

Emergency Auto Inspection Lane Is Here Monday

An emergency auto inspection lane will be set up in Roanoke Rapids and will begin operation here on Monday, George I. Dail, field supervisor of the mechanical inspection division, announced today.

The emergency lane, which will be here for only a few days, is being brought to Roanoke Rapids because of the great congestion of autos which have not been inspected and to help motorists get their cars inspected.

Many motorists waited in line last week for several hours before getting their cars inspected and the operators of the inspection lane were hard put to service as many as they did.

Long lines of autos formed on Jackson street during the period that the lane was here and in some instances there were cars which came back the second day before being inspected.

There was a report that the inspection lane operators were putting the cars through the land at the rate of two every five minutes.

Dail said that the lane which was here could not be left here because it had a schedule to meet in Northampton County.

State Senator Julian Allsbrook contacted officials of the mechanical inspection division in an effort to get the emergency lane brought here and received telephonic word from Dail that the lane would be here Monday.

The lane will begin operation at 8 a.m.

Officials of the motor vehicle department in Raleigh today warned North Carolina motorists that the first deadline for having vehicles inspected is fast drawing near.

The inspection regulations state that all motor vehicles of the year models up to and including 1936, and models 1947 and 1948 must be inspected on or before August 31.

The department reported that most lanes have been doing a "rushing business" during the past few weeks taking care of vehicles in this group.

Beginning with September 1, the lanes will start checking vehicles of year models 1937 and 1946. Models of these years must bear their approval stickers by September 30.

The department has announced that the operation of any motor vehicle after its specified date of inspection will be a violation of the Motor Vehicle Laws, and state highway patrolmen have been instructed to give citations to any vehicle owner whose car or truck does not bear the sticker of approval by its specified date.

The regulations state that any vehicle may be presented for inspection at any time prior to the expiration of the time limit for the vehicle.

Deadlines for other model vehicles follow:

- All models of the year 1939, 1943, 1944, and 1945 shall be inspected by October 31.
- All models 1940 and 1942 shall be inspected by November 30.
- All models of the years 1941 and 1949 shall be inspected by December 31.

Hunting Laws To Be Discussed In Jackson Meet

Jackson—Clyde Patton, the executive director of the North Carolina Wildlife Commission, will meet here next Wednesday night at 8 o'clock at the courthouse for the purpose of discussing possible changes in the hunting laws for next year.

P. O. Tries To Deliver 66-Year-Old Letter

DETROIT (U.P.)—The post office is trying to deliver a letter written in 1882 to a Detroit woman.

The brittle, faded letter was found behind an old mantle in a Cleveland house being remodeled. It was addressed to Mrs. H. R. Leonard, 65 Stimpson Place, Detroit.

The letter said, "John has had a fever for two days now and I am afraid he is going to be sick" and was signed "Hattie."

Post office officials admitted it would be difficult to deliver the 66-year-old letter because there no longer is a "65 Stimpson Place" in Detroit and the city engineer's office doubts if there ever was.

Educated Chicken Able To Walk Tight Rope

GOSHEN, Ind. (U.P.)—Brownie, an educated chicken who has traveled some 10,000 miles, can be taught many things.

At least that's the boast of the fowl's owner, Mrs. Ada Arney. The bird has made two cross-country trips to California during her lifetime.

Among her tricks are walking a tight rope and knowing when her mistress is going to leave in the family automobile. Mrs. Arney says she only has to walk toward her car and Brownie makes a beeline for it.

Peanut, Tobacco County Acreage Is Measured

Halifax—C. L. Kelly, chairman of the Halifax County AAA committee, reported today that the measurement of the tobacco and peanut acreage in Halifax County for this year had been completed.

Kelly said the work was carried out by 34 county chairmen and assistants during the months of May and June. He commended the workers for "the fine job they did in carrying out this huge task."

Kelly said that it was necessary for the work to be completed on June 30 because of the reduction in funds for the coming fiscal year and that due to this fact it was only possible to measure peanuts on 64 percent of the farms in the county. He reported, however, that all of the tobacco acreage in the county was measured.

At a recent meeting of representatives from state committees in the 14 peanut producing states, Kelly said, it was agreed that at least 40 percent of the peanut acreage in the states should be measured this year for the purpose of obtaining as much data as possible for the establishing of future acreage allotments.

