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Person Native Dies Tuesday In Greensboro

Stephen Riley Garrett, 44, died at 3:30. Tuesday morning at his home on Freeman Mill Road in Greensboro after being ill for three months. He was a native of Person county but had been living in Greensboro for 20 years. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at Bessemer Presbyterian Church by the Rev. K. L. Whittington. Burial was in Midway cemetery near Greensboro. Surviving are his wife, the former Miss Ada Whitesell; one son, S. R. Garrett, Jr.; two brothers, Lacy Garrett of Greensboro and Kenneth Garrett of Leasburg; three sisters, Mrs. Charles Cooper of Greensboro, Mrs. Keefer Batten of Thomasville and Miss Foy Garrett of Jacksonville, Fla., and his father and step-mother, Mr. and Mrs. William Garrett of Greensboro together with a number of other relatives residing in Person county.

Shelton Speaks To Kiwanians

R. H. Shelton was speaker at the Roxboro Kiwanis Club Monday night at the regular weekly meeting at Hotel Roxboro. Mr. Shelton spoke on morale and stated that the first world war was won on this one factor. When the Americans arrived in France, stated the speaker, the morale of the average French soldier was very low, but after General Pershing started his drive their morale picked up to such an extent that the war was won very shortly. The speaker was an officer in the war and served over one year in France. E. B. Craven, president of the club, presided over the meeting.

MID-YEAR EXAMS.

High Point, Jan. 22.—Midyear examinations at High Point College started Monday, January 20, and will continue through Friday. Registration for the second semester will begin today.

Wade Acquitted; Others Tried For Murder Given Sentences

Superior Court Term Ends Wednesday After Civil Docket Is Completed.

By directed verdict of emergency Judge Henry A. Grady, of New Bern, who on Monday opened the January term of Person Superior court, Jimmie Wade, 21, Negro tenant on the William Humphries farm, Bethel Hill, was found not guilty of the second degree murder charge brought against him for the death of John Henry Bailey, 22, Person Negro, who died last August 18, in a Durham hospital after he had been cut by Wade with a piece of glass or razor blade the previous night, following a dispute at Wade's house.

Evidence was introduced showing that Bailey was ordered from the house after using abusive language, that he and others threw rocks at the windows, and that he grabbed Wade, attempting to pull him through the window, whereupon Wade seized a piece of glass and cut Bailey on the arm. Judge Grady and members of the jury listened to witnesses about three and a half hours before he directed verdict at conclusion of evidence, saying that Wade was within rights in ordering the man from his house and in attempting to defend himself. Bailey died enroute to the hospital, apparently from loss of blood.

Norman Wade, also a Negro, received 8 months on the roads for attempted forgery, while George Wright, Negro, pleaded guilty to breaking, entering and larceny of recapping rubber from a local filling station and received sentence of three months at State's prison.

Named as foreman of the grand jury was J. A. Rogers, farmer, of Lea's Chapel, who together with other members of the jury heard a brief but instructive charge from Judge Grady.

Trial of criminal cases was resumed Tuesday morning at which time sentence of 5 years in States' prison following conviction of

manslaughter in connection with the early December 1940 fatal knifeing of Fleming Talley, Negro, was received from Judge Grady, by Louis Paylor, Negro, who until arrested last December near Philadelphia had been at liberty for almost a year.

Evidence introduced was to effect that Talley and Henry Paylor, who has since served a road sentence for his part in the case and who is a brother of Louis, had some words that night and that in the general ensuing fight Louis Paylor, who was also present at the scene of the struggle, stabbed Talley with a knife, wounding him fatally.

Third murder trial of the week began immediately after ending of the Paylor case, when Lizzie May Pass, young Negro woman of the county, and other witnesses in her case took the stand to testify in the matter of the shooting and subsequent death of Jack Moore, also a Person Negro, last October after Moore had allegedly attempted assault upon the Pass woman in a cornfield near her Bushy Fork home.

Claiming Moore threatened to kill her after the cornfield incident when he followed her to the house, the Pass woman testified that she shot him in self-defense. Also on the stand were her sister and a male companion of Moore's. Main points brought out by the State were: a quarrel between Moore and the woman over a fifty cent piece and evidence that Moore who made a dying declaration several days later in a Durham hospital to Sheriff M. T. Clayton, was shot in the back.

After the noon recess on Tuesday, at conclusion of presentation of evidence, the defendant's attorneys entered plea of guilty as to manslaughter. The State accepted this plea and the woman was sentenced to serve in the State prison for 18 months.

Civil docket, consisting of 18 cases, many disposed of by continuance, was concluded in less than a days time yesterday and Judge Grady left for his home immediately.

