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Roanoke Ramblings

An Explanation—

Perhaps several people noticed the discrepancy between the editorial on the county commissioners and the tax rate increase in Tuesday's paper. It was not an error, but was one of those things which happen at a time when it is better to leave things as they are than it is to change them in a newspaper.

What happened is this: At the meeting Monday the commissioners passed a motion which increased the tax rate rate 25 cents, 17 cents going to the schools and 8 cents to the general county fund.

Tuesday about 10 a. m. the county auditor called to say that the tax rate increase would be divided 20 cents for the schools and five cents for the general county budget.

The editorial was already in the paper and on the press and it would have been difficult to change it.

Herald Advertising pays—

A local merchant inserted an ad in Tuesday's Herald advertising picture frames. The same ad was to have been run on Thursday, but he called Wednesday morning about 10 a. m. and said that we'd have to take the ad out because he'd sold all of the picture frames.

OES District Deputy

Will Nelson was appointed District Deputy Grand Patron of the Royal Force District of the Order of the Eastern Star at a Grand Chapter meeting held recently in Asheville.

Jaycees Auction Success

Carlton Cannon reports that the Jaycees netted approximately $210 in their charity auction sale last Saturday. Cannon was chairman of the committee in charge of the sale. Other members on the committee were Jack Vincent and Arnold Hughes.

260 Children

Two hundred and sixty young people were enrolled in the Daily Vacation Bible School that the First Baptist Church has been conducting the past two weeks. Commencement exercises for the group will be held tomorrow morning. The children and the faculty have been enjoying a period of Bible study, recreation and handiwork activities.

Higgins in Florida

PFC. Donald M. Higgins of Roanoke Rapids, N. C., is in a hot climate now, but it probably isn't much hotter now than it has been in Roanoke Rapids for the past couple of days.

Private Higgins is stationed at Panama City, Fla., and writes that he'd like to hear from some of his friends back home. His address is PFC Donald Higgins 142-476-91, Hdqtrs. Squadron A.T.S., Box 182, Tyndall A.F.B.U., Panama City, Fla.

BPWC To Meet

The Business and Professional Woman's Club will hold its regular business meeting at 7:30 tonight at the Peacock Beauty Salon.

Gala Street Dance Planned July 5th

Hendersonville, N. C.—This "dancingest town in the U. S." will launch its 1948 dance season with a gala street dance Monday July 5th, with several thousand people tripping down the main drag. In addition to townsfolk and tourists now here, there will be many skilled mountain dancers, since both square and round dancing will be featured. Bascom Lamar Lunsford, the "minstrel of the Appalachinas," recently featured in SATURDAY EVENING POST, will be on hand.

Preceding the dance, a special corps of street-cleaners—Hendersonville's beauty brigade, will drive the town's new fire-truck down the streets, flushing them, and scrubbing them clean.

Square dance teams, clog-dancers, and other specialists will give exhibitions between the public dancing. Street dances will be held each Monday night thereafter.

New Demonstration Agent Assumes Duties In Perquimans County

Jackson—Miss Nina Page Braswell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Lewis Braswell, assumed duties as home demonstration agent in Perquimans County Wednesday, June 16.

Miss Braswell, who taught home economics in Rich Square High School, graduated from Woman's College of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in 1947. For the past few weeks she has been working closely with Mrs. John Price, Northampton County home demonstration agent.

Miss Braswell's mother is active in home demonstration work in the county, and her father is superintendent of the county home.

DDT Spraying Crew To Cover City; Home Owners Urged To Cooperate In War Waged On Malaria Mosquitos

DDT house-to-house spraying of the city began this week, according to Ben Lancaster, supervisor of the Roanoke Rapids Mosquito Control Program.

The malaria mosquito spraying crew, which hopes to DDT every home in Roanoke Rapids within the next five to seven weeks, is under the supervision of Henry White of the U. S. Public Health Service.

The Roasmary Mfg. Co., Roanoke Mills, and Patterson Mills will be in charge of spraying all houses in their respective villages. The city will be in charge of spraying all houses not on mill property.

