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Roanoke Ramblings

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David C. Edwards agrees that "boys will be boys, especially mischievous ones. Mr. Edwards recalls the time he was fixing the roof of his house while he was on top of the house, his seven year old son, David, Jr., decided he would like to see Pop get down without the help of a ladder. So, he removed it, and hid himself to watch the scene. After much difficulty, Mr. Edwards did get down. . . but Junior found himself having to eat dinner on the mantel that night.

Miss "Frankie" Rightmyer and her guest, Mrs. Erma Melton have returned to Norfolk, Va., after spending the week-end with Frank's mother, Mrs. R. J. Rightmyer.

If you happen to be one of the few people who don't know the story of Jesse James, then make a special trip to McCrory's store. They have the most novel record relating the story, that could possibly be made.

A little boy's father died from over-indulgence. After the funeral, the little boy said to his mother, "Mama! When I go to Heaven, how will I know Papa?" "Just look for an angel with a red nose," she suggested.

At a recent business session of the Monday Night Bridge Club, Mrs. Ned Manning was elected president and Miss Ruth Transou secretary. Mrs. Cotter Murray was elected a new member.

Flyin' into the wild blue yonder today, will be Mrs. A. L. Drew, who is leaving today from Rocky Mount, by plane to attend the North Carolina State Florist Association Convention, in Asheville. Mrs. Drew is with the Roanoke Floral Company and is representing them there. The convention will last through Thursday.

Although the citizens of our noble city probably have never noticed any peculiar scent coming from the paper mill, believe it or not, out-siders do. Such was the case as J. W. McNeal recalls. On Saturday, when he was returning from a visit in Virginia, he said that the man on the seat beside him in the bus seemed very interested in the sights of the country-side. When they crossed the Roanoke Bridge, he remarked, "Well, there's Roanoke Rapids' famous land-mark—in day or night." Mr. McNeal inquired, "You mean the river?" "No" was the answer, "I mean the paper mill, you can tell when you've arrived at Roanoke Rapids with your eyes closed, so long as you don't have a bad cold."

After seeing the sights of Montreal for a whole week, Mrs. C. A. Wyche and Miss Susan Holladay have returned home. They had as their guests, Mrs. Henry Thorpe of Rocky Mount.

The most dangerous part of a car is the nut that holds the steering wheel!

Dr. Lide Speaks At Mission Meet Here Tonight

Dr. Frank P. Lide, who has served the Baptist Church as a missionary to China will be the principal speaker this evening on the Week of Missions being conducted this week at Rosemary Baptist Church as an association-wide series of the Roanoke Baptist Association.

At last night's meeting, Dr. J. C. Powell, missionary to Africa replaced Dr. James Ray, secretary of the State Baptist Training Union, on the program. Rev. Felix Arnold of Enfield was guest soloist and the devotional period was led by the Adult Department of the Sunday school. The Rosemary Baptist Church has a host church to seven churches in the Roanoke Rapids area during this week.

Weather

NORTH CAROLINA—Partly cloudy today and tonight; a few showers in northeast portion; increasing cloudiness Thursday with showers in southeast portion; slightly cooler Thursday; not much temperature change today and tonight except a little cooler in northeast portion.

DOVE COTE



Police Seeking Local Man For Theft Of An Airplane

C. L. Barnes Said To Have Taken Plane

Local police and Halifax County officers early this afternoon were still searching for Claude L. Barnes, local man, on a charge of larceny of an airplane. Barnes crashed a 65-horsepower Piper Cub training plane which he had allegedly stolen from the Halifax County airport about 5:15 yesterday afternoon into a pine thicket about five miles southwest of Roanoke Rapids near the Aurelian Springs highway, W. B. Copenhaver, airport operator and owner of the airplane, said this morning.

Copenhaver said he did not miss the airplane from its customary place on the field until about eight o'clock this morning. He said he immediately thought of Barnes because Barnes had approached him yesterday afternoon and wanted to rent a plane for awhile. He said he made a few calls and learned that Barnes had been involved in a plane crash late yesterday afternoon.

