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County's Peanut Income May Continue High in '48

Income Drop Is Doubtful, Davis Says



Sailor's Body Is Sent Here For Re-Burial

The body of Seaman First Class Vernon Edgar Whitley was brought back home yesterday from France for re-burial. The body reached Weldon at 8:25 a. m., and was transported to Roanoke Rapids by J. R. Wrenn, funeral director. Services were held this afternoon at 4 at the graveside, conducted by Rev. Floyd A. Boger.

Whitley, 18 years of age at the time he was killed June 7, 1944, in the invasion of Normandy, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Whitley, who live a few miles from this city on the Littleton highway.

He is survived by his parents and two brothers, Ralph and Herman Whitley; two sisters, Mrs. Hugh Bishop and Miss Carolyn Whitley, all of the home, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Lee.

Wrenn Funeral Home had charge of the arrangements.

Halifax Farmers Vote For Peanut Control; 1,501 to Only 246

Peanut farmers of Halifax county voted as they did in other areas, overwhelmingly in favor of the government control program. The vote in this county was 1501 in favor and only 246 against.

The vote in Northampton county was 1257 for and 226 against. North Carolina voted 84,738 for and 11,398 against. Only a two-thirds majority favorable vote was needed to insure the control set-up.

The vote in the peanut producing states ran seven to one in favor of the government production and marketing system. Only Florida, Missouri and Oklahoma failed to give the necessary two-thirds favorable vote.

The vote announced by the Department of Agriculture for states other than North Carolina:

South Carolina, 2,099 for, 49 against; Virginia, 7,347 for, 281 against; Alabama, 14,732 for, 1,759 against; Arkansas, 1,105 for, 30 against; Georgia, 31,342 for, 2,366 against; Louisiana, 38 for, none against; Mississippi, 13 for, none against; Missouri, 3 for, 4 against; New Mexico, 142 for, 2,643 against; Oklahoma, 4,024 for, 30 against; Texas, 9,561 for, 2,276 against.

The peanut crop income of this county in 1948 may be as big as that of 1947, County Agent W. O. Davis informed the Herald today.

However, maintenance of high peanut crop income in 1948, he says, depends upon a favorable vote by Congress on the Emergency Relief bill followed by the designation of the peanut as a food for the relief of distressed nations.

This news, the county agent reveals, comes from Congressman Steven Pace of Georgia, and is welcome news to this county which had feared that some 13,926 acres of land would be taken out of peanut and tobacco production. The reduction of tobacco acreage of 2,747 acres is still considered likely.

With the favorable vote Tuesday for government control, peanuts will have a support price of 10 cents per pound. If the relief measure passes and peanuts are declared food for relief, there may be unlimited planting of peanut acreage, and the support price will still prevail.

Davis warned that controls and reduced acreage of peanuts would undoubtedly prevail in 1949 and thereafter. He said that 1948 should be the year for Halifax farmers, particularly in the Roanoke Rapids area, to plant hay crops and the entry into more dairying.

He pointed out both the advantages of dairying as a profitable farming procedure and also the dire need of milk in the Roanoke Rapids area. He said that one dairy in this city selling 600 gallons of whole milk daily, could buy 40 gallons from Halifax farmers. He further said that the clay type of soil near Roanoke Rapids was better suited for dairying than for many farm products being raised.

Rev. Hodges Is Elected Ministerial Association President For District

Special Meet City Fathers Held Tuesday

A special meeting of the Board of City Commissioners was held in the commissioners' room last Tuesday night. Present were Commissioners M. D. Collier, Jimmy Sears, R. I. Starke, Howell Pruden, D. C. Clark and A. M. Cameron. Mayor W. Bernard Allsbrook presided.

Principal business of the board was the purchase of five stop lights for traffic on Jackson and Hamilton streets. They will be installed: one at Fifth and Jackson, one at Tenth and Jackson, one at Seventh, Ninth and Tenth on Hamilton street.

Three high school seniors appeared before the board and asked the commissioners to take a full page advertisement in the school annual. This they did at a cost of \$50.

The commissioners also granted a franchise to Mrs. Cathryn M. Murray, widow of the late Carl F. Murray, to continue operation of the transportation system in the city under the name of the Roanoke Transit Company, which is now principally owned by her.

Overman Announces School Holidays

The schedule for Christmas holidays for the schools in Halifax county administrative unit is as follows, according to W. Henry Overman, superintendent: All white schools except Halifax will close at the close of the school day, Dec. 18 and reopen Dec. 30. The Halifax school will observe the same holiday schedule as Weldon high school, closing Dec. 19 and reopening on Jan. 9.

