

Roanoke Ramblings

Molite, Myrtle?

The Crepe Myrtle along Roanoke Avenue is becoming pinker and lovelier day by day. Period. We thought we might wax poetic and even delve into the origin of the flower. But no. Mr. Webster evidently never made its acquaintance and books on nature are rare finds in a newspaper office. The name is rather odd, though, isn't it? Wonder if a gal named Myrtle inspired its name. And how does the crepe fit in? One thing that's certain, it couldn't have originated in Brooklyn—even though the name Myrtle has a certain popularity there. To think of Brooklynite saying to his girl "Jes', Molite, the Crepe's in bloom," just doesn't fit, does it? Any nature-loving reader who has any ideas on the subject is invited to enlighten us on this most puzzling of perplexities.

More Cotton Blooms

Another "first" cotton bloom was brought to the Herald office Saturday morning. This one was found several days ago on Cebon Jordan's farm two miles from Gaston. James and Mary Scott, colored tenants, opera t e the farm.

Warren County Blooms

The first cotton bloom of the 1946 crop was presented to the office of the Warren Record in Warrenton last Thursday morning by Peter Alston, colored farmer of Fork township, who stated he planted his crop the third week in April and has a good stand. (Adds our correspondent—a good stand being unusual in Warren County this year).

The Record, however, had an earlier report of a cotton bloom in the county when the Littleton correspondent reported that a bloom had been presented to her by M. H. Chichester of the Bear Swamp community of the Aurelian Springs neighborhood on Wednesday morning, June 29th.

Special Guest

Judge R. Hunt Parker of Roanoke Rapids was among the honored guests who attended the July 4th showing of The Lost Colony. A record audience of 2,000 packed the Waterside Theatre for the Fourth of July presentation of Paul Green's symphonic drama. Special guests were the Superior Court judges of North Carolina who spent the Fourth at Whaleshead Club at Corolla as guests of Ray P. Adams.

A news story from Manteo said Judge Parker, commenting on the show, was especially high in his praise of the drama. The other judges were also well pleased, the story continued.

Letter 102 Years Old Found Here

A letter postmarked April 9, 1846 was brought to the Herald office Tuesday morning by Walter Mosley of 205 Jackson street Roanoke Rapids.

Mosley explained that the letter had been found by his wife in some old documents.

In a perfect state of preservation, though the ink had faded a little, the address on the front of the paper which served as both envelope and paper was: Mr. John Hawkins, Halifax County, N. C., Westland Postoffice.

Inquiry among members of the Herald staff failed to reveal any knowledge of a postoffice named Westland in the county.

The letter was written by Mr. Hawkins' son, Thomas R. Hawkins, who apparently had recently gone to Haywood County, Tenn. He explained to his father the health of the various members of the family and also gave an indication of the prices for various products of the land in which he lived.

Thomas R. Hawkins wrote, "Corn is worth \$1.25 cts a barrel, cotton 5 cts. to 8 cts. a pound and pork \$4 a hundred." Of course those prices were in effect 102 years ago, in Brownsville, Haywood County, Tennessee.

Mosley said that as near as his wife could determine John Hawkins was her mother's grandmother's uncle, which would make Mr. Hawkins, her great-great uncle.

There was no postage stamp on the face of the paper, which apparently at one time had some seal affixed to it, but in the upper right hand corner was the figure 10 in red which apparently was the postage mark.

EAGLES BRING \$390.

Miles City, Mont.—Pilot-gunners are making money at the sport of shooting eagles from their airplanes. The State pays a \$5 bounty for each of the predatory birds, which have been killing antelopes and game birds. A. R. Tatge bagged 78 golden eagles in two aerial hunting expeditions, netting him \$390.

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Police Hang Out SRO Sign At Jail

There was Standing Room Only at the city jail this Fourth of July week end just past.

Chief T. J. Davis reported it was the busiest week end the local police department has had in more than 18 months. A total of 33 warrants were issued for almost as many charges —driving drunk, reckless driving, drunkenness and disorderly conduct, fighting, auto larceny, assault with deadly weapon and carrying concealed weapon.

