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Davey Joins Herald Staff As City Editor



William L. Davey of Windsor will take over his new duties as city editor of the HERALD here Monday morning, September 5. It was announced today by Guy M. Leedy, publisher.

Davey was formerly editor of the Bertie Ledger-Advance, a weekly newspaper published in Windsor by Parker Bros., Inc. He has been editing the Windsor paper since April, 1946.

Before joining Parker Bros., the new HERALD city editor spent nearly four years in the U. S. Navy and served in the Mediterranean and European waters for two years aboard an A. S. T.

A graduate of the school of journalism at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in 1942, Davey had previous experience as reporter for the Concord (N. C.) Daily Herald-Observer.

He is married to the former Ann Seely of Raleigh, and the Daveys have a two-year-old daughter, Amanda. Mrs. Davey and Amanda will join the new editor in Roanoke Rapids as soon as housing details are completed.

Burton Brothers Honor Students At Louisiana

Norlina—David Lee Burton of Norlina has received the highest possible marks in all subjects in the horticultural division of the department of agriculture of Louisiana State University.

Burton is a senior at the university and received straight A's in all of his studies during the past semester.

Richard M. Burton, a brother of David's, is also an honor student at L. S. U. He is a junior in vocational education.

Both of the Burton boys are at home on a short visit and expect to return to college to resume their studies at Southern Louisiana State College at Hammond, Louisiana, next week.

Penny Governor Boasts Green Thumb

HARRISBURG, Pa. (U.P.)—Two of Pennsylvania's most luxurious and well-tended gardens are kept in top condition by the experienced hand of Gov. James H. Duff.

The governor's seven-acre private gardens at his home in Carle Place, Pa., are one of the state's show places. Tracts at his Inghamtown Gap summer residence will yield hundreds of pounds of produce this season.

The state's chief executive designed most of the landscaping at his summer home and supervised transplanting of 40,000 trees to that area.

Gov. Duff offers only one piece of advice to beginners. "You've got to keep on top of it," he said, "else you don't have a garden."

Salesman As Sleuth Traps Car Thieves

FREEMONT, Ill. (U.P.)—A travelling salesman added a new story to his repertory when he decided to sleep overnight in his car here.

Two youths tried the door of his locked car, then moved on to their own and drove off. The salesman objected and took their complaint to the police station, tossed things out of the window in route. Their pursuer followed them right in.

A check back on the route taken and a search of their car produced two cameras, a jacket and a windshield wiper, all stolen recently from local parked cars. The salesman went back to his car to sleep.



ON GUARD IN BERLIN—Armed U. S. Military Police join these Allied-backed German police in forming a cordon across a Berlin street. The thoroughfare, near the Potsdamer Platz, is where the Eastern and Western sectors of Berlin meet. Kidnapping raids by Reds, made against black market operators, have made this necessary. (Photo by Acme Staff Correspondent Jack Chitham).

Warren County Is Hit By Wind, Hail; Crops Are Hurt

Hilton Home Is Wrecked By Lightning

Warrenton—A severe hail and wind storm struck Warren County early Sunday night and some sections of the county reported heavy damage to crops.

The Wise and One sections of the county were particularly hard hit. Most of the farmers in the area had already harvested their tobacco crops, but some still had several acres of tobacco standing and it was severely damaged.

Sterling Perkinson of Wise reported that he had heavy damage to the remainder of his tobacco crop which was still standing in the fields.

Lightning did some damage in North Warrenton. The home of Everett Hilton was struck by lightning during the height of the storm and the interior of the house was wrecked. Hilton, his wife and his children were not at home at the time.

Neighbors saw the lightning bolt strikes the house and rushed to the home to help smother the ensuing blaze. Hilton was notified and when he arrived he found that all of his clothes in a bedroom had been burned and that the bed had been demolished.

Eye witnesses said that the lightning struck the chimney which leads into the living room and then ran on into the bedroom and back out a window to the ground.

