

# Daily Herald

## Roanoke Ramblings

By Pat Nantz

The following letter was received yesterday from Michael W. Aker, asking of us... "Would you be kind enough to let me know whether or not Muay Vincent is still on this planet? I have hunted turkey and quail for thirty-five years on the lands of Anthony and Bud Vincent. Will Vincent run a grist mill near the Roanoke River... any one who could give the information Mr. Akers is requesting, would you be so kind as to write him in care of the Queenstown News, Queenstown, Maryland.

Deepest sympathy is expressed to the family of Mrs. Archibald Meikle, who passed away suddenly Tuesday night in a Richmond hospital....

Home on leave is Tommie Johnston of Jefferson street — Tommie has been with armed service—Army and Navy—alternately for twelve years. He is now with the navy, stationed on ship at Norfolk, Virginia, and is spending a thirty day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Johnston...

Celebrating his birthday today is Billy Jones, of the fifth grade — here's wishing you a very happy birthday Billy... and may you have many, many more just as nice... It seems from our records that Billy is the only elementary school student who was born on Armistice Day.

Heartiest of welcomes go to Mr. and Mrs. Calvin K. Williams and their small daughter, Kay Francis, who have returned to Roanoke Rapids to make their home... Mr. Williams who lived here in 1944, when he entered the Army, brought his family back with him in 1946 — then they left shortly afterwards to make their home in Toledo, Ohio — now he says they have finally come back to Roanoke Rapids to say—his many friends here are especially glad to have him among them....

An American soldier and a French poule were parting at the end of the world war. "Au revoir!" said the poule. "What does that mean?" asked the soldier. "That's good-bye in French." "Well, carbolic acid!" cried the soldier. "What does that mean?" asked the Frenchman. "That's good-bye in any language!" said the American.

Congratulations are in order for Loraine Wright and Herman Lyles, who are to be married today. Not only will November 11 be celebrated by them in regard to their anniversary and Armistice Day, but it is also Loraine's birthday... happy birthday wishes to you from us.

## Weather

North Carolina—Fair and cooler today; cooler over east portion tonight; Friday, fair and continued rather cool.

## Gastonia Officer Dies Of Wounds Received In Wild Gun Battle; Ex-Convict Charged With Murder

Gastonia, Nov. 11—(AP)—Policeman J. E. (Red) English, one of 50 officers who battled a barricaded young gunman here Sunday, died of wounds today. Officers said Ray Aldridge, 21, textile worker, would be charged with murder.

Officer R. W. Terrell of the Gastonia police department swore out a murder warrant to be served upon Aldridge, who is held in Mecklenburg County jail at Charlotte.

English died about 7 o'clock this morning of a bullet wound through the lung.

Dr. H. R. McConnell said another wounded officer, Ray Smith, showed improvement.

Two other wounded men, Henry Chastain, who was shot in ankle and James Avers, who was hit in the thigh, previously had been discharged from a hospital.

Aldridge, a 120-pound former convict, went berserk shortly after noon last Sunday when his father refused to let him have the family car. He chased members of the family from the home. When two policemen ap-

## Soldier Parlays Cigarettes Into Small Fortune



M/Sgt. Wiley C. Walters and his wife (left) were held by police for questioning at Colorado Springs, Colo., after a small fortune in jewels and antiques was found in their home. Police Chief I. B. Bruce said Sgt. Walters told him he traded 1,500 cartons of American cigarettes for the articles during his two-year tour of duty in Austria. No charges were made against the Walters, but Bruce said he and the Air Force are trying to find out if the goods were brought into this country legally. At right are some of the antiques. The collection is valued at \$20,000. (AP Wirephotos).

## Greatest Battle in China's History Underway Between Reds and Chinese Armies

Nanking, Nov. 11—(AP)—The greatest battle in Chinese history—involving more than 1,000,000 men by government estimate—raged north of the Yangtze today with Communist troops having a slight numerical advantage.

Government spokesman Lt. Gen. Teng Wen-Yi said the battle was joined along the Suchow defense line which guards the road to the national capital. Teng said government troops outfought the Reds during the opening phases of the giant battle but that they had made successive withdrawals to "shorten their lines."

He said Reds under Generals Chen Keng already were throwing all available manpower into the fight, on which hinges the fate of North Central China. The government, too, was bringing up reinforcements. Teng said with some troops from along the Peiping-Hankow railroad line already moved into combat.

Teng said the Reds had hurled 21 armies numbering 500,000 men into the battle. (Communist broadcasts heard in San Francisco by the Associated Press said the Reds have bottled up 250,000 government troops in the Suchow area.)