Fast Work
Among those in the city jail

is Charles F. Lassiter, Jr., 23, of Newsome, Va., being held in default of \$1000 bond on charges of auto larceny.

According to Chief Davis, Lassiter admitted stealing a four door sedan belonging to George Randolph of Enfield Saturday night at Simmons Park. Davis quoted Lassiter, who is employed in a Raleigh service station, as saying that he took the car at 8:15 p. m. and headed for Raleigh.

At 9:40 p. m. E. M. Spivey reported to the police that the license plate on his car had been

stolen. It was then discovered that the car parked next to Spivey's, the sedan belonging to Randolph, was missing.

A radio message was sent out and at 11:30 p. m. Raleigh police arrested Lassiter who was in the act of changing license plates on the stolen auto, said Davis.

Lassiter will be given a hearing in Mayor's court on July 12.

Faster Still
In the city jail for a while but now at liberty under a \$300 cash bond is Jimmy L. Pierce, Negro, who was arrested Sunday morning on charges of driving while drunk.

According to police, Pierce raced the length of Roanoke Avenue at 7 o'clock Sunday morning at 90 miles per hour at a time when every stop light was on red. He will be tried in Mayor's Court on July 12.

Enfield Student Assumes Duties In 2 Counties

Elizabeth City—Miss Agnes Ellen of Enfield has assumed her duties as assistant home agent in Pasquotank and Camden counties for the next two months.

Miss Ellen will work with the Four-H clubs in the two counties during her two months under the supervision of Mrs. Virginia Harris, home demonstration agent.

Miss Ellen is a student at Woman's College of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and will return there the fall to continue her studies. In 1944, Miss Ellen was a winner of a trip to Chicago as a member of a state dairy-food demonstration team.

County Agent Advises Dust Applications

Halifax—W. O. Davis, Halifax County Farm Agent, today listed several recommendations to farmers about dusting cotton.

Davis said the recommendations are based on field observations and square counts made during the last week of June and the first part of July.

The farm agent said that farmers who started dusting during the week of June 21 should put on three applications of dust. Farmers who did not start dusting before July 3 are advised to wait to begin until July 20.

Davis explained that the investigation had shown that there are very few adult weevils in the fields at this time and that a new generation of weevils will not start their destruction until July 20.

Farmers who begin dusting July 20 are advised to make three applications at seven day intervals using not less than 10 pounds of dust per acre.

Davis reported that five fields were examined on July 2 which had received two applications of dust and four fields were examined which had received no dust. On the undusted fields weevil damage was found in several spots with a large number of squares punched. On the dusted fields weevil damage was found in only two farms and in each case only one to five punctured squares were found.

Davis reported that the first punctured squares were found on June 25, but added that more had been found on July 2.

Frank Thomas' Father Dies In Atlanta

Frank Augustus Thomas, father of Frank R. Thomas, advertising manager of the Herald, died suddenly last night at the home of his daughter, Mrs. D. B. Oliver, in Atlanta, Ga. Death was due to a heart attack. Mr. Thomas was 89 years of age and unusually active up to the time of his death.

Mr. Thomas will leave tonight for Atlanta where funeral services for his father will be held at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

NAMED CASE WORKER

Warrenton—Miss Mollie A. Ferring of Norlina has been named case worker trainee on the staff of the Warren County Welfare Department. She assumed her duties July 1.

Funeral Friday For Sgt. West

The body of Sgt. Curtis E. West, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. West, of 129 Hamilton Street, Roanoke Rapids, will arrive in the city Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, the parents learned today.

Funeral services for the Army hero, who died June 24, 1944 of wounds received in Dutch New Guinea during World War II, will be held from the home at five o'clock Friday afternoon.

