

# First Issue Of Daily Herald Slated To Appear Monday

## Two Littleton Men Killed In Wednesday Morning Highway Crash

### Truck Collides With Car Near Roanoke Rapids

Two Littleton men, Robert Lee Edmonds, 41, and Clarence Taylor, Negro, 43, lost their lives in a car-truck collision two miles west of Roanoke Rapids on US highway 158 about 5:45 Wednesday morning.

Both men were employees of the Littleton Sales Company and were in a truck operated by the company when the truck collided with a car driven by W. B. Copenhaver of route one Roanoke Rapids.

State Highway Patrolmen who investigated the accident said both the truck and Copenhaver's car were proceeding toward Roanoke Rapids, when Copenhaver made a left turn to go into his driveway just as the truck was about to pass. The truck hit the car in the left side, careened off into a telegraph pole which was snapped from the force of the impact and finally came to rest upside down in the ditch.

Officers said the truck was almost completely demolished and said the Copenhaver car was severely damaged.

Copenhaver, who suffered a shoulder injury and abrasions about the head told officers that he had plainly indicated that he intended making a left turn and had no idea the truck would try to pass. No charges were preferred by the officers pending a coroner's inquest on the accident.

Both Edmonds, who was employed as a traveling salesman, and Taylor, who was a driver for the Littleton company, were rushed to the Roanoke Rapids hospital by ambulance. Edmonds died about 7:45 of a crushed chest, internal injuries and a possible skull fracture, and Taylor died shortly after nine o'clock from severe head injuries.

Funeral services for Mr. Edmonds will be conducted from the Littleton Baptist Church at 4:00 p. m. Thursday, with Rev. Julian H. Kings, pastor, officiating.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mary Fleming Edmonds; one son, Bobby; one sister, Miss F. Edmonds of Littleton; three brothers, William, Ernest and Clyde, all of Littleton.

Taylor was unmarried and a list of survivors was not immediately available. Funeral arrangements were incomplete pending the arrival in Littleton of New York relatives of the dead Negro driver.

Officers said they did not learn which of the fatally-injured was driving the truck at the time the accident occurred.

Wednesday morning's wreck ran the total highway fatalities in Halifax County to five for the year.

### Buses To Carry Crowds To Jaycee Thrill Act Sunday

It was announced today by the Roanoke Rapids Junior Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the famous Hell Drivers thrill show which will take place at the Cheekoyote Fair Grounds at two p. m. Sunday, September 12, that Roanoke Transit buses will be available to take crowds to and from the Fair Grounds for the show.

Buses will start operating at noon Sunday to take people to the Fair Grounds and will be available after the two-hour thrill show to return the crowds to town.

The daredevil show, which is headed by Johnnie Hand, ace auto stunt man, will feature 15 thrill acts.

## Roanoke Rapids Schools Show 2,489 Now Enrolled

Vacation ended here Tuesday morning for 2,489 school-age children, as the first day of school rolled around again and the kids started that long trek back to nine months of readin' ritin' and all the rest that goes with modern education.

Enrollment figures for the Roanoke Rapids schools showed a slight increase over those of the opening of schools last year. Superintendent of City Schools I. E. Ready said here Wednesday afternoon with new first-graders in the white schools amounting to an increase of five students. He said last year there were 174 enrolled in the first grade and said there were 179 children to enter school for the first time Tuesday.

Overall totals for the white schools show 1,891 students in

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TWO HALIFAX BOY SCOUTS, Vernon Bradley (left) and Harold Twisdale, members of Troop 53 at Halifax have been presented awards for the greatest advancement in Scouting in the Halifax district during 1947. The awards were made at a recent meeting of the Roanoke Rapids Lions Club at which the two Boy Scouts were special guests. Lion D. E. Bennett, Commissioner of the Halifax district, Boy Scouts of America, made the presentation on behalf of the Lions Club.

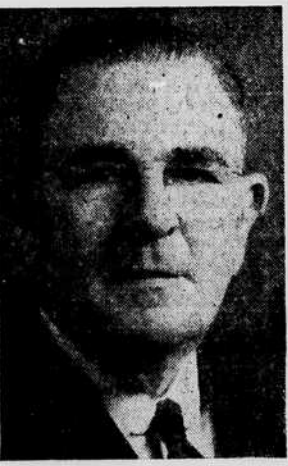
## M. McRae Faison Is First Again as Herald Subscriber

M. McRae Faison, well-known Roanoke Rapids insurance and real estate operator and former postmaster of Roanoke Rapids holds the distinction of being the first founder-subscriber to the new Daily and Sunday Herald, the first edition of which is scheduled for publication on Monday.

