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Schools Begin Yule Holidays On Friday

Christmas holidays will start tomorrow afternoon for all white schools in Roanoke Rapids and Halifax County...

The two superintendents said there will be a 16-day holiday for all the children in the schools before classes start again on January 3.

John A. Chaloner school in Roanoke Rapids and all Halifax County Negro schools will start their holidays on Tuesday, December 21...

All schools, however, will start again on January 3 after the holiday merry-making is completed...

Grand Jury To See Microfilms Of Spy Papers

New York, Dec. 16—(AP)—A federal grand jury has indicted Alger Hiss for perjury, accusing him of lying when he denied he gave secret government papers to ex-Communist Agent Whittaker Chambers.

The action last night climaxed a jury probe of espionage.

Hiss, 44-year-old former high-ranking policy adviser in the State Department, was charged on two perjury counts.

The indictment said Hiss "unlawfully, knowingly and wilfully" swore falsely that (a) he did not slip confidential State documents to Chambers, and (b) that he did not talk to Chambers in February and March, 1950.

Chambers is a confessed pro-war courier of Red intelligence.

Prosecuting attorneys said Hiss, now on a paid leave of absence from a \$20,000-a-year post as head of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, probably will be arraigned today or tomorrow.

Following his indictment, Hiss issued this statement through his attorney:

"My testimony before the grand jury was entirely truthful.

Chambers, formerly a Time Magazine senior editor, first accused Hiss of supplying him with secret government data for transmittal to Russian agents in testimony before the House Un-American Activities committee.

Hiss has made repeated denials.

The indictment came at the end of the grand jury's 18-month term.

Attorney General Tom Clark said in New York that he thought Hiss would be brought to trial in January.

"Fanfare Marks Millionth Rural Telephone"

Burlington, Dec. 16—(AP)—The Bell Telephone System observed with fanfare and a call to the President of the United States today installation of the 1,000,000th rural telephone since the end of the war.

ROANOKE RAMBLINGS

By PAT NANTZ

The many friends of Theron "Baldy" Harris will be glad to know that he returned to his home on Jackson street yesterday, after having spent two weeks in McQuire General Hospital, Richmond, Virginia.

Theron underwent an operation on December 8 and is reported to be in much better condition.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Harris, and a '42 graduate of the local high school and is now a junior at Wake Forest College.

Billy Moore, who is with the Army, is spending several days furlough with his parents, Mr and Mrs. Charles W. Moore of Williams street... he is a '47 graduate of the local high school...

Those celebrating their birthday today are Gloria Hawkins, Bobby Jenkins, and Margaret Gukich. ... here's wishing you all a very happy birthday and may you all have many, many ways.....

It will be a great day tomorrow at 3:30 o'clock when the schools will close for the holidays... most of the classes of all grades have already had their Christmas parties and are just waiting for that ol' bell to ring.....

The reason for those happy and shining faces you have seen

of the high school students, was caused last night when both the girl's and the boy's teams beat the Weldon High School teams... the girls took the score at 32-25, and the boys at 55-33... even though at the end of the first half of the boys' game, it looked as if either team could end up the winner, the Jackets came through in the last half by scoring 41 points for the win.....

Some of the college students who have already arrived for the Christmas holidays or will be here soon are Richard Allbrook of Carolina, who arrived last night; Frank Hawley, Bill Pruden and Nick Long all of Carolina who are expected to arrive before Saturday... they will remain here until the first of January.....

"What were you doing about that chicken-coop at midnight, Mose?" the judge asked. "Jes' circulatin' roun', Judge; jes' circulatin' roun'." "Clerk, make a notation: 'Withdrawn from circulation for 80 days.'.....

Mrs. Josie Lee Martin of St. Petersburg, Florida, is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Marie Langster of Madison street, over the holidays.... Mrs. Martin is the former Miss Josie Lee Pitt of this city.....

A Hobo's Toast: "Here's to the holidays! Bless the whole three hundred and sixty-five of them....."

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Southern Governors Study Regional School Plan



Gov.-elect Kerr Scott (left) of North Carolina, and Governors William M. Tuck of Virginia, Beauford Jester of Texas, and J. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina (left to right) go into a huddle to study the southern regional educational program at the Southern Governors conference in Savannah, Ga. (AP Wirephoto).

Choral Club Will Present Christmas Program Friday Night At The First Christian Church

The Roanoke Rapids Choral Club will present a program of Christmas music at the First Christian Church here at 7:30 Friday night, it was announced today by the Rev. Lewis Styon, pastor.

The club, which gave a similar program Tuesday evening in Rich Square, will be making its first appearance in Roanoke Rapids. Club members have been rehearsing the Christmas music program for a number of weeks, and the general public is invited to Friday night's program.

Joe Parker, Roanoke Rapids High School instructor, is the volunteer director of the chorus. Four-part arrangements for male and female voices will feature the variety of selections to be presented in the concert tomorrow.

Miss Caroline Brown, pianist, is accompanist for the chorus and she will play a prelude, "A Carol Fantasy" by Roger Wilson, and "O Holy Night" as an offertory selection.

The Rev. Mr. Styon will give the scripture and prayer and the benediction.

One of the special parts of the program will be the singing of two selections by a men's quartet consisting of Tom Taylor, Monroe Starke, Clifton Wrenn and Arnold Hughes.

The program at the church will be given by candlelight and will consist of ten Christmas anthems in three groups and congregational singing. In the first group of anthems will be "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light" by Bach, "Westminster Carol" and "Christmas Hymn" by Jungst.

