

**RATION DEADLINES**  
Meats—Red: Q5-Q5 expire Mar 31;  
T5-X5 expire Apr. 28; Y5-Z5 and  
A2-D2 expire June 2.  
FOODS—Blue: X5-Z5 and A2-B2  
expire Mar. 31; C2-G2 expire Apr.  
28; H2-M2 expire June 2.

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**Fatal Highway Accidents**  
IN PERSON COUNTY IN 1945  
HELP KEEP IT THAT WAY  
DRIVE CAREFULLY!

## Health Work Goes Forward Despite Staff Depletions

Miss Fisher To Be Succeeded By Miss Davis, Puppet Show Coming.

Person Health Department, despite staff shortages and curtailments, is carrying on all essential activities, according to Miss Julia Fisher, senior staff nurse, who announced today that the "Little Jack Puppet Show," under sponsorship of the Division of Oral Hygiene, the State Department of Health, will give showings here in public schools on Friday of this week and on Monday and Tuesday of next week.

Miss Fisher at the same time confirmed reports that she is resigning her position here on March 17, to enter the Army Nurse Corps as a second lieutenant. She will be succeeded here on a temporary basis by Miss Evelyn Davis, now of Chapel Hill, formerly of the Person school.

Miss Fisher, who came here over three years ago and has been active in business, church and social circles, will report to Fort George G. Meade, Md., for assignment after spending two weeks at her home in Richmond, Va. Miss Davis will not come to Roxboro until April 1, but work of the staff will go on under Mrs. O. David Garvin and G. W. Rogers, with clinic assistance from Misses Lake Allen and Agnes Bowe, of the Chapel Hill unit.

Remaining with the Roxboro staff are Mrs. Susan Hendley secretary, W. B. Taylor, sanitarian, and Nurse Elma Katherine Woods, of the Negro division, who will carry on daily activities. Regular clinics will be held as usual with staff assistance from Chapel Hill.

The "Little Jack Puppet Show," which comes in alternate years, has as puppeteers Misses Mary and Jean Davis, of Chapel Hill, and is always popular. On Friday morning it will be at Bethel Hill and Altsville and on that afternoon at Bushy Fork. Monday shows will be for East Roxboro and Central school at Central, and at Olive Hill that morning, with afternoon performance at Mt. Tirzah, while Tuesday shows will be at Negro Schools, Person County Training school and Lee Jeffers in the morning, and Olive Hill (Negro) school that afternoon.

Miss Fisher in announcing her own resignation expressed regrets at leaving Roxboro, but said she feels that the call of duty at this time is with the Army Nurse Corps.

### Pvt. T. C. Day Slightly Wounded

Pvt. Thomas C. Day, husband of Mrs. Hazel Briggs Day, and son of Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Day of Roxboro, was slightly wounded in action in Germany in February, according to a message received by his wife last week.

Pvt. Day entered the army July 1944, received his basic training at Fort McClellan, Ala. and went overseas in January 1945. Prior to entering service he was engaged in farming. Pvt. Day was a graduate of Hurdle Mills high school and King's Business College, Greensboro. He reports that he is getting along fine.

### Capt. Clark, Nurse Receives Honor

Captain Mary Belle Clark, of Virgilina, Va., daughter of Mrs. W. L. Clark, of Virgilina and sister of Miss Addie Clark, of Duke Hospital, formerly with Community Hospital here, is chief nurse at 68th Station hospital, in the Cise section of France. In service since 1940 and overseas for two years, Captain Clark a graduate of Memorial Hospital, Danville Va., has recently received an official citation from Gen. C. C. Thrasher, divisional commander.

### Tobacco Growers Can Get Fuel Oil

Tobacco growers who have replaced, or who may desire to replace their wood-burning curing equipment with oil burners may now obtain a fuel oil ration for this purpose, according to an announcement made today by the Person OFA office, where many inquiries have been received in the past few weeks. Citizens who have already made application and those who have made verbal inquiries are being notified of the change in ruling. Oil for curing purposes was at one time unobtainable under OFA regulations.

