

Roanoke Ramblings

"Prima Vera"
Johnny Crutchfield of the Easy Pay Furniture Co., really knows his furniture. He knows a dining room suite from a living room suite and can even tell you the kind of wood that went into the manufacture of each. That fact can be proven (or disproven) by the following incident that took place not long ago. A bedroom suite was purchased from Johnny and a few days later the purchaser dropped into the store and approached Johnny. "Mr. Crutchfield," he said, "a lot of people have admired my bedroom suite but they want to know what kind of wood it's made from." Johnny, being the practical joker he is and not wanting to miss out on a laugh, thought for a minute and said, "Well, I'm not sure but I think it's made from Prima Vera." The fellow looked at him for a moment then walked across the store to Johnny Wilbourne, the bitter-half of "Easy Pay." "Mr. Wilbourne," he said after telling Johnny of the conversation between Johnny Crutchfield and himself, "what's that feller trying to do, pull my leg? Don't he know that Prima Vera is Spanish for 'Springtime'?"
When you gonna start brushing up on your French, Johnny?

Assigned to Guam
Pfc. Donald K. Hux of Roanoke Rapids is currently assigned to the 46th Fighter Wing, Guam. He is working in the Crash Crew, North West Field. Hux was assigned to the 46th in November, 1947. He enlisted at Fort Bragg, N. C., in February, 1946, and took his basic training at Keesler Field, Miss. He worked at Roanoke Mills, Inc., before entering the air force.

Davidson Graduate
Fitzhugh T. Read, Jr., of Warrenton was graduated from Davidson College May 24th at the school's 112th Commencement Exercises. He was awarded the Bachelor of Science degree with a major in the field of Economics by Dr. John R. Cunningham, president of the college. During his undergraduate career, Read was a member of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity, Court of Control, Pan-Hellenic Council. He returned to Davidson to finish his schooling after serving in the United States Army.

Tickets! Tickets! Tickets!
If you have not already made plans to attend the big benefit party sponsored by the Woman's Club at the club house on Jackson Street Friday night at 8 o'clock, call Mrs. I. E. Ready, Mrs. Edwin Akers, Mrs. D. E. Bennett or any member of the club and secure your ticket. There will be prizes for each table donated by the merchants of the city. Delicious refreshments donated by the Credle Doughnut Shop and Lindale Dairies will be served. Come and help make this affair a success.

Returns From Greece
James Papadias, son of George Papadias, one of the proprietors of the Puritan Cafe in Warrenton, has returned to the United States from Athens, Greece with his bride, the former Miss Helen Strogelos of Athens; his mother, Mrs. Bessie Papadias; and his sister, Miss Louise Papadias. They are spending some time in Warrenton. The bridegroom is well-known in Warrenton, having worked at the Puritan Cafe prior to entering the U. S. Army and having visited there frequently since being discharged as a sergeant.

Special Recognition
Alton Finch, of Roanoke Rapids, received special recognition in dramatics at East Carolina Teachers College, Greenville last week. Members of the Teachers' Playhouse presented two workshop plays and a "Laurel Award" ceremony, during which days were made recalling high spots in the players' program for 1947-48.

On Reunion Committee
John B. Dunn, city, is on the reunion committee of the State College Class of 1928 which will observe its 20th anniversary celebration June 11 and 12 in Raleigh. The class is composed of about 300 members.

Paperworker Vote 9 And 10

An election to determine who has the bargaining rights for workers at the Halifax Paper Corporation's Roanoke Rapids plant will be held on June 9th and 10th, the Herald learned today.
Representatives of the United Paperworkers of America, CIO, said that the International Brotherhood of Papermakers, American Federation of Labor, had recently petitioned for an election and the date for the election was decided at a conference between representatives of the rival unions on May 25th.
The workers are at present represented by the CIO union.