Hilton said he did not have insurance on any of the furniture, clothing or his house.

Navy Seeks Control Of Respiratory Ills

GREAT LAKES, Ill. (U.P.)—Medical researchers at the naval training station here are testing methods of controlling diseases of the lungs and throat which they say constitute the largest medical problem still to be solved.

The Navy said that smallpox, diphtheria, typhoid fever, yellow fever and dysentery, which formerly took large tolls from the military forces, have been controlled effectively, but no control measures have been developed yet for respiratory diseases.

The research unit here will concentrate on methods of control, analyzing them and discovering where they are successful and where they are faulty.

Clinic Sked In Warren Is Announced

Warrenton—Dr. A. D. Gregg, Warren County Health Officer, has announced the schedule of clinics to be operated by the Warren County health department.

He requests that anyone desiring to make use of the clinics time their visits at the hours stated.

Maternity and infant clinic: The third Friday in each month at noon. At this clinic expectant mothers and infant children will be attended.

Maternity clinic: Begins at 12 noon on the first Friday of each month.

Veneral disease clinic: 1 to 3 p. m. Mondays and Thursdays.

Crippled children's clinic: Two o'clock Wednesday of each week at Central School in Henderson.

Those desiring to attend should make an appointment at the Warren County Health Department.

Dr. Gregg also said that vaccinations of all kinds are given at the health department office on Saturday from 9 until 12.

Littleton High School Opening Postponed Until September 15

Littleton—The opening of the Littleton High school has been postponed until September 15, school officials announced here today.

College Students To Give Pageant At First Methodist Sunday Night In Observance Of Student Day

Sunday night will be observed as College Student Day at the First Methodist Church here.

A special program arranged by Mrs. W. A. China and featuring college students will be given beginning at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. China, who is secretary of student work, has directed the students in a pageant "Family Reunion."

The cast in the pageant includes James Brown, a student at State College, who will take the part of Mr. Allen; Miss Conroy Herbert, a student at Converse College in Spartanburg, S. C., will play Mrs. Allen; Alton Finck, a student at East Carolina Teachers College, will act as Bob Allen; Miss Grace Taylor, a student at Duke University, will portray Ruth Allen; David Herbert, a student at Wake Forest College, will play Jim Allen and Gwendolyn Hodges, a

Three New Highway Patrolmen Are Assigned To Halifax County

Raleigh — Forty-seven new state highway patrolmen were sworn in at ceremonies here yesterday and included in the list were several area men and several new patrolmen who have been assigned to the area around Roanoke Rapids.

After they were sworn in the new men were accompanied to their duty stations, where they will be trained for three months by older, experienced patrolmen.

For the first six weeks, the new patrolman will observe the older patrolman in his duties and for the last six weeks the new patrolman will take over and the older patrolman will make suggestions and criticisms.

Assigned to this area under command of Captain Lester Jones, commanding officer of Company A with headquarters in Greenville were: C. J. Cole of Roanoke Rapids to Bailey; W. M. Brown of Bridgeton to Halifax; W. G. O'Neal of Whitakers to Woodland and D. H. Perry of Zebulon to Littleton.

Area men assigned to other stations included: T. L. Rooker of Warrenton to Louisburg.

New Playground Has Been Opened In Warrenton

Warrenton—A playground for children has been opened on the Davis lot in South Warrenton.

A project of the Woman's Club, the equipment for the playground was donated by various firms in around Warrenton.

Leggett's J. E. Cheves, Warrenton Plumbing and Heating, and the Warrenton Box and Lumber Company have donated equipment to the playground.

Each Saturday morning an adult supervision will be at the playground to direct the children's activities from 10 a. m. to 12.

College Students To Give Pageant At First Methodist Sunday Night In Observance Of Student Day

Roanoke Rapids High School student, will play Carol Allen. Miss Gladys Lee, a student at the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina and Allen Brown, a student at N. C. State, are stage managers for the pageant.

