

Judge R. Hunt Parker Scores Proposed Civil Rights Bill In Charge to Grand Jury as Superior Court Convenes

Halifax — Resident Superior Court Judge R. Hunt Parker of Roanoke Rapids in his opening statements to the Halifax County Grand Jury, yesterday as the August term of Superior Court began here scored proposed civil rights legislation.

In ringing tones, the scholarly jurist, who spoke to the jury for an hour, spent 15 minutes discussing the proposed civil rights legislation and gave data to show what the south is doing to overcome its racial problem.

Judge Parker declared that the proponents of civil rights legislation are attempting to abolish the south's manner of living.

His remarks were made before a well-filled courtroom as the mostly criminal docket was called for trial.

"You have heard and read much, and you will hear and read more of proposed civil rights legislation in the months and years that lie ahead. Large numbers of people within this nation seem determined to do all within their power to destroy

our segregation laws between the races, and to tear down our traditions and manner of life in the South. In their mad lust for votes to win a presidential election, they propose measures which millions of Southern People are convinced are unconstitutional, can achieve no practical good, and can only lead to trouble and tragedy between the races. They propose anti-lynching Federal laws, but they are not intellectually honest enough to say that the South has practically stamped out lynchings, while their states are disgraced by frequent gang murders in open daylight on the public streets of their cities.

"They are as silent as the tomb as to proposing Federal legislation to punish their open gang murders or gang lynchings. They propose Federal anti-poll tax legislation, which every real lawyer knows is unconstitutional for the 10th Amendment to the Federal Constitution says 'the powers not delegated to the United States by the constitution nor prohibited by it

to the states are reserved to the states, respectively, or to the people" and Article One Section 2 of the same document says "the electors in each state shall have the qualifications requisite for electors of the most numerous branch of the state legislature", which was amended by the 15th Amendment providing that "the rights of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude".

"Such proposed legislation is an appeal to ignorance and prejudice against the South, for the payment of a poll tax as a prerequisite for voting is required now in only seven Southern states— is definitely on the way out by state action in three of these, and will be abolished by state action in the other four, if they are left to themselves."

"Yet they never tell you that four southern states have abolished it—North Carolina as far back as 1920. They propose a

Fair Employment Practices Act which would create a Federal Gestapo and police state characteristic of the totalitarian nations, and which if ever enacted into Federal law, will, in my opinion, rivet a chain of bondage around the necks of our people. These are solely appeals to factions of minority races, and Pope, the English poet, has well said, "Faction is the madness of many for the gain of a few," the jurist declared.

"These people revile and insult the South—and any southern person who joins in a chorus will be acclaimed as a great liberal and humanitarian in the North and West; but they are not honest enough—or should I in charity say they are ignorant—to say what the Southern people have done in education and public welfare for the negro race which has been only 73 years out of slavery," the jurist said.

Halifax Efforts
"We, Mr. Foreman and Gentlemen of the Grand Jury, live in

the very heart of the black belt of North Carolina. There has not been a lynching in our county for more than a third of a century. As Grand Jurors for the next twelve months you are given large inquisitorial powers over the conduct of public affairs in our county by our public officials and employees. Therefore it is relevant and material to your duties that I shall call your attention to what we are doing in education and public welfare for the 23,000 white people and 35,000 colored people living in Halifax County.

Judge Parker said, "According to figures furnished me by Mr. C. S. Vinson, Auditor of Halifax County, the 1947 tax levy was as follows:

Amount of property listed by white people \$18,764,263.00
Amount of property listed by colored people \$3,798,116.00
Amount of property listed by corporations \$1,707,116.00

The cash collections for the year ending June 30, 1948 on the 1947 tax levy were as follows.

Cash payments by white people \$122,773.00—4679%
Cash payments by colored people \$24,533.30—6935%
Cash payments by corporations \$115,096.06—4386%

Cities Schools
"The following information was furnished by Mr. W. Henry Overman, Superintendent of the Halifax County Schools for the Halifax County Administrative Unit for the 1947-48 school term—this is exclusive of the public schools of Roanoke Rapids and Weldon which are not in the County Administrative Unit. In this unit 2343 white children were enrolled and 8049 colored children; and they were taught by 73 white teachers and principals and 191 colored. From State funds the white teachers were paid \$124,875.80 and the colored teachers \$359,920.87—this does not cover the \$16,258.45 paid by the county, State and Federal government to five (5) white vocational teachers and \$18,854.10 paid to six (6) colored vocational teachers, nor does it include

\$3,333.00 paid by county funds to a supervisor for colored people.

