

Recreation Commission Hires Full Time Director For City

Ray Smith, Raleigh Recreation Official, To Begin Work Jan. 3

Roanoke Rapids hired its first full-time recreation director in history here yesterday afternoon, when Ray Smith of Raleigh, assistant director of recreation and supervisor of athletics for the Raleigh Recreation Department, was hired by the Roanoke Rapids Recreation Commission. Chief T. J. Davis, Recreation Commission chairman, said Smith will start his duties as city recreation director on January 3, at which time he will come to Roanoke Rapids with his wife and two-year-old daughter to make his permanent home.

Cooperation Asked With New Sweeper

A warning to "all night parkers" and a request to merchants went out today from the Roanoke Rapids Streets Department, as the city planned to start using its brand-new street sweeper here tonight. George Justice requested that merchants who have been in the habit of sweeping off the front of their places of business in the morning please alter their habits a bit and try to sweep the places in the evening so that the street sweeper, working in the late night and early morning hours, might be able to give the business district a "clean face" to start the day.

Attention was also called to the ordinance passed by the Board of City Commissioners on December 7 concerning the prohibition of parking in the business districts of the city between one and six o'clock in the morning. The streets in the business district will be kept clear of traffic in order that the new rotary-brush type street sweeper which arrived here this week might more effectively be used in cleaning.

Late parking is prohibited under the new ordinance on Roanoke Avenue between First and Third and Ninth and Twelfth Streets, one First, Second, Third, Ninth and Eleventh Streets between Hamilton and Jackson Streets and on Tenth Street between Hamilton and Madison Streets. Cars found in these areas will be towed away and violators will be subject to a fine of five dollars and must pay the towing fees.

Chiang Kai-Shek Being Urged To Resign As Chinese Leader

Nanking, Dec. 15—(AP)—President Chiang Kai-Shek's top advisors are urging him to give up control of China's crumbling government and let others try to save the pieces. This apparently would mean peace negotiations with the Chinese Communists. The Generalissimo's intimates have discussed this among themselves for weeks amid China's deepening crisis, but it was learned reliably today that they finally made such a recommendation.

Cuts Off His Arm And Saves His Life

Greenville, Dec. 15—(AP)—Roscoe Barnhill is alive today because he had the courage to cut off his right arm. Barnhill, 29-year-old farmer was operating a hay baler near here. His arm became caught in the baler, drawing his body dangerously near the machine's opening. Gasping for breath, Barnhill drew his knife from a pocket with his left hand. Opening it with his teeth, he cut through skin and tendons that held the arm.

Roanoke Rapids Lions Club To Hold Christmas Party For Underprivileged Children At High School Friday Night

The Roanoke Rapids Lions Club will bring an early Christmas to approximately 50 underprivileged children and about the same number of needy families here Friday night, when they hold their annual Christmas party at the cafeteria of the Roanoke Rapids High School at seven o'clock. Lion C. A. Irby, chairman of the committee in charge of the Christmas party, said the festivities will get under way at seven o'clock when Lions will bring the children selected to be guests of the Lions to the school cafeteria. The children will come from all parts of town, Irby said, and their ages will range from six to twelve.

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Cotton Crop Reported To Be Very Good

Raleigh, Dec. 15—(AP)—Bette weather, better farming and better ginning are saving money for North Carolina cotton grower. There is a marked improvement in grades, reported Charles C. Miller, Cotton Marketing Specialist with the State Department of Agriculture.

As of Nov. 30, he said, "Only 4.7 percent of the bales harvested have been reduced one or more grades due to rough preparation, as compared with 19.8 percent on the same date in 1947."

Grade and staple reports of the U. S. Production and Marketing Administration, he declared, indicate the percentage of the North Carolina crop grading middle or better rose from 16 percent last year to 30.7 this year.

Rough preparation cost growers \$961,888 last year, as compared with a loss of \$394,772 this year, he reported.

Miller said producers have shown more care in handling their crop, and that ginners have obtained better equipment and exercised better care. Ginners have spent for new equipment more than \$2 for every bale ginned, he added.

