

BULLETINS

MOSCOW (P) — Moscow was buzzing today over its first world premier of a Western film since the Communist revolution. Rene Clair's French film "Great Maneuvers," starring Gerard Philipe and Michele Morgan, was shown at the Savcinema Club for the first time Monday night.

CHICAGO (P) — Motorola, Inc., said today it has discovered a manufacturing technique for turning out a "revolutionary new very-high-frequency transistor" on a mass production basis. The firm's president, Paul V. Calvin, said the transistor can become practically applicable to military electronics gear, home and car radios, and television sets.

LENINGRAD (P) — British sailors aboard the aircraft carrier Triumph got a look at new Soviet naval construction Monday despite Russian efforts to prevent it.

BONN, Germany (P) — Soviet and West German diplomats will begin negotiations this week in Paris on details of establishing normal diplomatic relations between the two nations.

COLOMBO, Ceylon (P) — Buddhist monks today planned a march on the House of Representatives Wednesday to protest a Communist supported bill to make Sinhalese and Tamil the official languages of Ceylon.

NEW DELHI, India (P) — Burmese Premier U Nu arrived here from Calcutta today on his way to Moscow. Premier Jawaharlal Nehru gave a reception for him tonight and he was to leave on Wednesday.

WASHINGTON (P) — The United States, already suspicious that Russia may be trying to get a foothold in the Middle East, today studied a new Soviet bloc offer of economic aid to Egypt.

DENVER (P) — President Eisenhower scheduled business conferences today with Sherman Adams, his chief assistant, and other members of his staff in his role of directing the government while recovering from the heart attack he suffered Sept. 24.

PITTSBURGH (P) — Negotiators for Westinghouse Electric Corp. and the CIO International Union of Electrical Workers attempted today to settle a strike by 44,000 workers which has idled 30 company plants across the nation since last Sunday midnight.

PARIS (P) — Premier Edgar Faure goes before the National Assembly today for a vote of confidence that could topple the 21st French government since the war and bring international disaster to France.

HARTFORD, Conn. (P) — A multi-million dollar rehabilitation program moved into high gear today in the seven state area battered by flood waters which have claimed almost 50 lives.

WASHINGTON (P) — Sen. W. Kerr Scott said last night the administration's power policies will "backfire" in the faces of those who are trying to shove them down the throats of the people.

NEW YORK (P) — St. Lawrence Mills of Canada, which supplies newsprint to 300 newspapers in 35 states in this country, announced today it is increasing the price of its product \$5 a ton, effective November 1.

RALEIGH, N. C. Higher prices were paid on the Eastern and Old Belt flue-cured tobacco markets yesterday, but prices held fairly steady on the other two major sales belts.

MIAMI (P) — Hurricane Katie reeled across an Atlantic expanse with waning strength today but still was considered a potential threat to ships.

WASHINGTON (P) — The Navy says its tiny A4D jet attack bomber which has set a new world speed record of nearly 700 miles an hour around a closed circuit course can fly even faster.

MOSCOW (P) — Mrs. Erika Glaser Wallach, adopted daughter of Noel and Herta Field, has been freed from a Soviet labor camp and is in Moscow awaiting transportation to the West, it became known today.

PARIS (P) — Playboy Emperor Bao Dai announced today he had "fired" South Viet Nam Premier Ngo Dinh Diem who has called a referendum in an effort to end Bao Dai's role as chief of state. An estimated 3 million Vietnamese will vote Sunday on whether to oust the absentee emperor or the prime minister. Diem is expected to win a resounding vote of public confidence.

WASHINGTON (P) — Assistant Defense Secretary Gordon Gray said last night the University of North Carolina board of trustees will consider his proffered resignation as university president next month. Gray issued a statement recalling that he submitted his resignation last June but the executive committee of the trustees declined to accept it.

DURHAM (P) — Some 700 officials and towns throughout North Carolina will attend the 46th annual convention of the North Carolina League of Municipalities here next week.

GREENSBORO (P) — The North Carolina committee on nursing and nursing education will seat two new members and hear reports of a recent survey of the state's nursing resources at its quarterly meeting in Raleigh Friday.

