

# Roanoke Ramblings

By PAT NANTZ

It will surprise you sometime who you see doing "good deeds for the day" . . . Seen Thursday morning was Edelyn Hubbard as he gave Eugene Epps a "lift" to school, on his motor-scooter . . . Gene has had a cast put on his leg, where he hurt it playing football this week-end.

Have you ever seen anything to beat the way that everybody who is passing the school building, starts making noise at the same time? There should be "Quiet" signs near the building just as there are at the hospital . . . today in English class Miss Winifred Beckwith told some of the students to close the side windows, because a dog fight had gotten louder than she was . . . wouldn't you know that just as the side ones were closed and the front ones opened, the dogs stopped fighting and the train came by on Monroe Street . . . you just can't win. . . .

It is really interesting to notice the difference in human nature . . . such as the way one particular thing can affect different people in many ways, but to different extents. . . . today when it finally looked like the sun was going to shine, at long last—for a whole day without competition from the rain clouds . . . I heard several people making comments—such as three local women—Mrs. John Tucker, Mrs. Calton Thompson, and Mrs. Keith Lynch . . . who were discussing how they were thankful it had stopped raining before the week-end, so they could get their house-cleaning done without having to dare anyone who had been out-of-doors to come in the house without first removing all mud from their shoes. . . . but the men, such as Marvin Taylor and Ben Davis were glad that the World Series games weren't hindered, because of bad weather . . . and all the high school students of both Roanoke Rapids and Elizabeth City are hoping that the clouds play second-fiddle to the sun, long enough for the game Friday night to be played without even a threat of rain. . . .

Thomas Griffen, one of Roanoke Rapids' older settlers still finds enjoyment in recalling this little story, which was told about the time when airplanes were first being made . . . A boy in Kansas climbed a corn stalk to see how the sky and clouds looked and that stalk grew so fast the boy couldn't climb down. The boy was clear out of sight. Three men took the contract for cutting down the stalk with axes to save the boy from a horrible death by starvation, but the stalk grew so rapidly that they couldn't hit twice in the same place. The boy lived on green corn alone and threw down over four bushels of cobs. . . . he might have been pushed up so high that he would have frozen to death if he hadn't been rescued by an airplane.

Deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Edwin H. Smith, Sr., of Weldon, who passed away on Wednesday night at his home in Weldon, from the results of a heart attack. Mr. Smith was fifty-eight years old and had been ill only a few days, before his death. Funeral services will be held on Friday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, in the Weldon Grace Episcopal Church, and burial will be in the Cedarwood Cemetery. . . . he is survived by his wife, one son, and two brothers. . . .

## State Men Face Charges In New York

New York, Oct. 8—(AP)—Nine of the AFL Seafarers International Union were booked by police on charges of coercion last night and early today for their tactics in helping AFL garment workers picket non-union shops. The nine men were accused of forcing dress shop employees to leave their places of work and go to the offices of the dress joint board of the AFL International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

Those booked were among 42 seamen on picket duty in the garment area who were picked up by police yesterday and taken to the district attorney's office for questioning. The others were released last night. The nine men arrested were 30, of Whistler, Ala.; Herman booked as Carl Carlson, 27, of Gene Daniels, Daniels, 29, of Long, 24, of Jacksonville, Fla., Harry Williams, 30, of Roanoke Rapids, N. C.; Thomas M. Gower, 30, of Norfolk, Va., and Joseph Carroll, 22, of New York City.

## Weather

North Carolina—Mostly cloudy today; scattered showers in central portion followed by partly cloudy tonight and Saturday, preceded by showers along coastal area tonight; not much change in temperature except slightly cooler tonight.

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## Three Are Burned In Switch Mishap At Roanoke No. 1

Three men were burned this morning, two of them seriously when an electrical switch they were installing at Roanoke Mills Company's Plant No. One blew up.

