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W. Y. Pass, Prominent Roxboro Citizen, Dies Early This Morning

Hour of Services 3 P. M. Friday, Died at 5:10 A. M. in Hospital.

W. Y. Pass, one of Roxboro's prominent citizens, died this morning at 5:10 in Watts hospital, Durham, where he had been a patient the past ten days. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Pass. He was an alumnus of Wake Forest college. After returning home from college he entered the firm of T. W. Pass & Son, and for several years this firm was one of the largest and most successful enterprises of the City. After the death of his father he continued the business under the same name, but was the sole owner.

He is survived by his wife, who before marriage was Miss Martha Lee Bass, one son, John W. Pass, two daughters, Marion Pass of Raleigh and Lee Pass of Roxboro; two brothers, T. O. and J. G. Pass; one sister, Mrs. T. H. Clay of Helena.

The funeral service will be at the First Baptist Church of Roxboro, with Rev. J. Boyce Brooks in charge. Hour of the services will be at three o'clock, Friday afternoon. The body will lie in state for one hour preceding the services.

Active pallbearers: Joe Blanks, R. D. Bumpass, Banks Berry, S. M. Neal, Preston Satterfield, Jr., and T. A. Long.

Honorary pallbearers are: Hugh Woods, W. McGee, Lawrence Woods, L. W. Pittard, Joel Lewis, Claude Harris, D. W. Ledbetter, W. R. Jones, O. Y. Clayton, Edwin Featherstone, W. T. Kirby, G. C. Hunter, Dr. E. M. Hedgepeth, J. H. Hughes, Dr. John Fitzgerald, J. H. Walker, W. E. Stewart, Wintrey Wilkins, M. T. Clegg, R. F. Burns, A. M. Burns, W. D. McFritt, Claude Hall, Karl Burger, C. H. Oakley, W. R. Woody, R. A. Bullock, W. H. Harris, Fred Long, N. Lunsford, Coy Day, Alex Bass, George Thomas, Fred Masten, L. C. Bradsher, E. E. Bradsher, R. E. Griffin, H. W. Newell, J. W. Green, W. W. Woods, R. L. Harris, George W. Kane, Joe Kirby, Frank Howard, Frank Wilson, Arch Hamilton, J. W. Wade, J. O. Abbott, R. H. Gates, John Moore, A. R. Warren, C. B. Kirby, Maxie Daniel, T. B. Woody, V. A. Thomas, Clarence Holman, Lee Winstead, R. H. Oakley, W. W. Morrell, R. P. Michaels, Sam Barnett, T. J. Wilson, Bob Whit, S. R. Wade, John Crowder, R. A. Whitfield, S. B. Davis, John Hogobood, Robert Lunsford, Walter William, Robert Hester, O. B. McBroom, L. K. Walker, and A. B. Rimmer.

Funeral services were held at the home Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. R. C. Burein of Leasburg. Burial was in Hester's Store cemetery.

Surviving are her husband; three children, Lewis Hester, and Miss Huldah Hester of Hurdles Mill, and Frances Hester of Burlington; two brothers, R. W. Hester of Hopewell, Va., and Carl E. Hester of Hurdles Mill; three sisters, Mrs. E. R. Thompson of Leasburg, Mrs. L. A. Bradsher of Hurdles Mill, and Mrs. D. H. Crumpton of Raleigh; two half-brothers, J. E. and W. E. Hester of Hurdles Mill; two half-sisters, Mrs. Walter Boves of Hurdles Mill, and Miss Marie Hester of Raleigh; two grandchildren. Also, her step-mother, Mrs. B. F. Hester, of route 2, Hurdle Mills.

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With this battalion is Sgt. Charlie F. Holeman of route 3, Roxboro.

The 609th, now commanded by Major William H. Hatina of St. Louis, Missouri, first gained fame in the assault on Metz, although their performance around Bastogne during the historic German breakthrough of General Von Runstedt's Panzers really highlights combat achievements.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Harris and daughters, Ann, Louise and Martha, have returned from New York City after a visit of several days. While there they witnessed the christening of the destroyer USS Cone. This destroyer will be the home of C. A. Harris, Jr., of the U. S. Navy, for some time to come.

Washington—Peace-is-wonderful note.

Today's final edition of The Times-Herald devoted its banner headline to the Washington baseball club's fight for the American League pennant.

It said: "Nats Beat Indians 1st Game, 3-0."

Dies



W. Y. PASS

Spotted Fever Fatal To Mrs. H. J. Hester

Had Been Ill Since August 6; Died At Duke Hospital.

Mrs. Henry J. Hester, 62, of the Hester's Store community, this county, died Tuesday afternoon at 2:20 o'clock at Duke Hospital, Durham, of Rocky Mountain spotted fever. She had been ill since August 6.

She was a member of Salem Methodist Church.

