

# Roanoke River Is 7 Ft. Above Flood Stage At Weldon

## River Up To 38 Feet Flooding Town Near Comm. House

Rabbits were morning to escape which L. M. Shea reported at 11 a. m. foot, enough to in the Mush Island s near the old fish back of the Comm through parts of Weldon this ing waters of the Roanoke River, ial weather focaster for Weldon, reached a level of 38 and one-half virtually all of the farm land in nd to cause water to begin rising y and covering some of the land ilding.

## Assistant Halifax Agent G. B. DeLoatche Resigns

Halifax.—County Agent W. O. Davis said today G. B. DeLoatche, Assistant County Agent for Halifax County, has resigned effective December 1, and will leave here to accept a position with the Farmers' Mutual Exchange in Durham. DeLoatche, a graduate of N. C. State College and a veteran of four years' service with the Navy during World War II, came to Halifax County in January, 1947. In his capacity as Assistant County Agent he has been in charge of boys' work with the Halifax County 4-H Clubs and has worked in the adult farm program. Davis said no replacement has been selected yet to take the Assistant County Agent's post, however he said he expects the post to be filled soon, possibly by the first of January. The County Agent said W. P. Farrior, county livestock Assistant Agent, will take over DeLoatche's 4-H Club duties temporarily until a replacement is found for the job.

## English Teacher Finds Americans Rush Around Have Little Time to Relax

By Sue Woodall  
"A difference I have noticed since being here in the United States is that everyone is in a hurry either coming or going somewhere and they do not seem to have time to relax as we do in England," Miss Elsie Allen, exchange teacher from Manchester England to Raleigh said, Saturday. She was spending the Thanksgiving holidays here with Misses Mary B. and Sara Cannon and their sister, Mrs. Edward Ford, Jr. "I am of course doing the same thing as today is the first moment I have had to spare and I am addressing my Christmas cards," continued the charming Miss Allen. I asked her if she saw so much difference in school routine here and in England and she said "Oh my yes! In England we have tea in the middle of the morning session of school and take time out in the afternoon session for tea. The staff or what you call the faculty here, has tea and the children milk, then recess follows." Then Miss Allen began to express her appreciation for such a wonderful country as ours. "The school rooms are different too. Here I have a lovely room at Fred A. Olds School in Raleigh with new blue walls, venetian blinds, new modern lighting, and central heating and I have only thirty children whereas I have 52 in England." "Do you see any difference in food?" I asked. And the enthusiastic Miss Allen responded "Yes the coffee. Our coffee is white and here it is black or dark. You percolate it and we heat the milk and while it is boiling sprinkle two spoonful of coffee over the boiling milk, let it cook for a few minutes and pour through a sieve. At least that is the way I like it. Another way the English fix coffee is to heat a pan of milk and a pan of water boiled with coffee and pour them together." "Do you eat about the same things we do here?" I asked. "Yes," Miss Allen smiled, "but it is cheaper in England than here, although we are still rationed. We get one ounce of bacon, one egg, and two pints of milk per week." Miss Allen returned then again to how kind people were to her here in America. "The people are so wonderful," she said, "Mary is a great ambassador from this country. She came to tea her first week in Manchester in September, 1947. I met her and we discussed how one goes about getting an appointment as an exchange teacher. She told me how to write up the forms, and within a month I was accepted. Then in May 1948 I was notified definitely where I would be placed . . . in Raleigh."

