

IF IT IS NEWS ABOUT PERSON COUNTY, YOU'LL FIND IT IN THE TIMES.

Person County Times

THE TIMES IS PERSON'S PREMIER NEWSPAPER, A LEADER AT ALL TIMES.

VOLUME XII PUBLISHED EVERY SUNDAY & THURSDAY THURSDAY FEBRUARY 20, 1941 NUMBER FIFTEEN

Firemen Kept Busy First of Week By Destructive Blazes

Yarborough Residence Damaged and King's Palace Leveled. Spectators Hinder Work.

Fire said to have originated from a box of ashes on the back porch of a Woodland avenue residence damaged two rooms adjacent to the porch to extent of about \$800 at 9 o'clock yesterday morning according to report filed by Fire Chief Henry E. C. Briant.

Roof of the house, a one-story structure, property of Mrs. W. D. Yarborough, who resides next door, was ablaze when firemen arrived but was quickly extinguished. This was the second fire of the week in this city and the sixth in the Roxboro area within the past seven days.

S. B. Davis, owner of the building in which Kings' Palace restaurant, destroyed by fire Monday night, was located, today said that he has no definite statement to make with regard to rebuilding of the structure, valued at between \$1,500 and 2,000. Plans of Coleman C. King, operator of the restaurant, are equally indefinite.

Mr. King estimated valuation of fixtures and equipment at around \$2,300. Both he and Mr. Davis had partial insurance coverage. King's Palace had been operated during the past four years by Mr. King and was a popular night spot here. Within recent months manager for Mr. King was his brother, Joe King, who was adding fuel to the pit fire when hot grease from a cooking pig ran down on live coals and out onto the floor causing flames to spread rapidly over the wooden structure.

The fire at King's Palace broke out about 7:10 o'clock Monday evening and although Roxboro firemen responded quickly little could be done but protect several close-by small residences. Only equipment saved was the cash register and a piccolo.

The King's Palace fire, largest to occur here in several years, drew many spectators, several of whom, according to report, somewhat hindered fire fighting activities by blocking the street and roadway with their automobiles.

In the restaurant at the time the blaze began were Joe King, J. J. Slaughter, a helper, and Aubrey McCulloch, a customer. Also employed at the establishment, although he was off duty at time of the fire, was Marshall Twisdale, who came to this city from Henderson about the time the restaurant was first opened.

The building in which the eating establishment was located had been added to several times in the past few years and the restaurant itself had enjoyed a good business.

Associational Will Be Held

On Sunday, February 23rd the 4th Sunday associational meeting of Baptist Sunday schools will be held at Yanceyville church at 3 o'clock. At this time H. C. Gaddy will bring an inspirational address, and special music will be rendered. A full attendance is urged.

On Wednesday, March 5th beginning at 10 o'clock in the morning, there will be held an all day associational Sunday school meeting at First Baptist church. Further notice of this meeting will be published at a later date.

MISS GRIFFIN TO LEAVE ROXBORO

Case-Worker for Welfare Department Accept Social Securities Board Position.

Miss Griffin, whose resignation from the Welfare department will be effective as of February 28 will on that date go to Durham to take oath of office and will then proceed to Washington for a six weeks training course, after which she will be assigned to her duties with the board. It is expected that she will be located in North Carolina, possibly at Salisbury, as an interviewer.

A graduate of Hollins college, Miss Griffin came to Roxboro from Graham, where she was connected with the Alamance department of Public Welfare. During her stay here she had residence until recently with Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Baynes and since that time has had an apartment on South Main Street with Miss Virginia Wilson and Miss Elizabeth Lancaster.

Jas. C. Harris May Be In Army

James C. Harris, native of Warren county and former City Manager of Roxboro, who now has a similar position at Hazard, Ky., has been tendered a commission as Major in the United States army, for assignment as manager of one of 35 army cantonments now being constructed in various sections of the United States, according to information received here today.

