

Commissioners Rescind Carnival Ban

Local Lions Ask Removal Of Show Ban

Halifax — The Halifax County Commissioners reversed themselves at a special meeting Friday and rescinded a ban which the board had instituted on July 6 against the showing of carnivals in the county.

The board also discussed at length plans for the proposed reassessment of industrial and commercial property in Halifax in 1949. Action on the matter was deferred until August 2.

The commissioners also accepted the proposal of the Brewer Insulation Company to insulate the county home and sanatorium at a cost of \$938 for the home and \$666 for the sanatorium.

The commissioners voted to rescind the ban and instructed the tax collector that in the issuing of licenses to carnivals in the future he will notify the carnival operators that the Sheriff of Halifax will enforce all state and local laws pertaining to the operation of the carnival.

The commissioners passed the appropriation resolution for the 1948-49 fiscal year. The major appropriations established by the resolution included:

Sheriff's office, \$31,060; Welfare Department, \$24,180; Tax Collector, \$23,718; County Sanatorium, \$18,750; Clerk of Court, \$13,455 and Auditor \$10,915.

The school fund of \$150,000 was broken down into the various outlays with instructional service getting \$55,625.

\$157,428 is set aside for general county construction and Roanoke Rapids is allotted \$28,000; Weldon, \$12,000; and \$18,000 is set aside for the purchase of new buses.

Storms Damage Crops, Homes In Woodland

Woodland—Heavy rain storms of the past few days have caused much damage to the crops in the area and at least two homes in the area were damaged last week.

Wednesday afternoon a severe wind and rain storm hit the Menola section. A chimney was blown from a house on the farm of Mrs. J. A. Chitty. Corn and tobacco was laid low on the Chitty farm and others in the area.

The roof was blown off the house of Kelly Vinson and trees were blown down at several homes here.

Truck Dodges Woman and Hits Another Truck

A hitch hiking woman caused the upset of a truck load of green tomatoes bound for Florida early this morning, according to a report made by the State Highway Patrol.

The incident occurred just north of Weldon on Route 301 at 5:30 a. m. today. Two trucks, the one with the tomatoes which was driven by Edward Merritt of Jacksonville, Fla., and the other driven by Dallas Jones of the Timon Colrain Trucking Co. of Williamston, were both driving south.

Jones attempted to pass the Florida truck and that is where the woman entered the picture. She was sitting on her suitcase, evidently waiting for a ride north. In trying to avoid hitting her, Jones swerved into the rear of Merritt's truck.

There was a crash and green tomatoes decorated the scene. Luckily both trucks received only slight damage, estimated by the Highway Patrol.

Both drivers, however, said dark things about women being where they shouldn't be so early in the morning.

P.S. The woman didn't wait to be interviewed by the Highway Patrol. Last seen, she was still heading north.

Miss Weldon 1948



Miss Weldon 1948, Miss Jean Chappell, already wearing the crown, gets the banner pinned on her by Miss Weldon 1947, Miss Virginia Sledge at a climax to the Weldon Jaycees' second annual beauty contest held Wednesday night.

Looking on (at the left) is Jimmy Ellis, who was master of ceremonies for the beauty contest in which 20 girls were entered. (Herald Photo)

Selection Of Hospital Site In Warren County Delayed

Warrenton—John Kerr Jr., chairman of the board of directors of the Warren County Hospital, has been advised by the state Medical Care Commission that a representative of that commission can not come to Warren County until August.

The local members of the site committee have been considering several locations for the proposed hospital for the past several weeks, but final selection will not be made until a member of the state commission can come to Warren County, Kerr said.

Kerr reported that he had received a letter from John A. Ferrell, executive secretary of the state group and that Ferrell had said that "because the commission considers the selection of a site highly important, its site inspection parties always include a representative of the state board of health, as well as, technical staff members of the U. S. Public Health Service and the commission.

Ferrell wrote Kerr, "It is anticipated that the U. S. Public Health Service will have one or two members of its technical staff in Raleigh sometime during the first two weeks in August."