"Mary is the one you should interview," continued Miss Allen, "she was presented to the Queen, was guest of Churchill, attended Parliament, had an audience with Pope Pius XII." Miss Allen continued on the subject of her hostess, Miss Mary B. Cannon, "I am guest here for Mary for Thanksgiving." She went on to say how kind Miss Cannon and her friends had been and how pleasant they had made her stay, and added, "We of course do not celebrate Thanksgiving, but I am glad of this opportunity to have time to relax, as you see I am in a hurry going and coming as everyone else is." "I surely like North Carolina," offered Miss Allen, Mr. Saunders and his associates in the Education Department in Raleigh have been so kind and helpful to me. They found me a lovely place to live with Mr. and Mrs. York of Logan Court in Raleigh. Mrs. York has been like a mother to me and I feel like a member of the family. When I was coming over on the boat, the sea was so rough, I fell from the ladder coming from my bunk and sprained my right wrist and Mrs. York really did many little helpful things that meant so much to me." She added, "I guess you know that North Carolina has the first exchange librarian to go abroad, Miss Virginia Williamson from Princeton, she will go to Leeds and is sailing on the Britannic in December, which is the boat I sailed from Liverpool on."

### Weather

North Carolina—Fair and not much temperature change today and tonight; Wednesday, fair and warmer.

## ROANOKE RAMBLINGS

By PAT NANTZ

Doris Ingram, one of the seniors at the Roanoke Rapids High School, was recently appointed pianist at the Shiloh Methodist Church, in Gaston.

Lola Cates, Jean Kidd, Alice Twiddy, Margaret O'Leary, and Bill Pace accompanied Bobbie Fisher to Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, Sunday . . . also, with them was Art Brown, a former student of the local high school . . . Art moved to South Carolina this summer with his family, after having attended high school here, for two years . . .

The saddest faces around Roanoke Rapids are those of the high school football team . . . now that they have finished the season, they aren't as happy as they thought they would be to "get it over with" . . . especially the seniors, who won't have another opportunity to play. Planning to make the season last as long as possible, or at least have that atmosphere of casualties, is Wordest Felts . . . Wordest is sporting a pair of crutches around the class rooms.

The family of Al Simmons, of Jefferson street still loves to aggravate him with the story of when he had his first school-boy crush . . . it was told to me by his sister, Mrs. T. Johnson Wilder. Mrs. Wilder explained that they have been reminding Al of this incident for the past twenty-three years and he will still blush when its told . . . It seems that Al was in the seventh grade at the local school

I would like to extend wishes for a happy birthday to Kitty Edwards, Jerry Moseley, Margaret Shell, and little Pert Purdue, who are celebrating their birthday, today . . . The little daughter of a newspaper editor came back from Sunday School with an illustrated card in her hand. "What's that you have there, dear?" the editor asked. "Oh," said the child, "just an ad about heaven . . ."

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FAVORITE PASTIME of 6-month-old Victor Carter, Jr., of Lima, O., is balancing on outstretched hand of grandfather, Louis J. Cira. "Vic" started trick at five months.

## Barnes Given Prison Term On Airplane Theft Charges

Halifax — One Roanoke Rapids man was sentenced to 18 months to two years on a charge of unauthorized taking of an airplane and three youths entered pleas to the larceny of an automobile in the Superior Court session which started here yesterday with Judge R. Hunt Parker, resident district judge, presiding. Judge Parker sentenced Claude L. Barnes, Roanoke Rapids man, to 18 months to two years in State's prison to work under the State Highway and Public Works Commission after Barnes had entered a plea of guilty to the unauthorized taking of an airplane from the local airport in September. W. B. Copenhaver, owner of the Piper Cub training plane, testified that the plane had been taken from the field without permission and was later found demolished in a dense woods near Roanoke Rapids. The airport operator said his primary interest was in recovering damages to the airplane, however Judge Parker imposed the sentence. L. E. Draper, Eldred Strickland and Richard Gilliland, charged with assaulting Cleveland Harris and the larceny of his automobile, entered pleas of guilty to the larceny of an automobile. The pleas were accepted by the State, but through noon today Judge Parker had passed no sentence in the case. Draper and Strickland were placed on probation in the October criminal term of Superior Court by Judge Chester Morris after Draper had pleaded guilty to a larceny count and Strickland had pleaded guilty of the larceny of an automobile. Sentence in the latest case was expected some time this afternoon. Doris Burwell, Littleton Negro girl, charged with the illegal concealment of the birth of a child, entered a plea of guilty to the count, however sentence was not passed on her. The charge grew out of an investigation made by Coroner Rufus Britton and county officers and the subsequent finding of the body of an infant in a privy behind the Burwell home. Judge Parker yesterday sentenced Lawrence R. McPhail, 15-year-old Negro youth, on two separate counts of breaking and entering and larceny. In each case a one-year term was handed down by the judge, with the sentences due to run consecutively. A nol pro was also taken by the court yesterday in a case in which Jesse Coley and Tom Coley were charged with larceny. Most of this morning's session was taken up with the trial of Milton Massey, who had taken an appeal from recorder's court on a charge of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.

