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Parker To Speak At VFW Party

Judge R. Hunt Parker, resident jurist of the Third Judicial District, will be the speaker at a Christmas party for underprivileged children to be sponsored by the Roanoke Rapids post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the V.F.W. Auxiliary on December 19.

Mrs. N. T. Jones, president of the V.F.W. Auxiliary, said the organizations will give Christmas gift stockings to more than 100 children. She said a complete program of the event will be announced at a later date.

Al Drew, manager of the local radio station, will serve as master of ceremonies, and other guests of the organizations slated to appear on the program include State Senator Julian R. Allsbrook, Mayor W. Bernard Allsbrook, the Rev. W. R. Stevens and the Rev. Berkeley.

Mrs. Jones said the sponsoring organizations have issued a cordial invitation to the public to attend.

The committee for the Auxiliary is composed of Mesdames Jones, Bessie Hyman, Louise Smith, Lula Belle Rogers, Stella Wilson, Anna Mae Reynolds, Hazel Bass, E. H. Boyce, Fanny Collins, Ann Pickett, LeRoy Small and Miss Alease Bristow and Miss Frances Ketcher.

VFW Post committee members are R. L. Collins, E. P. Harrison, G. T. Burton, A. A. Dun-Boyce, LeRoy Small, W. L. Pickett, Tom Glasgow and Don Chestnut.

State Officials In Washington On Corn Problem

Raleigh, Dec. 10—(AP)—Two of the state's leading agriculture officials left for Washington last night to confer with federal officials about North Carolina's surplus corn problem.

The men were Commissioner of Agriculture D. S. Coltrane and Harry Caldwell of Greensboro, Master of the State Grange.

The meeting was arranged by Caldwell with an assistant to the secretary of agriculture and an assistant of the grain branch of the production and marketing administration.

This year's Tar Heel corn crop is a record-breaking 76,000,000 bushels and, although price supports for no. 3 corn are set at 31.61 a bushel, many farmers are having to sell as low as 90 cents a bushel.

Under the present federal purchase agreements calling for delivery within 30 days after June 1, farmers in this region are handicapped because of weevil infestation which develops when warm weather sets in. Weevil damage voids any corn for eligibility under the purchase agreement act.

Weather

North Carolina—Fair, windy and cold today; colder tonight; Saturday fair and continued cold.

Gala Dance Is Planned By Local BPW Club For New Year's Eve Here

One of the most entertaining dances ever held in Eastern North Carolina is being planned by the Business and Professional Women's Club for New Year's Eve. The affair will be held in the Army, from 9 until 1 o'clock. It has been decided by the committees that those who attend may come dressed formal or informal, whichever they choose.

Dick Levin, a well-known orchestra leader will come from West Virginia, with his eleven piece orchestra and vocalist to supply the music. Mr. Levin has never made an appearance in Roanoke Rapids before, but is reported to be very capable. Al L. Drew, one of the local radio announcers, has stated that Mr. Levin's orchestra has broadcast several times over the Mutual Broadcasting System. He was secured by an orchestra leader formerly of this city.

Anyone who has not been contacted, but who desires to learn the details of this floor show and to express their good wishes to having someone or some item to represent them may do so by calling Mrs. Mary G. Mills, chairman of the dance, or Mrs. Elva Martin, secretary of the Merchant's Association. The deadline on these entries will be December 18.

Events to entertain you will start at 9 o'clock will not let up until the dance is over at 1 P. M. and the New Year has been brought in right.

They Located Survivors Of Plane Down At Sea



These three Navy airmen were the first to sight the two rafts with 33 survivors of an Air Force C-54 transport plane which was forced down at sea 1,200 miles southwest of Honolulu. Left to right: Lt. Comdr. Steve Kona of Hammond, Ind., pilot of the Navy Privateer; Chief Machinist's Mate Clodis M. Killam of Pensacola, Fla., and Ensign Leslie Johnson of Minneapolis, Minn. Killam sighted a dye marker which located the rafts after Ensign Johnson had asked Kona to make one more pass over the area. (AP Wirephoto via Navy radio from Honolulu.)

