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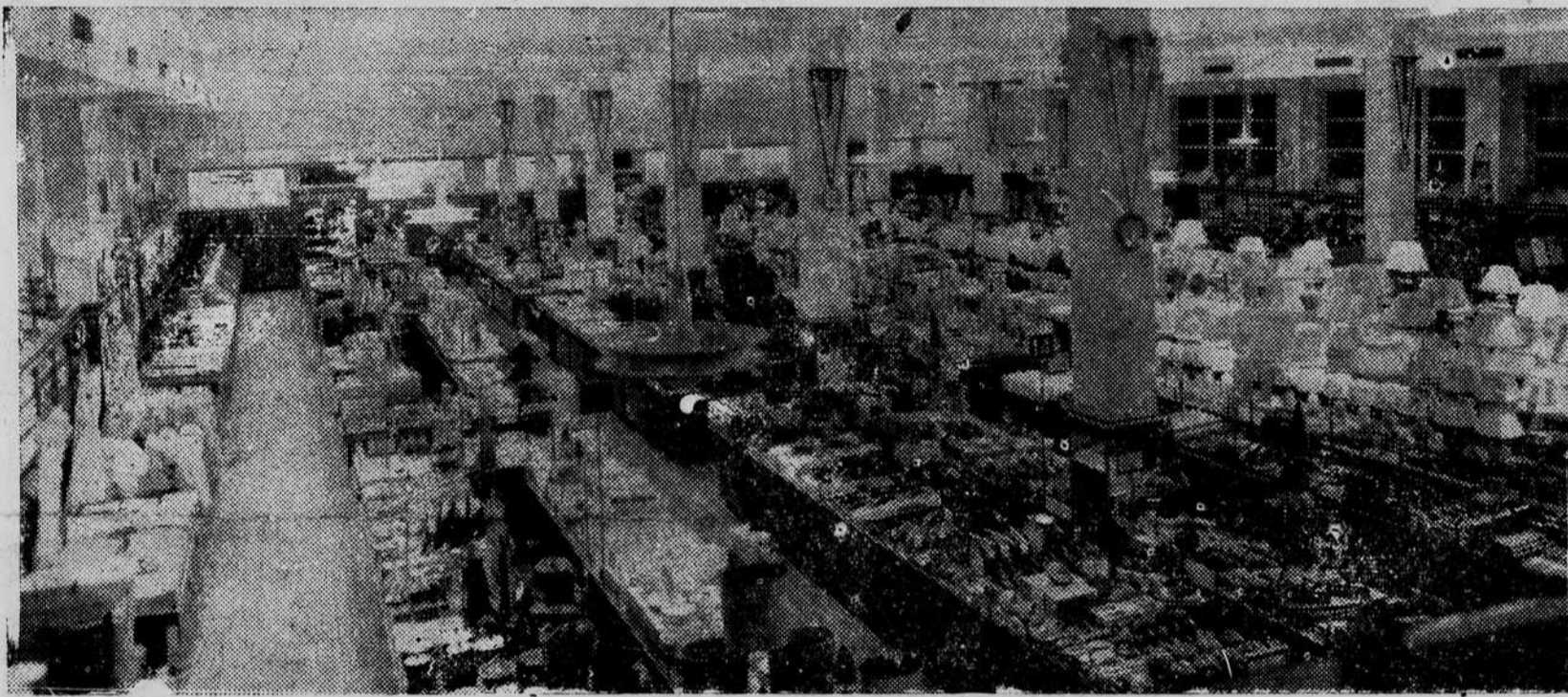
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PREPARE FOR HOLIDAY

INTERIOR VIEW OF NEW STORE HERE



Interior view of McCrory's Store, newest and one of the largest in Eastern North Carolina, which opened in Roanoke Rapids last Friday. Huge crowds attended the opening and have been visiting the new store all this week. Many visitors from outlying sections of this and adjoining counties were seen among the many shoppers. The new store is located at the corner of Roanoke Avenue and Tenth Street. Only a portion of the main floor can be seen in the above picture. The full store covers floor space 75 x 140 feet for main floor space with full storage basement underneath. (Photo by Brasington — NewsKut by Brigman)

10 MORE SHOPPING DAYS YET

With only 10 more shopping days left before Christmas, the city finds itself ready for the big rush that is expected to get underway this week-end and continue throughout next week. Practically all of the stores have completed dressing their windows and finished decorating their interiors.

