

\$130,000 School Bond Proposal Is Defeated In Northampton

Jackson.—Northampton County voters, going to the polls in a sparse number, resoundingly defeated a proposed \$130,000 bond issue for school improvements in the county, it was revealed here today.

With only 1,317 voting in the election in the county, the issue was defeated by 983 to 334, a almost three-to-one majority of the votes cast.

The issue which was designed to construct a new school building and gymnasium for the Gaston School district and to make other additions and improvements in three other districts, carried only four of the 17 Northampton County voting precincts Jackson precinct returned a large majority and the favor of the bond issue and in measure carried also in Woodland, West Gaston and East Gaston precincts.

Results of the vote were made public in a special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners held for the purpose of conducting a canvass of the second special election to be held in the county within the past four months.

Funeral Rites For Dr. Fleming Conducted Today

Enfield.—Funeral services for Dr. W. L. Fleming, 63, well-known Enfield physician, were conducted this afternoon from the Branch Funeral Home in Enfield.

Dr. Branch died here Sunday night about 11:30. The Rev. P. F. Newton, assisted by the Rev. Felix Arnold, officiated at the funeral services and burial was in the Enfield cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, the former Edith Duke; one daughter, Miss Laverne Fleming; three sons, Leroy, John and Edward Fleming, all of the home; three sisters, Mrs. D. A. Hunt, Mrs. Myra Mann and Miss Selma Fleming, all of Enfield; and three brothers, L. B. and W. A. Fleming of Hassell and C. H. Fleming of Raleigh.

Emporia Negro Shot In Fracas

Robert Carrington, Emporia Negro, was a patient in the Roanoke Rapids Hospital today suffering from two bullet wounds he said were inflicted on him by "a boy from Rocky Mount named Edicks" yesterday afternoon in a logwoods camp.

Carrington said he was sitting down eating his lunch when the other man pulled out a "sawed-off .22 he was using like a pistol and shot me through the right hand for no reason." He said he got up to get out of the other man's range when he was shot again, this time the ball lodging in his left leg.

He said he was brought to the hospital and said "the law came to get the other boy." His leg was probed this morning and the bullet removed, and hospital attaches said he was in good condition.

Congressional Spy Probers To Call On 'Very Important Witness' Today

Washington, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Congressional spy probers called "a very important" witness today as they pondered a new move to invoke lie detector tests.

Mystery cloaked the latest proceedings of the House Un-American Activities Committee. But it was obvious the committee hoped for a major break before the special federal grand jury now sitting in New York ends its work tomorrow.

The grand jury also is digging into Red activities in this country in the late 1930s, the period when Whittaker Chambers, confessed ex-Communist, said he was receiving secret government information for relay to Moscow. Without explanation, the committee called off an "emergency meeting" tentatively set for last night and rescheduled it for today. The postponement came after committee members conferred by telephone with Rep. J. R. Connelley, who was in San Francisco session.

John Hines Is Awarded Highest Boy Scout Honor

The highest honor to be accorded by the Boy Scouts of America to one of its leaders has been awarded to a local man.

John Hines, a member of the executive board of the East Carolina Council, was awarded the Silver Beaver, symbolic of his outstanding service to the Boy Scouts of the council, at the council meeting held last week in Greenville.

Hines has for several years been an active leader in the work of the Boy Scouts in Halifax County and the East Carolina Council.

Also at the Greenville meeting a local member of one of the Boy Scout troops in Roanoke Rapids was signally honored. Dwight Elting represented all of the Boy Scouts of the council at the meeting and had charge of the installation of the new officers of the council.

Three local men were installed as members of the executive board: Howard Pruden, Clyde Liske and Hines.

J. W. Liles Sr. Funeral Is Set For Tomorrow

Warrenton.—Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at four o'clock from the North Warrenton Baptist Church for John Waverly Liles, Sr., 56, who died yesterday morning at the Roanoke Rapids Hospital after a five-days' illness.

Mr. Liles had served for the past eight years as superintendent of the Peck Manufacturing Company of Warrenton and had been connected with the mills for a number of years. He was the son of the late Junius and Mary Robertson Liles of Halifax County. He was a member of the North Warrenton Baptist Church.

Services will be conducted by the Rev. Warren L. Bush, pastor of the church, assisted by the Rev. R. W. Greene of the Warrenton Baptist Church.

