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

## Full Time Bible Teacher Sought

### Job Of Packing Forces Call For Extra Workers

#### United Clothing Drive Highly Successful, But Packers Now Needed.

The Rev. W. C. Martin, general chairman of the United Clothing drive, and Wallace Woods, chairman of the packing and shipping committee, report that the response for Old Clothes has been magnificent. The collections have been handled very successfully by the collections committee and by various stores throughout the county designated as collections centers.

The big problem now is the completion of sorting and packing for shipment and Mr. Woods is now calling for volunteers to assist with packing, which is being conducted in the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco storage building on Reams Avenue, opposite the Wade Grocery company. Those who can help in this project are asked to call the Chamber of Commerce for further instructions.

The shipment is supposed to be completed by April 30th. Mr. Woods reports that the quality of clothing donated has been excellent and commends the citizens of Roxboro and Person County for their splendid cooperation in this humanitarian undertaking.

The campaign officially ended Friday. Roxboro chairman has been Floyd L. Peaden, with much assistance by civic club members and Boy Scouts.

## Person Boy Has Freedom From German Camp

### Pvt. W. A. Wilson, Jr., Probably First Person Native So Liberated.

Pvt. William A. Wilson, Jr., of Timberlake, first reported as missing in action in Germany and then listed as a prisoner of war there, has been released from his captivity and is now a free man, his parents learned Friday when they received a card from their son, probably the first Person man to be liberated by an advancing army.

That is the way Pvt. Wilson explains his liberty, received April 2, possibly by an American army, since he speaks of being so very, very happy when he saw an American tank roll into camp. No other details of Wilson's liberation are given, although he says he expects to be home at Timberlake within about thirty days.

He says, "I am one of the happiest boys in the world today, (April 5th). Again I am a free man. I am so happy I don't know what to say. Feeling fine, only a bit bad today because I have eaten too much good American food. My prayer has been answered and I'll probably be home soon, maybe back in the States within thirty days."

## Wallace Kirby Radio Trainee

Wallace H. Kirby, of Roxboro, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. Teague Kirby, has recently been assigned to Radio Training at the United States Maritime Service Radio Training Station, Gallups Island, Boston, where he will complete twenty weeks of intensive radio training, preparatory to taking Federal Communications Commission examinations for a Second Class Radio Telegrapher's license.

Upon receipt of his Second Class License, Kirby will be appointed Warrant Radio Electrician U. S. aboard a vessel of the United States Maritime Service, and will be assigned to duty as Radio Operator Merchant Marine.

## Superior Court

Person Superior Court, with Judge W. C. Harris, of Raleigh, presiding, opened this morning for a one week term. Following selection of the Grand Jury and the charge work of the day began about eleven o'clock. Foreman of the Grand Jury is A. E. Newton, of Moriah.

## Valued Signature On Mason Paper

Mrs. C. H. Mason, whose husband, C. H. Mason, principal of Bushy Fork school is to be postmaster at Timberlake, has a prized possession, his certificate of commission of appointment to the Timberlake job, dated March 20, and signed by the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The certificate of which Mrs. Mason is to be guardian, is probably among the last of such papers signed by President Roosevelt, whose signature is bold and black. Also on the document is the lighter signature of Postmaster General Frank Walker.

Mr. Mason, who will resign at Bushy Fork after school is out, expects to take over his Timberlake duties about June 1.

## Baptists Have Full Program In Yanceyville

### Caswell And Person Church Leaders To Meet In Yanceyville

Two important Beulah Association gatherings are scheduled for this week at Yanceyville, according to announcements made today by officials of the organization, who point out that the meetings are to be of special interest to Baptists throughout Person and Caswell counties.

First gathering on Tuesday night will be that of the Beulah Association Training Union, of which J. W. Greene, of Roxboro First Baptist Church, is director. Second gathering is a Beulah Association mission study institute to be held on Thursday. Both the Tuesday and the Thursday meetings will be in Yanceyville Baptist Church.

