

Kiwanians Give Away Six Calves

(Editor's Note: Due to limited space, a more comprehensive story cannot be published this week. Next week, the Herald will carry a feature story complete with pictures.)

One of the outstanding events in Halifax County in recent years took place yesterday afternoon at Chockoyotte Dairy when the first annual awards of the Roanoke Rapids Guernsey Calf Chain were made.

Six deserving 4-H Club members—Lawrence Best of Halifax, Route 2, Wilbur Garner of Roanoke Rapids, Route 2, James Woodrow Hale of Littleton, Route 2, Robert Henry Medlin of Halifax, Route 22, Frank Warren of Littleton, Route 2, and Robert Edward Gardner of Halifax, Route 2—were the recipients of registered Guernsey calves.

The awards were the result of a survey made by the Agricultural committee of the Roanoke Rapids Kiwanis Club, working through and with the office of the Halifax County Agent. Total value of the six animals was estimated by members of the committee as about \$1000.

Members of the committee are: J. Ed Shaw, chairman; W. A. Thorne, Ned Manning, Henry S. Loy, Howerton Gowen, Rives Manning and Graham Dean.

Roanoke Ramblings

VFW Auxiliary Thanks Merchants

Mrs. N. T. Jones, president of the VFW Auxiliary wishes to thank the following merchants of the city who contributed to the memorial window displays at Betty Shoppe and Bunch's Betty Shoppe, Bloom Bros., Rosemary Drug Co., Farmer's, Williams Funeral Home, Wrenn Funeral Home, Bunch's, Woodrow Wright, and Fanny's.

Woman's Club House

The Woman's Club House can now be rented for \$5.00 without the use of the china. China can be used if desired at a small additional charge.

Attends Meeting in Raleigh

Superintendent of Schools I. E. Ready has just returned from Raleigh where he attended a meeting of a committee appointed by the Governor to study pupil-personnel relations in the State's schools. The committee, which Mr. Ready heads, met in final session Monday and Tuesday of this week to formulate recommendations which will be presented to the State Education Commission June 14 through 18.

Banks To Close May 31

All banks will be closed Monday, May 31, in observance of National Memorial Day.

Membership in Rho Chi

Wesley T. Collier, city, was one of 30 students at the University of North Carolina, whose membership in Rho Chi, honorary pharmaceutical fraternity, was announced at annual Awards Night exercises held at Chapel Hill last week.

Coroner Rules Warren County Death Accident

Warrenton, May 25 (Special)—James Thomas Davis, seven year old son of James Davis, Negro of the Afton Section, was fatally injured last Wednesday morning around 10:30 o'clock when struck by a pick-up truck driven by Horace Jones, also colored.

The accident occurred near Aycock's store on the Louisville highway when the boy jumped off a wagon and darted into the path of the vehicle. The force of the impact knocked him about 51 feet and he died in about 30 minutes.

State Highway Patrolman R. C. Dickerson, who investigated the accident, said the wagon was headed north and the truck headed south. The information was given Dickerson that the boy had started to Aycock's store after jumping from the wagon.

The patrolman said he discovered no negligence on the part of the driver and Coroner Edward Petar said that, in view of the evidence, he saw no reason for holding an inquest.

POSTAL EXAMINATION

The United States Civil Service Commission announces an open competitive examination for the position of Substitute Clerk for filling vacancies in the Post Office at Littleton, North Carolina.

The usual entrance salary of this position is \$1.04 per hour. Application may be obtained from the Local Civil Service Secretary at the Post Office in Littleton, N. C., until the needs of the service have been met.

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19 Seniors Participate In Job Placement Program



Pictured above are students taking the paper and pencil test of the General Aptitude Test Battery, part of the High School Job Placement program being administered by the local N. C. S. E. S. office. Seated around the tables from left to right are: Jack Wheeler, Reuben Slade, Annie Erwin, Helen A. Poindexter, Eugene B. Ray, Shirley Draper, Mildred Ferrell, Robert Blake, David Nobles, Earl Waters, Dorothea White, Carolyn Wilson, Doris Barrow, Virginia Scott, Norma Sporhase, Agnes Slade, Doris Hancock, Nellie E. Pulliam, Eddins, high school counselor; Howard W. Winstead, manager of the Elizabeth City N.C.S.E.S.; Fred W. McNeil, Jr., local N.C.S.E.S. manager; Miss Edith Merritt, receptionist; and Miss Kathleen Jackson, Elizabeth City interviewer.