Surviving in addition to the parents are six sisters, Mrs. Maggie Capps, Mrs. Virginia Beard and Mrs. Doris Clary, all of Roanoke Rapids, Miss Alice West of York, Pa., Mrs. Margie Belle Jones of Gaston, and Mrs. Mabel Taylor of Greensboro; and one brother, Willie West of Philadelphia, Pa.

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Lightning Strikes Two Warren County Dwellings

Warrenton—Two houses were struck by lightning during heavy electrical storms during the recent heat wave here.

The home of W. H. Wright about two miles from Vaughan on the Eaton Ferry road, was

destroyed by fire after being hit on the evening of June 27th. Wright was painfully burned trying to remove furniture from one of the rooms of the flaming building.

The fire destroyed everything he had except a few pieces of furniture in one room, it was reported, and Wright was trying to remove this to safety when the wind blew the door shut, trapping him in the burning house. The door had to be knocked down before he could be gotten out and he was badly burned before this could be done. Other members of his family escaped injury.

The home of John Allen in North Warrenton was struck by a lightning bolt on the afternoon of June 28th at around 6:45 o'clock.

Although the house was not burned, the bolt knocked brick from the chimney, knocked the stove down and scattered furniture about the house. Continuing its path, the lightning dug a small ditch for a distance of 50 to 75 feet.

No one was at home at the time.

Demo Executive Committee Meet Slated Thursday

Scotland Neck—Eric W. Rodgers, secretary of the Halifax County Democratic Executive Committee, announces today that the committee will meet at the court house in Halifax, July 8, at 10 a. m.

Rodgers said that the purpose of the meeting is to select a member for the Halifax County Board of Education to fill the unexpired term of L. W. Leggett of Hobgood, who has resigned. Mrs. W. P. White Jr. of Hobgood has been elected for the next full term.

Rodgers urged all members of the executive committee to be present for the meeting.

Rexford Joyner Is Removed To Richmond County Jail To Face Trial There 26th

Rexford Joyner was released Monday morning from the Halifax county jail to Everett Terry, deputy sheriff of Richmond County. He will be tried in the Richmond county court during the week of July 26 on charges of check forgery in the Rockingham area.

Since his arrest June 18 by local police, Joyner has been held under \$7500 bond in the Halifax jail on charges of alleged check forgery committed in Northampton, Richmond, Cumberland and Halifax counties.

Following his trial in Richmond County, Joyner will be returned here to await trial in

Superior Court beginning August 16. Seven counts of check forgery allegedly committed in Halifax county have been filed against him.

Plans Made For Meeting At Damsite

Buggs Island, Va.—A meeting will be held here December 10 to acquaint citizens of North Carolina and Virginia with progress of the Buggs Island Construction work, according to plans made in a recent meeting held here.

Members of the Virginia legislature, members of the Congressional delegations of both states, members of the Board of Conservation and Development of North Carolina and the State Planning Board of Virginia, county officials of all counties on the Roanoke River and governors of the two states will be the guests of the Mecklenburg Civic Council of Clarksville, Virginia at the December meeting.

Plans for the session were made at a meeting of citizens of the two states meeting here with representatives of the United States Army Engineers.

The meeting was postponed from early in the fall until December in order to make it possible for those in attendance to see the actual start of construction work at the dam.

Lions To Install New Officers At Meeting Tonight

Harvey W. Woodruff will be installed president of the Lions Club tonight at 6:30 p. m. at the High School Lunchroom. Past Lions President Joe W. Talley will be installing officer.

Other incoming Lions officers who will be installed are: Dr. R. A. Daniel, first vice-president; John H. Lackey, second vice-president; Houston Fuller, secretary; H. C. Johnson, treasurer; Eugene Layman, Lion Tamer; M. C. Newson, Jr., Tail Twister.

During the installation ceremony, Talley will present Lions buttons to each of the top three incoming officers. Following installation, President Woodruff will award buttons to the past three high-ranking officers.

The rest of the program will consist of reports made by chairmen of standing committees. Each chairman will report on his committee's activities during the past year.