Chief speaker at Tuesday's Training union will be the Rev. W. F. Baucum, pastor of the host church at Yanceyville at 7:30, when other members of the Association will also speak.

One of the main speakers Thursday at the Institute, according to Miss Ella Thompson, of Leasburg, mission study leader, will be M. A. Huggins, of Raleigh, general secretary of the State Baptist convention. He will conduct classes for men both in the morning and in the afternoon. It is important that all pastors be present, says Miss Thompson, and all laymen who wished to be trained for leadership in local churches in stewardship and world missions, are urged to attend.

A social feature in connection with Association activities will be held this (Monday) afternoon at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. B. B. Knight, High School drive, Roxboro, where twelve or more ministers in the Association will gather for a late afternoon meeting to be ended by a six o'clock dinner to be given by the Rev. and Mrs. Knight.

## John Howerton Is Corporal

The promotion of John O. Howerton, of Hurdle Mills, from Private First Class to Corporal was announced recently on orders from the Headquarters of Col. Albert J. Shower's 467th Bombardment group in England.

Now serving as a Truck Driver in this B-24 Liberator group, Cpl. Howerton's military career dates from January 27, 1943 when he joined the Army at Camp Croft, South Carolina.

The son of Percy T. Howerton of Hurdle Mills, Cpl. Howerton is a former student of Hurdle Mills High school and was engaged in farming prior to becoming a member of the Air Force.

The 467th Bombardment Group is part of Major General William E. Kepner's Second Air Division.

## Sgt. W. T. Yancey Out Of Army

Sgt. William T. Yancey, of Roxboro, an official of Tar Heel Chevrolet company, who has been in military service for many months, has received a medical discharge because of a shoulder injury and has returned to Roxboro, where he will soon resume his connections with the Tar Heel company. In recent months he has been at Camp Barkley, Texas, where he has been in a hospital receiving treatment.

Sgt. Yancey, originally from Oxford, has been active in Roxboro business and civic affairs and a member of the Kiwanis club. Now staying at Hotel Roxboro, he expresses great pleasure in being here again. His business partner, Lt. R. Glenn Stovall, is in the city.

## Wounded Marine And Friend



PFC. CHARLES T. HORTON NOW REPORTED BETTER

Pfc. Charles T. Horton, 20, of Roxboro, first of the two men shown above, is a foster son of Mr. and Mrs. Clea R. White, of Roxboro, who last month was wounded in the thigh at Iwo Jima. He was taken to a hospital and is now better, being stationed at a transit center. Pfc. Horton is in the Marine Corps. Shown in the picture with him is a friend, with whom he trained, but whose name is not known here.

## Person Minister Creates State's Four-H Program

### May 6th Date, Person Clubs Proud To Have Leader Honored.

The entire State program for this year's observance of Rural Life or Four-H club Sunday, May 6, has been prepared by a Roxboro minister, the Rev. J. Boyce Brooks, pastor of Roxboro First Baptist church, according to announcement made today by L. R. Harrell, of Raleigh, State Director of Four-H club work, at whose invitation the program task was assigned to the Rev. Mr. Brooks, who was himself a Four-H member of Duplin County during high school days.

Theme of the program as prepared by the Rev. Mr. Brooks is, "Stewards of God's Earth", and will be used in whole or in part by all North Carolina clubs, including sixteen in Person County, on the assigned date in May, or as close as possible to that date, according to Miss Evelyn Caldwell, Person Home agent, who with C. C. Jackson, Jr., assistant Farm Agent here, are county directors of the general Four-H program.

Chairman for the Rural Life Sunday programs have been appointed for each church in Person County and Roxboro from among the club membership and all the club members, says Miss Caldwell, are proud of the fact that the Rev. Mr. Brooks is author of their program. While he

was a member the local minister was president of his club, was State King of Health, was president of the State Council and represented North Carolina at the National Four-H camp.