"Mac" as he is known to his many friends has a record of being first as far as subscribing to the Herald is concerned. He was the first subscriber to the Herald when it began publication as a weekly back in 1914.

"Mac" tells the story of how he happened to be the first subscriber to the Herald.

"The little house back of the Joyner home on Hamilton Street was the first office of the Herald. One day in 1914, I don't recall the exact day but it was while I was postmaster, I happened to be going by the then Herald office and noticed much activity



FIRST SUBSCRIBER to the new Daily Herald is M. McRae Faison of Roanoke Rapids, who was the first subscriber to the Herald when it was founded in 1914.

I stopped in and Mr. Proctor, who was then editor of the paper, was getting ready to make his first press run.

"I asked Mr. Proctor if he had any subscribers and the answer was no. So I asked to be allowed to be the first and paid \$1.00 for a year's subscription."

"Mac" said that he kept that first copy of the Herald for many years sealed in an envelope marked do not destroy. He said that he once told Carroll Wilson, a former owner of the Herald, about it and Wilson asked for the paper, since there was none in the Herald's files, but the paper was missing when "Mac" went to look for it.

Came Here in '95 Faison recalled that he came to Roanoke Rapids in 1895 with the rest of his family and said, "We were the 13th family to ar-

rive here." His father, H. B. Faison, was a carpenter and came here to work on the first knitting mill, in the building located where the Manchester Board and Paper Box Company is today.

"Mac" said that he, his father and his brother walked from Northampton County to Roanoke Rapids and drove the family cows.

There was no facility for transportation into Roanoke Rapids at that time and the rest of the Faison family came to Weldon by train and then walked to Roanoke Rapids.

In the little village of those days of 1895 there were no business buildings and the home into which the Faisons moved was not complete. The home was located at what is now 120 Jefferson street.

On completion of the knitting mill, which was operated by the United Industrial Company, in 1896, "Mac" went to work in the mill.

He said that his early schooling was had in a one room school which was located near where the hospital now stands and was in a grove of woods.

Most of the trading was done in Weldon and later when there was a method of transportation between Weldon and Roanoke Rapids the trade between the two towns grew.

The transportation was by horse-drawn boat down the old canal and much freight was moved via barge and boat. The people walked along the canal bank between Roanoke Rapids and Weldon in those early days.

Faison recalls that in 1895 and 1896, Roanoke Avenue of today was nothing more than a road, fringed by trees and marshland. He says that he grazed cattle over the area around what is today Second and First streets and that there were no buildings in the area.

The one business building in (Continued on page 12)

## Town Seeks Use Of Surplus Parking Meter Profits For Recreational Purposes

Roanoke Rapids Commissioners, meeting here Tuesday afternoon in their regular meeting, passed a motion to request the General Assembly to pass an act enabling the Board in its discretion to use surplus profits from parking meters for recreational purposes.

Under the existing setup, all parking meter profits are earmarked for traffic regulation enforcement, however Board members expressed the hope that a special local act would be enacted in the 1949 General Assembly to allow the city to use the surplus profits for recreation.

The Commissioners again discussed the comic-book influence on children in the city, and Mayor W. B. Allsbrook read a ruling he recently received from

State's Attorney-General Harry McMullan in which it was stated that any publications which are not acceptable in the U. S. mails can be barred from newsstand sales. The mayor said he has discussed the matter with local postmaster L. G. Shell and added that he is obtaining a list of prohibited publications from the U. S. Postmaster-General.

He said this list of publications will be used to remove any prohibited books from sale in the city.

The Commissioners officially adopted the proposed budget recently submitted, and they discussed with engineers and contractors the current street paving project in the city, however no definite action was taken on the streets.

## Rev. Walker Named Drive Chairman

The Rev. John M. Walker, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, has been named drive chairman of the annual Community Chest campaign in Roanoke Rapids, Henry Akers, chairman of the campaign committee announced today.

Akers said that the dates for the campaign, which will be held sometime during October, will be announced later. The annual Red Feather

campaign raises funds for the various civic organizations in Roanoke Rapids, including the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, school room lunch program, the Associated Charities and other organizations.

The goal for this year's campaign has not been set, but the various participating organizations are working on their budgets and the campaign committee plans to announce the goal at a later date.