Employment Office Tests Job Aptitudes

As part of the High School Job Placement program being conducted by the local North Carolina State Employment Service, the general aptitude test battery was administered to 19 high school seniors last Monday. The aim of the N.C.S.E.S. is to aid all high school seniors not going to college and who do not have definite jobs in mind to decide on the kind of work they wish to do and to develop job openings for these students by visiting employers in this area.

The high school job placement program, as planned by the N. C. S. E. S., consists of the following steps: (1) taking application for work which includes personal data, education and training, work experience, interest and ambition; (2) Vocational interest inventory which measures the applicant's vocational interest in various fields of work; (3) administering the General Aptitude Test Battery.

By the use of these three tools the Employment Office is able to assist the student in choosing the vocation in which he is most likely to be successful.

The validity of the general aptitude test battery has been scientifically established as a measure of the ten aptitudes found to be necessary to successful performance in a large number of jobs. Aptitudes measured by the test are: intelligence, verbal aptitude, numerical aptitude, spatial aptitude, form perception, clerical perception, aiming or eye-hand coordination, motor speed, finger dexterity and manual dexterity.

The Employment Service cannot create jobs but rather depends upon the cooperation of local employers, stated Fred McNeil, Jr., manager of the local office. In return for their cooperation, local employers who can use entry workers in their establishments, will be sent high school applicants who have definite aptitudes for the kind of work required by each employer.

For example, here is how it works: In order for an applicant to be successful in performing electrical wiring or radio repairing work, he would have to score a minimum of 85 on intelligence, 100 on spatial aptitude, 100 on form perception and 100 on finger dexterity. Needless to say, a number of the Roanoke Rapids high school students tested, surpassed by far the minimum requirements in a number of the fields of work for which they might qualify.

One student's aptitudes indicated that he would be successful in any of the following fields of work in which his interest might lead: electrical wiring, radio repairing, typesetting, hand composing, routine recording work, equipment and material checking; grinding and tool dressing, including hand forging; or visual inspecting; electrical unit assembling; textile, fabric or paper machine operating and tending.

This information, along with other information gathered from the student such as interest, school grades, and courses taken, any work experience, etc., assists the counselor in the employment office in guiding the applicant into a field of work in which his qualifications compare favorably with the employer's occupational requirements.

Interested persons should contact the local office at 100 N. C. S. E. S. Building, Warrenton, Oregon, or the regional office at 100 N. C. S. E. S. Building, Raleigh, North Carolina.

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An Editorial Let's Get Them Off The Streets

"Little Johnnie won't have a home swimming pool this year." (The Herald, June 19, 1947.) He definitely won't have one in 1948 either.

There is a chance though that he can have one next year.

Public sentiment has now been sounded out (See page 10 in this issue) and, while there appears to be no opposition to the project of furnishing some 2000 young citizens of Roanoke Rapids with a recreation center, there has yet to be a definite aggressive move made toward realization of such a project.

If everyone is agreed, then it is up to the civic leaders of the city, whether in or out of municipal office, to take immediate positive steps toward completion of the project (i.e. circulation of a petition requesting the Mayor and Board of City Commissioners to call a special bond election for the purpose of financing the project).

The youngsters of Roanoke Rapids cannot circulate nor sign such a petition—as a consequence they are looking to their elders for safeguarding of their interests in this matter.

Can we afford to let them down?

Annual Buddy Poppy Sale To Be Saturday, May 29

Plans are under way for the annual V. F. W. Poppy Sale here on Saturday, May 29. This sale of poppies is conducted here each year by the members of the local V. F. W. Auxiliary.

Each poppy offered for sale was made by a disabled veteran in a Veteran's Hospital.

All proceeds from the sale of these poppies will be devoted to the following purposes: For the aid, relief and comfort of needy veterans and their dependents, widows or orphans; Maintenance and expansion of the V. F. W. National Home for orphans of veterans; Hospital or individual assistance for needy veterans or their dependents;

Rehabilitation, welfare and service work, including Veterans Administration liaison service; Necessary expenses for military funerals for deceased ex-service men.