"The following information was furnished by Mr. J. B. Hall, Superintendent of Public Welfare: From July 1, 1947 through June 30, 1948 \$60,494.76 was given to 293 whites and \$57,667.50 to 331 negroes.

"The following information was given me by Mr. I. E. Ready, Superintendent of the Roanoke Rapids Public Schools. The 1947 taxes levied for schools in the Roanoke Rapids Special School District:

Corporations	\$82,445.71
Whites	\$38,669.51
Negroes	\$ 524.70

Of these taxes the percentage collected August 10, 1948 was as follows:

Corporations	100%
Whites	91.7%
Negroes	48.3%

"In this special school district for the year 1947-1948 2,011 white children were enrolled and 659 negro children. 54 white teachers were paid from state funds \$113,704.60 and 13 white

teachers were paid from local funds \$51,531.18; 17 colored teachers were paid from state funds \$34,281.10 and none from local funds. In 1948-49 provision has been made for local supplements to the negro teachers. In addition three (3) white vocational teachers were paid \$9,970.28 from county, state and Federal funds; and one negro vocational teacher received \$3,024.00 from county, state and Federal funds. In addition there were current expenses other than for instructional salaries of \$17,453.13 paid by state funds for the whites and of \$51,607.25 paid from local funds for the whites, and \$5,817.71 paid by state funds for negroes; and \$17,202.42 paid by local funds for negroes. The capital outlay for whites was \$31,946.49 and for negroes \$3,986.03.

"According to these figures \$64,311.26 was spent in the Roanoke Rapids Special School District for public education for negroes for the year 1947-48—of this amount some \$17,202.42 was (Continued On Page 8)

Roanoke Ramblings

Girl Scout Office Closed
The Roanoke Rapids Girl Scout office will be closed Tuesday through Friday to allow the personnel manning the office a few days vacation.

Back On The Job
The Rambler wondered into The Faison-Ogletree office Friday and was quite pleased to see Mr. Macrae Faison sitting at his desk.

Mr. Mac's desk has been vacant for sometime during his recent illness.
He says he's feeling fine and he looked very well. Mr. Mac says he appreciates the many kindnesses his friends showed him during his illness and he hopes they'll drop by to see him.

Aboard the USS Pasadena
Edward L. Clemmons, seaman 1st class, USN, son of Mrs. Grace G. Mooney of Route Two, Roanoke Rapids, is serving aboard the light cruiser, USS Pasadena.

Clemmons entered the Navy September 17, 1945 and received his recruit training at the Naval Training Center, San Diego, California.

Before entering the Navy, Clemmons attended Scotland Neck High School.

Renewed Interest
There is evidence of a renewed interest in the possibility of building a hotel in Roanoke Rapids. Jack Vincent and several others in the city have been discussing the hotel situation here for the past several days. Vincent says, "Roanoke Rapids needs a hotel badly."

An Unsigned Letter About the Jays
There has been much talk about the Jays and their baseball playing. As the end of the season nears the time for the critics to sharpen their knives and get ready for a scalping of some one is at hand. Reaching the editor's desk the other day was an unsigned letter from a Jay fan. He or she asks that it be published. Adhering to our policy of not publishing letters which do not bear a signature when they reach us, we cannot publish. This fan along with many others is recalling the statement of last year: "That we'll have a winner in 1948".

At Camp Edwards
Master Sergeant Gordon B. Hux son of Lawrence R. Hux of 316 Jefferson Street, Roanoke Rapids, is stationed at Camp Edwards, Mass.

Sergeant Hux is attached to the 117th ASU as sergeant major. He arrived at Camp Edwards on June 10, 1948. Sergeant Hux wears the European Theater, the American Theater and the Good Conduct Ribbons. He has been in the Army 13 years.

More Than 700 Attend Krupa Dance Thursday

Officials of the Roanoke Rapids Junior Chamber of Commerce reported today that more than 700 persons attended the Gene Krupa dance at the armory last Thursday night.

The profits from the dance will be added to the Jaycee's welfare fund and will be used for community service.

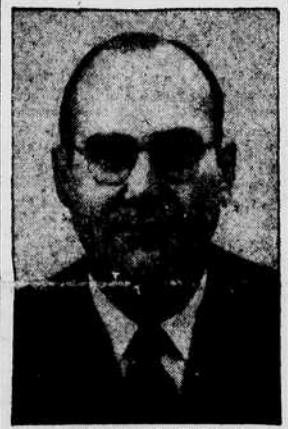
Everyone who attended the dance reported that the music was good and that they had a fine time.

