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Long Trials Slow Special Term Of Recorder's Court Yesterday

Mission Leader To Speak Sunday To Methodists

Miss Sallie Lou McKimmon, executive secretary of the woman's division of Christian Service of the Methodist Church, who has just returned from a tour of Methodist mission work in Europe, will be the featured speaker at the eleven o'clock service at the First Methodist Church here Sunday morning.

Miss McKimmon, who is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. A. Thorne, will report on the recent World Conference of Christian Churches at Amsterdam, the Netherlands, which she attended as an official delegate of the Methodist Church in America.

The Rev. J. F. Herbert, pastor of the First Methodist Church, said Miss McKimmon will speak concerning the formation of the International Council of Christian Churches at the Amsterdam conference.

Miss McKimmon, who at present maintains offices in New York City, is a native of Maxton, N.C., and has been associated with mission work for a number of years. She has closely identified herself with the development of world wide missions and her special field of work has been Europe and Africa.

The Rev. Mr. Herbert said today "We consider ourselves quite fortunate in having Miss McKimmon to speak to our congregation Sunday, and we wish to extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend the service to hear a very interesting report."

Warrenton Man Gets New Post

Greensboro, N. C. Dec. 31.—(AP)—The Rev. Cecil W. Robbins of Warrenton will be named editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate next Feb. 1.

Appointment of Robbins to succeed Dr. Henry C. Sprinkle, Jr., on the Methodist publication was announced yesterday by the Methodist Board of Publications, Inc.

Dr. Sprinkle resigned the post to become associate editor of the World Outlook in New York City.

ROANOKE RAMBLINGS

By PAT NANTZ

Planning to attend the Dixie Bowl game on New Year's day? Jack Wrenn... Jack left yesterday morning for Birmingham, Alabama, where the game is to be played.

Just a reminder to you about the dance tonight in the armory. The floor - show which has been planned as means of entertainment will include approximately twenty local merchants and their representatives, who will be young girls or men of this city... the orchestra, that of Dick Levin promises everyone good music.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Davis have returned to their home after having visited in the western part of the state... and Mrs. Dallas Singletary of Hamilton street have returned to their home after a tour of Florida. Their small daughter, Deborah, who has been visiting with her grandmother in Charlotte during their absence, will be home, Sunday.

Home on a 15 day leave, after having recently completed his boot training, is Robert Cooksey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cooksey of Madison street. Robert is a graduate of the local high school and of East Carolina Teacher's College... Also home on a short leave is Lundy Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Williams... Lundy arrived yesterday at his home but will have to report back to his ship at the Norfolk Naval Base, Norfolk, Va., on Sunday...

Art Brown, a former student of the local high school is visiting here from South Carolina, where his home is now...

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Outland had as their holiday guests, their children, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Smith, of Newport News, Virginia, and Mr. and Mrs. Lew is Outland of Leaksville... their daughter, Margaret, had as her guest, Miss. Louise Long of Leaksville.

Marie Barnes observed her birthday yesterday, and today Jack Harris, Ozzie Edwards, Crystal Lee Paley, and Betty Lou Smith will celebrate their... here's hoping you all will have a very nice day and many many more just like it...

It seems there are two Mrs. Joyce Tanner's in Roanoke Rapids and Mrs. Tanner of Washington street wishes it to be known that it is not she who is confined to her bed with the flu... I mentioned yesterday that Mrs. Tanner would like to have visitors during her seven day stay in bed and this morning Mrs. Joyce Tanner called and informed me that she had never been sick with flu and wasn't so now... so just to get you straight on this, the Mrs. Tanner of whom I am speaking is confined to her bed at her home on Jefferson street...

Weather

North Carolina—Clearing and cold today; fair and a little colder tonight; Saturday fair, becoming a little warmer in afternoon.

Rescue Crew From Broken Ship Safe In Norfolk



The Coast Guard cutter Cherokee arrives in Norfolk, Va., with cheering crewmen rescued from the Argentine tanker Capitan which broke in half in a storm off Cape Hatteras, North Carolina. The Coast Guardsmen took 16 men from the bow half of the ship and two from the stern. (AP Wirephoto).

