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## Commissioners To Defer Re-election Of City Officials

### Person Increases Age Grants And Curtails Number

#### Progress Noted By Person Welfare Department For Year.

As the state and its counties prepare to go into another fiscal year next week, North Carolina public welfare agencies look forward to even greater accomplishments in 1945-46 than in the year coming to a close on Saturday, according to A. Laurance Aydtlett, of Raleigh.

During the past 12 months Person county has increased its average payment monthly to needy aged persons from \$11.04 to \$11.97. The state-wide average has gone up from \$10.67 to 12.50, according to Mrs. T. C. Wagstaff, county welfare superintendent.

In this county there were 282 persons receiving old age assistance last June as compared with 272 this month.

Person county has increased its monthly average grant to families of dependent children from \$20.95 to \$23.78 for the 51 families now receiving aid. A year ago there were 59 families receiving this aid. The state average payment to dependent children \$24.76 for the month of (Continued on page eight)

## H. H. Painter, Jr., Has Air Medal

### Person Young Man Praised By General Kenney.

Flight Officer Hassel H. Painter, Jr., of Roxboro, Route three, now in service in the Southwest Pacific and son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Painter, has received the Air Medal, according to information received today from Gen. George C. Kenney, commanding officer of the Allied Air Forces, Southwest Pacific, in a letter to the young Flight Officer's parents.

Young Painter, 20 years of age, is a graduate of Helena high school and is a sister of Mrs. James Crowder. He has been in service about two years and was last in Roxboro about a year and a half ago. Since that time he has been on almost constant duty in the Pacific. He writes that he may be able to be in Roxboro again by this October.

The message from Gen. Kenney, which recites details of the awarding of the Air Medal and is full of commendations, reads as follows:

Recently your son, Flight Officer Hassel H. Painter, Jr., was decorated with the Air Medal. It was an award made in recognition of courageous service to his combat organization, his fellow American airmen, his country, his home, and you.

He was cited for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights in the Southwest Pacific Area from February 1, 1945 to April 15, 1945.

Your son took part in the sustained operational flight mission during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These flights included bombing missions against enemy installations, shipping and supply bases, and aided considerably in the recent stresses in this theatre.

Almost every hour of every day your son, and the sons of other American mothers, are doing such things as that here in the Southwest Pacific.

There is a real and very tangible contribution to victory and peace. I would like to tell you how genuinely proud I am to have men such as your son in my command, and how gratified I am to know that young Americans with such courage and resourcefulness are fighting our country's battle against aggressor nations.

You, Mrs. Painter, have every reason to share that pride and gratification.

Brazil gets its name from its earliest article of export, pau Brasil, a tree from whose heartwood a valuable crimson dye was extracted.

### Rate Remains Same. Tentative Budget Adopted.

Putting off re-election of such city officials as the City Manager, the Chief of Police and the Chief of the Fire Department, until the next regular July session, July 17, Roxboro's City Commissioners in a special session held yesterday afternoon at City Hall set the tentative tax rate for the new fiscal year at the old rate of \$1.35 and adopted a tentative budget calling for recommended appropriations totaling \$111,073.

Matter of re-election of the officials listed above was delayed because of the absence of Commissioner Philip L. Thomas.

Present for the session were Mayor S. G. Winstead, City Manager, Guy Whitman and City Attorney F. O. Carver, Sr., together with Commissioners Gordon C. Hunter, C. Lester Brooks, R. Cliff Hall and C. Martin Michie. There are in the tentative budget no unusual items, all of those listed being normally in place, although it is planned that a considerable sum will be needed for street repairs.

In a signed statement from C. Lester Brooks, clerk, it is estimated that \$8,570 will be appropriated for general government and \$27,473 for public works. Other figures allocated to fire and police departments and to debt service and to water works bring totals up to the grand total of \$111,073.

It is understood that minor salary readjustments are included in the set-up and that the appropriation for the Person County Public Library was approved.

### Soldier Pays

Pvt. Ralph Knowles, Camp Butler soldier, whose car a few weeks ago crashed into four parked cars near Plant E, Collins and Aikman gate, has voluntarily paid out nearly \$400 to owners of the cars in private settlement of damages, it was learned today from State Highway Patrolman John Hudgins.

Sums paid out were \$178 to Eugene Oakley; \$67.73 to Thomas Curles; \$100 to Howard Langford and \$25 to John Crumpton. Total paid out is \$370.76. The soldier's own car was a complete wreck, with no insurance.

### Bank Holiday

Peoples Bank will be closed on Wednesday, July 4, a national holiday, according to announcement made today. Regular business will be resumed Thursday morning.

## Four-H Clubs To Have Picnic Soon

County Council Makes Plans At Meeting Saturday.

