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## Hunter Installed As Head Of State Bank Association

### Helping Rather Than Hurting Minister's Theme

Pleas for social service that helps rather than hurts or hinders persons who are aided by welfare programs were voiced yesterday here by the Rev. J. Boyce Brooks, pastor of Roxboro First Baptist church, who spoke at May meeting of the person County Council of Social Agencies at Hotel Roxboro, where luncheon was served at twelve noon.

Introduction of the speaker was by the Program Chairman, Mrs. T. C. Wagstaff. Presiding was the Council chairman, Thomas J. Shaw Jr., who announced that sessions of the Council will be suspended during Summer months. Next meeting will be the last Wednesday in September.

Mr. Brooks, new member of the agency group, said that social service work must get at the root of social problems, correcting fundamental faults rather than seeking to alleviate surface manifestations. Wrong approaches can hurt or hinder by being either misdirected or short-sighted, said the speaker, who said with emphasis that welfare work should have the Christian approach. He also indicated that churches and church people, often by kindest intentions, commit errors of judgment in attempting to solve social problems.

### Roxboro Man Duck Leader In Pacific Section

A Western Pacific Army Base, Pacific Ocean Areas, Corporal William H. Lawrence, Jr., 23, from Roxboro was in command of a squad of five Ducks in an Army Amphibian Truck company which ferried two Marine Artillery battalions ashore during the heat of D-day, it was reported here today.

After all of the Ducks under his supervision reached the shore and deposited their cargo of guns, ammunition and men, they attempted to make their way back to the LST, but spent the night floating about in the water, dodging the Japs continuous mortar barrage.

At the time of his entry into the Army 27 months ago, Lawrence was a student at the South Carolina State A. & M. College, in the School of Electrical Engineering. He plans upon finishing his studies when the war is over.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Lawrence, Sr., live in Roxboro.

### J. B. Crumpton On Destroyer

John B. Crumpton, fireman, first class, USNR, Route 2, Roxboro, is now serving on a destroyer escort in the Atlantic with the U. S. Navy. Crumpton was transferred to the DE after completing training at the Naval Training Centers at Bainbridge, Md., and Gulfport, Miss. He is working toward a rating as motor machinist's mate aboard ship.

Son of Mrs. B. G. Crumpton, he is married to the former Rosie Averette, daughter of John T. Averette, also of Route 2, Roxboro. They have one child, John Berkeley, Jr., 4 months.

Crumpton graduated from Allensville High School in 1939 and was engaged in farming until he entered the Navy. He has one brother in the service, Sgt. Robert B. Crumpton of the Army Air Forces, at Mountain Home, Idaho.

## Freezer Manager Chosen

Contract for the new freezer locker here has been let to the George W. Kane company, of this city, it was announced today by officials of the Person County Freezer Locker company, who said that the contract was signed Tuesday. Officials at the same time have announced that manager of the plant is to be Carl Winstead, of Roxboro, former grocery merchant and more recently engaged in farming since

Executive Committee of the North Carolina Bankers Association met at the Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, yesterday for a one day session. The meeting was held in lieu of the annual convention cancelled previously in keeping with war regulations governing large gatherings. Installed as president was Gordon C. Hunter, of Roxboro.

At the meeting in Raleigh yesterday it was brought out by Mr. Hunter in his address of acceptance that this year marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of the North Carolina Bankers Association, the first meeting of which was held at Morehead City, with the late J. A. Long, I, of Roxboro, as instigator and first presiding officer. Noting this Roxboro connection with the leadership of the Association, Mr. Hunter pointed out that he has great pleasure in carrying forward the tradition.

Mr. Long was the organizer of the Peoples Bank, was later its president. He was succeeded by his son J. A. Long, II. The Peoples Bank is four years older than the association.

Mr. Hunter also pointed out that two men who were present at this first meeting in Morehead City were now living. They are W. A. Hunt of Henderson and Oscar T. Smith of Baltimore, Md. President Hunter plans to invite these two men to the next annual meeting of the N. C. Bankers Association.

The bankers agreed at their meeting yesterday to hold a series of district conferences on the G. I. Bill and its banking aspects, according to Mr. Hunter, who said that first such meeting, with two Veterans Administration officials expected to be present, will be held on June 11, in Durham. Other meetings are being arranged for in the remaining ten districts.