The airport manager said he went to the scene of the crash and found the plane a total wreck in a pine grove. He said the tree tops for about 75 feet around had been sheared from the force of the plane's fall. He said he believes the foliage of the trees is the only thing that saved Barnes' life. The plane was not insured.

"I don't know how badly he was hurt, but there was a lot of blood in the plane. I understand, though, that Barnes was seen with a bandage on his head at the Lions' Festival last night," Copenhaver said. Copenhaver said he reported the theft of the plane to the local police and issued a warrant for his arrest on a larceny charge. He said Barnes was drinking when he had approached him earlier in the afternoon, but that he would not say he was drunk.

Seven Of Eight Columbia Bank Robbers Have Been Captured

Columbia, N. C., Sept. 22—(AP)—A but one of eight men who participated in the \$68,200 robbery of the East Carolina Bank of Columbia yesterday have been apprehended, the FBI said today.

The eighth was believed hemmed up in a nearby swamp.

Two Norfolk, Va., negroes were arrested shortly before dawn. Special Agent Charles W. Brown identified them as William Henry Ward and Milton Gray. Brown said Ward had \$1,000 in his pockets, but Brown directing the search from Charlotte, did not know whether Gary had any money on his person up in a nearby swamp.

Neither Ward nor Gary resisted, Brown said.

Thus far, \$59,567 has been recovered. Original estimates gave the bank's loss as approximately \$50,000. But the figure gradually rose as employees concluded an inventory that was delayed pending the taking of fingerprints.

One negro was critically wounded when he ran from blood hounds and pursuers. Christopher C. Ward was shot through the back and wounded critically nearby Woody station when he failed to heed the call to surrender from a convict trusty who was leading a pack of blood hounds rushed here from the Williamston prison camp. The pistol bullet entered the negro's back and lodged in his intestines and he was taken to the Columbia hospital where he is given little chance to recover. On Ward's body was found \$4,263 part of the approximately \$58,000 recovered by officers.

The shooting occurred about 7 p. m. and within a short time Jesse Byrum of Wilson, Willie Melkins of Washington, and Henry Ward of Greensboro, all negroes, were captured without any display of opposition near the area where the trio was picked up. Officers found a Navy zipper bag packed with money and two pistols.

Early in the afternoon, Harry Everett Morrison, Norfolk white man, was taken into custody in Creswell and admitted, according to officials, that he led the daring holdup. Aubrey Whit Tarkington, native of Creswell but recently living in Norfolk, was also picked up and officers expressed the opinion that

he had served as lookout for the seven men who entered the bank with guns flourishing, lined up the five bank employees and three customers including one blind man, scooped up the cash and fled to their car waiting outside.

The get-away car broke down at Creswell and the bandits were forced to take to the woods after dividing the money as the quick-organized army of law-enforcement officers including county, State Highway Patrol, SBI, and FBI men, augmented by civilians, began closing in, while a helicopter from Elizabeth City Coast Guard station circled overhead to check on the fleeing men.

The car, a 1948 Hudson, was stolen in Virginia several days ago. Local residents recalled having seen it in Columbia both on Saturday and Monday when six negroes and one white man visited several business establishments.

Cashier Marshall A. Matthews said the bandits entered the bank about 11:15 o'clock and that the white man believed to have been Morrison, ordered ne and Phillip L. Spruill, a blind man, to "hit the floor or die." Matthews said he obeyed the command after explaining that Spruill was blind. The latter was permitted to sit in his chair while a negro stood guard.

Two other bandits ordered bookkeepers Zella Parisher and Beulah Twiddy out of the room in which they were working and to lie down behind a counter behind which Tellers Billie Swain and Milver Davis had been herded. Another bandit guarded the customers in the lobby while two men scooped up the money from a vault and the cash drawers.

Four Persons Killed By Arabs

Tel Aviv, Israel, Sept. 22—(AP)—Jewish military authorities announced Arabs ambushed and killed four persons in a United Nations convoy at Jerusalem today.

