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Miami Physician Killed In Collision On U. S. Highway 301 Near Weldon

Oil Truck And Auto In Collision

Weldon, Nov. 7—Dr. Henry Fendell, 33, Miami, Fla physician was killed instantly in a highway accident between an automobile and an oil truck about three and one-half miles south of here on U. S. highway 301 about 6:30 yesterday morning.

The doctor's wife, his mother and his sister were sent to the Roanoke Rapids Hospital for treatment of injuries incurred in the accident.

Aldie Finch of Clayton, driver of the truck which struck the Florida car, was being held under a \$2,000 bond pending the outcome of a coroner's inquest in the case.

According to reports from Halifax County coroner Rufus Britton, who along with State Highway Patrolmen was conducting an investigation of the fatal accident, the Fendell car was travelling south on the highway and was meeting a log truck which had just passed the oil truck driven by Finch. The log truck was said to have been forced off the highway on the left by the Fendell car and the car had been struck head-on by the oil truck.

Dr. Fendell, who was a resident of 80th street, Miami, was a physician at the Jewish Memorial Hospital in the Florida city. He was reported to have been driving the car at the time of the accident.

His wife, Mrs. Betty Fendell, his mother, Mrs. Augusta Fendell, and sister, Miss Anita Fendell, were all admitted to the Roanoke Rapids Hospital where reports last night said they were all in good condition. Hospital Attaches said the three women were suffering from shock and from minor cuts and bruises.

The doctor received fatal head injuries and the body was taken to the Rowe Funeral Home here. The automobile was severely damaged, but officers said the truck was only slightly damaged.

A coroner's jury was summoned here yesterday and taken to the scene of the accident by Coroner Britton and other officers. Jurors were told they would be summoned later for an inquest.

Finch, driver of the truck, operates the truck for the Central Oil Milling Company of Clayton.

The accident marked the fourth highway fatality for the year in Halifax County.

New Building Planned For Eastman School

Halifax — According to a statement from W. Henry Overman, Superintendent of Halifax County Schools, the Halifax County Board of Education has authorized the partial construction of an auditorium-gymnasium at the Eastman School.

Plans and specifications for the proposed building will be drawn by Frank B. Simpson, Raleigh architect. Labor from the Trades Class at the Eastman School will be used in the construction under the supervision of R. H. Wright, county school maintenance foreman.

Board of Education members were advised of a meeting of the State School Board Association which will be held in Chapel Hill on November 11.

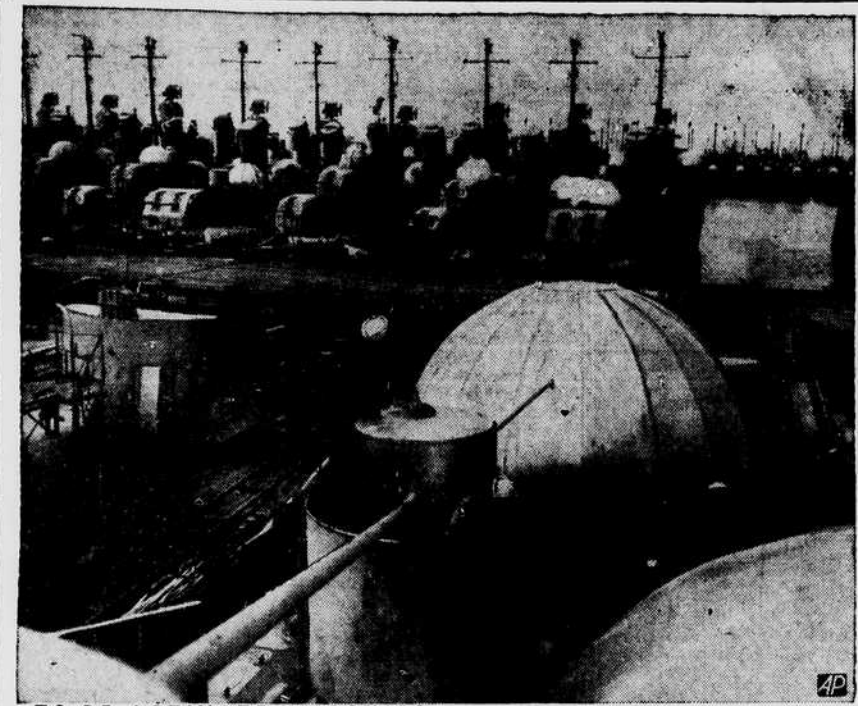
Aside from the approval of the Eastman School construction, the Board of Education acted on routine business only in their last regular meeting.