The government spokesman said the communists had already suffered 30,000 casualties around Suchow. He said that was more than three times the number suffered by government troops.

Government warplanes of all descriptions from Nanking were hurled into the battle, described by Teng as larger and more bitter than any fought during the Sino-Japanese war.

## Community Chest Fund Is Short Of Goal; Total Is Now \$13,787

The Rev. John M. Walker, chairman of the Roanoke Rapids Community Chest campaign, announced today that the total contributed so far to the campaign was \$13,787.84.

That total is \$587.16 short of the goal of \$14,375, however, Walker said that he was well-pleased with the campaign and that "we expect and hope to reach the total before we end the campaign."

He added that there was still some money to come in, but that this was "virtually a final total."

"I think that we have done pretty well in this campaign and I greatly appreciate the efforts of all of those who helped in anyway to make the campaign a success," Walker added.

The chairman urged any persons who have not donated to the Red Feather fund to do so by mailing their donations to the office.

## Local Teachers Attend NCEA District Meet

Officers of the North Carolina Education Association, Superintendent of Roanoke Rapids schools I. E. Ready, several local faculty members and two high school students attended the North-Central District meeting of the N. C. E. A. in Raleigh Friday.

Two of the local faculty members, Miss Henrietta Price and Miss Patricia Barr, were elected to district offices. Miss Price was chosen vice-president of the high school English group and Miss Barr was elected vice-president for the high school librarians' group.

Carmelita Hill, Roanoke Rapids High School student, was elected president of the district high school pupil library association.

Local N. C. E. A. unit officers attending Friday's meeting were Robert Hollar, president, Miss Viola Glover, Rosemary School principal, vice-president, and Miss Ester House of the Clara Hearne School, secretary-treasurer.

Others at the meeting from Roanoke Rapids were J. W. Talley, principal of the Roanoke Rapids High School, Mrs. Otis Reynolds, Harold Fildes, and Misses Elizabeth Lang, Thelma Garris, Betty Cates, Virginia Cates, Edna Averett, Olivia Harman, Ester House, Sybil Beaman, Maxine Broadwell, Jessie Helen Belche, Verne Eddins, Pat Rhue, Henrietta Price and Patricia Barr.

## Truman's State Lead Over Dewey Is 200,056

Raleigh, Nov. 11—(AP)—President Truman's lead over Gov. Thomas E. Dewey in the state stood at 200,056 votes, with unofficial returns from last week's elections reported by all but one county.

Raymond Maxwell, Secretary of the State Board of elections, said he hoped the missing county—Polk—would get its returns in today.

## Airlift Goes On Despite New Threats

Berlin, Nov. 11—(AP)—American and British planes flew the supply route to Berlin today in the face of a Russian threat to force down planes straying from the 20-mile wide air corridors to the former German capital.

The American answer to the Russians' threat, made last night was a terse promise from Gen. Lucius D. Clay, American military governor that "we will keep them flying."

Both British and U. S. authorities said publicly the Russians would be held responsible for any action they take.

The Russians, citing a long list of alleged violations of their territory, also said they would force down "all aircraft without identification marks of nationality" flying over the Soviet zone, including the three air corridors.

The second threat presumably refers to non-military planes, which do not carry nationality marks. The Russians have complained of commercial flights in the Berlin Air corridors.

Some official sources tended to discount the Soviet note as another move in the "war of nerves."

## Observance Of Armistice Day Here Is Quite

Armistice Day, which 30 years ago heralded the end of World War I, passed almost unnoticed and unobserved in Roanoke Rapids today.

Except for a few school programs and private remembrances, it was a day of "business as usual" except for the holiday taken by the post office and banks.

There were none of the parades and speeches which for years marked the celebration of the Armistice.

Since the end of the war "to make the world safe for democracy" another even bigger war has been fought and ended, and for some reason the Armistice Day celebrating seems to have lost much of its meaning.

## British Envoy Praises ERP

New York, Nov. 11—(AP)—The British Ambassador to the U. S., Sir Oliver Franks, says the Marshall Plan has helped Britain "see its way out of the woods."

Speaking last night at the annual dinner of the Academy of political science, Sir Oliver termed the foreign aid program a gesture of "magnanimity and generosity."

Another speaker at the Academy's sessions yesterday, Oris V. Wells, chief of the United States Bureau of Agricultural Economics, said restoration of European agriculture was proceeding on schedule under the Marshall Plan.

He said indications were that agricultural production would be back up to pre-war levels by 1951-52.

He said that the world probably will be confronted with a continuing food shortage during the next decade.