No United Nations personnel was hurt, the announcement said, but one of those killed was described as "an American engineer who came here recently as a technical adviser." His name was not disclosed.

J. Edward Allen, Warren School Head, Indicted On Charges Of Embezzlement

Warrenton, Sept. 22—J. Edward Allen, Superintendent of Warren County Schools since 1919, was under a \$15,000 bond today following the finding of 34 true bills of indictment against him here late yesterday afternoon on charges of embezzlement of \$24,327.75, false pretense and forgery of 32 salary checks.

A capias instanter ordered written by Superior Court Judge R. Hunt Parker after the grand jury had returned its findings in open court was served on Allen last night in Duke Hospital, Durham. He has been in a patient at the hospital since last Wednesday.

The capias was served by Sheriff E. G. Belvin of Durham County, who was accompanied by Warren County Deputy Sheriff R. D. Cheving and attorney Julius Banzet of Warrenton, who said he will defend the veteran school man in the case.

The bills of indictment against Allen were returned to Judge Parker by grand jury foreman J. T. White at 4:18 yesterday afternoon, after the grand jury had received them from District Solicitor Ernest R. Tyler shortly after 11 o'clock. Judge Parker had the findings entered in the records of the Superior Court and ordered Clerk of Court Joe N. Ellis to issue instanter subpoenas for the arrest of Allen. He further ordered that a bond of \$10,000 be set in the embezzlement charge and bond of \$5,000 set on the other counts. Surely on the bonds was left to the approval of Ellis.

A few minutes before the court was recessed for the afternoon a check in the amount of \$15,000 was posted with Ellis by C. P. Allen, Jr., a nephew of the superintendent.

Julius Banzet said he, his brother Frank, and State Representative John Kerr, Jr., will defend Allen, however he declined to say whether or not they had been retained for that purpose before the charges were formally lodged.

Court was re-convened at 5:30 yesterday by Judge Parker so he could sign in open court an order impounding "all records pertaining to and dealing with the transactions of the defendant with the Citizens Bank and Trust Company of Raleigh, the Citizens Bank and Henderson and the Bank of Halifax, Litterton, and the records of the County Board of Education pertaining to the financial transactions of the defendant."

Judge Parker said he will sign today an order for an audit of the books of the Board of Education by an approval auditing firm. The firm of Williams and Urquhart, Raleigh, was suggested by Tyler, however the order was left unsigned until some definite firm could be found to take the job.

Tyler said he does not expect the case to come to trial at the present term of Superior Court because the action was initiated through the Grand Jury, however he said he is "ready to try it now." The next term of Warren County Superior Court will be held in January, and according to the North Carolina court calendar Judge Walter J. Bone is scheduled to preside.

Bills of indictment charge that the County Superintendent em-

bezzled State school funds in the amount of \$24,327.75 on October 30, 1939. The checks in question made out to the teachers and pay checks to Negro school teachers who were not at the time teaching in the Warren County schools and who did not receive any of the money dated at far back as October 10, 1939, and the most recent was dated March 25, 1947.

The false pretense indictment charged that "J. Edward Allen did falsely pretend that a school in North Carolina known as Young School was being operated from September 27, 1946 until May 21, 1947; that one Annie Ruth Fortson was teacher; that 13 children attended Young School and that Annie Ruth Fortson was entitled to receive and did receive from the State of North Carolina as a teacher for the time a salary of \$1,666.78.

"Whereas in truth and in fact said Young School was not open and not operating at any time from September 27, 1946 until May 21, 1947; that Annie Ruth Fortson was not a teacher at the time and did not teach at said school that no other person taught at said school and neither Annie Ruth Fortson nor any other teacher was entitled to salary, there being no school in operation at Young School and that said Annie Ruth Fortson received no salary as teacher for said school."

The 32 forgery indictments charge that Allen "did willingly and falsely make, forge and counterfeit and did willingly assent to the falsely making, forging and counterfeiting" of 32 checks payable to Negro teachers who were not teaching at

the time the checks were written. The checks were allegedly endorsed by the teachers and re-endorsed by Allen. It is on the original endorsement that the forging was charged.

