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R. D. BUMPASS

"Ground Hog" Day Set For This Friday

Citizens Called To Come Out
And Prevent Him Seeing
His Shadow

February 2nd, Friday of this week, to be exact is that day that has been designated as "Ground Hog Day." The saying is that if this hog sees his shadow on this day when he emerges from his hole where he has been for a long period of time that he will immediately run back into his hole and that he will have six more weeks of bad weather.

Hence this article. All able bodied men who have shot guns and shells are hereby urged to be present early in the morning of February 2nd at the hole of the Groundhog. The purpose of this meeting is to be prepared to shoot the groundhog just before he sticks his head out of the hole and has a chance to see his shadow.

With coal scarce and wood hard to get there is no sense in letting this animal have any chance at all of seeing his shadow. Why take a chance on more winter when you can kill the critter before he has a chance. Lets unite and usher spring in as quickly as possible and according to the old timers this may be one way that it can be done. This proclamation does not come from Mayor Winstead but we are sure that it will have his whole hearted support if it should help usher in spring.

Norman Brown Gains Citation

Pvt. Norman Y. Brown, of Rougemont, now overseas, was one of several hundred soldiers who recently received a certificate personally signed by his commanding general, Maj. Gen. Gerhardt, honoring him for fighting done with the 29th Infantry division, according to information received here today.

Focus Week To Be Observed

Southern Baptist Convention has designated the week of Feb. 4-9 as Girl's Auxiliary Focus Week which will be observed in Roxboro First Baptist Church by the members of the organization assisting in the worship services on Sunday, Feb. 4 and in the prayer service on Wednesday night, Feb. 7.

Other features during the week will bring the attention of the church to this young people's missionary organization. Miss Virgie Allen is president of the Intermediate G. A. S. Mrs. H. M. Beam and Mrs. G. L. Allen are the leaders of the older group, and Mrs. R. B. Griffin and Mrs. W. R. Minor are the leaders of the younger group.

Horse Show of Kiwanis Club Receives Endorsement.

R. D. Bumpass, of this city, well-known in local business circles is new president of Roxboro Chamber of Commerce, succeeding J. A. Long, Jr., in an election held Monday night in the Chamber offices, with both old and new directors in attendance according to announcement made today.

Retiring president Long presided over the meeting, and welcomed new members to the organization. He expressed his appreciation to the directors and members at large for their support of the organization during the past year, and asked that the same support be given the new officers and directors.

At the meeting the following officers in addition to Mr. Bumpass, were elected: vice-president, J. W. Green, treasurer; D. S. Brooks, W. Wallace Woods was re-elected executive secretary and Miss Dorothy Taylor was re-named as his assistant and as secretary of the Retail Credit Bureau Division.

President Bumpass will name members of various committees at an early date, and these committees will consist of members of the organization at large, as well as directors.

The Executive Secretary reported that the organization had a very successful year, and the financial affairs were in a sound condition, with all bills paid in full.

The new board of directors in addition to the above named officers are: Floyd Peaden, T. T. Mitchell, J. J. Woody, R. B. Griffin, R. A. Whitfield, and O. T. Kirby. The retiring members are J. A. Long, Jr., Dr. J. D. Fitzgerald, E. E. Bradsher, C. A. Harris and P. L. Thomas.

The new board endorsed the Horse Show, being sponsored by the Roxboro Kiwanis Club April 7th and pledged its support.

The board also endorsed the game of Veach C. Redd for director, Domestic Distribution Department U. S. Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Redd is a hardware dealer from Cynthiana, Ky., and for the past two years has served as a member of the Domestic Distribution Committee of the U. S. Chamber.

Next meeting will be a call meeting at an early date.

Horse Show And Music Features At Civic Club

Negro quartette music furnished by Frank Bates and his "Gospel Four" group, was feature of Monday's Kiwanis club program at Hotel Roxboro as arranged by J. W. Bolick, program chairman. Devotion was by Fred Bishop.

Chief business was consideration of club sponsorship of a Spring horse show as a club benefit, tentative date has been set for April. Discussion was led by J. J. Woody, horse show chairman. Other details will be announced later, but the project has already received the backing of Roxboro Chamber of Commerce.

