston, Police Chief R. D. Jenkins of Littleton, and maybe a few others who stood on the bank about 4 miles upstream from where he was drowned and gave a few orders, the search was mainly carried on by his friends and fellow fishermen.

The Raleigh News and Observer stated on Monday, May 10, that the Weldon police and Halifax county authorities were searching for the body and planned to drag the river on that day. But we would once again like to extend our thanks to the ones that really deserve it.

Milton Wall
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Roanoke Rapids, N. C.

Prices of feed grains in April averaged about a third above the same month of 1947.

Merchant Marine Day Is Saturday

American Merchant Marine Day will be celebrated over the nation Saturday, May 22. This year's annual observance finds the industry larger and better organized than at any time during its history.

Ranking a poor fifth with others in pre-war days, the Merchant Marine today has one of the largest fleets and carries on world commerce.

Only in the field of passenger ships is the U. S. Merchant Marine still behind its 1939 position, and far below the other leading maritime nations. New passenger liners are urgently needed, the AMMI stressed.

As of May 1, the active United States merchant fleet consisted of 2,000 vessels. Of this total, 1,160 were privately owned, the

Names Of 20 Roanoke Rapids Citizens Drawn For Supreme Court

The names of twenty Roanoke Rapids citizens have been drawn to be selected for jury on Superior Court beginning May 31, according to a statement received from the court.

Those drawn for jury the first week of May 31 are: Stanley F. Hutchinson, Wiley Coker, J. H. Mayfield, Marvin B. Singletary, James W. Browning, Harvey G. Saunders, Roy L. Carver, Sandy O. Deaver, Richard D. Cullom, Joseph Craddock, Jr., E. R. Kidd, H. B. Speight, Howard M. Hawkins and Nathaniel E. Lowe.

Drawn for the second week, beginning June 7, are: J. R. Adams, Russell Birdsong, W. T. Alford, O. D. Wortham, D. M. Chestnut and Ira Grizzard and Harold Bloom.

Drawn from Enfield beginning May 31 are: George E. Clay, Ira D. Wood, Jr., Oliver Burt, K. R. Barnhill, Otto Meyer, Albert Tant, Eugene H. Wood, J. C. Whitaker, Willard Finch and Ashley Stallings.

Drawn for June 7 from Enfield are: B. O. Bobbitt, Ben Stephenson, A. C. Hudgins, Ben Jamon L. Ward, Charlie Hunt, A. T. Meyer, Willie H. Brown and Ralph Cuthrell.

Drawn from Weldon for the first week are: W. E. Sullivan and W. S. Summerell. To serve for second week from Weldon are Grover E. Howell, M. V. Edwards and B. C. Rochelle.

Drawn from Faucetts are Charles Smith, R. R. Hawkins, L. D. Riggan, E. W. Dickens, Jr. and James H. Sorie.

For second week from Faucetts is C. Wilson Arrington.

Other names drawn are: Richard Kay, Halifax; H. T. Hux, Butterwood; B. S. Jenkins, Littleton; Freeman Myrick, Sr., Littleton; G. E. Judge, Palmyra; D. J. Clark, Halifax; J. R. Davis, E. C. Cooke, Scotland Neck; S. E. Hardee, Enfield; Henry E. Bryan, Palmyra; Wilie Bond and R. C. Shields, Scot-

land Neck. Jesse Vaughan, Palmyra, Sam Brown, Palmyra; Jimmie Morris, Scotland Neck; Willis Weathersbee, Palmyra; E. M. Brown, C. P. Wall, C. K. Whitehead, J. W. Heptinstall, Sam Alexander, Johnnie Barfield, R. M. Allsbrook, Raymond Avery, Scotland Neck; J. W. Heptinstall, Butterwood; J. F. Lawrence, Coconocnara; T. S. Dickens, Raymond Avery, Seta land Neck; H. B. Willey, Halifax; and E. L. Shaw, Littleton.

Bride-Elect Honored By Mrs. W. S. Batton

Mrs. W. S. Batton, Jr., honored Miss Ruby Madry at bridge in her home on Washington Street, last Friday night at 8 o'clock.

Lovely arrangements of roses and other spring flowers were used in the living room and dining room.

High score prize was received by Mrs. L. E. Ready and low score by Miss Omara Daniel.

The bride elect was presented

with two goblets in her chosen pattern of crystal. Miss Virginia Blount of Raleigh, sister of Mrs. Batton was also remembered with a lovely gift.

Attractive plates with strawberry short cake and nuts were served to the following: Mesdames Guilford Lewis, W. G. Bunch, Byron Gurley, Clayton Gurley, Raine Wilson, I. E. Ready, B. J. Dunning, M. C. Newsom, Jr., Claude Cannon, W. D. Debnam, Misses Betty Gates, Virginia Gates, Omara Daniel, Virginia Blount, Ruth Chapman and Ruby Madry.

Bryant - Synder

Announcement is made of the marriage of Calvin Bryant, of the U. S. Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Bryant, of 1009 Franklin Street, Roanoke Rapids, to Miss Johanna Synder, of Paretego, N. C. The wedding took place April 25 in Emporia, Va.

Unusually high prices were paid for green peppers last year.

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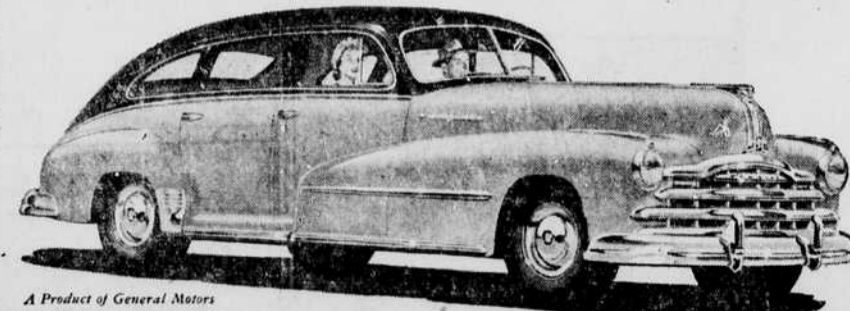
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