State Bureau of Investigation who aided in the investigation of the case, said yesterday that the handwriting experts of the same person on all the checks but did not know who had done the actual endorsing of the checks.

Powell and S. B. I. agent Jim Durham testified before the Grand Jury yesterday. Also testifying were Auditor C. B. Douglas of the State Board of Education and Paul Reid, Controller, of the State Board of Education. Annie B. Williams, aged Negro former school teacher, whose name appeared on 16 of the allegedly forged checks, and Eliza Vivian Robinson, another of the Negro former teacher, also testified before the Grand Jury in the course of the hearings.

The total of the forged checks amounted to \$5,147.48, however this amount is included in the total of the embezzlement charge, the investigators said. This morning Harry Walker, chairman of the Warren County Board of Education, could not be reached at his home in Norlina, however J. A. Rooker of Warrenton, member of the Board, said he has had no notification of any called meeting of the Board of Education in view of yesterday's developments.

Allen is still officially the Warren County Superintendent of Schools.

Britain Will Support Plan Of Bernadotte

London, Sept. 22—(AP)—Britain today pledged her support to Count Folke Bernadotte's recommendations for solution of the Palestine question.

Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin told the House of Commons the assassination of the United Nations mediator in Jerusalem last week was an attempt to prevent the Swedish envoy's task.

"The best way for us to commemorate his death is to complete his work on the basis of the proposals which he put forward just before his death," Bevin asserted.

New Christain Church Parsonage Is Dedicated

A new parsonage at the First Christian Church was dedicated Sunday afternoon in a formal dedication ceremony conducted by the pastor, the Rev. John L. Langston, who was assisted by the Rev. Edmond Berkley, Rector of All-Saints' Episcopal Church and the Rev. B. Marshall Whyte-Hurst, pastor of Rosemary Baptist Church.

A number of members of the congregation of the church were on hand for the dedication on the recently-completed building, which was built at a cost of approximately \$12,000. The ceremony was carried out with symbolic corn, wine and oil, and it was pointed out that the acquisition of a parsonage as a great contribution to the spiritual life of the church.

Trial Delayed When Juror Gets Drunk

Warrenton, Sept. 22—C. R. Hathcock of Warren County is in jail today. He was in court yesterday as a juror. He will be freed tomorrow.

Hathcock was empanelled with 11 other jurors shortly before the noon recess yesterday to hear evidence in the case of Willie M. Wortham, Negro, charged in the Superior Court with manslaughter in the death of Miss Evelyn Bolton.

Since no evidence was presented in the case prior to the noon recess, Judge R. Hunt Parker dismissed the jury for lunch. Judge Parker said that when court re-convened Hathcock was under the influence of alcohol and "at 4:10 p. m. he is still half drunk."

The judge held Hathcock in contempt of court and termed his behavior "disorderly, contemptuous and insolent." Parker said Hathcock had admitted having "two large drinks of whiskey" at the lunch recess, and ordered him confined for 48 hours "to be released at 4:15 p. m. on Thursday, September 23."

Summer Comes To End Tonight At 10:22

New York, Sept. 22—(AP)—Summer ends tonight at 10:22 p. m. standard time in the various time zones across the nation.

Following summer's passing, Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 a. m. Sunday. At that time the clock moves back one hour in most communities with Daylight Saving Time.

3,988 Register In Halifax County Under Second Selective Service Act

George N. Taylor, chairman of the Halifax County Selective Service Board, announced today that a total of 3,988 young Halifax County men had registered at the seven draft registration centers in the county.

The time limit on registration expired on Saturday, Taylor added.

State selective service headquarters had estimated that 4,500 Halifax men would have been registered under the second peacetime selective service act.

Youths who become 18 years of age are required to report to the draft board in Halifax at the courthouse within 15

Supreme Court Gets Weldon Expense Case

Raleigh, Sept. 22—(AP)—Is it "necessary expense" for local governments to send their law enforcement officers to school?

That's a question brought before the State Supreme Court in a case on appeal from Halifax County.

