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HOUSING RELIEF IN ROXBORO MAY BE FORTHCOMING

Leading Role In Play To Be Given To D. Frederick

"Patsy Strings Along", New Production At City High School.

"Patsy Strings Along," by Len Hollister, has been selected as the Senior Play at Roxboro high school, according to announcement made today. A modern comedy-drama in three acts, it promises to work up into a highly enjoyable entertainment.

Dailey Frederick will play the lead again this year, not in a maladjusted adolescent role such as he played last year in "Galahad Jones", but as a distinguished absent-minded professor, who is headmaster of a Boys' Academy.

Janice Rimmer plays opposite him as a highly sophisticated vaudeville actress. They will be supported by Eloise Rimmer, Betsy Taylor, F. O. Whitt, Jr., Bobby Booth, George Wilson, Nancy Willson, John Harris Blanks, and Nell Pulliam.

This play will be presented Tuesday night, May eighth.

Tax Changes Of Assembly Cited By W. W. Woods

Certain Advantages Indicated By Commerce Secretary.

W. Wallave Woods, secretary of Roxboro Chamber of Commerce, today announced to druggists, seed and feed dealers and service repair shops that there have been certain important changes by the General Assembly in the Sales Tax law. The changes were adopted by the Assembly prior to its adjournment on March 20.

The changes read as follows:

Sales of medicine sold on prescriptions of physicians, or medicines compounded, processed or blended by the druggist offering the same for sale at retail or sales of drugs or medical supplies to physicians or hospitals or by physicians and hospitals to patients in connection with medical treatments.

Sales of seeds, feeds for livestock and poultry, and insecticides for livestock, poultry and agriculture.

Sales of repair parts and accessories for motor vehicles and airplanes, and lubricants and other articles used in servicing motor vehicles and airplanes, when made to the owner and operator of fleets of as many as five or more vehicles or airplanes, shall be classified as wholesale sales, and therefore only subject to the wholesale rate of tax.

Central PTA Will Elect Officers At Tuesday Session

Election of officers and the planning of a comprehensive program for next year will be chief business to be carried out at the April and final meeting for this school year of the Parent-Teacher Association of Roxboro Central Grammar school, Tuesday afternoon at 3:15 o'clock at the school, according to announcement made today.

Presiding will be Mrs. R. P. Burns, president, who urges a full attendance and requests that each member come prepared to discuss ideas for the general over-all program to be developed during the coming year.

Chairman of the nominating committee is Mrs. W. H. Adair. The president will also call for regular committee reports. The meeting will be held in the school.

Theresa Services

Services at Theresa Baptist church have been changed to eight o'clock at night, with Sunday school at 7 P. M., according to the Rev. B. B. Knight, pastor, who says singing will be in charge of T. O. Sanders, with Miss McFarland as pianist. Services at Mitchell's Chapel will be at the usual hours.

Limited Number Of Apartments Can Be Built Here Through Conversion.

"Due to a critical lack of housing in the Roxboro area, and as a result of a survey recently made, the National Housing agency has approved a conversion program consisting of twenty-five units for Roxboro," says Jack H. Brown, of Greensboro, State director for the National Housing agency of the Federal Housing administration, who yesterday revealed the first break in an acute housing situation here which developed during early days of the war and has grown steadily worse.

Conversion units referred to mean adaptations of larger houses to apartment purposes, according to Mr. Brown, who said yesterday in a letter to the Courier-Times that he is "sure that such a program will meet with enthusiasm." The program as it is now set up in Roxboro will mean the creation of twenty-five additional units through the medium of conversion, a phrase that is given fuller explanation in another paragraph of Brown's letter, which reads in part as follows:

"Briefly, the program contemplates the conversion of existing structures, whether they be presently used for residential purposes or not, into one or more living units. In other words, if a person owns a large house he, under this program, can obtain priorities to convert the unit and in doing so create additional living units which will help relieve the critical housing situation in Roxboro. Without the program, construction restrictions would prohibit the conversion work."

Applications for the construction of conversion units or apartments can be obtained from his office in Greensboro, says Brown.

It is not known how many buildings or houses in Roxboro are suitable or available for conversion plans. In the still more acute Greensboro area arrangements have been made so that persons who are forced out of apartments or houses and cannot obtain others can build whole houses, but no such liberalization is included in the conversion plans proposed for Roxboro. It is thought that the twenty-five units referred to means units rather than houses or buildings used in conversion. In other words only twenty-five such apartments can be built in Roxboro.