The second group will consist of "Gesei Bambino" by Yon, "Carol of the Bells" by Wilhousky, "Lullaby on Christmas Eve" by Christiansen and "What Can This Mean by F. Broadus Staley.

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French Destroy Soviet's Berlin Radio Towers As Airlift Menace

Berlin, Dec. 16—(AP)—The French today blew up the towers of the Soviet-controlled radio Berlin, knocking the station off the air.

The Russians, however, have another tower outlet, Germany's old Deutschland sender, 20 miles east of the city.

Brig. Gen. Jean Geneval, French military commander in Berlin, said the two towers were demolished by French forces this morning. The radio was not on the air at the time.

Geneval said he was compelled to destroy the towers because they were "a very great danger" to allied airlift planes coming in by radar to the new Tegel field in the French sector. The towers were near the field.

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Jackson.—Northampton County farmers will gross over \$12,583,000 on their farm crops during 1948, it was estimated by County Agent W. H. Jameson today.

He stressed, however, that the gross farm income is a far cry from being all profit, pointing out that the cost of producing such a record income is much greater than it was a few years ago.

Jameson said he figured the total farm income in the county this year from cotton, corn, peanuts, tobacco and hogs will be greater than any year in history. He said in spite of high prices and high production costs "this year is a lot better than things were back in 1932 when the farmers didn't even have enough left to pay their taxes.

The Northampton County Agent's totals will run a little less than the \$17,850,000 estimated farm income in Halifax County, most of the difference being in the wide differential of tobacco grown. The combination of the two counties immediately adjacent to Roanoke Rapids, however, totals a gross farm income for the year of more than thirty million dollars, much of which will be used on "at home" buying in this immediate area.

Jameson said Northampton, like other northeastern North Carolina counties, had suffered from wet weather in its peanut crop. He pointed out that the crop was late and said some of the peanuts would be lost, however he said there would be a lot of 1948 crop peanuts still harvested and sold in 1949 if proper precautions had been taken with the stacks.

Peanuts will be by far the biggest Northampton County crop, according to rough estimates by the County Agent. He said there are approximately 45,000 acres of peanuts grown, with an average production over the county of about 12 bags to the acre. The price prevailing this year is averaging about \$10.50 per bag, an increase over the 1947 price. On the basis of price, production and acreage the income in the county from peanuts alone will be the largest slice—\$5,670,000.

Cotton, which Jameson said has practically doubled since 1947, will account for about \$3,740,000 of the total county farm income. This figure is based on the 22,000 acres of cotton grown with a yield of about one bale to the acre. The Agent said the yield may be a little greater, but he added he wanted his estimate to be on the conservative side. Cotton this year brought about \$150 per bale, while the seed brought about \$20 more for the grand total estimate of the year.

According to the estimated income figures of the County Agent, corn production this year will amount to about \$1,680,000. He said corn was grown on about 35,000 acres of land during the year, pointing out that the yield on corn grown in the county has been steadily climbing. He said it is estimated that the average yield will be 30 bushels to the acre and that it sold for at least the government support price of \$1.60 per acre and was some time sold for an even higher figure.

Hogs, Jameson estimated, would bring in an income of about \$1,250,000 in Northampton County.

He explained that tobacco is not and never has been an important "money" crop in his area.

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Jameson Taking Orders For Cotton Seed

Jackson.—County Agent P. H. Jameson said today he is accepting orders for cotton seed from growers who wish to get their seeds for the 1949 crop now.

He said the seeds he has on hand have been tested and show 86 per cent or better germination. The seeds are all first-quality and he said the price is quite reasonable.

Jameson said any farmers interested in obtaining these seeds are asked to get in touch with the County Agent's office in Jackson at their earliest convenience.

Two transports towing red-tailed gliders took off last night from Westover Field, Mass., on the first leg of the rescue mission. They were accompanied by Lt. Col. E. Emil Beaudry, noted Arctic flier, who will supervise the rescue.

Seven men were stranded when their C-47 was forced down last Thursday. Two more were added Monday when their B-17 fortress, trying to rescue the seven, nose-dived into a snow bank. None of the nine was injured, officials said.

Airforce officials said they had no late reports on the condition of the stranded airmen, but said they had been dropped supplies, including small heating units.

The men were reported dug into snow banks in an effort to escape a biting snow storm, sweeping the 8,000-foot ice cap where they are stranded. Temperatures on the windy heights were reported at zero.

Woman Wins A Year's Supply Of Ice

Guelph, Ont., Dec. 16—(AP)—The feature prize at last night's Board of Trade Ladies night was a year's supply of ice, delivered. The winner was Mrs. John Collins, wife of the proprietor of a refrigeration equipment firm.

Holman Heads Woodland Club

Woodland.—The Woodland Men's Club at its regular monthly meeting elected as their president, Frank Holoman.

Elected to serve with Holoman were T. C. Cooley, vice-president and L. B. White, secretary-treasurer.

Dr. W. R. Parker, program chairman, called on several members to give one-minute talks on some of the community's needs.

Mr. Bullock, sanitary inspector for Northampton County, showed a movie on farm safety, as a feature on the evening's program.

A committee was appointed to meet with delegates from Rich Square to study local telephone conditions in effort to get improvements in service.

A contribution of \$50.84 was collected to make plans for a Christmas party to be held next week. The host committee served a dinner of roast beef, candied yams, peas, cranberry sauce, ice cream and cake.

Hosts were Dr. W. R. Parker, S. H. White, Arthur Myers, R. B. Griffin, W. T. Outland and Stanley McDaniel.

7 Shopping Days Until Christmas



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