Offer of the appointment has been made by City Manager Clarence O. Sherrill, of Cincinnati, O., former resident of Greensboro. Mr. Harris, who has had his physical examination and a conference with Mr. Sherrill, will if he accepts the position take a six months leave of absence from his position at Hazard. City managers who enter the service in this way will not be expected to resign their positions and will while with the Army receive a salary commensurate with their rank therein.

Frederick Moore Will Leave City

Frederick Moore, building superintendent, Roxboro high school, teacher of history and organizer of the school band, has resigned his position here in order to accept a civil service appointment with the United States Post Office department, Winston-Salem, according to announcement made Monday by Person Superintendent of schools, R. B. Griffin.

Mrs. Moore, also a member of the faculty of the Roxboro public schools, will remain here until the end of the school year, but Mr. Moore, who came here two years ago from Forsyth county, will begin his new duties on March 3.

Moore, a 1938 graduate of Appalachian State Teachers College at Boone, early last year organized the Roxboro high school band and has been unusually popular with residents of the city.

No successor to Mr. Moore has yet been chosen it was said today.

Mighty Mites to Haul Giant Planes



Tugs are usually associated with harbors and shipping, but their modern counterparts are found at Randolph field, Texas, where tiny plane tugs are used to tow the sky giants to and from their hangars. Picture shows Sergt. R. R. Arnold checking in a shipment of the "mighty mites" at the "West Point of the Air."

Scout Banquet Plans For Friday Evening Complete

WILLIAM J. DEAN RITES CONDUCTED

Rougemont Resident Dies Tuesday At Home.

William Joseph Dean, 77, prominent retired Person County farmer of Rougemont, died at his home at 8 o'clock Tuesday morning of a heart attack.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at Surl Primitive Baptist Church, conducted by the pastor, Elder Lex Chandler. Burial was in Bethany Church cemetery.

Mr. Dean was a member of Surl Church.

Survivors are three daughters, Mrs. G. S. Morgan of Fayetteville, Mrs. B. W. Mangum of Lillington, and Mrs. A. A. Riggs of Rougemont; two sons, D. B. Dean, of Lillington, and A. H. Dean of Rougemont; three brothers, R. H. Dean of Timberlake, J. A. Dean of Fuquay Springs, and J. E. Dean of Roxboro; and two sisters, Mrs. Emma Evans of Surl and Mrs. Vannie Duncan of Timberlake.

New Accessories Store Will Open

Miller and Hurt, tire and battery establishment with a store in Durham, yesterday leased from Claude T. Hall the space in the Hall building near Hotel Roxboro and formerly occupied by the Mi-Own beauty shop and will there operate a store in which tires, batteries and accessories will be sold, according to announcement made yesterday by Mr. Hall.

It is expected that the store will be open for business today.

Girl Scouts Meet

Meeting at Grace church Tuesday evening members of the East Roxboro Girl Scout troop, of which Mrs. O. C. Hull is leader, made plans for a "Baby Contest" to be sponsored by the troop. Persons interested in the contest will select their favorites by vote. Named as assistant leader of the troop was Miss Virginia Saunders. The troop was first organized in August 1939 and now has an enrollment of eleven.

Details Arranged At District Meeting Held Tuesday.

Boy Scouts and Cubs of the Roxboro district are this week primarily concerned with their annual "Scout Week" father and son banquet which will be held on Friday night, February 21, at 7 o'clock at Hotel Roxboro, with Frank Dix, Greensboro Scout Executive, as chief speaker.

With this event in mind many discussion at the monthly meeting of Roxboro District Scout leaders held Tuesday night pertained to plans for Friday's banquet. Two hundred and twenty-five reservations have been made by District President C. A. Harris, who urges all Scouts, scoutmasters, leaders and fathers and sponsors to attend.

Tickets have already been distributed to the Scouts and Cubs and many have been purchased by fathers and sponsors. Toastmaster will be George W. Kane, prominent Roxboro business man, who has for years taken an active interest in scouting affairs in this district, while general program chairman is Clyde Swartz, assistant commissioner. Music will be directed by Robert Edgar Long, attorney, of this city, and by Wallace W. Woods.

