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Church Rats Vex Minister And Create Problem Within City

Increase Of Rats Reported To Sanitarian, Who Cites Dangers And Remedies.

Rats in the church, that is what one Roxboro minister is up against, it was revealed today by Miss Zelle Harris, Person sanitarian, who agrees with the minister that Roxboro is in danger of being overrun by the rodents. They are everywhere, and not only in churches, says Miss Harris, who points out that private dwelling houses, cafes and various public buildings here are homes for rats, against which a ceaseless war must be waged.

The preacher came to Miss Harris a day or two ago with his problem, how to get rid of the ecclesiastical-rat. Frankly, Miss Harris has no cure-all. She suggests, however, that keeping garbage cans tightly closed is one help. A garbage can is like well-loaded dinner table, a Thanksgiving spread with trimmings for Mr. and Mrs. Rat and their numerous offspring. But rats can't, and won't live where they can't get food.

That is one way out. Other methods of elimination are by the use of traps and poisons, now generally available and known to the public. Being a diplomatic person and not a sales agent, Miss Harris is not going to recommend one trap or one brand of poison over another, but she did tell the inquiring minister where such rat-killers could be bought and she agrees with him that rats are dirty, bothersome pests, destroyers of property, carriers of disease and starters of fires. And she wonders if some of those New York rats have not hopped train rides to Roxboro, where there are lots more of them than there used to be.

Tobacco Prices Holding Strong

With the demand continuing exceptionally strong, prices for most grades were steady to \$1 per hundred higher on Old and Middle Belt flue-cured tobacco markets Tuesday, the Federal-State Market News Service reported.

The gains on Old Belt markets were confined principally to leaf and smoking leaf groups. However, best thin nondescript was up \$2 per hundred, averaging \$40 for the first time this season. Sales continued fairly heavy on most markets.

Monday's gross sales totaled 5,599,332 pounds, which averaged \$47.22, which tops all daily averages for the season thus far. The season's total sales were brought to 236,465,796 pounds at an average of \$43.77.

Although several grades showed advances on Middle Belt markets, most averages were steady at quotations established Monday. Gains amounted to only \$1 per hundred and occurred chiefly in leaf grades. The majority of grade averages were in the very narrow range of \$48 to \$50.

Monday's gross sales amounted to \$1,861,310 pounds at an average of \$46.95 per hundred, an increase of 40 cents over last Friday's average. Season's sales were brought to 140,814,181 pounds at an average of \$43.59.

Explosive Christmas

Danville, Va.—Fireworks will be the order of the day here during the coming Christmas, notwithstanding the adoption of a county ordinance, which concurs with a Danville ordinance forbidding the sale.

The supervisors made the ordinance effective on December 1, but after scores of merchants had descended wrathfully on the county board explaining that they had invested collectively, about \$20,000 in fireworks, the board changed the effective date of the ordinance to January 1.

Out Of Service

Sgt. Davie L. Phillips, of Roxboro, was separated from the Army Air Forces, it was announced today. Sgt. Phillips was last stationed at the 20th Ferrying Group, the Air Transport Command's Ferrying base at Nashville, Tenn. He bears the Good Conduct Medal.

Television As Four-H Theme Creates Interest

Maj. Ned Wood, State Four-H Leader, Main Speaker.

Television as a program theme furnished illustration Tuesday night at the court house here of the progress of Four-H club work done during the year by 810 members in fourteen clubs in Person County and Roxboro in an Achievement night display.

Discussion leaders for the television stunts which were participated in by eleven of the fourteen clubs, were Bruce Mooney, of Helena, announcer, John D. Winstead, III, of Roxboro high school, Clyde Gentry, Jr., of Allensville, Joanne Whitfield, of Hurdle Mills, and Frances Jones, of Helena. Presiding was Sarah Jane Hester, of Bushy Fork, council president, and chief speaker was Maj. Ned Wood, of Raleigh, assistant State Four-H leader.

Maj. Wood, recently returned from forty-three months of overseas duty, and stationed for a long period at Cairo, Egypt, discussed observations gained by him during visits to thirty-eight countries. Greetings were expressed by Agent H. K. Sanders, and active assistants with the program were Miss Evelyn Caldwell and C. C. Jackson, Person's Four-H leaders.

On display were canning and wildlife exhibits and reviewed during the television episodes were progress in dress-making and the production of corn and tobacco. An interesting discussion of recreation had illustration by from forty to thirty-five tap dancers, High Plains students, about twelve in number, sang a "Song of Health" and a duet was rendered by Alta Rimmer and Katie Lee Currin, Roxboro high school.