Mrs. Mamie L. Camp, Poppy Chairman, urges every citizen to "dig down deep" when they purchase their poppy Saturday. Each contribution will comfort and in some way brighten the day of a comrade less fortunate than those who are at home with family and friends.

It is up to us to see that proud records of our heroes are never lost in history, that those who return from foreign wars may find a helping hand, that the children of men lost in battle and their wives may find strength to help them adjust their lives.

To "Honor the dead by helping the living," buy a Buddy Poppy Saturday.

New York Police Aid In Search For Auto Thief

New York, Charlotte and local authorities are investigating the theft and subsequent sale of a 1941 Buick convertible coupe belonging to Wesley Carver of this city and recovered late last week.

The Buick was returned to Roanoke Rapids Saturday by police chief T. J. Davis from Charlotte where it had been sold to man named Lindsay Davis. When sold, the car was bearing New York license plates; and the sale was consummated by means of a New York state title, Davis reported.

Roads Near City Are Taken Over By State Highway

According to information released to The Herald today by State Senator Julian Allsbrook, based on a report sent to him by Merrill Evans, First District highway commissioner, 22 roads in outlying sections of Roanoke Rapids have been taken over by the State Highway and Public Works Commission for improvement, grading and maintenance.

These roads, many of which are almost impassable in bad weather, are outlets for many people who work in the city. The projects as approved are: In West Rosemary: Vincent and (Continued on Page 20)

Inspection Lane To Return July 1

(Editor's Note—In response to numerous inquiries from local citizens as to why Motor Vehicle Inspection Lane No. 34 was moved from Halifax County to Martin County, the Herald publishes herewith an interview with Arthur T. Moore, Director of the Mechanical Inspection Division of the Department of Motor Vehicles. For further comment, read the editorial page.)

Raleigh, May 25—The Motor Vehicles Department said today it knew of no move on the part of any citizens in Halifax County to have Inspection Lane No. 34, which had been scheduled to go to Roanoke Rapids on May 6, transferred to Robersonville.

The Department added that the lane was transferred solely because of a demand on the part of motorists in the Robersonville area to have access to a lane No. 34, which covers three counties, Halifax, Bertie, and Northampton, has operated in Halifax County three-fourths of the time since it began operations on February 11. The adjoining lane, number 35, has seven counties to cover—Dare, Tyrrell, Martin, Washington, Beaufort, Pamlico, and Hyde—and consequently, with so much territory to cover, the lane has not been able to visit nearly all the towns requesting a lane.

Following numerous requests from Robersonville it was decided to have Lane 34 move into Martin County and aid Lane 35 in its operations.

Arthur T. Moore, Director of the Mechanical Inspection Division, Department of Motor Vehicles, said: "Lane No. 34 was diverted to Lane No. 35 territory, namely Robersonville, in that we are trying to reach as many people as possible and lane No. 35 covers seven counties, whereas lane 34 covers only three counties."

He added that "It is necessary to inspect as many cars as possible in order to collect enough revenue to meet the Mechanical Inspection Division's low budget. Experience has shown that we have better collections in smaller towns on first appearance."

"I have had no request from any citizens to divert any lane from any territory; however, I have had numerous requests for lanes in towns not covered in the original schedule, and am now contemplating other similar moves."

Moore added that there is absolutely nothing unusual about changing the schedule for an inspection lane; in fact, over half the lane schedules have been revised since the lanes started operating in January. He said schedules had been changed in order to include other towns in the visits; and to reach as many people as possible.

As a matter of fact, the Robersonville change made the second time Lane 34 had been changed since the original schedule was mapped out early in the year.

The schedule for Lane 34 through July 1 is as follows: Robersonville—May 6-12; Aulander—May 14-20; Windsor—May 22-29; Conway—June 1-6; Jackson—June 8-14; Rich Square—June 16-23; Weldon—June 25-29; Roanoke Rapids—July 1.

After July 1 a new schedule will be made up to carry through the remainder of the year.

County Exceeds Quota in Cancer Drive Just Ended

Halifax County slightly exceeded its goal of \$3,000 in the recently completed National Cancer Campaign, Mrs. Gordon Berkstresser, Chairman of the Halifax County American Cancer Society, announced today. Total receipts for the county were \$3,017.24, the chairman revealed.

Roanoke Rapids, though falling short of the sum raised last year, raised \$1,558.90, exceeding the \$1,400 quota set for this year. In 1947 the sum contributed was \$1,848.55.

