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Police Take Second Look At 'Hot' Car

Grey 1941 model Pontiac sedans with red wheels have a way of turning up in the Roanoke Rapids area and particularly when they're stolen from Baltimore.

The second stolen car of this color, make, model, and from Baltimore was picked up by local police this week. Earlier this year, another Pontiac, also stolen from Baltimore, and similar in every detail with the exception of the motor number was found by police on a Roanoke Rapids street.

This week's sedan was found deep in the woods near the cemetery. Radio heater and license plates had been stripped from the car and identification was made through the motor number. The car, which belongs to a Mr. Harrison of Baltimore, was reported stolen in that city on July 5. Police have notified the insurance company and a man is enroute to take the auto back North.

Postal Receipts At Warrenton Show An Increase

Warrenton — Postal receipts show an increase in the first six months of this year over the first six months of last year, it is announced by C. F. Moseley, local postmaster.

Receipts for the first six months of this year were \$9590.96 and for the first six months of last year they were \$9275.21, showing a \$315.21 increase.

Moseley also stated that the incoming mails have increased in a greater proportion than the receipts of this office, especially the incoming parcel post.

Warrenton is a second class postoffice in the higher bracket of second class offices.

Elliott Resigns As Member Of Herald Staff

Jerry Elliott, for the past 13 months a member of the Herald news staff, has resigned his position effective July 16th.

Elliott, who came to the Herald from the Robstown Record, Robstown, Texas, said today he had made no definite plans for the future, but that he was considering several offers.

A veteran of World War II, he served five years with the 31st (Dixie) Division including two years in the Southwest Pacific theater of operations.

He came to Roanoke Rapids on May 27, 1947, serving as acting news editor under publisher Milton I. Wick for several months. With increased personnel and equipment, the Herald became a semi-weekly and he was assigned to the post of make-up editor.

Warning Issued On Cleaning Of Septic Tanks

Halifax — Dr. Robert F. Young, Halifax County Health Officer, issued a warning to residents of the county to exercise care in having their septic tanks cleaned.

Dr. Young said he had received reports from two persons in the county about a crew which is using a chemical in the cleaning of the tank.

The health department does not think that the chemical is good for the tank and will possibly damage it.

Dr. Young requested that all persons who needed their septic tanks cleaned to please contact the health department so that the work might be supervised by the department.

Boston To Be Polite To Visiting Drivers

BOSTON (U.P.) — Out-of-state motorists who commit parking violations in Boston this summer will like the way they'll be tagged.

Instead of the customary ticket offenders will find a blue and white "courtesy" tag attached to their cars. One side of the tag will have a picture of Boston's historical Faneuil Hall and a welcome by Mayor James M. Curley. The other side will have a pleasant admonition and affable reminder that an offense has been committed.

P-1 Chinese Nationalist armies seem to suffer from lack of unity.

Recreation Committee Is Named

Nativity Scene In V. F. W. Biblical Drama



The Nativity scene from "The Light Eternal," a Biblical drama being sponsored by the V.F.W. with the cooperation of the Ministerial Association. The play will be given next Tuesday and Wednesday at 8:11 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. This photograph was taken in another city, but the performances here will have a cast of local men and women.

Convicts Free Three Hours

Two convicts who fled from the Jackson Prison Camp road gang near Margarettsville Tuesday afternoon were recaptured three hours later within three miles of the point of their escape by highway patrol officers and prison camp officials.

The two were identified by prison camp officials as Robert Wilson and Grantley Rose.

According to the official report, the two convicts escaped from the road gang about four o'clock Tuesday and stole an automobile from an unidentified person. They were captured three hours later near Margarettsville.

Prison officials said the two convicts would be tried on charges of theft of an automobile at the next term of superior court in Northampton County.

Rose was serving 15 years for highway robbery and Wilson was carrying out a sentence of 30 years for second degree murder.

Davis Attends District Meet

Halifax—W. O. Davis, Halifax County Farm Agent, attended a district meeting in Scotland Neck today.

Farm agents from throughout the Northeastern district of the state were present at the meeting and heard extension workers from State College speak.

DANVILLE DEMOCRATS

DANVILLE, Va. (U.P.) — Danville Democrats, taking only slight interest in a mass meeting, elected a Republican as a state convention delegate.