NO MEETING

On account of first of the week closing of schools, January meeting of the Roxboro high school P. T. A. has been postponed indefinitely, according to Mrs. R. H. Shelton, president.

MRS. WOOD HOME

Mrs. Sallie B. Wood of Lamar Street, who was for several weeks a patient at Watts hospital, Durham, returned Sunday to her home here, where it is reported she is much improved.

FLU STATISTICS

Person Health Officer, Dr. A. L. Allen today reported 500 or more cases of influenza in the county and city and estimated that there may be 200 or more unreported cases, mostly in Roxboro and its suburban areas.

FOWLER CALLED TO FORT BRAGG

Sanitarian Requests Leave Of Absence For One Year. Will Leave February 10th.

Effective as of February, 10 leave of absence for one year has been requested by Sanitarian T. J. Fowler, of this city, who today received orders from the war department to report to Fort Bragg for service in the U. S. Army.

Mr. Fowler, who is a first-lieutenant in the reserve corps, has been sanitarian for the district health department composed of Person, Orange and Chatham county for the past two and one half years. Announcement of his temporary successor has not been made, although Mr. Fowler has said that he will be a trained sanitarian.

Mr. Fowler, a graduate of the State College division of the University of North Carolina, class of 1935, received four years of military training in the R. O. T. C. unit at that institution, was for one year, 1936, with the air corps at Pensacola, Fla., and saw six months of duty with the regular army thereafter.

He will be at Fort Bragg three days and will then be transferred to Fort Benning, Ga., where Mrs. Fowler and their small daughter, will join him after visiting for a month at Monroe. The sanitarian was first called to service last November, but the call was deferred until now in order for arrangements as to his successor to be completed.

He and Mrs. Fowler have been popular residents here, active in civic, social and church affairs and news that their absence from the city will be only temporary will be received with pleasure by their friends here and throughout the district.

Mrs. Whitfield Dies At Home At Bushy Fork

Mrs. Gilbert B. Whitfield, 25, wife of Gilbert Whitfield of Bushy Fork and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Johnson of Roxboro, died Tuesday morning at 9:35 o'clock at her home after being ill with heart trouble and complications for two weeks.

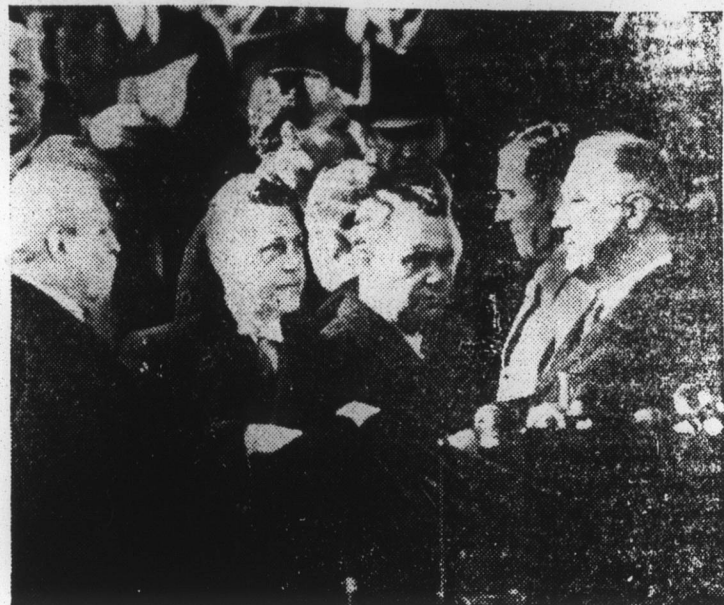
Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Whitfield residence. Burial was in the family cemetery near Bushy Fork.

Surviving besides her husband and parents are two daughters, Margaret Anne and Dorothy Jeanette; five brothers, Arch, Joseph, Jerry, James and John Johnson six sisters, Mesdames Ida Huff, Nannie Belle Whitt, Sarah Dunn and Harvey Russell and Misses Elsie and Helen Johnson, all of Roxboro.

DENY NAZI PLANE FIELD IN HAITI

Port Au Prince, Haiti, Jan. 17.—An investigation by competent officials of rumors of a secret Nazi landing field in Haiti has proved them unfounded, authorities said today.

President Takes Oath at Third Inaugural



This soundphoto shows Chief Justice Hughes, extreme left, administering the oath of office to President Franklin Delane Roosevelt as he was inaugurated as the first third-term President of the United States on Monday, January 20. In his inaugural address the President declared that "democracy is not dying" and "cannot die." His speech was marked by constant references to his faith in American democracy.

