

Roanoke Ramblings

July Fourth Twins.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Spraggins of Warrenton will always have occasion to remember the Fourth of July.

Their new children, twins, boy and a girl, will be celebrating their birthdays on that date, they having arrived in Roanoke Rapids Hospital Sunday.

Addresses State Meet

Mrs. W. L. Wood of Warrenton presided at the Saturday morning state convention meeting of the Baraca-Philathes held in Reidsville, Mrs. Wood, who attended the three day convention along with Mrs. W. B. Crinkley of Warrenton, was re-elected state president of the Philathes. Saturday evening she spoke on the year's work of the society.

Get Well Soon

Two well-known and liked citizens of Roanoke Rapids, McRae Faison of the Faison-Cannon Insurance Agency and Murrell Hudson, assistant superintendent of the Halifax Paper Company, are ill in the Roanoke Rapids Hospital. Hudson, who underwent an appendectomy, is reported improving, but Faison, who is suffering from a gastric condition, wasn't resting too well this morning. We hope the weather remains cool so that they will rest more comfortably, and that both will be back among us soon.

Beyond the Call of Duty.

Vacationists in Roanoke Rapids can now leave their homes with a free and easy mind. Chief of Police T. J. Davis says that the Police Department will check the property of absentee owners in the nightly patrol if the owners will give the police a ring (R-356) before they intend leaving town. And should any harm befall the home during the absence, the police will even notify them. Wives can now throw off that worry that the iron was left on or that burglars will loot the family silver. The Chief wants citizens to feel by this added service that they are free to call on the police for help — that his is not just a business of caring for drunks or carrying out the more harsh details of public service.

Amateur Night M. C.

Charles P. Butler, sophomore at East Carolina Teachers College, acted as master of ceremonies at Amateur Night staged by his class in community recreation Tuesday night. An audience of 600 attended the affair, and large number of students and off-campus contestants participated.

3 Whiskey Stills Taken In County

Scotland Neck — Two Halifax County deputy sheriffs spent a busy afternoon Tuesday and captured three moonshine stills in the Scotland Neck and Roseneath Townships.

Deputy Sheriff Dick Bracey of Scotland Neck and Deputy Sheriff J. A. Draper of Tillery, had for sometime been keeping watch on two of the stills in an effort to capture the operators, but their watchful waiting had failed to produce any operators so they walked into the stills Tuesday afternoon and picked them up. Bracey said today that all three of the stills were of the 50-gallon capacity. Two of them were captured in Scotland Neck Township and one in Roseneath Township. The two stills in the Scotland Neck area were both copper stills and one was taken in a woods between Mary's Chapel and Hills Crossroads and the other about one and one-half miles from Scotland Neck off state route 125.

The Roseneath Township still was a 50 gallon steel drum and was taken near Hobgood. Also captured by the two law enforcement officers were three barrels of mash.

Bracey said he had kept the still nearest here under surveillance for several weeks in hope of capturing the operators, but his watching did not produce results and none of the operators have been apprehended.

Bracey said that the still nearest Scotland Neck had apparently been moved from time to time and when it was finally captured was found buried in a ditch alongside the road in an open field alongside the highway.

The Scotland Neck deputy said that a search was continuing for the operators of the stills.

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City Commissioners Talk Street Project; Reject One Beer License Applicant

The Roanoke Rapids City Commissioners in session Tuesday afternoon discussed the operation of taxi cabs in the city, the street projects and sidewalk projects which are under way and turned down one of two applications for beer licenses.

The entire membership of the board was present for the meeting which consumed about one and one-half hours.

The first item on the agenda was a motion authorizing Mayor W. B. Allbrook to sign a contract giving the Seaboard Railway permission to install drainage pipes beneath the company's tracks where they are needed.

Mrs. Dorothy Shearin, city clerk, then reported two applications for beer licenses. One was from Richard E. Lyles, 229 Roanoke avenue. The commission authorized the issuance of the license.

The other license applicant was E. H. Parker who applied for permission to sell beer at a store to the rear of 316 Madison street.

Various members of the commission voiced their disapproval of allowing beer to be sold in a residential area and the license application was refused on a motion made by Commissioner J. W. Sears and seconded by W. H. Pruden and passed unanimously.

The question of the taxicabs came up when Mrs. Shearin reported that the time for the renewal of the city privilege licenses was at hand.

Commissioner W. H. Pruden said that he had talked with some of the taxi operators, both here and in other cities, regarding the operation of taxis. He reported that in several other cities the drivers were required to pay a city license fee and have their picture posted in the cab which they were driving.