### NEWS BRIEFS

#### ARMY CUTS DRAFT CALL

Washington, Nov. 30—(AP)—The Army today cut in half its proposed January draft call for 20,000 men. Lack of money was given as the reason. At the same time, the Army announced the February call would be for only 5,000 men.

#### ALDRIDGE ENTERS PLEA

Gastonia, Nov. 30—(AP)—Ray Aldridge, 21-year-old textile worker who held 50 officers at bay Nov. 7, pleaded guilty to accessory before the fact of murder today and the State accepted the plea. The plea carries a mandatory sentence of life imprisonment.

#### ATTEMPTED ROBBERY AT BRAGG THWARTED

Fort Bragg, Nov. 30—(AP)—An attempted robbery of a \$51,000 Army payroll was thwarted today and four negro soldiers were placed in the Fort Bragg stockade to await a general court martial. Capt. Gordon Andrews, public information officer, said those arrested are Pfc. Robert P. Harris, Pvt. Artie Curtis, Pvt. Samuel Richardson and another soldier whom he declined to identify.

## Davis Tells Young People Juvenile Delinquency Here Down During Summer Months

Police Chief T. J. Davis, in an informal talk to a group of Rosemary Baptist Church young people Sunday night, said "During the period from June until September the police department did not receive a call involving a crime by a juvenile." Chief Davis, who explained the workings of the Roanoke Rapids police department, attributed this fact to the work of the playgrounds and their directors during the summer months. He told the group that the chief duty of the local police department is to protect the people of Roanoke Rapids and make the city a safe place in which to live. Davis, who is chairman of the local recreation commission, pointed out that eight days of school started in September, the police department had received five calls in which juveniles were involved. He declared, "I don't know what the answer to the juvenile problem is, but in my career as a police officer I have never had a Boy Scout or a regular Sunday School attendant to be arrested." He suggested that possibly a sentence to attend church and Sunday School regularly might help solve the problem. "Broken homes are mostly responsible for juvenile delinquency, which is really parental delinquency," Davis added. Davis told one touching story of a little boy whom the department took under its wing last year and of the splendid results of their understanding and kindness. This child, who had been guilty of a few minor misdemeanors and who admitted that he had never had anyone put an arm around his shoulders and express any concern whatsoever for him, has been a model boy for the past two years. Even though he doesn't live here any more, Davis keeps in touch with him and gets a post card from him every week or so. He explained, the police department in Roanoke Rapids operates in shifts with four officers on the streets and one in the office at all times. On weekends they work in double shifts. "Crime is definitely on the increase in North Carolina," said Chief Davis. "However, there have been fewer arrests in Roanoke Rapids over a period of time, than in any other town in North Carolina. In the last two years there have been 2,056 arrests in Roanoke Rapids and one-fifth of this number was a result of drunkenness," he added. He said that 95 per cent of the cases handled locally are directly from whiskey, beer or wine. The training union met after the regular church services Sunday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Pappendick on Monroe Street and 25 young people heard Chief Davis make his remarks. Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the meeting.

