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Bridgers Wins Northampton Cotton Contest

Jackson — J. Grady Bridgers, Creeksville farmer, was the top man in the Northampton County five-acre cotton contest, it has been announced by County Agent P. H. Jameson.

The county agent said Bridgers had a yield of 5,050 pounds of lint cotton on the five acres for an average of more than two bales of cotton per acre.

A number of Northampton County farmers, both adults and 4-H Club boys took part in the annual five-acre cotton contest, it was announced by Jameson.

He said some of the reported yields from those participating were the following: Ray Parker of Murfreesboro, 4,780 pounds; Henry D. Bynum of Gumberry, 4,755 pounds; Talbert Revelle of Creeksville, 4,120; L. F. Bradley of Jackson, 4,090; W. J. Long of Garysburg, 4,075; W. D. Barbee of Seaboard, 4,065; D. L. Boone of Jackson, 4,055; Luther Neal of Rich Square, 3,990; James Warren of Seaboard, 3,630; J. H. Camp of Gaston, 3,455; Jackie Parker, Lasker 4-H member, 3,440; Joe Kee of Gumberry, 3,055; John W. Boone of Rich Square, 2,890; Robert Bristow of Dusty Hill, 2,825; and W. E. Mumford of Garysburg, 2,670 pounds.

U. N. Approves New American Palestine Plan

Paris, Dec. 3 —(AP)—The United Nations approved today a new American proposal for broad conciliation on Arab and Jewish boundaries in Palestine without reference to the Bernadotte plan or last year's partition.

The political committee accepted by a large majority an amendment proposed by Dean Rusk of the United States to a British resolution. The change passed by a vote of 42 to two, with the 12 Arab and Slav bloc states not voting.

The amendment instructs the conciliation commission to be set up under that portion of the British resolution passed yesterday to take steps to assist the Jews and Arabs to settle all outstanding problems.

The committee yesterday deleted that part of the British proposal which would have instructed the commission to give equal weight to the Bernadotte plan, proposed by the slain mediator, Count Folke Bernadotte, and the partition plan passed by the U. N. general assembly in 1947.

Rusk pointed out today that the adverse vote yesterday was given both by delegates who objected to the Bernadotte plan and those who objected to the 1947 partition scheme.

The committee then knocked out the last important reference to the Bernadotte plan in the British resolution. It rejected a proposal directing the conciliators to follow Bernadotte's recommendation that Arab Palestine be given to Trans-Jordan.



LOST IN BIG CITY — Dr. Donn Campbell of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals offers food to doe at New York City shelter. The deer was rescued after being hit by a car at Henry Hudson Parkway near Drckman St.

Russians Recognize Berlin's Communist Government As Only Legal Organ of City

Berlin, Dec. 3 —(AP)—The Russians have recognized the newly formed communist rump government here "as the only legal organ of the city administration" of Berlin.

They have pledged it support. The announcements had been expected since hand-picked delegates approved a Communist slate of city officers unanimously at a convention in the Soviet Sector Tuesday and proclaimed it the successor of the legally elected (1946) city administration now seated in Soviet-blockaded Western Berlin.

Russia thus rejects in advance the results of a free election Sunday in all Western Berlin, the sectors occupied by the United States, Britain and France, to choose a new city administration.

The campaigning has been marked by fights between anti-communists and communist hecklers. Fifteen hecklers were tossed out of one meeting last night. A Socialist rally to be held in the British sector early tonight had explosive possibilities. The Socialists will meet in a building only 200 yards from the broadcasting station of the Russian-controlled radio Berlin, the Russians have maintained as an island inside British territory since the joint occupation began in 1945.

From it the Russians broadcast a stream of propaganda against the western powers and anti-communist Germans. Russian Tommy-gunners stand guard in the lobby.

Hans Jakubowski, a Western Berlin Union leader, publicly proposed: "Give the trade unions five hours to demonstrate and the Communist radio hubbub will be swept away." British authorities are understood to have turned him down.