Cotton harvested and ginned in the state as of Nov. 30 totaled 599,965 bales, or about 88 percent of the estimated crop.

Funeral For Mrs. Godwin Is Tomorrow

Mrs. Mary Frances Godwin, 75, died at the Roanoke Rapids Hospital last night about 7:30 following a short illness.

Funeral services will be conducted tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock from the pastor, the Rev. Gordon L. Price, officiating. Burial will be in Cedarwood cemetery.

A native of Sampson County, Mrs. Godwin had made her home in Roanoke Rapids for more than 30 years and had been the operator of a boarding house.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. A. J. Brigan of Roanoke Rapids; three sons, Herman Godwin of Boston, Mass., Carson Godwin of Grovetts, Va., and Heskell Godwin of Roanoke Rapids; ten grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Pvt. Powell's Funeral Rites

Funeral services and reburial for Pvt. Charlie Powell, who was killed in action in Italy on September 18, will be held tomorrow at 2:30 p. m., from the First Negro Baptist Church, with the pastor, the Rev. N. K. Dunn, officiating.

Burial will be in Ivey cemetery with full military honors rendered by the Weldon Negro post of the American Legion.

Pvt. Powell, who was 28 at the time of his death, had been in the Army two years when he was killed. He is survived by his wife, one son, three brothers and three sisters.

Second Brownie Troop Will Be Organized For Central Tomorrow

The second Brownie Troop of the Central School No. 11 will hold its first meeting Thursday afternoon at 3:00 in the Girls Scout hut with a Christmas party under the direction of their leaders Mrs. W. E. Ritter and Miss Boone second grade teacher with the assistance of Miss Omara Daniels and Mrs. Sue Woodall. The children qualified for this group will be listed by Miss Daniels today. Parents of those desiring to join are also invited to be present for the short program.

Weather

North Carolina—Cloudy and not so warm with scattered showers today; continued cloudy with showers and mild tonight and Thursday.

Santa Claus To Distribute Gifts At Weldon Park Friday Afternoon

Weldon. — Friday afternoon, Dec. 17th at 4:30 p. m., at the sound of Gene Autrey's voice singing, "Here Comes Santa Claus," the Weldon Fire Truck will be coming down Washington Avenue with an honored passenger, that grand old man, Santa Claus. He will stop in the town park, in the 200 block of Washington Avenue. In the park the Weldon Merchants Association and the Junior Chamber of Commerce will welcome this friend of the children to spend the afternoon under the stars at 6:30 P. M. Last year Santa had around 800 children in the park with him, and this year he is expecting even more to be waiting for him. He has finished making his

Alleged Thief Of Military Secres Calteed

Washington, Dec. 15—(AP)—A man suspected of stealing and handling over to Russia pre-war Army secrets of "great military significance" may be haled before the Congressional spy hearings later this week.

The secrets are supposed to have come out of the Aberdeen Proving Ground on Chesapeake Bay north of Baltimore. There was no immediate hint as to their nature beyond the claim that they included "formulae, descriptions and leading information involving our hitting and our defensive power."

As the house Un-American activities committee pushed its spy hunt into this new field:

1. Acting chairman Mundt (R-SD) said "the feeling on the committee is unanimous that there is a soviet government espionage ring operating in Washington now." He said the government has done "not one, single, effective thing to prevent it."

2. The committee tried to prod a New York grand jury into coming out with indictments "of all guilty parties" connected with a soviet espionage ring that was, in committee words, "aided and abetted by officials and employees of our government."

3. Arrangements were made for serial publication of all but four of the secret papers obtained from Whittaker Chambers, former Communist courier. The four are still regarded by the state department as likely to injure national security, but the others will be released in batches starting tomorrow.

4. The committee said that "exercise the full authority of its subpoena powers and the other authorities granted it by Congress."