A County wide 4-H Club picnic to be held in July, was planned at the 4-H County Council on Saturday afternoon, with Sara Jane Hester, president of the council, presiding.

The picnic is being planned with many types of entertainment included, that will in a small way replace camp life. Definite date has not been set, but club members will be notified in time to make their plans to attend.

Katie Lee Currin and Alta Rimmer, both of the Roxboro High Jr. Club, led the group in a number of songs. The devotional was given by C. C. Jackson, Jr., and poems were read by Wilhelmina Wehrenberg, of Bethel Hill and Sara Allen of Bushy Fork.

A recreational and social hour was enjoyed by the club members. Discussing general aspects of 4-H work, Miss Evelyn Caldwell, leader, said today that 4-H Club members are being given an opportunity to continue their club work through the summer months by the splendid cooperation of adult 4-H neighborhood leaders who are making every effort to make this program a success. Reports are coming in al-

## War Loan Report

Present status of the Seventh War Loan in Person County is reported this morning as follows by the Person War Bond committee:

Total E Bond sales \$218,000.00; ONLY \$30,000.00 TO GO.

The War Bond committee is working diligently to prevent the first failure.

Sales of other bonds have reached the Half-Million dollar mark.

## Auto Use Tax Stamps Now On Sale For Year

Greensboro, June 27.—Collector of Internal Revenue, Charles H. Robertson, has announced that auto use-tax stamps in the denomination of \$5.00 were placed on sale in all post offices and offices of Collectors of Internal Revenue on June 9. The stamps will evidence payment of the tax for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1945, and must be purchased on or before that date. The stamps will be serially numbered, and will be gummed on the back for entry of the make, model, serial number and State license number of the vehicle.

Every owner of a motor vehicle which is used upon the highways should call at his local post office or at the office of the Internal Revenue Collector and secure a \$5.00 use tax stamp and affix it to his (Turn to page eight)

## Mill Creek And Bethel Hill Plan Revival Services

Rev. H. G. Hammett, pastor of Temple Baptist Church, Durham, will be guest speaker at revival services at Mill Creek Baptist church, Person County, beginning on Sunday, July 1, according to the Rev. J. P. Funderburk, pastor.

Dinner will be served on the grounds. The revival series will be continued on Sunday, July 8, at Bethel Hill Baptist church, of which the Rev. Mr. Funderburk is also the pastor. Speaker at Bethel Hill will be the Rev. Dr. F. O. Mixon, of Tabernacle Baptist church, Raleigh.

At Mill Creek there will be two services Sunday, but none at night. Week-day services there will be at eight o'clock at night, beginning on Monday, while services at Bethel Hill will be twice daily, at eleven in the morning and at eight at night.

Members and friends are cordially invited to attend services at both churches, according to the Rev. Mr. Funderburk.

As long ago as 1835 Switzerland punished all non-voters.

## Rites Held For Mrs. C. J. Clayton At Wheeler's Church

Funeral for Mrs. Susie Porterfield Clayton, of Timberlake, Route two, wife of Charles J. Clayton, whose death occurred Monday afternoon at five o'clock at Watts hospital, Durham, after a brief illness with pneumonia, was held Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock at Wheeler's Primitive Baptist church, with interment in the church cemetery. Rites were in charge of Elder L. P. Martin, of Roxboro.

Survivors include, her husband, Charles J. Clayton, two stepdaughters, Mrs. Clifton Roberson, of Hillsboro, and Mrs. Lamberth Hall, of Timberlake, and a step-son, Alonza Clayton, of Mebane. Also surviving are four brothers and four grandchildren.

## Rev. Mr. Heaton Guest Speaker

The Rev. G. W. Heaton, new pastor of Roxboro Presbyterian church, will be guest speaker Sunday night at eight o'clock at Roxboro's First Baptist church, according to announcement made today by the pastor, the Rev. J. Boyce Brooks. Mr. Heaton will have as his subject, "Sovereign of the Sea," while Mr. Brooks, who will preach at the Baptist morning service, will have as his subject, "Christianity, Democracy's Lifeline."

No absentee ballots, civilian or military, are permitted in municipal elections in North Carolina.

## Local General's Name Injected Into Rock Case

Pennsylvania Representative Angry Over Alleged Incident At Lincoln, Nebraska.

Injected this week into the story of the alleged mistreatment of an air cadet at Lincoln, Neb., Army Air Base, under charges made by Rep. Leon H. Gavin, Republican, from Pennsylvania, is the name of a Brigadier General Duncan.