A group of forty-three executive officers and other prominent bankers met to further the cause of the bank's efforts in behalf of the war program and to prepare plans for Association activity during the year. J. N. Coburn, Executive vice president of the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company, Whiteville, and president of the North Carolina Bankers Association presided.

Among those appearing on the program were, Mr. Coburn, of Whiteville; Garland Johnson, Executive vice president, Bank of Elkin, Elkin; J. R. Evans, Vice president, Morris Plan Bank, Charlotte; W. W. Shaw, Trust Officer, Peoples Bank and Trust Company, Rocky Mount; J. P. Robinson, Vice president, American Trust Company, Charlotte; Frank P. Sprull, President Bank and Trust Company, Rocky Mount; W. H. Neal, Vice president, Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, Winston-Salem; Warren S. Johnson, President, Peoples Savings Bank and Trust Company, Wilmington; Ben R. Roberts, Executive vice president, Durham Bank and Trust Company, Durham and Mr. Hunter, Executive vice president of Peoples Bank, Roxboro and former first vice president of the association.

### Methodist Revival To Begin Sunday

Revival services beginning at Edgar Long Memorial Methodist Church Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock will continue with two services daily through the week, it was announced today. The pastor Rev. W. C. Martin will preach Sunday and the Rev. Leon Russell, pastor of St. Paul Church, Goldsboro, will arrive Monday and preach at 8:00 o'clock Monday evening. The morning services will be at 9:00 and the evening services at 8:00.

Youth Activities Week now under way has an enrollment of 140 and the attendance and interest has experienced a gradual growth each day during the week. Rev. Lester Jackson and Rev. Preston Hughes, Duke Divinity students are helping with the program.

### New Job



GORDON C. HUNTER

## Two Roxboro Men Implicated In Meal Charges

Raleigh, May 29—Two Roxboro meat retailers have been served notices to appear before the OPA hearing Commissioner here to answer charges that they dealt in "black market" meat sales in violation of the ration regulations.

Thomas J. Wilkerson, of North Main Street, and Dee Cleam's Johnson, of the D. C. Johnson Grocery, were both charged by OPA with acquiring, purchasing, using, and handling meats without surrendering, or requiring ration points to be surrendered by buyers.

Theodore S. Johnson, Raleigh district OPA director, said that OPA investigations into the Person County meat distribution channels have revealed that cattle have been slaughtered on farms, sold to dealers, and sold at retail without ration points being used in any transaction. The meat in most cases has not been inspected or graded. OPA's new meat control program is designed to protect the public against "black market" meats and to allow a fair share for all persons desiring to purchase meats with ration points.

The two Roxboro dealers will appear before Chief Hearing Commissioner Daniel L. Bell, of Atlanta, at Raleigh, on June 25th. The investigation in Roxboro was carried on for several weeks before any announcement was made as to findings.

### Raymond Gentry Receives Award

Master Sergeant Raymond H. Gentry, of Roxboro and Macon, Ga., has been awarded the Certificate of Merit for outstanding performance as chief aircraft inspector at a large aerial repair depot for B-17 Flying Fortresses of the Eighth Air Force in England, it was reported today.

M-Sgt. Gentry's work during his 22 months on this strategic aid depot has been in overseeing the repair of "Forts" that are returned to pound Nazi war targets. He previously served three years in Panama. His wife resides on Rice Mill Road, Macon, while his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Gentry, are of Wooddale. Presentation of the certificate was by Col. William E. Shuttles, of Dallas, Texas.

### Three Speakers For Association

Annual meeting of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of the Beulah association will be held on Friday, June 3, at ten o'clock in the morning at Mill Creek Baptist church, according to announcement made today. Among the speakers will be Mrs. J. M. Farmer, of Raleigh, acting executive secretary, Mrs. Bunn Olive, also of Raleigh, missionary to China, and Miss Madge Funderburk, of Pageland, S. C.

All Association members are urged to attend and to bring lunch, according to custom.

## Legion Backs Thrust At Red Tape For Jobs

National Organization Joins Many Local Posts In Movement.