## Terrace School Needed In Area Reports Sanders

Formation Will Depend On Interest Shown

The demand for terracing is increasing here to such an extent that more available farmers, including young men, are needed to terrace farms in Person County, according to Person Farm Agent, H. K. Sanders, who said today that if as many as a class of 10 can be secured, it is proposed to hold a terracing school in Person County to train young men or middle-aged men, to run terrace lines for the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

This article is written, says Mr. Sanders in the hope that those interested will notify the County Farm Agent, who is cooperating with the AAA committee in enlisting applicants for this school. If as many as 10 men show interest, the school will be headed by the Vocational Teachers of Person County, assisted by the Farm Agents and the Soil Conservation Service.

The men completing this course will be paid a certain sum of money for running lines for the AAA and this is considered a splendid opportunity for men to learn terracing. If interested, notify H. K. Sanders, Roxboro, who says that if enough interest is shown, more details regarding the school will be announced.

### Lt. Lester Has Fourth Cluster

First Lieutenant Raymond O. Lester, 23, of Wooddale, stationed at an Eighth Air Force Station in England, bombardier on a B-17 Flying Fortress, has won a fourth Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement" during Eighth Air Force bombing attacks on military and industrial targets in Nazi Germany.

Lt. Lester is a member of the 34th Bomb. Group, a unit of the Third Air Division, the division cited by the President for its now historic England-Africa shuttle bombing of Messerschmitt plants at Regensburg, Germany.

### J. M. Dempsey Gives Program

Roxboro Kiwanians, who last week had a program presented by J. M. Dempsey, resident manager of Plant E. Collins and Aikman, will meet again tonight at Hotel Roxboro for a regular program.

Attendance last week was 97 percent. Pledge to the flag was led by L. C. Liles and the invocation was by the Rev. B. B. Knight. Mr. Dempsey, who had as his topic "Collins and Aikman Fabric From Raw Wool to Finished Product", showed a sound-truck film giving all details of actual production in Collins and Aikman mills.

### Market Opens

The Person County Home Demonstration club curb market, closed for the past several weeks, will re-open for business on Saturday morning, March 10, at eight-thirty o'clock in the USO Service Center building here, according to an announcement made today by Miss Evelyn Caldwell, Person Home Agent.

Miss Lucille Cothran and her mother and brother now have residence on Academy street, next door to Mrs. W. A. Sergeant. Miss Cothran is manager of the Rose store here, having come to Roxboro from Henderson.

### To Richmond

Rev. and Mrs. Rufus J. Womble and daughter will leave here Wednesday for residence in Richmond, Va., where Mr. Womble will serve Epiphany Episcopal church.

### Dies In Action



S. SGT. ODELL GATES

## Mrs. Odell Gates Has Message In Husband's Praise

Learns Details Of Death Of Her Husband S. Sgt. Gates In Germany.

Mrs. Odell Gates, of Timberlake, whose husband, Staff Sergeant Odell Gates, of Hillsboro and Timberlake, was reported as killed in action in Germany, October 23, 1944, has received a letter from his commanding officer, Col. Branner P. Purdie, of the 120 Infantry, giving additional details concerning the death of Sgt. Gates, who is buried in Belgium.

Col. Purdie writes as follows: "The news has already been brought to you by The Secretary of War that your husband, Staff Sergeant Wildred O. Gates, was killed in action 23 October, 1944, in Germany."

"The purpose of this letter is to express my own deep sympathy for the loss you have suffered and to acquaint you with all of the facts that can be described. I wish it were possible for me to give you all the details surrounding the death of your husband, but I am sure you will understand that censorship regulation will not permit such disclosure at this time."

"I can say, however, that your husband died in the line of duty and in the highest tradition of the Army and of his country which he served so nobly and well. May I express the hope that it will be a source of comfort during your hours of sorrow to know that his name could have done more to help bring an early end to this struggle for the cause of human freedom."

"Appropriate religious services were conducted in your husband's memory by the Protestant Chaplain at his grave in Belgium. Both officers and enlisted men of this regiment miss him greatly. His courageous example in making the supreme sacrifice has given us renewed strength to carry on to completion the unfinished tasks before us."

