



"WELCOME CHOWAN STUDENTS" a sign placed in the window of the Varsity Shop reads as students picket outside. Animosity between the students and the restaurant owner came to a head Wednesday night when 500 gathered near the Murfreesboro establishment in a mass protest.



"BAN THE BOMB AND THE VARSITY SHOP"—Students picket in front of the Varsity Shop, a Murfreesboro restaurant, where a fellow student reportedly had stolen a chicken, resulting in his arrest, conviction, and eventual expulsion from school. (Trick photography resulted in this unusual picture showing pickets and Highway Patrol riot car in foreground.)



POLICE OFFICERS FROM SURROUNDING AREAS arrived in Murfreesboro after a radio call for assistance was issued by the local police chief. Shoulder patches on their uniforms identified the two pictured above as members of the Rich Square Police Department.

MULE FOR SALE—10 years old, Gentle, Will sell cheap. See or call Grady C. Britton, RFD 2, Ahoskie, N. C. phone 332-3463. Hano 11-25 Mrs. Britton says she could have sold "Oodles of Mules—had so many calls." Mules or Mustangs, want ads can sell them!

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MAIN STREET IN RICH SQUARE sparkles with new color as the traditional Christmas decorations are once more placed high above passers-by to remind them "it's that time of year again." The lights, bells and stars will remain until the end of the holiday season.

Lawmen Quash Student Protest

By RANDOLPH THOMAS
MURFREESBORO — Law enforcement officers quickly dispersed a mob of 500 Chowan College student demonstrators Wednesday night when the students gathered on Main Street in Murfreesboro to protest the dismissal from school of a fellow Varsity Shop, a small restaurant where the theft reportedly had taken place.

By 7 p.m., all of the students were back on campus, with the exception of three, who were allowed by police to picket the shop. These carried signs reading "Ban the Bomb and the Varsity Shop" and "Chicken Man."

William O. Vaughan, proprietor of the restaurant, told a Times-News reporter he had caught the student, Ronald E. Davis, 19, of Durham, in the act of stealing a frozen chicken valued at 75 cents.

Davis was tried in Hertford County Recorder's Court and, although he entered a plea of guilty to shoplifting, was convicted of trespassing. Later, he was expelled from the small Baptist college.

Conway Band To Participate In 'Festival'

CONWAY — As Congressional members of the House pressed the button to light the magic Christmas tree Friday evening in Rocky Mount's Tarrytown Mall, he set off an electronic process which, for the second holiday season is creating the most beautiful lighting effects ever seen in Eastern Carolina.

The magic Christmas tree lighting ceremony marked the beginning of Tarrytown's Christmas music festival, which will feature performances in the Mall by choirs, full concert bands and special music groups throughout the Christmas season.

The tree is the only one of its kind in North Carolina — a huge 30 foot natural evergreen sprayed white and decorated with many hundreds of brilliantly lighted spheres which change color in time to music. More than 600,000 people viewed the magic Christmas tree last year during the 30-day period it was up in the Mall.

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New Court Clerk Will Assume Duties Monday



R. Jennings White

JACKSON — At 12 noon on Monday, December 5, R. Jennings White Jr. will officially begin his duties as Clerk of Northampton County Superior Court.

White, who has been working in the office since October familiarizing himself with the duties of the post, is anxiously looking forward to getting started.

A native of Conway and former plant manager of the Armour Chemical Company fertilizer plant in Conway, White will succeed Miss Reba Long, who is retiring after 24 years of service in the clerk's office, eight years of which she has been clerk.

White is a graduate of Conway High School and N. C. State University. He formerly taught in the public school system in Southampton, Va.

Woodland Man Sentenced On Multiple Charges

JACKSON — A 23-year-old Woodland man received six consecutive prison terms after being found guilty of charges ranging from temporary larceny of an auto to resisting arrest Tuesday in Northampton County Recorder's Court.

William Carlton Risper was sentenced to 30 days in jail on a charge of failing to stop for a stop sign, six months for driving under influence, 60 days for careless and reckless driving, 12 months for temporary larceny of a motor vehicle, 30 days for no operator's license, and six months for resisting arrest.

Other cases tried are as follows:

Stewart Peebles, Jackson, speeding, costs; Lawrence D. Newton, East Marie, Mo., \$10 and costs; Ray William Nova and check, no pros. John Thomas McClellan, Chesapeake, speeding, costs; Woodrow Webb, Gaston, speeding, \$15 and costs; Welford Mason Moore, Richmond, Va., speeding, not guilty; Clarence E. Wallace, Laurel Hill, speeding, \$10 and costs; Michael McCaffery, Richmond, speeding, \$10 and costs; Ronald W. Hedgepath, Halifax, no operator's license, \$25 and costs; Alva Burgess, Conway, failure to reduce speed when special hazard exists, costs; Thomas H. Hill, Skipperville, Va., driving under influence and driving while license suspended, \$100 and costs; Ronald N. Johnson, Lake Worth, Fla., speeding, costs.