Also assisting with the program are George J. Cushwa, immediate past president, Dr. R. E. Long, Joe Guffey and others. Mr. Harris urged all who attend to be on time so that the program will not be delayed. Special guests will be Mesdames Charles Stewart, J. E. Long, R. B. Dawes and Numa Edwards, who have served as den mothers for the Roxboro Cub pack.

Present for the district conference was Cherokee Council Executive, A. P. Patterson, of Reidsville, who will also be here for Friday's banquet.

Other topics discussed at the district meeting were advancements, the building up of leadership through training schools, one of which will be held in April of this year at a place to be designated, and individual reports from scoutmasters and assistants. A particularly encouraging report was presented by C. H. Mason, of Bushy Fork's Tribe 4, for whom a Parent's Night was held last week.

Several new members and former members of the district

(Continued on back page)

Contracts For Highway and Street Improvements Awarded

CENTRAL SCHOOL PTA WILL HAVE BENEFIT SHOW

Founder's Day Meeting With Bloxam as Speaker, Held Tuesday.

Plans for a benefit "Fashion Show" and manless wedding to be given Tuesday evening, February 25, at 8 o'clock at Central Grammar School auditorium by the Central Grammar School Parent-Teacher association are now being made, according to announcement made today.

It is expected that the entertainment will draw a large crowd and Mrs. Logan H. Umstead, president of the association hopes that a considerable sum of money will be received by the sponsors.

At the monthly meeting of the association, held Tuesday afternoon, chief speaker was City Manager Percy Bloxam, who delivered an address appropriate to PTA Founders Day, observed at that time. Presiding was Mrs. Umstead.

Winner of the Birthday cake, prepared by Mrs. W. T. Kirby as an attendance prize, was Miss Sue Merritt's second grade. Second largest attendance was won by Miss Ina Collins' fourth grade room. Proceeds from the cake sale, about \$12, were given to Mrs. Sam Byrd Winstead, of the music faculty, to purchase additional phonograph records for the school collection.

Also a speaker was Mrs. A. F. Nicolis, who gave a brief but interesting history of PTA in Roxboro, the first chapter of which was organized about twenty-two years ago, with Mrs. J. A. Beam, now of the Bethel Hill faculty, as president. The independent Central Grammar school unit was formed last year. Others who have served as PTA presidents here are Mrs. R. H. Shelton, now president of the Roxboro high school unit, and Mesdames Roxie Thomas, B. G. Clayton, J. H. Hughes, H. M. Beam, and R. B. Dawes. Several of the past presidents were present for the program yesterday.

L. C. Liles Will Be With Office

L. C. Liles, teacher of agriculture at Helena high school, has resigned his position there to accept the post of assistant county supervisor for the Person unit of the Farm Security administration according to announcement made Tuesday. Mr. Liles, who has been connected with the Helena school for four years, takes the FSA position left vacant several months ago following promotion of Leo Rabon to the Randolph office at Asheboro.

In making the announcement Person Superintendent of schools, R. B. Griffin said Mr. Liles will not leave his school position before sometime in March. No successor has been named.

Also with the Farm Security office is Miss Frances Weston, of Greensboro, as secretary. Supervisor is J. Y. Blanks, who when interviewed concerning the appointment spoke highly of Mr. Liles' abilities as a leader and teacher.

GRIFFIN GIVES SCHOOL REPORT TO KIWANIS

County Superintendent Speaks To Club and Mentions Person Educational Problems.

Speaking at the Roxboro Kiwanis club dinner Monday night, Person Superintendent of schools R. B. Griffin in an informal but instructive manner discussed the operation of the public schools under his supervision.

In citing figures pertaining to enrollments, Mr. Griffin, who was introduced by program chairman R. A. Bullock, said that there are in all schools in the county approximately 7,000 pupils, slightly over 4,000 of whom are white, less than one hundred of whom are Indians and nearly three thousand of whom are Negroes.