A string ensemble composed of musicians from Eastern North Carolina will also appear on the program.

The ensemble is composed of: Violinists: Mrs. J. A. Fleetwood, Conway; Mrs. China; Mrs. Alvin Fockaday, Roanoke Rapids; Miss Eloise Taylor of Conway, who is a student at Greensboro College and Miss Lucy Rawlings, Conway, a student at Wake Forest; Cellist: Mrs. Mary Sasser Finck of Roanoke Rapids; Clarinetist: Vernel Vick, Conway and Wake Forest College and accompanist: Mrs. Kenneth Stokes, Severn, N. C.

County School Board Asks State to Establish Negro High School For Enfield

Area Farm Bureau Officials Map Plans For Annual Drive In Meeting At Scotland Neck

Scotland Neck.—Leaders from six county Farm Bureaus met in Scotland Neck last Friday in preparation for the annual statewide membership campaign of the organization which begins this week with a quota of 80,000.

B. B. Everett, Palmyra, and C. S. Alexander, Scotland Neck, president and secretary respectively, of the Halifax County Farm Bureau presided as some 50 persons met to hear addresses by North Carolina Farm Bureau leaders. W. W. Eagles, Macclesfield, State President; R. Flaks Snaw, Greensboro, Executive Vice-President; A. C. Edwards, Hookerton, Vice-President and Membership Chairman, and Mrs. E. B. Everett, Palmyra, State Chairman of Farm Bureau Associated Women, were among those present.

The counties represented were: Halifax, Northampton, Martin, Washington, Bertie and Hertford. Each group accepted its membership quota for the drive and promised full cooperation in an effort to make the statewide campaign a success.

It was pointed out by the speakers that although the North Carolina Farm Bureau leads all southern states in membership, with more than 70,000 farm families, the need for increased membership this year is greater than ever. The speakers emphasized that recent claims that farmers and farm price supports are to blame for high prices indicate the necessity for farmers to organize as never before if they are to offset such charges successfully.

Warren Tobacco Market Begins Sales Today

Warrenton—Today is the day that tobacco market opens in Warrenton.

The farmers, warehousemen gathered in large numbers this morning at 9 a. m. at Centre Number One for the first sale. Other sales were scheduled at Centre Number Two and Tarwaters and Boyds.

The four warehouses are operating in Warrenton this year assuring farmers of ample space and adequate facilities to handle their crops.

The selling is confined to five hours a day. The regulations weight up to 300 pounds. Sales are expected to start each morning at 9 a. m. and run until 12:30 when they will be suspended for an hour for lunch and then resume at 1:30 until 3 o'clock.

Oregon Going All Out On Reforestation

SALEM, Ore. (U.P.)—The Oregon forestry department and private timber companies have joined forces in a vast reforestation experiment.

The program includes many projects. One is the planting of 40,000 two-year-old Ponderosa pine seedlings in eastern Oregon to see if they will survive.

Woodland Vets' Farm Class Completes Tour

Woodland—The Woodland Veteran Farmers Class, under the supervision of W. R. Robinson, agriculture teacher in the Woodland-Olney School and James T. Boyer, assistant teacher, recently completed a farm tour to observe practices being used on the various farms in the area.

The use of hybrid seed corn by the veterans has shown them that the yields are much greater, Robinson said.

Other veterans have found that good lespedeza pastures used for hogs on a rotational basis provide excellent grazing. The veterans observed that on several of the farms they toured that farm machinery was carefully cared for and stored.

The veterans were of the opinion that there is a great need for more poultry, dairy cattle and fruit trees on the farms which they toured.

Scotland Neck Man Takes Post At E. C. T. C.

Scotland Neck—James White, son of Sidney R. White and the late Mrs. White of Scotland Neck, who has been teaching on the staff of the Georgia State Teachers College at Collegeboro Georgia, has resigned this position to join the staff of the Business Education Department at East Carolina Teachers College in Greenville. White is an alumnus of E. C. T. C. college and will assume his new duties with the opening of the 1948-49 term at the E. C. T. C.