Japs Have Problem Of Too Much Corn

Tokyo, Dec. 15—(AP)—What to do with 300,000 tons of American corn? The Japanese have it and don't want to eat it. A foreign observer—apparently a gentleman of old southern tradition—comes up with this suggestion: "Make the corn into bourbon whiskey and halt all this waste of rice used in making sake (fortified rice wine). It would not only improve the morale of the Japanese, but it would better their diet."

This Arm Of The Law Needs New Hand

Birmingham, Eng. Dec. 15—(AP)—This arm of the law should be equipped with a better hand. Herbert Cyril Harris, 41, a mechanic was found innocent of inducing three other men to rob a restaurant when the judge told the jury there was no evidence for it to consider. He explained: "The statement of the defendant is written by a police officer and his handwriting is indecipherable."

Ape Stacks Up The Coins

SYDNEY, Australia—(AP)—Tang, Melbourne Zoo's orang outang, is orderly. On holidays Tang is offered many coins by visitors. Recently his keeper found a neatly stacked pile of pennies in a corner of his cage. Tang's takings for the day amounted to \$1.48.

Billboard Announces Birth Of "AD" Man's Baby



Robert Combs, advertising man of Chariton, Iowa, became a father, and he wanted the whole town to know it. This gigantic billboard advertisement outdoors was the way he chose to announce the good news. (AP Wirephoto).

James Pitt Bound Over To Superior Court Without Bond On Charge Of Murder

Halifax—James Pitt, Ringwood Negro, charged with the fatal shooting of his wife last Saturday night, was ordered held without privilege of bond here yesterday following a preliminary hearing before Judge Charles R. Daniel in recorder's court.

Pitt, held on a murder court after his wife had been instantly killed by a single shot he allegedly fired, was captured Sunday morning by deputy sheriff J. A. Crawley after an all-night search by Halifax County law officers. His case was brought before the recorder's court and the Negro man was ordered held for the January term of Superior Court after probable cause had been found.

Two cousins of the murder suspect, William and Horace Pitt were released under \$500 bond on charges of aiding and abetting a felon escape capture after they had been arrested for having aided Pitt on Saturday night. Probable cause was also found in their case and they were bound over to the Superior Court term.

Court officials said one of the longest dockets for trial in some time was before the court yesterday. Because two weeks of Superior Court had intervened since the last recorder's court session here, there were 59 cases for trial before Judge Daniel here yesterday and it was after six o'clock in the evening before the court was recessed until it is convened tomorrow morning in Roanoke Rapids.

Most of the cases appearing here yesterday were concerned with traffic violations, most of which were settled quickly following pleas of guilty by offenders and the imposition of fines and costs by the judge. One case involving three men charged with shooting a deer whose horns were not plainly visible was heard, but judgment was withheld.

James Hawkins, Negro, was sentenced to three months on the roads on a charge of assault on a female, and the only other road sentence in the day-long court was imposed on Harvey Jenkins, Weldon Negro youth, who was sentenced to 60 days on a simple assault count.

James Kitchen, ten-year-old Negro boy of Gholsonville, Va., was admitted to the Roanoke Rapids Hospital here shortly after midnight last night after he had been kicked in the head by a cow.

Hospital attaches said the boy suffered a deep gash in the right side of his face, and said the animal's hoof had apparently just missed the child's eye. His condition was reported as not serious.

Argentina Solves Quiz Dispute

BUENOS AIRES—(AP)—Quiz program directors here don't have to rack their brains any more to think up new prizes. And manufacturers won't get any more free publicity out of supplying them either. The federal government has just come out for sane prize giving. Its definition of sane is "postal savings bank certificates, postal savings stamps, school books or school equipment." Other prizes are banned.

Leaving today to return to Richmond, Virginia, where she works as a telephone operator, is Grace Dixon. . . . Grace, a '48 graduate of the local high school went to Richmond immediately after graduation to work and has been there since. . . . she was visiting in the home of her father, John K. Dixon on Monroe street . . .

Home on leave until December 18, is S2c Robert Blake, son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Blake of Jefferson street. . . . Robert has just finished his boot training at the Naval Training Center in San Diego, California. . . . he will report at camp on December 22 . . .