### Washington Secretary

Miss Pauline Solomon, of Washington, secretary of Lodge No. 2, the American Federation for the Physically Handicapped, spent the weekend here with her family. Miss Solomon, who has a government position in Washington, says the AFPH is concerned with the rehabilitation of all types of physically handicapped persons, including war veterans.

### Fox Promoted

Fred H. Fox, of Roxboro, now at Great Bend, Kan., with the United States Army, has been promoted from Private First Class to Corporal, according to information received here today. With the 435 Bomb Squadron, the 333rd Bomb Group, A. A. F., his assignment number is 3443802.

### Miss Epps Dies

Held last Tuesday at Mayo Chapel were rites for Miss Margaret Epps, 17, of Person County, daughter of Nathan Epps. She died on Monday, after a long illness resulting from a childhood attack of polio. Interment was in the church cemetery. Also surviving are two brothers and three sisters.

### Beulah To Meet

Sunday Schools of Beulah Association will meet Tuesday night, March 6 at 7:30 o'clock at the First Baptist Church, Roxboro. Speaker will be Rev. A. P. Stephens of Burlington. It is hoped that all Sunday Schools will be well represented.

## Mrs. Buchanan's Mother, Oxford, Dies Suddenly

Sudden Heart Attack. Fatal Rites Held In Oxford At Hester Church

Mrs. F. S. Beasley, 63, died at her home on Henderson Street extension at 4:15 Thursday morning as the result of a heart attack. She was the mother of Mrs. A. B. Buchanan, of Roxboro, bookmobile clerk for Person County Public Library.

The funeral was held at four o'clock Friday afternoon at Hester Baptist Church with the Rev. W. D. Poe, pastor, officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery. The body was removed to the home of a son, W. T. Beasley, on Front Street in Oxford.

Mrs. Beasley had been in her usual health and her sudden death came as a shock to members of the family and friends. She has resided in Granville County and Oxford all her life and joined Hester Church in girlhood.

Surviving are her husband, F. S. Beasley, five sons, W. T. Beasley and Albert Beasley, Oxford; Lewis Beasley, Washington, D. C.; B. F. Beasley, Portsmouth, Va., and Russell Beasley, Athol, Mass., two daughters, Mrs. A. B. Buchanan, Roxboro, and Mrs. Ed Averett, Route 1, Oxford, one brother, Jim West, Laurinburg, and a sister, Miss Bell West, Oxford.

### New War Loan Starts April 9

Washington, March—The Seventh war loan drive, with a \$14,000,000,000 goal and calling for record individual purchases, will open April 9 and close July 7. Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., announced tonight.

The over-all goal is the same as that of the sixth drive but half of the amount must come through individual purchases. Morgenthau said. Of the \$7,000,000,000 individual quota, \$4,000,000,000 was fixed as the quota for E bond sales as compared with \$2,500,000,000 in the last drive.

Highest sales to individuals were registered in the fifth war loan drive and amounted to \$6,351,000,000. The highest previous E bond goal was \$3,000,000,000.

### W. S. Wilson, Jr., Has Recognition

T-5 William S. Wilson, Jr., son of Mrs. W. S. Wilson, has received the following commendation from his commanding officer: Capt. Jack C. Lanver. "Since his assignment to this company Tec. 5 William S. Wilson has served in the capacity of armorer and assistant supply N. C. O. He has made a considerable contribution to the efficiency of the company, by his alertness and efficiency in arming and equipping the reinforcements. He has displayed a conscientiousness toward his work, that has made him a thoroughly dependable noncommissioned officer."

### Harris Family

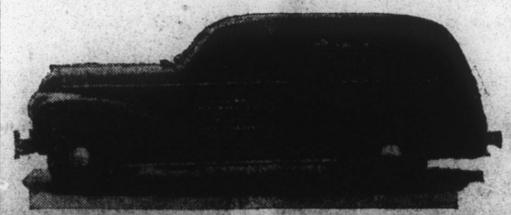
Other members of the family of Pfc. Gayland Harris, of Virgilina, Va., and Roxboro, recently listed as missing in action, are his wife and two children. In service about ten months, he has been overseas for six months.