Person churches and their chairmen for the 1945 Rural Life Sunday are as follows:

Mr. Harmony, Thelbert Whitt; Helena Methodist, Lucille Blalock; Mt. Zion, Frances Jones; Antioch, Bruce Mooney; Bethel Hill, Catherine Wilborn and Wilhelmina Wehrensberg; High View, Robert Tuck and Carrie Lee Seat; Mill Creek, Matthew Gentry, Elizabeth Wrenn and Ann Todd; Theresa, Peggy Gentry; Providence, Sadie Ray Wooley and Ruth Fuller.

Roxboro First Baptist, Katie Lee Currin, (Sr. Dept.); Long Memorial, Rachel Brooks and Eleanor Stewart; Warren's Grove, Daphne Harris; Presbyterian, Eunice Abbott; Olive Branch, Mildred Gravitt; Allensville, Gustavia Gentry; Rock Grove, Frances Slaughter; Webb's Chapel, Evelyn Bagby; Sharon, Doris Dixon; Salem, Sarah Jane Hester; Clement, Sara Hall; Lea's Chapel, Herbert Lea; Ca-Vel Baptist; Margaret Hamlin; Ca-Vel Methodist, Margaret Lane; Berry's Grove, Calie Mae Clayton; High Plains, David Stewart; Ephesus, Louise Zimmerman; Oak Grove, Ann Williams; Concord, Betty Jean Howard and Lambeth Memorial, Florestine White.

## Person Soldier At Roosevelt Rites

At least one native of Person County, Pfc. Charles G. Blackard, of the United States Army Military Police and stationed at Hyde Park, was an active participant last week in the late rites for the President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Pfc. Blackard, who stood close to the grave during the ceremony and who was afterwards on guard outside of the gate at Crum Elbow to keep the curious out, has been a member of the President's guard for over two years, but as he says in a letter to the Courier-Times, he will not forget his experience of Sunday, April 15, if he lives to be a hundred.

Addressing his letter to "The People Who Read the Courier-Times," Pfc. Blackard, whose parents live in Person, says, "I am not a good letter writer, but I feel like I want to write a short letter to the people of Roxboro and Person County (for) I was picked as part of the honor guard... I was able to be within fifteen yards of the grave."

Saying that the death of President Roosevelt was a shock to him, perhaps more than to people at home, Pfc. Blackard who saw the President many times, continues his narrative: "I have been stationed at Hyde Park, New York for twenty-eight months, as a part of the guard for the president of the United States. Perhaps his death was a bigger shock to me than to some of you. (Please turn to page 6)

## Along The Way

Some time ago Charlie Lawson and Arch Hamlin went out to look at a few fox dogs. Charlie was getting too old to hunt birds, our informer said, so he had switched to foxes. On this particular night he and Hamlin were all set to look the dogs over and then ride home together having a good time talking about dogs and foxes. After they had seen the dogs they were trying to get the car turned around to come back to town. They ran into a little ditch or something and Mr. Hamlin got out to see what the trouble could be. Then the car got straight and Mr. Lawson pulled in the road and headed home not thinking about his friend, Mr. Hamlin, that he had left by the side of the road.

After driving a mile or so he started talking to his friend who he thought was seated by his side. Then, and not till then, did he discover that he had left Mr. Hamlin by the side of the road. He turned the car around and went back to find Arch walking down the road headed for Roxboro. I "recon" he was talking terrible about Charlie.

P. S. If this is a lie, Louis Stanfield told it.

## Crowd Wanted For Debate Here

Oxford high school and Oxford Orphanage will send debating teams to Roxboro tomorrow to participate in the annual high school debating contests for which the query this year is, "Resolved, that the voting age should be lowered to eighteen." One of each of the two Oxford teams will come to Roxboro and will debate Tuesday night at 8:15 o'clock in Roxboro high school auditorium, while both Roxboro teams will at the same time be in Oxford to meet other Oxford and Orphanage teams.

District Superintendent Jerry L. Hester, who will go to Oxford with the Roxboro teams, is particularly anxious that Roxboro citizens in turn, show good attendance in Roxboro for the visiting Oxford teams.