It was not until after Austin Jones had been nominated and elected that the astonishing Democrats learned he was a member of the city GOP steering committee.

A motion to replace him failed under parliamentary rules.

Wheat Combine Puts Pheat Through College

HUTCHINSON, Kan. (U.P.) — A pair of Kansas youths are combining their way through college.

In the wheat country, where a man can do all right during the harvest season, Tom Weems and Rex Clothier are working their new combine and two-ton truck. They expect to pay for the equipment this summer and have enough left to send them through another year of school at Hutchinson Junior College.

They will combine wheat from the Texas Panhandle to Pollock, S. D.

Come next spring, Dan Dailey plans to make a nation-wide tour in "Song-and-Dance-Man-Dan Dailey." He wants to build a traveling unit of an orchestra and some vaudeville acts and candidly admits that the motive behind it is "to earn me a bob."

VFW Cast Rehearsals Start For Passion Play

Rehearsals for the V.F.W. Biblical drama, "The Light Eternal," being directed by Miss Michelene Penna, got underway last night, with ten local men and women cast in the production. The remaining 24 parts will be given out today and rehearsal will start in earnest for the initial appearance Tuesday in the high school auditorium.

The director is working out final plans for the production with the Roanoke Rapids Ministerial Association, which is co-operating with the V.F.W. in staging the work. Tentative plans are for a matinee performance on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons in addition to the evening performances scheduled for 8:11 p.m. in the High School Auditorium on those days.

Biblical characters in the Joseph Episode of the three-episode drama, were cast last night. Taking the leading role of Joseph will be Bill Jones. His brothers who sold him into slavery will be: Judah, the grasping and artful brother, whose scheming ways led the brother to sell Joseph, James Fannery; Simeon, the cynic, will be played by Elwood H. Boyce; Levi by Dick Collins; and Benjamin, the youngest brother, Donald Taylor.

In the second episode, the part of Moses will be played by the Rev. W. R. Stevens, pastor of Rosemary Methodist Church. Supporting him will be Miss Betty Sue Taylor, Mrs. N. T. Jones and Roland Butler.

The story is unfolded by a modern grandfather, who tells the Biblical stories to his two small grandchildren. Juanita Jones will play the part of Judy, his granddaughter.

As the narrator relates the incidents, the scenes are presented on the stage. A swift black-out method of changing scenes will be used, and unusual lighting effects incorporated. Miss Penna disclosed.

Beautiful, authentic costumes in the brilliant shades of red, blue and purple used in Biblical days will be worn by the characters. A chorus of 38 voices will furnish background music. Twenty musical numbers will be given during the presentation.

The Ministerial Association will have charge of distribution of tickets, and will meet Friday at the V.F.W. House to make plans for ticket sales.

The drama in its entirety will last one and one-half hours.

Rain Arrives To Please Farmers Of Halifax Area

The rains came to Halifax County last night much to the liking of the farmers and residents of the county who have been sweltering in dry hot weather for the past couple of weeks.

The long, hot, dry period had caused many farmers to have misgivings about their crops and all of them were of the opinion that if they didn't get rain soon the crops would be seriously damaged.

The rain began in Roanoke Rapids yesterday shortly after noon, but it was only a shower and a sigh of disgust was almost audible from the sweltering residents of the city.

The clouds were still heavy over the area, however, and there was still a smell of rain in the air.

About nine o'clock the big, black clouds decided to unleash their water and for awhile it came down heavily, though not too heavily to do any damage to crops.

The rain continued for several hours last night and then began again this morning.

LOST COLONY SPREAD Raleigh, N. C.—The current issue of the magazine PEOPLE & PLACES of Chicago, has a two page picture layout on THE LOST COLONY, according to the State News Bureau.

TO HOLD REUNION Warrenton — The descendants of John B. Reid will hold a family reunion at the home of J. Tom Reid, Littleton, on Sunday, July 18th.

About 200 relatives are expected for the occasion from North Carolina, Virginia, Pennsylvania and Texas.

A special program is being prepared for the reunion.

U. S. eighth among 11 nations now building 1,180 large ships.

Long Session Court Is Held At Halifax

Halifax—A long session of recorder's court was held here Tuesday and many of the cases including simple drunkenness, speeding, drunken driving and assault were continued to a later date.

Lloyd Little was found guilty of drunken driving and fined \$10 and costs.