Berlin Airlift Causes Speed Up Air Force's Expansion Program

Washington, Dec. 10—(AP)—The Berlin airlift has forced a speed up in the air force's expansion, bringing it now to 60-group size.

This development was spotlighted today by an air force order for redeployment of three overseas units. These shifts include the transfer of a transport unit from Japan to Germany and assignment of a fighter wing to the Panama Canal defense system.

The new 60-group strength includes nine troop carrier units—one more than had been planned—even by next June 30. On that date the Air Force is scheduled to have 66 groups of all types—bombers, fighters, transports and other elements.

The new addition to Berlin's food ferry fleet makes a total of five transport wings operating there—apparently on a permanent basis. The Air Force said the 317th troop carrier wing will transfer "this month" from Tachikawa, Japan to Germany. About 1,050 more men will be added to the outfit before it arrives in Europe. (The normal strength of a troop carrier wing is approximately 1,500.)

In answer to a question, Air Force spokesman said the five transport outfits are "stationed" in Germany instead of being there on "temporary duty." In military language, this indicates a permanent assignment as distinguished from a limited time mission.

Of the nation's nine troop carrier wings, four now are in Europe, 2 in the far east air force and 3 in the continental U. S.

This will be followed by a gala floor show in which the merchants of the city have the opportunity to express their best wishes for a happy new year, in their individual way. The names of the people participating in the floor show are being withheld but the following businesses will have someone representing them: Fanny's Specialty Shop, Godwin-Wilkes Motors, Inc., Roanoke Rapids Theatres, Carolina Motor Service, Roanoke Motor Sales, The Quality Shop, Roanoke Floral Co., Little's Clothing Store, Sandlin Flower Shop, The Betty Shop, Peacock Beauty Shop, Leggett's Dept. Store, Pruders Office Equipment Co., White Motors, Inc., Tri-City Motors, U. S. Army Recruiting Office, Ricks Motors, Rosemary Drug Co., Peggy Ann Frocks, Walser Motors, Auto Service Station and Marks Shoe Store.

Reds Pushing Behind Hwai In China's War

Nanking, Dec. 10—(P)—Chinese Communist troops today were believed trying to cut in behind the Hwai River—last government defense line north of Nanking short of the Yangtze itself.

Government sources said the Communists are attempting to cross the Hwai at a bend in the river 90 miles northwest of Nanking. This is at a point where the river is lightly defended.

This threat arose as the bulk of the government armies of east China still strove to break loose from two big traps north of the Hwai.

A crossing of the Hwai in any force would cut off Nanking from the new base at Pengpu, 105 miles northwest of the capital, along with the 80,000 troops manning the defenses along the river.

The number of Red troops committed to the operation was not indicated. But they would be only 15 miles—easy striking distance—from the railway supply line between Nanking and Pengpu.

A Shanghai newspaper reported a Communist advance 75 miles to the northeast along the Grand Canal a drive which might be geared to the Red operations of the Hwai.

The newspaper Sheng Pao said government troops had withdrawn from the Grand Canal about 110 miles north of Nanking and had fallen back 25 miles south of Paoying.

12 Shopping Days Until Christmas



Waters, Parker Win Prizes In Scout Contest

Gene Waters won first prize and Ben Parker was the winner of a second-place award in a bird feeder contest of Boy Scouts Troop 142 sponsored by the Bird Club of Roanoke Rapids.

The award of a regulation Boy Scout canteen to Waters and an official Scout flashlight to Parker was made to the winners at a troop meeting Tuesday evening. Mrs. A. O. Pendleton of the Bird Club judged the feeders.

After the contest Mrs. Pendleton gave a talk on birds, building bird feeders and told of several experiences she had with birds.

Special guests at the meeting were Mrs. Pendleton and Virgil E. McDowell, Scout Committee Chairman. Rudolph Waters is the Troop 142 Scoutmaster.