Admitted to the Roanoke Rapids Hospital for "serious but not critical burns" were Joseph H. Jolly of 20 Hamilton street and Harry O. (Jabo) Faison of 93 Madison street, both electricians at the plant. Jimmy Tucker, electrical engineer for the company, was also treated at the hospital for severe burns about the face and hands and did not remain in the hospital.

James W. Sears, assistant superintendent at the mill, said he went to the scene immediately after the accident had occurred and said the injured men were rushed to the hospital by car. The switch, Sears said, was being installed for new machinery in the filling-sinining room and the three were taking care of the installation. The assistant superintendent said that insofar as he could ascertain the switch had already been put into place and as soon as the 550 volts of current was sent into it, it blew apart spreading flames onto the workmen.

The explosion of the switch caused minor fire damage to about seven nearby machines and stopped all power in the mill for approximately two hours.

Sears said as soon as he had visited the hospital and had gotten a report on the condition of the injured men he returned to the plant to see if he could ascertain the reason for the explosion of the switch.

Millard Edwards, local electrician of a number of years' experience, helped the superintendent in his checkup and reported that the installation of the switch, which was practically new, was done correctly. Sears said Edwards concluded that the only reason he could figure for the explosion of the part was that part of the internal mechanism was faulty.

All three injured men, Sears said, could give no clear version of the accident except that the switch had suddenly blown apart. A check with the hospital shortly before press time this afternoon got the information that Jolly and Faison were both suffering from shock as well as burns but that their condition "was not serious." Both men were burned badly about the body, when their clothes were ignited by the flames.

## Local Man Faces Narcotics Charge

Preston R. Scott 42, of Roanoke Rapids was lodged in the Halifax County jail this morning to await trial in Superior Court on a charge of illegal use of narcotics, it was announced by police headquarters here this morning.

Police said Scott was arrested here Wednesday in Roanoke Avenue and was booked on the narcotics charge and a charge of drunkenness. He is being held without privilege of bond.



CHIEF—Lt. Gen. Curtis E. LeMay, 43, as chief of the U.S. General Strategic Air Command, is new head of the nation's long range bombing force. He's a native of Columbus, O.

## Halifax 4-H Boys Win Prizes At Cattle Show

Halifax.—Two Halifax County 4-H Club boys won first places at the second Annual Negro Junior Cattle Show held in Rocky Mount September 30 and October 1.

The event took place at the P. R. Worsley Stockyard when 87 animals were exhibited by 4-H Club and NFA members from twenty counties. A banquet, demonstrations on fitting, judging, ringing bull's noses and dehorning cattle were features on the program.

Estee Gary of the Eden 4-H Club and Joe Louis Faulcon of Print won blue ribbons in the under-one-year-old dairy heifers class. Gary's Jersey calf was selected by the judges for the final elimination in the grand champion show and was placed third. Faulcon's Holstein calf ranked high in the fitting and the showmanship contest. Other Halifax 4-H exhibitors were Jonathan Scott of Weldon club and Garnett Young of Print, second place winners; Ashley Whitaker of Dawson club and Charlie Newkirk of Enfield club, third place winners in the adult cow class.

Also convicted in Federal court were two affiliate companies and three officials. The defendants were accused in a 1941 indictment of violating the Sherman Anti-Trust and Wilson Tariff Acts.

The corporate defendants are subject to possible fines aggregating \$25,000 each, the individuals to similar fines and possible imprisonment of five years each.

Jurors Are Asked Not To Report Halifax.—Sheriff Harry House announced today that the jurors who had been called to serve next week, October 11, need not appear at the courthouse Monday.

Sheriff House said that indications were that the Holiday will case, which is being heard this week in the civil court session, would probably consume most of next week.

## Cotton Crop Estimated At 15 Million Bales

Washington, Oct. 8—(AP)—The agriculture department today forecast this year's cotton crop at 15,079,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight.

This figure is 140,000 bales less than the 15,219,000 forecast a month ago. Last year's crop was 11,857,000 bales and the ten-year (1937-46) average was 12,014,000 bales.