Fifteen Men Go To Fort Bragg

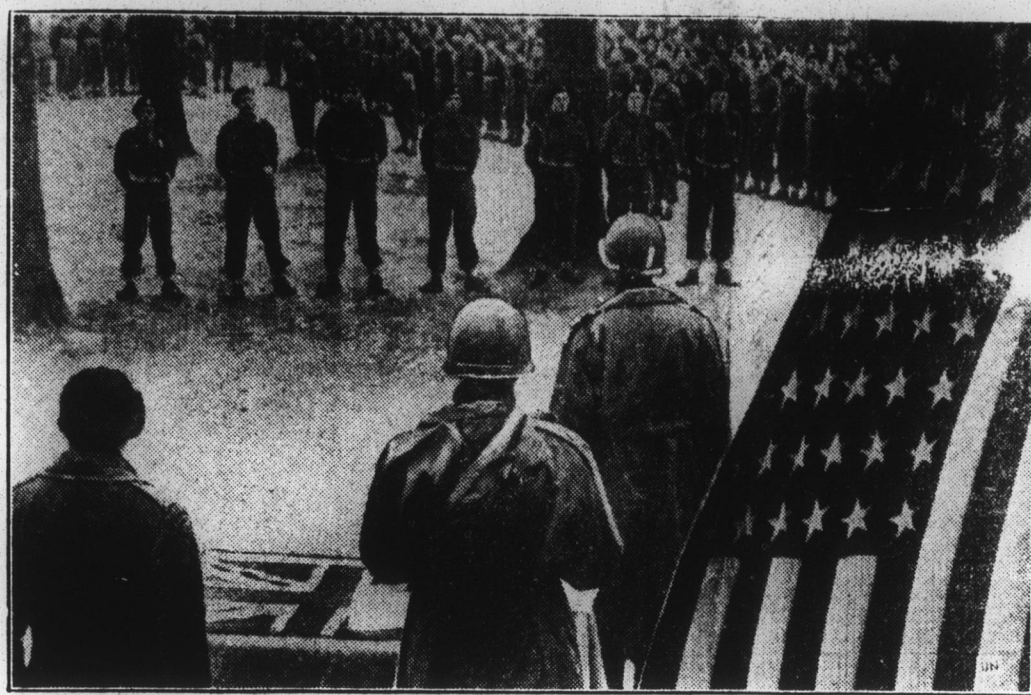
Harold Lee Sherman, leader and fourteen other white men of Roxboro, left Wednesday for induction at Fort Bragg, according to Miss Jeannette Wrenn, chief clerk of the Person Selective Service board. Those who left were: Victor Lester Willford, Frank Flow Chisholm, William Thomas Kirby, Jr., Waylon Thomas Welch, Percy Thomas Howerton, Jr., Otis O'Neal Denny.

Also, Willard Anderson Harris, James Bassel Averette, Howard Randolph Wilkins, Lew Jefferson Rudder, William Davis Lee, Dalton Lee Gillis, Arch Henry Pitts. For another board was Thomas Lee Franklin.

WITH THE U. S. THIRD ARMY. Jan.—When American Third Army correspondents made up a pool on the European war's end back in the bright days of last August, 20 picked dates sometime in 1944.

The man to pick the latest date was Tom Treanor, Los Angeles Times and NBC correspondent, who a short time later was injured fatally when a tank crushed a jeep in which he was riding. He picked January 28.

Americans Decorate British Tank Men



FIGHTING SINCE D-DAY as part of General Simpson's American 9th Army, these British tank men of the Buff's (Royal West Kents) Regiment were recently Awarded American decorations. This picture shows this ceremony, so symbolic of the unity on the fighting fronts, with General Simpson reading the citations.

P. T. Whitt, Jr., Wounded Twice

Pfc. P. T. Whitt, Jr., of Roxboro, in service in Belgium for three weeks after having previously spent four months in a hospital for treatment of wounds in France, was wounded a second time in Belgium on January 14, and is now in a hospital in Belgium, according to report received here yesterday by his family. His second wound is listed as slight.

His wife and children live at Scotland Neck.

Blind Program Discussed Here By Miss Hodges

Case-Worker Gives Convincing Outline At Agency Session

A full and a thoroughly convincing and appealing presentation of the State Blind Commission's work here in cooperation with the Person Welfare program was presented yesterday at Hotel Roxboro by Miss Doris Hodges, of Raleigh, case-worker, at January meeting of the Person County Council of Social Agencies.

