

## News Notes

**BURLINGTON, Vt.** — Actress Veronica Lake, the sultry peek-a-boo blonde of lithe figure who flashed to movie stardom during World War II then fell into seedy oblivion when her box office magic vanished, died Saturday at the age of 51.

In the days of her Hollywood glory, her picture hung in GI dugouts from Europe to Asia and vied in popularity with that of Betty Grable who died last week of cancer.

**WIMBLEDON, England** — America's Billie Jean King wrapped up three titles in the 87th Wimbledon lawn tennis championships, winning the mixed doubles, women's singles, and women's doubles.

Mrs. King, of Hilton Head, S.C., defeated Chris Evert of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. 6-0, 7-5, to collect her fifth women's singles title, a post-war record.

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** — President Nixon declared Monday that America is entering a new era of peace at home as he presided at the swearing-in of Clarence M. Kelley as the new director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

**ATLANTA, Ga.** — The Rev. Ralph David Abernathy announced his resignation Monday after five years as president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

Abernathy, who succeeded the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as president of the civil rights organization, told a news conference he was stepping down August 16, the date of the SCLC's annual meeting in Indianapolis, Ind.

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — Supporters of legislation to clear the way for construction of the \$3.5 billion trans-Alaska pipeline are nearing a showdown with Midwest members of Congress who want a Canadian route studied

first. The Senate opened debate on the bill Monday and approved an amendment that would speed up the application of tough new controls on tankers carrying Alaskan oil. Sponsors hoped this would ease the fears of environmentalists about oil spills.

The Canadian route is favored also by environmentalists who say it would do less damage to the Arctic tundra and eliminate the danger of oil spills at sea.

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — John N. Mitchell testified Tuesday that he kept what he knew about Watergate and its coverup from President Nixon because he feared that his friend and former boss would take actions damaging to his own re-election campaign.

The former attorney general denied the charge that he personally approved the wire tapping of Democratic Party headquarters. In fact, he said, he vehemently vetoed all political espionage proposals.

**KEY WEST, Fla.** — Treasure Salvors uncovered a 17th Spanish galleon whose wreckage is believed to have a cargo worth \$400 million.

**CHICAGO, Ill.** — The Supreme Court decision on obscenity has prompted Playboy Magazine to consider making "editorial adjustments" in its photography. But its rival Penthouse, arguing that the human body is not obscene, says it has no intention of changing its pictures.

Both magazines said they regretted the high court ruling which gave power to local officials to judge what is obscene on the basis of "community standards" rather than national tastes. The ruling has resulted in both publications being taken off the stands in many towns, particularly in the south.



**BUILDING A TOOL BOX** are Ruben Martinex (left) of the Rich Square Summer Migrant Education project and his sister, Lupe, with the aid of volunteer instructor, Charles Landrum (center), who teaches regularly at W. S. Creecy

School as electronics instructor. They are two of some 85 migrant children participating in the learning center at Rich Square Elementary School.

## Volunteer Teaches Children In Migrant Education Program

**RICH SQUARE** — A W. S. Creecy electronics instructor who believes in helping educationally deprived children is giving five weeks of his time again this summer to the Migrant Education program now going on at Rich Square Elementary School.

This is the third year that Charles Landrum of Rich Square has instructed migrant children from related areas in wood working, use of hand tools and safety in the use of electricity to introducing them to farm animals and the family garden.

Landrum and 14 paid professional specialists in working with children are directed by Mrs. Jasper Eley at the Learning Center they have set up to teach 84 deprived children in the areas of basic education, cultural enrichment and vocational education.

"It's the most worthwhile program we've ever worked with," said the retired Navy veteran of 23 years service whose specialty now is teaching occupational education.

Third graders through eighth graders receive individual attention in his work shop.

A native of Colorado, he travelled extensively while in the Navy including the continents of Asia, South America, Europe and numerous islands in the Pacific and Atlantic oceans.

"I feel deeply that these children need special help as their families move frequently and they drop out of school, some of them are lucky to finish the fifth grade.

"Here they get a chance to achieve and the satisfaction of recognition for their efforts. I'm just sorry that the time they will be with us is so short."