Washington, May 29.—The American Legion threw its weight today behind a drive to "slash red tape" from the loan provisions of the G. I. Bill of Rights.

Through John Thomas Taylor, its legislative director, the Legion called for changes in the law itself and for elimination of "narrow interpretations" of legal provisions by the Veterans' Administration.

The Legion's move coincided with a campaign in Congress to simplify the legislation written last year to provide readjustment help for ex-service men. Chief complaints have been aimed at the loan and educational provisions of the G. I. Bill, but the Legion confined its current campaign to the loan section, under which the Government guarantees repayment of part of the money loaned for the purchase of property and businesses.

The Legion program was developed at a two-day conference between bankers, building and loan, real estate, insurance and appraisal officials and head of the Legion legislative and rehabilitation divisions. "The financial experts agreed that the GI Bill of Rights can be made to work with added interest and effort on the part of lending institutions, with a minimum of changes in the bill itself, and a liberalization of the hampering restrictions imposed by the Veterans Administration," Taylor said in a statement.

The Legion program calls, among other things, for:

Small business loans for working capital and inventories, not now covered by the bill. Liberalization of the Veterans' Administration's interpretation of the "reasonable normal value" clause of the G. I. Bill. The bill restricts the Government guarantee of loans to those which represent a "reasonable normal value" of the property or business to be purchased. The legion said this language has been interpreted so rigidly as to bar thousands of veterans from obtaining sound loans.

Speeding up the issuance of a veteran's certificate of eligibility, which is a statement of his military record and type of discharge.

## Four Men Said To Be Liberated

S. Sgt. R. J. (Jimmy) Alderman, of Roxboro and Brevard, son of Mrs. Lucy Alderman and brother of Mrs. Preston Satterfield, Jr., both of this city, is one of several local men recently released from German prisoner of war camps, according to reports received here yesterday.

Sgt. Alderman with the Air Corps of the United States Army and formerly with the Canadian RAF, became a prisoner in August 1943. Since that time he has sent several letters to his mother here and to his wife, of Brevard and Lake Toxaway. News of his release, as of May 26, was first received by his wife.

Also listed as liberated is Pfc. William J. Owen, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Owen, of Wooddale, who has received a message saying he was released April 30, from Stalag 7-A in Germany, after having been a prisoner since September 1944. The message, received Tuesday, said that Owen is well and expects to be home soon.

Likewise listed as having been released is William C. Clayton, together with David Winstead, of Leasburg, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Nash Winstead.

### W. H.—Has Another

W. H. Harris, Sr., who keeps on having birthdays, had his 84th anniversary Saturday in traditional family style, a dinner at home, with all of his children on hand for the occasion. There were, however, two differences, the rain moved the dinner from the garden to the house, and many of the grandsons, away on military duty, were unable to be present. With those exceptions, the party was a success and quite in keeping with those of former years.

### At Saint Mark's

Preston Wiles, of Duke University, Durham, will be Sunday morning speaker at eleven o'clock at Saint Mark's Episcopal church, it was announced this morning.

## Two Men Will Face Trial Here Next Month For Stephen Johnson Death

### Methodist Women Attend Session

District Conference Held In Roxboro With 200 Present.

Two hundred Methodist women, members of the Society of Christian Service in churches in the Durham District, had their annual district conference here last week at Edgar Long Memorial Methodist church, where one of the speakers and presiding officer was Mrs. A. H. Borland, of Durham, district secretary. The meeting here took the place of the annual North Carolina conference session of the Society of Christian Service and for this reason several important matters of business came up for discussion.

Hostess church for the gathering was Edgar Long church and its Society of Service, the Mary Hambrick society, of which Miss Claire Harris is president. Leader of the Person Zone, one of several zone units in the Durham District, is Mrs. Rainey Crumpton, who also had an important part on the program.

Luncheon was served at the church and among the guests were the pastors of various churches in the district. No announcement was made of the place of meeting for next year and no election of officers was held. The meeting here was held on Thursday, with a morning and an afternoon session.

## Scouts Urged To Be Prepared For June Camp Week

Many Awards Presented At Court Of Honor.