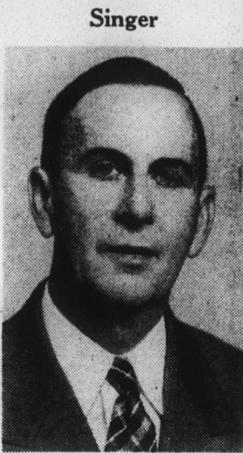
Appeal Made For One Case

Fifteen or more cases were disposed of Tuesday in Person Recorder's court before Judge F. O. Caryer, with R. B. Dawes as solicitor. One case, involving drunken driving and possession was appealed to Superior Court and may be tried there at the next term, which opens on Monday, April 23.

Case on appeal is that of Winston Ben Taylor, 36, who has posted bond of \$150, appealing from judgment by Judge Carver, who in his own court imposed a \$50 fine, with license revoked on the drunken driving charge and \$5 and costs for possession. Taylor, charged with the offense indicated above, was arrested several weeks ago by Patrolman John Hudgins and Deputy Bob Whitt. The case had previously been continued twice.

Other cases Tuesday were: Willie Satterfield, 24, Negro, careless and reckless driving, \$10 and costs; Willie Clayton, Negro, 50, same charge, same judgment, plus a speeding charge; Charles Ellis, 22, Negro, no operator's license, and speeding, suspended with costs; Henry Scott, 28, Negro, no operator's license, suspended with costs; Henry Springfield, Negro, 39, no chauffeur license, suspended with costs; Luther Irby, 30, no operator's license, \$5 and costs.

Also, Burns (Pete) Day, assault with intent to commit robbery, prosecuting witness withdraws warrant and pays costs; Junior Kiser, no operator's license, continued; James L. Yarborough, 19, drunken driving, \$50 and costs, with license revoked; Josh Jones, Negro, 25, careless and reckless driving and speeding, \$10 and costs; R. J. Jordan, Negro, 21, assault with deadly weapon and disturbing peace, \$5 and costs; E. W. Lunsford, 22, of Burlington, speeding, suspended with costs; Archie Johnson, Negro, 18, speeding, suspended with costs and Jack Burton, Negro, 18, no operator's license, suspended with costs.



A. E. LYNCH
A. E. Lynch who will lead the singing at the coming revival at the Roxboro First Baptist Church.

Revival Meeting At Baptist Church

Beginning April 29th And Through May 6th, With The Pastor in Charge.

As previously announced there will be a series of sermons at the Roxboro First Baptist church, beginning April 29th and running through May 6th. The pastor, Rev. J. Boyce Brooks, will do the preaching and Mr. A. E. Lynch, of Campbell college will lead the singing. Services will be held twice daily, the morning service will be at nine o'clock and the evening at eight o'clock.

The Rev. Mr. Brooks needs no introduction as his messages for the past six months have been heard by large congregations. In fact he has been greeted at almost every morning service with a packed house. Mr. Lynch is director of music at Campbell college, having been a member of the Wake Forest Glee Club when a student at that institution.

From every indication if you want to have the pleasure of enjoying these services it will be well for you to come early.

Squadron Has Citation For Heroic Work

The following item of news concerning a Roxboro boy is received from his mother, Mrs. E. G. Long, of Carthage:

Knowing how much you like to know how the Person County boys are progressing, I felt that you would like a bit of good news from one of your town boys.

We had quite an interesting letter from George today.

In his letter he wrote that his squadron has received the Presidential Citation. He said he felt that it was well earned. There is quite a bit of work connected with winning this citation and that it was quite an honor to have it.

He, with a group of the men in his Squadron have organized a dance band and they have traveled at good distances playing for different outfits. He said that Captain Taylor told them he would guarantee them a good job after they get out of the Army if they more stick together. But George is more anxious to complete his education and says he prefers going to college.

I thought you would be interested in this bit of news from him.

Happy Ending

"I am safe and well. Hope to see you soon. Writing soon," these words, in a cablegram, brought pleasure to Mrs. Lonnie Blalock, of Timberlake, who last week received the message from her son, Pvt. Bunnie Blalock, previously listed as missing in action in Europe as of January 25. Still better to Mrs. Blalock, was a V-Mail letter she received this week from her son, dated March 28, with an explanation, although he said he was glad to be back with his own men, presumably in Germany, from where previous German Radio propaganda reports of Easter Sunday had him on record as a prisoner of war.

LT. HUMPHRIES
Lt. William Smith Humphries, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Humphries, of Bethel Hill, is reported to have been seriously wounded in Germany, March 30, according to a message received here yesterday.

Ronald Perry Will Face Charges Of Murder In Wake

Bryant's Patch Story Revealed In More Detail

Soldier Who Made Headlines Writes To Wife Here.