The Migrant Summer Education Program at Rich Square is one of four in North Carolina. It is funded by the U. S. Office of Education.

The pleasant soft-spoken instructor has a variety of experience behind him. During his Navy service in 1956-57 he "wintered over" on the Antarctic Continent in support of the International Geophysical Year.

Prior to his retirement and coming to Northampton County, he was assigned to the U. S. Naval Cryptographic Repair School, Portsmouth, Va. He served there in the billets of assistant director of training, staff division officer and first lieutenant.

Landrum is married to the former Rhae Fairchild of Enid, Okla. They have four children, Therese 15, Charles Patrick, 9, Vickie 7 and Tammy Michelle, 18 months.

## Children To Pre-Register In Squire School District

**JACKSON** — All parents with children living in the Squire School District of Northampton County who have not registered for the 1973-74 school year are asked to register them at the earliest possible date.

Reference is made to kindergarten, first graders, who did not attend the pre-school clinic, and students transferring from other schools. Registration hours are from 8:30-4 p.m. daily.

## Northampton Has 11-Year 4-H Leader

**JACKSON** — Mrs. Ola Mae Murph, a native of Potocasi, has been a 4-H leader for almost 11 years in Northampton County. During this time she has slipped about through 4-H meetings and for five additional years, she has been active in home economics clubs throughout the county.

"I work with homemakers and youth. I work directly with food recipients, with their needs, gardening, food



Mrs. Ola Mae Murph

## Need Volunteers Through August

**JACKSON** — The social service department has received three new volunteers, from Woodland, Milwaukee, and Jackson, to transport James Wheeler to Norfolk General Hospital through July 17.

The department was also notified that the kidney machine the youth needs will be shipped August 15 from California from the Life Med Corps. Supplies that will be needed will be sent to James at home two weeks before he leaves the hospital.

## Suitcase Found

**RICH SQUARE** — A suitcase containing lady's clothing was found on Highway 305, two miles west of Rich Square Sunday night, June 8, by Chief of Police W. W. Connor.

The bag can be claimed at the town hall if it can be identified.

## Library Closed

**JACKSON** — The Northampton County Memorial Library closed at 5 p.m. Tuesday and will remain closed until further notice because of an air conditioning breakdown.

Hopefully, the library will reopen Friday, July 13.

## Gas Short In Northampton But No Local Rationing

**RICH SQUARE** — Northampton County is facing the same gas shortage that has beset the rest of the nation but it is not suffering rationing such as neighboring Virginia where stations will sell only 10 gallons at a time to a customer.

Thirteen service stations throughout the county were surveyed and only six faced any problem, most of them not even serious compared to the gas shortage in the piedmont section of the state.

The following is a tally of the findings:

H. L. Evans' Texaco, Rich Square: "We got all the gas we needed in June and we've had no trouble this month," said Evans. "We don't have a quota."

Howard Brown Oil Company, Rich Square: "We are on an allocation based on last year's sales," commented C. W. Lassiter, general manager. "We've been lucky. We distribute to the service dealers and customers on the same type basis."

L. D. Glover, Exxon, Rich Square: "I ran out last month for a couple of days and I've had to close Sundays due to the shortage," said Glover. "There's an increase of 20 per cent through August and I hope it's gonna get better."

C. G. Hall, Citgo, Rich Square: "I ran out of gas three days in May and April and

four in June," Glover observed. "I haven't reduced the store hours but I closed the self service station for two months. I just reopened it July 2 and I'm sure I will have to close it before the month's out. I'm under an allotment and I received only 80 per cent in April, May, and June. I received 100 per cent July 1 — the same amount as last year. Unless the gas situation improves from now on, the heating oil will be mighty tight this winter."

Billy Cox, BP, Jackson: "I ran out twice but I got the gasoline in a day or two," commented Cox. "I'm under no allotment and there's been no change in station hours."

Phillips 66, Jackson: This station faces no problem. The gas supply has been cut but they have not run out.

Hasty's Shell, Jackson: Last Wednesday was the first time the gas from Newsom Oil Company in Roanoke Rapids

had allotted gasoline but the station retains the same hours.