What Roanoke Rapids Makes — Makes Roanoke Rapids

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Voting Locally Average

Three Counties Returns Almost Agree With Entire State's

Unofficial tabulation for Halifax County (by precinct) will be found on the editorial page.
Halifax County gave Broughton 3371 votes for a short term and 3375 for a long term compared to 2954 and 2858 for William B. Umstead, unofficial tabulations from last Saturday's primary reveal.
Northampton County gave Umstead 1773-1737 to former Governor J. M. Broughton's 1708-1702. This was an official tabulation, as are the following from Warren County: (short term)-Broughton, 1529; Umstead, 1340; (regular term)-Broughton, 1572; Umstead, 1292.

Local Races of Interest
But the big interest in the three counties centered on the local races. In Halifax County, a very close race between incumbent State Senator Julian R. Allsbrook, the victor, and first-time office seeker W. Lunsford Crew, both Roanoke Rapids attorneys, caught the attention of most voters. An example of the closeness of this race is found in Roanoke Rapids, where unofficial returns give Crew 1374 votes to Allsbrook's 1371. Allsbrook polled a total of 3844 votes in the county's 17 precincts to 3206 for Crew.

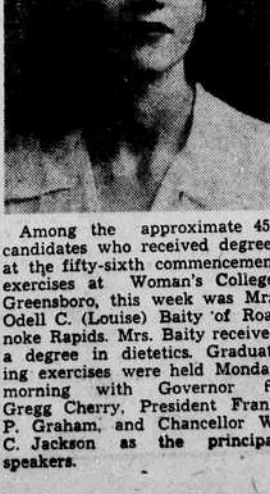
Other winners in Halifax County races were Robert C. Josey, III, another local attorney, who defeated James C. Livermond of Scotland Neck for Solicitor of Recorder's Court by 3551 to 3163; D. G. Dickens who was returned to the Board of County Commissioners from District No. 1; R. H. Pope, the new commissioner from District No. 4, and C. Shields Alexander who was returned to the board from District No. 5.
The following were elected to the County Board of Education: N. M. Hockaday, Mrs. Sam (Continued On Page 16)

Enfield Family Has Close Call

Enfield, June 1 (Special) — A locked front wheel on a truck threw the W. B. Burchette family into a creek on the Henderson-Vicksboro Road Sunday afternoon, but luckily no one suffered any serious injuries.
The mishap transpired as Mr. and Mrs. Burchette and young daughter, Bryan, were returning home from Henderson in a new Chevrolet pickup truck. While traveling down a hill, the right front wheel became locked, causing Burchette to lose control of the vehicle and it plunged 35 feet into the creek.
The truck was submerged in water with only about two feet clearance when Burchette crawled out through the back window, got the child out, placing her on the bank, and then helped his wife out.
Burchette hailed a passing motorist who carried the family to the Mariah Parham Hospital in Henderson where Mrs. Burchette and Bryan were kept for treatment. The child was badly cut on her legs.

WC Graduates

Among the approximate 450 candidates who received degrees at the fifty-sixth commencement exercises at Woman's College, Greensboro, this week was Mrs. Odell C. (Louise) Baity of Roanoke Rapids. Mrs. Baity received a degree in dietetics. Graduating exercises were held Monday morning with Governor R. Gregg Cherry, President Frank P. Graham, and Chancellor W. C. Jackson as the principal speakers.



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Halifax Traveling Library Begins Tour



Mrs. Gay H. Spivey, county librarian and Miss Alberta Wallace of the Halifax County Public Library staff show off the county's newest purchase, a bookmobile. There are four separate sections of shelving on the outside of the bookmobile and books also line the shelves on the inside. Mrs. Susie H. Read, driver of the bookmobile, was unable to be present when this picture was made.