## Boyd Wins Northampton Corn Production Contest

Jackson.—P. H. Jameson, Northampton County Agent, has announced that E. M. Boyd, who lives in the Mt. Carmel section near Seaboard, is the first-place winner in the county corn production contest for 1948 with 117.4 bushels for an acre. In first place for 4-H Club members for the county was Bobby Little of the Seaboard club, who produced 112.4 bushels for an acre. Second high yield for Northampton County was registered by Perry Lee Collier of Woodland with 109.5 bushels per acre; third, R. A. Chappell, Potocasi, 87.3 bushels; fourth, M. T. Reveille, Conway, 82.5 bushels; fifth, B. D. Stephenson, Pendleton, 81.7 bushels. For the 4-H Club members Marcus Little, Seaboard club, was second with 93.7 bushels; third, Robert G. Mulder of Woodland, 89 bushels; fourth, Merrill Gay of Seaboard, 84.4 bushels. Jameson said samples of the corn produced by the farmers and by the 4-H Club boys who entered the contest were sent to the State College Agricultural Extension laboratories for a check on moisture content and other factors to determine the winners.

## New Berlin Plan May Get Try

Paris, Nov. 30—(AP)—A new plan for mediation of the Berlin crisis, devised by a man who wouldn't give up, appears assured of a big four trial. Diplomatic progress on this plan was reported here today even as German Communists massed their strength for an apparent attempt to seize political control of all Berlin. Juan A. Bramuglia, Argentine foreign minister and retiring president of the United Nations security council, is the author. The plan calls for a neutral commission of experts to handle the technical and procedural phases of the East-West conflict over dual currency and the Russian land blockade. The United States, Britain, France and Russia would assign their own representatives to stand by in Paris for 30 days to give whatever aid the expert mission might require. The plan appears intended to save face for all. Bramuglia had been seeking, and failing, to bring the big four together ever since the security council voted Oct. 5 to air the charge of the United States, Britain and France that the Russian blockade was a threat to peace.

## Hollister Negroes Arrested For Hunting Birds Out Of Season

Hollister — District Game Protector C. M. Pettit of Enfield reported today that fines and costs had been levied against three Hollister Negroes who were arrested for hunting birds out of season. Pettit said Magistrate T. C. Qualls of Hollister fined McKeever Garner \$39.90 on two counts of hunting out of season and hunting without a license and said Andrew Richardson and Horace Hedgepeth were each fined \$19.95 for out-of-season hunting. The truck ordered is especially designed for small cities and suburban areas, and is similar to one recently purchased by the farmers in the Scotland Neck area and given the town for fighting fires in rural communities. The town of Rich Square has an earlier model of the same make truck ordered. The mayor said under the contract 250 working days will be required to build the truck, making delivery possible in about twelve months from the time of purchase.

## Soviet-Backed Reds Establish Berlin Council

Berlin, Nov. 30—(AP)— Russian-backed Berlin Communists established a separate city government today in opposition to the elected anti-communist administration. The communists made virtually complete the political division between eastern and western Berlin. A new anti-communist government to administer the western sectors of the city-occupied by the United States, Britain and France—will be chosen in elections Sunday.

## "Meanest" Thief Candidate Offered

W. L. Moody, Roanoke Rapids resident, today offered a new candidate for the "meanest thief" title. He said he recently went to the grave of his son in Cedarwood cemetery to take fresh flowers and found that some person or persons had desecrated the grave by pulling up a number of flowers planted there. Moody said several azaleas had been pulled up by the roots, adding that other flowers had been partially pulled and trampled in what he described as a "peace of senseless destruction." He said he noticed other graves nearby seemed also to have been disturbed by intruders. "If a person wants to get flowers that badly, I wish he would come to me and ask for them and I would buy him some, but I certainly was angered by what I found," Moody said.