Miss Hodges, who is herself blind and has a Seeing-Eye dog as guide, said that blind persons are often eager to learn a trade or craft, but that at times they have a tendency to hold back and not take advantage of opportunities. There are, according to Miss Hodges, eight or nine blind citizens in Person County. She mentioned specifically the case of a woman who pushes ahead with blind training, despite other physical incapacities.

Introduction of Miss Hodges was by Mrs. T. C. Wagstaff, program chairman, who announced that February speaker is to be Claude Luquire, of this city, of the USES office, who will discuss manpower regulations in connections with job-getting. Presiding yesterday was the council chairman, Rev. Rufus J. Womble. New members present included the Rev. J. Boyce Brooks and Miss Vivienne Hiers, pastor and secretary, respectively, of First Baptist Church.

Miss Hodges in the final portion of her talk stressed the fact that all blind children should avail themselves of State Blind School facilities. Older persons, sometimes, she said, cannot learn as readily and therefore require special help from case-workers in using such aids as braille, talking books and the like. Seeing-Eye dogs are available to all who have a specific and special need for them, said Miss Hodges.

New Director In Building & Loan

At a meeting of the directors of the Roxboro Building and Loan Association Tuesday night George J. Bullock was elected a director to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of his brother, W. C. Bullock. Mr. Bullock is a member of the Bullock Lumber Company and is one of Roxboro's most progressive young men.

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Red Cross Junior Program Revealed

Membership Here One Hundred Per Cent. Many Projects Planned

Person County and Roxboro Junior Red Cross members, having reached one hundred per cent memberships in all schools, both white and Negro, are now busy with special projects for the benefit of men and women in military service, according to announcement made today by Mrs. Logan Umsted, adult leader, who says large quotas in knitted and sewed articles are being met.

Nine afghans, fifty pairs of bed-room slippers, one hundred utility bags and fifty wash-cloths are being made here and in many instances the young workers are going beyond assigned quotas, says Mrs. Umsted, who adds that wood articles such as bookshelves, bedside tables, lap-boards, smoking stands and writing boards are also being made.

Paper items such as clipping books, cards and envelopes and memo and writing pads are also being fashioned. Most of the articles being made are to be for returning veterans.

Special Services At Ca-Vel Church Begin On Sunday

A series of special services will be held during February at the Ca-Vel Methodist Church for the purpose of studying the book "Christ After Chaos." Beginning February 4th, the services will be devoted to a study of the post-war policy of the Church in foreign lands. Leader on February 4, will be the Rev. J. R. Jolly, pastor of Ca-Vel church.

The Church in the war-torn countries has suffered severely during the past few months. Everyone has been informed as to the military procedure in the invaded territories. But what of the church in the Philippines, in China, in Japan, in Burma, and in India? What is to be done when the war is over? These and other questions will be discussed in these meetings during the coming month, according to Mr. Jolly.

Everyone interested is invited to attend.

Lt. Scoggin Has Fifth Wound

Lt. Bill Scoggin, formerly with Collins and Alkman Corporation, has been reported as wounded in action in Luxembourg on December 27th. This is the fifth time that he has been wounded. He is a nephew of Mrs. Buck Strum of Roxboro.

Receives Discharge

Miss Ellen F. Perkins, of Roxboro, returned to this city recently after completing ten months of service as a Private in the Woman's Army Corps. Miss Perkins, who received a medical discharge, is high in her praises of the WAC organization. She received training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, and at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.

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Thorpe Murder Case Continued At Brief Superior Court Session

Duke Film Will Be Next Polio Event In City

Quota Has Been Met, But
Contributions Will Still
Be Received

The 1945 Polio fund drive for Person County is now officially over-subscribed and the quota of \$2,161 is expected to be pushed to around \$3,000 by the time all reports are in according to the Rev. Rufus J. Womble, chairman, who said today that the drive here ended yesterday, although a final feature a benefit showing of the Duke-Alabama Sugar Bowl game film at Person County Court House will not take place until Monday night, February 12, at eight o'clock.

Narrator for the film, who will give a play by play account of the game will be Charles A. Dukes, alumni affairs director of Duke University, through whose cooperation the special showing has been arranged. Introduction of Mr. Dukes will be by J. S. Merritt, of the Courier-Times, an alumnus of Duke.

In discussing the successful Polio drive stated here, Mr. Womble said that a fuller statement will be issued later and that in the meantime, persons who still wish to contribute may send their money to him or to Miss Dorothy Taylor, Chamber of Commerce office, chairman of the Woman's Division. Particularly large total contributions have been received through the schools and through theatre collections.