Funeral services were held at the home Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. R. C. Burein of Leasburg. Burial was in Hester's Store cemetery.

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How About A Bird's Nest In There?

Names make news but here is a story without any name. This Roxboro man stated that after the gas rationing was removed he went to a service station and told the attendant to fill his car with gas.

He said that the man put in six gallons of gas and could not get any more in the tank. Then he looked to see what the trouble was and found that the tank, after the six gallon level, was filled with spider webs and other trash such as will accumulate along with the webs. Six gallons was the limit.

Dr. H. C. Smith To Preach Friday

Dr. J. M. Ormond Of Duke To Preach at Dedication Service

Dedication services will begin Friday, August 24th at 8 o'clock p. m. at Cavel Community Methodist church of which the Rev. Alvin C. Young is pastor, with Dr. H. C. Smith, district superintendent, preaching and conducting the fourth quarterly conference. The second service will be held Saturday night, August 25th, at 8 o'clock. The speaker on this occasion will be the Rev. Robert N. DuBose, director of religious activities of Duke University.

The dedication proper will be held Sunday morning, August 26th, at 11 o'clock. Dr. J. M. Ormond, director of Duke endowment and professor of practical theology in the Divinity school of Duke University will be the speaker. Dinner will be served on the church lawn immediately following the service. Come and bring a basket.

The public is cordially invited to attend these services

Tobacco Market To Open Sept. 18

With the opening of the Roxboro tobacco market only a short time away local farmers are rapidly getting their crop cured. Well over half of this year's crop has been pulled and cured and soon it will all be in the pack barn.

Roxboro's market opens Sept. 18th and once again four houses will operate in this city. All of the houses will be the same and all except one will be under the same management. The Pioneer has several new proprietors and one remaining from last year. So far there has been no announcement as the buyers that will be here from the various companies.

Roxboro's market sold in the neighborhood of ten million pounds of golden weed last season and there is every reason to expect that more will be sold this year. All houses have prepared everything possible to take care of sales and guarantee sellers the highest price that can be obtained.

Tractor Control Discontinued

Distribution control of crawler tractors was discontinued August 20, C. T. Hall, chairman, Person County AAA Committee announced here today.

"No applications for crawler tractors have been approved since July 28, 1945," he said, "and all applications that were not approved will be mailed directly to applicants by the War Production Board."

"All applicants in State and County AAA Offices will be returned to applicants immediately," he added.

Ronald Hill Talks To Kiwanians

Roxboro Kiwanians met Monday night at Hotel Roxboro with President Jim Long in the chair.

Chief speaker of the occasion was Mr. Ronald Hill who is now serving as supply pastor of the First Baptist church in the absence of Reverend J. Boyce Brooks. He spoke on "The Advantages of Going to a Christian College."

Two new members were proposed at the meeting, Gus Deering and Ira Newman. One new member was inducted into the club, Gip Prillman.

The meeting next week will be held at Oak Grove church in the Loch Lily section of the county.

Big Sales Mark Opening "Break" On Eastern Belt

Price Average Estimated at Slightly More Than \$44 Per Hundred. Houses Crowded With Tobacco.

Tobacco sales of the 1945 season began on the 15 Eastern Belt markets in what generally was described as one of the most satisfactory openings in history, with the price average estimated at slightly more than \$44 per hundred and the poundage sold nearly three times that of the opening day last year.

Although the opening was a week earlier than that of last year, the warehouse floors in the 15 market centers were crowded with some 15,000,000 pounds of golden leaf. Market officials in the best estimated that sales yesterday exceeded 8,000,000 pounds, leaving enough tobacco—together with new leaf arriving on the markets—to assure heavy sales throughout the rest of the week.

Yearly Comparison

Opening day sales on the Eastern Belt last year totaled only 3,207,802 pounds at an average of \$42.53 per hundred, while sales on the 1943 opening day reached 8,591,144 pounds at an average of \$39.95. The lateness of the crop and the shortage of labor last year caused one of the lightest openings in years. Comparatively little tobacco was sold during the first two weeks of the 1944 season.

Market officials reported that the quality of tobacco offered generally was inferior to that offered on the opening during the past several years. The price held near the \$44.50 ceiling, with 046 being the practical top on most markets. As on the Border Belt, which opened August 1, there was very little differential in price between common and good grades.

All offerings were in strong demand as sales continued extremely heavy throughout the allotted sales time yesterday. The offices of Marketing Services of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the North Carolina Department of Agriculture reported that only slight changes occurred for the majority of grades sold compared with opening day prices last season. These changes amounted to only \$1 in most cases, although some lower quality offerings increased up to \$7 per hundred. The bulk of sales ranged from \$43 to \$45.