Most Schools Now Open For Work

With exception of Ca-Vel school Roxboro district schools, closed Monday and Tuesday because of an apparent increase in number of cases of influenza, reopened Wednesday morning. Consultation with Dr. A. L. Allen, Person unit's health officer reveals there may be a slight increase in number of influenza cases, although the number is not alarming and cases are in most instances mild. County schools did not and will not be closed under present conditions, according to Person Superintendent of schools, R. B. Griffin, although the Cunningham school is closed.

SCHOOLS SELECT DEBATING TEAMS

Bethel Hill and Allensville Teams Chosen. Hurdle Mills Representatives Will Be Chosen.

Person county high schools, participants in the annual triangular debates culminating in the finals which will be held at Chapel Hill on April 17 and 18, are now preparing for that event.

The query for discussion this year is: Resolved, that the United States should adopt a policy of requiring one year of military training of all able-bodied men before they reach the age of 23.

Selection of debaters to represent Hurdle Mills will be made Tuesday. Bethel Hill representatives were chosen today and Allensville's were selected this week.

Allensville, only team last year to go to Chapel Hill, will be represented on the affirmative side by two veterans, Misses Pearl Hicks and Elsie West, juniors, and on the negative by Miss Hazel Slaughter, senior, and Miss Willie Mae Moorefield, junior. Other teams in the Allensville triangle will be from Wilton and Oak Hill, Granville county.

Coach of the Allensville team is W. S. Humphries.

Bethel Hill high school will debate this year in the triangle with Hurdle Mills High and Altamahaw-Ossipee in Alamance County.

It is expected that Hurdle Mills will debate at Bethel Hill and the other Bethel Hill team at Altamahaw-Ossipee.

The preliminary debates were held today. The following students are tried out for the team: Doris Hall, Mary Clayton, Jeanette Oliver, Christine Perkins, Nellie Lester, Margaret Hall, and Mary Eleanor Gravelly.

War Relief Agency Office Now Open

Office of the Roxboro unit of the British War Relief society, recently established in the Kirby building, Main street, is now open each week day from 10 o'clock in the morning until four in the afternoon, according to announcement from the society's chairman, Mrs. S. M. Ford, who said that suitable cloth for making garments has already been obtained and will be made into garments by NYA workers directed by Mrs. Beth Brewer Pridgen.

Major need of the downtown office is two sewing machines and persons who are willing to lend them are requested to call Mrs. Ford. Items arranged for include the shipping department, which will be supervised by Charles Wright, head of the shipping department of the Ca-Vel corporation plant here. Also arranged is the bundles committee headed by Mrs. Percy Bloxam and Mrs. Arthur Crosley, who have said they will be glad to call for any and all clothing bundles donated. Underway is organization of the office or store committee and also plans for memberships according to five classifications.

Mrs. Crosley may be reached at phone 3903, Mrs. Bloxam at 4651.

NEGRO IN JAIL

Under a warrant issued to Person Health officer Dr. A. L. Allen, Henry Wilson, 25, Negro, of Woodsdale, was placed in jail under charges of refusal to report for syphilitic treatments. Warrants have also been issued on same charges for Clifton Royster, Olive Hill, John E. Pulliam, Ceppo, and Floyd Lawson, Rougemont, all Negroes, who will be placed in jail unless they comply at once.

Associational Group To Meet

Demonstration teacher at the associational meeting of Baptist Sunday schools to be held at Bethel Hill Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock will be Mrs. K. D. Stukenbrok of Roxboro First Baptist church, according to announcement made today by Miss Lucille Davidson, First Church secretary, who has said that the meeting will be the regular 4th Sunday gathering held monthly. A full attendance is requested.

Dr. R. E. Long Recipient Of Cherokee Council's Award

IN WASHINGTON

Lt. Governor and Mrs. R. L. Harris, together with Governor and Mrs. J. Melville Broughton were special guests at the Monday inaugural of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. While in Washington they attended a number of social functions given in honor of distinguished visitors.

MITES HELD FOR MISS A. E. WEBB AT CHURCH HERE

One of Oldest Members of Edgar Long Memorial Methodist Church Dies In Durham.

Miss Anna Elizabeth Webb, 72, for many years a well known resident of Roxboro, and daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. William R. Webb, of this city, died yesterday morning at 7:45 at 205 Buchanan Road, Durham, where she had resided for a year or more. Death was attributed to complications.

Miss Webb, whose father was a local Methodist minister, was a member of a family prominent in Roxboro for many years and was one of the oldest members of Edgar Long Memorial Methodist church, having become affiliated with the church when she was eight years of age.