Dewey L. Phillips, Murfreesboro, speeding, \$15 and costs; Willie Lloyd, Margarettsville, speeding, costs; Eugene Russell Midkiff, Mount Airy, speeding, costs; Paul Garner, Garysburg, speeding, \$15 and costs; Milton J. Martin, Gaston, speeding, \$10 and costs.

Richard Banks Jr., Jackson, no operator's license, \$25 and costs; Riley Bridgers, Conway, locking wife out, nonsupport, not guilty; William Earl Long, Rich Square, speeding, \$10 and costs; William Lee Balmer, Jackson, allowing an unauthorized operator to drive, costs; Stella Mae Catline, Washington, D. C., no operator's license, \$25 and costs; Thaddeus Motley, Jackson, driving under influence, no operator's license, \$100 and costs; Joseph Raymond White, Holland, Va., speeding, costs.

Millard Moody of Roanoke Rapids was sentenced to six months in jail for engaging in an affray with firearms. Sentence was suspended on payment of a fine of \$25 and court costs and on the further condition that he remain of good character. (See SENTENCE, Page 10)

Fire Boosts CAP Acceptance

RICH SQUARE — A fire in the Occaneechee Neck section of Northampton County, which left a family of 10 homeless, and the response of 10 CADA workers assigned in the county may indirectly have stimulated acceptance of the community action program by residents of the area.

Patricia Powell, a family survey worker, and Billie Vaughan, a nurse, both assigned to Northampton's Multi-Service Center, a division of Choanoke Area Development Association, think the response to the program since the fire bears this theory out.

According to the local workers, 10 CADA trainees working in groups, were covering the Occaneechee Neck section conducting door-to-door surveys when one group came upon a house occupied by eight small children. The workers, after finding the parents were not at home, noticed that the children had built a fire to keep warm. Since the parents were not at home, they made a mental note to return

Boyhood Pals Reunited In Philippines

RICH SQUARE — Two boyhood friends, now captains — one stationed in the Philippines in the Judge Advocate Office, the other an Air Force pilot on assignment in Viet Nam — met quite by accident last week in the Philippines.

Capt. Ed Bryant Hall arrived in the Philippines on several days rest leave from his Viet Nam assignment, and went to the Officers Club at Clark's Air Force Base for the evening meal. Capt. Donald Strickland, who has been stationed at Clark's for almost two years and whom Capt. Hall believed to be on Okinawa, and his wife, were also supper guests at the club.

The two Rich Square men promptly spied each other and a reunion followed throughout the supper hour and into the night. Both captains are due to return to the states early in 1967 for reassignment.

Captain Hall is the son of Mrs. Pearl B. Hall of Rich Square and the late Cornelius C. Hall. His wife, the former Polly Emory, and two children are presently residing at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in Goldsboro.

Captain Strickland is the son of Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Strickland of Rich Square. His wife, the former Evelyn Miller, and two sons are in the Philippines with him.

Dr. Stanley Director

Ray McClees Named Chairman Of R-C Mental Health Clinic

JACKSON — A meeting of members from the county mental health committees of Gates, Hertford, and Northampton Counties elected Ray McClees of Ahoskie as chairman of the advisory committee of the Roanoke-Chowan Mental Health Board at a meeting at the courthouse on Wednesday afternoon.

Dr. John H. Stanley of Wood-

land was appointed director of the staff and will work part-time for the group.

County mental health board members will attend the county commissioners meeting on Monday, December 5, to get authorization to spend the \$8,000 that has been budgeted by the three counties for the current fiscal year.

Dr. Dan Rader, assistant state mental health director, attended the meeting and told the directors that the state would hire a full-time psychiatrist in January, 1967, for the northeastern counties and that he would be available to work with the mental health board.

Social Security Payments Here Up

ROCKY MOUNT — Social security benefits paid Northampton County farmers jumped from \$1.5 million in 1964 to \$1.75 million in 1965, according to a report from the social security office at Rocky Mount.

In the 10 year period beginning in 1955, the jump was from \$185,312 to \$1,778,268, with 450 farmers benefiting in 1955 and 2,956 in 1965.

Total paid Northampton County farmers for social security benefits over the 10 year period was \$10,414,432.

Year	No. Claim	Benefits
1955	450	\$185,312
1957	1105	512,916
1958	1386	730,980
1959	1632	873,900
1960	1844	1,006,296
1961	2124	1,171,800
1962	2450	1,353,504
1963	2626	1,453,488
1964	2795	1,537,968
1965	2956	1,778,268

Attending the meeting were Dr. Raleigh Parker, health director for Northampton County, Dr. J. A. Fleetwood Jr. of Conway, Mrs. Janice Brown, welfare director for Northampton County, commissioner J. H. Liverman of Woodland, Ray McClees of Ahoskie, and C. J. Sawyer, commissioner from Gates County.

Guests at the meeting were Mrs. W. W. Grant of Gaston and Charles Myers of Rich Square, president of the Northampton County Chamber of Commerce.



WORKERS BEGAN PAVING the drive at the new Rich Square Post Office Wednesday. Scheduled to begin earlier this week, the work was hampered by rains. Postal officials hope the paving will be completed by the end of this week.

Weather Wuz
Clear, lovely with a cool bite