Chinese Confirm Loss Of Suchow to Reds; Evacuation Completed

Nanking, Dec. 3 —(AP)—Chinese Communist capture of Suchow was confirmed today by government military sources.

They said evacuation of the big Nationalist base 211 miles northwest of Nanking was completed at noon Wednesday. The Red Radio announced capture of the city at 10 p. m., local time, last night.

Three government army groups, totaling 250,000 men pulled out of Suchow in an effort to relieve the trapped 12th Army group to the south, in the Suhsien sector.

Foreign military observers, however, estimated the effective combat strength of the Suchow garrison at 110,000 men—in the 16th, Second and 12th Army groups. The forward elements were stalled by Red columns 25 miles south of Suchow. The 13th Army group was holding rear guard positions.

Military sources reported the Communists entered Suchow only to find huge supply depots destroyed. Ammunition and gasoline dumps were blown up. Air observers said smoke pillars reached 8,000 feet above Suchow.

Those sources said the Suchow army groups would have to fight through a 30-mile belt to make contact with the troops trapped at Suhsien about 60 miles to reach the Sixth and Eighth Nationalist army groups which have formed a defense line on the Hwai river, 100 miles northwest of Nanking.

Meanwhile, seven Red columns totaling about 100,000 men eased their assault on the Hwai River have moved north (evidently to help stop the Suchow garrison) and to left only a small holding force opposite the Hwai river armies.

Allen Under Care Of Psychiatrists

Durham, Dec. 3 —(AP)—J. Edward Allen, former superintendent of Warren County schools, was under the care of psychiatrists at Duke Hospital today.

Allen, who is charged with embezzlement of state and county school funds, was brought to the hospital Tuesday, and a hospital spokesman said yesterday that he had been "officially transferred to the care of Duke psychiatrists."

A hearing on some of the charges against Allen was postponed in recorder's court at Warrenton yesterday until Dec. 9 after a doctor's certificate was presented saying that Allen was too ill to appear in court.

Small Craft Warnings Up

New York, Dec. 3 —(AP)—Small craft warnings from Block Island to Cape Hatteras were hoisted at 4 a. m., today by the U. S. Weather Bureau.

A southeast wind of 20 to 25 miles per hour was blowing in the affected area.

Court Is Recessed Until Monday Morning

Halifax — Judge R. Hunt Parker recessed the first week of Superior Court here yesterday afternoon until Monday morning after a day spent in the trial of two traffic offenders.

Theron J. Edmonds of Scotland Neck, who had entered an appeal from judgment in recorder's court on a charge of driving while drunk, was found guilty and ordered to pay a fine of \$250 and costs of the action.

E. M. Burnett, who entered a plea of guilty to reckless driving, was fined \$25 and costs, and a capias was issued for Howard Sistaire of Charlotte who was charged with driving drunk but who failed to appear when the case was called.

Court officials said the judge still has not imposed sentences on a girl, who had entered a

petition of a birth, and on three Roanoke Rapids youths, L. E. and Richard Gilliland, who had entered pleas of guilty to the larceny of an automobile. The court officials said it is expected the sentences will be imposed Monday morning following which several divorce actions are scheduled for hearing.

River Falling

Weldon. — L. M. Shearin, weather forecaster, reported that the Roanoke River here had begun to fall. He said this morning that the River stood at 36.4 feet. That was a drop of almost three feet overnight.

18 Shopping Days Until Christmas



Visit The Local Stores For The Finest In Gifts

Corner's Jury Holds Two for Grand Jury Action in Auto Death of Dr. Henry Findell

Weldon — After hearing much testimony in a lengthy inquest last night at the Rowe Funeral home here, a coroner's jury ordered Aldie Finch, Clayton Negro and J. C. Blanding, Halifax County Negro, held for action of the Halifax County Grand Jury in connection with the death of Dr. Henry Findell, New York physician as the result of an auto-truck collision.

Finch was held under \$2,000 bond as an accessory to the death of Dr. Findell and Blanding under \$1,000 bond as a material witness.