Group singing was led by W. Wallace Woods and devotional was by Rev. J. Boyce Brooks, of Roxboro First Baptist church. Presentation of awards was by the County Agents and saying of the Four-H pledge brought the meeting to a close. Attendance was estimated as over one hundred, slightly less than attendance last week at a similar program given by the home demonstration club women.

Psychologist At State Hospital

Raleigh.—Appointment of Donald S. Carter, of New York, as practicing clinical psychologist for the state's five mental hospitals, was announced by Dr. David Young, general superintendent of mental hygiene for the hospital system.

Young said Carter will have a permanent office at Dix Hill, the Raleigh institution, and that he will travel to the other hospitals regularly. The appointment marks the first time any of the hospitals have had a full-time clinical psychologist, Dr. Young said.

Carter recently was released from the army, where he served as a first lieutenant. Reporting on the progress of the state's newest mental institution at Camp Sutton, Dr. Young said 150 senile patients now are being cared for there. The number will be increased to 200 by December 1, Dr. Young said, with addition of 25 from Dix Hill and 25 from Morganton.

AT ST. MARK'S
Rev. Henry Nutt Parsey, of Duke University, will speak Sunday afternoon at four o'clock at services at Saint Mark's Episcopal church.

DAY REPORTS
Simon Day, of the Ira Stanfield farm, reports that he has sold 1,000 pounds on the Roxboro market at a fifty cent average, and 210 pounds at fifty-one.

NO MEETING
Roxboro Rotary club will not meet until next week, it was announced today. Tonight's meeting will be omitted, because of Thanksgiving.

County Agents of the State College Extension Service say that some counties seeded ten times as much alfalfa this fall as a few years ago.

Holiday Workers Must Have Cards

Students Who Work During Holidays Will Need Social Security Account Cards.

Durham.—Every student who is planning to work during the holiday season will need a social security account number before he takes a job—that is, if the job is with a business, or industrial concern. If he is going to work for the post office or any other Government agency, he will not need an account number card. If his work is for a church, public library, school, or other non-profit organization, on a farm or in domestic service or if he is under 21, and works for his parent, he will not need an account number card. None of those jobs are covered by the Social Security Act.

No student should apply for an account number card until he has the promise of a job, according to Nina H. Matthews, manager of the Durham office of the Social Security Board, who said that some boys and girls apply for account numbers, when they have no prospect of a job. This practice costs the Government money and often causes congestion in the office of the Social Security Board.

Mrs. Matthews explained that a boy or girl who takes a job, even for a short while, in a shop, mill, store, or in any other business or industrial establishment should have a social security account number in order that he may receive credit on the books of the Social Security Board for every dollar he earns in a job covered by the law. "The Social Security Board has an extensive system of bookkeeping," she added. "When a worker fills out an application for a social security number, he receives a card, which certifies that an account has been established for him. The card contains the number of the worker's account, and it is in this account that the worker's wage record will be kept, until the time is reached for paying his benefits. This account number also remains the same. It is not affected if the worker changes jobs, if he works for more than one employer, or if he is out of work for a while.

In case a student who previously obtained a social security account card has lost that card, he should not apply for another number but should ask for a duplicate. If he has a record of the number, it will be easier to obtain the duplicate. If he does not remember the number, it will take some time to get the duplicate card—but it can be done.

To apply for an account number card, call at the Durham office of the Social Security Board located in Room 201, Post Office Building.

Market Report
Roxboro tobacco market, which will close Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving and will reopen Monday, sold on first two days of this week 335,594 pounds for an average of \$48. It was reported yesterday. Seasonal total is listed as 8,483,482 pounds for \$44.25.

J. L. BERRY OUT
Among those recently discharged at Gulfport, Miss., Army Air Field was S-Sgt. John L. Berry, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Berry, Timberlake. Sgt. Berry entered the army on February 28, 1942. His wife has been living in Durham.

IN STATESVILLE
Misses Jean and Sylvia Bradsher, cousins, will leave this morning for Statesville, where they will visit Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Crowell, grandparents of Miss Jean Bradsher.

No Other Cases Of Diphtheria Reported

Beset by questions pertaining to diphtheria from many anxious parents, Miss Evelyn Davis, senior staff nurse of the Person Health department has today issued a statement in question and answer form concerning the disease its cause and prevention.

Miss Davis at the same time has made the request that parents wishing to bring their children to the Department for vaccinations do so only during regular clinic hours on Mondays and Saturdays. Hours are two to four o'clock Monday afternoon and nine to twelve noon on Saturdays.