## Verse Used To Call Parents To School Program

### Miss Inda Collins, Principal, Has Unique Invitation For School Affair.

Miss Inda Collins, principal of Roxboro Central Grammar school, is inviting parents of pupils and friends of the school to an open house to be held there Wednesday, April 25, beginning at one-fifteen in the afternoon, when classroom techniques as well as handwork of the pupils will be displayed in a program designed to show progress made in the institution during the year.

Miss Collins' invitation, however, is different from the general run, when she wants to be, Miss Collins is a poet. The verses of her invitation carry no title, but might be called, Come One, Come All.

In any case, this is what Miss Collins says: On the twenty-fifth of April In nineteen forty-five, Please send your way to Central School

As sure as you're alive; That afternoon at one-fifteen, If you will gather 'round, Your children you will see perform Upon the boys' ground.

They'll run and race and exercise, And hop and jump and skip; We hope that they will do so well There'll be no single slip!

And then, when that is safely done, Inside with you'll go, To see their many works of art, On which they've labored so.

Now, parents dear, do plan to come, Their work and fun to see, And then before you leave for home We'll have a cup of tea!

No Hearing Yet, Says W. U. Laws

W. Umstead Laws, Roxboro wholesale poultry dealer, who last week was cited to appear in Federal court, Durham, before Judge Johnson J. Hayes on an alleged OPA violation said yesterday that the expected hearing of last Friday did not take place and that he is still awaiting the call to appear. Involved in the alleged violation is the Durham Branch of Armour and company, firm said to have bought poultry from Laws that did not meet OPA specifications and was sold in wrong classification at a slightly higher price.

The chicken said Saturday that the chicken had been unwittingly cut in an incorrect manner and that this cutting placed the poultry in a different classification. The alleged violation occurred December 13, last.

Second Award

Sgt. Graham L. Duncan, Route 1, Roxboro, has been authorized to wear a second bronze cluster with his Distinguished Unit Badge as a member of the veteran 451st Bombardment Group, the 15th AAF in Italy.

Duncan, squadron carpenter; with the ground crews, arrived in the Mediterranean theatre in December, 1943 with his present B-24 Liberator bomber group which is now under the command of Col. Leroy L. Stefonowicz, Wildrose, N. D.

Sergeant Duncan, a graduate of Roxboro high school, entered the army on April 30, 1943.

His wife, Mrs. Lonnie C. Duncan, lives near Roxboro.

Has Purple Heart

Pvt. Julian L. Oakley, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Oakley, of Person County, who was wounded in action in Germany on February 6, has received the Purple Heart.

He is getting along well at General Hospital, Rome, Ga.

## Lt. Gov. Ballentine Will Speak Here

### Carlton Reports Packages Must Meet Standards

#### Roxboro Official Cites Rules For Packing And Mailing.

The U. S. Post Office Department has issued instructions that parcels improperly packed and insufficiently wrapped should not be accepted for mailing to members of the armed forces overseas. It was announced today by Roxboro's Postmaster, L. M. Carlton.

Mr. Carlton adds, however that the post office will be glad to give information to persons sending such mail and he cites the following information from a recent post office bulletin:

Boxes for overseas transmission should be stronger than containers used for parcels which do not leave our shores. Because of the great distance these parcels must be transported and the handling and storage they must undergo, it is absolutely necessary that all articles for overseas be packed in boxes of metal, wood, solid fiberboard, or strong double-faced corrugated fiberboard, testing at least 200 pounds.

Each box should be securely tied with strong cord, preferably by four separate pieces, two lengthwise and two crosswise, knotted at crossings. Sealing the flaps with gummed tape where they meet strengthens the box, but the use of such tape alone is not satisfactory since the tape loosens if the boxes become wet or exposed to moist atmosphere.

Boxes should contain sufficient cushioning material so that the contents will be tightly packed to prevent any rattling or loosening of the articles within the parcels. Unless completely packed and tightly filled, boxes are apt to be crushed.