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Rotary District Governor Urges Local Club Members To Practice More "Vocational Service" Daily



Sherwood L. Roberson

District Governor Sherwood L. Roberson told the members of the Roberson of Rotary International told the members of the Roanoke Rapids Rotary Club at their meeting last night that one of the fundamentals of Rotary is "vocational service."

Speaking at the club's meeting in the Rosemary Cafe last night Roberson said, "Vocational service presents one of the best possible solutions to today's major problems."

The speaker urged every member of the Rotary Club to practice vocational service in his everyday life.

He said "Our primary contribution to our fellow man and to the community in which we live is according to Rotary's plan service above self."

He urged the employers to have more respect for their employees and give the employees a greater interest in the business by listening to the ideas of the employees.

The Rotarian district governor said, "Rotary has as one of its requisites for membership that each man shall have a vocation. Each member of Rotary should and does render to his some service through his vocation. That is vocational service."

"Let us give our thoughts always to the best possible service and not to the highest profit. Vocational service should not and cannot be a sideline. It is no subject for casual thinking. We can help to make the world fit our pattern by practicing more vocational service in our everyday life," the speaker declared.

Recorders Court Docket Is Small; Several Fined

Halifax—The Recorders Court session here last week was not as heavy as it has been in the past several months.

A total of 19 cases were docketed for hearing and several of the alleged offenders were found not guilty.

Several assault cases, a larceny case, a drunk and disorderly charge, and some traffic cases headed the docket.

Charlie Davis, Negro, was found guilty of assault and given 30 days on the roads.

Hugh Glenn Ashe, Negro, was found guilty of assault upon a woman and given four months in jail.

Lee Alston, who was adjudged guilty of larceny, was sentenced to three months in jail.

Joe Jordan was charged with driving while drunk and driving without an operator's license. He was fined \$250 and court costs.

Those were the major actions of the court.

Blind Boy Becomes Musical Prodigy

Jimmy Osborne of England, blind since the age of 11 weeks, is well on the way to becoming a musical prodigy at 13.

Brought to this country and given the funds for a musical education by the war-time U. S. Ninth Air Force, Jimmy commutes between here and the Perkins Institution for the Blind in Watertown.

The youngster, composed his first tune at the age of three when he toddled into the living room of his home in Romford, England, and reached up on tip-toe to the piano keyboard.

From then on, without instruction or training, and with only the aid of a gramophone, he kept at the piano continuously. During World War II he gave benefit concerts at hospitals and Army camps near London.

"My head is full of lovely tunes," the blind boy says. "When I go to bed each night I hear music. Beautiful melodies of my own. I hear choirs."

Proceeds From Meal To Be Used For Fire Truck

Scotland Neck—The Agriculture Committee of the Scotland Neck Kinwnis Club will give a barbecue and brunswick stew dinner at the Rosemary Community House next Friday, Jack Batchelor, chairman of the committee announced. The money raised at the dinner will be given to help buy the farmer's fire truck.

The barbecue and brunswick stew will be served between 5:30 and 9:00 p. m.

A group of farmers and interested citizens headed by Jack Batchelor and A. M. Fisher recently aroused interest in a fire truck which would be designed for use in the country surrounding Scotland Neck. The truck, which will also be available for use in the town, will be used in an area including Palmyra, Hobgood, Dawsons, Tillery and as far east as the river bridge. The truck has a 500 gallon tank which provides enough water to begin operation immediately upon arriving at the scene of a fire.

Gowen Buys Chase Home For \$25,200

The Chase property now belongs to Howerton Gowen.

Gowen bid the entire property in at public auction last Thursday at a price of \$25,200, according to officials of Rochelle Realty Company.

The Rochelle Company conducted the auction and the auctioneer was Jimmy Rochelle of Kingston.

A large crowd gathered to see and hear the auction of the home of the late Mayor J. T. Chase.

Selective Service Registration Will Begin in Halifax County August 30; Taylor Releases Registration Data

Chairman George N. Taylor of the Halifax County Selective Service Board, announced today, that in accordance with a proclamation issued by Governor Cherry, registration of all youths between the ages of 18 and 26 will begin in Halifax County on August 30.

Taylor said that the local board had not yet established its office but that it probably would be opened at Halifax.