Pfc. Willie G. Bryant, of Roxboro, who got his name in headlines all over the United States several weeks ago because of an Associated Press story from Cologne, Germany, concerned with his ability to eat his "patch", gives the low-down on that story in a letter just received by his wife, Mrs. Ruth Adams Bryant, of Roxboro, formerly of Durham.

Starting off by saying he thinks the war will soon be over (in Europe) Pfc. Bryant tells of his Roer River "patch-eating" incident as follows:

"Enclosed is a clipping that was taken from a Buffalo, New York paper and was sent to one of the soldiers here who gave it to me. His wife sent it to him and it so happened that he is our mess sergeant and was staying upstairs. To explain we were in this night attack and after crossing the Roer river (I know that you have been reading about our crossing it) and going on through two more towns and right through a field for at least 2 miles and were right in the town, we were moving in under artillery and had to keep low.

Just as we were about to enter the Jerries started to firing upon us. I hit the ground and rolled over and over to get back to a shell hole for cover, this patch was one of my own, and I had taken some white thread and sewed F. D. R. and under that S. S., that's what Hitler had named our outfit. I knew that if I was captured with that, it would be curtains for your Willie. I had it in my bill fold and could never think to send it to you. I didn't think that I could ever get it out of my bill fold. I was covered with mud. I started to throw it away and then I thought that it would be wiser for them not to even find one if any of us were captured so, I put it in my mouth and started chewing and before I knew it I had eaten it.

"You'll do a lot of things at a time like that. When the Jerries started firing I was trying to roll back to cover and out of observation into the hole that I mentioned before which was near a hay stack that we had stopped to rest, we didn't even think of the stacks being hollow. They were, and the Germans were in them with machine guns, rat-a-tat, is the way it sounded over and over and I felt just like they were firing at me. It was hot and I had to get clear of that place. That same night I was lost from the company. I hid and stayed hid until I was certain about which way to go. I got with the outfit about four hours later, none the worse for the experience.

Mitchell's Chapel Has New Seats

Members of Mitchell's Chapel Baptist church and their pastor, the Rev. B. B. Knight, of Roxboro, have received from Olive Branch church and the pastor, the Rev. J. E. Currin, a gift of pews or seats for their church, according to announcement made today by the Rev. Mr. Knight, who says that he and his church members wish to express their deep appreciation for the gift, which will be put to effective use during a revival scheduled to begin at Mitchell's Chapel on Sunday, April 29, when the Rev. R. W. Hovis will be guest speaker.

Singing during the revival will be in charge of T. C. Sanders, of Roxboro, and the public is cordially invited to attend. Olive Branch church has installed other new pews.

Hovis To Hold Antioch Revival

The Rev. R. W. Hovis, pastor of Antioch Baptist church, will begin a series of revival services in his church on Sunday night, April 15, with services each night at eight o'clock that will continue through the Sunday morning service, April 22. Preaching will be by the pastor and the public is cordially invited to attend, according to announcement made today.

Arrested Here, He Is Taken To Raleigh For Murder Count.

Ronald Perry, about 35, of Roxboro, formerly of Richmond, Va., was taken to Raleigh Tuesday night after his arrest here that afternoon on a charge of murder, it being alleged that Perry killed Willie White, a Negro, of Wake Forest, there about three or four years ago.

Perry, a truck-driver for the Pat Brown lumber company here, was arrested by Person Sheriff M. T. Clayton, who declined to discuss the tip-off that led to Perry's apprehension. Perry was picked up on a downtown street in Roxboro by Deputy Bob Whitt, who took him to Sheriff Clayton.

Kept in jail from about one o'clock in the afternoon (Tuesday) time at which he was charged with murder, until Sheriff Numa F. Turner, of Raleigh, arrived to take him to Wake County, that night about 8 o'clock, Perry denied knowing anything about the alleged crime and repeatedly said that Person officers "had the wrong man." Otherwise, he declined to talk.

Sheriff Clayton said yesterday that Perry during his stay in Roxboro had given officers considerable trouble of the disorderly type and that about a year ago, while working with Short's Lumber Company had seriously cut a white man named Rhee. Officers of the City Police department said yesterday that Perry's reputation was now too good here.

Perry has a wife, reportedly an employee at Somerset Mills. Little information was known by Person and Roxboro officers as to the circumstances connected with the alleged slaying of White. Perry, however, is said to have lived in Roxboro for the past three years and before that spent a year in Richmond. He is said to have eluded officers in Wake ever since the alleged killing. Identification of Perry as the alleged murderer of White is said to have been confirmed by a deputy who accompanied Sheriff Turner to Roxboro.