## Along The Way

A few days ago this paper carried an announcement that Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Oakley of Raleigh, former residents of this city, were announcing the birth of a brand new baby girl. Today we had a letter from Papa Kenneth stating that he survived the ordeal in excellent shape. Stated that cigarettes were hard to get but that he had saved some special for the occasion and that he came thru in fine shape with the help of the cigs.

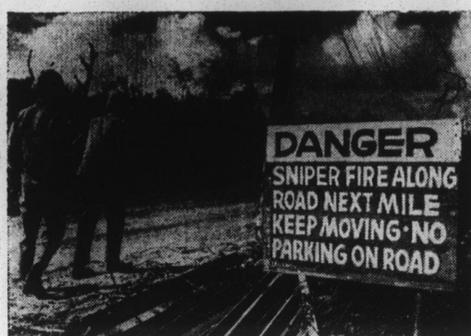
P. S. Dr. John Fitzgerald denies the fact that he has bought a motor such as we described in this paper last week. He said that he would work his garden by hand just like a poor man and that he expected to have as many vegetables as he ever had. However he failed to say how many he had been having in the past.

### Puppet Show



Little Jack's Puppet Show of the Division of Oral Hygiene of the North Carolina State Board of Health Travels in Its own Red Truck.

### Traffic Sign On Peleliu



The cautious tread of the Marine in the lead indicates there will be no violation of the traffic regulations shown on the sign erected during the Peleliu campaign. Each of the Leathernecks is carrying a pistol in his right hand for travel over "Sniper's Mile."

## 'Pal,' Who Is Lonesome Wants Kind Boss And New, Soft Bed

I'm just a little dog, but please, do you know of anyone who would like to have me?

I'm black and white and my name is "Pal."

One of my eyes is out and doesn't look very nice, but my mistress did not mind and I am sure you would not.

We lived all alone, my mistress and I, in a big house with beautiful old oaks all-around it. She loved me dearly, and I loved her. But now she has gone away and I can't find her.

The door is locked and my box has been put outside.

I am still searching all over the neighborhood for her. One night about dusk I saw the top of a head through a lighted window and I thought surely I had found her. I barked and barked, but she didn't come out. I'm so sad and lonely and nobody seems to need me.

I just visit around among the neighbors. I heard one of them say I had more sense than any dog they had ever seen and that I obeyed perfectly. I know I could make some family away from my old environment mighty happy to have me. Just call for me, or drop a line to "Pal," at Semora, N. C.

Editor's Note: "Pal" was the beloved friend and constant companion of the late Miss Betty Kersey, of Semora. Spokesman for "Pal" and author of the story published above is a neighborhood friend at Semora.

### Girls Here Asked To Share New Butner Program

Mrs. R. H. Shelton, Camp Butner social activities chairman here, has received a request that twenty-five Roxboro and Person young women attend an informal square dance at a recreation center, Camp Butner on Friday night, March 9. Formal dances are being planned for later in the season, according to Mrs. Shelton, who says that need at the present time is for young women who can entertain convalescents.

Previously entertainment has been on a sharing basis, but wounded and hospitalized soldiers need the companionship of young women who can play games and enter generally into the spirit of activities other than dancing, according to information received from Camp officials. Young women who are interested in going to Friday's informal square dance are requested to telephone Mrs. Shelton at once.

### Sgt. L. W. Roberts Reported Killed

Sgt. Landreth W. Roberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Roberts of Jonesboro, has been killed in action in France, relatives in Hurdle Mills were notified Saturday. He had been overseas since June 1944. Sgt. Roberts' wife is the former Miss Clarice Rimmer of Hurdle Mills. He has two other brothers in service in the European Theatre of war.