Coin collection boxes were taken up yesterday.

Lt. Col. Coe Head At Camp Bulner

Veteran of First World War
Will Take Charge of Red-
istribution Station

Camp Bulner, Jan. 31.—Lt. Col. Cleveland B. Coe, who has served as executive officer of the Army Ground and Service Forces Redistribution Station at Camp Bulner for the past six months will assume command of the Bulner unit upon the departure of Lt. Col. Robert C. Hanes, who is being returned to the Army Ground Forces at the termination of a six months' tour of duty with the Service Forces unit.

Also affected by the change will be Maj. James E. Millard, director of processing and formerly adjutant at the station, who is being returned to his arm of service.

Colonel Hanes is an infantry officer while Major Millard is a field artillery officer.

Headquarters of the Bulner unit emphasized the fact that the changes were routine under the plan of Ground Forces officers to the Service Forces for the six-month period. In most cases of an officer being released to the Service Forces from Ground Forces, a date of return is specified and the officer is ordered back to his arm of service on that date.

Colonel Hanes assumed command of the unit, then the EPRC, in August, 1944, when Col. Ulric N. James, then the Commanding Officer, left to assume command of the hotel-type Redistribution Station in Asheville.

In assuming command of the Redistribution Station, Colonel Coe carries with him a wealth of experience gained during his tour of duty as executive officer under Colonel Hanes.

A field artillery officer in the last war, Colonel Coe served overseas with the 32nd Division. He saw action in the Meuse-Argonne campaign and later served with the Army of Occupation in Germany. Called back to active duty in 1940, he has served as adjutant and executive officer at the Headquarters, First Artillery Area; at Camp Forrest, Tenn.; and at Camp McCain, Miss. Colonel Coe, a civil engineer by profession, was with the TVA when called into service.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

Raleigh, Jan.—The division of statistics of the department of labor reported today that December figures on the employment of minors totaled 4,919, with 2,337 certificates issued to boys and 2,582 issued to girls.

Many School Busses Listed As Having Mechanical Defects

Deferred until next term of Person Superior Court in April is the case against Ed Thorpe, a Negro, charged with the murder of Bertha Tapp Harris, also a Negro, whom he allegedly fatally shot on Christmas Eve at her home following a quarrel Thorpe had with members of his family who sought refuge at the Harris home. Deferring of this, the most important criminal case on the just completed Superior Court docket, came about through continuance agreed upon by attorneys because of legislative and other dates.

Thorpe, it was learned today, has been returned to jail and may have to remain there until his scheduled April trial. True bill against Thorpe was returned by this week's grand jury, of which P. E. Wells, of Cunningham, was foreman. Work of the grand jury was ended late Tuesday afternoon just prior to ending of the Court over which Judge W. C. Harris, of Raleigh, presided.

Judge Harris' charge was of non-sensational character. Chief emphasis of the grand jury report, as published elsewhere in this issue of the Courier-Times, is upon alleged defective conditions in many school busses. General one of the department of officials in administrative capacities in the County.

Seven criminal cases were disposed of, as were one or two civil suits and a half-dozen divorce cases.

Civil case of interest was that of G. E. Harris vs. W. H. Duncan and wife, Sallie S. Duncan, and N. Lunford, trustee, with Harris promising \$500 and costs in a compromise settlement after an alleged "discovery" of a trust and sale of property connected therewith.

Divorces were granted to the following: Bennie Lee vs. Annie M. Lee; Monroe D. Webb vs. Bettie Webb; Pearl Reeves Long vs. Robert Long; Dorothy L. Currie vs. Richard Currie, with custody of two children, Mary Ellen and Odell Currie, to Mrs. Currie; and William B. Puryear vs. Callie F. Puryear.

Criminal cases disposed of were: Robert Pendergraph and Maurice Carver, Negroes, possession and transporting, nol pro; James Duncan, possession for sale, nol pro; Roy Lawson, Negro, larceny, nol guilty; Jesse Preston Andrews, drunken driving, continued; James Pearce, Negro, assault with intent to kill, two years, suspended five years probation on assault with deadly weapon count, and "Captain" Cameron, Negro, carnal knowledge of child under 14, twelve months, suspended three years probation and \$200 to Betty Lee Woods and Arthur Newman carnal knowledge of child, 12 months, suspended three years probation and costs with \$100 to Cruster Cunningham.