First To Buy Bonds In Seventh War Loan

First to buy War Bonds in Person County that counted in the Seventh War Loan quota was Miss Eglantine Merritt, formerly of this county, but now living in Laurinburg. Second to buy bonds in the county that counted in the Seventh Loan was Captain H. K. Sanders, Jr., who has been in foreign service for over two years but was recently home on a leave from European Service.

Rev. T. W. Cox To Hold Services

The Rev. Truett W. Cox will preach in revival services at Lam-bert Memorial church beginning next Sunday, April 15th at 3 o'clock, according to announcement by the pastor, the Rev. L. V. Coggins. The services will continue daily through the week at 6:45 and 8 o'clock beginning Monday, April 16th. Mr. Cox is pastor of the Second Baptist church in Danville, Va.

All are cordially invited to attend these services.

A. F. Yarborough To Speak Sunday

The Rev. A. F. Yarborough, of Milton, will be guest speaker Sunday morning at eleven o'clock at Ca-Vel Baptist church and will also preach at Providence church that night at 7:30. The pastor of these churches, the Rev. J. N. Bowman, will be away Sunday morning and Sunday night to hold services in Durham, but will return to Roxboro Sunday afternoon for a baptismal service to be held at Ca-Vel church at three o'clock.

Sweater Quota Now Dispatched

Eighty-three sweaters, remainder of the local 1944-45 quota of one hundred and sixty-six, have been dispatched by the Roxboro Red Cross Knitting division, according to Mrs. Percy Bloxam, co-chairman, who said today that the division office is open each second and fourth Thursday in the month for distribution of yarn. Rest of the surplus yarn is being knitted now and one hundred pounds of extra yarn has been received.

PERSON QUOTA FOR SEVENTH WAR LOAN SET AT \$544,000

Exchange Club Formed In City

Roxboro's fourth civic club, the Exchange Club, sponsored by the Durham Exchange club, was organized here last night at a dinner meeting at Hotel Roxboro, where 24 new members and ten additional members from the Durham and Henderson clubs gathered to perfect the local club's formation, which has been in progress for the past three weeks.

President of the Roxboro club is J. H. Lewis. Vice President is P. T. Whitt, district representative for Standard Oil. Secretary is E. L. Sansbury, of the Courier-Times and treasurer is Gilbert Oakley, co-owner of a service station here.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 18, when six members will be elected to a Board of Control, a board of directors. Charter night, when the charter will be presented, will be held on the next Wednesday night, April 25, and will be attended by the members and their wives, together with out of town guests.

BOXES FOR CLOTHING BEING PUT IN PLACE ALREADY IN ROXBORO

Public interest in and response to the United Clothing collection drive which will be staged here Sunday and in County areas later in the week, is already beginning to be felt, according to the Rev. W. C. Martin, general chairman. The City drive will be on Sunday and County collections will be gathered during the week from Monday through Friday.

County interest is particularly keen and many residents are already bringing clothing to Roxboro for the cause. Spurred on by this response, Mr. Martin's committee members have already placed collection boxes at the County Court House.

City collection will be by Scouts, on Sunday, starting at 1:30 p. m. Other City collection centers are the marquee at the OPA Main street office and the office of City Milk and Ice Company, just off of Depot street, while numbers of County merchants, operators of stores, have agreed to designate their stores as County collection centers.

These stores, their owners and communities, are listed as follows: Paynes Tavern, Charlie Holman, Roxboro; Hester's Store, L. F. Hester, Hurdle Mills; S. P. Gentry, S. P. Gentry, Roxboro; Concord, C. A. Long, Roxboro; Hurdle Mills, D. L. Whitfield, Hurdle Mills; Busby Fork, Frank Whitfield, Roxboro; Helena, Garland Chambers, Timberlake; Moriah, D. M. Cash, Rougemont; Surl, L. L. Blalock, Timberlake; Allensville, John Yarborough, Roxboro; Streets Store, Albert Wrenn, Roxboro; Peeds Store, W. W. Peed, Rougemont; Betnel Hill, Manly Woody, Woodsdale; Woodsdale, R. G. Roberson, Woodsdale; Lock Lilly, W. L. Rudder, Woodsdale; Long's Store, Eddie H. Perkins, Roxboro; Leasburg Road, Melvon Carr, Roxboro; Honey's Service St., Fletcher Winstead, Leasburg; Dixon Store, Mr. Gentry, Virgilia Road; McGee's Mill Store, Clarence Tingem, Semora; Ben Peed Store (Somerset) Ben Peed, Roxboro.