Burial will be in Fair View cemetery in Warrenton. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Esie Bush Liles, and one daughter, Peggy Joyce Liles, of the home; four children by a former marriage, Mary Liles and Eddie Liles of the home, Mrs. R. G. Mitchell of Raleigh and John W. Liles, USN, of North Africa; one grandchild; six brothers, M. A. and R. J. Liles of Warrenton, H. H. and A. L. Liles of Roanoke Rapids, C. L. Liles of Key West, Fla., D. L. Liles of Bowling Green, S. C.; his stepmother, Mrs. J. S. Liles of Weldon; one half-sister, Mrs. John Crowder of Weldon; and one half-brother, Thomas Liles of Chicago, Ill.

Pet Mouse Killed; Owner Goes Berserk

Coventry, Eng., Dec. 14.—(P)—John Malcolm Venables, 23, brought his pet mouse when he went into a bar for a bit of beer. He put the mouse on the bar. The barkeeper killed it.

Venables wound up in magistrate's court today, charged with throwing bricks through the window of the bar. He pleaded guilty to causing £20 (£80) worth of damage. The judge stayed punishment to await a report on Venables' drinking habits, but Venables was not comforted. He mourned: "I had that mouse for two years."

Both drivers waived preliminary hearings on the charges and both were cited to appear in the recorder's court here Thursday morning.

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Two Men Indicted After Accident At Intersection

Two men were indicted on charges of careless and reckless driving here yesterday afternoon following a collision about four o'clock between an automobile and a laundry truck at the intersection of West Third and Washington Streets.

Local police, who investigated the accident, said a 1948 International truck belonging to the Halifax Laundry and driven by John B. Parker of Hornetown had collided with a 1936 Plymouth coach owned and operated by Claude V. Etheridge of 730 Jefferson Street.

According to the police the right side of the truck was damaged to an extent estimated at \$250 and Etheridge's automobile had the front end damaged to the extent of about \$100. There were no personal injuries incurred by either driver. It was estimated in a report of the accident that both vehicles were travelling 20-25 miles per hour as they approached the intersection and collided.

The truck was travelling west on Third Street and Etheridge was going north on Washington Street.

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Truman May Ask Congress For Full Speed

Washington, Dec. 14.—(P)—President Truman seems likely to signal a legislative speedup when he reports personally to Congress on the state of the union January 4 or 5.

Few expect the new session to produce any major laws before Mr. Truman is inaugurated for his first full White House term January 20.

But there are signs that the Democratic leadership plans to strike hard for its program while the November election honeymoon still beams over the lawmakers.

This probably will involve shoving aside for the time being the civil rights proposals. The President is expected to repeat in his message. He is said to have decided to report personally to Congress a day or two before the November 2 election results are officially canvassed January 6.

Leaders said this would not mean that the controversial civil rights issues—including proposals to ban state poll taxes, make lynching a federal offense, curb job discrimination and eliminate Jim Crowism—will be by-passed permanently.

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Cheap Butter Causes Rush



Clerks in this Chicago meat and dairy market have their hands full serving rush of customers which filled store to purchase butter the proprietor, Walter Meder, is selling for 39 cents per pound. Meder says he decided he could take a loss on butter profits because it builds up good will and the customers stay to buy other items in the store. He says he cut the butter price when business fell off because of high prices. (AP Wirephoto).

Superintendent Ready Discusses Education Commission's Findings At Junior-Senior PTA Meeting

Superintendent I. E. Ready, chairing of the Student Personnel Committee of the North Carolina Education Commission appointed by Governor Cherry discussed the findings of this Commission at the December meeting of the Junior-Senior P. T. A. held in the high school auditorium on Thursday evening.

In his discussion, Mr. Ready emphasized particularly the recommendations made by the Commission relative to the financing of schools in North Carolina. Basically, these recommendations would change the method of state participation from the present plan by which the state gives aid to counties and cities only in certain items of the current expense budget, to an equalization plan that would set up a foundation program for public education in which all budget items would be equally supported.

This would guarantee to all children in the state an adequate educational program even though they happened to live in one of the poorer counties, which counties are not now able to provide adequately for those items of school expense that the present plan of support leaves entirely to the counties.

Mr. Joe Talley, co-chairman of the program committee introduced the topic for discussion and the speaker for the evening. Preceding the program, Miss Mary Ann Clary, high school student conducted the devotional. She read the Christmas story from Luke's gospel, on which she based her remarks on "Christmas Attitudes", pointing out attitudes we should have toward our own families, others and the world at large.