Funeral services were conducted at the church in this city this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by the pastor, the Rev. W. C. Martin, assisted by the Rev. W. F. West, of the First Baptist church. Interment was in the family plot in Birchwood cemetery.

The body lay in state at Edgar Long church from 2:30 o'clock until the hour of the service. Miss Webb, the last member of her immediate family, is survived by a number of nieces and nephews, among them being, Mrs. Roger Wilkerson, Sr., of Roxboro, Mrs. J. M. Allen, of Leasburg, Mrs. Frank Harris, of Tampa, Fla., and Messrs. E. B. Webb, of Kingston, T. A. Webb, of South Boston, Va., E. L. Webb, of Thomasville, C. J. Webb, of New York City and R. M. Webb, of Durham, as well as a number of great nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers included Lt. Gov. R. L. Harris, of Raleigh and Roxboro, C. A. Harris, Roger Wilkerson, Jr., R. H. Gates, Joe Wilkerson and C. B. Kirby, all of Roxboro, and Raymond Webb, Jr., of Durham.

JUNIORS HEAR BLOXAM

Speaker at regular session of the Longhurst Council of the J. O. U. A. M., Monday night was Roxboro city manager Percy Bloxam, who praised principles of patriotism for which the order stands, and mentioned dangers now besetting America but at the same time expressed confidence that America, England and other democracies will ultimately win the struggle in which they are now engaged.

REGULAR SERVICES

Regular morning services will be held Sunday at St. Mark's Episcopal church, with morning prayer and sermon at 11 o'clock by the Rev. Rufus J. Womble, deacon in charge. Church school will be held at 9:45 o'clock, Robert Michaels, superintendent. Men of the church will meet Friday night at Hotel Roxboro at 8 o'clock.

Scoutmaster Recognized For Leadership. Kane Makes Presentation.

Recipient of the "Silver Beaver" award for distinguished service to Scouting in the Cherokee council in 1940, is Dr. Robert E. Long, Roxboro dentist, who has for a decade or more through leadership as a Scoutmaster and committeeman contributed to the up-building of Scout activities in both the Roxboro-Person district and throughout the territory served by Cherokee council.

Presentation of the award was made Tuesday by George W. Kane, of Roxboro, who spoke words of appreciation on behalf of Cherokee council at the council's annual dinner meeting held this year at Hotel Belvedere, Reidsville, with an attendance of approximately 200, including many from Dr. Long's district.

Dr. Long, native of Roxboro, and son of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Long, of this city, did his undergraduate work at Duke University and since receiving his professional degree has taken a leading part in civic and church affairs here. He is a Kiwanian and has for the past few years served as Scoutmaster of troop 49 and has since boyhood been associated with the scout movement.

His is the third "Silver Beaver" award won by Roxboro men, past recipients being Mr. Kane and D. Clyde Swartz. In presenting the award to Dr. Long, Mr. Kane paid warm tribute to his abilities as a leader of boys and men and as an organizer of work in the district and council.

Attendance award at the banquet session was won by the East Alamance district, while renamed as council president was Holland McSwain, of Yanceyville, C a s w e l l superintendent of schools. Other officers renamed included: W. E. Thompson, A. S. Daniels (new) Bruce Carter, E. S. Powell, and Scout Executive A. P. Patterson. Heading committees are: finance, George W. Kane; organization, E. H. Eaton; Health and Safety, Dr. A. J. Ellington; advancement, Aaron Weinstein, and training, D. J. Bowden.

Presiding was Mr. McSwain and most important announcement of the evening was that of completion of plans for council ownership of Camp Cherokee, the scout camp near Reidsville, which serves the boy and girl scouts of the six districts. It is understood the deed will be filed next month and discussion was held as to methods of financing, with emphasis on large contribution being planned for purchase and upkeep by the Reidsville district.

Suggestion was also made that the budget for next year include a sum sufficient to employ a paid assistant to Executive Patterson, it being pointed out that Cherokee council is one of the largest in this Region and that it is practically impossible for one man to properly supervise the field.

Reports from various committees were heard, indicating that the council is in good condition. An attractive feature of the program was a series of responses by Boy Scouts and Cubs, including a representative from Negro troops, who all but "stole the show" by his bright and easy, but serious manner of speaking.

Music was led by Rev. E. Lester Ballard and special guests, in addition to a number of wives of representatives, included David Gallagher and Scott Executive Frank Dix, of Greensboro. Roxboro recipient of the milk bottle award was Joe Guffy, of Ca- (Continued on Social Page)