It is also desirable that all fiberboard boxes be securely wrapped in heavy paper, if available, which materially strengthens the boxes. The boxes should be tied as above suggested, before and after applying the heavy paper wrapper. Sealed boxes should bear the printed inscription authorizing opening for postal inspection.

Care should be exercised to see that all parcels are clearly and definitely addressed, the complete and accurate Army or Navy address being used, and it is highly desirable that slips of paper containing the names and addresses of the sender and addressee and a list of the contents be inclosed in the parcels so that proper disposition of the parcels can be effected in the event the addresses on the outside become defaced in transportation, or the boxes become broken open and the contents scattered. It is preferable that the outside addresses be placed directly on the wrappers of the boxes rather than on labels pasted to the wrappers, since experience has shown that the labels frequently fall off when subjected to moisture.

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The mass meeting, attended by around one hundred citizens lasted only a few minutes. Mayor Winstead opened the meeting and requested that R. L. Harris act as temporary chairman. Mr. Harris was then elected permanent chairman. Secretaries were J. S. Merritt and M. C. Clayton.

Nominations were by George W. Kane. Term of office for City officials here is two years. Present commissioners, renominated, are Gordon C. Hunter, Philip L. Thomas, R. Cliff Hall, C. Lester Brooks and C. Martin Michie.

## Dr. H. C. White Talks To Students

Enjoyed by students of Roxboro high school Thursday afternoon was Dr. Harry C. White, noted scientist, who presented a chapel program on electricity.

With the help of several students, Clyde Crowell, Jr., Charlie Stewart, Jr., Youell Smith and George Wilson, Dr. White showed how the human body serves as a conductor of electricity, using these students for experimental purposes.

Dr. White's collection of paintings which were shown under a black light in the darkened auditorium, were striking in color and design.

## To Choose Warden

All hunters, fishermen and other interested sportsmen are asked to meet Wednesday night at eight o'clock at Person County Court house for the purpose of selecting a man to serve as game warden in Person County, according to announcement made today by Errol Morton, of Olive Hill. The position has previously been held by B. G. Hurdle, of Hurdle Mills.

## Bushy Fork Will Have Him As Commencement Speaker, Open House And Sale Planned.

Lieutenant Governor Lynton Y. (Stag) Ballentine, of Raleigh, is expected to pay his first visit to Roxboro since elevation to office when he comes May 22, for commencement exercises at Bushy Fork school, where he will be chief speaker, according to Principal C. H. Mason, who said today that Lt. Gov. Ballentine will be introduced by former Lt. Governor R. L. Harris, of this City.

Lt. Gov. Ballentine will speak at eleven o'clock in the morning. Eleven in the graduating class will finish the tenth grade and be ready to transfer to Roxboro high school, while fifteen boys and girls will complete the seventh grade.

Also on the Spring program is the Bushy Fork open house, with a program feature in the form of chapel exercises by the second grade, of which Miss Katherine Matthews is teacher. The open house will be held on Saturday, May 12, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Also planned to take place at the chapel exercises on that day is installation of new officers of the Bushy Fork Parent-Teacher Association. President is Mrs. Clyde Hurdle, who has been elected to serve a second term, as has the vice president, Mrs. Charlie Blalock, while the secretary, elected for the first time is Mrs. Frank Winstead. Keeping the treasurer's job in the family are the J. W. VanHooks, since Mrs. VanHook, who has been treasurer, will be succeeded by her husband.

Still another feature of the Open House will be a War Bond sale for the Seventh War Loan, which will be presided over by Gordon C. Hunter, of the Peoples bank, Roxboro. Sports event will be a baseball game at Bushy Fork at one in the afternoon between Bushy Fork and Hurdle Mills teams.

In announcing the general open house program, Mr. Mason is urging the attendance of all parents, friends and patrons, who will have at that time an opportunity to see the school, at work and at play.

## Present Leaders Renominated For City Posts

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