Allsbrook Named To Municipalities Legislative Group

Mayor W. B. Allsbrook of Roanoke Rapids was informed this week of his appointment to the Legislative Committee of the North Carolina League of Municipalities.

The appointment was made during the recent conference of the League in Charlotte.

The Mayor said today he has accepted an invitation to meet with the committee and the League's Executive Committee in the office of the League of Municipalities in Raleigh on November 18 for the initial meeting of the new year.



TO RE-ACTIVATE WARSHIPS — Sailors work on destroyer escorts at San Diego, Calif., as Navy prepares to re-activate some vessels of the Pacific Reserve Fleet. Metal domes are de-humidifiers mounted as protective "cocoon" over anti-aircraft guns.

Anti-Parking Meter Forces At Work Again As Meters Near End Of Trial Period, But Apparently Meters Needed

By Bill Davey
On November 19 Roanoke Rapids' parking meters will have "come of age", and except for some scattered sniping against them by a minority group of residents of the city they seem to have won themselves a permanent home in the city.

Recently there has been additional attention focussed on the meters with the circulation of a petition among some of the residents of the city requesting that the meters be removed. Last Thursday night the Roanoke Rapids Junior Chamber of Commerce went on record as opposing the continuation of the meters on the grounds that "they were not doing what they were supposed to do."

Except for those two incidents, though, the meters have been functioning uncomplainingly for ten hours a day, six days a week since they went into operation on an eight months' trial basis March 19. That eight months will be a completed a week from next Friday, and a recent survey would indicate they have been successful to a degree which exceeded even the hopes of those who fostered them.

A contract was signed between the city and the Karpark Corporation of Cincinnati on January 6, 1948, in which it was clearly said "The Company will furnish said parking meters for a trial period of eight months."

In that eight months' period it has become possible to get a parking space in the business district of the city at any time in almost any location.

The parking meters in Roanoke Rapids are not unlike Al Capp's "schmoos" which recently rose to national prominence in that they are self-sustaining, and cost no one anything except the people who actually use them.

Revenue Producers
They pay for themselves and a little bit more. Already the parking meters have earned the city of Roanoke Rapids a total of \$3,732.99 and the money is in a fund for better enforcement of traffic regulations within the city. The 363 meters now in operation have grossed \$9,439.77 since the first penny was poked into one of them, and already the Karpark Corporation has been paid \$3,732.99 toward the total cost of the meters.

Already a resolution has been passed by the Board of City Commissioners requesting that a local act be introduced in the 1949 General Assembly enabling the city to use its parking meter receipts for recreational purposes. Such a proposal would make possible a steady income for the city. (Continued on Page Twelve)

Local Junior Chamber Sends Letter To City Commissioners Opposing Parking Meters In Roanoke Rapids

A letter was sent yesterday from the Roanoke Rapids Junior Chamber of Commerce to the Roanoke Rapids Board of City Commissioners informing the Board the Jaycees had gone on record as being opposed to the parking meters now being used in the city.

A decision to send such a letter was made in the regular meeting of the Junior Chamber here last Thursday night and followed a prolonged discussion during which various members of the club presented their views in favor and against the meters now in operation.

When the matter was finally put to a vote by club president Henry Akers the group opposing the meters was found to have a slight majority, and club secretary Paul E. Greene, Jr., was instructed to write a letter telling the Board the decision which had been made by the Club.