New Year's Eve Dance And Floor Show Will Feature Local Celebrations

Local Stores Open Tomorrow

John Lackey, president of the Roanoke Rapids Merchants Association said today the merchants of Roanoke Rapids will be "open with bells on and a lot of good bargains tomorrow—New Year's Day."

Lackey said several towns in the state are planning closings for the New Year's holiday, but said every business in Roanoke Rapids plans to remain open for business tomorrow except for the banks, which will observe the legal holiday.

Saturday, therefore, will be a day of "business as usual" for most of the city.

Truman Calls Strategy Meet With Leaders

Washington, Dec. 31.—(AP)—President Truman called a strategy huddle with top lieutenants today to chart the course of the "New Deal" program he plans to lay before the 81st Congress Wednesday.

Foreign policy, which dominated Mr. Truman's news conference yesterday, was expected to weigh heavily in his discussions with four congressional leaders. Invited to the White House talks were Vice-President Elect Barkley, who will preside over the new Senate, Rep. Rayburn (Tex.) slated to be House Speaker, Senator Lucas (Ill.) due to become Senate majority leader, and Lucas' House counterpart, Rep. McCormack (Mass.). Barkley has just returned from a trip to Europe, and Mrs. Truman was likely to want a first-hand report on his observations there.

But domestic matters appeared to be up for review as well. As a matter of fact the meeting would, in the President's own words, cover the waterfront. He used the same phrase to describe the range of subjects to be included in the State of the Union message he will deliver before a joint session of Congress next week.

Barkley arrived at National Airport yesterday in an Air Force plane with ambassador to Moscow Walter Bedell Smith and Secretary for Air W. Stuart Symington, at just about the time Mr. Truman was meeting the press in his White House office.

Bing Tops Screen Box Office Again

Hollywood, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Bing Crosby for the fifth straight year, has won Motion Picture Herald's poll of the top movie box office winners. He also was picked as top international draw by British exhibitors. Betty Grable was runner-up to Crosby in this year's poll—same as last year. It's the sixth time that gorgeous Grable has hit the top ten money-makers. In third place are Abbott and Costello, absent for three years.

Except for "big doings" at the annual New Year's Eve dance tonight at the Armory, Roanoke Rapids will apparently see 1948 out the door and welcome 1949 in quiet style.

Plans are for the usual New Year's banging of tin pans, blowing of horns and mill whistles, but planned celebrations are few and far between. At the Rosemary Baptist Church the annual Watch Night services will start tonight at 11:30 and last through the coming of the New Year; after which refreshments will be served worshippers in the church basement.

Topping the list of entertainment in the city will be the annual New Year's Eve dance sponsored by the Business and Professional Women's Club at the Armory. It will feature the music of Dick Levin's N. S. State College band and a floor show at midnight which will be staged by the Roanoke Rapids merchants and will highlight glamour, with a number of local girls participating.

Mrs. Mary Garner Mills, who has been in charge of the floor show said it is due to get under way at midnight and will last about 30 minutes, after which the merry making will last into the wee small hours of the New Year.

Those participating will have as their representatives the following: Betty Wynne Ingram and Margaret Ann Ingram, Fannye's; Emily Cook and Louise Burke, The Quality Shop; Miriam Mountford, Peggy Ann's; Ruth Cooke, The Betty Shop; Shirley Lavender, Shafia's; Pat Matkins, Peacock Beauty Salon; Ernestine Smith, Roanoke Floral; Maggie Jean King, The Fashion Shop; Dorothy Mountford, Sandlin Flower Shop Troy Bones, Auto Service Station; S. I. Pridgen, Carolina Motors; B. Wilson, Roanoke Motor Sales; James Brown, Walser Motors; A. A. Ricks, Rick's Motors; Ruth King and Sgt. Boyce, U. S. Army Recruiting Office; W. H. Berry, Murray Motors; and Gurney Brown, Godwin-Wilkes Motors Inc.