Furnished Free

The U. S. Public Health Service, which furnishes the DDT and does the spraying free of charge, urges that all homes in the city be sprayed in order to combact malaria mosquitoes, flie roaches, fleas, and all other sisease-spraying insects.

Directions Given

Lancaster said that a member of the spray crew will come the day before to tell home owners what time the the folowing day he will be in the locality and to ask them to have their home prepared for spraying at that time by:

1. Putting out all fires.
2. Moving everything at least five feet from the walls.
3. Having eight gallons of clean water at the house, if no well is in the yard.
4. Removing the bed clothes from the beds.
5. Spreading all pictures and wall mirrors face down on a table so that the backs can be sprayed.
6. Placing all food, dishes, cooking utensils, and silverware out of doors or close together in the middle of the kitchen in order that they can be covered before spraying.

Lancaster added that if property owners do not want the entire house sprayed that they at least have the front and back porches DDT'd.

Warren County Remodels Jail And Courthouse

Warrenton (Special)—The Warren county jail has had a face lifting. Contractors have just completed the addition of four rooms to the jail with an escape proof cell in each.

Separate quarters have been provided for women prisoners and each of the rooms has a shower bath with hot and cold running water. Steam heat has been installed throughout the entire jail. An isolation room for the sick has also been added.

Under the same contract four additional rooms are being added to the Warren county courthouse. This work will be completed in July.

John Rowland, architect of Kinston, drew the plans for both projects and is supervising the work Loftis and Co. are the contractors. Cost for remodeling the jail and courthouse is estimated at $100,000.

June 30 Deadline For C-D Drivers

Roanoke Rapids drivers whose surnames begin with C or D have less than a week in which to take the new driver's test in compliance with the new Highway Safety Act, passed by the last legislature.

June 30 Deadline

E. P. Davis, local driver's license examiner, reports that there are still many Roanoke Rapids C and D drivers who have not yet taken the exam Deadline for the test is next Wednesday, June 30. After that date, the law steps in—and any person whose last name begins with C or D, caught driving on an old license after that date will be guilty of a misdemeanor and will be fined not less than $25.

June 30, in addition to being the deadline for C and D drivers is also the deadline for the renewal of chauffeur's license.

Four Tests Given

The exam given includes a highway sign test, a road rules test, a vision test and an actual driving test. C and D drivers interested in boning up on the rules may secure a Driver Manual from Mr. Davis or write the Highway Safety Division, Dept. of Motor Vehicles, Raleigh.

New licenses can be secured at the Municipal Building daily except Mondays. Hours are from 8:00 A. M. to 4:00 P. M.; 8-12 Noon on Saturday.

E, F, and G Next

Drivers whose surnames begin with E, F, and G will be able to get their new licenses from July 1 to December 1; said Mr. Davis.

Warrenton Man Drowns In New River Saturday

Warrenton (Special) — Jack Smiley, Jr., of Cherry Point and Warrenton, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Smiley, Sr., of Warrenton, was found in New River Monday after a three day search.

According to reports Smiley went fishing by himself last Saturday afternoon. Later in the day his boat drifted to shore and the young man was nowhere to be seen. Dredging opertaions were begun immediately.

After dragging the river Saturday night and all of Sunday the body was found about noon on Monday. Officers are making an investigation of the death.

Young Smiley, who held an important Civil Service job at the Marine Base in Cherry Point, is survived by his wife and five months old son, his parents of Warrenton, one sister, Helen of Warrenton, and one brother, Berlyn of Plymouth. Funeral services were held from a Cherry Point church Tuesday morning.

The chances for the birth of twins are one in 89, triplets one in 8,846 and quadruplets one in 599,921.

Tough Second Marine Division Tends Its Gardens With Loving Care To Make Camp Lejeune Most Beautiful In U. S.

Camp Lejeune, N. C.—How tough is the famed Second Marine Division Division, but, oh, how tender with its garden! Which, incidentally, makes this home of the battle-scared Marines the most beautiful military post in America.