Troop members present at Tuesday's meeting were Benny Statler, William Speight, Howard Smith, Frank Mountford, Bob MacKenzie, Warren Wayne Russell Brown, Dick Smith Harris, Jr., better known to Monroe street citizens as Little Man. The mystery was solved last night when we discovered the Little Man has the measles, and has been confined to his home... indoors and believe me that is one place he doesn't like to stay... so here's hoping you will soon be able to be up and out, so the ol' street will look familiar again, Paul...

Israel Ready To Lift Siege Of Negev Desert

Paris, Dec. 10—(P)—A United Nations official said Israel agreed today to dicker over lifting the Jewish siege of 1,200 Egyptian troops trapped at Faluja, in the Negev Desert of Southern Palestine.

The Israeli government notified the acting Palestine mediator, Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, that it is ready to negotiate a stage-by-stage withdrawal of its troops from the Negev, the official said.

The Israeli reply brought cancellation of a scheduled meeting later today of the Security Council's special committee on Palestine, which is considering the Negev situation. Aubrey S. Eban of Israel had been expected to tell the committee the Faluja forces would be freed.

Bunche said he regarded Israel's note as satisfactory.

Northampton Counties To Vote On \$130,000 School Expenditure

Jackson.—The polls in the various precincts of Northampton County will be opened at sunrise, Saturday, and will remain open until sunset, for the voters of that county to cast their ballots in the school bond election.

Their votes will determine whether or not the proposed county expenditure of \$130,000 will be authorized.

Should this amount of bonds be authorized by the voters, the proceeds would be used in a program to expand and improve four separate school plants in as many school districts. The following will be considered:

1. To erect a new high school

Military Secrets of Other Nations Found Among Stolen U. S. Government Papers During Committee's Spy Probe

Washington, Dec. 10—(AP)—Vital military secrets of friendly nations turned up today among stolen government papers uncovered in the House Un-American activities committee spectacular red spy hunt.

They involve such things as British battleships, Chinese bombers and strategic war materials from the Argentine.

And as the committee scoured furiously with the Truman administration over how the spy probe should be run, it spotted suspect number three out in Appletown, Wis.

It ordered him to show up for a hearing by 2 p. m. today.

The man has been described to the committee as a former employee of the National Bureau of Standards. The Bureau tests some of the government's most

secret weapons and military devices.

The committee got the man's name from Whittaker Chambers, a former Communist courier. Chambers has testified that while he was in the Red underground before the war, government workers fed him secret documents for transmission to Russian agents.

He has named Alger Hiss and Henry Julian Wadleigh, both formerly in the State Department, as two of the suppliers.

Hiss, now head of the Carnegie Foundation for International Peace, has denied all.

Wadleigh, now unemployed, and living at nearby Vienna, Va., was a witness yesterday.

He refused to say whether he had or had not slipped secret information from the State department.

Wadleigh said he might incriminate himself by answering questions on that point.

Chambers has yielded to the committee some of the papers he obtained, in the form of photographs or copies. Most of them came from the State Department and are dated 1937 and 1938.

It is known that they contain information on such touchy subjects of the times as:

- Whether Britain was going to specialize on cruisers or battleships as the backbone of her fleet.
- The placing of Chinese orders for bombers in France.
- The size of Chinese troops movements during her war with Japan.

Argentine sales of large quantities of linseed oil to the Germans at fancy prices. Linseed oil is a strategic war material.

Germany was getting ready then to move against Austria. Some of the papers deal with the Austrian Anschluss and with other behind-the-scenes maneuvers in diplomacy and international politics.

The committee showed signs of heeding the advice of the State Department on whether it should or shouldn't publish the texts of the ten-year-old documents. Some probably will be turned loose and the rest withheld.

But the committee last night hotly rejected a proposal of the Justice Department that for the sake of "the internal security of this country" it lay off testifying witnesses who have testified or will testify to a New York Grand Jury investigating espionage.