War Department records, according to the United Press, show that the only general officer of that name is Brig. Gen. Early E. W. Duncan, who was at Lincoln from April 1942, until May 1944, when he was sent to Europe. In December 1944, Gen. Duncan, a native of Person County, formerly of Roxboro, and a graduate of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, was made commanding officer of the Iceland Air Base, a position which he relinquished only a few weeks ago in order to go on an Army Mission to Santiago, Chile.

Rep. Gavin alleges that all the Army has done thus far is "to transfer the over-all commander of Lincoln Air Base—a Brigadier General Duncan." Gavin, under a Monday Washington dateline, told the House that an unnamed air cadet under a hard labor sentence at Lincoln Air (Continued on page eight)

## Roxboro Girls In New Four-H Club

The USO Center here was used on Tuesday for a meeting of 4-H Club girls in Roxboro and vicinity. The group voted to organize as a regular club for the summer months. Officers elected were Peggy Berry as president, Eleanor Stewart, as vice-president and Katie Lee Currin as secretary, according to Miss Evelyn Caldwell, Person 4-H Club leader.

A food conservation demonstration was given showing the boiling water method. After the demonstration a recreational and social hour was enjoyed.

## Vespers And Supper Planned At Lake

Regular Sunday afternoon USO Service Center program will be held this week-end at the Fred Long cabin, Chub Lake, where minister to hold vespers is expected to be the Rev. G. W. Heaton, of Roxboro Presbyterian church, according to announcement made this morning by Dr. Robert E. Long, chairman of the USO board of directors.

Many soldiers from Camp Butler hospital come over for the program, says Dr. Long, adding that other service men also participate in the program of water sports. Supper will be served this Sunday by Circle Number One, of Edgar Long Memorial church, Mrs. C. B. Kirby, chairman.

## State Council Fixes Expenses

Raleigh, June 27.—The Council of State today approved allocations of \$483,285 for State expenditures from the contingency and emergency fund, including a \$343,000 grant for construction of an addition to the revenue building and \$29,780 fund for maintenance of the State Planning Board for another year.

Plans and priorities for construction of the revenue building addition were completed in 1941, but had to be cancelled when the United States entered the war. By order of the War Production Board, however, the construction can now be begun. Total cost of the building was set at \$351,750, but the architect's fees totalling \$8,750 have already been paid.

Operating funds for the State Planning Board were available only through the end of the current fiscal year. Today's allocation of \$29,780 will cover maintenance costs for the board through June 30, 1946. The 1946 General Assembly refused a direct appropriation for the board. The council also allocated \$27,000 for general operating expenses at the State Hospital, Raleigh, to cover a rise in prices, and \$2,150 to the State Hospitals Board of Control to cover expenses incurred during the fiscal year 1944-45.

## Fourth At Butner

Washington, June 26.—Two North Carolina camps have been designated as retraining areas for divisions back or scheduled to come back to the United States in the redeployment program. The 97th will train at Ft. Bragg, while the Fourth will go to Camp Butner.

## Production Room Open Each Thursday

The Red Cross Production room is open today and will be open each Thursday afternoon in the Wilburn and Satterfield building from two until five o'clock for making kit bags, bedside bags and other items needed at Camp Butler hospital, it was announced today. Women who are working with the production unit may cut and sew materials in the production room or may take the work home with them, returning it on the Thursdays when the office is open.

## Winplay Club To Keep Gavel For Another Quarter

Velma Beam Club of Hurdle Mills received the Person Home Demonstration Gavel for the second time Friday, when their club had the largest representation at the County Council meeting, giving them the gavel for use in their local club meetings until another Council which is not scheduled until October, according to Miss Evelyn Caldwell, Home Demonstration leader.

Mrs. B. B. Bullock, president of the council, presided and several items of business were discussed. A report of the district meeting that was held in Chapel Hill was given by Mrs. Robert Anderson, secretary of the council and the Home Agent was asked to write Miss Willie Hunter, State Clothing Specialist, to visit Person County if possible for a clothing demonstration, the date suggested being September.

Officers were asked to serve their local clubs for another year. A final report of requests made by the individual clubs, for the 1946 Plan of Work was made by the Home Agent.

The Executive Board of the Council was called in for a special session after the regular council meeting, in order to reorganize the curb market.

Mrs. Nash Winstead, of Winplay Club, gave an inspirational devotional and the songs were led by Mrs. T. G. Buchanan, of Providence Club.

Nine of the twelve clubs were represented at the meeting as follows: Chub Lake, Bethel Hill, Busby Fork, Olive Hill, Olive Branch, Providence, Velma Beam, Warren's Grove and Winplay.

## Money For Addition To Revenue Building Given Approval

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The Durham club is assisting the Roxboro Exchange Club in promoting a project of the latter club in buying an oxygen tent for the Community Hospital. The project will be in the form of a dance Friday June 29, the proceeds of which will be placed in the fund for the oxygen tent.