A sentence of four months in jail meted to Delores Yerrell, who was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon, was suspended upon payment of the court costs.

Roy Rogers was adjudged guilty of a charge of assault on a female and given a six months suspended sentence upon payment of the court costs and put on good behavior for four years.

W. M. Stephenson was found guilty of driving while drunk and was fined \$100 and costs.

John Bullock was adjudged guilty of assaulting a female and given 12 months in jail suspended upon the payment of \$25 and costs and remain on good behavior for two years.

J. E. Whittington took an appeal to superior court after he had been found guilty of drunken driving and fined \$100 and costs. Bond for Whittington was set at \$200.

Several cases charging driving without an operator's license, one of disposing of mortgaged property and one of carnal knowledge were continued to the next session of court.

Iowa Farmers Use War Device To Protect Corn

DES MOINES, Ia. (U.P.) — Iowa is using the weapons of war to protect its famous corn.

Airplanes are spraying whole fields and townships with DDT to halt the spread of a \$20,000,000-a-year enemy, the European corn borer.

Iowa State College researchers have mixed radioactive phosphorus from the Oak Ridge, Tenn., atomic plant with regular fertilizer and planted two Wright County farms in an experiment to trace the route of phosphorus through plants.

That has a bearing on one of nature's most closely-guarded secrets—the conversion of plant food into green vegetable matter.

Communications Developed To protect the corn that made her the nation's No. 1 state in 1947 for per-capita farm income, Iowa has developed a state-wide communication system and a reliance on weather forecasting that suggest a war-time offensive.

Daily throughout the last three weeks of June, Iowa State College field men measured the height of corn in seven areas of the state, and the number of clusters of corn borer eggs on the corn.

The information was relayed by press and radio to Iowa farmers to advise them of the nearness of danger to their corn, allowing them time to arrange for DDT application. The daily "box score" reports on egg-laying were sent out during the egg-laying of the first flight of corn borer moths.

Forecasters Important Weather forecasts also are important in the battle against the corn borer. To apply DDT effectively, a farmer should know the wind velocity, and probability of rain.

The weather bureau in Des Moines, in addition to its regular specialized weather information. Entomologists say corn borer damage has increased "tremendously" in Iowa during the last two or three years. They warn that if the borer is not met with an all-out offensive, the damage probably will soon be "several times" the 1947 loss of \$20,000,000.

It's A Good Car, Aside From All This

SAN DIEGO, Cal. (U.P.) — Calvin Lee, Jr., was minus his car after police pinned the label of "unsafe" on the windshield.

Patrolman Paul Tristle listed the 1935 car as without brakes, headlights, stoplight, horn, front floorboards, front license, windshield wiper and left front wheel bearings. In addition, the rear license plate was wired to the gas cap cover; all four fenders were loose; the front and rear bumpers were both loose and "tacked" on.

HEN "LAYING BETS?" Detroit—Hearing a hen giving a strange cackle, Patrolman Rosa Faustino investigated and found a book of numbers tickets under her, along with an egg. He arrested Charles Overton, 50, who was fined \$40 on a charge of engaging in an illegal occupation.

U. S. still assumes Danube talks will be held despite Tito case.

Planned 4-H Camp Is Cancelled As Health Precaution

Halifax — County Farm Agent W. O. Davis announced today that the planned Four-H Club camp at White Lake has been cancelled.

Davis sent cards to the various club members throughout the county explaining that the action was being taken on the recommendation of Dr. Robert F. Young, Halifax County health officer.

The card stated: "We are cancelling the White Lake Camp upon the recommendation of Dr. Robert F. Young, head of the Halifax County Health department. This is a matter of precaution. We have no polio cases here and none have been reported from White Lake, but we feel that it is better to be over cautious than to run any risks whatsoever."

Warrenton Lions Club Installation

Warrenton — The Warrenton Lions Club held installation night Friday night at the Warrenton Country Club.

Dorman F. Blaylock was installed as president for the year beginning July 1, 1948, succeeding J. Howard Daniel. Also installed were: H. R. Skillman, first vice-president; E. T. Odum, second vice-president; J. C. League, third vice president; L. B. Beddoe, secretary; W. K. Lanier, treasurer; W. A. Miles, Taitwister and S. H. Massey, Liontamer.