## Lower Operating Costs That Have Led Some Textile Mills To South, Still Factor But Not So Strong

Editors Note: This is the third of a series of four stories on the New England textile industry. The first pains of wartime to peacetime transition showed up in that area. In addition to the readjustment, New England felt the sting of competition from lower cost areas. But an on-the-spot survey indicates the differential is becoming narrower.

By Richard Fiske  
Boston, Nov. 11—(AP)—The lower operating costs that have led some New England textile manufacturers southward through the years still beckon, but not as strongly as they once did.

Lower taxes, lower average pay, lesser power costs in the south have not narrowed to the point where they can be brushed aside. They're still a factor.

But labor leaders and many textile manufacturers say they're not as large a factor as they once were.

For instance, at one time the difference in labor costs ranged as high as 40 to 50 per cent in the south's favor. Today the range is around 14 per cent. However, the CIO Textile Workers Union of America plans to ask a ten-cent an hour wage

## Merchants Group Approves Wednesday Closing of Roanoke Rapids Post Office

The Roanoke Rapids Merchants Association, at its quarterly membership meeting last night in the Blue Room of the Rosemary Cafe, went on record as approving the closing of the local post office on Wednesday afternoon.

In a meeting which had been billed as a "stand-up speak-up and shut-up affair" and which was attended by only 32 of the 74 members of the association only the post office closing and a discussion of the Christmas decorations ensued.

Music was furnished on the program by Bobo Starke and his boys, who sang several selections, accompanied by Mrs. Miller.

The action on the post office John Lackey had thrown the meeting into an open forum discussion.

A. N. Martin spoke up and quoted Postmaster L. G. Shell as saying that he wanted to do what the merchants wanted in regard to keeping the postoffice open on Wednesday afternoons.

Martin reported that Shell had said that by closing on Wednesday afternoons a full force could be kept on duty at the postoffice during the other days and could render better service. He added the under the present appropriation the local post office could not employ any additional personnel.

Mrs. Elva Martin, secretary of the association read from the minutes of the October 16, 1947 meeting of the board of directors in which the directors of the association had approved the closing of the post office on Wednesday afternoons.

Prefacing his remarks with the statement that "Mr. Shell is anxious, as the rest of us are, to keep operating expenses down, H. S. Loy moved that" the association congratulate Mr. Shell on the efficient operation of the post office and approve the closing of the office on Wednesday afternoons. The motion was passed unanimously.

Graham Lynch, chairman of the Christmas decorations committee, reported that the power lines and the poles are ready

for the installation of the decorations.

During the discussion which followed Mrs. Jeannette Marks requested that the Christmas lights be turned on the night of Thanksgiving, rather than wait until the official Christmas opening on November 28. Her suggestion was put in the form of a motion and unanimously passed.

Lynch asked when the association members would like for the decorations to be put and he expressed the opinion that they should be erected as soon as possible. He was instructed by the association to proceed with the erection of the decorations as soon as they are received.

The expected discussion of the parking meter situation in Roanoke Rapids did not materialize, though as the meeting was drawing to a close after President Lackey had asked if there was any thing else to be discussed, a side remark was heard that "we might discuss the parking meters."

## Probable State Record Hybrid Corn Yield Is Measured on Pope Farm Near Enfield by State Officials

Enfield—What may turn out to be a record one-acre yield of hybrid corn was harvested yesterday afternoon on the farm of R. Hunter Pope about seven miles east of here, when a committee of North Carolina State Extension Department officials officially conducted a harvest of 143.3 bushels of Dixie 17 hybrid corn on a one-acre plot grown by H. F. Hudson, Pope's farm manager.

According to G. B. DeLoatche, Assistant County Agent for Halifax County, the Raleigh officials said the yield found yesterday was the highest found so far in the State with official checks remaining only in six other North Carolina counties.

Dr. E. R. Collins, extension Agronomist, headed the group which included S. E. Wilson representing the Farmers Home Administration, S. K. Jackson of the American Potash Company, H. A. Patton of the Protection Marketing Association and Henry Maddox representing fertilizer industries.

Committee members supervised the accurate measuring of the test acre to assure the limits measured and the actual picking of the corn on the one acre by 20 farmers from the district was supervised by committee members to make the harvest official.

DeLoatche said moisture tests of the corn gathered here yesterday will be run in Extension laboratories to certify to the actual yield and said Dr. Collins assured him the yield may even

be slightly higher than the 143.3 bushel figure.

Dr. Collins said yesterday there have been several tests made in other counties and so far the highest yield found has been 136 bushels on a Union County farm.

Yesterday marked the first time an official harvest check on a one-acre hybrid plot had ever been conducted in Halifax County. It was decided to check the Pope farm after preliminary yield estimates made by County Agent W. O. Davis and DeLoatche had indicated a yield in the vicinity of 129 bushels, a figure high enough to warrant an official yield check by the committee from Raleigh.