The acreage for harvest was indicated at 23,323,000 acres. The condition of the crop as of Oct. 1 was put at 82 per cent of normal compared with 72 a year ago and 71 for the ten-year average.

The yield of lint cotton per acre was indicated at 310.3 pounds, compared with 267.3 pounds last year and 254.2 for the ten-year average.

Earl Paul, who works as a storeman clerk in the finishing department of the Rosemary Manufacturing Company, is no different from his fellow employees—except that his left arm is missing from just below the elbow.

The fact that he is missing an arm, however, does not in the least seem to interfere with any of his duties on the job. His job consists of a lot of different things, and he is as proficient with one good arm as most men are with two.

Earl's task is one that requires a lot of "know how" in that he has to keep up with finished material and be able to get it out for shipping if an order comes in for that particular piece of goods. Right now he has to file away in his mind the names of about 40 active patterns, and he knows where all of the inactive ones are kept, too.

Not all of his activity is mental, however, because he is constantly active on the floor picking up heavy rolls of cloth and stacking them neatly according to pattern so that they can be easily obtained later, or he is going to those same stacks and getting up orders to be sent out as needed. Here, too, he is versatile in his job, being able to wrap and wire the orders, apply necessary stencils on the outside of the wrapper or cut the stencils he needs.

Actually, Earl Paul is a sort of living example for the argument that it will pay employers to hire workers who may have some physical handicap. His working at his job daily is demonstrated this week during National Employ the Physically-Handicapped Week, which was proclaimed locally by Mayor W. Bernard Allsbrook.

The victim of a fall in 1942 when he was employed by a building contractor in Newport News, Va., he lost the use of his entire left arm by destroying the nerve in his elbow. He said he was out of work for several months and hospitalized while doctors attempted to make the limb useful again.

This failed and in 1943 he returned to Roanoke Rapids where he had worked for Rosemary before the war. He was immediately put back to work at the plant and started in the finishing department on a doubler machine.

The North Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation agency aided him in trying to get his arm useful again, but he was advised that amputation of the injured limb would serve him best. Earl missed only two weeks from his job here when he was sent to Raleigh for the amputation operation in 1943, and he was soon back at work doing his regular job and has stayed in the finishing department since that time.

"A lot of this business about being crippled is a matter of attitude," he said here this week. "For awhile I felt like giving up until I was put in a job where I could be useful to the mill and to myself. Now I seldom notice the loss of that arm when I'm on the job in Raleigh."

## G. E. Convicted Of Monopoly In Hard Metals

New York, Oct. 8—(AP)—The General Electric Co. was convicted today of conspiring between 1927 and 1940 to monopolize trade in hard metal compositions and products in this country and abroad.

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# Neutral Lands Try To Avoid Clash Of "Giants" In United Nations Over Berlin Crisis

## Mine Workers Chief Indirectly Endorses Dewey For Presidency

Cincinnati, Oct. 8—(AP)—John L. Lewis indirectly endorsed Republican presidential candidate Thomas E. Dewey today and called for a "holiday" so the miners could vote on Nov. 2.

In a long resolution on political action, reviewing Lewis's criticism of president Truman, a special committee declared that: "As to the other major party candidate for president of the United States, we can only say that, to our knowledge, he has never uttered any statements that reflect upon the integrity or the objectives of the United Mine Workers of America, or its officers or its members."

"It is our opinion that the UMW is not departing from political policy or its constitutional provisions by placing this factual information before you for consideration."

"We are satisfied that the members of the United Mine Workers, their wives and dependents can be relied upon to protect their country, their homes and their union."

"We conclude this report by recommending the defeat of our enemies and the election of our true friends."

The resolution was adopted by a voice vote, but it was not accepted unanimously.

Before acting on it, the delegates were told by vice-president Tom Kennedy to "let your conscience be your guide on Nov. 2."