The county AAA chairman said that if sufficient help had been available all of the peanuts would have been measured so as to get complete data.

He added that peanut quotas will be in effect in 1949 and 1950 unless the Secretary of Agriculture determines that the quotas should be suspended either or both years.

The total cost of measuring the tobacco and peanut crops in the county was \$11,348. The rate of pay was 25 cents an acre on the 44,569 acres measured.

Kelly said that of the 96,000 peanuts producers who voted in the referendum last December, 87.7 percent voted for the quota and acreage allotments for 1948-49 and 50. However, the Secretary of Agriculture of January 2, terminated the marketing quotas on the 1948 crop because of the world shortage of foods; fats and oils.

Girl Scouts To Begin Year September 13

The Roanoke Rapids Girl Scout Council and the Girl Scout leaders will meet Thursday, September 9 to plan for the year's activity of the local Girl Scout Troops.

The Girl Scout Troops and the Brownie Troops will begin their regular meetings during the week of September 13.

For the time being the troops will meet at the same hour and the same day as last year, until a new schedule can be worked out, Girl Scout leaders said today.

The place and time of the council and leader meeting have not been set yet.

Frolics Bears Problem Children

SALT LAKE CITY (U.P.)—Boyd Carter, state game warden, has his fingers crossed these days, wondering how long the "strong cage" of a man is going to last.

Carter just deposited two frisky bear cubs in the man's back yard cage. The two cubs have been the scourge of the Hogle Gardens zoo for the last few months.

Carter caught the bears up in Wyoming, but he almost wish he hadn't. During their stay at Snow Basin, they learned to be bold; refused forest service bear-fare in favor of picnic olives and pickles, consequently breaking up three picnic parties by eating the refreshments, baskets and all.

The bears were taken to the Hogle Gardens zoo in Salt Lake City. They were too tough for the Salt Laker, too, so now Carter has turned them over to what he hopes will prove to be a cage strong enough to hold them.

War Hero Carries On GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (U.P.)—Caring for the injured is old stuff to Franklin Pierce, a rookie policeman assigned to the traffic accident division. Pierce is a Congressional Medal of Honor winner. He was cited for repeatedly bringing wounded comrades to safety under heavy fire in the Pacific.

Estimated 4,500 Halifax Men Begin Selective Service Registration Monday At Seven Centers Throughout County

Some 4,500 Halifax men between the ages of 18 and 26 are expected to begin registering Monday at seven different points in the county for the nation's second peacetime Selective Service, George N. Taylor, chairman of the Halifax County Draft Board Number 34 reported today.

Taylor said that the seven different registration centers would be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily in seven different communities in the county.

The locations of the registration centers were announced by Taylor as follows:

Enfield at the Enfield Post office, T. O. Hickman, registrar.

Aurelian Springs School, George E. Crawley, registrar.

Scotland Neck Town Hall, Mrs. Sam Gregory, registrar.

Halifax Courthouse, George Hux, registrar.

Roanoke Rapids Municipal Building, W. B. Allsbrook, registrar and Miss Julia Cook, assistant.

Weldon Fire Station, T. J. Maddrey, registrar.

Littleton Mayor's Office, Mrs. Garland S. May, Jr., registrar.

The dates set for the registration for various age groups are listed below:

1. Persons born in the year 1922 after 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 before September 19, 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.

Taylor announced that the draft board would establish a temporary office in the grand jury room at the courthouse in Halifax, Miss Vera B. Draper, clerk to the board, will be in charge of the office.

Parcel Service By Air Starts On September 1

The advent of speedier nationwide-worldwide air parcel brings back to mind of old-timers the introduction of similar surface operations 35 years ago. It was in 1913, according to Postmaster E. G. Shell of Roanoke Rapids, that parcel post first made its appearance in the United States.

The service at that time was off the beaten paths, in expediting mail to rural residents and, in turn, receiving sorely needed goods from larger cities.

Transportation facilities in those days were still slow and tedious. Motor-driven vehicles were few and the roads which they traversed were frequently impassable. Too, trains were giving off more sparks and smoke than speed. There were no commercial planes in those days, either, and only the foolhardy visioned the rapid approach of this Air Age.

Then it took days to transport parcel post packages across the country. Some parcels were forced to go by virtually every movable conveyance before they reached their destination—particularly to the most remote areas.

