

# Halifax County Farm Income of \$17,850,000 Breaks All Records

## 30 Halifax County Men Get Calls

Halifax.—Thirty Halifax County men will leave here tomorrow morning as the county quota for the third draft call, it has been announced by the county Selective Service office.

Local Board No. 43 met last week to set the quota and notify men of the draft call. Mrs. Vera B. Draper, Clerk to the Halifax County Selective Service Board, said only five men were accepted from the county out of the last month's quota of 35 men sent to the reception center at Durham. In the first call all but six of the 21 men called were rejected.

Mrs. Draper pointed out that the high rejection rate in the early drafts is because the men who are being called now are the same ones who were rejected during the war as being 4-F and have not changed.

She said a large number of questionnaires are now being mailed out daily, adding that the local draft board cannot assist in filling them out.

## Charity Group Helps 25 In November

The Associated Charities of Roanoke Rapids, a Red Feather family service supported by the Community Chest, gave aid to a total of 20 persons during the month of November, according to a report by Mrs. A. C. Zollinger.

Twenty-five persons applied for aid during the month and of these two were rejected and three others were transferred to other agencies.

Included in the list were six new cases and 19 old cases.

Sickness was the reason the aid was asked in eleven cases and in those cases food, medicine clothing and milk were provided.

Four unemployed persons applied for help and food was given in each case.

Five Halifax County cases were given supplementary help.

The two rejected cases had sufficient income to defray the necessary expenses.

Forty-six office interviews were held and 18 home visits, were made by the case worker.

## Enfield Negro Sought For Killing Wife

Enfield.—Halifax County officers were still searching late last night for James Pitts, Negro, who is reported to have shot and killed his wife at their home near Paul Bozeman's store in the vicinity of Ringwood, about eight miles west of here.

Enfield and Roanoke Rapids police officers had little to report on the alleged shooting at a late hour, however they said Sheriff H. A. House of Roanoke Rapids and most of the deputies in the county had gone to the scene to conduct the investigation.

County coroner Rufus Britton was called to the scene of the shooting but could not be reached for a statement.

Enfield police said they had heard that Pitts and his wife had been engaged in some sort of an argument and that Pitts had picked up a gun and shot his wife. Officers said he apparently fled the house and was being sought by the officers.

**Harbert Sets New Record in Miami Open**

Miami, Fla., Dec. 11.—(AP)—Melvin (Chick) Harbert, Detroit professional, set a course record eight under par 62 in the \$10,000 Miami Open golf tournament today but amateur Frank Stranahan of Toledo, Ohio, still led the field with 200 for 54 holes.

## Warren County Friendship Train Trucks to Canvass Homes Today

Warrenton.—Trucks will be sent out over Warren County this afternoon to pick up grain and other farm products to fill a train car coming to Warrenton soon as a friendship train carrying food to needy people in war-devastated countries overseas, Jim Hundley, chairman of the Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP), has announced.

He said workers with the CROP committee are expecting to get enough farm produce to fill at least one train car. He said every effort has been made to secure trucks enough to cover all the roads in Warren County this afternoon. The trucks will go out this afternoon and will cover as much of the county as possible.

Farmers are urged to have their gifts placed on their front porch by one o'clock this after-

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# 78-Million-Dollar Buggs Island Dam Project Is Inspected By Officials Of Two States

## Leaders Say Completion Should Be Hastened

By Bill Davey

Buggs Island, Va. — Public officials from Virginia and North Carolina, nearly 500 altogether, gathered here Friday to inspect the \$78,000,000 Buggs Island dam, first in a series projected to harness the flood activities and power-potential of the Roanoke River, and heard Army engineers and Congressional leaders say completion of the project should be hastened.

Governor William Tuck of Virginia, Senator Willis Robertson of Virginia, John H. Kerr of Warrenton, veteran Congressman of the Second North Carolina Congressional district and Lieutenant-General Raymond A. Wheeler, Chief of the Army Engineers, headed a group of luminaries who inspected the site of the huge dam and listened to facts and figures concerning the projected Roanoke River project.

Virginia Congressmen, North Carolina department heads and State Senators, Representatives and mayors, County Commissioners and other representatives from Virginia and North Carolina towns from Danville to Williamston joined in the inspection tour which followed the morning's planned program and a luncheon at which the Mecklenburg Civic Council, the Roanoke River Basin Association and the Roanoke River Flood Control Committee were hosts.

Wheeler Speaks

"Buggs Island is the key project in the over-all plan for the Roanoke River Basin," General Wheeler told the audience of officials and newsmen in the Community House at Castle Heights, the village which has been erected as a construction camp for engineers and workmen employed on the dam. "And you, as sponsors of the project, have met here today, not only to actively express your interest in the project, but also to exercise your rights as American citizens, to inspect the construction operations and to keep yourself informed on the progress being made."

"When completed the Buggs Island multiple-purpose project will be one of the largest units of its kind in the eastern United States. Flood control is a primary purpose of the project. When the unit is completed, substantial flood protection will be provided for large agricultural areas in the Lower Roanoke River Valley. In addition, the large and commercial towns of Roanoke Rapids, Weldon and Williamston will be protected. For example, a recurrence of the record flood of August, 1940, without the Buggs Island reservoir in operation would cause damage in the lower Roanoke River valley of more than six million dollars. But with the operation of the project..."