Growers were pleased with prices and rejections were negligible. The report stated that comparative prices with last season's opening day averages showed better leaf grades practically unchanged, but most lower qualities were \$1 to \$3 higher. Cutters were down around \$1. Lugs displayed little change.

Despite increases in the percentage of cutters and medium quality smoking leaf, the general quality of tobacco was not as good as on opening day last year. There were more lower quality leaf grades and less choice lugs sold yesterday. The bulk of sales was made up of low to fine lugs and fair to low leaf grades.

The official market report listed these prices or a few representative U. S. grades, with changes from opening day last season:

Leaf—Fair lemon \$45, unchanged; low lemon \$45, up \$1 per hundred; fair orange \$45, unchanged; low orange \$43, unchanged; common orange \$43, up \$3.

Cutters—Fair lemon \$46, down \$1; low lemon \$45, down \$1; fair orange \$45, down \$1.

Lugs—Fine lemon \$45, unchanged; fair lemon \$44, unchanged; good orange \$44, unchanged; low orange \$42, up \$1.

Frimings—Fair orange 42, unchanged; low orange \$40, down \$1.

Nondescript—Best thin \$39, up \$4.

Closed

All Roxboro furniture stores will be closed Friday afternoon from 3:30 to 4:30 in respect for W. Y. Pass.

Twenty-Five Too Many

(Editorial in The News and Observer)
The Williamson Enterprise reports that 25 Martin County young white men were sent to Fort Bragg on Tuesday under the draft. One volunteered. There were two married men, 13 were taken from the farm, eight are just 18 years old, none were over 26.

This is 25 too many. There is no reason or excuse, now that the war is ended, and only a few are needed to constitute the army of occupation, to draft a single individual. As long as the war was on people readily responded, willing to make the sacrifice. But now that fighting is ended, all people except militarists oppose conscription in peacetime. Other boards, while sticking to the job, join in the protest made by the Roxboro board.

The time to end the draft is now.

Longhurst Youth Dies In Highway Accident; Three Seriously Injured

Roxboro Industrial Plants Continue Full Operations

So far the mills in Roxboro have not had to lay off any employees due to cancellation of contracts since the end of the war. As a matter of fact most of the industrial concerns here are continuing to hunt help.

Roxboro Cotton Mills reported that none have been laid off and that more help is needed in the mills of this company.

Collins and Aikman Corp., has been making army cloth and this mill reports that all war contracts have been cancelled except one in doing that will run a while longer. However enough civilian contracts are now on hand to keep everyone busy and the mill is now converting to production for civilian needs. Mr. Dempsey, resident manager of this mill, stated that the employees would have to switch to another job and maybe to another shift but that there was

plenty of work for all. He further stated that the mill was trying to avoid laying off anyone.

Officials at Somerset Mills, makers of towels, stated that they still had plenty of work and that they were looking for more help at the present time.

Smaller industrial concerns over the county have reported no cancellations of contracts and all appear to have more work now than they can get the help to do it with.

This local picture in Roxboro appears to be a bit different from a number of other places where workers are being laid off by the hundreds and even thousands.

It is understood that all industrial concerns have a position open for former employees who were working at the plant when inducted into service.

New Draft Board Members Appointed

Three new members were named to the Selective Service Board of Person County yesterday to take the positions left vacant by the members who resigned on Monday, after cancelling a call for 25 inductees.

The appointments, announced today, were: Dr. O. G. Davis, veterinarian, D. M. Cash, merchant, and Hayward Bailey, farmer of the Wooddale section. Appointments were made by a committee composed of R. B. Griffin, superintendent of schools, R. A. Bullock, clerk of Superior Court, and W. H. Harris, III.

Resigned members, O. Y. Clayton,

White Registrants Await Instructions

Approximately 20 Were Present at Office and Ready To Leave.

Twenty-five white registrants were supposed to leave Roxboro Tuesday morning for pre-induction examination but the Person County Board of Selective Service cancelled the call one day ahead of leaving time and then the members of the board submitted their resignation to state headquarters.

On Tuesday morning about twenty of these boys were present at the office of Selective Service. They had heard the news in one way or the other but they were not quite sure that it was correct so they came to headquarters just to make sure. There they were notified that they did not have to go that day but to be ready for further instructions.

Evidently about five of those who were supposed to have gone had taken the information that they had already received at face value and did not report Tuesday morning.

The call was cancelled so late that it was impossible for the office to notify the registrants who lived in all sections of the county.

The state office of Selective Service had cancelled the bus that was to take the boys to camp.

Purple Heart



PFC. CLARENCE B. BRANN

Pfc. Clarence B. Brann, husband of Mrs. Adell Clayton Brann Roxboro, member of the 142nd Infantry of the veteran 36th Texas Division now in Germany has been awarded the Purple Heart, good conduct medal, Combat Infantry badge, E. T. O. ribbon with three battle stars and the Presidential citation.