## Building & Loan Officials Meet

Stockholders of the Roxboro Building & Loan Association met Saturday in its 23rd annual meeting. After reading minutes of the past meeting a resolution was offered by R. L. Harris authorizing a committee to be appointed to draw resolutions on the death of the late secretary, J. S. Walker. Mr. Walker had been secretary of the Association since its organization, and it was the first meeting since organization that he was not present.

The report for the year was most satisfactory, and notwithstanding the large amount of money which the Association carried at all times, owing to the fact that building was not possible, earnings for the year were 5.57 per cent. The report also showed that the Association had grown largely during the past year, and everything was in first class condition. The most promising feature was the large number of subscribers who are laying by in store for the time when they can build. When peace is declared and the lumber situation is such that building can get going there will be more building here than ever before in the history of the City.

All of the old directors, save Mr. Walker, were re-elected; and the board will meet soon to elect a secretary and treasurer to fill the vacancies. The board as elected are as follows: R. L. Harris, O. B. McBroom, Preston Satterfield, Dr. A. F. Nichols, George J. Bullock and J. W. Noell. Immediately after the death of Mr. Walker J. C. (Bill) Walker was elected assistant secretary and treasurer, and will act until his successor is named. Bill has been acting as assistant for a number of years and is well qualified for the position.

### Pvt. J. E. Davis Now In Charleston

Pvt. James E. Davis, of Roxboro, son of Mrs. Johnnie M. Davis, of this city, has returned from thirty-one months of overseas duty in the European theatre and is now at Starks General Hospital, Charleston, S. C., for treatment. He will soon be transferred to another hospital. He returned to the States on the U. S. Hospital ship, Blanche F. Sigmon.

### Now Recovering

W. C. Webster, 30, of the Devero Davis farm, who on Friday a week ago received a severely burned left hand and other injuries when blasting powder in a bucket became ignited, is still a patient at Community Hospital, where he is reported to be improving. He is a son-in-law of Jasper M. Hamlett.

The U. S. is sending the Allied nations about 10 per cent of its 1945 food supply.

## D. S. Coltrane Says Farm Progress To Depend On Unity

### Teachers Only Authorized, Says Negro Chairman

The Person and Roxboro Negro Division of the American Red Cross under the supervision of T. C. Tillman, principal of the Person County Training School, got its drive underway March 1st, with teachers in the Roxboro district as volunteer helpers, according to Principal Tillman.

The volunteers will visit each home, and when the drive ends, they hope to have the name of every Negro citizen in Roxboro as a contributor.

With so many of our husbands, brothers, sons, sweethearts and daughters in the service, we can do our share to comfort the families of those who have given their lives and the men who have been wounded, says Tillman, who adds, your contribution to the Red Cross will help in these and many other ways.

Principal Tillman says that it has been reported to him that unauthorized solicitors, persons other than teachers have been seeking Red Cross contributions.

### Sgt. Sanders Has Many Missions

Marine Sergeant William A. Sanders, 29, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Sanders, 1492 Peachtree St., Roxboro, who has returned from the Pacific where he was a radio gunner with a torpedo bomber squadron of the Fourth Marine Air Wing, based on Guam and in the New Hebrides is now at a Marine Corps Depot, Miramar, Calif.

The Sgt. Sanders is credited with 400 flying hours. He had completed 56 missions strafing gun positions, airstrips and ammunition dumps at Rota and other Central Pacific areas.

Sgt. Sanders attended Boys High School, Atlanta, Ga., and was employed by the Office of Price Administration, Atlanta, before enlisting in January 1943. He was promoted to his present rank in September 1944.

### W. H. Bradsher Has Promotion

Pvt. William H. Bradsher, 22, of the Fifth Air Force in the Southwest Pacific, husband of Mrs. Lenora L. Bradsher, Route 3, Roxboro, has been promoted to private first class. Bradsher, a truck driver is in one of the newest units of the Fifth Air Force Troop Carriers commanded by Brigadier General Paul H. Prentiss. Bradsher's unit is working with Air Freight Forwarding, which is responsible for the rapid delivery of supplies and personnel to the Philippines and bases in the Southwest Pacific.