## Tax Revaluation Question Deferred By County Board

Halifax.—The Halifax County Commissioners reached a stalemate on the issue of having a new valuation made on property in the county for tax assessments when two members of the commission were unable to attend the afternoon session of the meeting here Tuesday. At the time Ralph D. Stout representing the Southern Mapping and Engineering Company appeared at the meeting to give an estimate of the cost of such a survey.

Although all the members were present at the morning session in the court house, J. R. Wrenn and M. H. Mitchell were unable to be present when the meeting resumed after lunch. The remaining three members, D. G. Dickens, C. S. Alexander and John B. Davis, felt that the matter before the Board of Commissioners with regard to having the survey made was of such importance to the entire county that all commissioners should be present when a decision was made.

Stout pointed out that if the revaluation of property were to be completed in time to affect next year's tax levy, it must be started immediately. Since time was so important, a special meeting was called for the early part of next week. At that time Mr. Stout is expected to be present to give an estimate of the cost of such a survey by his firm, and a representative of the Cole-Layer-Trumble Company of Ohio is also expected to be present.

The revaluation of property has been under consideration for several weeks and if done is expected to remedy many discrepancies in the present tax levies by making the valuations on a scientific basis.

## Daniels Will Speak To Rotary Club

Frank Daniels, president of the North Carolina Press Association, will be the principal speaker at the Roanoke Rapids Rotary club Monday evening.

Daniels, who is business manager of the Raleigh News and Observer, is coming here to honor the inauguration of the Herald as a daily and Sunday paper.

## Founder-Subscribers

Here is a list of the first Founder-Subscribers to the new Daily Herald. These are among the first people in this area who have joined the new Daily Herald "family":

- (1) M. McRae Faison, Roanoke Rapids
- (2) R. L. Towe, Roanoke Rapids
- (3) H. L. Rook, route one, Roanoke Rapids
- (4) James A. Hawkins, route one, Roanoke Rapids
- (5) A. E. Powell, route one, Roanoke Rapids
- (6) B. C. Pair, route two, Roanoke Rapids
- (7) Mrs. J. B. O'Brian, route two, Roanoke Rapids
- (8) Mrs. Nina H. Powell, route two, Roanoke Rapids
- (9) E. D. Jenkins, route two, Halifax
- (10) Annie Boyd Morecock, route two, Halifax
- (11) Jacob M. Carter, Chapel Hill
- (12) Raymond J. Gibson, route two, Littleton
- (13) James F. Smith, route two, Littleton
- (14) J. R. Dickens, route two, Littleton
- (15) J. J. Haskins, route two, Littleton
- (16) G. W. Hardee, route two, Littleton
- (17) J. A. Rowland, route two, Littleton
- (18) Mrs. L. J. Hux, route two, Littleton
- (19) W. C. Dickens, route two, Littleton
- (20) Marvin S. Wright, route one, Littleton
- (21) Daniel Hux, route two, Halifax
- (22) Sultor Brothers Store, Garysburg

## Lions See Movies Of World Series

A movie of the 1947 World Series afforded an interesting program for the Roanoke Rapids Lions Club at the last regular club meeting.

Andy Reilly was a guest of the club at the meeting, and Ben Israel and Kenneth Brewer were new members present for the first time.

During the business session, Bernard Allsbrook made an appeal to the club to aid in any way possible in securing help in the registration of boys 18 through 25 for the current post-war draft.

## Roanoke Rapids Will Have First Daily Paper

The first issue of the Daily and Sunday Herald will appear next Monday, September 13th. This statement is subject to the qualification that Associated Press wires have yet to be installed in the building; contingencies could arise to delay the first day's publication. But odds are against such delay.

To assure continuous publication under current conditions when newsprint will cost the Herald \$200 per ton for a large part of its requirements as against a \$105 per ton for long-established dailies, 100 god-fathers, business and professional firms who would agree to advertise every week, were deemed necessary. Eighty-eight firms have signed contracts. The 12 more needed are near enough in sight to warrant this announcement.

Forty-five hundred FOUNDER-SUBSCRIBERS are essential for successful operation, but there is every indication that the circulation will equal or exceed that number.

Harold Muthig, county circulator, began a canvass of rural routes Monday morning and added 30 new subscribers in three days, in each case collecting in advance for at least three months. His calls indicate that 75 per cent of the farmers within 20 miles of Roanoke Rapids will be eager and enthusiastic subscribers to the new daily.

Muthig expects to add two or three thousand to the present rural circulation of the Herald. This is part of the Herald's goal to build farm trade for the Roanoke Rapids-Weldon community.