All colored schools will close Dec. 18 at the close of the school day and reopen on Dec. 30.

Bobbitt Home Burns; Second Serious Fire

Henry D. Bobbitt, Sr. lost his home near Littleton by fire early Tuesday evening. It is said to have caught from an oil heater. The value was estimated at \$8000. It is said not to have been insured, and is the second home Mr. Bobbitt has lost by fire.

Jackson To Raise Money Re-Open Chowan College

Jackson.—A tentative goal of at least \$10,000 has been set as the town of Jackson's contribution to the drive now underway to raise \$100,000 by January 15 for the reopening of Chowan College in Murfreesboro. The goal was established at a community rally for Chowan, last week.

Mrs. V. C. Bridgers, Jackson chairman for the drive, presided at the meeting held in the auditorium of the agriculture building. She introduced the Rev. Lonnie Sasser of Murfreesboro, who is directing the drive in this area, William Futrell, of Rich Square, Northampton County, chairman; Dr. W. R. Parker, chairman of the board of trustees and Mrs. Sally Parker, a trustee. All spoke about the plans to reopen the college as a standard junior co-educational institution.

Besides the regular academic department, plans for the college include music, home economics and commercial departments, it was pointed out by Mrs. Bridgers.

It was also pointed out that a \$28,000 or \$29,000 endowment for Chowan College, held when the institution closed its doors four years ago, still is in good standing.

Mrs. Bridgers states that persons wishing to make contributions to the reopening of Chowan College should make checks payable to Chowan Reopening Fund.

The deadline for raising the money locally is January 12, 1948.

Mrs. Bridgers pointed out that the town has been divided into zones with chairmen for each zone responsible for contacting the townspeople.

Jax-Aurelian Springs Basketball Teams Play Initial Games Monday

By WILEY WARREN
Coach Danny Cagle's Roanoke Rapids Yellow Jacket cagers open their 1947-48 schedule here Monday night, meeting Aurelian Springs on the armory court.

The contest will get underway immediately following a girls' game, which starts at 7:30. Aurelian Springs dealt the Jackets a devastating blow in the opener last season, defeating the locals 34-21. The visitors will be minus the services of their scoring ace, Thomas Hux, who paced his club to the win in that test.

Nothing is known concerning the strength of their present outfit, but the Jax coach is expecting a tough game and has warned his charges against overconfidence.

A victory would be more than welcome to Cagle, who only recently replaced Rock Venter at the head of the Jacket cage staff.

In 1943, his last year of basketball coaching before a tenure in the Army Air Force, Cagle produced a strong Junior team and Yellow Jacket followers are hoping he will do the same with the present varsity crew, which has shown a wide variety of talent.

COLLECTS CASH ON AND OFF HIS JOB

Steve Roberson who handles buckets of money at the bank where he works, decided to try his luck at taking in some during his afternoon off, yesterday. He did very well. He had two sheets full of names of persons from whom he collected cash, and at least one of his pockets contained the collection.

Why was he doing it? He was raising money for the Oxford Orphanage through the sponsorship of the local Masonic lodge. He did a good deed on his afternoon off.

Man Revives After 3 Days

Henry Griffin, 59-year-old white man, who lives on the corner of Hamilton and Second streets, regained consciousness this morning at Roanoke Rapids Hospital after being taken there last Sunday night following an "accident."

Griffin, it is reported, was visiting at the home of Horace Britt on Madison street in the "Bunker Hill" section Sunday night and is said to have been playing cards in an upstairs room with "friends." Believed to have been preparing to leave the place, Griffin is said to have fallen from the top of the stairway severely injuring himself. He was taken to the hospital immediately following the "fall," where he was considered to be in a dangerous condition until this morning. Griffin told police that he remembers nothing about "the affair."

Halifax District Scout Committee To Meet Monday

The Halifax District Committee, Boy Scouts of America, will hold its regular monthly meeting in the municipal building, Monday, December 15, at 7:00 p. m., it was announced today by John Hines, newly elected District Chairman.

Since plans will be made and objectives set for the coming year, it is very important that every member of the District Committee be present, he said.

D. E. Bennett, newly elected District Commissioner, urges all Scoutmasters, troop committeemen and neighborhood commissioners to attend the District meeting.

Beginning with the December meeting, the Double track plan of District operation will be instituted. This consists of all District committeemen, troop committeemen, Scoutmasters, neighborhood commissioners, and institutional representatives coming together in one body and after an opening ceremony, the District committeemen and institutional representatives transact district business, while simultaneously the District Commissioner presides over the Scoutmaster's Roundtable, composed of Scoutmasters, neighborhood commissioners and the troop committeemen.