Beddoe has served as secretary for 12 consecutive years and was recently presented a plaque as one of the outstanding secretaries in the 31 District of Lions International. Along with the plaque, he received great praise from the District Governor for his work in the Warrenton Club.

Lion J. C. Moore was in charge of the installation ceremonies at the close of which John H. Kerr, Jr., presented the retiring president with a Past President pin on behalf of the club.

The Rev. Cecil W. Robbins, pastor of the Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, Warrenton appeared on the program to make an appeal for the Crusade for Children, which is being carried on this month.

A barbecue dinner was served to the guests.

The next regular meeting of the club will be held on the fourth Friday night at the Hotel Warren, it was announced.

Revival Begins Sunday At Shiloh Methodist Church In Graysburg

Graysburg — Revival services, which will coincide with Homecoming Day, will begin at the Shiloh Methodist Church in Graysburg Sunday, June 18. Dr. J. H. Turner, a Methodist layman of South Hill, Va., will be the guest speaker.

Services will be held at 11 a. m., 2:30 p. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday. Dinner will be spread on the lawn of the church at noon. Revival services will continue every night at 8 o'clock through the remainder of the week.

State Highway Commission Calls For Project Bids

The State Highway Commission called for bids on 19 highway projects Tuesday in preparation for a letting to be held July 27.

The projects, calling for work on 107.84 miles in 19 counties will cost an estimated \$1,928,100. Project for Halifax-Northampton counties calls for sand asphalt surfacing and structures of 7.22 miles on US 301, US 158 and NC 47 in the vicinity of Weldon, Roanoke Rapids and Enfield.

Special Course Begins Tonight At Rosemary Methodist

A course on the "Home and Christian Living" will be conducted in Rosemary Methodist church July 16, 17, and 18, at 7:30 o'clock each evening. The Rev. J. R. Green of Battleboro will conduct the course. The Rev. Mr. Green is an authority on the subject of the "Home and Home Relations." All duals are invited to attend.

ANOTHER IN HOLIDAY

Raleigh, N. C.—HOLIDAY magazine for September will carry a story on the North Carolina mountains by Gene Markey, according to the State Advertising Division. The edition is due on the newstands around August 20th.

Nine Men Selected Tuesday

Police Chief T. J. Davis has been named temporary chairman of the nine-man recreation commission appointed by the board of city commissioners in a special session Tuesday night.

Chief Davis said today that he will call a meeting of the commission within the next few days at which time a permanent chairman will be elected.

At a special meeting Tuesday night the board of city commissioners appointed a nine-man recreation commission for the city of Roanoke Rapids.

Named to serve on the commission are: J. H. Mayfield, representing the Rosemary Mfg. Co.; Houston Fuller, representing Roanoke-Patterson Mills Co.; C. L. Elting, representing the city schools; Ben Lancaster, representing the Merchants Association-Civic Clubs combined; George Hayes, representing the Halifax Paper Corp. and the Manchester Board & Paper Co.; Rev. Edmund Berkeley, representing the city's churches; Dr. J. H. Cutchins, city health officer; and Chief of Police T. J. Davis, representing the city.

First Step Taken

The appointment of the legal recreation commission is fulfillment of the first step recommended by Dr. Harold D. Meyer, director of the State Recreation Commission, in a recent study of Roanoke Rapids' recreational needs. Dr. Meyer on May 12 told a group of citizens that establishing recreation on a legal basis, giving a commission full power to act and to legalize channels for raising funds for recreation, was the first need in launching an immediate recreational program for Roanoke Rapids.

Howard Pruden, chairman of the commissioner's temporary recreation committee, presented the nine-man list to the board. A. M. Cameron made a motion that the proposed legal recreation commission appointments be accepted. R. L. Starke seconded the motion, and the commissioners passed the motion unanimously.

Taxi Cab Ordinance

Other business taken up by the board at the meeting Tuesday night included a discussion with three city taxi cab operators, B. F. Johnson, L. M. Dorsey, and D. R. Pepper, as to the passage of a taxi cab ordinance in Roanoke Rapids. Issuing of taxi cab licenses was postponed until after the next regular meeting of the board in order that the commissioners may further study the taxi cab situation.

Present at the Tuesday night special session were Mayor W. Bernard Alsbrook, Commissioners Howard Pruden, R. I. Starke, and A. M. Cameron, and city clerk Dorothy Shearin.