Finch was driving a trailer truck which struck the car of Findell and Blanding was the driver of a truck which was following that of Finch just before the accident.

The jury, which was composed of B. F. Turner, Howard Dickens, M. V. Edwards, Jack Pope, Rudolph Kreele, and Frank Howard, heard testimony from Finch, Blanding, State Highway Patrolman Carroll Petteway, Mrs. Betty Findell, Harland Carter, driver of another truck, Paul Kelley, Calvin Alston, who witnessed the wreck from his home, and several others.

Petteway was the first to testify and he said that the accident occurred one and six tenths miles south of Weldon on U. S. 301.

The investigating officer told the jury that Finch's trailer-truck was parked on the left side of the road with the right rear wheel on the highway and the Findell car was 70 feet further down the highway when he arrived at the scene of the accident. He said that the truck had been struck near the gas tank on the left side.

The highway patrolman quoted Finch as saying that a log truck passed him, forcing him on the wrong side of the highway.

Petteway told how Blanding, the driver of a second log truck had been found and said that Blanding denied any knowledge of the accident until told about it at the mill where he works.

The highway patrolman said that Harland Carter, driver of a truck which was following the Finch-driven truck, avoided the accident by going into a ditch and then helped to extinguish a fire in the Findell car.

The highway patrolman described the scene of the accident and where he had found the debris and grease.

Finch testified that he was driving about 40 miles an hour and another truck passed him and whipped off to the left and the next thing he saw was the Findell car, "in the middle of the road."

He said the car struck the truck and knocked it across the highway. The accused man said that he jumped from his truck and couldn't remove Findell from the wreckage because of the fire, but did manage to help Mrs. Findell and her mother-in-law, passengers in the car from the wreckage.

He said he attempted to extinguish the blaze by putting dirt on it but to no avail.

Mrs. Betty Findell told the jury that the doctor was driving south and the only thing she remembered was that just prior to the impact, she saw two trucks trying to pass and headed in the direction of Weldon.

Carter said that two trucks passed him as he was coming out of Halifax and that later one of the trucks passed the other. He said later the truck driven by Finch pulled out toward the left side of the road and the next thing he heard was the impact of the collision. Carter said that he put his truck in a ditch

and went to see what had happened and for the first time saw the Findell car after it had hit the truck.

Carter testified that he put out the fire and then helped to get Dr. Findell from the wrecked automobile.

Carter said that his helper, Frank Fenner, actually got Findell out of the automobile.

Calvin Alston, an aged colored man, who was an eye witness to the accident said he was standing on his front porch.

"I saw three trucks all batting it down the road and the automobile coming the other direction. All of a sudden one of the trucks and the automobile butted together in the middle of the road, the aged Negro testified.

The jury deliberated for about 20 minutes before returning its verdict.

Counsel for Finch was J. P. Maddrey; J. E. Knott represented the insurance companies and W. Bernard Allsbrook represented the Findells at the inquest, which was conducted by Coroner Rufus Britton.

A spectator at the inquest was Third District Solicitor Ernest Ernest W. Tyler.

Old Father Roanoke Says:

Editor's Note: Heretofore, The Herald has encouraged conjecture as to Old Father Roanoke's identity. True, the speculation so far has been wide of the mark, the guessers all overlooking the clues clearly given, namely that the author is 82, has now his fourth wife, a girl of 17 who last week became a mother of the Old Man's 'umsteenth child.

However, the Herald must now reverse its attitude and counsel caution. Carl Churchill has been accused and his letter printed below indicates his indignation. The lawyers will tell you that spreading of rumors linking an innocent person with Old Father Roanoke may be slanderous, subjecting you to the possible payment of very heavy damages. If you must guess who Old Father Roanoke is, please for the sake of your bank account, guess correctly.

And now for Carl Churchill's letter:

Dear Editor:

How about openin' up your forum for a minit—an I don't know what th' "Esq." stands for either. Just stuck it on for style, so to speak. A lawyer feller write it behind my name once, an' I thought it looked real nice until I read th' letter.