Few visitors, witnessing the rugged landing maneuvers recently on the nearby beach, can reconcile that picture with the placid post itself, with its sloping lawns, landscaped grounds, tall pine trees and blooming flowers amid Colonial- Georgian style buildings. For flower lovers, it is one of the show places of the South in azalea time.

Ever since construction of the base was started in 1941, a farseeing program to preserve its beauty has been followed. Trees were left standing wherever possible, special beds of fertile soil provided, fertilizer used extensively, and plenty of water kept available. The Marines aimed to have themselves a home to which they could point with pride

The nursery at Camp Lefeune covers an area of approximately twenty acres with a profusion of young trees, plants, shrubs, and flowers of all kinds, including 30 varieties of flowering shrubs. 50 varieties of camellias, huge specimens of Easter lilies.

Over 100,000 azalea plants are smartly arramged throughout the base. Rhododendron, for which western Carolina is famous, adds another touch of color; and dogwood in both pink and white blooms with stricking effects in the spring. Thousands of trees have been planted successfully, including such varieties as maple, pin oak, live oak, sycamors, Japanese cherry, doubelflower cherry peach, holly, crab apple, purpleleaf plum, and huge camelli a trees.

From the main entrance to the center of the Camp, a double boulevard split by a grassy parkway planted with trailing roses stretches five-and-a-half miles into the heart of the base. Here in the middle of the traffic circle is a rose garden of 900 bushes which blooms throughout the summer.

Besides taking care of local demands, the nursery ships out thousands of its products annually to other Marine bases. This year 10,000 azaleas and 200 trees and shrubs were sent to the Marine air base at Cherry Point. Over 1,000 rose bushes and some 200 trees were sent to Parris Island, South Carolina.

And all this is just a beginning. Previously, all this planting was more or less experimental. Now it is known which plants thrive and produce the best effects under the prevailing conditions. Future planting will emphasize the better points and exclude the bad points learned by past experience in an effort to maintain and justify the concession that Camp Lejeune is the most beautiful military post in the United States.

BUTTONING UP A VOTE—Two Stassen supporters, armed with baskets full of campaign buttons, "button up" a vote for their favorite as they stop pedestrians on Philadelphia's Walnut Street. John Pomeroy, Jr., of Mt. Airy, Pa., is the willing victim as the GOP convention gets under way.

June Building Permits Now Total $45,000

The office of the city building inspector issued $18,800 more in city building permits this week as the June total for new home construction rose to $41,500 and building in the other than residential classification got up to $3500.

Total for June to date now rests at $45,000.

1948 Total

The total amount in city building permits issued thus far in 1948 now stands at $2,785,960 with 216,400 of that amount going for new homes, leaving $2,569,560 in other building for this year.

Permits Issued

Permits issued during the past week were: to Rev. G. L. Price for construction of a two story residence on Jefferson Street between Fourth and Fifth Streets with seven rooms and two baths at an setimated cost of $9,000; to J. A. Parrott for construction of a one story residence in Chalonner Park with 6 rooms and bath at an estimated cost of 8,000; to Dr. B. Weathers for construction of a one room garage on Madison and Seventh Street at an estimated cost of $800; and to William J. Whitby to errect a two room garage at 410 Vance Street at an estimated cost of $1,000.

Chemists Seek New Method To Control Insects

RALEIGH, N. C. — Farmers and home gardeners can look forward hopefully to the development of a new weapon to aid them in their never-ending fight against insects.

Agricultural chemists are now working on an idea that may prove a boon in controlling such ground pests as cut worms, wire worms and mole crickets. Briefly, the idea is to mix insecticides with commercial fertilizer.

J. J. Taylor, Florida Department of Agriculture chemist, reported at a recent meeting of southern fertilizer control officials in Asheville that preliminary research work on insecticide-fertilizer mixtures had been encouraging. He told of experiments conducted at the Everglades Agricultural Experiment Station at Belle Glade, Florida.