No additional cases of diphtheria have been reported this week since the development of the fourth case, that of a Negro child, listed last week and said to be improving after having been taken to Duke hospital for treatment. Many more cases have been reported in Chatham and Orange than in Person County, but the death rate here has been higher in proportion, with two fatalities among the four cases reported.

The questions and answers prepared by Miss Davis are as follows:
Q Where does diphtheria come from?

BOMB WHICH FAILS TO EXPLODE GIVES MORRIS TIGHT MOMENT

Charles E. Morris, seaman, first class, of Roxboro, who has served on the cruiser USS Biloxi, near Okinawa, probably owes his life to the fact that a bomb did not go off, according to a story just released by the Navy Department.

It was in the midst of an attack by Japanese suicide fliers: A fourth Jap pilot began a suicide run on the cruiser. Though hit repeatedly, and with the pilot apparently dead at the controls, the plane continued its dive. The captain ordered an emergency turn, which looked like it would turn the trick. But the plane did a freak half-roll and crashed into the ship's aft section.

Strangely, there was no explosion. Descending into flooded compartments, the boys soon found the reason—an unexploded 1,100-pound bomb. Hoisted gingerly to the surface, the bomb was rendered harmless.

The bomb now is mounted on the ship's quarterdeck as a memento of the occasion.

Progress Shown In Victory Loan

USO Center Has Holiday Plans

Roxboro USO Service Center, which was open last night for beginning of the Thanksgiving holiday season, will remain open all day Thursday, with girls from all junior hostess groups assisting with the program, it was announced today. Many visiting service men are in the city and it is expected that numbers will be invited to the homes of residents for meals.

Junior hostess chairmen for this week-end, Saturday and Sunday, will be Misses Lucille Oliver and Fay O'Brian, while vespers speaker will be Major Harry Jackson, until recently a chaplain in the U. S. Army. Working with Miss Oliver and Miss O'Brian will be girls from group three.

Speaker last Sunday was the Rev. George W. Heaton of Roxboro, Presbyterian church and leaders of music were Mr. and Mrs. W. Wallace Woods. Junior hostess groups were in charge of Miss Anita Kirby, her associate, Miss Peggy Whitte, having been ill at the time. Expected to be able to resume some of his Center activities is Dr. Robert E. Long, who has recently returned from the hospital after an operation.

A total of \$61,000 in E bonds, about forty percent of the E bond quota of \$149,000, has been sold to date, according to Mr. Hunter, who said also that overall total sold here stands at \$122,000, including E bonds. General overall quota is close to \$300,000, with E bonds counted in.

Greene To Again Head Boy Scouts
J. W. Greene was reelected as chairman of Person Scout district at a meeting held Tuesday night, while new vice chairman is Rev. C. G. McCarver, who succeeds J. A. Long, Jr. Reelected also were the secretary, Tom Shaw, and the treasurer, O. B. McBroom. Presiding was Mr. Greene. Plans were made to have a committee headed by Dr. Robert E. Long and Mr. Greene to go Friday night to Olive Hill for conference with new troop leaders there.

Held at meeting of the Negro division, also, was an election of officers resulting in retention of C. J. Ford as chairman. Present at both meetings was John B. Oakley, of Reidsville, Cherokee council executive, while the Negro divisional meeting was also attended by Charles Chalmers, field director, and Tom Shaw, interracial chairman.

Agency Council To Meet Soon
Fred Bishop, head of the department of Bible, Roxboro high school, will be speaker on Wednesday, November 28, at the Person County Council of Social agencies meeting at noon at Hotel Roxboro, where he will discuss "Recreation in the Public Schools". His address will be the third in a series devoted to recreation. Previously discussed have been home and church aspects, with different speakers for each topic.

Orphanage Fund

J. Brodie Riggsbee, chairman for the Oxford Orphanage fund committee for Person Lodge 113, today has issued a statement of thanks for support given to the fund drive from citizens here and says that the drive will continue for a few more days.

Enroute Home
Capt. Bill Davenport, of Roxboro, who entered service in February 1942, and has been overseas in the Pacific area since May of that year, is enroute to the United States, according to a cable message received here. Capt. Davenport, a graduate of State College, went to the Army as a lieutenant.

FIELD WORKER
Miss Jeanette Simmons of Iowa and Chapel Hill, who is stationed in Hillsboro with the tri-county health department, where she is receiving field training, was in Roxboro during the week with Mrs. Elizabeth Lovell, of the Health Education service.

Kiwanians Push Sales For Seals

Each Member To Buy Seal Bond, Speaker Monday Is Clifton Dunnevant.

Purchase of a Christmas Seal "bond" at five dollars each by every member of Roxboro Kiwanis club is expected to give the Seal Sale fund here a good start this week, according to Jack Strum, chairman, who said today that many of the Kiwanians, members of the sponsoring organization for the Seal Sale, have already bought their bonds.