Three Advance In Position At Roxboro Mills

R. L. Harris was last week re-elected as president of Roxboro Cotton Mills at annual meeting of the Board of Directors. Also re-elected W. D. Merritt, vice president, while Landon C. Bradsher was named as a new vice president. Bradsher, at a previously held stockholders meeting was also made a director, succeeding the late George J. Cushman.

Cushman's place as secretary of the mills has been taken by William Harris, III, and now treasurer is J. A. Long, Jr., both named to their respective positions at the same executive session. Re-elected as superintendent was W. W. Morrell. Duties of treasurer was previously held by President Harris, with Mr. Long and Mr. Bradsher as assistant treasurers.

No Soldiers

USO parts of Service Center activities on week-ends will be suspended until further notice because a general decrease in the number of visiting soldiers with Camp Bulner closing, according to announcement made today by Dr. Robert E. Long, Center chairman. Civilian activities at the Center, however, will continue and the soldier programs will be resumed as soon as possible.

Hardanger Vidna, in Norway, is the most expensive tract of open high plateau in Europe.

Morton Funeral Conducted At Franklinton

E. T. Morton, Roxboro Man
Dies At Home

Funeral was held Sunday near Franklinton for E. T. Morton, of Roxboro, formerly of Franklinton, whose death occurred Friday at his home on the Roxboro-South Boston highway, after several years of ill health. Rites were conducted at Pope's Chapel by the Rev. E. G. Usry, of Oxford.

Survivors include: his wife, Mrs. E. T. Morton, of the home, four daughters, Mrs. Nolan Garret, of Kittrell, Route 1, Mrs. W. B. Burnette and Mrs. Willie Brown, both of Roxboro, Route 2, two sons, Emmitte Morton, of Kittrell, Route 2, and Elmo Morton, of Ca-Vel, one brother, N. A. Morton, of Oxford, and twenty-three grandchildren.

Roxboro residents who attended the funeral included Mrs. Rattie Dunn, Mary Burnette and Jessie Shotwell.

Flower-bearers were Mesdames Edward Thornburg, Mrs. Rattie Dunn, Mary Burnette, Jessie Shotwell, Ashmon Morton, Irene Wood, Oscar Williams, Elbert Dixon, and Miss Maxine Dickerson, while pallbearers were: Edward Thornburg, Elbert Dickerson, R. M. King, Edgar Blackie, Ashmon Morton and Edgar Blackie.

Lt. Bradsher Ready Again

Sgt. Joseph Lacke of Uniontown, Pa., in France with the 7th Army is a radio operator with a Field Artillery Battalion, but he has proved he can double in brass as an infantryman when the situation demands it.

It was on the XV Corps front during an attack on "Impregnable" Fort Simserhof. Lt. Darcy W. Bradsher of Roxboro forward observer for Lacke's battery, was watching from a pillbox in front of his own outposts. But he couldn't direct fire because enemy shells had cut his communication wires.

Lacke knew this. So when the infantry "dumped off," he jumped too. The doughboys were soon pinned down by heavy enemy fire, but radioman Lacke kept going, worming his way along the telephone line through shell-plowed earth until he found the break and repaired it.

Sixty-five rounds later the infantrymen renewed their attack, and that night they moved into the blasted remains of Fort Simserhof.

Souvenirs Keep On Coming In

Two more Roxboro soldiers have been sending French and German souvenirs to their families. Cpl. Gilbert Pearce, for instance sends a German officer's sword, very long and in a leather-covered wooden case. The sword, according to Cpl. Pearce, has quite a history back of it.

Another sender of keep-sakes is Pfc. Carlton James, who sends his wife a green and brown velvet scarf and many German and French coins and bills, all to be kept until he gets home. Notwithstanding that injunction, Mrs. James says she would not wear the scarf on a bet.

Roxboro Woman's Husband Promoted

Lieut. W. N. Reynolds, U. S. N. R., has been promoted to his present rank from that of Lieut. (jg). Lieut. Reynolds was formerly attached to the Marines as Liaison Officer. He served in this capacity in the invasion of Palau Islands. He recently has been made Educational Service Officer, serving in the Pacific.

Mrs. Reynolds, the former Miss Mary Lou Shotwell and her daughter, Kay, live in Roxboro with Mrs. Reynolds' sister, Mrs. S. B. Shotwell.