During the business session over which Mrs. I. E. Ready, president, presided, Mrs. Sam Bunn, membership chairman reported 250 paid memberships, a gain of 68 over last month. Following Mr. Ready's talk, Mr. Joe Parker of the faculty sang "Thanks Be to God", accompanied by Miss Virginia Ferguson at the piano, and the meeting was closed by group singing of Christmas carols led by Mr. Parker.

Reds Isolate Peiping; Air Support Gone

Peiping, Dec. 14.—(P)—Peiping was isolated today, with Communist armies almost knocking at her walls.

Authorities closed the south air field, last air link with the outside world. Peiping's west field was closed yesterday. Nationalist ground troops were reported looting the west field today.

Passenger traffic was halted on the Peiping-Tientsin railway, only land link with the outside that the Communists do not control. This action was taken because of troop movements.

The withdrawal deprived Fu of air support at a most critical time. All signs indicated the days of Nationalist rule of Peiping are about ended.

ROANOKE RAMBLINGS

By PAT NANTZ

Mr. and Mrs. John Medlin have returned to their home here, after having spent two weeks with Mrs. Medlin's mother, Mrs. Mary Leggett of Baltimore, Maryland.

Deepest sympathy is expressed for Raymond Turner, in regard to the death of his father, A. O. Turner. Mr. Turner passed away at his home in Norfolk, Virginia, after a very brief illness. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Turner and family will leave today to attend the funeral to be held tomorrow.

Little Joyce Yates has been confined to her bed because of the measles. Joyce, who is three years old, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Yates of Madison street. Her small brother, Richie, who is only eighteen months old is now recuperating from a case of measles. Joyce has been told he grew tired of them and gave them to her, so now she is on the look-out for a visitor who has not had them, and plans to pass them on.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wilder have left to spend the Christmas holidays in Petersburg, Virginia in the home of Mr. Wilder's brother, Dr. Thomas L. Wilder.

Mrs. Mason Lang told of one night when she overheard her little four year old daughter, Connie, saying her prayers. Connie knelt beside the bed on retiring, and after repeating, "Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep,"

Seven Members Of Company E Get Promotions

Captain Raleigh F. Seay, commanding officer of Company E of the National Guard here, announced today that seven members of the company had received promotions.

Capt. Seay said that Corporals Henry H. Lyles and William W. Reeves had been promoted to sergeant grade III; Privates, First Class: Thurmond E. Askew, Jack T. Hall and Maynard R. Lyles had been promoted to Corporal, grade IV and Private Willie J. Story and Recruit Philip E. Reeves have been promoted to private, first class, grade V.

At the same time, Seay's administrative assistant, Sgt. Carl E. Peoples, called attention to the fact that a new system of grades and titles had gone into effect in the National Guard.

People's also pointed out that under Governor Cherry's proclamation men between the ages of 17 and 18-1-2 who enlisted in the National Guard and whose service is satisfactory will be deferred from selective service so long as their service in the National Guard is satisfactory.

Edelyn Hubbard Hurt In Freak Fall

Edelyn Hubbard, 17, son of Mrs. Edith Massey, suffered a fractured jaw bone in a freak accident yesterday afternoon at the high school.

Hubbard, who is a student in the building and trades class, was sitting down on a saw horse in the manual training building when the saw horse tilted backward, throwing him to the floor and toppling over and hitting him in the face.

His jaw bone was fractured in two places and Dr. R. A. Daniel, Jr., who treated him, had to extract one tooth from each side and had to wire the bone in place.

It is expected that it will be about six weeks before the injury is completely healed.

9 Shopping Days Until Christmas

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Jenkins plan to visit with their daughter, Mary Louise, over the Christmas holidays. Mary Louise is in training to be a nurse, at a hospital in Washington, D. C. This is her junior year, however she will not be able to get home until January 2. Her parents will remain there until that time and will accompany her home.

"I am sorry," said the dentist, "but you can not have an appointment with me this afternoon. I have eighteen cavities to fill." And he picked up his golf-bag and went out.

The many friends of Edelyn Hubbard were sorry to hear that he has broken both his jaws, in result of a fall yesterday during building-trades class. He also lost two teeth, and was treated by the dentist. However, he insisted upon going to school today, and those who take English with him will especially feel sorry for him, because they know how he loves to talk.

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Five Guilty, One Bound Over In Mayors Court

One man was bound over to recorder's court on two charges and a number of fines were imposed on others in a session of Mayor's court here yesterday afternoon which lasted until nearly six o'clock.

A case involving three Emporia, Va., youths, a Roanoke Rapids man and his wife took most of the time of the court session before Mayor W. B. Allsbrook and resulted in findings of guilty against all five people involved.