Chlordane, hexachloride and parathion were mixed with 4-8-8 fertilizer with varying degrees of effectiveness. A report on the initial work concluded:

"It is felt that the preliminary results are promising enough to warrant further study, but that sufficient work has not been completed to recommend insecticide - fertilizer mixtures. If it is found that certain insecticides in combination with fertilizer are effective against soil-infesting insects such as mole crickets, and that these insecticides will not break down in storage with fertilizers and have no adverse effect on yields, etc., then it is believed that insecticide-fertilizer mixtures will have a definite place in our agriculture."

Such mixtures, Taylor pointed out, would reduce labor costs for applying insecticides and provide more even distribution in the soil.

The European corn borer is now considered the greatest menace to the corn crop. Damage in the United States last year was estimated at nearly 97 million dollars.

Man Wanted In 4 Counties For Forgery

More bad checks are turning up in the Rexford Joyner case, according to Police Chief T. J. Davis. Benson's grocery, city, recently cashed one of the allegedly forged checks in the amount of $51.22, and Sydney Gay's grocery store in Gaston also cashed one of the checks.

Yesterday the Fayetteville police placed charges against Joyner for six cases of check forgery in Cumberland County, says Chief Davis, and they asked that an additional $2500 bond be posted.

Joyner is now being held in the Halifax County jail under $7500 bond to wait trial on charges of check forgery in Halifax, Richmond, Cumberland and Northampton Counties.

Picked up by local police last Friday night, Joyner, 25, of Rockingham and Roanoke Rapids, is reported to have forged the name of W. S. Dean, city, to seven checks drawn on the Rosemary Branch of the Roanoke Bank and Trust Company in amounts totaling approximately $350.

He will be tried during the August term of the Halifax Superior Court.

Prisoner Escapes But Is Recaptured By Lane, Luter

An inmate of the Halifax Prison Camp had a short-lived freedom from Tuesday afternoon to yesterday about noon.

A second - offender named Avery Gibson, who is serving 5 to 10 years from Guilford County for highway robbery, escaped from the state highway commission's gravel pit near Summit about 12:30 Tuesday.

The man, who was at that time an honor prisoner, walked off. He had served nine months of his term, according to police authorities.

A search was instituted almost immediately and bloodhounds were brought into the search Tuesday night. A posse of prison camp guards, police officers and state highway patrolmen of the area conducted the search and Avery was recaptured about midafternoon yesterday near Jimmy Davis 'stable on the outskirts of Roanoke Rapids by Corp. L. B. Lane of the State Highway Patrol and Patrolman P. C. Luter of the Roanoke Rapids police force.

The prisoner was returned to the Halifax camp.

Machine Gun Shell Removed From Fish

Morehead City,—A 50-calibre machine gun shell was removed from the stomach of a dolphin caught in the Gulf Stream off Morehead City last week-end and dressed for eating when it was brought into port.

Harvey Hines, Jr., landed the fish. He was trolling from aboard the Sea Raven, one of the boats in the Ottis Purifoy Gulf Stream fleet when the fisn was caught. There was some speculation how the fish, normally a surface feeder, managed to gobble up the machine gun shell. It was assumed that the shell came from a plane in practice over the Gulf Stream and the fish grabbed it as it hit the surface.

Runoff Between Johnson And Scott Is Saturday; Interest Light In Halifax

Roanoke Mills Will Close For 2 Days Next Week

F. C. Williams, president of the Roanoke Mills Company, announced today that the mill would be closed on Wednesday, June 30, and Monday, July 5. All shifts are affected by the announcement.

The Wednesday closure will be to allow the usual semi-annual inventory and July 5 will be in observance of Independence Day, which occurs this year on Sunday.

Local Lions At State Convention

Five members of the Roanoke Rapids Lions club attended the State Convention of Lions Clubs held in Greensboro Sunday through Tuesday.

Joe Hood of Wilmington was elected District Governor of District 31-C which comprises the Lions clubs of Eastern North Carolina.

Attending from the local club were Harvey Woodruff, Jimmy Curran, C. A. Irby, Edward Knott, and Raine Wilson. Mrs. Harvey Woodruff and Mrs. Raine Wilson accompanied their husbands is to the convention.