Kerr said that the sites under consideration by the local committee included: A portion of the W. D. Rodgers property, a portion of the J. B. Davis land, a portion of the Hicks place, and a Williams place, all on the Norlina Road. Others which have been offered include six acres of land offered by V. F. Ward on King property on the road to Louisburg.

Bray Home Robbed Of \$200 and Watch

A thief or thieves entered the home of R. O. Bray, 110 Madison Street, through the front door Monday evening and made off with \$200 in cash, one 17 jewel Elgin hinged-back watch and a pocket knife which has sentimental value.

Local police investigating the case ascertained that the goods were stolen sometime between 9 and 12 p. m. Monday.

Former County Draft Board Men Work On Plans For New Drafting

Three former members of the Halifax County Draft Board, relieved of their duties following the war, are hard at work today trying to get the board into working condition to take care of the new draft plan. Superior Court Clerk George Hux said today that he, W. Henry Overman and S. W. Dickens were busy formulating plans.

No definite steps in reaching an over-all plan or appointing personnel have been taken, Hux revealed, but he said that he and his group were giving the plans serious study so as to have a well operating organization when they do begin.

The draft board will function much as it did during the war. One board will be set up for the entire county, according to the embryo plan now being worked on by the group.

J. Van B. Metts, State Adjutant, is in charge of the county draft boards throughout the state, and the group is working under his orders.

Exact order of enlistments has not been decided upon by the U. S. Draft headquarters, the headquarters said today. However, these facts are known: 1—Even if all eligible men 23 through 25 are called, they won't produce more than one month's quota. 2—Every male 19 through 25 who is not deferrable "has an awfully good chance" of being in the Army within two years.

Truman Invades Oregon SALEM, Ore. (U.P.)—Republicans in this GOP stronghold were indignant when a land turtle was discovered crawling on the capitol lawn. On the turtle's shell, in yellow paint, were the words "Harry Truman."

Roanoke Mills and CIO Textile Union End Contract Talks; No Agreement

Both Parties Agree To Halt Negotiations July Building Permits Total \$101,750.00

Negotiations between the officials of the Roanoke Mills Company and the CIO Textile Workers Union of America were discontinued amicably Friday afternoon, President Frank Williams of the Roanoke Mills Company has announced.

The talks about a contract for the workers in Roanoke Mill Number One had been in progress for the past several weeks with a committee from the union and company officials holding several meetings.

D. E. Hudgins, Roanoke Mills labor counsel, Mr. Williams and other officials met with Mariano S. Bishop, director of the Rayon and cotton division of the CIO TWUA and other representatives of the union in an all day session Thursday and then again all morning Friday.

Bishop suggested shortly before noon Friday that the talks be concluded and said that both parties had negotiated in good faith but that it was apparent that no agreement could be reached at this time.

The company agreed with Bishop and the further talks were called off. It was understood that either party to the negotiations could reopen the discussions by giving ample notice to the other party, but that further talks had been postponed indefinitely.

Williams said no agreement had been reached on any contract in its entirety or on any part of a contract.

"There were many proposals and counter-proposals offered by each side, but we were unable to reach an agreement," he added.

Philippines Get Their First Outpost

MANILA (A.P.)—The Philippine Republic gained its first territorial possession when the four colored national flag was hoisted over a coconut grove in the Turtle Islands.

The islands, a sun-scorched group off the northern tip of Borneo, were turned over officially to the Philippines government by the British North Borneo Company, which had administered them since formal British rule ended in 1930.

A party of Philippine and British diplomats and newsmen traveled down by sea for the ceremony. Turtle Islanders in fiber skirts and sarongs squatted at the edge of a clearing as the Philippines foreign affairs officer, Diosdado Macapagal, raised the flag.

"Let this banner, and the authority for which it stands, stay here forever," he said.

Princess Tarhata Kiram, Illinois educated heiress of the fabled Sultan of Sulu, unveiled a metal plaque embedded in sand to mark the transfer.