From the modest beginning, parcel post has grown to become an integral cog in the far-flung American postal operations. Its annual poundage, keeping step with the progress of transportation, has soared from a few million to billions of pounds of assorted commodities.

Still determined to employ the fastest means of transportation to move the mails, the Post Office Department will add the link necessary to give the United States the world's most highly specialized doorstep delivery service with launching of the new nationwide-worldwide air parcel post, said the postmaster.

Lloyd Ennis On Trial As Court Is Reconvened

Halifax—Judge R. Hunt Parker reconvened the August term of Halifax County Superior Court here today.

The first case called was that of Lloyd Ennis, formerly of Roanoke Rapids, but now a resident of Rocky Mount, who is charged with driving under the influence of intoxicating beverages.

All of the evidence had been heard and shortly before noon the jury was getting its instructions and was expected to begin deliberations after a lunch recess.

Other cases slated for hearing today included that of S. E. Warren, who is charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating beverages, and an assault case.

Court attaches said there was a possibility that this session of court would be adjourned today.

Any Mother Would Get the Jitters

BICKNELL, Ind. (U.P.)—The E. R. Kirk home is filled with foxes, skunks and screen owls. There is a young taxidermist in the house.

Twelve-year-old Ronnie Kirk began his hobby several years ago. He says he had to misrepresent his age to be able to take a mail-order course in taxidermy. But he got his diploma and points to it with pride.

Mrs. Kirk says she still isn't quite used to sharing the living room with two foxes and a bantam hen. But she has gotten over her worst case of jitters. Ronnie says it took quite a while to deodorize the house after stuffing the skunk.

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HOT SPOT—Gen. Douglas MacArthur mops his brow under the shade of an umbrella held by a Korean boy during the Independence celebration held in Seoul, Korea. The event marked the third anniversary of the country's liberation by MacArthur's troops and the birth of Korea as a republic. President Syngman Rhee sits at the general's left.

Exchange Club's Harvest Festival Will Open Monday Night On Weldon Road

Northampton Will Ballot On Beer-Wine

Jackson—Residents of Northampton County will go to the polls Wednesday, September 1 to cast ballots in a beer and wine referendum.

The usual polling places in the county will be open for the election and registered voters of the county will be eligible to vote.

The beer and wine referendum was set several weeks ago by the Northampton County Commissioners and the board of elections at the request of a number of Northampton Countians.

Beer-dealers of Northampton County sought a temporary injunction in superior court to halt the proposed referendum, but Judge R. Hunt Parker denied the petition.

Leaders of the dry forces in the county, as well as the beer-dealers have been marshaling their forces in preparation for the referendum on Wednesday.

Warren Resident Gets University Teaching Post

Warrenton—Hinton Wesson, Jr., has accepted a position on the faculty of the University of Chattanooga, at Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesson have left Warrenton to make their home in Chattanooga.

Proceeds To Be Used For Club's Work Next Year

The Roanoke Rapids Exchange club's annual Harvest festival will begin Monday night, September 30 on the Weldon Highway.

Feature of the festival this year will be the Jack J. Perry Shows.

George Davis, festival chairman, said today that the Perry Show is one of the cleanest operating in the south and has a good reputation for fine entertainment.

This will mark the first year that the Jack J. Perry Show has displayed at Roanoke Rapids or in this vicinity, Davis said.

In the past the Shows have exhibited in the eastern part of the nation and have thrilled many thousands of spectators with good entertainment.

The Perry Show will offer twelve riding devices, eight tent theatres and many other attractions.

The rides include, the merry-go-round, ferris wheel, chair-o-plane, roll-o-plane, octopus, and several others.

Escaped Convict Still At Large

Police Chief T. J. Davis announced today that Dock Hines Jr., Negro prisoner, who escaped from the Warren Prison Camp road gang last week is still at large.

Chief Davis urged all persons to be on the lookout for Hines and communicate with the local police department as soon as possible.

Hines, whose home is on the Littleton road, was serving time for assault with a deadly weapon at the time of his escape.

Bad Egg Can't Be Missed Here

The magic of "black light" can detect an old egg more quickly than you can crack one, Westinghouse tests show. Trapped in the invisible ultraviolet rays of black light, the guilty suspect shows up purple while a really fresh egg goes scarlet.