MEMPHIS (P) — Tennessee state laws requiring segregated schools were ruled unconstitutional by a federal judge who gave his approval to a plan for step-by-step integration in state-operated colleges.

BURLINGTON (P) — John T. Burnett, 44, Negro of Burlington pumped six shots into another Negro today, apparently police said, because the victim told Burnett he didn't believe he would shoot. Deputy Sheriff J. A. Jones said Burnett is being held without benefit of bond pending a preliminary hearing into the death of Paul Terrell, 24, of Burlington.

Tales Of Western Harnett

By MALCOLM FOWLER

Beginning at the mouth of Rockfish Creek 6 miles below Fayetteville, there is a well defined ridge which slants up through the Haymount section of the city.

It wanders on out through the main post of Fort Bragg and the town of Spring Lake before dropping down to cross Lower Little River at Manchester.

After crossing the river, the ridge begins again, running northwest between McLeods' Creek on the east and the Overhills estate of the Rockefeller's on the west.

At Spout Springs it takes an almost due west course into Moore County. Just before it enters Moore it veers slightly northwest through Cameron and on into Carthage.

In that distance of 50 miles it crosses only one large stream: Lower Little River.

In ancient days the feet of thousands of buffalo, notorious haters of water, had pounded the well marked trail as they followed pasturage from the mountains to the lush meadows below Fayetteville.

Indian tribes in the Blue Ridge foothills utilized this old buffalo trail in their annual journeys to the sea below Wilmington. There they would feast on shellfish and sicken themselves with huge draughts of youpon tea. Then, wan, pale, shaken - but cleansed - they would head back for their mountain homes. In time the buffalo vanished but Indians were still using their old trail in 1753 when David Smith came wandering up it.

Reaching the top of what we now call Cameron's Hill, the view so entranced him he entered a claim for 100 acres on the south side of the hill.

The grant for this tract was issued to Smith Aug. 1, 1753 and was described as lying, "on the south side of a hill called McPleasant 1 mile from the head of a branch of Barbecue Creek." This was the ancient way of spelling present Barbecue. It was derived from two French words, "barb" for bread and "que" for tail, meaning from "whiskers to tail." Thus a hog is cooked from whiskers to tail when barbecued.

David Smith must have found a better view elsewhere for on July 24, 1754 he sold the tract to John Martinlear, who kept it a little longer - until Aug. 1, 1758 when he sold it to Duncan Bule.

Duncan and his wife, Sarah, held it until Oct. 10, 1772 when they sold it to Alexander McDonald. Bule added a bit to the description of the tract stating that it was located on the south side of the main road.

This Alexander McDonald's wife was named Annabella, half-sister of the famous Flora McDonald. It was to their home that Flora and Allan McDonald came when they arrived in North Carolina in 1774.

They lived there until sometime in 1775 when Allan and Flora moved to Killigree, their new home on Cheek's Creek, 1 1/2 miles Northeast of Pekin in the lower part of Montgomery County. In all probability Alexander and Annabella went with them for on Feb. 10, 1776 they sold the tract to Daniel Cameron. Witnessing the deed were Kenneth McDonald and John Cameron.

On Jan. 19, 1789 Daniel deeded this tract to his son Allen who thereafter went by the name of Hill Allen to distinguish him from a dozen or so other Allen Camerons living in that area.

This then is the early history of this historic hundred acres. A few miles below the hill the buffalo trail intersected the Yadkin Road, and it was down this road that Hugh McAdam, the great Scot divine, rode when he came into the Cape Fear country from Pennsylvania in 1755 seeking souls to save. That he found plenty is evidenced by his journal, wherein he wrote: "Thursday January 29, 1756. Preached to a small congregation, mostly Highlanders, at Alexander McKay's up the Yadkin Road, who were much obliged to me for coming and highly pleased with my discourse. Though, alas, I am afraid it was all but feigned and hypocritical for they stayed around the house all night drinking and carousing."

As a result of McAdam's visit the Reverend James Campbell came down from Pennsylvania in 1757 and established the Presbyterian churches at Bluff in the McNeil settlement on Cape Fear River, Long Street, a few miles south of Cameron's Hill and now part of the Fort Bragg Reservation, and Barbecue, six miles to the north. Most of the settlers around the Hill attended Church at Barbecue.