Grand Jury Finds Conditions Are Generally Good

The Halifax County Grand Jury presented its written report to Judge Clawson L. Williams, Judge Presiding, this week and found conditions in the county improved over their last inspection.
A completely remodeled county jail greeted the jurors in Halifax and jails at Weld on Scotland Neck, Littleton, and Roanoke Rapids were all given passing marks of the inspection. Signed by Morton Farber, foreman, the report reads generally as follows:
"We, the Grand Jury for Halifax County, do respectfully report we have passed on all bills brought to our attention to the best of our ability.
We have inspected the County offices and find all in excellent condition, so far as we are able to determine.
The following places and buildings of the county were inspected by the Grand Jury and our findings are respectfully submitted as follows:
County School Busses: At the present time ten busses from the county schools which have closed (Continued On Page 16)

Local Negro Gets Life In Prison

John Brown, city street department employee charged with rape and first degree burglary, pleaded guilty to second degree burglary and to assault on a female with intent to commit rape in Halifax County Superior Court this week.
Judge Clawson Williams, presiding, sentenced Brown to serve 15 years on the assault charge and to be followed by imprisonment for the rest of his natural life on the charge of second degree burglary.
The charges were the outgrowth of an attack on Beatrice Johnson, Negro house servant of Dr. and Mrs. M. S. Broun of Roanoke Rapids.

New Studebaker Dealership Here

Walsler Motors, authorized Studebaker automobile and truck dealer, opened for business this week at 1319 Roanoke Avenue. The new firm is housed in a modern building, recently erected, with attractive showrooms and offices, and a completely equipped repair service department in the rear.

H. R. Walsler, owner of the new firm, comes to Roanoke Rapids from Raleigh. He was for a number of years connected with the Commercial Credit Corporation. Walsler served three years in the United States Navy during World War II and is married.
J. F. (Jake) Rentz, with 20 years' experience in the automobile business, and a resident of Roanoke Rapids since 1933, has been appointed service manager for the new firm. Rentz, also a World War II veteran, is widely known here. He was formerly employed by Roanoke Motor Sales.
Walsler said today that he expects to have new Studebaker automobiles and trucks at an early date for showing and sale. "It's the 'new look' in automobiles and trucks," he related, with a broad smile.

Bookmobile Schedule For Summer Is Announced

By Mrs. Gay H. Spivey, County Librarian
The announcement of a few weeks ago of the arrival of a new Chevrolet bookmobile in Halifax County marks a step forward in free book service to the residents of this county. The new traveling library has been on order with the State Department of Purchase and Contracts for more than a year. Through this agency, 78 panel trucks were bought for the State of North Carolina and are being changed into bookmobiles as rapidly as possible.
There are four separate sections of shelving on the outside of the bookmobile with two deep pockets for oversized books. There is more shelving on the inside and all shelves are lined with sponge rubber. The sliding way serves as both a dust protection desk and a help in loading. The capacity of the bookmobile when fully loaded is approximately 500 books. We

were fortunate to be among the first eight counties to receive a new bookmobile. While this is one of the largest counties in the state, every effort is being made to reach as many people as possible. Since the service is comparatively new, it may be necessary to change some of the schedule as time goes on. There are posters in your community. Watch these for the date and time of the bookmobile's trips. We plan to start our summer schedules May 31st and try to visit each stop listed once every four weeks. The summer schedules are as follows:
Monday, May 31: Haywood Community, Mrs. Tom Ellen, Home; Hardrawee Community House; J. W. Johnson Store; Ringwood, Anderson's Store; Glenview, Neville's Store; Mrs. Knight Store; A. E. Smith's Store; Enfield Public Library.
Wednesday, June 2: Scotland Neck Public Library; Palmyra; (Continued On Page 16)

First Tuesday Herald

Beginning next Tuesday, June 3, the Herald presses will roll twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays to give the people of Roanoke Rapids and this vicinity a first class semi-weekly newspaper. First edition will be on the streets next Tuesday.
The increase in number of editions of the paper will see many new features added, and as soon as conditions permit, the frequency of publication will increase even more.
Many changes have taken place in the Herald offices in the past two months. First major improvement was the installation of the big 24-page Hoe Rotary Press on April 8. Since then workmen have been busy painting, constructing and installing new printing and office equipment, so that the Herald has an entirely new look.
New additions have been made to the staff recently. Guy M. Leedy, assistant publisher, has been with the Herald since the first of April. New reporters are Miss Mildred Heston, formerly research assistant and secretary to James L. Wick, author and publisher of New York City, and Miss Audrey Hewett,

Wilson And Long Back On Patrol

John Wilson, one of three highway patrolmen who were the center of a story controversy in this section in August of last year, has returned to the patrol and is now stationed at Lexington, N. C., within 45 miles of his home at Madison.