Now, I ain't been so full of laughs since th' time some evil-minded feller threw his dirty socks in Old Aunt Martha's pot of collards! Here's th' reason—an' I'd like it terrible much if you'd kinder straighten things out. I'm meetin' folks on th' streets every day an' they politely greets me: "Mornin' Pappy Roanoke", or some such name. I'd like for you an' everybody else to know I ain't no 82-year old codger, an' that I ain't got no 17-year-old wife. I also ain't got no three-or-four-days old baby in th' hospital, an' that ain't all, I'd better not have!

I also ain't particularly interested in history that don't go no further back than a hundred or so years. I'd like you to know when it comes to things in th' past, Old Pappy Roanoke is a stuffer. I'm been loaded up on piker what happened more'n thirty million years ago, such as inorganic evolution dealin' with th' Phycomyces, which are molds, an' th' Siphonales, which are algae. Betcha that'll stop him for a spell! (Editors note: it appears Mister Skinner is intensely interested in Lecomete du Nouy's book on the creation of the Universe.)

Now, I'd like to make it as plain as print can set forth that I'm postilutely not Old Father Roanoke, an' I don't know who is, even though I've gotta admit he pretty good, an' that I've had a hell of a time writin' this letter. There ain't but one thing I wanta ask this mysteryman to do, an' that's to stay away from th' FIRE STATION with his loose talk. Them's my huntin' grounds, an' this is a warnin'!

Very respectfully yours truly,
BUB SKINNER
By Carl Churchill

Unemployment Here Continues to Rise, ESC Office Reports

W. McNeil, manager of the local Employment Security Commission office, said today that "Contrary to previous expectations unemployment is on the increase in Roanoke Rapids."

From a two months operating report, McNeil said that the records of the local office showed that on November 26 there were 580 active job applications on file. This was an increase of 19 percent over the 488 persons who were applying for work during the previous period.

McNeil said the 580 applications represent the largest number of persons to seek work through the local office in the past several years.

Of the total number of applications on file 63 percent are women, 16 percent veterans and 21 percent non-veterans.

McNeil said that along with the increase in total applications on file the proportional share of women in the active file has increased. This trend in the increase in the number of applications from women has been noted in the past several months.

McNeil said that in his opinion the principal factor in the continuing increase in unemployment in Roanoke Rapids continues to be the decline in the textile industry.

Approximately 420 applicants on file are unemployed textile workers, who have been laid off because of the necessity of curtailing production in the local mills, he added.

McNeil said, "There can be no marked improvement in the local employment situation, until the textile industry improves, and we have no indication of when that will be."

The office manager said that every effort was being made to place the workers in areas of demand through the use of orders listed on the North Carolina and Virginia job lists.

McNeil said despite the declining business activity that during the period covered by the report 184 job openings were listed in the local office. During the two months 182 persons were referred to the job openings and 130 were placed.

Conway Man Gets 2 Years On Money Count

Raleigh.—James Wade, Conway man, yesterday received a two-year sentence in the Federal reformatory in Petersburg, Va., after he had been found guilty of charges of passing and selling bogus \$20 bills.

Wade was convicted of selling ten of the bogus bills to Cleveland Smith of Garysburg on one occasion and 50 bills at another time. Sentence was passed in Federal Court here, and the defendant was allowed to remain free under bond until December 9, when he was ordered to surrender to the U. S. Marshal to start serving his sentence.

Smith, the man to whom Wade allegedly sold the bills, had previously been convicted on a counterfeit charge and sentenced to two years in the Petersburg reformatory.

Consultant Dietitian Visits Halifax County Sanatorium

Halifax — Miss Sally J. Mooring consultant dietitian from the Division of Nutrition of the State Board of Health, visited the Halifax County Sanatorium on November 29 and 30, for the purpose of assisting Dr. Robert F. Young and the staff of the County Sanatorium in the planning and preparation of attractive and nutritious meals for the patients in the Sanatorium.