The Merchants Association had the Christmas lights turned on Tuesday night. In keeping with the city's plans, many homes have completed their exterior decorations and lighted the out-of-doors trees.

Holidays have been announced at the mills and the schools. The textile mills here will close on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, December 23, 24, and 25, giving the employees five days including the preceding Saturday and Sunday. The schools will close on Friday, December 20 and will remain closed until January 6 (first Monday in the New Year). Other schools in the county will follow the same schedule for the holidays.

The civic clubs have or are arranging their activities for the Christmas season. The Lions Club has planned the annual Christmas party for the underprivileged and the "White Christmas" for 50 needy families. The Christmas party will be broadcast over station WCBT, beginning at 8:15 p.m. next Thursday.

Some of the scouts are planning to play Santa Claus to the children of needy families in the city. The high school pupils are planning their annual "White Christmas" program. Each room usually gives a basket of groceries and toys to some family selected by the room. These baskets are carried to the families by the members of the athletic teams at the school under the supervision of Coach Cranford Hoyle.

The Community Chorus, under the direction of C. L. Williams of the high school faculty, has planned a Community Sing at the high school auditorium this coming Sunday. The program will consist of Christmas songs and a part of the "Messiah".

Opening Night

Beginning next Monday night and continuing until Christmas, the stores of Roanoke Rapids will remain open at night. This policy was adopted by the Merchants Association in order to give shoppers more time in which to do their Christmas buying.

JACK HIPPI IS IN JAIL AT HALIFAX ON RAPE CHARGE

Alleged Attack Took Place Last Sunday Night

Jack Hipp of Newberry, S. C., is being held in the Halifax jail without privilege of bond on a charge of rape. Miss Lula Collins, of near Smith's Church, is the plaintiff in the case.

The alleged rape took place on the old Halifax road about a mile beyond the Preventorium building some time Sunday night as Hipp was taking the Collins woman home from the show in his car.

A warrant was sworn out for Hipp Monday and he was arrested Monday night by Chief H. E. Dobbins, W. M. Erwin, and Jack Brigman, local policemen. No bond had been allowed Hipp late today.

The victim of the alleged attack told officers that she and James Capps, a friend of hers, had started home from the show Sunday night and were waiting for the bus at the Junction. They had planned to hire the bus to take them to her home near Smith's Church. While they were waiting, Hipp came along and offered to take her to her home. She told policemen that she accepted the in-

itation and started on the trip home alone with Hipp.

She said that Hipp forced her from his car in the vicinity of the O'Brien home on the Halifax road and proceeded with the attack, which she claims was successful.

Neither she nor Capps knew Hipp by name, police say, when she accepted the invitation to ride with him. They obtained his name through the number of his license plates.

Hipp has been employed here as a carpenter with a construction company for the past several weeks.

He waived his hearing before W. O. Thompson. It is reported, however, that he is considering asking for a hearing in the case yet.

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OUT-OF-SCHOOL BOYS MEETING AT WILLIAM R. DAVIE

May Set Up Course In Mechanical Operations At School

Out-of-school rural boys between the ages of 17 and 24 inclusive are asked to meet at the William R. Davie School on U. S. Highway 158 five miles west of the city on Tuesday, December 17, at 7 p.m. At that time a training course in mechanical operations will be discussed.

This course is being established over the country for the purpose of teaching young men how to operate the various machines that they may be called upon to operate in the giant defense program which has been started in the nation.

Interest shown among the boys who attend the meeting will determine whether the course will be given at the William R. Davie school, according to J. S. Liles, agriculture teacher at the school.

Present employment by the young men would in no way be interfered with, Mr. Liles pointed out. Those taking the course will not receive any pay for the time spent in study, nor will they have to pay

any fees.

The courses which may be offered are as follows:

1. Operations, care, and repair of tractors, trucks, and automobiles (gasoline and diesel engines).
 2. Metal work, including simple welds, tempering, drilling, shaping, and machinery repair.
 3. Woodworking.
 4. Elementary electricity, including operation, care, and repair of electrical equipment.
- Instructors will be selected from experienced tradesmen and mechanics.

The step is being taken at the William R. Davie school as an outgrowth of an announcement by Roy H. Thomas, State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture of the State Department of Public Instruction.

He pointed out recently that North Carolina will receive \$385,000 for this work. The supervision of this work will be left to the agriculture teachers in the schools of the state.

Those eligible for the training are any of those boys who would profit by the knowledge they would get from the course. Those who take the course have a possibility of securing employment in the defense program, Mr. Thomas said.