Greene's letter, mailed yesterday, was addressed to the Mayor and Board of City Commissioners and the complete text of the letter is as follows:

"We, the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Roanoke Rapids, N. C., would like for it to be known that we, as one of the many civil clubs of this city, go on record as being opposed to the parking meters now being used in this city. This does not mean that we are definitely against the parking meters but that we believe, from information received and from our own observation, that they are neither helping business nor the traffic problem. It is understood by the Club that meters were installed for the above reasons. If facts can be shown that the meters are helping the city remedy the traffic situation and not hindering business in our city, we, as the Junior Chamber of Commerce, will put all of our influence and support behind you in an all-out effort to retain the parking meters. If you would give such facts and figures to the Press, we would be glad to accept them as proof that the meters are beneficial to our city. I am also sure that such figures would have to be sufficient to other elements in the city that are definitely opposed and against parking meters."

Close on the heels of the action of the Jaycees came reports from various sections of Roanoke Rapids that petitions were being circulated by interested people requesting that the meters be retained.

Several out-of-town residents in Roanoke Rapids yesterday said they hoped there would be no irresponsible action on the part of the Board of Commissioners toward taking the meters in. Several Northamptoners' (Continued on Page Twelve)

November 26 Is Christmas Opening Here

The Roanoke Rapids Merchants Association announced today that Friday, November 26, has been set for the Official Christmas Opening for Roanoke Rapids merchants.

A parade will be held for the opening, and the parade will start in the South Ward at seven o'clock and will parade through the business district to Simmons Park, where the Roanoke Rapids High School Yellow Jackets will wind up their football season in a game with Wedon High. Santa Claus riding in a convertible coupe and carrying a bag of candy or toys for the children will be the feature of the parade which will be led by the Roanoke Rapids High School band.

On the evening of the Christmas Opening all Christmas decorations will be in place and lights will be turned on at that time.

All local merchants have been urged by the Association to have their window displays and store decorations completed in time for the opening.

Dewey Places Blame For His Defeat

Albany, N. Y., Nov. 6—(AP)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, set for an Arizona vacation, today blamed Republican overconfidence for his stunning defeat in the presidential election.

The top candidate told a news conference:

"I was quite surprised by the very low vote.

"It looks as if two or three million Republicans stayed home (from the polls) out of overconfidence."

When a reporter asked Dewey whether, in his judgment, that was the main reason for his defeat, he replied:

"It's one factor that stands out in the returns so far."

Refreshed by lots of sleep, the New York governor announced: "I am going to get a little holiday. I am going to Arizona to get some sunshine."

He will fly to Tucson from LaGuardia Field in New York tomorrow at 8 a. m., Eastern Standard Time. He will be accompanied on the two-week trip by Mrs. Dewey; their sons, Thomas, 16, and John, 13; Mr. and Mrs. Carl T. Hogan and their son, Jack, 12; and Mr. and Mrs. Roger W. Straus. The Hogans and Straus families are friends of the Deweys.

Attendance At Orthopedic Clinic Here Increases Over First Month

Attendance at the second of the monthly Roanoke Rapids Orthopedic Clinics here Thursday showed an increase over the number of people who came to the opening clinic, Dr. Robert F. Young, Halifax County Health Officer said here today.

Dr. Young said most of the patients who attended the day-long clinic Thursday were from Halifax County, but said there were also twelve patients from Northampton County and several from Martin County who came in to take advantage of the facilities offered.

Dr. Everett I. Bugg, Durham orthopedic surgeon, was again in charge of the clinic, and he was assisted by Dr. J. H. Cutchin, Jr., of Roanoke Rapids and Miss Lily Fontress, consultant nurse from the State Board of Health.

Mrs. Ferdinand Clark and Miss Bertha Lee Cates, nurses of the Halifax County Health Department, and Mrs. Earl Moore who acted as secretarial assistant for the clinic.

Dr. Young said the opening day of the clinic found 8 patients for treatment, and said last Thursday there were 59 patients who kept the clinic personnel busy until late in the evening.

The clinic is sponsored here with the cooperation of the Halifax County Health Department, the Crippled Children's division of the State Board of Health and the Vocational Rehabilitation Division.