Person and Roxboro district Boy Scouts who are planning to attend the opening session of Camp Cherokee, Sunday, June 10, are urged to be on time at the meeting place at the Court House, or else they may be left behind, according to C. A. Harris, camping and activities chairman here, who is arranging trucks for transportation of the boys and their leaders.

At the May Court of Honor meeting, with Gus Deering and George Currier presiding officials present included E. Pierce Bruce, of Reidsville, Cherokee Council executive, who gave special instructions concerning camping equipment. It was also pointed out that all boys should have examinations by their doctors and should fill in blanks so that doctors will not have to do it.

Present at the Court Honor, which was held at Person Court House, were twenty-two scouts, two parents, one scoutmaster, one visitor and one soldier, in addition to officials already mentioned.

Scouts who received badges were: Larry Woods, tenderfoot; Gene Cozart, first class; Billy Johnson, first class; Joe Featherston, wood turning; Gene Cozart, wood turning; David Barrett, second class; Carlton Binter, cement work; handicraft; personal health, and public health and Reginald Jones, cement work.

### Yates Remains

L. M. Yates, principal of Helena high school, who recently was re-elected to his position there, said this morning that he has decided to accept his re-election. Yates for a time was undecided and was reported to be considering several offers to head other schools. It is understood that there are now two faculty vacancies at Helena and that, one other vacancy, in the first grade, has been filled.

Yates and his family are expected to move to Roxboro soon for the summer.

### Now At Butner

Julius Hicks, of Roxboro and Longhurst, veteran of many months of service overseas in the Pacific with the U. S. Army, who has been in Florida for the past few months, has been transferred to Camp Butner, and is spending several days here with his wife and family.

### Promoted



Lt. Lester Morrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Morrell, of this city, who is with the U. S. Naval Reserve, has been promoted to that rank from Lieutenant, Junior Grade, according to a message recently received from him by his wife, the former Miss Finch, of Henderson. A gunnery officer aboard the U. S. S. Chicopee, Lt. Morrell served on convoy duty in the Atlantic for eighteen months prior to his transfer last October to the Pacific Fifth fleet. Since that time he has participated in the invasions of Luzon, Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

## Sunday Church Shooting Turns To Tragedy When Injured Negro Dies From Wounds

### Association To Begin Schools In Person County

Young Lexington Minister To Be Here Ten Weeks.

The Rev. Luther Morphis, of Lexington, who is to assist with work in the Beulah Baptist association for the next ten weeks, will conduct a daily vacation Bible school at Theresa Baptist church, beginning June 11, according to announcement made today by the pastor, the Rev. B. B. Knight. A similar school will be held at Mitchell's Chapel, beginning June 18.

After this, Mr. Morphis will assist with other vacation Bible schools and study courses in various churches throughout the Beulah Association under the supervision of Baptist ministers.

The Rev. Mr. Morphis is a graduate of Mar's Hill College and has for one year been in the service of his country, having recently received an honorable discharge. He has served as president of the senior class at Wake Forest college and will next year receive his diploma.

The Baptists of the Beulah Association feel they are fortunate in securing the services of this capable young man and that much inspiration and benefit will be derived from his visit to the Association.

The committee of ministers supervising the work is composed of Rev. J. Boyce Brooks, Roxboro; Rev. L. V. Coggins, Semora; and Rev. W. T. Baucom, Yanceyville.

### Red Cross Will Pick Officers At Center Tonight

Person and Roxboro Red Cross leaders will meet tonight at 7:45 o'clock at the USO Service Center for the purpose of electing officers for the new calendar year, it was announced today by Dr. Robert E. Long, president, who has dispatched letters to directors and others urging their attendance.

In the letter is a personal message from Dr. Long and a more general statement from Basil O'Connor, national chairman, with special reference to the work of Red Cross at home and in the Pacific area.

### Bob Whitten Here

Cpl. Robert Estes Whitten, Mrs. Whitten and their child are visiting Cpl. Whitten's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Whitten, Sr., here for a few days. Cpl. Whitten only recently returned from months of overseas service, chiefly in Italy. His wife is the former Miss Smith, of South Carolina. The Whittens arrived yesterday.