Mrs. Ernestine Bunn was charged with disorderly conduct, Gardner Bunn and Walter L. Taylor, William R. Doyle and F. C. Beatty were all indicted on counts of indulging in an affair. All five defendants, who were tried at the same time, entered pleas of not guilty and two of them were represented by counsel.

Officers T. J. Glosson and John Moore testified they had investigated a call at the lower end of Madison street and had found all the principals involved in a brawl. The officers testified they had arrested Mrs. Bunn for using profanity and had been forced to place her in the police car by main strength.

Testimony of other witnesses implicated the four men in the fight.

Lawyer Archie Gay of Woodland, representing Mrs. Bunn, said the officers had used undue force and had injured Mrs. Bunn. She testified that both officers had manhandled her and said they had cursed her and had hurt her arm and throat. Both officers said she had kicked them.

The long parade of witnesses and testimony, punctuated by a play between Gay and J. R. Allsbrook, representing Bunn, was ended when Mayor Allsbrook found all five guilty.

He fined Mrs. Bunn \$25 and costs and fined Bunn the same amount and the two other Virginians were charged with the costs of the action.

In another lengthy case heard before the mayor L. H. Tudor was bound over to recorder's court on two counts of "peeping tom" and possession of non-tax-paid liquor after the court had heard testimony of R. P. King, Mrs. Lucille Haggins, Miss Cora Mae Haggins and Miss Peggy Ann Edwards.

King said he swore out a warrant against Tudor after he had been informed a man had been seen looking into his house and had found Tudor in his automobile outside the house. King, who lives at 227 Jackson street, said he did not see Tudor except in his automobile backing into the intersection at the corner beside his house.

Mrs. Haggins, her daughter and Miss Edwards all said they saw a man drive up to the corner next to the King home, get out of the car and go to a window and appear to look in. They said they watched him from the porch of their home across the street and said they called King and told him of the occurrence. It was brought out in testimony that the man they had seen had walked off up the street and had returned in about 15 minutes at which time King stopped Tudor in his car.

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tion, was to brief the governors on the south's long fight against alleged freight rate discrimination.

Walter R. McDonald, chairman of the Georgia Public Service Commission and chairman of the National Association of Utilities Commissioners, said he would ask for regional funds to pursue the south's rate scrap.

The southern governors' conference and its subsidiary, the Southern Regional Council for Education, yesterday approved with little public discussion a \$1,736,000 initial budget for the first two years of regional education.

Paul Bagdett will manage the Roanoke Rapids Jays baseball team next year, it was announced here this morning by L. D. Hines, president of the Roanoke Valley Athletic Association, owners of the Jays' franchise.

Hines said Allen (Preacher) Pierce of Weldon, authorized representative of the Jays at the Minor League Convention in Minneapolis last week, said the necessary arrangements have been made to have Bagdett, a star third baseman, come to Roanoke Rapids to take over the helm of the local entry in the Coastal Plains League for the 1949 season.

Bagdett was the manager of the Blackstone team in the Virginia League last year, where he compiled a season batting average of .315 in addition to doing a stellar job in the "hot corner" at third base.

The prospective Jays' manager has had several seasons as a player on several teams in the farm club affiliates of the New York Yankees' baseball organization.

Bagdett will replace Stuart Martin, who piloted the Jays in their first two years as an entry in the Coastal Plains League.

Hines said today there has been "some talk" regarding a working agreement between the Jays and the Durham Bulls of the Carolina League, however he said there is nothing to report on this at the present time. He said Pierce may have something more definite to tell the directors of the Association later this week, but said nothing certain is known about any such agreement with the Durham club, which last year had an agreement with the Tarboro Tars.

Durham at present has a working agreement with the Detroit Tigers of the American League and is considered one of the Tiger "farms."

Hines said the Association is interested in promoting better baseball fans in and around the Roanoke Rapids area and turning out a team which will play winning baseball for their supporters. He said the Association intends to take whatever action is best in getting better baseball and better players for the Roanoke Rapids team.

Pierce could not be contacted by telephone this morning, however, it is expected that he will report on his Minneapolis trip and its accomplishments sometime this week.

Special Mail Box For Christmas Cards At Post Office

Something new was added to the lobby of the post office here this morning.

The "something new" is a large mail box covered over with Christmas holly-decorated paper and was put in place this morning for the exclusive handling of Christmas cards and other third-class Christmas matter.

Postmaster L. G. Shell said he had installed the box in the front lobby to keep the third-class mail from getting in and delaying the handling of first-class matter during the Christmas rush.

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