They formed a tight cordon around the city as American forces closed in and kept Germans from infiltrating American lines. They cared for prisoners taken and escorted them to enclosure. When the city fell, this job was their biggest one for awhile.

Their next big job was taking charge of the movement of the French government in exile when it returned to France, landing at a northern port and moving on to Paris.

Since then the battalion has maintained order, directed traffic and patrolled most of the Communications Zone base section in which they are stationed. One of the men in the battalion, on regular patrol, was given a bottle washed up along the northern coast which contained a message from one of the American soldiers in the North African invasion. Another time, one of the 795th men found a pigeon which was AWOL from his Signal Corps outfit. All in all, one never knows what will come up in the 795th.

Training School To Have Play On Monday Night

The Senior Class of Person County Training School for Negroes will present "Heart Trouble" a play in three acts, on Monday, April 16, in the school auditorium at 8:30 P. M. The play is expected to be one of the highlights of entertainment during the school year. The cast of characters is as follows: Robert Roberts, a wealthy mine owner, Flint Johnson; Robert's nephew, Loy Graves; His Pals, Joseph Drumright and Quincey Dickens; Otto, the bell boy, Dwight Smith; Martha Mason, Gertie Blackwell; Zaida Sanderson, Aldine Baird; Rosa Rosabelle, an actress, Queen Jeffers; Roxanne Raymond, a "Maiden Lady," Margania Walker; Josephine Salsbury, Foyleen Johnson; Drusilla Gibbs, a woman of mystery, Mabel Dickens; Claribel Baker, Evelyn Thomas and Nelle Adams, an astrologer, Mary V. Brooks. The public is invited to attend.

E Bond Quota Is Largest Ever Assigned To County \$248,000. Bonds Will Be Sold All Day Should VE Day Occur During Drive.

Person County's Seventh War Loan quota was announced last night at a meeting of the local War Bond committee as being \$248,000 in E Bonds and an overall quota of \$544,000. This is the largest E. Bond quota that Person County has ever had, stated G. C. Hunter, district chairman of the War Bond committee.

All E Bonds sold in April will count on the quota altho the drive officially opens May 14th and will continue through the month of June. Officially the drive finishes June 7th.

Tentative plans were made at the meeting last night by which it is hoped that the Person County quota will be reached. The payroll saving plan will be pushed and expanded as much as possible. A bond booth will be installed in front of the Palace Theatre and there will also be a lady on hand at the Peoples Bank to take orders for bonds.

Manager Kirby of the Palace Theatre is now in Charlotte in an effort to arrange a premier showing of some special picture to holders of War Bond tickets.

Should VE Day occur during the Seventh War Loan drive the bank will remain open for the sale of bonds on that particular day regardless of the fact that the day will be a National holiday. This plan will also be followed any day that Victory in Europe comes regardless of whether it comes during the Seventh Loan or not.

Other plans have been made to promote the sale of bonds during the drive that will be put into effect as the drive progresses.

Official county co-chairmen of the drive are R. L. Harris and R. B. Griffin who have had this position during all drives.

R. E. O'Briant Person Native, Dies Monday

Robert Edward O'Briant, of Maxton, formerly of Roxboro, died in Highsmith Hospital at Fayetteville Monday afternoon after a brief illness. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Solomon O'Briant of Person County.

Surviving are his wife the former Miss Ora Wilburn; five sons, Wilbur O'Briant with the Army in Germany, Curtis O'Briant, with the Navy, and Donald, Lee and Jerry O'Briant of the home; a daughter, Faye O'Briant of the home.

Also three brothers, Henry O'Briant of Red Springs, Otha O'Briant of Laurinburg, and William O'Briant of Rocky Mount; a sister, Mrs. Rosa Gentry of Roxboro, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service for Mr. O'Briant, 54, Maxton farmer, were held from the home Tuesday afternoon, with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery. Mr. O'Briant died of heart trouble. He was a World War I veteran, a member of the American Legion and of the board of stewards of the Maxton Methodist Church.

Sammy Foushee To Get Wings

A-C Sammy C. Foushee who is now stationed at Columbus Army Air Base, Mississippi, is a member of the April graduating class and will receive his wings and commission April 15, it was learned here today.

Cadet Foushee has been in the army since November 11, 1942. He has received the majority of his cadet training in Miss. Cadet Foushee and Mrs. Foushee will arrive in Roxboro, April 19th for a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Foushee.

Brake Inspections

State Highway Patrolman John Hudgins, beginning Sunday, will inspect brakes of motorists, a nation-wide safety inspection, that will continue through June 1, because many motorists driving old cars have defective brakes. Certificates will be given motorists, who are to mail them back to Hudgins when brakes have been adjusted.