The 36th Infantry Division has seen action on D-Days, Italy and Southern France. To its credit are such battles as Cassino and Anzio. It breached the powerful Siegfried lines defenses at Wissembourg and completed 400 days of actual combat plunging through Germany and Austria.

Scoulers Meet In Yanceyville

Fourteen Men Considered For Position Left Vacant By Resignation of Bruce.

Executive members of Cherokee Scout Council met in Yanceyville Monday night for the purpose of selecting a successor to Pierce Bruce recently resigned executive of the council. Mr. Bruce plans to leave the council around the first of September for Georgia where he will continue his scout work there.

Members of the council who were present had approximately 14 men to consider for the position that Mr. Bruce will leave. These men were not present but they all had submitted their picture along with their record of service. From the 14 a number one, two, three and four choice were made. The number one selection will be called to Reidsville in the very near future where he will be interviewed and if he fills the qualification he will be offered the position as executive of Cherokee. If not another will be called and so on.

Present from Roxboro for this meeting were J. W. Green, president of the Person County Council and J. S. Merritt, vice-president of Cherokee Council.

Ernest Thompson, president of Cherokee Council, presided over the council meeting Monday night.

Person People Continue To Buy War Bonds

G. C. Hunter, district chairman of the War Bond Committee, stated this week that Person County people were continuing to buy War Bonds and that sales for this month had been pleasing. He further stated that it was going to take a lot of money to bring the boys home and wind up other affairs. There will be another Loan Drive in November.

Farm Tires Ration Free

Tractor and implement tires have been released from rationing. C. T. Hall, chairman, Person County AAA Committee, announced here today.

"Farmers using truck and passenger tires will continue to obtain them through local OPA boards," he said.

One Dead, Three Others Seriously Injured In Early Morning Tragedy.

Ira T. (Bill) Dickerson, 20-year-old Longhurst youth, was fatally injured early this morning in an automobile accident on the edge of South Boston. Three others, Alton Dixon, Clyde Blackstock and Robert Wilson, all passengers in the same car, reported to have been driven by young Dickerson, were seriously injured and are in the South Boston Hospital.

According to reports, the car met a heavy transfer truck and was forced off the road down a steep embankment with the vehicle turning over several times. It is not known, but reports indicate, that the injured youths lay in the wreckage sometime after the accident before they were found and carried to the hospital. The transfer truck failed to stop or in failing to stop did not know the car had left the road.

Although the car was pretty well smashed, Alton Dixon remained conscious, but Robert Wilson, from latest reports, has not regained consciousness. Clyde Blackstock is said to be critically injured.

Ira Dickerson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Dickerson, of Longhurst, and was at home on a visit from Norfolk where he is employed on a river ferry. Alton Dixon, a local youth, was also home on a visit from his job in Washington, D. C., Blackstock and Wilson are employees of the Longhurst Cotton Mills.

Funeral services for Dickerson will be held Friday afternoon at four o'clock at the Longhurst Baptist Church. He is survived by his parents and one sister, Edith Dickerson.

Durham Pastor Exchange Speaker

Rev. Nixon Taylor, pastor of Holmway Street Christian church, Durham, was guest speaker at the meeting of the Exchange Club Wednesday evening at Hotel Roxboro. His subject was "Importance of the Church to the World," in which he stressed that "Things Are Not True because they are in the Bible but because they are the words of God."

Mr. Taylor also gave interesting information concerning Carl Durham's recent trip to Germany and the horrors that existed there at that time.

Special guests for the evening were Ralph Lewis, of Scranton, Pa., son of President J. H. Lewis, L. W. Weatherly, Jr., son of W. B. Weatherly, Sr., and J. S. Martham, of South Hill, Va.

There was the largest attendance at this meeting than had been since the organization of the club. Presiding was President J. H. Lewis.

Regular Services At Baptist Church

There will be the regular services at the Roxboro First Baptist church next Sunday, with the pastor, Rev. J. Boyce Brooks preaching.

Mr. Brooks will have for his subject Sunday morning "The Stone and the Brook," and Sunday evening "When the Boys Come Home." The Pastor and family have been taking their vacation during the month of August, spending the past two weeks at Ridgcrest. During his absence Mr. Ronald Hill has been supplying for him, and has been greeted with a large attendance. He has made many friends since coming for this supply, who will remember him for the messages which he gave them.

Victory Loan Will Begin October 29; \$11 Billion Goal

Washington—Secretary of the Treasury Fred M. Vinson tonight fixed a goal of \$11,000,000,000 for the victory loan drive and announced the campaign will begin on October 29.

Of the total Vinson said \$4,000,000,000 will come from sales to individuals and the remainder from other non-bank investors.

The goal for the sales of series E Bonds, part of the individual goal, will be \$2,000,000,000.