Authorizes Bids For More Work On Enfield School

Halifax—At a special meeting of the Halifax County Board of Education, the board passed a resolution asking the State Department of Public Instruction to establish a high school for Negroes at Enfield.

The action was taken after a delegation of Negro parents from the Enfield Community appeared and requested that a high school for Negroes be established in Enfield at the In-borden School by moving out a sufficient number of grammar grades into the churches in Enfield.

The request came as a result of the closing of Bricks High School in Edgecombe County. That building, which is owned by the American Missionary Association, has been converted to other uses.

The patrons expressed disapproval of the previous arrangements to transport pupils to a new high school in Edgecombe County, because of the distance from Enfield and because of the necessity for using churches in Edgecombe until the new building is completed in October.

A letter received from G. H. Ferguson, assistant director of Negro education in the state, was read and explained that the Negro high school students of Enfield could best be served by the Edgecombe school.

The letter said: "Pursuant to our conference, it seems wise to consider that the Negro high school students of the Enfield School district be taken care of in the cooperative scheme with Edgecombe County, certainly for the current year.

"At first it seemed we could arrange for the division of the pupils and the teaching staff without too much trouble, but when we took this matter up with Mr. Hunter, who allots teachers for the various schools, we discovered that there were a number of details which would have to be worked out, and would require a little time.

"It appears now that the State Board will not meet again until September 10, and if they considered the matter at this meeting, they would require a survey of the district and an organization of the feeder schools before they would likely approve the proposition. Then, too, it would have to be satisfactory to the teachers who are under contract to teach in the cooperative school in Edgecombe County as to the transfer to the Enfield situation. Certainly such a division of pupils and teaching staff would materially weaken the effectiveness of both situations. We are very sympathetic with the point of view of the patrons in desiring that their children be taught at the Enfield School, and we feel that this is probably a logical point for the development of a high school. On the other hand, since it would be the second Negro high school established in this district, the State Board of Education would want to be assured that this is the logical place and that the proper meets and bounds for this particular district are established with such clarity that there would be no confusion about the supporting schools.

"If all of these details are to be ironed out before the school should be open, it occurs to me that it might delay the opening of the high school department at this school for five or six weeks. Probably by this time the permanent plant in Edgecombe County would be available, and the inconvenience of using the temporary quarters would have passed."

The county board also authorized Frank B. Simpson, architect, to advertise for bids for additional construction on the new Enfield School building.

A motion was passed asking the state board of education to establish the routes for school buses for the Hobgood Schools as they were at the beginning of last year provided that the pupils from the Palmyra section, who had already been assigned by the state board to Scotland Neck may continue to attend the Scotland Neck School.

Town Makes Capital Of Train Smashup

LAS VEGAS, N. M. (U.P.)—Las Vegas civic leaders saw to it that a train-load of marooned railroad passengers left with a good impression.

A locomotive derailment tied up traffic through Las Vegas and the California Limited of the Santa Fe Railway had to wait. The chamber of commerce sensed the possibility that Las Vegas might become a sore spot in the memory of the passengers.

So 10 automobiles were rounded up, with drivers. The delayed passengers passed the afternoon touring Las Vegas and the scenic countryside, with a running commentary from the driver on the charms of the city.

September Is Crowded With State Events

Raleigh—A long Labor Day Weekend is in order for proper enjoyment of North Carolina's planned events, according to the State News Bureau.