The outer shell of a hen's egg and its protein covering are fluorescent, which makes the egg glow more brightly under ultraviolet than a colored Easter egg. Presumably the color switch occurs when oxidation causes a chemical change in the shell, explained Willet R. Wilson, lamp engineer.

Ordinarily, Wilson added, unrefrigerated eggs kept under average temperature and humidity turn gradually from scarlet fluorescence to purple in eight to ten days. Properly refrigerated eggs retain their freshness and sacral fluorescence longer.

Roanoke Number One Employees Get Pay Raise

The employees of Roanoke Mill Number One will get the 8 percent wage increase recently granted to the other employees of Patterson, Rosemary and Roanoke Number Two Mills.

The granting of the wage increase to the Number One employees, came today and is effective as of August 9, as the bargaining talks on a contract for the Number One employees between the CIO Textile Workers Union of America and the Roanoke Mills Company were resumed.

Frank C. Williams, president of the company, suggested at the beginning of the bargaining session today that he would like to see the employees of Roanoke Number One get the wage increase now.

The union agreed to the company proposal and Williams released the announcement shortly before noon.

At the outset of the new bargaining conference today, Williams said, "I feel that the employees of the company's mill Number One should have the same wage increase as that given on August 9 to the employees of Roanoke Number Two, Patterson and Rosemary."

He then asked the union official to agree that the wages of the employees of Roanoke Number One be raised and paid at once to date back to August 9, the date all wages of employees in other textile mills here were raised.

In taking the action, Williams declared, "I think that it would be unfair to the employees of Roanoke Number One for the wages of all other textile workers in Roanoke Rapids to be raised without giving the same wage increase to the employees of number one. The company would like to see this pay increase made at Roanoke Number One and put in effect without further delay."

The representatives of the CIO TWUA agreed to the company's proposal and Williams immediately authorized the posting of notices at Number One announcing the wage increase, effective as of August 9.

There was no other indication as to what was being discussed at the bargaining talks, which originally began several weeks ago and the first efforts were discontinued at the request of the union.

The union recently asked that the talks be reopened and today's meeting was the result.

Representing the union at the talks were Mariano S. Bishop, director of the rayon division of the CIO Textile Workers, Toby E. Mendes, national representative here.

Williams explained why the company could not grant the raise increase to Roanoke Number One employees at the time of the granting of the eight percent increase to all production, maintenance employees at Patterson, Roanoke Two and Rosemary.

He quoted from a letter written by Mendes on April 10 which stated that "as a result of a National Labor Relations Board election conducted at Roanoke Mill Number One on Friday, March 12, 1948, the Textile Workers Union of America, CIO, has been certified as the bargaining agents for all production and maintenance employees in the matter of wages, wage rates, hours of work and condition of employment."

The letter further stated that the TWUA would enter into negotiations with the company on the matter of a contract and "that until such negotiations are undertaken any changes in the wages, wage rates, hours of work and conditions of employment made without the approval of the TWUA will be construed as an unfair labor practice within the meaning of the 1947."

The president had told the employees that if the company had given Number One workers the wage increase earlier, the union probably would have charged "us with an unfair labor practice."

Rules For Entering Lions Club Festival Queen Contest Are Set; Entries Must Be In September 7

James F. Curran, chairman of the Lions Club's Festival queen committee today announced the rules for entering the contest to select the queen of the festival.

The queen will be crowned at the Coronation Ball in the Armory the night of September 24 during a gala dance.

"The Lions Club wants all girls in Roanoke Rapids who would like to have a chance at becoming Queen of the Festival to mail entry blanks and pictures for the contest," he said today.

The queen committee chairman listed these rules for the conduct of the contest and for the entries to follow:

1. Each entrant must be at least 17 years old, but not over 22.
2. She must be single.
3. She must live in Roanoke Rapids.
4. She must submit her picture by September 7.

Curran urged all girls in Roanoke Rapids to use the entry blank on Page Three of today's Herald and to submit a photograph, preferably an 8 by 10 inch picture along with the entry blank.

He added, "If you don't think you can be the queen and have a girl friend, who you think can be the queen, then submit her picture and name."

The committee chairman said that the queen would be awarded a grand prize, in addition to being honored by being selected queen and that a second place winner would receive a prize.