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**BACKING UP AIR LIFT** — Wheels for 4-engined York freighters are brought to a Dakota plane by R.A.F. crewmen at Honington, England, for dawn take-off to Germany. Known as "Operation Plumber," 6 Dakotas ferry unserviceable plane parts from bases in Germany and return with replacements for the giant transports employed in the air lift to blockaded Berlin.

## Judge Parker Ends Halifax Superior Court

Halifax.—The two-weeks' term of Halifax County Superior Court was brought to a close here yesterday morning after Judge R. Hunt Parker had denied a motion for a new trial in the case of Robert Jones Scotland Neck sawmill operator.

Jones, who had been previously tried, convicted and sentenced in the Superior Court on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, had entered an appeal to the State Supreme Court where the sentence of 20-24 months was upheld. The request for a new trial was made on Jones' behalf by his attorneys earlier this week, but the hearing on the motion was continued by Judge Parker until Saturday morning.

The only evidence presented yesterday was in affidavit form, and after hearing arguments by attorneys for the defendant and for the State, Judge Parker denied the motion for a new trial.

Jones was convicted in Superior Court on a charge of shooting Claudius Murser, an employee, with a pistol. After he was sentenced and had entered an appeal to the Supreme Court, the action of the lower court was upheld. Court officials said a civil suit in the action is still pending.

Jones was represented by attorneys J. R. Allsbrook and M. S. Benton of Roanoke Rapids and W. O. Rosser of Whitakers.

Following the action in the Jones case yesterday, Judge Parker adjourned court for the term.

## Merrill Evans Denies Rumors He Plans to Resign Post of Highway Commissioner

Ahoshkie.—"As far as I'm concerned, I expect to remain in office until my term expires on May 1."

First District Highway Commissioner Merrill Evans made the statement in answer to rumors of his resignation in the near future.

The Commissioner said, "I do not anticipate any such action by the entire commission (resignations in a group)", in answer to a question regarding the possibility of the resignation of the commission en masse.

Evans went on to explain that "there was talk at one time that the present Commission would resign to Governor Cherry, which would have to happen prior to January 6, but I do not anticipate any such action."

"As for myself, I don't plan to resign either to Governor Cherry or to Governor Scott. Of course, after Scott's inauguration, if he has a man to put in my place and requests my resignation, he can have it."

"But until that request comes along, I definitely plan to stay on until my term is out."

Evans said he has had "numerous" requests to stay on until his term ends and pointed out that it would not be fair to the people he represents or to a newly-appointed man to leave the office suddenly.

## U.N. Approves New Plan For Holy Land

Paris, Dec. 11.—(AP)—The United Nations Assembly approved tonight over Russian and Arab objection a three-nation Palestine conciliation commission which will try to bring permanent peace to the Holy Land.

The final vote on the conciliation plan jointly sponsored by the United States and Britain was 35 to 15 with eight abstentions. It was taken as a tense crowd overflowed the Theater of the Palais De Chaillot and as the 58-nation assembly strove to wind up its Paris meeting tonight.

Until the time the final vote was counted, British delegates said the issue remained in doubt. When Dr. Herbert V. Evatt of Australia, President of the assembly, announced the result the crowded hall rang with applause. The confusion was so great Evatt had to pound his gavel to restore order.

The Israeli delegation said the Jewish nation is ready to enter into direct negotiations with the Arab governments without delay. Israel long has sought direct negotiations but the Arabs have refused.

Those who voted against creating the commission were: Afghanistan, Cuba and Pakistan, plus the Arab states — Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Yemen; and the six Slav bloc nations — Russia, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, White Russia and the Soviet Ukraine.

By its vote, the Assembly—

- 1—Established a three-member conciliation commission which will have its headquarters in Jerusalem.
- 2—Knocked out all references in the conciliation scheme to the U. N. partition plan which was approved Nov. 29, 1947, and to the report drafted by the late Palestine mediator, Count Folke Bernadotte, proposing modifications of the partition plan.
- 3—Instructed the commission to take over the job of acting mediator Ralph Bunche and, if the security council asks it, the truce machinery in the Holy Land.

## Weather

North Carolina — Partly cloudy and warmer Sunday.

## ROANOKE RAMBLINGS

By PAT NANTZ

One of the many boys who is a '48 graduate of the local high school and who joined the Army Air Force immediately after his graduation, is David Lee Cox. . . David Lee has been spending a furlough at home with his mother, Mrs. Early W. Cox, since Thursday. . . However, he will leave in a day or so to report to the National Air Port in Washington, D. C. . .

Moseley, who is now four years old, here's wishing you all a very happy birthday and may you have a million more. . .

Helping to add to the appearance of the Roanoke Avenue is the paving of the empty lot at the corner of ninth and Roanoke Avenue. . . it surely does help to keep down dust and makes that lot look a hundred per cent better. . .