## Ministers Speak At School Assembly

Several of the local ministers were the guests of the student body of the Roanoke Rapids High School, on Thursday. They held a devotional meeting in the high school auditorium, at 2:40 o'clock. After making the necessary announcements, Principal J. W. Talley turned the meeting over to the Reverend Edmund Berkeley.

Mr. Berkeley introduced the guest speaker, the Reverend Robert L. Crandall, visiting minister of the All Saints Episcopal Church. Mr. Crandall is the Rector of the Saint Peter's Episcopal Church in Charlotte. He spoke on the many needs of an education.

The stories which he used to illustrate his topic were enjoyed by all the students. The one which made the deepest impression, was the one Mr. Crandall told about the young boy who went to school just so he could play football. He followed the coach's instructions to the most minute details, yet when he finished school, he was not capable of doing any type of work.

Mr. Crandall pointed out the results of anyone doing this, because they would not be qualified for specialized positions.

The other ministers who were present at the meeting, except the Reverend Edmund Berkeley, were the Reverend Robert L. Crandall, the Reverend John M. Walker, Reverend W. R. Stevens and his guest the Reverend J. A. Russell, pastor of the Grace Methodist Church in Wilmington, and the Reverend B. Marshall White-Hurst.

An invitation was extended to them to return to the high school at any time.

## Lagging Sales Reduce Cotton Textile Prices

New York, Oct. 8—(AP)—Lagging sales in cotton textiles this week brought prices of many items down close to the old OPA ceilings.

Business was spotty all through the week, accentuated somewhat by the Jewish holidays.

Some buyers said they are getting a fairly steady flow of small orders for immediate delivery. They see no signs yet of the heavy buying that mills expected to develop in the past month.

Announcement by cotton mills that it will sell type 180 combed sheets at the same price levels as its type 180 carded, caused considerable comment in the market. The company is discontinuing the type 180 carded sheets.

Cannon officials said the move had been planned for some time, and that it followed the company's policy of giving the consumer the best quality sheet possible for the money.

College Bars Down NEW YORK (U.P.)—A state law prohibiting all racial and religious discrimination in the admission of students to college became effective in New York at the beginning of the school year. Jointly sponsored by a Democrat and a Republican,

## First County Polio Case Is Confirmed

Halifax.—Dr. Robert F. Young, Halifax County Health officer, reported this morning that the first case of polio in Halifax County had been confirmed by an examination at Rex Hospital in Raleigh.

Dr. Young would not reveal the name of the child, but said that it was a white child six years of age and lived between Roanoke Rapids and Weldon.

Dr. Young said that the child is now a patient at Rex Hospital.

## Few Democrats Attend County Rally Meet

Halifax.—A "disappointing" meeting of Halifax County Democrats was held here at the courthouse last night by a small crowd of party members who had been called to attend a county-wide rally.

Henry T. Clark of Scotland Neck, chairman of the executive committee of the Halifax County Democrats, said this morning that only about six of the 17 Halifax County precincts were represented at last night's meeting.

He said in the meeting all those present were reminded that in spite of the division of the Democrats on matters of national politics there is still a great need for party solidarity in North Carolina, especially with the efforts being made within the county and state to strengthen opposition parties.

All those present were urged by the chairman to get out and vote in the forthcoming November General Election and to see to it that as many people vote as is possible.

Eric W. Rodgers of Scotland Neck, secretary for the county executive committee, was appointed as temporary treasurer to receive party contributions, and all precinct leaders were urged to see to it that local contributions are collected.

Chairman issued an invitation to all Democrats to attend the major Democratic rally next Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 in Tarboro at which Democrats of the Second Congressional District will gather to hear from party notables including Representative John Kerr, Sr., of Warrenton and Senator-nominee J. M. Broughton.

## Homes Are Easy To Rent Through Herald Classifieds

J. E. Piland of Margarettsville, was pleased to find that his classified ad really paid off double. He placed an ad for rent ad to rent his four room house. Not only did he rent his house but also another one he owned and had not advertised.