ROANOKE RAMBLINGS

By PAT NANTZ

The happiest face in Roanoke Rapids yesterday was that of Sam Wood. The reason for this was something that has never before taken place in the local high school... that is singling out one athlete and giving him an award for his services in the field of sports. Yesterday in regular assembly period, Principal J. W. Talley gave some very good reasons why Sam was an exception to the rule. He has played varsity football and basketball for three consecutive years and was one of the most valuable players on the teams. This year when he found out he couldn't play because of a heart condition, Sam was the picture of broken-heartedness... however, he didn't stay that way long, because he soon found out there were others who wished to play just as badly as he. They were boys from the seventh and eighth grades who helped make up the seventy who had gone out for Coach Hoyle's team and would probably be the ones eliminated. So, Sam went to work with them at the request of Mr. Hoyle, and formed what was known as The Midgets... and you can bet they led the cheering section yesterday when Sam went on-stage to receive a beautiful, white service sweater, presented to him by the Athletic Association. He wasn't the only happy one, however, because everyone there cheered, because practically bringing down the roof with cheers.

Something's missing off Monroe street... and we have just found out what it is. It's Paul Harris, Jr., better known to Monroe street citizens as Little Man. The mystery was solved last night when we discovered the Little Man has the measles, and has been confined to his home... indoors and believe me that is one place he doesn't like to stay... so here's hoping you will soon be able to be up and out, so the ol' street will look familiar again, Paul...

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lassiter are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Thomason of Jefferson street... they will visit here until after the Christmas holidays, when Mr. and Mrs. Lassiter will accompany them back to their home in South Carolina...

Today's wishes for a very happy birthday go to Jarman Jenkins, who is a second-grader, here's hoping you have many, many more, Jarman...

Congratulations are in order for the boys who received their monograms, certificates, and gold key awards yesterday, for their participation in high school sports.

Just a reminder that the Art Club will meet tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, at the signpost of E. C. Langford on the Weldon-Roanoke Rapids Highway... everyone is cordially invited to attend...

An instructor was conducting a science course at a local high school. One of the requirements in the written quiz was "Define a bolt and nut and explain the difference, if any." A girl wrote, "A bolt is a thing like a stick of hard metal such as iron with a square bunch on one end and a lot of scratching wound around the other end. A nut is similar to the bolt only just the opposite being a hole in a little chunk of iron sawed off short, with wrinkles around the inside of the hole." The startled teacher actually marked that one with a large I.

When company stays too long, just treat them like members of the family and they'll soon leave...

Soviet Makes New Complaints Against American Airlift

Berlin, Dec. 9—(P)—Russian military authorities complained anew today that American airlift planes had violated four-power regulations in flying over the Soviet zone.

Soviet air safety officers listed 16 alleged offenses in the past month. A Russian letter said most of the "incidents" involved four-engined C-54's flying at heights as low as 333 feet.

Lieut. I. Komarov, acting Soviet chief of air control, recommended that American craft fly 3,300 feet or higher in the zonal corridors and over the Berlin area "independent of weather conditions."

Without acknowledging or denying the incidents, Capt. Vincent H. Gookin, U. S. Air Safety officer, replied in a letter simply "our pilots have been briefed and will continue to be briefed to abide by the rules of flight."

State Farmers' Income Shows Huge Increase

Raleigh, Dec. 10—(P)—During the first nine months of 1943, Tar Heel farmers received \$85,000,000 more for their marketings than in the corresponding period last year.

Moyle S. Williams, Farm management specialist at N. C. State College, said the January-September income last year was a record \$394,665,000. The figure for the same period this year is \$475,472,000.

Crop receipts jumped from \$292,940,000 to \$365,905,000, Williams reported, while livestock receipts increased from \$101,725,000 to \$109,567,000.

The farm specialist pointed out, however, that despite the increase in gross income, increased production costs have cost many North Carolina farmers lower net incomes.

County AAA Community Committee Members And Chairmen Are Named In Northampton County Elections

Jackson—It was announced by Miss Una Fleetwood, chief clerk of the county AAA organization, that Northampton County farmers elected the community AAA committeemen last Thursday, and the county AAA committee was elected on Friday.

