

200 AT SAFETY MEET TO HEAR HOCUTT, JONES

A crowd of 200 citizens and officials of Halifax County attended the Safety meeting held at Halifax Wednesday night, which climaxed a 3-day Safety program in more than sixty Halifax County Schools.

The Wednesday night meeting was held at the Halifax Grammar School and the crowd represented every section of Halifax County. Principal speaker was Ronald Hocutt, director of the Highway Safety Division of North Carolina.

Safety in driving was the plea made by Mr. Hocutt and for a decrease in drunken driving. He urged the various communities of Halifax County to form local Safety Councils and to keep the subject of safety constantly before the people. Another meeting, similar to this, was planned for a year from now, with a check-up then to see how much better record Halifax County would have for 1940.

Lt. Lester Jones of Greenville, in command of Troop A of the State Highway Patrol, told his audience how the Patrol co-operated with The State Highway Department and the various committees, stressing the engineering and enforcement features of safety.

Purpose of the meeting was outlined by F. M. Sherry of Roanoke Rapids, who has been active in the organization of a local Safety Council in this city. The Roanoke Rapids High School Band gave several selections. County Supt. of Schools V. C. Matthews outlined the work done in the county schools during the three-day safety educational program.

Safety songs and safety plays were staged by the Halifax School under the direction of Miss Elliott, the principal. The audience then sang safety songs with Mrs. Bill Flythe of the Safety Division at the piano.

The program was concluded with the showing of a safety film on careful driving.

County-Wide Programs On Safety Held

The safety meeting at Halifax last night culminated a three days program that was carried out through the entire county, every school being visited during those three days by members of the North Carolina Safety Division and Highway Patrol.

In the county during the week were Mr. Blanton and Mr. Barefoot, of the Safety Division of Raleigh; and H. W. Rothrock stationed at Roanoke Rapids, F. B. Hines at Scotland Neck, S. E. Ewell at Enfield, Corporal J. C. Hines at Weldon, and Sergeant A. W. Welch from Ahsokie.

School bus patrols are being formed in every school in the county, a movement that is entirely new within the state, and unique to Halifax County. Patrolman Rothrock presented the two boys for the Roanoke Rapids buses with Sam Browne belts yesterday. Other bus patrolmen in the county will receive theirs soon.

At the safety meetings held at the schools during the three days, the safety division men and the patrolmen talked to the students and teachers, encouraging a concentrated study of safety problems in order to educate people along lines of safety.

Superintendent of County Schools, V. C. Matthews, assisted the patrolmen in the work.

Rothrock, local patrolman, stated today that he believed the safety movement going on over the county and in Roanoke Rapids in particular is already bearing fruit, as accidents have been reduced considerably during the past few weeks.

Roanoke REA Planning To Extend Services

L. W. Anderson, Jr., manager of the Roanoke Electric Membership Corporation, announced that plans are being made to extend the rural electrification lines into several nearby counties, including Northampton, Bertie, and Hertford. If enough members can be obtained, the present plan is to extend the line through the lower end of Northampton County across to Boone's Cross Roads, thence to Potecasi, to run parallel to the Woodland - Murfreesboro highway to New Town near Pendleton, Severn and Shearin's Cross Roads and finally back to Mount Carmel, with branches extending to Menola and Saint John's.

Mass meetings are being held this

week and next, for those wishing to obtain electrical services for their homes or farms, at which time the plan is fully explained and members enrolled. The first of these meetings was held Thursday evening, December 7, at 7 o'clock at the J. A. Vaughan Service Station on the Woodland-Murfreesboro road.

Other meetings are scheduled for Friday, December 8, at 7 o'clock at Rehobeth Church; Monday, December 11, at Vinson's Store at Menola and Thursday, December 14, at Mount Carmel Church.

The REA requires a minimum of three members per mile, each member paying a membership fee of \$5, which is returned in case service is not extended to this member.

At present the Roanoke Electric Membership Corporation is serving more than 600 families in Halifax County.

Mrs. Pruden Hostess

A delightful meeting of the Monday Night Bridge Club was held last week with Mrs. Howard Pruden as hostess. Four tables of players enjoyed six progressions of contract, with the highest score for the evening being made by Miss Elizabeth Clark as club member and Mrs. Claude Cannon for guest. Both winners were presented attractive gifts. A very delicious salad course was served at ten-thirty. Those enjoying this lovely party with Mrs. Pruden were: Mesdames Ned Manning, Rives Manning, Scott Benton, Carroll Wilson, Frank Hawley, Julian Allsbrook, Frank Muller, T. L. Martin, Claude Cannon, Misses Lucille Carlon, Elizabeth Clark, Ruth Transou, Vernie Eddins, Marjorie Cannon, Hart Sheridan and Martha Craddock.

Mrs. R. A. Daniel, Jr., spent Thursday in Richmond, Va.

Enfield Defeats Weldon 18 to 0

Enfield defeated Weldon in a high school football game in Enfield on Thanksgiving by a score of 18-0. Price led in the Enfield attack with two touchdowns. He scored early in the first quarter on a 30-yard run, then a final touchdown on a 25 yard run. The second touchdown came on a pass from Jenkins to Musselman, good for 55 yards. Weldon's leaders were Rabil and Edwards.

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