The princess, spiritual ruler of the Mohammedan Moro people of the southern Philippines, has laid claim to the Turtle Islands by dint of her relationship (Continued On Page 8)

Local Man Charged With Assault On Wife As Result Of Journey To See English Girl In New York

Horace Clemmons of Roanoke Rapids Township was being tried today by Recorder's Court on charges of assault on his wife, Clemmons, who was arrested by Deputy Sheriff A. J. Brigman Friday, when his wife obtained a warrant for his arrest, also figured in an investigation by immigration authorities.

According to Mrs. Clemmons' story, her husband left her early last week to go to New York to meet an English girl whom he planned to marry. The girl, Miss Bull, had arrived on Ellis Island from England.

Learning through Mrs. Clemmons of her husband's plans, the Sheriff contacted immigration authorities in New York and prevented the wedding. Clemmons returned, and according to Mrs. Clemmons, assaulted her for her interference. He was arrested in Enfield Friday on the

warrant filed by his wife. Meanwhile Deputy Sheriff Brigman said today that a federal investigator from Norfolk had not discovered sufficient cause for arresting Clemmons on federal charges since the marriage did not take place. He is being tried only on the assault charge.

The English girl has been sent back to England by the authorities, the Sheriff disclosed. Clemmons met the girl while serving with the army in England. He told Brigman that he had given the girl the impression that his wife had divorced him and that as soon as he got back to the States he would check on it and send for her. That was four years ago and Clemmons said that he had kept up a correspondence with Miss Bull.

The Clemmons have seven children.

No Polio In Halifax County

Halifax — Dr. Robert F. Young, Halifax County Health Officer, reported today that there are no cases of polio in the county.

Dr. Young squelched a rumor which had been making its rounds of the county the last couple of days to the effect that there had been a case of polio found near Enfield.

The health officer said that a Negro child from near Enfield had been sent to St. Agnes Hospital in Raleigh but tests there had proved it was not a case of polio.

Dr. Young said there had been some discussion about some restrictions being imposed in the county, but so far no definite action had been taken. He said, "While I do not

see any necessity at this time for restrictions, I intend to discuss the matter with members of the health board."

The health officer urged all parents to keep children as clean as possible and to make them get plenty of rest.

Dr. Young said that the U.S. Public Health service had agreed to conduct some studies on a virus infection which is attacking children in the county. He pointed out "that the getting of specimens or the illness and sending them to the National Medical Center at Bethesda, Md., for study would have to be planned and discussed, but indicated that the plans for such a study would be made."

Election Set At Patterson On August 6

Officials of the Patterson Mills Company announced today that a collective bargaining election will be held at Patterson Friday, August 6.

The election which will be conducted under the National Labor Relations Board regulations, will determine if the workers at Patterson want the CIO Textile Workers Union of America as their collective bargaining agent.

Company officials announced that the majority of those voting will determine the outcome of the election.

Hours for voting, which will be held in the cafeteria building will be from 6:15 to 8:30 a. m. and from 2:30 to 5:00 p. m.

Lt. Northington Funeral Rites Are Wednesday

Funeral services for Second Lieutenant Robert Rudolph Northington, who was killed in action over England on December 24, 1944, will be held Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at Williams Funeral Home. Rev. Gordon L. Price will conduct the services. Burial will be in the family plot at Sunset Hill Cemetery. Members of the Lions club, of which Northington was a member, will attend the funeral in a body.

Lt. Northington, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lionel H. Northington, city, was former manager of one of the local A & P stores in Roanoke Rapids. He volunteered for service in the Army Air Corps in June of 1942 and received his basic training at Keebler Field, Miss. After completing an 18 weeks course in high altitude precision bombing at the AAF Border Bombardier School, he was awarded his silver bombardier wings in August, 1944.

During his training at Biggs Field, El Paso, Texas, he had the best C. E. record of any bombardier on the field. He left for overseas duty the latter part of November, 1944.

Survivors include his parents; two sisters, Mrs. Saluda Pope of Wake Forest and Mrs. Virginia DeBusk of Weldon; two brothers, Lionel F. Northington of Wake Forest and Thomas B. Northington of Chapel Hill; and one son, Robert Rudolph Northington of Weldon.

Few Accidents Laid To Mechanical Defects

MADISON, Wis. (U.P.)—If you bang your car into a culvert some dark night and then say it wasn't your fault "the thingamabob slipped out of the whatzis" the chances are only about one in ten that you're right.