Mrs. Green Dies At Home After Short Illness

Mrs. Alice Tinnie Cullom Green, 60, died at her home on route one Roanoke Rapids last night after a short illness. A native of Halifax County, Mrs. Green was the daughter of the late Wyatt and Ludie Cullom and was the wife of the late George L. Green of the Hawkins Chapel community. Funeral services will be conducted on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 from the Hawkins Chapel Church by the Rev. Mr. Measmer and the Rev. Mr. Hurley. Burial will be in the Green family cemetery.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. George Thompson and Mrs. Eunice G. Hurst of Roanoke Rapids; one son, Lonnie B. Green of Roanoke Rapids; one sister, Grady Jenkins of Roanoke Rapids; three brothers, W. L. Cullom of Roanoke Rapids and Marion and Charles Cullom of Littleton; and seven grandchildren.

Bill McClung Leaves Herald; Davey New Editor

James L. Wick, vice-president of the Herald Printing Company, said today William L. Davey will succeed William A. McClung as managing editor of the Daily Herald following McClung's resignation to accept a position with the Appalachian Electric Power Company in Roanoke, Va.

McClung, who has served as managing editor of the Herald since it entered the daily field on September 13, came to Roanoke Rapids in June from Radford, Va., where he was managing editor of the News-Journal. Prior to that time he was city editor of the Daily Advance in Elizabeth City and was a news commentator on radio station WGAI. He went to Elizabeth City from Bluefield, W. Va., where he was head of the Associated Press bureau.

He will begin his duties with the Appalachian Electric Power Company on January 1, and said he will move his wife and three children to Roanoke as soon as a satisfactory housing is available. Davey, who has served as city editor of the Herald since September, was formerly editor of the Bertie Ledger-Advance in Windsor and before the war was connected with the daily Herald-Observer in Concord.

Marine Recruiter Is Here Next Week

Staff Sergeant K.L. Lane, U. S. Marine Corps recruiting sergeant, has announced he will be located in the post office building in Roanoke Rapids on Monday, January 3, through next Friday and will be on duty from nine a.m. until four p.m. daily.

Sergeant Lane said he will interview young men between the ages of 17 and 28 for enlistment in the Marine Corps for three or four years. Young men 18 years of age can be accepted for one-year enlistments.

He said he is particularly interested in contacting former Marines who are interested in enlisting in the Marine Corps Reserve (inactive). He said all who are interested in further information regarding the program should see him at the post office next week.

Weather Man Sees Cold, Clear Days Ahead

By the Associated Press
A ridge of high pressure sending continental polar air into the southeastern states today promised continued cold weather for North and South Carolina for the next few days. Temperatures are expected to be in the low 20's in the mountains of both states tonight, four to five degrees higher in the central sections, and eight to ten higher in the coastal areas. The weatherman also said the cold would be sharper today because of a slight wind sweeping across both states.

Chiang Suggests Peace Possible Soon For China

Weldon Firemen Battle \$1,000 Blaze At School

Weldon.—Local firemen battled a stubborn fire for more than an hour here last night in the lunchroom of the Weldon Negro School on First Street before getting the fire under control after damage estimated at \$1,000 had been done to the building and its equipment.

Fire Chief D.R. Medlin, who with ten of the members of the volunteer fire department was called to the scene about eight o'clock, said the fire apparently started from faulty wiring in the rear of the school lunchroom.

The school was unoccupied at the time, the Christmas vacation being still in effect, and Chief Medlin said this morning he did not know whether or not the fire would affect the re-opening of school next Monday.

When discovered the blaze had made good headway and was burning furiously by the time the firemen arrived on the scene. The eleven firemen were forced to direct several streams of water into the building before they could bring the fire in check shortly after nine o'clock last night.

The blaze was the second serious fire in Weldon in less than a week, the Negro Methodist Church having burned last week.

SBI Continues Search Of Allen Correspondence

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 31.—(AP)—The State Bureau of Investigation has tentatively decided that two sacks of J. Edward Allen's correspondence fished from a creek have nothing to do with his embezzling indictment.