The corn measured yesterday was grown in a sandy loam field used last year for peanuts.

Interest in the one-acre hybrid corn growing has been fostered through Extension Department officials in Halifax County for several years. Last year there were about seven farmers who were awarded certificates in the North Carolina 100-bushel Club for having produced at least 100 bushels of hybrid corn on a measured acre. Neither Pope nor Hudson have previously qualified for the 100-Bushel Club.

Pope and Hudson this year entered the North Carolina Corn Contest for which prizes are awarded in various sections of the state and in the state as a whole DeLoatche said on the basis of yesterday's harvest it appears probably that the Halifax County corn will qualify for a high yield in the Coastal Plains area and may well be in line for one of the high state-wide prizes.

## "Boots" Comes Home After A Weekend Of Being Lost In Northampton County

Boots came this morning. She had been missing since last Saturday when she disappeared while on a fishing expedition with a couple of Roanoke Rapids friends over in Northampton County.

Boots and her owner, Mrs. J. T. Glover, staged a glad reunion about eleven o'clock this morning after Robert Gibson, an employee of David's Clothing Store located in Boots' old stamping grounds, had seen in yesterday's

Herald where she was being sought.

After owner and dog were reunited after several days' separation, it was hard to tell which of the two was the happiest. Mrs. Glover shed a few tears of joy and Boots seemed about as happy as 70 pounds of wriggling German shepherd can get.

Gibson said he was over in Northampton County near Pleasant Hill about 8:30 Tuesday morning when a friendly dog seemed to take a fancy to him. Gibson made inquiries all over the neighborhood and made certain that no one knew whose dog it was.

He brought Boots on back to Roanoke Rapids and she made no effort to leave her new friend who had brought her in from the country. Boots was getting lean and hungry after her weekend away from home, so her finder saw to it that she was well fed.

By the time she got to Mrs. Glover she was looking sleek and fat and appeared to have been treated well during her time in the countryside. She went home with Gibson to his home on the Littleton road near Roanoke Rapids.

She remained there until Gibson saw the item about her disappearance in the paper and called Mrs. Glover to tell her he thought he had found her missing dog.

How Boots got from the spot at which she disappeared between Garysburg and Seaboard to the place where she found her rescuer Boots declined to say.

She will probably be content to remain in the north side. For other things to her heart's content, because her friends all said they are glad she's back.

## Berkeley Says Education Of Our Children Should Be Christian In Purpose Methods And Results

Editors Note: This is another in the series of articles by local people in observance of American Education Week.

By The Rev. Edmund Berkeley  
To safeguard America really, I believe it is necessary to make the education of our children as Christian as possible (within the proper limits of course, of consideration for our cherished principles of separation between Church and State, and full religious liberty for the individual conscience.) I mean I would like

to see Christ recognized as King in fact as well as in name in our schools as he is in our professedly Christian country, in our homes, and in our churches, for those who can conscientiously accept Him as King of their lives as such should teach the Christian or any other faith; that would be highly improper, and might result in a quasina-tionalist faith, like that of Nazi Germany, Communist Russia, or Shinto Japan.

The State must show itself scrupulously fair to religious convictions of all varieties, provided always that they have attained a recognized place in the unity of the nation's life, and are not subversive of just and orderly government" (Lesson, Christian Education.)

But I believe the state should do all in its power to encourage good religious teaching, and not obstruct such aid to home and church as the teaching of the Bible without note or comment of a sectarian nature in programs of religious education in the public schools of our nation.

Further I believe that the American education of our children should be Christian in purpose, Christian in methods, and Christian in results as the surest means of safeguarding America.

Our greatest heritage is the Christian faith, no matter how many groups came over to this country from the old countries of Europe and Asia to escape religious persecution by the State, thereby causing us to set up the principles of separation of Church and State, and religious toleration. The Puritans of New England and his Baptists of Rhode Island were Christians, William Penn's Quakers were Pennsylvanians and New Jersey were Christians, Maryland's Roman Catholic founders were

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## Armistice Day Is Observed In State Cities

By The Associated Press  
Armistice Day was observed with speeches and parades throughout North Carolina today.

In Raleigh a parade, consisting of military units, bands and floats, swung up Fayetteville street past a reviewing stand at 11 A. M. Army fighter planes, including jet-propelled jobs, roared over the city.

The parade was followed by speeches by Maj. Gen. Earl Walter Barnes, commander of the command and staff school of the Air University at Maxwell Field, Ala., and Joe Griener of Charlotte, State American Legion Commander.

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