The quota for the entire county was raised from \$2,000 of 1947 to \$3,000 for this year. Towns of Halifax County that contributed, the local chairman, quota and amount received are as follows: Enfield, Mrs. Gilbert Neal, quota-\$300, amount received, \$217.5; Halifax, Mrs. Fletcher Gregory, quota-\$150, amount received-\$184.48; Littleton, Miss Mary Pippin, quota-\$150, amount received-\$151.00; Roanoke Rapids, Mrs. T. J. Taylor, quota-\$1,400, amount received, \$1,558.90; Scotland Neck, Mrs. C. H. Smith, quota-\$500, amount received-\$575.46; Weldon, S. D. Brown, quota-\$500, amount received-\$329.90.

Mrs. Berkstresser said that chairmen of the sections not reaching last year's quota have assured her that they will continue in their efforts to reach (Continued on Page 20)



Circulation Manager

Announcement was made this week by the Herald Printing Co., Inc. of the appointment of Miri Crosby of Tallahassee, Florida, as circulation manager for the Roanoke Rapids Herald.

Mr. Crosby, formerly assistant circulation manager of the Tallahassee News-Democrat, has been in newspaper circulation work since the age of 12, when he started handling a newspaper route.

Married and the father of two children, Crosby has a great interest in the welfare of young boys, teaching them modern business methods of newspaper work.

While attending Leon High School in Tallahassee, he was a member of both the football and baseball teams.

Class of '48 Will Graduate Tomorrow

Eighty seniors of the Class of 1948 will be awarded their diplomas tomorrow night at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium. Delivering the commencement address will be the Rev. Robert W. Bradshaw, pastor of the Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church in Greenville.

The High School Band, under the direction of George Baird, will play the processional, "Pomp and Circumstance" (E-flat) for seniors to make their entrance dressed in their traditional caps and gowns. Invocation will be given by the Rev. Edmund Berkeley, rector of All Saints Episcopal Church.

The High School Chorus will sing "Onward Christian Soldiers" (Gould-Sullivan), and Claudius Irby, president of the Senior Class, will introduce the speaker. Special announcements will be made by Principal Talley.

Presentation of diplomas will be made by W. L. Medlin, Chairman of the Board of School Trustees. Following the awarding of diplomas, the graduates will march out of the auditorium with the playing of "Pomp and Circumstance" by the band.

Special awards were made to outstanding students last night during the Class Night exercises given in the auditorium. Principal Talley made the following awards: Music, Jerry Kidd; Scholarship, Jeanette Shearin;

CIO Leader Speaks On Southern Drive

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Twice A Week

With the installation of additional equipment and appointment of additional personnel, the publishers are pleased to announce that the Herald will become a semi-weekly on June 8th. Publication days will be Tuesdays and Thursdays.

New correspondents recently added to the staff who will represent the Herald in their respective communities are as follows: Mrs. Selma Johnston, Littleton; Mrs. Leonard Daniel, Warrenton; Mrs. J. Milton Read, Halifax; Mr. C. Kitchin Ramsay, Jackson; and Mrs. L. H. Martin, Rich Square.

Mrs. W. L. A'ston, Weldon and Miss Katie W. Riddick Enfield, have represented the Herald in their communities for several years. These correspondents will be pleased to have your news, subscriptions, advertising or commercial printing.

No License Examiner

With the resignation of Irwin K. Weeks, the position of drivers license examiner for Roanoke Rapids and vicinity has been vacant since Monday.

Corporal Logan B. Lane of the Highway Patrol advises that there will probably be another examiner here by next Monday and persons are asked not to request an examination by the local police department personnel.

Cemetery Lots

Lots in the newly completed Cedarwood Cemetery are now offered for public sale, according to Mrs. Dorothy A. Shearin, City Clerk. Prices range from \$200 to \$600. Anyone interested in making purchases may do so at the City Clerk's office.

BURGLARY AT AFTON

Warrenton, May 25 (Special)—A store in Afton belonging to J. K. Pinnell was entered on Friday night with a considerable amount of cash being taken from the cash drawer and a box containing insurance money collected that day by Macon Beavis, a clerk in the store, also removed. Cigarettes, shoe polish and other small items were also reported missing. Police have as yet uncovered a clue in the case.