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## RATIONING BOARD ROBBED

### Return ABC Board

#### REP. EVERETT DROPS BILL YESTERDAY

House Bill 388, to create an ABC board in Halifax County, was introduced yesterday by Representative Ben Everett.

The bill would set up a three man board for two years consisting of Clyde D. Liske of Roanoke Rapids, David L. Suiter of Weldon and G. H. Johnson of Scotland Neck. The members would receive the same pay and mileage compensation as members of the County Board of Commissioners. Duties of the ABC board would include the control and sale of alcoholic beverages in Halifax County, employment of manager and other employees and fixing the pay of those employed. The bill was referred to the House committee on counties, cities and towns.

This was the original set-up in Halifax and other counties under the Pasquotank Act as passed by Senator Julian Allsbrook several years ago. At a following session of the legislature, the ABC board was abolished and its duties and functions given to the County Board of Commissioners, which board has been acting in a dual capacity and meeting twice a month, one time as County Commissioners and the other as an ABC board.

#### IS KILLED IN ACTION

Lloyd Heptinstall, seaman first class in the Coast Guard, Littleton RFD, died on January 27 of gunshot wounds received in line of duty, according to notice received this week by his father, J. W. Heptinstall of Halifax County.

The Navy Department stated the body would be buried in the locality where death occurred. Other details are lacking at this time.

#### Change Hours Of Mayor's Court

Effective next Monday, the hours of the city court, presided over by Mayor Kelly Jenkins, will be changed to convene at 1:30 p. m. instead of 10:00 a. m. as it has in the past. The move is being made in order that officers on the night shift may be able to attend court Monday with more convenience.

#### POLIO DRIVE HERE DOUBLES THAT OF 1942

Reports of the tenth annual appeal for funds with which to fight Infantile Paralysis, show that the city this year more than doubled the amount of money raised for the 1942 drive, according to Graham Lynch, head of the Roanoke Rapids township committee.

The drive in the city netted \$1,136.02, compared to 1942 profits of \$482.96. Howerton Gowen, chairman of the county drive, reported that first figures for the drive on a county-wide basis revealed it had netted approximately \$1,450, although all of the figures had not yet been tabulated. A detailed report of the county drive will be available, and published in next week's issue of the Herald.

Various new methods of raising money for the drive in the city were resorted to this year, with splendid results. A report of the total amount of profits, showing the source of revenue, is as follows:

Dance at Armory	\$345.31
Tag Day	59.67
Banks in business section	201.50
"March of Dimes" (at schools)	117.29
Special Gifts	412.25

Total Net Revenue -----\$1,136.02

One-half of the amount raised will go to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Inc., while the other half will be retained in Halifax County for fighting the dread disease.

The Roanoke Rapids drive was sponsored by the Lions Club, which organization has carried out the drives here annually since their start some ten years ago.

Members of the local civic club were dubious as to the results which might be accomplished for the 1943 drive because of the WPB order forbidding "pleasure driving." It was decided not to stage the annual President's Ball on a large scale for this reason. Instead they staged an "indoor circus" at the new Armory building, with a square dance and round dancing to the tune of recorded music, but the result was probably the largest crowd ever to attend a dance in the county. Even with the smaller dance program, the profits from the venture almost totalled those of last year's dance with a big orchestra engaged. The biggest gain was through the "special gift fund," with Gowen largely instrumental in raising this money.

#### Capons To Northern Markets



Above is shown Carl H. Tower, marketing specialist with the State Department of Agriculture, inspecting capons before sending them to northern markets. The average capon weighs approximately two pounds more than a rooster and brings a profit of up to \$1.50 per bird to the producer.

#### HOLD YOUTH IN STABBING CASE SUNDAY

Thomas Mulligan is being held in the city jail in default of bond in the early morning stabbing of William Thompson, at the park across the street from the bus station about 3 a. m. last Sunday. Both youths are said to be in their early twenties.

Young Thompson was discovered in the yard of a home several blocks from the bus station about 3:30 Sunday morning by city police. Mulligan aided the officers in their search for the youth, whom it is reported ran from the scene of the stabbing soon after the trouble started. He was bleeding profusely, from a deep stab wound under his left arm, and was taken to the hospital, where he was released late Tuesday afternoon.

Mulligan was arrested and lodged in the city jail to await trial, which will probably be held in Superior Court. He is charged with: "Engaging in an affray in which a deadly weapon was used."

It is reported the two men had an argument, resulting in the stabbing at the park. Thompson is reported to have run away. Mulligan, later becoming alarmed over his safety, reported the incident to city police and aided them in their search for Thompson.

#### SIX CHARGED RUNNING TIP BOARDS HERE

Warrants summoning six small city merchants to appear before Judge Chas. R. Daniel at next Tuesday's Recorder Court were served Tuesday noon by Deputy Sheriff Frank Gray, on a charge of operating "tip boards," a petty form of gambling.

The warrants were sworn by Wade Dickens, county solicitor, "on information and belief." The six men were not required to post bond, but were released upon recognition to appear before the court.

Solicitor Dickens, it is said, acted upon information brought out at the Recorder Court hearing Tuesday of Donald Gray, who was charged with stabbing Troy Allen, in an altercation several weeks ago occurring in a small "pop shop" operated by S. C. Cook on East Second Street.

Testimony at the Gray-Allen trial, which was continued, tended to show that the argument between the two youths resulted from their playing "tip-boards" and their testimony brought out the names of several alleged operators of the gambling devices. The solicitor acted on this information in summoning the men to court next week.

#### AT HALIFAX; THOUSANDS OF BOOKS STOLEN

Acetylene Torch Used To Get In Big Vault; Leave Part Equipment

#### MAY CALL FBI

Gasoline Books Taken Total Nearly Million Gals.; Leave Fuel Oil

Thieves broke into the No. 2 Rationing Board Office in Halifax, which office acts as custodian for all rationing books used by the three county boards, some time during the night Wednesday, and successfully escaped with thousands of rationing books. At press time no progress was reported as to their apprehension. Representatives from the State Bureau of Investigation arrived in Halifax shortly after noon today to assist local officers in their search for the robbers and it is rumored that the FBI will be called in in an effort to catch them.

The theft was discovered shortly before time for the office to open this morning by Roy Long, colored, son of the janitor of the new county building in which the rationing board office is located. Employees of the rationing board left the office at five o'clock yesterday afternoon as usual, and according to Mrs. Frances Burch, chief rationing clerk, the office was double-checked before closing. The robbery was reported to Chief-of-Police G. D. Wheeler, who, immediately ordered the premises roped off in the hopes of preserving any valuable clues which might aid the FBI and other officers in their investigation. Hundreds of curious have visited the scene of the robbery today.

Entrance to the large vault containing the precious rationing books and coupons was made through burning a hole with an acetylene torch. The thieves gained access to the office, which is located on the ground floor of the county building, through opening a rear window. They left behind them their gas and air tubes for the operation of the acetylene torch, two wrecking bars, tool kits containing various and assorted tools, a pair of gloves and a quantity of black oil cloth, obviously used for "blacking out" the windows while the acetylene torch was used on the vault. Officers say it was undoubtedly the work of well organized, professional crooks, as the equipment left behind and the manner in which the bold robbery was executed belied any touch of amateurs.

**THOUSANDS BOOKS STOLEN**  
A check-up revealed 26,000 copies of War Ration Book No. 2 missing. This is the new war ration book, intended for the purchase of canned goods and other commodities. (Continued On Page 7—Sec. A)