Buying power from peanuts alone in the 20 mile radius is eleven million dollars; other crops also are big money producers.

Newsboys yesterday began canvassing their routes to obtain signatures from FOUNDER-SUBSCRIBERS, those willing to sign up for 13 week subscriptions.

Many of the boys reported a near 100 per cent subscription on their routes.

Boys turning in a 100 per cent subscription list will receive a \$10 bill from the Herald.

The carriers, of course, are enthusiastic about the opportunity afforded them by a daily paper. Routes of 80 customers will enable the carrier to make \$6.40 a week; of 100 customers, \$8; and of 150 customers, \$12 a week. Such earnings for an hour or two a day of work by 14-year-olds are reminders to older men of a different day, they recall that in the days when they delivered newspaper routes, they counted themselves lucky to make a dollar or two a week.

The daily and Sunday Herald will be delivered by carrier for 30 cents a week. The normal issue will be 10 pages. On account of the newsprint shortage, the Monday and Tuesday issues may have to be held to 8 pages in weeks when both Thursday and Sunday issues are larger than 12 pages. The Herald will be a complete Daily carrying international, national and state news, sports, society, and 10 daily comics. The Sunday Herald will carry eight tabloid pages of colored comics.

The first issue will be larger than usual, being at present scheduled for 36 pages. It will be an historic issue. The first issue of any daily is saved; hundreds of homes will keep their copy and bring it out for display for 25 or 50 years. The first issue of some dailies 100 years old or more are still being brought out on special occasions. To meet the special demand for this first issue, 10,000 will be printed. Extra copies may be obtained for 5 cents apiece.

Your newsboy will call on you during the next three days to invite you to become a FOUNDER-SUBSCRIBER. If you accept the invitation he will present you with a FOUNDER SUBSCRIBER certificate when he makes his first collection on Saturday September 18. Attach it to the "first issue" as evidence of your part in founding the Daily and Sunday Herald.

## White Elephant Party To Launch Woman's Club Year Next Monday

A White Elephant Party designed to obtain furnishings and other materials for the Roanoke Rapids Woman's Club will be held next Monday afternoon at 3:30 at the club building as the first activity of the Woman's Club year.

Mrs. John T. Gilbert, president of the club, said that all members and prospective members of the club are invited to Monday's White Elephant Party and are urged to bring with them any pieces of furniture, drapes, curtains or any other articles which have become "white elephants" in their home.

The club, which has not been active since the recent war, will get back into operation officially at Monday's meeting, in which complete plans for the year will be formulated.

Chief activity on the Woman's Club list is the raising of funds to take care of a heating plant which has been installed in the club building on Jackson street. Until May the club was rented by the Business and Professional Women's Club.

At that time the Woman's Club was reorganized by a group of interested members and the following officers were elected to head it: Mrs. John T. Gilbert, president; Mrs. Henry A. Ricks,

first vice-president; Mrs. George F. Pappendick, second vice president; Mrs. Hugh Godwin recording secretary; Mrs. Edwin Akers, corresponding secretary and Mrs. Robert A. Michie, treasurer.

Ordinarily the club installs officers and starts the year's business each fall and suspends activities during the summer months, however this past summer the club members have engaged in a number of ventures including a benefit bridge party recently, the operation of part of the concession shared by the Exchange Club at the Harvest Festival, and will have a concession in operation at the fourth coming Lions Club Festival.

Mrs. Gilbert said she is encouraged by the cooperation which the club has received in its efforts to become active again, and she said the member are particularly grateful to the Exchange Club and the Lion for their aid in helping the ladies to raise funds for club activities.

She said the members are looking forward to a highly-successful year ahead, and said she hopes all members will show around next Monday and be on hand for the White Elephant Party.

## 2,252 Registered For Draft

George N. Taylor, chairman of the Halifax County Draft Board, announced today that 2,252 young men had registered at the seven selective service registration centers in the county since registration began on August 30.

Taylor said that according to the state selective service headquarters' estimate for the county this "is about half of the number of young men expected to register for the draft."

The list showed that 925 registered in Roanoke Rapids; 228 in Weldon; 195 in Solceland

Neck; 462 in Enfield; 163 in Littleton; 30 in Aurelian Springs and 249 in Halifax.

The draft board chairman said that questionnaires on which the board was to base its classification of the men would be mailed today. He estimated that it would take several weeks before all of those registered would receive their questionnaires, saying that "we will mail about 100 each day."

The registration of the various age groups will continue according to the schedule as set by the national selective service headquarters.

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