Warren County Graduates 225

A total of 225 students were graduated from high schools in Warren County last week, with appropriate coaling exercises. Final exercises took place in most of the schools on Thursday and Friday, and Saturday marked the end of the school year.
John Graham High School in Warrenton graduated 35 boys and girls. Norlina High School had 35 graduates plus three others who completed their work since the last commencement and received their transcripts. Mac on High School had eight graduates and Littleton had 27.
The John R. Hawkins High School (Negro) of Warrenton, had the largest graduating class of any school of the county this year. 67 pupils received their diplomas. The Warren County Training School (Negro) graduated 50 boys and girls.

Post No Bills

The Board of City Commissioners this week dug up a little-remembered city ordinance and cited it as a warning for the benefit of whomever it concerned.
Quoting Article I, Section 17 of the Ordinances of the Town of Roanoke Rapids, the Board said "That it is hereby declared unlawful for any person to drive any nails or tacks in the telephone, telegraph or electric light poles or in any house or store situated on any sidewalk or street of the town, except with the permission of the owner first had and obtained. Any person violating any of the above provisions, shall be fined five dollars for each and every offense."
Purpose of the warning, apparently, was an attempt to halt the public display of large pieces of white cardboard with names and other information printed on them.

Warren Registrar Receives Letter Threatening Life

Warrenton, June 1 (Special) — A threatening letter in which \$1,000 was offered for the death of a Registrar has been received and turned over to the proper authorities for a full investigation.
The letter was addressed to Felt Jordan, Negro of Sandy Creek, township of Warren county, and the contents stated that he would be paid \$1,000 if he killed Henry Ayscue, Registrar of Sandy Creek township, between the time he received the letter and Thursday. The name of G. C. Brown, Negro merchant of Warrenton and a resident of Sandy Creek township, was signed to the letter.
Brown has denied any knowledge of the letter and he was (Continued On Page 16)

Halifax Quota Set At \$5,140 For Crusade

Halifax County has been asked to contribute \$5,140 toward the national "Crusade for Children" goal of \$60,000,000 which will be spent in helping to relieve the sufferings of many millions of homeless and helpless children and older persons in Europe, Robert N. Simms, Jr., Chairman of the State drive, announced today.
The North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs are sponsors of the Crusade in the state and will take leading roles in securing from their communities the necessary contributions to assure success of the campaign. The local chapter will undertake the task for Roanoke Rapids and other clubs in neighboring communities will do likewise.
A trifle more than 10 cents — less that the amount spent daily for cold drinks by the average North Carolinian — will be asked of each of the estimated 3,750,000 Tar Heels as their contribution to the state's quota.

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Jenkins, on the mistreatment charges when the case came to trial. Teague was fined \$25 for simple assault.

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In addition to the scores of organizations, Simms said that North Carolinians in every walk of life — bakers and bankers, laborers and lawyers, teachers and truckmen, editors and educators, icemen and industrialists, preachers and politicians and just plain people, have expressed approval of the Crusade and voluntarily pledged their

Recreation Group Organized By City

Nine-Man City Recreation Commission Decided Upon At City Fathers Meet; Scouts Will Paint House Numbers On Curbing