Past officers of the Lions are: Joe W. Talley, president; Harvey W. Woodruff, first vice-president; Dr. R. A. Daniel, second vice-president; Charles Wills, third vice-president; Raine Wilson, secretary; Zeb Denney, treasurer; Clyde Martin, Lion Tamer; John H. Lackey, Tail Twister.

BUSMAN'S HOLIDAY

Jamestown, N. Y.—Several firemen, attending a convention here, hired a taxi to follow Chief Rudolph H. Swanson's car to two fires. "We're firemen no matter where we are," one explained.

Carnivals Banned In Halifax County

Halifax—The Halifax County board of commissioners, meeting in regular session here today, banned carnivals from operating in Halifax County, made

appointments to several boards and authorized the employment of a helper at the Halifax County Home, during the morning session.

Scheduled to be considered during the afternoon were easements on the airport property and the drawing of a jury panel to serve during the next term of Superior Court.

Carnivals Banned

The banning of carnivals in Halifax County came as the result of a motion by Meade H. Mitchell, which was seconded by C. H. Alexander and passed. Mitchell's motion directed the tax collector not to issue any licenses to carnivals to show in Halifax County.

Appointments Made
Mrs. C. E. Cotton was reappointed to the Halifax County Library Board for a period of six years beginning July 1, 1948. T. J. Alford of Ronokae Rapids was named a director and C. S. Vinson was named secretary to board of hospital managers for the Halifax County Sanitarium.

On a motion by Commissioner Alexander, Commissioner John Davis and Mrs. Bryant, matron of the Halifax County home, were authorized to interview persons and employ a helper for Mrs. Bryant at the home. It was explained that the large number of bed patients at the home made additional help necessary.

Request License Refund
Letters from J. H. Wsalton of Scotland Neck and Myers Grocery of Enfield requesting the refund of a license tax on fortified wine were read to the board.

Both concerns contended they had sold no unfortified wine and were exempt from the license tax.

The board ordered the tax collector to check stocks and invoices of the two concerns for the past two years and if no unfortified wine had been sold the license would be refunded for two years from the date of the written request.

County Health Report
Dr. Robert F. Young, Halifax County health officer, reported the condition of the county home and general health conditions in the county and received a vote of appreciation from the board for his "continued good efforts at raising the health level in the county."

Afternoon Session

The commissioners adjourned for lunch about noon and were to reconvene for an afternoon session at which time the jury will be drawn and the easements on the airport property will be discussed.

There was an indication that condemnation proceedings might be authorized to obtain the easements on the land, though it was not official and the board had taken no action on the easements during the morning session.

Attending the meeting were Chairman D. G. Dickens, Commissioners C. S. Alexander, John B. Davis, Meade H. Mitchell, J. R. Wrenn; County Attorney Irwin Clark and Frank Wilson, register of deeds, who serves as secretary to the board.

Heavy 4th Traffic But No Fatalities

No fatal automobile accidents occurred in Halifax, Hertford, Northampton or Bertie counties over the Fourth of July weekend, according to Corp. L. B. Lane, Highway Patrol Officer for this area.

Corp. Lane stated that traffic on the county roads and state highways were extremely heavy throughout the holiday period.

BUMP BRINGS MONEY

Wichita, Kan.—After colliding with a pedestrian, Calvin W. Tinsley, 23, a navy veteran, rushed into police headquarters to ask where he was. He learned he was 755 miles from his home, in Davenport, Iowa. A victim of amnesia, Tinsley said the last thing he remembered was leaving his job with a construction company at Rock Island, Ill. He had a list of un-bought groceries, 24 cents in change and an empty billfold in his pocket.

REMEMBER THE KIDDIES.

Winner, S. Dak.—Although George C. McDonald, better known as "Shorty," is dead, he will not be forgotten by the children of this town. He left two-fifths of his estate to build a community playground. Shorty, who owned a small cafe, saved all the pennies he took in each year, and at Christmas time, he would gather up the children and pass out the year's take.

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