Truman Approves Low Budgets For 16 Government Agencies In New "Hard-Boiled" Budget Policy

Observance Of American Education Week Begins In Local Schools

Roanoke Rapids schools will begin their twenty-eighth observance of American Education Week today, when ministers in most of the city's pulpits will bring messages to their congregations concerning the needs of education and citing the major job education is doing in the modern world.

The week will be devoted to the central theme "Strengthening the Foundations of Freedom" and each day will be set aside for a special topic developing the theme.

Today's topic is "Learning to Live Together" and the churches will cooperate in the topic of the day.

Throughout the week all schools will conduct open house and educators have urged that parents and others who are interested in education visit the schools during the week and see them in action. Special exhibits for American Education Week are being arranged in most of the schools of the city and other events concerned with the celebration have been planned throughout the week.

Monday's topic is "Improving the Educational Program"; Tuesday, "Securing Qualified Teachers"; Wednesday, "Providing Adequate Finances"; Thursday, "Safeguarding Our America"; Friday, "Promoting Health and Safety"; and Saturday, "Developing Worthy Family Life."

Schools, teachers and Parent-Teacher Associations throughout the city have been asked to join in bringing to the attention of people everywhere the job the schools are doing for the children of every community. Schools have improved since the American Education Week was instituted in 1930, local teachers said, but there is still a lot of room for improvement in American education and it is a program which calls for the support of everyone in working toward improved facilities for the children of the nation.

Survey Gives An Idea About 81st Congress

Washington, Nov. 6—(AP)—Strong backing for the Marshall plan, food support prices for farm products, and repeal of the Taft-Hartley law are indicated in an Associated Press survey of members of the new Congress.

But sentiment runs against giving the President standby price control and rationing powers.

Almost half the men and women who will make up the 81st Congress expressed their views on major questions.

Answers to all or some of the questions were given by 27 Senators and 235 Representatives who will serve in the new Congress. Not all of them would allow their names to be used, and many were undecided on some of the questions. Others qualified their answers.

Many said they reserve the right to change their opinions if developments between now and the time for actually voting indicate the need for a change. The answers came from all over the country and reflected a cross-section of congressional thinking as of today on all four questions.

Chest Fund Incomplete, Now \$12,000

"I still have to get a report on the industrial collection, but I feel reasonably certain that we will reach our 1948 drive goal," The Rev. John M. Walker, Jr., drive chairman for the Roanoke Rapids Community Chest said here yesterday.

The Rev. Mr. Walker said he does not have a final overall report ready for the annual campaign as yet, however he said he hoped to have all figures compiled by tomorrow.

He said the figures on the collection so far compiled have a total of \$12,724 exclusive of the industrial collection which is still to be reported.

The campaign goal for the six Red Feather activities operating annually under the Roanoke Rapids Community Chest is \$14,375. The drive chairman said there were still a few special gifts as well as the industrial report to be added to the money already collected to give the final drive total.

Vance County Boy Wins 4-H Show Honors

Weldon—Samuel Hayes of Middleburg in Vance County walked off with the grand prize in the Northeastern District 4-H Sweet Potato Show held at the Halifax County Training Show here last week.

A. C. Cooper of Greensboro A. and T. College, Negro 4-H Club director, headed the show which was attended by some 250 Negro 4-H club members from the 17 Northeastern North Carolina counties in the district.

In the exhibit itself there were 14 entrants and four blue-ribbon winners were declared, Hayes topping the list.

H. M. Covington, horticulturist from the Extension Department, spoke to the group on sweet potato production and recommended ways in which it could be improved.

The Grand Prize in the show, a blue ribbon plus a \$12 cash award, went to Hayes, with other blue ribbons and \$8.00 cash prizes going to Jean Boone of Hertford County, Norman Moore of Pasquotank County, and Henry Swimpson of Martin County.

Red ribbons and \$6.00 cash prizes were won by Charlie Bellamy of Halifax County and Philip Parson of Perquimans County. Cusie Cotton and Hoses Cotton of Halifax, Chester Cherry of Bertie, Henry Armstrong of Wilson, Thomas Russell and Barker Russell of Warren, Leon Johnson of Northampton and Leon Pope of Edgecombe all won white ribbons and \$4.00 prizes.