The dates fixed for registration shall be as follows, Taylor quoted the proclamation, which Governor Cherry issued in accordance with the Selective Service Act of 1948:

1. Persons born in the year 1922 shall be registered on August 30, 1922 shall be registered on Monday, August 30.
2. Persons born in the year 1923 shall be registered on Tuesday, August 31 or Wednesday, September 1.
3. Persons born in the year 1924 shall be registered on Thursday, September 2, or Friday, September 3.
4. Persons born in the year

- 1925 shall be registered on Saturday, September 4 or Tuesday, September 7.
5. Persons born in the year 1926 shall be registered on Wednesday, September 8 or Thursday, September 9.
6. Persons born in the year 1927 shall be registered on Friday, September 10 or Saturday, September 11.
7. Persons born in the year 1928 shall be registered on Monday, September 13, or Tuesday, September 14.
8. Persons born in the year 1929 shall be registered on Wednesday, September 15 or Thursday, September 16.
9. Persons born in the year 1930 shall be registered on Friday, September 17, or Saturday, September 18.
10. Persons who were born on or after September 19, 1930 shall be registered on the day they become 18 or within five days thereafter.

Only those youths in the 18-through-25 age group who are at present in the armed forces, or who are members of

a reserve component on extended active duty, are exempt from registration.

The Governor said information and instruction relative to the registration will be issued during the period remaining before the start of the registration from the office of General J. Van B. Metts, state director of selective service.

The 101 local boards will conduct the registration in their respective areas, but the Governor emphasized that the registration in a state wide obligation and he called on all agencies and citizens in North Carolina to help make the registration in the state a success.

The Governor estimated that approximately 295,000 North Carolinians are required to register under the new Selective Service act.

Chairman Taylor said that the Halifax Draft board was mapping its final plans to begin registration and that an announcement of the site of the office of the board would be made in the next few days.

Bids To Be Opened For Proposed 20-Bed Clinic At Scotland Neck

Scotland Neck — Bids for construction of the proposed twenty-bed clinic in Scotland Neck to serve this territory will be opened at Halifax at two o'clock today.

With this act, definite steps will start on the construction of the second of the hospitals to be authorized in North Carolina under the supervision of the North Carolina Medical Care Commission. The first one is at Belhaven in Beaufort County, on which work has been half completed and which will cost \$123,462.

Scotland Neck's twenty-bed clinic will cost \$160,000, of which the Federal Government is putting up \$53,333, the State Government \$60,747, and the County of Halifax \$45,920. In addition the County is putting up \$20,000 additional, which will provide for an operating deficit, if any, during the two years of operation, and the Town of Scotland Neck has cooperated by putting up a \$5,000 hospital site on the west side of South Church Street.

The twenty-bed clinic for Scotland Neck area will serve 13,000 persons, of which 4,000 are white and 9,000 colored.

Electric Co-Op Asks Permit For New Line

A permit has been requested by the Halifax Electric Membership Corporation of Enfield, N. C., to install an aerial power line across Roanoke River at a location about 80 ft. upstream from Eaton Ferry in Halifax County, Colonel G. T. Derby, district engineer of the U. C. engineers, reported today.

Colonel Derby said the application for the crossing to conform with the requirements of the national electric safety code and to provide a minimum clearance above normal water level of 33.5 feet.

The district engineer said that if the proposed work is considered objectionable from a standpoint, protests may be submitted to his office before August 19.

\$303 Is Raised For Duke Fund In Tri-Counties

A total of \$303 has been collected in the Halifax-Hertford-Northampton County area for the Loyalty Fund drive, Miss Lillian A. Lee of Roanoke Rapids, area chairman announced today.

The total amount contributed to the campaign from cities and towns throughout the nation amounted to more than \$112,000 thus surpassing the \$100,000 goal.

Warren Hospital Sites Are Seen By State, Federal Representatives

Warrenton—Representatives of the state and federal governments were last week inspecting various pieces of property which have been offered as sites for a 35-bed hospital in Warren County.

Nine prospective sites were inspected by the representatives along with members of the site committee. They did not make a decision on the best site for the hospital. That will be announced later. They may recommend one or more pieces of property and leave the final selection of the site up to the local committee. However, the site must meet the specifications of the state and national government.

The estimated cost of the proposed hospital has been set at \$106,000 plus the cost of the site and water and sewage facilities. Several months ago residents of Warren County passed a bond issue in the amount of \$110,000 for the erection of the hospital. The state and federal governments will pay their proportionate part of the cost of construction, but the county must pay for the site and the water and sewage facilities.

The sites inspected included the M. P. Burwell property, the V. F. Ward land, Henry Horn's property just west of the agricultural building, Jule Harrison's property on the Norlina Road, and some parcels of land belonging to the Williams estate.

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Mechanical Inspection Lane Will Be Here For Five Days Beginning Thursday; Next To Last Stand

"Polio" Case Is Found Not To Be Polio

Halifax—Dr. Robert F. Young, Halifax Health Officer, reported today that he had received word from St. Agnes Hospital in Raleigh that the diagnosis of poliomyelitis given an illness of an Enfield Negro child had been changed.