Discussing education among the Negroes, Mr. Griffin said that there are in Person county 21 one and two teacher schools attended by members of the race, and indicated that one of the important local problems facing educators and parents here is elimination of these one and two teacher units through consolidation.

Also considered as a problem was the limited extent of vocational education now being given here, although the speaker had praise for the work of this character being carried out at Roxboro high school and for the possible significance of the recently appointed vocational guidance committee.

As facts not generally known Mr. Griffin mentioned that not all of the school buildings used in the county system are county-owned properties. School buildings at Ca-Vel, Longhurst and East Roxboro are properties of the corporations and industrial plants there located and are units of the county system through courtesy. In addition, he said, a number of buildings in the Negro division are rented or donated.

Viewing the situation from all angles, Mr. Griffin, however expressed confidence that schools of Person county are within their limitations functioning as well as can be expected and about as well as other schools of similar classifications in the State.

Rites Held For Robert M. Salley

Funeral services for Robert M. Salley, 74, who died Monday morning at 9:20 o'clock at the Person County Home following a stroke of paralysis, conducted Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Lambeth Memorial Baptist Church by the pastor, the Rev. L. V. Coggins. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Salley, who had been in ill health for more than a year, suffered a third stroke of paralysis Saturday. Surviving are two sons, James E. and Linwood C. Salley; a daughter, Mrs. Roy Phelps; eight grandchildren and one great grandchild, all of this county. He has been at the County Home about three months.

Holiday

In observance of Washington's birthday, a legal holiday, the Peoples Bank, this city, will be closed on Saturday, February 22.

Widening Of Road To Durham and of Portion Of No. 49 In City Now Assured.

Of particular interest to Person county and Roxboro residents who have for several months been interested in proposed renovations to highway 501, between Roxboro and Durham, and to highway 49, within Roxboro city limits, is announcement of letting of contracts for these repairs yesterday by the State Highway division.

Bids for the Durham and Person and Roxboro projects, parts of a general program in the central area, were awarded to McGuire Construction company, Durham, with understanding that both the Roxboro projects will begin within four months.

The McGuire bid of \$159,918 was accepted for widening of the Roxboro-Durham highway four feet, distance in miles extending from Roxboro city limits to within approximately 6 miles of Durham, at which point the roadway is already of sufficient width. Bid for the No. 49 improvements, approximately 15 hundredths of a mile, was \$21,628, with understanding that the completed roadway will be 37 feet wide and that the project be completed within 45 working days.

According to McGuire, the 501 project involves 18.4 miles of roadway. At Quail Roost the present roadway will be abandoned in favor of a new location permitting the saving of 2 tenths of a mile. The 501 project, when started, is to be completed within 165 working days and will provide a long-needed roadway of the boulevard type between Roxboro and Durham.

Bridges on this road, at Barton's Mill and Flat River, were reconstructed last year and are expected to fit into the present plans for renovation of the longer stretch of roadway.

Gordon Brown Is Promoted

Gordon Brown, manager of Bruce's Store in Roxboro, has been transferred to Chapel Hill. Mr. Brown will now serve as supervisor of all the stores in Bruce organization.

This change for Mr. Brown comes in the way of a promotion. He and Mrs. Brown will move to Chapel Hill at an early date. They have made their home in Roxboro for the past several years.

Man's Car Hits Telephone Pole

Damaged to extent of about \$200 was a automobile which struck a telephone pole near this city, between Longhurst and Ca-Vel, Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, when the driver Trozell C. Reynolds, of Chapel Hill, en route to Virginia, was forced off the highway by a truck said to have been coming toward Roxboro.

The truck driver, Mr. Reynolds said, failed to stop. After spending the night in this city, Mr. Reynolds left Wednesday afternoon by train for Lynchburg, Va. The damaged machine was taken to a garage here. Reynolds escaped injury.