Those who will serve as community committeemen are from Garysburg—P. G. Reid, chairman; C. P. Gay, vice chairman; and T. T. Stephenson, regular.

Conway—J. Frank Garris, Abner Lassiter and David Vann. Pleasant Hill—J. M. Dunham, J. N. Manly, R. C. Crewe.

Vulture—M. C. Vincent, Robert S. Shaw, R. S. Moody, Jr., Milwaukie—G. C. Martin, Jr., J. Martin, Carlton Johnson, New Town—J. T. Parker, A. J. Futrell, W. E. Martin.

Jackson—J. W. Hughes, F. E. Corle, L. F. Bradley. Seaboard—E. R. Matthews, R. A. Daniel, W. H. Taylor.

Potomac—Lasker—R. A. Chappeil, J. R. Vaughan, Walter Britton.

Creeksville—O. S. Lassiter, Gay Flythe, Grady Bridgers. Rich Square No. 2—W. R. Brown, J. A. Brown, S. G. Baughman.

Woodland—James T. Boyce, J. Carter, R. T. Vick. Galatia—Margarettsville—G. L. Davis, H. C. Bottoms, G. C. White.

Rehoboth—W. A. Boone, R. W. Duke, W. W. Boone. Severn—Ernest Howell, Hugh Unstead, Ervin Mann.

Pendleton—W. M. Stephenson, M. B. Johnson, J. Howard Woodland. Gaston—W. W. Grant, C. H. Jordan, J. E. Baird.

Those who will administer the 1949 AAA program as county committeemen are B. D. Stephenson of Pendleton, chairman; J. F. Turner of Jackson, vice chairman; and C. C. Barrett, of Jackson, regular member. These were all reelected.

Invitation Is Accepted By Many

San Francisco, Dec. 10—(P)—When Bill Bard, who has a photographic studio, went out to lunch he put this sign in his door:

"I'm at the Bellevue for lunch. Won't you join me there?"

After the 11th person sat down at his table and ordered he went back and took down his sign.

Yule Shoppers On Verge Of Ending Christmas Sales Records; FRB Report Shows Drop Of Four Percent

Washington, Dec. 10—(AP)—Yule shoppers are on the verge of ending the Christmas sales records which have soared higher each year of the past decade.

With only 13 more gift-buying days to go, department store sales have dropped below last year's mark for the fifth straight week, the Federal Reserve Board reported last night. This is the longest consecutive decline since the war.

Some officials here said no longer can there be any doubt that price resistance, particularly on those in low income brackets, are playing a part in the downturn.

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Weldon Credit Group To Hold Annual Meeting

Weldon—The Weldon Production Credit Association will hold its annual meeting tomorrow at 11 a. m. at the Weldon High School gymnasium, B. N. Caple, secretary-treasurer of the organization announced today.

The members of the association will be given a full report on the year's activities of the association as well as a special report on members ownership.

Two new members of the board of directors will be elected and plans for next year's activities will be discussed at the meeting.

The association serves all of Halifax and Northampton counties and members from the two counties are urged to attend the meeting.

Fair And Cold Is Prediction

By The Associated Press

Fair, windy, and rather cold is the weather menu promised the Carolinas today.

Colder was the outlook for the sister states tonight, but South Carolina could expect fair and slightly warmer weather tomorrow. Continued cold was anticipated for North Carolina.

Many places had sub-freezing temperatures this morning. As usual, Mt. Mitchell in North Carolina's mountain area had the lowest minimum—nine degrees.

Miller To Speak At Armory Sunday

G. D. Miller, representative of the Watchtower Society, will give a public lecture on "Superhuman Rulers of This World; Near Their End", on Sunday, December 12, at 3 o'clock in the Armory.

Mr. Miller, a speaker generally well known through this part of the country, will present a lecture which is non-political and non-religious, but will discuss many true facts as to the cause of conditions in our day.

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