W. R. Powell, BP, Woodland: "I've been out two or three times during the allotment and I've shortened the hours. I close early at 7 p.m. instead of 8:30 p.m. I'll sell it as long as I got it and then quit."

John M. Lee, Exxon, Woodland: "I've had no shortage," Lee reports. "Gas has been allocated but I haven't run out and I still have normal hours."

L. D. Bryant, Gulf, Woodland: "It's the same as last year and we haven't been out at all," said Linda B. Bowen who operates the station between Woodland and Conway. "We still close at 9 p.m."

Clyde Odom, Texaco, Conway: "My gas allotment has been cut 20 per cent and I closed the station Sunday, May 6, to keep the self service

open. I've come close to it but I haven't run out yet."

Ted Cofield, Union 76, Conway: "If I run out of regular and high test, I'll be without gas the rest of this month because I've got all my allotment in the ground now," he said. "I still operate the same hours."

Mrs. Ray Cutchins, EPCO, Conway: This station was completely out of premium gas, having sold the last eight and nine-tenths gallons for \$4 a week ago. "We haven't received the gasoline for July yet" observed Mrs. Cutchins.

Travis Flythe, Shell, Conway: "We're not running out," said Mrs. Flythe. They receive their gas from Newsom Oil Company in Roanoke Rapids.

Obviously there is somewhat of a shortage throughout the county but Northampton can boast that it has yet to resort to strict gasoline rationing tactics.

## Georgia-Pacific Still Seeks Improvement In Air Quality

**CONWAY** — Three years and nearly \$1 million worth of engineering modifications and equipment have still not solved all of the environmental problems at the Georgia-Pacific hardboard-chemical complex here, Richard Good, public relations manager of the G-P southern division, told the Times News earlier this week.

"Our water quality problems are over, but emissions (air quality), particularly fiber fallout, are still well above what we predicted two years ago," Good said.

"We are making good progress in eliminating smoke emission at our other mills in North Carolina, but at Conway the nature of the fuel and the way it must be handled has presented unusual difficulties for G-P engineers and outside engineering firms," said Gerald W. Tice, environmental engineer for Georgia-Pacific.

"The people of Conway," he added, "have been very patient with us because we announced two years ago, after deciding to install a modern emission-limiting boiler, that the smoke and fiber problems would soon be solved. We felt, at the time, the boiler would perform as efficiently as predicted by the manufacturer. So far, it hasn't lived up to expectations."

G-P told the Times-News that it has spent \$660,000 on air quality alone in the past two years and more expenditures lay ahead. Still another engineering firm from Atlanta is currently working on the fiber fallout problem.

"Our engineers and the state Air Quality Division have agreed upon a November 1 date to disconnect the 'Teepee' burner which will virtually end smoke emissions," Tice said. He also said the burner at G-P's Ahsokie sawmill will soon be replaced by a clean-burning

boiler system to further cut down on smoke.

The Conway plant is one of only two Georgia-Pacific hardboard plants. The other is at Coos Bay, Ore. Hardboard, a composition board made out of hardwood fiber and fiber bundles with a resin binder, is used primarily by the furniture industry.

### Peanuts

The crop got off to a good start this year and is about two weeks ahead of last year. Stands are excellent. About 92 per cent of the crop is rated in good to excellent condition and eight per cent in fair condition.

### Cotton

Recent rains and warm weather has been most beneficial to North Carolina's cotton crop — crop condition has improved steadily. The crop is well ahead of last year when unfavorable weather stunted plant growth.

## Home Economic Specialists Visit Northampton County

**JACKSON** — Mrs. Lois Brown and Dr. Leo Hawkins, district home economics specialists, visited Northampton extension agents Tuesday.

The two specialists serve the north central district which is composed of 16 counties, a part of the North Carolina Multi-County Planning Region, and both are a part of the faculty of N.C. State University.

"We work with professional county extension personnel in relationship to programming and keeping them abreast of the latest information in our subject area," Mrs. Brown explained. "Our total program is in home economics."

Dr. Hawkins is a specialist in charge of family relations. "We keep agents abreast of the latest information on family relations and human relations centered around the family," he added. "There are county workshops on a district or statewide basis, conducted in home economics or agriculture, according to the needs of the organized groups."