A nine-man city recreation commission has been decided upon by the board of city commissioners.
Meeting Tuesday at the Municipal Building, the members decided that George N. Taylor and W. Howard Pruden, previously appointed co-chairmen, should have members from the following organizations on the commission: one each from the City of Roanoke Rapids, the Health Department, Rosemary Mfg. Co., the churches, the Virginia Electric & Power Co., Halifax Paper Corp., Merchants Association - Civic Clubs combined, and the schools.
Each organization listed will appoint its own representative, it was stated and the first meeting will be held after all appointments have been made.
Amend City Ordinance
In other business, the city fathers amended the city ordinance regarding closing of pool rooms in the city. Passed originally on July 1, 1947, the ordinance required that all pool rooms be closed at 11:30 p. m. with all people cleared by 12:00. By virtue of the amendment, the pool rooms will be allowed to remain open until 1:30 a. m. on Saturday mornings with people having to be cleared out by 2:00 a. m.

Out Under Bond

Rumors that Cleveland Smith of Garysburg had shot and killed a man spread throughout Halifax and Northampton County Tuesday afternoon, but it so happened they were false.
According to Highway Patrol Corporal Logan B. Lane, Smith and Lloyd Joyner of Roanoke Rapids had a slight disagreement and Smith knocked him out with his fist.
Arraigned in Justice of Peace Court in Conway, Smith and Joyner paid small fines for disorderly conduct and Smith paid a fine for simple assault — then they left.
Both men are under heavy bonds in connection with charges of passing counterfeit money late in April of this year. They also face charges of assault with a deadly weapon and highway robbery in Cumberland county, with their trial slated for September and they also are under bond for appearance in Federal District Court in Raleigh to face the passing counterfeit money charges.
The men were arrested Tuesday by Constable Cole of Conway, assisted by Corporal Lane.

Weldon Man Held In Edgecombe

A 21 year old white resident of Weldon, identified by arresting officers as Barney Dale, is in Edgecombe county jail at Tarboro this week without privilege of bond and faces trial on a charge of first degree rape.
Arrest of the youth by Weldon police chief P. R. Kitchin and State Highway Patrol Corporal Logan B. Lane followed the action of the Edgecombe County Grand Jury in returning a true bill against him on the charge. After a capias was sent to local authorities, he was apprehended and returned to Tarboro.
According to the officers, the crime occurred in the Edgecombe County seat late last week.

Ensign Myrick



State Board Announces Teacher List

The allotment of teachers for the Halifax County Administrative Unit made by the State Board of Education is 253 for the 1948-1949 school term, or one more than the number employed last year.
The allotment of white personnel by districts is as follows: District No. 1 (Aurelian Springs, Hollister, Darlington), elementary-11, high school-5, total-16; District No. 11 (William R. Davie), elementary-10, high school-3, total-13; District No. III (Scotland Neck), elementary-12, high school-6, total-18; District No. IV (Hobgood), elementary-4, high school-0, total-4; District No. V (Enfield), elementary-11, high school-5, total-16; District No. VI (Halifax), elementary-3, high school-0, total-3.
Total allotment of white personnel for the county is elementary-51, high school-19, making the total 70.
The allotment of colored personnel by districts is as follows: District No. I, elementary-31, high school-0, total-31; District No. II, elementary-23, high school-5, total-28; District No. III, elementary-37, high school-8, total-45; District No. IV, elementary-13, high school-0, total-13; District No. V, elementary-45, high school-6, total-51; District No. VI, elementary-15, high school-0, total-15.
Total colored allotment is elementary-164, high school-19, making a total of 183.
White and colored allotments together total elementary-215, high school-38, making a grand total of 253.
The following lists all changes in the number of teachers allotted for 1948-49: District No. I, one less white elementary and two less colored elementary; District No. II, one more white elementary; District No. III, one more white elementary and one more colored high school; District No. IV, no change; District No. V, one more white high school and one more colored high school; District No. VI, one less colored elementary.
The teachers were allotted on the basis of the best six months' attendance of the first seven months of school.

Newsboy Meeting

Circulation Manager Mirl Crosby announces that an important meeting of Herald sales boys will be held Saturday morning at ten o'clock.
All present sales boys are urged to attend as are any other boys who are interested in handling Herald routes.
The meeting will be held at the Herald office.