Miss Shirley Stewart, drum-major of the local high school band, has announced that she will begin new classes of baton twirling at the first of January. . . Shirley has approximately seventy students of all ages, who she is now teaching the artful routines. . . After Christmas, she will begin having classes each day, at the high school, from 3:30 until 4:30 o'clock. . . everyone is eligible to enroll in her classes, if you have a baton. . .

The many friends of Jack Irwin will be interested to know that he returned to his home on Friday after having spent some time in the veteran's hospital in Richmond, Virginia. . . he is reported to be in better condition, now. . .

Those who observed their birthday yesterday were Vickie Birdson, Ethel Brown, and Robert Reid. . . those who will add another number on their age today are Peggy Gray, Shirley Ellis, and little Linda Carol.

## Values for Crops And Hogs Estimated By County Agent

Halifax county's farm output, despite the heavy rains, will be more valuable in money received, than any other in history, according to W. O. Davis, county agent. The peanut, cotton, tobacco and corn crops and hogs will sell for \$17,850,000, Davies estimated, and he guessed that probably Northampton county's output would be near the same amount. A farm buying income of \$35,000,000 will come from these two counties which provide Roanoke Rapids and Weldon with the larger proportion of their agricultural income. The Herald will report later on farm income in the other counties which do some of their buying in Roanoke Rapids.

Peanuts are exceptionally late, said the county agent, but 10 days like the last two will start a boom swell of money rolling into Roanoke Rapids and Weldon.

Davis said 40,000 acres in Halifax county are in peanuts, the average output is 12 bags to the acre, the price is \$10.50, making the total probable revenue, \$5,040,000. Last year's crop was only 10 bags to the acre and the price was \$10, so this will be an above average crop and a still higher price. Careless farmers have lost some from the rains, but these figures are after estimated rain-damages. Davis said he had seen peanuts harvested in March without excessive damage, if the farmers had shocked the peanuts carefully.

Cotton is being raised on 25,000 acres; average crop, 1 1/4 bales, total 31,250 bales. Return is \$150 from the cotton and \$20 for the seed, or approximately \$5,300,000 for the crop.

Tobacco has been planted on 9,000 acres; the yield is about 9,000,000 pounds; the average price, 45 cents, or a \$4,050,000 total county return.

Corn, which is planted on 40,000 acres, is yielding 30 bushels to the acre. (One farmer is getting 142 bushels to the acre and may win the state championship). These 1,200,000 bushels are worth \$1.60, the government support price, or \$1,920,000.

Hogs should bring in \$1,500,000 for the year, said the county agent.

The summarized totals are:

Peanuts,	\$5,040,000
Cotton,	\$5,300,000
Tobacco,	\$4,050,000
Corn,	\$1,960,000
Hogs,	\$1,500,000
<b>TOTAL,</b>	<b>\$17,850,000</b>

## Romania Orders Two U. S. and Two British Diplomats from Country; U. S. Retaliates by Similar Orders

Washington, Dec. 11.—(AP)—Romania is throwing two American and two British diplomats out of the country, and the United States is retaliating by similar orders for two Romanian envoys assigned to Washington.

The Romanian Communist government said the four it is tossing out conspired with "spies and saboteurs." The U. S. called this ridiculous. Britain delayed a decision on whether to demand the recall of Romanian diplomats from London.

This latest flareup in the cold war was revealed both here and in Bucharest, where the major action centered. It involved an exchange of diplomatic insults in polite terms which, however, scarcely served to conceal the bitterness underlying such incidents as this.

The four Anglo-American diplomats had been named in connection with trials in Romania of alleged plotters, spies and saboteurs against the Communist government. In the latest of these trials, the government alleged that one of the defendants had confessed that the Americans and British promised they would parachute arms and troops into Romania for anti-government forces in event of conflict.

The State Department denied all charges against the American diplomats. American Minister Rudolph E. Schoenfeld so intossing out conspired with "spies and saboteurs." The U. S. called this ridiculous. Britain delayed a decision on whether to demand the recall of Romanian diplomats from London.

At the same time Schoenfeld said that "in conformity with usual international practice," the two Americans would be withdrawn. He labeled the charges against them ridiculous and contrary to fact.

The State Department press officer, Michael McDermott, released the exchanges of notes between Pauker and Schoenfeld. He immediately announced also that the State Department notified the Romanian legation yesterday that two of its top diplomats are "persona non grata" (personally unacceptable) to the American government. The American government gave no reason for its action and McDermott said that the action was "without any connection and purely coincidental" with the Romanian moves against the two Americans in Bucharest.

## 11 Shopping Days Until Christmas



## Newfoundland To Become A Part of Canada

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—(AP)—Canada and Newfoundland signed a pact today setting forth the terms under which Newfoundland will become Canada's tenth province.

Newfoundland is Britain's oldest colony and sometimes is called the Gibraltar of the north because of its strategic position at the mouth of the St. Lawrence river.

The union of Newfoundland and Canada will become effective March 31, 1949, after formal approval of the terms by the Newfoundland government and the Canadian parliament and confirmation by the British parliament.

The agreement was signed in Canada's Senate chamber, with Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent signing for Canada and A. J. Walsh, chairman of a special negotiating committee, for Newfoundland.