The extension service is funded by the federal, state, and local governments and is an arm of the U.S. Department of Agriculture under which it operates.

The north central district employs 125 professional agents and several programs are conducted on a statewide basis. Northampton County

participates in the expanded foods nutrition program and in the agricultural technician program which works with small farmers. "The method of expansion is to reach the needs of more people," commented Mrs. Brown.

Extension agents provide information in many areas: family relations, home

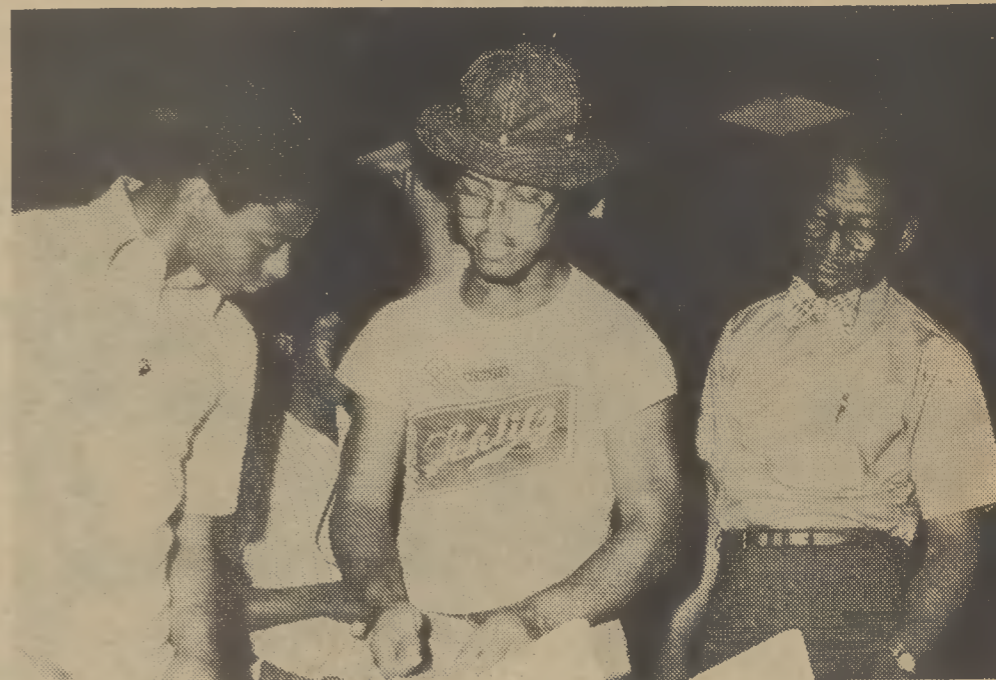
management, foods and nutrition, housing, clothing and aged. Specialists in Raleigh help them by sending materials and identifying needs in the county to help enhance the quality of life.

Mrs. Brown described the tax-supported agency as "not counseling but education."

(See Picture Page 16)

### Tobacco

Harvest of North Carolina's flue-cured tobacco crop is gaining momentum with about three per cent of the crop now barned. This is about equal to last year's pace but ahead of the 10-year average. Harvest is more advanced in the border and eastern belts than in the old belts where harvest is just getting underway. Topping and the application of sucker control is active in the flue-cured areas.



**TWO STUDENTS IN THE SUMMER MIGRANT EDUCATION PROGRAM** are building a bookend and are being observed by Issac A. Battle, who is in charge of the federal program in Hertford County. He was there as a part of the on-site visiting team and to visit Mrs. Goldie Eley, director of the migrant program in Northampton; Mrs. Dora Peele, director of a similar program in Bertie; and Dan Pratt, consultant for the program from the state department in Raleigh.

## Northeast Calendar Approved

**LASKER** — Northeast Academy Headmaster Arthur Dempsey Jr. announced last week the Board of Trustees has approved the school calendar for 1973-74.

Dempsey said students will report for their first day of school on August 28.

The holiday schedule includes Labor Day, Sept. 3; Thanksgiving, Nov. 22-23; Christmas, Dec. 21 through Jan 1; Spring April 12 through 15.

The last day of school for Northeast students will be May 28 and graduation will be May 29.