Extend Deadline For Recall Of Army Reserves

Due to a delay of 90 days before the new Selective Service Act will become operative, the deadline for members of the Army Enlisted Reserve Corps to apply for nine or twelve month tours of active duty at the recruiting main stations in the Craolinas has been extended from June 20th to July 20th, according to a statement issued today by M/Sgt. Elwood H. Boyce, commanding officer of the Roanoke Rapids Army and Air Force Recruiting (Main) Station.

It was first expected the reservists would be needed almost immediately to assist in processing the men brought in to the armed forces through the new Selective Service Act, but the provision prohibiting the induction of any men for a period of 90 days after the Act is officially signed by the President has reduced, to a certain extent, the urgency of setting up the machinery for receiving the inductees into service.

Although the response from Enlisted Reservists desiring tours of extended active duty has been considerable, there are still several openings in each of the main recruiting stations located at Columbia and Greenville in South Carolina and in Charlotte, Durham, and Fayetteville in North Carolina.

Police Continue Investigation Of Pharmacy Theft

The local police department is continuing its investigation of the $1500 to $2000 robbery that took place the night of June 14 at the Roanoke Pharmacy.

The burglars gained entrance in the drug store through a side door on West Second Street and made off with two radios, a number of pen and pencil sets and various other items.

Search for the culprits has been extended to the entire Eastern North Carolina territory, said Chief T. J. Davis, who added that it is believed the robbery was the work of an out-of-town gang which may be well organized.

Gore And Pope Named Highway Assoc. Officers

C. F. Gore of Weldon and J. S. Pope of Halifax were elected unit chairman and vice-chairman respectively of Unit One of the State Highway Employees' Association at a meeting held last Saturday in Ahoskie.

Over 75 members of Unit One of the Association, made up of members from 14 counties, attended the Saturday meeting and elected representatives to accompany officers to the state meeting of the State Highway Association scheduled for Asheville on October 1.

Local Guardsmen To Attend Camp

Local National Guardsmen will go to Fort Bragg, N. C., for a two-week camp, lasting July 11-25, Capt. Raleigh F. Seay, National Guard officer, announced today.

While at camp Guardsmen will receive full honor pay, Captain Seay revealed. Camp training this year will consist of firing all the basic infantry weapons and familiarization with them, he said.

Captain Seay pointed out that men enlisting in the local National Guards before camp will be entitled to attend and will receive full honor pay.

Judge Hears 21 Cases In Tues. Court

Halifax — Judge Charles R. Daniels of the Halifax Recorders court dispatched a total of 21 cases in the Tuesday session at Halifax.

Included in the docket were several assault cases and two larceny cases, as well as several drunks and speeding cases.

Willie Taylor was found guilty of assault on his wife for the second time and judgement in a previous case was carried out and he was ordered to serve six months on the roads.

Elmer Cheek and Johnnie Williams were accused of larceny. Cheek was found not guilty of the charge and Williams was adjudged guilty and sentenced to five months on the roads.

Jake Thorn and Winford Battle charged with stealing some meat from John Smith were adjudged guilty. Judgement was suspended upon the payment of court costs and $15 to Smith.

James Baker, who was charged with assault on his wife, was given 18 months on the roads suspended on payment of a $50 fine and costs of court and put on his good behavoir for two years.

Jimmy Poton who was adjudged guilty of a charge of non-support was given a suspended sentence of 18 months on the roads provided he pay the costs of court and $10 a week for the support of his children.

Solomon Pugh was found guilty of charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor and sentenced to 18 months on the roads.

Jesse Hardy, who was charged with non-support, was given 18 months on the roads suspended on payment of $8 a week to his wife.

Inspection Lane Due In Halifax Next Thursday

Motor Vehicle Mechanical Inspection Lane No. 34 will arrive in Roanoke Rapids next Thursday, July 1, and will remain in Halifax, Bertie, and Northampton counties until October 12, according to an announcement received today from the Department of Motor Vehicles in Raleigh.