Already dispatched through the mails are several hundred letters containing blocks of the Seals, a traditional way used here to gather funds. Quota this year is \$2,500, much larger than heretofore, says Strum, who adds that additional letters will be sent out during the remainder of this week.

Kiwanis program Monday night at Hotel Roxboro was in charge of H. Dewey Young, who had as speaker Clifton Dunnevant, of Bushy Fork, a returned from overseas veteran, who saw service in France, England and Italy and related his experiences in those countries, particularly in France. Dunnevant, who was before the war a ministerial student at Mars Hill college, plans to resume his studies soon.

His talk to Kiwanians was related more to battle experiences rather than to observation of social or moral conditions. Fact that so many men in Italy were killed or wounded was ascribed by him to the rocky areas in which bombs hit. Fragments of bombs were "much more deadly in rocky country than in more normal soil," said Dunnevant.

Major interest of the crowd was centered on the two planes, which went through executed stunts as planned, but dropped prematurely to the ground, a defect in plans said to have resulted from presence on the field of high tension wires. With the planes came seven crew members from Fort Bragg.

Sgt. Fuller Saunders of this city has received his discharge from the U. S. army and is now back in Roxboro. Sgt. Saunders served over three years and was released last week in Mississippi.

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Great Wealth Seen In Soviet
Moscow.—Soviet geographers back from four years' exploration of the coldest place on earth—the Yakutsk region in Siberia—reported vast gold fields, precious stones and valuable mines were under the frozen soil 1,000 miles north of Manchuria.

The explorers told strange tales of the little known land where the temperature dropped to 94 degrees below zero in winter (Fahrenheit)—lowest ever recorded near the earth's surface by soviet observers—only to rise to 95 degrees above zero in the same region during the summer. But even the summer heat thaws the earth only on the surface.

Geographer Dimitri M. Kolosov told the Moscow news that gold fields along the Lena river, already acknowledged as among the most important in the world, are capable of great expansion. Mining of precious stones and various ores also could be developed, it was reported.

In four years the explorers covered an area about the size of Missouri in northeastern Yakutsk on foot, by reindeer sleighs and air.

"In the deepest canyons winds of colossal force can stop an automobile dead in its tracks as it drives along the mirrorlike surface of frozen rivers," Kolosov said.

OUT OF NAVY
William M. Jones of Roxboro, signalman, first class, has received his discharge from the Navy at Charleston, S. C., it was announced today by the Navy Department.

Miss Denny, 24, Of Allensville Dies Tuesday

Funeral Will Be Held This Afternoon At Sherron Church.

Miss Mary Frances Denny, 24, daughter of the late Ira and Nannie Adcock Denny of Allensville Township, Person County, died at the State Sanatorium at six A. M. Tuesday. She had been critically ill for the past five weeks and in failing health for eight months.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Sherron Baptist Church, where she was a member. The pastor, the Rev. E. G. Usry will officiate, assisted by Rev. E. C. Maness of Roxboro. Interment will be in the Denny family cemetery.

Surviving are four sisters: Mrs. C. R. Melton of Oxford; Mrs. J. A. Bagby, of Virginia; Misses Millie Ree and Margaret Denny of the home; three brothers: Spurgeon, Fate and Ernest Denny, and a number of aunts and uncles.

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Low Standards In College Hit
Greenville.—Approximately 1,100 delegates from schools in 22 counties gathered at East Carolina Teachers college here Friday for the annual meeting of the north-eastern district of the North Carolina Education association.

Highlights of the opening session were addresses by Chancellor J. W. Harrelson, of State College, Raleigh, and former Governor J. Melville Broughton of Raleigh.

"There is no substitute for English," Harrelson said, in discussing difficulties colleges have with high school students. "At the afternoon session in English made by freshmen on entrance tests at State college. Success in any type of education, he said, depends upon mastery of the language.

Floor preparation in mathematics makes 50 per cent of freshmen entering State college unable to complete courses of college level in the subject, he added. He pointed out a student in a technological school, like any other student needs a good general education. Only three out of every 10 students who enter State college are able to graduate, he said, asking greater co-operation between high schools and colleges in discovering remedies for these difficulties.

How Many?
Signalman, first class, William Morris James, 20, of Roxboro, who was with the USS Mason (Destroyer 29) was in battles with submarines and planes in the Southern France area and has also seen service in Iceland, England, Bermuda and Africa, but when it comes to citing his ribbons he mentions those for the countries in which he has served. It is modest to the point of understatement—"With a few stars."

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