A complete list of all Scouting (Continued on page 2—Sect. D)

Miscegenation Case Postponed



Pictured above are winners of 16 week old calves, awarded by the Roanoke Rapids Rotary club. Top row: left to right: E. T. Hawkins, Jr., Donald Mohorn and Howell Draper. Middle row: H. T. Hawkins, Jr., with his calf. Bottom: left, Howell Draper and calf; right: Donald Mohorn with his prize.

Three 4-H Club Members Win 16 Weeks-Old Calves

Three Halifax county 4-H club members have received awards for being deserving young farmers. Each of them have received 16 weeks old calves through a movement sponsored by the Roanoke Rapids Rotary club.

The winners were: H. T. Hawkins, Jr., route 1; Howell Draper, Enfield, route 1; and Donald Mohorn, of the same address.

The Rotary club, with a program to foster and encourage a bigger and better dairying industry in this area, gives 16 weeks old calves to deserving 4-H boys. They raise them to become milk cows and turn back to the Rotary club the first heifer produced.

"This movement was started early this fall," Roger Albright of the Rotary club told a Herald reporter. "It appears to be very timely inasmuch as farm income in this area will take a serious drop under the reduction of the peanut crop. This area is in need of more dairying and we hope that over a period of years dairy farming can take up some of this loss."

Judge "Plasters" "Drunk Drivers" With Heavy Fines

Henry L. Sledge, Norfolk white man, Larry V. Harrison, white, of Littleton, and Prince Ivey, negro, were in Roanoke Rapids Recorder's Court this morning, charged with driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. All three pleaded guilty and were each fined \$100 and costs by Judge Charlie Daniel. Drivers' licenses of the three defendants were also revoked for 12 months.

Horace Hudson, local white man, also charged with the same above offense was tried later in the day and found guilty. He also drew the \$100 fine and costs and revocation of his driver's license for a period of 12 months.

The sentences imposed on the defendants were mandatory under the new law passed by the last session of the Legislature.

Christmas Savings Checks Increased

Revised figures of the two banks in the city, the Citizens Bank and Trust Company and the Roanoke Bank and Trust Company show that the amount of money being given out this year to Christmas savings club members totals more than \$75,000. The Herald stated last week the amount was \$60,000.

Charges Against Wm. Millwood and Joyce Vick Will Be "Aired" In Recorder's Court At Halifax Next Tuesday

The trial of William Millwood, 21 years of age, and Joyce Vick, 17, charged with miscegenation (intermarriage between white and colored persons), scheduled to be heard today in Roanoke Rapids Recorder's Court, was continued until next Tuesday on motion of Solicitor Wade Dickens. The trial was set for Halifax.

Millwood, adopted son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wheeler, 224 Washington street, and Miss Vick, daughter of Mrs. Ellen Spence, were married last Saturday night in Emporia, Va. by Justice of the Peace Wrenn.

Sunday night, the young husband was arrested on a warrant sworn out by his wife's stepfather, Carter Spence. At a preliminary hearing before Magistrate W. O. Thompson Monday night, Millwood was held for Recorder's Court under a \$1,000 bond. Unable to post this security, he was remanded to jail to await trial. The young wife, however, was allowed to go free upon her own recognizance, and is said to have been staying with her grandmother.

After the motion to continue the case was made and granted, Judge Charles R. Daniel addressed the young couple and courtroom spectators, saying: "There are a lot of rumors going around concerning this case and this young man has been in jail unable to post a \$1,000 bond. The young woman involved has been allowed to go free. If he is to be made to stay in jail because of a heavy bond, then she should also be made to stay in jail. On the other hand, if she is allowed her freedom until trial then the young man should be allowed his freedom until trial. That is only fair. I'm going to fix it so both of you can have your freedom until next Tuesday. I'm going to set a \$500 bond for each of you," he said, and turning to the young man, he stated, "I'm going to let you sign her bond and she sign yours on the promise from both of you that you will not see each other under any circumstances between now and the trial in Halifax next Tuesday."

The young couple smiled weakly and nodded assent to the judge's words.

"Now it won't do you any good to violate your promise to me or to run away. It will only bring harm to you. If I let this case go to trial this afternoon and you were to be freed and go down the stairway an officer could see you again. So, I'm doing what I believe is right and fair and if you do not break your promise to me, you have everything to gain and nothing to lose."

Judge Daniel said his remarks were made because of the fact that much publicity had been given the case and there were many persons involved.

Holland Is Elected M'boro Board Head
Joel C. Holland was elected president of the Murfreesboro Board of Trade at a meeting of the organization's directors last Thursday evening.