Pruden said that in Roanoke Rapids, "The city has very little control over the operation of taxis." He suggested that several of the operators be called to a special meeting and discuss the situation.

The special meeting was set

Large Mercantile Business Destroyed In Tuesday Fire

Scotland Neck — The Johnson Mercantile Company, ownership of which changed hands only 10 days ago, was completely destroyed early Tuesday morning by fire of undetermined origin.

Henry S. Johnson, who succeeded to the head of the business 10 days ago when his father died, estimated his total loss at \$75,000, but said the replacement cost would be much greater than that.

483 Homes Are Sprayed In 2 Weeks

Four hundred and eighty-three homes in Roanoke Rapids were sprayed with DDT during the first two weeks of the current DDT house-to-house spraying campaign. The campaign is being conducted by the city's Mosquito Control Program in conjunction with the United States Public Health Service.

A total of 434 quarts of DDT were used by the crew during the two week period in spraying 112 homes supervised by Rosemary Mfg. Co., 176 homes supervised by Roanoke Mills Co., and 195 homes under the supervision of the city.

The Public Health Service, using a 15 per cent solution of DDT diluted with xylene, hopes to DDT every home in Roanoke Rapids within the next few weeks. Ben Lancaster said the spraying was designed to combat malaria mosquitoes, flies, roaches, fleas and all other disease spreading insects. Lancaster is superintendent of the city's Mosquito Control Program.

In addition to the DDT spraying project, the Mosquito Control Program and the Roanoke Rapids Sanitary District report that during the period from March 15 to July 1, 578,000 linear feet of ditches and drainage system areas in the city were sprayed. A total of 868 man-hours, along with 1,795 gallons of oil and disinfectant, was consumed by the undertaking.

During this period also, 15,000 yards of new ditches were cut and 123,000 linear feet of ditches were cleaned using another 2,024 man-hours in the attempt to combat malaria mosquitoes.

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\$19,020 In Enforcement Funds Can't Be Spent For Any Other Purpose

Chairman John F. Vincent of the Halifax County Alcoholic Beverage Control Board told a Herald reporter today that the separate ABC law enforcement agency would not cost the taxpayers of the county any additional money.

Vincent produced the audit for the first quarter of 1948 and showed that as of March 31, 1948 the ABC board had on hand \$19,020 in a law enforcement fund which could not be used for any other purpose.

Vincent and Manager W. O. Lawrence of the county's ABC stores, who was present for the interview, pointed out that the enabling act which established the ABC board in Halifax provides that not less than five per cent nor more than 10 per cent of the profits of the eight stores shall be set aside for an enforcement agency. This allocation, the law provides, shall be made before any other division of the profits is made.

Vincent said that the proposal for the law enforcement agency which is under consideration would provide three cars equipped with radios and five men, two in each end of the county and the chief ABC enforcement officer would be in Halifax. The board chairman said however that no definite action had been taken on the matter and that it is only under consideration.

He estimated that to buy and equip the three automobiles and get other necessary equipment would cost about \$10,000. This

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Halifax Airport Included In List For Federal Aid

Washington, D. C.—Congressman John H. Kerr announced today that the Halifax County airport had been included in a list of airport-projects to be included in the Federal Aid Airport program for the fiscal year 1949.

The Civil Aeronautics Administration informed Judge Kerr that \$6,500 of Federal Funds were set aside in the program for this project which will be matched by \$6,500 from other sources.

The total of \$13,000 is to be used for the construction of buildings at the airport.

\$5000 Set Aside For Hospital Site At Scotland Neck

Scotland Neck — The Town of Scotland Neck has set aside \$5,000 from the surplus of the water plant operations of this year in order to have it on hand to pay for the new hospital site.

This action was taken last week so that the funds could be utilized from the present surplus and need not go into the new budget. However, no money will be paid out until such time as the full plans of the Federal State Government for the hospital in Scotland Neck are approved and construction is ready to commence.

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304 Citations

Parking violations for June numbered 304. Eighty-three citations were issued to out-of-town motorists, 52 to out-of-state cars. Violations in the latter two categories were excused, said Chief T. J. Davis.

King Funeral To Be Held Friday From Residence

The body of Private Edgar H. King, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vester King, 1330 Washington Street, Roanoke Rapids, who was killed in action in France on July 5, 1944, will arrive here for final funeral services Friday morning.

Funeral services will be held from the home Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock with the Rev. Gordon L. Price, pastor of the First Baptist Church officiating and with the Veterans of Foreign Wars according full military honors. Burial will occur in Cedarwood Cemetery.

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