Specialists in nutrition and in tuberculosis control have reported that meals high in Vitamin C and protein content are especially beneficial for tuberculosis patients, and particular emphasis has been placed on these two nutrients in the planning of meals in the county sanatorium. Considerable time, also, has been given to making the meals attractive and also to giving as great a variety of dishes to the patients as the availability of foods will permit.

Truman Making No Cabinet Changes Now, But Reserves Right To Do So

Washington, Dec. 3 —(AP)—President Truman is making no changes in his cabinet at this time.

That's what he said yesterday at his first White House news conference since the election. But he left the way open for some changes later by saying he reserves the right to shuffle the cabinet membership at his pleasure.

The news conference was a lively one. The President employed a fast change of pace, at times serious and sharp, but often drawing hearty laughter from the 225 newsmen—the largest crowd since his first conference as President in 1945, which 347 reporters attended.

His November 2 election triumph was a major topic. Mr. Truman said he is proud he won with neither the 47 electoral votes of New York nor the 38 which Southern Democrats gave to the States Rights Party. As for those Southern votes, the President dismissed moves to have them included in his electoral total. He doesn't want them, he said, adding that he is not angry with anyone.

Mr. Truman also set at rest speculation as to whether he will confer with Madame Chiang Kai-Shek. The President said an appointment has been arranged, but he would not say when it is. As for whether General Douglas MacArthur would be sent from Japan to China to help the beleaguered Chinese nationalists, Mr. Truman had a blunt answer: No—period.

And he already had stated the administration's policy on China, he said, so he was having nothing to say on that again.

Then—drawing first a roar of laughter, then tense quiet—the president went on to cover a multitude of subjects.

Chuckling, he took a couple of digs at his Republican opponent in the election, Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York. The first came at the opening of the conference. Mr. Truman said Bradley Dewey, a civilian member of the Bikini atomic tests evaluation board, was mistaken in suggesting the White House had suppressed a report on the tests.

Then the President grinned and said the charge of being mistaken seemed to put with the tests.

ROANOKE RAMBLINGS

By PAT NANTZ

Mrs. John Floyd was honored with the presence of her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. John Kidd and her brother, Sam of Brunswick, Virginia.

The girls of the ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth grades heard an open discussion, yesterday, by Mrs. Helen Peeler, assistant executive secretary and councilor for North Carolina State's Nurses Association; Mrs. Carlee Jenkins, director of nurses at the Roanoke Rapids Hospital; Miss Betty Devereaux of Dublin, Georgia, a senior student nurse at the local hospital; and Miss Bertie Walker, a freshman student in our hospital, who is a '48 graduate of the local high school. The program consisted of questions, asked by Miss Walker, with Mrs. Peeler, Mrs. Jenkins, and Miss Devereaux answering . . . it was not only enjoyed by the students, but appreciated as well . . .

The English class of the fifth period would like to express their appreciation to Mrs. Edward R. Ford for taking over on such short notice and teaching them, in the absence of Miss Winifred Beckwith. . . .

Wishes for a very happy birthday, (even though it is raining today) go to Linda Coburn, and

little Larry Davis, who will celebrate theirs today . . .

From all reports, the Business and Professional Woman's Club is planning a gala affair for the New Year's Eve dance, which they are sponsoring this year. . . . Ms. Mary G. Mills, who is one of the members of the club has let some of the plans slip out. The merchants, will provide a floor show at 12:30 o'clock in expression of their wishes for a Happy New Year to you . . . there will be some very pretty girls dressed in the 1949 styles, along with the hats, horns, and balloons to be provided . . .

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Long have been called to Norfolk, Virginia, because of the illness of Mr. Long's father, M. D. Long . . .

Small boy (to father)—"The world is round, isn't it?" Father—"It is." Boy—"Then if I wanted to go east I could get there by going west, couldn't I?" Father—"Yes, and when you grow up you will be a taxicab driver. . . ."

Little Tommy Newton is visiting in Pennsylvania with his father, Thomas J. Newton. . . . Tommy lives here with his grandmother, Mrs. Mattie Lowell of Madison street. . . .