## Reds Encircle 140,000 Troops Of Nationalists

Nanking, Nov. 30—(AP)— A Chinese Communist maneuver which has trapped nearly 140,000 national troops today threatened a showdown for command of the road to Nanking. Shortly after Chinese Press dispatches reported the entire 12th army was trapped, the U. S. Embassy announced Naval planes will start Thursday evacuating 100 American dependents of Embassy and consular attaches from Central China. They will be flown to Manila from Nanking and Shanghai. The embassy said this was in line with its previous warnings to Americans in Central China "to move to areas of greater safety." Chiang Kai-Shek's 12th army was reported hemmed in by the Reds only 145 miles northwest of Nanking, the national capital, and 67 miles south of Suchow, which has been the key to the Central China battle front. Orders have gone out to the 250,000-man garrison at Suchow to march to the rescue. So far it has shown no disposition to do so. It may prefer to stay where it is, with strong fixed defenses, plenty of food and munitions. Beyond the encircled 12th Army there is little to halt the Red drive short of the Yangtze River bank opposite Nanking.

## Pay Of Tar Heel Workers Increases

Raleigh, Nov. 30—(AP)— Weekly pay of some 370,000 Tar Heel manufacturing workers rose nearly two per cent to an average of \$41.58 during October, The State Department of Labor reported today. The average for non-manufacturing workers also rose about two per cent to an average of \$36.35. The department reported, making the average for all industries \$40.78 a week end the average hourly pay slightly more than \$1.04.



Thousands of Roanoke Rapids are demanding to know how I stand on the parking meter question. Should the meters be kept or should they be thrown out? The town is split exactly 50-50. How I stand may decide. I'm so sought after because I control the Octogenarian vote, which should not be confused with the Vegetarian vote controlled by the Washington Street crowd. I can not remain quiet any longer. Shoot, if you must, this old grey head, you Prudens and Gibsons, but I shall now take my stand. I'm going to take the same stand as did a famous candidate for sheriff of Halifax county back in '88. The big issue in '88 all over the state of North Carolina, but especially in Halifax county was the squirrel law. In every county, the voters wanted to know: Would the sheriff enforce the squirrel law or would he look the other way? When Henry Edwards from down Tillery way told his friends he planned to run for sheriff, they all cried: "Oh, no, you can't. Everybody will want to know how you stand on the squirrel law. If you're for it, you lose all the votes of those against. If you're against, you lose all the votes of those in favor. Whichever side you take, you'll lose the election. We won't let you run." But Henry had wanted to be sheriff ever since he was a boy—ever since the time he saw Sheriff Abner Williams chase the revenooers, right across the state line and all the way to Emporia. He told them he, Abner Williams, was the Law in Halifax county. He wouldn't let them even come back for their nightshirts and warm underwear. Hearing about it, President Grant told the revenooers to stay out of Halifax county or the War Between the States might start all over again and the Federals might not be so lucky next time. I need hardly tell you that Abner was the sire of all the goshornery Williamsses now living in Halifax and Northampton counties. (The non-goshornery Williamsses hereabouts either stem from Abner's gentle brothers Ethelbert and Percival or are from entirely different branches of the Williams' family.) Having dreamed all his life about chasing revenooers the way Abner did, Henry Edwards had to run for sheriff. He invited all the voters in the county to a barbecue; then having had a couple of swigs too many, he got up and made a speech. He was right in the midst of telling what he would do to the whole Union army if it came into Halifax county when "Smiling Jack" Hines stood up to heckle him. "But, Henry, how do you stand on the squirrel law?" "Don't answer that question, Henry!" commanded his wife. "Whatever you say will be your ruin." But Henry was like all Henrys. He was Casper Milque-toast at home; but put him up in front of a crowd and the actor in him came out. Even his wife couldn't stop him from talking. So Henry cried out: "Brother Hines, you're a ringworm from Ringwood. But I welcome your question. "m glad to tell one and all how I stand on the squirrel law. Here's it and let the feathers fly. Half of my friends are for the squirrel law and half of my friends are against and I'm for my friends."

Now all you good little children understand how Old Father Roanoke stands on the parking meter question.