Prior to joining the army, Pfc. Bradsher was a farmer. He wears the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with a battle Star for the New Guinea campaign.

### Mrs. Otto Wade Dies At Home

Mrs. Otto Wade, the former Miss Allie Wagner, wife of Otto Wade, of near Antioch church, died at her home this morning after an illness lasting five months. Death was attributed to complications. Graveside rites will be held Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock in the Wade family cemetery by Elder N. D. Teasley. Survivors, in addition to her husband, are a half sister, Mrs. L. A. Gregory, of Timberlake, and a half-brother, L. W. Wagner, of Roxboro, Route three.

### Scout Dinner

Roxboro and Person district Boy Scouts will have their annual Father-Son banquet Friday night at Hotel Roxboro. Many tickets have already been distributed, but both fathers and their Scout sons are urged to complete arrangements. Tickets may be obtained from C. A. Harris and from various scoutmasters.

### With G. L. Allen

D. Edwin Featherston, of this City, retired rural route mail-carrier, has accepted a position with the G. L. Allen Mutual Insurance agency.

### Assistant Commissioner Of Agriculture Delivers Inspiring Address.

"The war has taught farmers the value of full-time employment," asserted D. S. Coltrane, of Raleigh, assistant State Commissioner of Agriculture, who on Thursday night spoke at Roxboro Rotary club as guest of Thomas R. Bennett and presented an analysis of postwar farm production problems, with a chief emphasis on the prosperity of all, based on a continuation of the greater cooperation between farmers and industrial workers that is now being noticed.

Mr. Coltrane, a native of Randolph county, but for many years a leading figure in State farming circles, said that farm production has been much greater in the U. S. in this war than in the last, but that "Agriculture will feel the effects of economic readjustment soon unless farmers continue to apply present production methods."

Standards of living have never been too high among farmers, according to Coltrane, who cited as a glaring example the small number of farms having telephone service, a condition particularly true in Person County. In reviewing State progress in farming, the Assistant Commissioner paid particular tribute to forward looking attitudes shown by legislatures of the past six to seven years, especially the current Assembly.

"What kind of an America do we want?" asked Mr. Coltrane in closing, and giving for his own opinion that the future looks good, provided we as citizens are as alert in peacetime as we are in war."

Next club program will be by R. H. Gates, and the next by Claude Harris. Presiding at the session which was held at Hotel Roxboro was Fred Long, club president.

Mr. Coltrane, who spoke for about half an hour, went back to Raleigh that night. Also here was a Mr. Ludlow. Club members agreed to sponsor a city-wide clothing drive for overseas civilians.

## County Session On Lumber May Be Needed Here

H. K. Sanders, Person Farm Agent, who is interested in cooperating with local farmers in programs to aid in the production of lumber and pulpwood, has received from State officials a report of a conference called last month by Gov. R. Gregg Cherry, in Raleigh, which, according to Mr. Sanders, should be of interest in the Person area, where a number of sawmills and lumber plants are in operation and where a county conference of interested citizens is expected to be called.

That report, prefaced by an opening paragraph with the calling of the State Conference and the results found there, reads as follows:

Governor R. Gregg Cherry, recognizing the urgent need of forest products to meet the war demands, and at the request of the War Production Board and industry representatives, held last month a conference of lumbermen, pulp and paper manufacturers, and representatives of agricultural and forestry agencies and the various war activities groups. The conference checked the record of progress in North Carolina and found that we have done remarkably well in supplying lumber and pulpwood, but at the same time believes that we can do more in helping to meet urgent needs.

Goals for the first six months of 1945 call for North Carolina to produce 450,000 cords of pulpwood and 850,000,000 board feet of lumber by July 1.

The conference chairman, Dr. I. O. Schaub, Director of Extension at State College, has appointed a committee of industry representatives.

### Red Cross Today

Business district Red Cross passers are out working today toward the local goal of \$3,500. Daily official report comes from the Initial Gifts committee headed by George W. Kane, which began work last week and now has on hand \$2,500.55 to help push the good ship "Person" across the goal line.