One of Barbecue's early pastors was Colin Lindsay who, according to tradition, was born several years after his mother's burial.

Stricken with a mysterious illness, Mrs. Lindsay was certified as dead, the wake duly held and she remains buried in the family cemetery. The night of the burial grave robbers exhumed her body to steal a valuable ring from one of her fingers. The ring couldn't be removed and one of the ghouls whipped out a knife to sever the finger. At this moment Mrs. Lindsay recovered from her cataleptic trance

and screamed. So did the robbers as they created another road through the surrounding undergrowth in their mad flight. Sometimes walking, sometimes crawling, Mrs. Lindsay made her way back to the house, knocked weakly at the barred door.

"What a dramatic situation! The dead and buried returned to life. What would her husband say? What would he do?"

Mr. Lindsay's footsteps approached the door. The bar was removed and the door swung open, outlining him in the light of the candle he held aloft. For a long moment he stood, stolidly regarding his mate so recently returned from the grave. Then:

"Are you in the flesh or the spirit?" he asked calmly.

"In the flesh," she answered faintly.

"Then come on in the house and put on some decent clothes. You look terrible."

And that's the way it happened, so says tradition.

Mrs. Lindsay was nursed back to health, and six years later her son Colin was born.

When the great Presbyterian revival of 1801 swept the South Reverend Lindsay fought it bitterly, denouncing the shouting, rolling and general hysteria of his parishioners. He would begin each service with the request that, "The devil's children would keep quiet while God's children listened to His holy word."

His efforts were futile and on one occasion a member called John Spall became uncontrollable.

"Ee-eyow!" he screamed. "I'm gonna climb yon tree an' fly to heaven like a bird!" And started to do just that.

"I'll cure 'im," promised a dour old Presbyterian named Barksdale, pulling a rawhide whip from his wagon. A few lashes brought the climbing Spall down from his tree and back to his senses. He later thanked Barksdale for saving his life. "For," he said simply, "I was that carried away I'd a tried to fly to heaven like I said I would."

Another of Barbecue's ministers was Donald Crawford. Tradition says he fell in love with the lovely daughter of one of the church elders, was rejected by her and became mentally unbalanced. "Crazy as a coot!" pronounced one old Scot after listening to him.

By the time of the Revolution there was a flourishing settlement around the Hill with a cooper's shop, a tannery, a turpentine distillery and Merchant John Cameron's trading post, which was a short distance away.

The Revolution over, peace came again to Cameron's Hill to wipe out the memories of the bloody days when neighbor fought neighbor and life often hung by a precarious thread. For fifty years the settlement continued a somnolent existence until in the 1840's when the sawmills came and systematically obliterated the great forests of long leaf pine.

It was then that the Fayetteville and Western Plank Road was built by Cameron's Hill to Salisbury. Samuel Johnson constructed an inn near the hill and the village became known as Johnsonville. This was the boom period of the town, and under the leadership of J. W. Cameron, Colonel Alexander Murchison, Daniel McDiarmid, Christopher Monroe, A. C. Bule, R. C. Belding and others, sawmills and turpentine distilleries flourished and soon long trains of wagons loaded with lumber and naval stores were rumbling down the plank road to Fayetteville.

Evergreen Masonic Lodge was chartered, a postoffice and new stores and shops built, and prominently identified with most of the work was the eccentric Sam Johnson.

When the Cape Fear locks and dams were being built above Averasboro Sam went over for a look. The locks didn't impress him but the swarthy-skinned, ear-ringed Hungarian and Slovak workmen did. A few days after his visit Sam was celebrating his birthday and while tipsily "skinning cats" from the limb of an apple tree he fell on his head. When he recovered he persisted thereafter in wearing gold rings in his ears.

It was in his inn that one of the greatest temperance lectures ever delivered was composed by the crusading prohibitionists, the Reverend Malcolm MacNeill and Neill McLaughlin.

For half a day the two ministers had labored fruitlessly over their task of writing a forthcoming temperance lecture. After lunch, Archie McLaughlin, a brother of the Reverend Neill McLaughlin, brought a jug of brandy to their room.