D. J. Knight, Halifax County Negro 4-H leader, was host for the Weldon school at the district meeting.

Truman Accepts New Bern Pastor's Invitation; To Attend Church Today

New Bern, Nov. 6—(AP)—Plans neared completion here tonight for President Truman and his party to attend service at the historic First Baptist Church here tomorrow.

The pastor, 40-year-old Rev. Thomas W. (Tom) Fryer, had a difficult time preparing his sermon today because of the numerous phone calls and visitors which followed the announcement that the President would attend.

There were other problems, too. The church seats only 500, but a crowd many times that figure is expected to show up.

Plans call for a service of simplicity. The youthful minister said, to only addition to the usual Sunday service would be a special prayer, asking God's guidance for the nation's leaders in the next four years.

"It will be a typical Baptist service," said Rev. Fryer. Mister Truman's party will be met at the door by the preacher. The group will be led to a reserved section, and then the service will proceed as usual.

There will be no reception for the President. Nor will he greet anyone, although Gov. Cherry, Governor-Elect Kerr Scott and other high State officials will be present.

Rev. Fryer had emphasized that the President will be present only to attend worship. Cards have been issued to all members of the church, and they will be seated on the basis of first come.

There is a story behind Mr. Truman's visit to New Bern. Last September the minister met the President at the White House and presented him a gavel from the City of New Bern. Little dreaming that such a mo-

Armed Forces Not Included Among These

Washington, Nov. 6—(AP)—President Truman today approved generally lower budgets for 16 departments and agencies and his budget director announced:

"We have adopted a hard boiled budget policy." Budget Director James E. Webb did not name the 16 departments and agencies whose estimates for expenditures in the coming fiscal year were approved.

He told reporters after a conference with the President, however, that they did not include the military services, and constituted only about one-tenth of the entire contemplated budget outlay.

He said the figures approved today, for the fiscal year which starts next July 1, are "somewhat lower" than the current year's budgets.

"There may be a few cases where they are higher, but generally speaking they will be lower," he said, adding that the budget will be made as "tight as possible in order to get as nearly as possible to a balance."

However, he would not estimate the total of the new budget, or whether there will be a deficit at the end of the present fiscal year.

This year's budget is \$42,200,000,000. Last August Mr. Truman estimated there would be a \$1,500,000,000 deficit next June 30, because of the Republican tax cut and other factors.

"The President's policies will be to hold down expenditures to the lowest possible level which will meet the needs of the country," Webb said. "When we do that, the question of whether we have a surplus or deficit depends on revenue."

Although today's conference did not concern the military, the President recently announced that he has asked the armed services to trim their original estimates of around \$23,000,000,000 down to \$15,000,000,000, of which \$600,000,000 would be for stockpiling strategic materials.

Webb said that the estimates approved today conform to a directive Mr. Truman sent to all departments and agencies last July 22. His instructions then were to plan to continue operations at or below the current year's level—"unless exceptional circumstances clearly make this impossible."

The letter, made public today for the first time, told the departmental officials that "for budgetary purposes it should be assumed that production and employment will continue high. Prices and wages should also be assumed to continue at about the July-August 1948 levels."

The President directed his administrators to cover all foreseeable needs, and make no assumptions that deficiency appropriations will be forthcoming to cover deficits.

"Expansion of existing activities or initiation of new ones should not be contemplated, unless required by law or to meet urgent needs," he admonished them.

Local Merchants Group Members Meet Wednesday

The Roanoke Rapids Merchants Association will have its regular quarterly membership meeting on Wednesday evening at 6:30 at the Rosemary Cafe, according to an announcement made here today.

The meeting will be a supper meeting with an open forum discussion. The announcement in the Association News said it will be a "get up; speak up; shut up meeting... If you have any 'gripes', please bring them to this meeting and get them out of your system."

Entertainment will be provided by a local vocal quartet. Mrs. Elva Martin, Association secretary, has requested that all members try to be present for the meeting and asks that all who plan to be on hand please to notify her at the Merchants Association office no later than Monday.