There are many folks who come to the Herald office seeking a house to rent or unfurnished rooms, any kind of living quarters that might be available. We want to help these folks and we know you do, too.

If you have any rooms, an apartment or house for rent just place an ad in our classified page so that the many folks who have asked for information. . . . We can refer them to our classified page.

Just drop us a line—Place that ad today. Phone R-326 or R-8621. Ruth Cooper.

## Durham Warehouse Destroyed By Fire; Loss Estimated In Millions

Durham, N. C., Oct. 7—(AP) fire destroyed the huge warehouse of Colonial Food Stores early today. Unofficial estimates set the loss at between \$3,000,000 and \$5,000,000.

Assistant fire chief C. H. Lawson quoted warehouse officials as saying \$3,000,000 would be a "conservative" estimate. Others placed the loss as high as \$5,000,000.

The huge brick structure, covering 120,000 square feet in an area five miles south of Durham, was a complete loss. Only a few walls were left standing.

The fire was reported to have started in a trash pile about 2 a.m. It spread to a platform, then to the interior, packed with great stores of foodstuffs and produce.

County firemen were handicapped by a lack of water. Two wells in the vicinity were soon pumped dry by a county fire truck.

The warehouse served as a central North Carolina storage and distribution for Colonial Stores, which operate in many cities under the name of Big Star.

## Small Nations Said Seeking Compromise

Paris, Oct. 8—(AP)—The "Neutral" States of the Security Council toiled today to avert a clash of the giants of the United Nations over Berlin.

Argentina's Juan A. Bramuglia saw Andrei Y. Vishinsky of Russia for an hour, and the Argentine's associates said he was "very happy" over the talk. He is acting for the smaller nations in an attempt to bring about a settlement in the east-west struggle for the German city.

Herbert V. Ewart of Australia, the Assembly president, and Secretary-General Trygve Lie were reported ready to appeal to the United States, Russia Britain and France to agree to a three-month truce. This would involve lifting the Soviet blockade of Berlin while the four foreign ministers met.

However, both American and British spokesmen said their governments would not accept such a proposal. They said if they agreed to temporary removal of the Berlin blockade it would imply acceptance of Russia's right to reimpose it.

There was no indication the Russians would bend from their stand that the U. N. is not legally empowered to handle the matter and that it can be settled only by the foreign ministers' council in absence of a German treaty. A Russian veto is expected if and when a resolution is offered the Security Council, possibly Monday. The Western Powers have accused Russia of endangering peace and security.

The Security Council adjourned Wednesday after the three Western governments had submitted their indictments of the Russian actions. It is not likely to meet again until Monday.

The pause, according to Bramuglia's own confidants, is to allow the Argentine to try to bring about a reconciliation of the conflicting points of view.

It is within his discretion to reconvene the council any time he likes. He has told close associates he does not intend to do so until Monday at the earliest, he was learned.

Bramuglia was given go-ahead to mediate between Russia and the west by China, Colombia, Syria, Belgium and Canada—the other "neutrals"—at an informal meeting following the Wednesday Security Council sessions.

He is said to believe that both Russia and the three Western Powers genuinely would like a settlement if neither side loses too much face.

The basis of his approach, his confidants said, is that the blockade in Berlin should be lifted completely or partly at the same time. The whole German question is turned over to the council of foreign ministers.

There was no indication immediately as to how Vishinsky reacted to Bramuglia's approach. Cuba, Egypt and Norway were elected to two-year terms on the U. N. Security Council, starting Jan. 1. They replace Colombia, Belgium and Syria.

## First District Demos In Meet

Washington, Oct. 8—(AP)—Democrats from 14 Northeastern counties assembled here today for the first congressional district rally.

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner of Washington said he expected delegations from Beaufort, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Hyde, Martin, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Pitt, Tyrrell, and Washington counties.

The rallies will be resumed next week with the eighth district meeting in Carthage on Monday.