Dr. Young said that officials of the hospital reported that the child has "tick paralysis" and not polio.

The Halifax County health officer added, "That wipes our slate clean, we have no cases of polio and have had none in Halifax County."

Dr. Young said that St. Agnes officials described the case as one of the most unusual they had ever encountered and added that "they were fooled." The symptoms of the tick paralysis are not unlike the symptoms of polio. "The child, however, did not respond to the polio treatment and the doctors continued their research," Young said.

They found a wood tick buried in the scalp of the child and after further research charged their diagnosis to tick paralysis.

Mechanical Inspection Lane No. 34, operating in Halifax, Bertie and Northampton Counties, will return to Roanoke Rapids Thursday for a five day stay here.

It will be next to the last scheduled appearance of the lane this year and motorists, who have not had their automobiles inspected are urged to do so.

Under the regulations issued by the state department of motor vehicles "all motor vehicles of year models up to and including the year model 1930, and motor vehicles of year models 1947 and 1948 shall be inspected on or before September 30, 1948."

The regulations also provide: "All motor vehicles of the year models 1937 and 1946 shall be inspected on or before September 30, 1948."

"All motor vehicles of the year models 1938, 1939, 1943, 1944, 1945 shall be inspected on or before October 31, 1948."

"All motor vehicles of the year models 1940 and 1942 shall be inspected on or before November 30, 1948."

"All motor vehicles of the year model 1941 and 1949 shall be inspected on or before December 30, 1948."

The inspection lane will make its final appearance in Roanoke Rapids on October 12.

Howell Steed Heads Warren Legion Post

Warrenton — Howell H. Steed was elected commander of Limer Post of the American Legion. Mr. Steed succeeds Frank Banzet, Mrs. Loyce M. Connell was elected adjutant and finance officer and she succeeds Douglas Mustian.

Others elected were: B. G. White, first vice-commander; Randolph Miles, second vice-commander; George W. Davis, third vice-commander; Duke Miles, assistant adjutant and finance officer; W. A. Grissom, chaplain; W. A. Graham, historian; H. M. Fuller, sergeant at arms, and L. W. Thompson, service officer.

Elected as delegates to the state convention were: W. L. Wood, Simon Gardner, Duke Miles and George W. Davis. Alternates are Thomas Gardner and Stephen Rodwell. The convention is to be held in Asheville this year.

Local Firemen Are Called To Three Blazes

The Roanoke Rapids Fire Department had a busy 24 hours yesterday and last night.

Beginning about 1:20 Monday morning the firemen answered three calls.

The alarm at 1:20 awakened many people in Roanoke Rapids and sent the firemen scurrying to 808 Madison street where a car belonging to Mrs. Ollie Edwards was damaged by fire. Damage was confined to the seat covers and the interior of the automobile.

Yesterday afternoon about 4:30 p.m. the firemen answered an alarm "over the river."

They were called to extinguish a blaze in a Negro home near the Sunset Service station. However, when the firemen, after some difficulty, found the scene of the blaze it had been extinguished.

The third call came about 7:30 last night and the firemen once again went on a jaunt "over the river."

This time they were called to extinguish a blaze in an automobile belonging to Roscoe Chambliss. The fire had gained too much ahead by the time the truck had arrived at the scene, near Camp's store, and the auto was virtually destroyed.

Exchange Club Harvest Festival Begins August 30

The Roanoke Rapids Exchange Club will hold its annual harvest festival from August 30 through September 4, with proceeds from the affair going to defray the cost of the club's work for the next year.

The Jack Perry Shows, featuring ten rides and ten shows, will be on display on the Weldon Highway.

License Examiner To Be In Halifax Each Monday

E. P. Davis, Jr., license examiner here, announced today that he would be in Halifax on Monday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. effective immediately.

Davis, who will continue to be at the municipal building in Roanoke Rapids four and one-half days a week, reminded all persons whose names begin with E, F or G that they have until December 31, to secure their new licenses.

He urged all persons in those classifications, who have not secured their new drivers licenses to do so immediately and thus avoid a last minute rush.

The license examiner estimated that about 200 persons in the E, F and G category had already been examined here for new licenses.

Scotland Neck Board Passes Refuse Can Law

Scotland Neck—The Scotland Neck Town Board late Thursday afternoon unanimously approved an ordinance which requires every householder and every business establishment to use metal garbage cans with tight tops for the disposition of all garbage, and to provide as many cans as are necessary to hold all garbage. The ordinance is effective immediately, and violation of same will mean a five dollar penalty for each offense.