Though Presbyterian discipline might be strict on some matters in those days it was temperate where the drinking of hard liquor was concerned - even when guzzled by ministers and prohibitionists. At sundown when Archie re-

turned he found the jug empty and the two composers retired - fully clothed - for the night. But the temperance lecture was finished and it remains a classic to this day. "For," as was pointed out, "nothing helps like self experience."

Standing on the Monroe Road near Johnsonville is Archie MacGregor's dram tree where he always halted for a final snifter before going to Fayetteville.

Archie's clan always celebrated old New Year's night with a dancing and drinking party. Now, dancing was strictly prohibited by his church, and on one occasion Archie was hauled before a session of the elders to explain his dereliction.

He pleaded guilty, told them of the ancient custom of his clan and concluded simply: "An' so ye may session an' ye may session but, so lang as MacGregor lives an' auld New Year's night comes, MacGregor will crook his arm an' MacGregor will shake his foot."

One is struck by the age of those buried there: 80 years, 85, 90. Back when the temperance society was organized at the Hill the new members would be taken out to the cemetery and shown the stones of those oldsters. Then they would be taken to the grave of Tippy Dan Cameron to show them the evil effects of alcohol. Tippy Dan died at the age of 68.

Four miles west of Johnsonville, near Mt. Noriah colored church, is the huckleberry bog where over a hundred Indians from Drowning Creek were massacred by the Cape Fear Indians shortly before the coming of the white settlers.

The slain warriors were buried to Cameron. The spot is marked by an oak tree somewhat larger than the surrounding blackjacks. In recent years the mound has been much despoiled by souvenir hunters and the ground is littered with fragments of bone.

This entire area of Western Harnett was once covered by forests of long leaf pine. These friendly forests provided a livelihood for the settlers for over a hundred years. The trees were first boxed for turpentine, which was distilled, barreled and hauled to Fayetteville for sale. When the trees had been exhausted of their turpentine flow they were cut. Some were hauled to streams feeding the Cape Fear and floated downstream to the river. There the logs were assembled into rafts for the long trip to Wilmington. The bed of Lower Little River is littered with logs which never reached the Cape Fear. A good sized raft would bring from \$400 to \$500 at Wilmington.



SWINE SHOW ERROR HOG-TIES JUDGES—Faces of the judges and fair officials at the Putnam County Fair at Ottawa, Ohio, were somewhat red when this picture of them was snapped. It happened at the swine show. The call went out for produce of dam in the Spotted Poland Chins class. Several exhibitors entered the ring with their animals. As judging was about to begin, Willis Bradford, of Wapakoneta, walked in with an armful of 11-day-old piglets, set them down and waited for the judges to declare him the winner. Spectators laughed and the judges looked concerned. When they questioned Bradford's right to bring in the little pigs, he told them to look in the rule book. They looked at the rule for produce of dam and found someone had erroneously added a date providing that animals entered in that class must have been farrowed "on or after Aug. 1, 1955." So technically, Bradford's piglets were the only ones eligible for the class. Amid laughter, Bradford removed his animals and judging proceeded on "intent," not the "letter" of the law.

Pines not suitable for tan timber were converted into boards, fence rails and shingles. Scattering white oaks supplied staves for making tar and turpentine barrels. Trees that were fat enough - lightwood - were stacked in kilns and burned for tar. A fair sized kiln would run 30 barrels of tar which sold for four to five dollars per barrel at Fayetteville.

With the passing of the pines the area grew up in worthless blackjacks. Today these blackjacks are being rooted up by bulldozers. Fields of tobacco and other crops cover the region. It has been found that with proper fertilization and cultivation this Sandhill country grows the finest cigarette tobacco in the world.

Thus today we find this once barren and sparsely settled part of Harnett blooming like the rose and becoming thickly populated. In fact, there is not another section of Harnett that has progressed like the townships of Anderson Creek, Barbecue and Johnsonville. Hard top roads, electric lines, and lately - telephone lines crisscross the area, bringing modern conveniences to the people.

But the haunting air of ancient days and deeds still hangs over the rolling hills. In fancy, one can see Archie MacGregor taking a final snifter at his dram tree; listen to Findlay Chisholm instruct his students in the mysteries of the three o' watch Flora McDonald sitting by her spring gazing with tragic eyes into the sunset even as her world was beginning to fall to pieces about her.

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