A study of fatal accidents in Wisconsin shows that about 90 per cent of the vehicles were in "apparently good condition" before the accident.

Of course, after it hit a culvert wall, it's not easy to tell what errors, they maintain, for out-rank vehicle defects as cause

At Ohio State Warren C. Shaw of Gaston is among the eleven Tar Heel students who have enrolled in Ohio State University for the summer session. Shaw graduated from Roanoke Rapids High School in 1943.

Missionary Moves Advance of communist forces in China has forced Katie Murray, Baptist missionary to a new field.

In a letter to her half-brother, D. J. Murray of Goldsboro, she said that her new address would be Kweilin, Kwangsi Province. She was for many years at Cheng Chow in Honan province. She has been a missionary for more than 20 years. She returned to her work in 1947 after a furlough at her old home in Kenansville.

Miss Murray spent a week in Roanoke Rapids and helped with a school of missions at the Rosemary Baptist Church just before she returned to her work in China. One of the Circles of the W.M.S. bears her name and keeps in close touch with her and her work.

Health Official Ill Keeping tabs on the public's health these days is a mighty taxing job for our county officials. We regret to report that E. A. Hastings, County Sanitarian, suffered a heart attack recently and is seriously ill in the Roanoke Rapids Hospital. All of us wish him a rapid recovery.

Exchange Club Meets The Exchange Club will meet at the Rosemary Cafe tonight at 7:30 o'clock. Harold Bloom will be in charge of the program. Regular business of the club will be conducted.

Family Reunion. Attending an old-time family reunion at Roanoke, Va., this past week-end were Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Akers and Henry Akers of Roanoke Rapids. A. E. Akers said that it was the family's 12th annual reunion and that the 84 men, women and children who were present thoroughly enjoyed the day spent at Fishburn Park in Roanoke.

Boy Patrol Has Picnic Eighteen members of the Negro school boy patrol enjoyed a weiner roast in Hodgestown last Thursday. Roanoke Rapids Traffic Officer L. H. Nelson sponsored the affair.

Refreshments were furnished by the Winfield Branch Grocery, William Pugh's Grocery and Hershey-Milins.

Wheeler Wants Letters In a letter to the Herald this week, Pvt. Jack P. Wheeler, Herald employee until his recent enlistment in the air force, writes that San Antonio, Texas is hotter than Roanoke Rapids ever could be. Jack claims he hasn't even seen a tree down there. Stationed at Lackland Air Force Base with Squadron B M-2, Flight 3255, Jack said he'd welcome any letter bearing a Roanoke Rapids postmark and will promptly answer same.

Tar Heels Excluded Because of the polio epidemic in North Carolina, this State will have no Junior Red Cross members taking part in the Junior Red Cross training center for the Southeast area at Chipley, Ga. this week. Roanoke Rapids delegates named to attend the meeting before the ban on North Carolinians was announced, where Mary Lou Stark and John Maurice.

Car Recovered Looks like someone just wanted a ride to Franklin, Va. A car stolen Thursday from the parking lot of Roanoke Motor Sales Co. was found abandoned on a Franklin, Va. street Saturday, the local police department said today. The automobile had not been damaged.

Local Negro Held On Assault Charge George Winfield, Negro, is being held in the city jail in default of \$500 bond on charges of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

A search of several months had covered a number of states ended last Friday night when local police arrested Winfield in lodgestown near Roanoke Rapids.

According to police, Winfield allegedly assaulted Ruben Lee, 15, of Clinton Street, several months ago.

Scheduled to be tried in Mayor's Court Monday, Winfield's case has been continued two weeks due to the illness of his attorney.

Shanny's Grocery Sold To Myrick Shanny's Grocery, located at East 10th Street and formerly owned by J. G. Shanninghouse, changed hands yesterday. T. R. Myrick is the new owner.

The store will now be known as Myrick Grocery Co. Mr. Myrick announced today that the same line of groceries and fresh meats will be carried.

All bills due are still payable to J. G. Shanninghouse.