### \$149,000

\$149,000 in E bonds have been sold to individuals in the current Seventh War Loan drive in Roxboro and Person County as of today, according to Gordon C. Hunter, district chairman, who points out that \$99,000 more must be raised here to complete the local E bond quota. Overall quota here is \$544,000. The drive extends through June.

### At Great Lakes

Jesse James Walker, 28, son of Mrs. Sallie Sue Walker, is receiving his initial Naval indoctrination at the U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois.

Two negro men, both of Person and wanted since Sunday in connection with the fatal shooting of a third Negro, are now in jail here and will face preliminary hearing at first June session of Person Recorder's court on Tuesday, the 12, according to Person Sheriff M. T. Clayton, who said that the two men were captured yesterday afternoon in different parts of the county by searching parties composed of Deputies Bob Whitt and Elmer Reynolds and State Highway Patrolman John Hudgins.

Expected to be charged with murder is Aubrey Johnson, 20, who is charged with having shot Stephen Johnson, a kinsman, in the arm, Sunday morning at Hester's Grove Negro church, while being held with Aubrey Johnson in jail as an accomplice or an accessory to the fact is Wash Rogers, 20, it being alleged that Rogers took Aubrey Johnson home to get a shotgun, the weapon used, after Aubrey and Stephen Johnson had allegedly had words.

Aubrey Johnson, according to Sheriff Clayton, was apprehended yesterday afternoon around one o'clock near Wiley Bradsher's "Church of God in the Wilderness", while Rogers, taken about the same time, was found on the Ed Warren farm. Aubrey Johnson, the Sheriff says, has a court record for minor infractions of the law. Aubrey Johnson, it is said, claims that Stephen Johnson made threats against him.

The shooting took place about eleven o'clock Sunday morning. Aubrey Johnson is being held without bond, Rogers, at this writing, has been unable to arrange bond.

Stephen Johnson, 23, Person County Negro, of Route two, Hurdle Mills, died early Tuesday morning in Lincoln hospital, Durham, to which he had been taken a few hours after the shooting.

Stephen Johnson was a son of Alex Johnson, tenant on the Frank J. Hester farm. Death is said to have resulted from loss of blood. Weapon used was a shotgun.

One of several witnesses to the shooting was the father, Alex Johnson, who could ascribe no motive. Stephen Johnson was shot as he fell, according to the father, who said he himself made a vain effort to come between the two men, residents of the same neighborhood, who had not previously had any disagreements.

### Swimming Trunks Wanted For Soldiers

Greatly needed here are bathing shorts, trunks and suits for use of soldiers from Camp Butler who come here for week-ends, it was reported today by Dr. Robert E. Long, USO Center chairman, who requests that citizens having such suits telephone to him or to his brother, Fred Long.

At least two dozen suits or trunks are wanted, according to Dr. Long, who says that the suits will be kept here especially for the visiting soldiers, many of whom come for swimming at Chub Lake. Regular USO Service Center program will be held this week-end both at the Center and at the Lake.

## Parking Crops Up Again

The City of Roxboro, according to City Manager Guy E. Whitman, is again trying to reach a solution for crowding traffic and parking conditions in the downtown area embraced in Main street from Bradsher street to the Methodist church, and the first blocks on Abbitt avenue, Reams, Court and Depot streets.

Embraced in the solution is the proposal that merchants and employees keep their cars out of parking areas mentioned above, it being asserted that many merchants and others who work downtown leave their cars parked from morning until night in same locations each day and thereby clutter up and obstruct parking space which should be available to shoppers and other transient parkers.

Mr. Whitman is during his visits of announcement conferring with citizens to whom the letters are being delivered and is seeking from them suggestions for a further simplification of traffic problems, problems made particularly acute by narrow streets and a large increase in traffic. Some have suggested the formation of loading and unloading zones for trucks.

Published below is the letter being distributed by the City Manager:

"At the last meeting of your City Councilmen the parking problem was considered thoroughly. Realizing that it would continue to get worse, it was determined that some change in parking must be made immediately.

"With the cooperation of merchants and employees no ordinance will be necessary.

"Please see that you and your employees park your cars outside of the business section.

"Start immediately and keep the business section clear for your customers.

"Main Street from Bradsher Street to the Methodist Church, and the first blocks on Abbitt, Reams, Court, and Depot Streets should be kept free."