In the Western mountains, with all restrictions lifted, Hendersonville opens its all-out Apple Harvest Festival, Sept. 3 thru 6, with five days of square street dancing, parades, tours of Henderson county apple orchards, an air show, and fox hound show, all graced by a Festival Queen and Mutual Network's Queen-for-a-day. At Morganton, a Labor Day cavalcade will open the section's new scenic highway (NC 181) to the Blue Ridge Parkway with

On the coast, in the midst of two sportfishing contests at Wil Suthport and More-ningteon-head City-Beaufort with sailfish and 20 other species already recorded, 50 private yachts line up Sunday morning (Sept. 5) in Morehead City's yacht basin for an overnight cruise and shore-entertainment to New Bern and return, the first annual TAR HEELS AFLOAT event. In the Northeast, The Lost Colony, also in the midst of spectacular runs of sportfish at Oregon Inlet, reaches the climax of its eleventh year, and Elizabeth City starts its annual 5-day six county Fair on Labor Day.

In the middle of the month the middle of the state is very markets to the tune of the tobacco auctioneer chanting the highest prices of this generation Reidsville (10 11), Durham (4 thru 9), Lexington (13 thru 18), Morganton (15 16), Whiteville (17), and Durham again on the 20th follow through with celebrations ranging from tobacco jubilees to county fairs.

Cleveland County, on the 17th and 18th, gathers in Shelby to celebrate its nationally pre-eminent crop in its annual Cotton Festival followed, the week of the 21st, by the Cleveland County first Fall flower show on the 25th.

October's traditional fall fair and festival season, following tobacco's golden jingle from the coast to the mountains, has borrowed a week from September this year: among others waiting to be announced, Rocky Mount, Warrenton, and Fayetteville have agricultural and industrial fairs slated Sept. 27 through Oct. 2.

Cpl. Whitby Arrives In Western Germany

Warrenton—Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Whitby of Warren Plains have received word from their son, Cpl. Elam J. Whitby, that he has landed in Western Germany with the Ninth Air Transport Squadron.

Cpl. Whitby, who attended the John Graham High School and worked in several stores here before entering the service 18 months ago, left Kelly Field, Texas on August 8.

Merchants Association Secretary Gives Information On New Rule Regarding Installment Buying

Mrs. Elva Martin, secretary of the Roanoke Rapids Merchants Association has released a copy of Regulation W issued by the board of governors of the Federal Reserve System and applying to installment buying.

The regulation covers installment sales of and loans for 12 kinds of consumers' durable goods, providing the cost is more than \$50. It also covers installment loans for most other consumer purposes and installment credits up to \$50 are subject to regulations.

The goods for which the down payments are prescribed are as follows: Automobiles 33 and one third per cent down payment; cooking stoves, dishwashers, ironers, refrigerators, washing machines, combination units, air conditioners, radio, television sets and phonographs, sewing machines, suction cleaners, and furniture and soft-surface floor coverings all require a down payment of 20 per cent.

Maturities on all installment credits subject to the regulation, whether to finance the purchase of these articles or not, must come within the following requirements: not exceeding \$1,000 maximum maturity 15 months; above \$1,000 except that monthly payment on amounts over \$1,000 must not be less than \$70 maximum maturity is 18 months.

Since November 1, 1947 when the old regulation ended, terms offered by merchants and lenders extending credit have been relaxed considerably. The requirements of the new regulation are somewhat less restrictive than those of last November but considerably tighter than terms now generally in effect. The down payment requirements on appliances are lowered from one-third to one-fifth. Also, to take care of late-model automobiles and certain other items where the expenditure must necessarily be large, the maximum maturity for credits above \$1,000 is set at more than 15 months, running up to 18 months. At the same time, the scope of the regulation is broadened to include all credits up to \$5,000 whereas \$2,000 had been the limit under the previous regulation.

Installment credit for home improvements was eliminated from Regulation W after the close of the war, and it is present not covered in the regulation. Because of the current inflationary situation, however, the Board is considering the advisability of an amendment to bring such credit under the regulation. Before deciding whether to do this, the Board wishes to give all who are interested an opportunity to express their views.

Mrs. Martin said that she has the complete text of regulation W and that any merchants or business men of Roanoke Rapids or the area may see it by calling at the association office.