Saunders Leaving Town Of Robbins **Causes First Change Of Mayors**

time since it was incorporated, 20 years ago, W. P. Saunders was Robbins has changed its mayor. named superintendent. At that, the former mayor resignof his strongest supporters.

town commissioner all these years, up appearance. was elected to succeed Saunders.

Ritter is respected by the entire ity." community. Along with the town, was 30 years ago.

The life of William P. Saund-

(From The Charlotte Observer) tile plants. When new interests Robbins, Nov. 18-For the first acquired a mill in Hemp, N. C.,

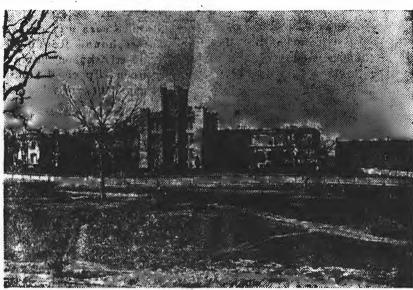
The mill grew; the town grew ed, and he was replaced by one and the name Saunders grew. In tic, "Don't you worry about that. Because he is moving from Rob- At that time the name was still ers, and then we will see about quoted as saying, "She is the pretbins to Southern Pines, William Hemp. A new waterworks and the chance." P. Saunders tendered his resig- sewage system was installed. The nation, which was accepted. E. streets were paved. The little Marvin Ritter, who has been a stop-in-the-road took on a grown-

Being reminded of all this by Much of the progress and most of a reporter, Saunders protested, the modern history of the north- "But I didn't do that, I just hapern Moore town have the names pened to be there when it hap-Saunders and Ritter written into pened. Had someone else been there, it would have been the The new mayor is a native of same thing. The support of the it was practically impossible to the Robbins ommunity. He has people was wonderful. Marvin obtain it. However, he made the operated a hardware store there Ritter and others always gave for 30 years. A good, honest, and 100 per cent co-operation in any straight-forward citizen. Marvin endeavor to better the commun-

Perhaps it would have happengoes thus:

Back in those hectic days of the ers is almost comparable to a Ho- 30's, when the country was bogratio Alger success story. A native ged down in a depression, (Re-Tar Heel, he was born in Dallas. | member 9-cent fatback?) the N. C. He was educated at the Un- Federal government was giving iversity of North Carolina, and lending money to worthentered the textile industry 25 while projects in order to keep years ago. He worked in Kings things going. The town of Hemp Mountain and Burlington at tex- wanted \$216,000 from Uncle Sam:

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STATE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

The State School for the Blind, at Raleigh, consists of a dozen buildings on a tract of 100 acres. It was through the efforts of Gov. Morehead that the general assembly voted money for a school for the blind and the deaf. The school provides wonderful training for both boys and girls.

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\$116,000 as a grant, \$100,000 as property valuation in Hemp was ter, Dorothy, will be home from less than this huge amount of her studies at Queens college for the figures he called this to they want to spend that last time is married to the former Myrtle Famous Club on Tuesday Nov- excess profits levy. Saunders' attention and said, "Bill this thing doesn't have a chance. We are only wasting our time by making out the application." Saunders' reply was characteris-1935 the town was incorporated. Just make out the hecessary pap- granddaughter, . Saunders was

> money, and Washington officials popular in her family. That is Saunders. He wired everyone: Harold Iskes, Harry Hopkins. and even President Roosevelt. In a phone call to Walter Lambeth who was Eighth District congressman at that time, Saunders argucongressman agree to try with all his effort, and went back to send- in the town on a bi-partisan basis. ing wires.

Finally, late one night, the mayor received a call from Lamhe has come a long way, but there ed had someone else been there. beth. "Bill", said the congressis no change in Ritter, the man. There is no doubt that the people man, "the impossible has happen-He is as approachable today as he did back him up, but the story ed. Your town is to receive the was W. B. Umstead's county man- Mackerel caught of the "JoanJu" dividual income taxes, starting for the community.

All the money has been paid back. Not only that, but it did not cost the town a cent. Robbins Mills took care of the indebtedness. It was for this and other to that of Robbins in the early ocrat.

The mill in Robbins is seven or eight times as large as it was when Saunders went there, and now has 900 employees. The company also opened mills in Red Springs, N. C. in 1937, in Clarksville, Va., early this year, secured one in Raeford that is to be one of the largest anywhere.

As the mills grew, so did Saunders' responsibilities. He was named general manager, executive vice president and general manager, and he is now president of Robbins Mills (N. C.) (Inc.), and Robbins Mills (Va.) (Inc.), and is executive vice-president and a director of the parent company, Robbins Mills of New York.

Because of its more central location, Aberdeen was made the year ago and Saunders' office was there. Since then he has been commuting to and fro. However, the day finally arrived when he was forced to move his home closer to his office. The move is not an easy one for him or his family. He said "It breaks my heart to leave Robbins. We have many ties there, and my wife is as torn up over it as I." Although the house in Weymouth Heights, Southern Pines is ready for them, the Saun-

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ders are going to wait until about may be a boxing glove, but only loan. At that time the total December 1 to move. Their daugh- temporarily.

together in their Robbins home. The Saunders have another daughter, Betty, who is married to Ralph Barnhardt. They make their home in Aberdeen, and have one daughter, Elizabeth. Of his ness. tiest baby in the world." Young The papers were filed for the Elizabeth bears a name that is began getting telegrams from her mother's name, her grand- October SENCBA mother's, and two gread-grand-

mothers'. Mrs. Saunders is the former Priezs Announced Elizabeth Plonk and was born in Kings Mountain, N. C. She was always behind her husband in his leader in her own right.