The search of the salvaged correspondence, however, will continue until postcards, bills, letters, and advertising circulars in the potato sacks has been examined, SBI director Walter Anderson said.

The sacks were found in the shallow water of a Warren County stream approximately three miles from the former school superintendent's home. Allen is under indictment for embezzling more than \$44,700 in State and Warren County school funds, in addition to false pretense and forgery.

The 61-year-old Baptist lay leader and former master of the state's Masonic Lodge, resigned his school post shortly after a Grand Jury returned indictments last September. He is scheduled to go on trial in Warren Superior Court before Judge Walter J. Bone of Nashville on Jan. 17.

CATCHES PHEASANT

Longmont, Colo.—(P)—Harold Dawson was walking along a downtown street when something struck his hat. He made a quick grab for the hat, missed it, and felt his hand close around a struggling feather leg. The leg belonged to a pheasant which had somehow been flushed from the doorway of a store across the street. No one was able to explain the bird's mysterious business in this city, but Dawson said later: "It cooked up just as nice as a country pheasant."

Aulander Bank Robbers Sought By Officers

Aulander, N.C., Dec. 31.—(AP)—The FBI, local officers and the State Highway Patrol today continued their search for \$33,500 and the men who got it from a safe stolen yesterday from the Aulander bank.

The looted safe and the stolen wrecker used to take it from the bank early yesterday morning were found in the woods near Winton, about 15 miles north-east of here, yesterday afternoon.

The money represented most of the cash the bank had on hand yesterday.

The outer door of the four-by-three-foot safe was found in the street at 5:30 a.m. The inner door of the strong box had been cut by a torch.

The cracksmen also had attempted to break into the bank's vault before hauling the safe away, but they failed, though they did manage to knock off the combination.

W.B. Copeland, cashier of the Aulander institution is a branch, said the loss was covered by insurance.

Jewish Forces Move Into Arab Territory

Tel Aviv, Dec. 31.—(AP)—An Israeli military spokesman disclosed today that the Jewish army's second Negev offensive had carried across partition lines into Arab parts of Palestine.

The United Nations, by its partition decision last year, assigned part of the Negev to Israel, part to the Arabs.

The spokesman declined to comment on other reports, including one by the British delegate before the U.N. security council in Paris, that Jewish forces had fought their way across the Egyptian frontier.

The partition lines were crossed in the desert wasteland southwest of Beersheba and southeast of Rafa, the Egyptian town on the border, the spokesman said.

In another quarter, an unusually reliable source said King Abdullah of Trans-Jordan has informed Israel he is ready to talk peace.

(The Egyptian embassy in Paris denied suggestions by U.N. observers in Palestine yesterday that the Jews have isolated Gaza, which was the leading Egyptian base in Palestine.)

The military spokesman said the Jews captured Bier Asluj, in the Israeli Negev on the road from Jewish-occupied Beersheba to the frontier command of Auja, two miles from the Egyptian frontier and 25 miles southwest of Rafa. Auja is in an Arab border strip between Egypt and the Negev.

This was the first time during the week of battle in which the Jewish military spokesman had lifted secrecy enough to tell the names of places seized.

Four Former Governors Represent Carolinas In U. S. Senate After Today

By Margaret Kernode
AP Special Washington Service
Washington, Dec. 31.—(AP)—The Carolinas will have four former governors serving in the Senate today.

They will also represent their nnns3tes in the new Congress, which convenes next week. J. Melville Broughton, former governor of North Carolina, taking his oath of office as senator this afternoon, makes No. four.

The others, who were governors of their states before election as Senators, are Clyde Hoyer (D-NC), Burnet Maybank (D-SC) and Olin D. Johnston (D-SC).

Broughton succeeds Senator Umstead (D-NC), having defeated him in the state primary. But for a special ruling by Senate officials, Broughton would have taken office as soon as the general election vote was in.