Other officers elected were: R. T. Vann, first vice president; G. E. Gibbs, 2nd vice president; R. V. Parker, secretary; and H. H. Babb, treasurer. Included in the board of directors in addition to the above named officers are Ernest Williams, Eugene Williams and J. William Copeland.

Plans were formulated for a dinner meeting of the organization in January.

Hertford Boy, 16, Dies As Car Is Overtaken

Hertford—Alonso Overton, 16, was killed at one o'clock yesterday morning when his car overturned on Harvey Point road.

Overton was driving the car when the accident occurred. Accompanying him was his brother Lander. They were on their way home when the accident happened.

The young man's neck was broken and his head crushed. He died 20 minutes after the accident occurred.

To The Wedding

Miss Grace Clark, sixth grade teacher, has left for Everett, N. C. to be the maid of honor at her sister's wedding.

Response

Last week we offered the services of this column to anyone who had information, goods, toys, services, etc. for others. This week Miss Marie Moss responds.

She has a beautiful collection of old post cards, for birthdays, for Christmas and other events, all types. She has saved them since she was a wee child and now she is offering them to others if they wish them.

Miss Moss' cards are really collector's items. Someone may be seeking them. Here is opportunity.

P. S. Who will call us next week with something for someone else? Or who may be in need of something for themselves?

Unusual signs

There is a fellow in Iowa City, Iowa, who has this sign on his door, "Dr. Lawyer, Dentist."

Watching Each Other

Yesterday morning I saw the manager of one 5 Cents to \$1 store walk into a 5 Cents to \$1 store across the street. A moment later I saw the managers of the two stores sipping coffee together in a local restaurant. Having seen them partaking together of a morning refresher many times before, I asked them this question, "How come you two competitors always drink coffee together?"

One of them spoke up and said, "He can't get ahead of me while we're drinking coffee together. That's one moment I know we are all even-up."

Hollywood Lost—Roanoke Rapids Won!

When Dr. R. P. Beckwith and members of his family first came to Roanoke Rapids, they went immediately to the old rooming house (we believe it was down town) where rooms had been reserved in advance. But when Dr. Beckwith asked for rooms the lady in attendance said, "No, we ain't got no rooms."

"But don't you have room reservations for the new doctor?" asked Dr. Beckwith.

"Oh, yes," said the lady. "We got rooms for the new doctor. Are you the new doctor?"

"Yes," the physician responded. "I'm sorry," said the lady. "I thought you was show folks!"

Advice from Andrew Carnegie

Andrew Carnegie, proud of his choice of assistants and their length of service with him, stopped one day to talk to an elderly office employee.

"Well, Hopkins," said the steel magnate, "you have been with me for a number of years. How many, to be specific?"

"Thirty-seven, sir!" replied the beaming Hopkins. "And I might add that, in all these years, I made only one slight mistake!"

"Fine," fine," congratulated Carnegie. "But from now on, please be more careful!"

Florida Vacation

Miss Martha Herring, cashier of the Roanoke Rapids telephone office, has had her heart set on a Florida vacation for quite some time. Realization will come Monday when she leaves for the sunshine city of St. Petersburg for a 15 day sojourn.

Looking Forward to—

Parents, children and teachers are looking forward to the annual Christmas pageant of the Vance St. school which will be held Sunday, 3 p. m.

It's a Long Way Home

Mabel Parchmen, local teacher, has a long trip to reach that home of hers, but she is making it in time for home fireside Yuletide, way back in Tennessee, 750 miles from here.

Precious One and Only

Mrs. George Taylor, Roanoke Ave., left for Plymouth Meeting, Pa., to see her new grandson, the only male among the children and grand-children of this Taylor family. The happy mother is the former Ann Taylor, now Mrs. Robert Fernley.

Spell Rat

A little lad in school asked his teacher, "How do you spell rat?" "R-a-t," said his teacher.

"No, I want to know how to spell rat," the boy repeated. The teacher again spelled the word as before.

"Now," said the lad, "how do you spell rat in 'rat now'?" The story was an illustration of the colloquial problems teachers must meet. Dr. Mathilda Bailey, author of English books, and a speaker at a Rocky Mount teachers meeting told her audience yesterday.

Attending the meeting were all local elementary school teachers with exception of first grade, music and some second grade teachers.

Coming to Town
New residents will be Mr. and Mrs. Robert Long of High Point, Mrs. Long is the former Mary Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Taylor. The new residents will reside at 422 Hamilton as soon as remodeling is completed.

Christmas Season Arrival
Friends sent us an announcement (Continued on page 2—Sect. A)