Much of Upper Moore is Repub-

of the town. When general elec- ard Shaw of Bear Creek, swing- cent—be restored to the original 1945, Aberdeen, N. C., 1948, and tion time rolls around, the gloves ing the scales at 9 pounds 13 ozs. 38 per cent postwar rate; and that

pair of shoes, but Robbins folks son to the entries at the annual to 53 per cent. Purvis of Upper Moore. They have ember 28, 1950. The festivities two children; Thelma (Mrs. Stacy will start at 7:30 p. m. with a de-Brewer, Jr.) and Marvin, Jr. Rit-lightful dinner, notable speakers Gray Gets Praise ter's son and son-in-lew are both and entertainment provided by associated with him in his busi- the Belcher School of Dancing. From President

Ritter is also secretary-treasur- awards and grand prizes are exer of the Robbins Building and pected to be present to receive Loan, from which Saunders has their awards in person. just resigned as president.

Fishing Rodeo

Completing a most successful season, South Eastern North Cared for the money and was told efforts, and is considered a civic olina Beach Association announces for \$7,000,000,000 boost in 1951 October prize yinners in the fifth without an excess profits levy. One of the remarkable things annual fishing rodeo classic. Out- The Committee for Economic Deabout Robbins is the co-operation standing catches for the best fish- velopment (CED), a research and ing month in the area proved planning organization of business conclusively that October is the leaders, proposed this stop-gap, lican. Saunders is one of the Dem- best all round fishing month of one year program to balance an ocratic leaders of the county and the year. Notable entries were estimated \$6,000,000,000 budget state. He was the late Senator Mrs. Alma Moody of Wilmington, outlay. Bailey's county manager and he with her 15 pound 7 ounce King A \$30,000,000,000 jump in inmoney." It was a major victory ager. Marvin Ritter is a strong and Red Drum entries of Mrs. January 1. Republican. Another member of Charles Wiggins of Richland, the town board, Dr. W. N. Mc- weighing 41 pounds caught at higher corporation rates, effec-Duffie, is also a Republican. Com- Bear Inlet, and Bill Gulledge's tive January 1. missioners A. F. Lowdermilk, T. close second of 40 pounds caught Perhaps \$1,000,000,000 or as R. Monroe and Frank H. Up- at Topsail Beach does not shadow much as is needed, from revised church are Democrats. Ritters re- the Pampano entry of 5 pounds excise taxes effective next July 1. kind acts by Carl Robbins that placement on the board, young 8 ounces landed by A. P. Faulk- The CED statement assumed the name of Hemp was changed Dan Grier McCrimmot, is a Dem- ner of Wilmington, and other no- there would not be all-out wor. table catches of Rockfish by Da- but that actual spending would Mayor Ritter says that there is vid Blackman of Carolina Beach total \$35,000,000,000 for military never any feeling between the weighing 17 pounds 2 ounces and purposes and \$27,000.000.000 for two parties when it comes to lo- a rodgo record breaker by Earl non-military government costs. cal affairs. Ex-Mayor Saunders A. Smith of Fayetteville, with his To meet such a demand. CED probacks him up. They work to-Sheepshead weighing 11 pounds posed that the corporation rategether hand-in-glove for the good 4 ounces and a Flounder of How- raised in September to 45 per

The best awards, consisting of a new 15 per cent "defense beo engraved plaques, and the grand fits tax" be added on. This would All contestants winning best fish

Stop Gap Tax Plan Proposed

A businessmen's tax program for defense, issued this week, calls

Another \$30,000,000,000 through

Ritter is stepping into a big prizes will be presented in per- lift the total 1951 corporate tax money. As a lawyer looked over the Thanksgiving holidays, and are confident he can fill them. He rodeo banquet to be held at the CED struck hard against any

President Truman described as "monumental" today the foreign policies report made by Gordon Gray, former Secretary of the Army. The report, made public Sunday, recommended a multibillion dollar program of economic aid to Europe after the end of the Marshall plan in 1952.

Mr. Truman's praise of it was in a letter accepting Gray's resignation as a special assistant to the President. The White House made the letter public.

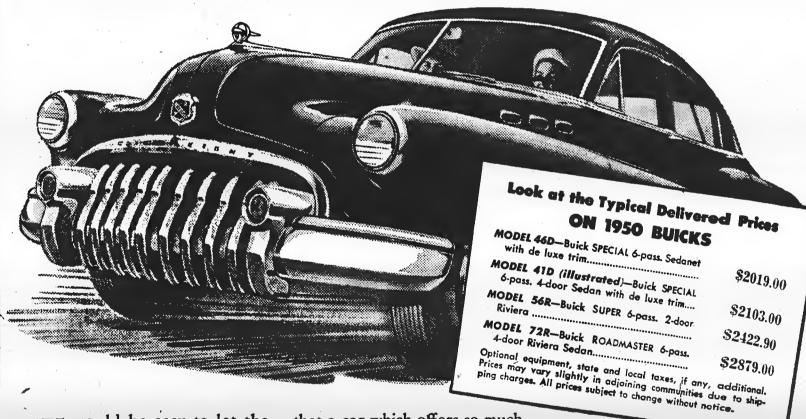
"The time has come-unfortunately for the government-when I must acquiesce to your desire to be relieved of the responsibility of public office", the President

"In peace, not less than in war, you have given a generous portion of the best years of your life".

The President told Gray the report is "your crowning work". The White House also made public Gray's letter of resignation, dated November 10. Gray said he wanted to be relieved of the assignment because "I am attempting to sever any continuing outside connection" and devote full time to the Presidency of the University of North Carolina.

The fifth annual belt-wide cotton defoliation conference will be held in Memphis, January 11-12. Only those persons actively engaged in some phase of defoliation work are being invited.

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