He was elected for both short term, from the general election in November to the end of the 80th Congress, and for a regular six-year term. He defeated John Wilkinson, Republican, of Washington in the general election.

Umstead has returned to his law practice in Durham, N. C. He was appointed by Governor R. Gregg Cherry to serve the unexpired term of the late Senator Josiah W. Bailey (D-NC).

Nanking, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek declared tonight his government was ready to discuss ending the war with the Chinese Communists—but set up conditions which appeared to rule out any possibility of such a settlement.

In a written New Year's statement to the Chinese people, the Chinese president declared:

"If negotiated peace is not detrimental to national independence and sovereignty, but will contribute to the welfare of the people, and if the constitution is not violated, constitutionalism is preserved, a democratic form of government is maintained, entirety of the armed forces safeguarded and if the people's free mode of living and minimum living standard are protected, then I shall be satisfied."

It seemed to observers in this Communist-threatened national capital that these requirements outweighed the slightest possibility of a settlement if Chiang insisted they be followed.

"If the communists are not sincerely desirous of peace and will insist on continuing the armed rebellion," Chiang continued, "the government shall have no alternative, but will then to a finish."

"As the political nerve center of the country, the Nanking-Shanghai area will be held at all costs, and the government is determined to throw in all available forces for a decisive battle. I firmly believe the government will win out in the end, and it will also mark the turning point in the war."

Rivers Rise Again In East Carolina

Raleigh, N.C., Dec. 31.—(AP)—Eastern North Carolina's Rivers are on the rise again.

Recent rainfall has caused the four major rivers in the eastern part of the state—the Neuse, Roanoke, Cape Fear, and the Tar—to rise rapidly.

All but the Tar are expected to reach flood stage in the next few days, according to Garrett Demots of the U.S. weather bureau here.

He said the Neuse is expected to crest at Neuse at 15 1/2 feet today. It is expected to reach 16 feet at Smithfield Sunday, 18 feet at Goldsboro next Wednesday, and 16 feet at Kinston a week from today. Flood stage at all these points is 14 feet except at Smithfield, where it is 13.

The Roanoke is expected to crest at 19.2 feet at Alta Vista, Va., today, which is 10 feet above flood stage.

The Cape Fear is expected to reach its flood stage of 35 feet at Fayetteville tonight.

Today Is Deadline For Car Approval

Raleigh, N.C., Dec. 31.—(AP)—Today is the last day a North Carolina car may appear on the state's highways without a mechanical inspection sticker.

It also is the last day that drivers whose last names begin with E, F and G, can drive under their old licenses.

Motor Vehicles Commissioner Landon C. Rosser said the Highway Patrol has alerted drivers to arrest anyone caught driving a car tomorrow without a sticker. Conviction, Rosser will be a misdemeanor and punishment could run as high as a \$50 fine or 30 days in jail, or both.

For those E, F and G drivers who don't have the required drivers' license, a fine of \$25, 30 days in jail, or both, are possible penalties.

Gallivanting Post Holes Top Tall Tales

Burlington, Wis., Dec. 31.—(AP)—A narrative of a big blow in Alberta, Canada, today was designated the greatest of all wind efforts in the annual contest of the Burlington Liars Club, Inc.

L. W. Tupper, of Patricia, Alberta, is the champion liar of the world for 1948 by reason of his tale of 2,000 post holes, and a northwester.

"Up here in Alberta we really have some wind storms," Tupper related. "Last summer a rancher and just finished digging 2,000 post holes, when a lone came a northwester, and blew every last one of those post holes out of the ground and out of the county. The rancher finally located them 125 miles away, but they were a total loss. After bouncing 125 miles across country, over cactus, they were so full of holes that they wouldn't hold dirt out any more."

Tupper's tall one, which left Patricia by dog-sled, took the championship out of the United States for the first time since the club began competition in 1929. Last year's liar supreme was John Hopley of San Antonio, Tex., who relayed how Charley Skerpe knocked the eight ball from under a fly in an Oklahoma pool room so fast that the fly fell on the table and broke its back.