The action was brought by George C. Green, a Weldon taxpayer, against Mayor J. T. Maddrey and Town Commissioners Walker Campbell, W. A. Pierce, C. R. Turner, and Pierce Johnson.

Green asks that the officials be required to return to town treasurer \$1,100 paid as salary and expenses while Police Chief P. R. Kitchin attended the FBI's National Academy in 1946. The sum includes \$675 for three months' salary and \$425 expenses. Green's suit contends that the expenditure was illegal.

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Inspection Lane In Scotland Neck

Scotland Neck, September 22.—Mechanical Inspection Lane No. 34 for Halifax, Northampton and Bertie counties set up here this morning, when it will remain until Sunday for the convenience of motorists in this area who have not yet had their automobiles inspected. All who have not had their cars through the lane as yet are urged to do so while the lane is here.

The lane's schedule after it leaves Scotland Neck is as follows: September 28-30 at Rich Square, October 2-5 at Ailander, October 7-10 at Windsor.

It is slated to return to Roanoke Rapids on October 12.

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Western Powers Give Soviet Week On Berlin

Paris, Sept. 22—(AP)—The Western Powers gave the Soviet Union another week today to come to an agreement on the Berlin situation before they take the issue to the United Nations, well informed French sources said.

As the United Nations General Assembly began organizing itself for the autumn session, the foreign ministers of the United States, Great Britain and France agreed on a general outline of a note that may be sent to Moscow sometime this week, these sources said.

Top-ranking diplomatic and military advisers of the three western nations will meet again to study the text of the message to Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov, the sources said.

They described the message as proposing a four-power directive to the military commanders in Germany concerning the crucial question of Berlin's currency.

U. S. Secretary of State George C. Marshall, British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman have scheduled another meeting for sometime next week when, presumably they would have the reply from Moscow.

London, Sept. 22—(AP)—The United States, Britain and France are in "absolute agreement" on a policy to be pursued jointly by the Moscow talks over Berlin fail, Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin declared today.

Referring to talks at the Kremlin between envoys of the Western powers and the Russian leaders, Prime Minister Stalin and Foreign Minister Molotov, Bevin told an expectant House of Commons.

"I have to disappoint you. The stage is not yet reached which makes it possible to make a release."

"We are in close consultation—we are still working it out—and shall be continuing our consultation in Paris during the coming week."

"There have been rumors of disagreement over our Berlin policy, but also as to the policy we will jointly pursue if that fails."

Hurricane Moves Across Inland Florida Towards Citrus Belt

Miami, Fla., Sept. 22—(AP)—A drenching hurricane with its 100-mile-an-hour winds still intact, moved over Lake Okeechobee in South Central Florida today and aimed for the state's rich citrus belt.

Two persons have died and many have suffered minor injuries in the big storm which blasted the Florida Keys with 160 mile gusts early yesterday and pounced on Miami last night.

Heavy gales and rain still lashed the Keys and Miami today.

The center of the storm is expected to pass into the Atlantic about 6 o'clock (EST) tonight in the vicinity of Melbourne, 160 miles north of Miami and over Merritts Island, just northeast of Melbourne, about 8 or 9 p. m., the hurricane bureau said.

The hurricane eye passed close to the sugar-cane growing region at Ceviston on the Lake shore about 7 a. m.

Florida Towards Citrus Belt

within the United States. A great hurricane in 1923 caused it to overflow its banks and drown about 2,500 laborers engaged in planting vegetables in the winelands.

Communications still were out of "salad bowl" of the nation, today with Key West, where President Truman has his "Little White House," Everglades City, 70 miles west of Miami, and Ceviston.

A Red Cross survey showed 8,300 persons stayed last night in Miami's shelters. The shelters were stocked with enough food to feed 53,000 persons for two days.

Between 700 and 1,000 refugees from Highlands County in the central part of the state found haven in the little citrus town of Sebring.

Forecasters said the hurricane "will pass very near Clewiston and over the eastern rim of Lake Okeechobee" as it moves northward toward Daytona Beach. It is expected to pass into the Atlantic early tonight.