Here's wishing the two local high school basketball teams loads of luck when they play Weldon tonight. . . . the girl's team will be greatly handicapped by the absence of one of their best forwards, who was injured during practice on Thursday of last week. . . . however, Miss Turner, coach of the girls, has plenty of others who she can use as replacements. . . .

The many friends of little Bobby Nethery will be interested to know the reason he is out of school. . . . it is reported that doctors believe Bobby has ap-

Struggle Looms For Leadership Of Republicans

Washington, Dec. 15—(AP)—A struggle for control of Republican Party machinery loomed today with reports that Carroll Reece may challenge National Chairman Hugh Scott in a comeback attempt.

Scott, a Philadelphia congressman replaced Reece as chairman last June when Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York won the party's presidential nomination.

Although Scott has given every indication he intends to fight to hold his job, Dewey's November defeat has produced a crop of prospective opponents.

Besides Reece, others mentioned include Rep. Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois, who is retiring from Congress; Tom Coleman, former Wisconsin state chairman and a supporter of Harold E. Stassen, and Senator John Cooper of Kentucky, defeated for re-election.

Backers of Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio were credited with having engineered Reece's election to the party helm in 1946. So Taft's return from a European trip is being awaited not only for his views on the party chairmanship and possible reorganization of the GOP senate leadership, but on a party policy conference suggested yesterday by Scott.

Paris, Dec. 15—(AP)—Russia cast her twenty-ninth veto in the United Nations Security Council today to keep Ceylon out of the United Nations.

The veto was Russia's second on Ceylon's membership bid. The Soviets now have used 13 of their 29 vetoes in the council to bar seven countries from membership.

Before turning to the vote on Ceylon, the council put off action on Israel's membership application on until Friday.

A French motion to postpone action until then carried with eight votes. There were three abstentions.

The vote followed a bitter attack on Israel's bid by Syria's faris El Khouri who called Jewish soldiers "gangsters." He did not oppose the French motion, however, Syria, China and Britain abstained.

The United States and Russia both said they favored immediate action but they agreed to the delay.

Rainy, Mild Is Prediction

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Christmas shoppers had better take along a raincoat today, the weatherman said. Cloudy with scattered showers was the prospect for South Carolina and North Carolina.

The showers were predicted mostly over the North portion of South Carolina.

Continued above - normal warmth for mid-December was the prediction read "not so warm," but the point of departure was unusually mild weather of the last few days.

Cloudy and mild, with scattered showers was the Carolinas prediction tonight and tomorrow.

He said State and district Veterans Administration leaders and State Senator Julian R. Allbrook will be on hand to lead the discussion on a veterans' bonus, housing and other pressing veterans' affairs.

All veterans of the recent war are invited to be on hand to participate in the discussion.

Halifax Negro Gets Parole

Raleigh, Dec. 15—(AP)—Parole of six prisoners, including two convicted of manslaughter, was announced today by the State Paroles Commission.

The two are Leslie Canady, Robertson County Indian, and Edward (Buster) Smith, Halifax County Negro. Both were sentenced to three to 10 years in the death of Nathaniel Smith, Negro.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Langston are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Morton of Washington street. . . . The Langstons are from Washington, D. C. . . . and plan to spend the holidays here . . .

Those who observed their birthday yesterday were Jay Thompson and Eugene Beale of the sixth grade, Bob Kinker of the second and Alice Allsbrook of the fifth grade. . . . those celebrating today as their birthday are Donald Griffin of the fourth and Mildred Ray of the fifth grade. . . . and Charlie Draughan, who is just a little older than the grammar grade students. . . .

It was a sleepy sort of day and the class was about half the usual size. The professor was calling the roll in a half-absent manner and to each name someone had answered "here" until the name Smith was called. Silence reigned supreme for a moment only to be broken by the professor's voice, "My word! Hasn't Mr. Smith any friends here?" . . .

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8 Shopping Days Until Christmas