The following complete schedule for these three counties is:

Roanoke Rapids—July 1-6
Conway—July 8-11
Jackson—July 13-14
Weldon—July 16-19
Halifax—July 21-22
Enfield—July 24-27
Scotland Neck — July 29-Aug. 2.
Rich Square—Aug. 4-7
Aulander—Aug. 10-12
Windsor—Aug. 14-17
Roanoke Rapids—Aug. 19-24
Conway—Aug. 26-29
Jackson—Aug. 31-Sept. 2
Weldon—Sept. 4-9
Halifax—Sept. 11-14
Enfield—Sept. 16-20
Scotland Neck—Sept. 22-26
Rich Square—Sept. 28-30
Aulander—Oct. 2-5
Windsor—Oct. 7-10
Roanoke Rapids—Oct. 12.

In 1947, North Carolina spent only 1.1 per cent of the total tax collections for public assistance, thus ranking forty-eighth among the states. The national average was 9.0 per cent of tax collections.

17 Halifax Voting Places Open At 6:30 A. M.

Voters in Halifax County will go to the polls again Saturday for a runoff primary which will select the next governor of North Craolina.

The two candidates, and the only two names which will appear on the ballot, are W. Kerr Scott and Charles M. Johnson.

While both candidates have been busy waging their fight for ballots and the governorship in other parts of North Carolina since the first primary in May, the political pot in Halifax County has only been simmering.

There have been reports that both candidates have had their cohorts at work in various parts of the county, but none of the reports have borne any great fruit, when it came to running them down.

The poliical picture around the state has narrowed down to a discussion of personalities between the two men in the last few days and there has been considerable mud-slinging from both sides. Cries of "machine-man" have been leveled at Johnson and some of the same has been heard coming from the Johnson camp toward Scott and his forces.

The consensus apparently is that young Mayme Albright, who made his first appearance on the political scene in the first gubernatorial primary, may hold the cudgel in Saturday's election.

In most counties there are reports that Albright is swinging his forces to the Scott camp. There was an unconfirmed report that Albright's erstwhile workers in Halifax had been aligned for the Scott forces.

Some political observers have even gone so far to say that Albright is in a position to name the next governor of North Carolina. He polled a considerable vote in the first primary and the observers are of the opinion that if he can swing enough of his votees to the Scott camp, which the observers say is evident. Albright's influence will decide the election.

Interest in Halifax in the runoff is not considered by local political observers to be very heavy and there is an indication that voting will be light in the county.

The 17 precincts in the county will open at 6:03 a. m. and close at 6:30 p. m. Saturday.

The polling places are as follows:

Roanoke Rapids: Precinct No. 1, Scout Hut; Precinct No. 2, Fire Station; Precinct No. 3, Rosemary School; Precinct No. 4, McDaniel's Filling Station.

The other precincts in the county are located at: Butterwood, Enfield, Faucetts, Halifax, Hollister, Kehukee, Littleton, Palmyra, Ringwood, Roseneath, Weldon, Connoconnara and Scotland Neck.

700 Cadets Will Visit Fort Bragg

The 82nd Airborne Division is preparing for the arrival of 700 United States Militray Academy Cadets, at Fort Bragg, North Carolina during the months of June and July.

Two groups of 350 each will spend four days with the 82d Airborne Division, getting practical concepts of what makes the Airborne tick. The June group will begin training on 21 June 1948.

The West Point Class of 1950 will witness a battalion Combat Team Exercise on the morning of June 22nd. A formla Ball at the Fort Bragg Officers' Club, as guests of the 505th Airborne Infantry will be held for the Cadets on the evening of June 22nd.

The Annual visit of the West Pointers to the 82d Airborne Division started last summer when 400 Cadets spent two weeks training with the 82d. Their visit here is only a stop in their tour of military installations all over the country.

SUMMER THEATRE

Tuxedo, N. C.—The Lake Summit Playhouse, 6 miles south of Hendersonville, opens June 29 for 10 weeks, presenting Broadway revivals and new scripts.

No Communion Sunday

Communion will not be observed at the All Saint's Episcopal Church Sunday as the pastor is on his vacation.