The dance, as previously announced, will be at the Roxboro high school gymnasium, beginning at 9 o'clock. Tickets may be obtained from members.

## Heavy Fines For Careless And Reckless Driving Imposed

### George Featherstone To Return To Roxboro

The Durham Morning Herald on Tuesday of this week had the following item concerning George T. Featherstone, Person County native. "George T. Featherstone, a member of the Durham ABC law enforcement office for two and one-half years, yesterday tendered his resignation, effective July 1, Chief Carl Pollard announced.

The officer was a member of the detective squad in Durham for six years, resigning to become ABC chief, a position he held until last January.

Featherstone joined the Durham police in May, 1922, leaving to serve as chief of police in Chapel Hill, and later returning to the police department.

He has revealed that he intends to live a short while in Florida, then return to his native town, Roxboro, and open a general farm implement business."

Featherstone at one time was on the police force in Roxboro.

## Service Men On Two To One In Sending Messages

Over 10,500 expeditious messages have been handled by Western Union since June 1942, between service men overseas and their friends and relatives at home, it was announced last night by Mrs. C. G. Hopkins local telegraph manager. Of these only 2,900,000 EFM's were from the folks at home. Service people sent 2.6 to each one they received.

More than 400,000 EFM's were sent to members of the armed forces overseas in the first seven months the service was in effect in 1942, nearly 900,000 in 1943, and over a million in 1944. Around 100,000 a month are sent now. Messages from the servicemen to home jumped from 600,000 in 1942, to 3,200,000 in 1944 and are running about 300,000 a month now.

The EFM service provides 237 phrases from which a combination of any three is sent to or by a serviceman at a cost of only 60 cents. The phrases range from such terse expressions of affection as "kisses" or "love" to the more loquacious text No. 61. "You are more than ever in my thoughts at this time."

Frequently selected EFM phrases sent by servicemen and also by their families are "Are you all right? Worried about you" and "Please don't worry." Other well-known phrases are both reassuring and affectionate: "Writing," "All well at home," the popular "Darling," "All my love," and ever-welcome "letters sent" or telegram received. Many thanks, or just plain "well." Still others convey the news, "son born," or "daughter born."

There is no provision in the general law authorizing municipal corporations to engage in the mercantile business, and in the absence of specific charter provisions, such an activity would not be justified.

## Belief In Peace Program Stressed

Galen Elliott of Durham, spoke last night to the Roxboro Exchange Club on "World Organization and World Peace."

J. H. Lewis, president of the club, was in charge of the meeting, which met at Hotel Roxboro.

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## Truman Leads In Hope That World Can Gain Peace

Delegates To Conference Sign Historic Document.

San Francisco, June 26.—President Truman told the closing session of the San Francisco conference Tuesday night that the charter for world peace would be sent immediately to the United States senate for America's ratification, and he called on the world to support it wholeheartedly or betray all those who died so that it might be created.

The President told united nations delegates that his country, which declined to join the league of nations after world war I, was now "overwhelmingly" in favor of American participation in the new structure for the maintenance of world peace.

He spoke to the final plenary session a shortly after the delegates completed the formal, ceremonial signing of the blue and gold bound printed charter. With those ceremonies, the charter now will come into operation as soon as it is ratified by the proper number of nations—the big five and a majority, 23, of the other 45 united nations.

Mr. Truman gave the delegates a message of hope for permanent peace. But he also injected the (Continued on page eight)

## New WFA Order Restricts Grain

The new WFA order, restricting the use of grain for alcohol or export, will divert more corn to livestock feed and to industrial processors, says C. T. Hall, Chairman, Person County AAA Committee.

Mr. Hall points out that the new order does not apply to corn acquired under contract prior to June 11. Corn supplies are reported to be substantial but it is not getting to market fast enough. In an effort to encourage movement of corn to the markets Mr. Hall urges all farmers having extra corn on hand to plan to sell it now.

Mr. Hall says that, according to OPA the present ceiling prices on corn reflect parity to the farmer and will not be increased.

## Kiwanians Have Musical Program

John Washburn, of Chadbourne, connected with the public schools there and a brother-in-law of T. C. Brooks, of Roxboro, was guest artist Monday night at Roxboro Kiwanis club on a program sponsored by R. H. Shelton, chairman.

Mr. Washburn, pianist and accordionist, played one number on the piano and gave several selections on his accordion, all greatly appreciated by his hearers. Mr. Washburn is now taking graduate work at the University.

The executive committees held business sessions preparatory to the general meeting Thursday of the Tobacco Association, controlling agency in the auction tobacco system, President L. L. Gravelly of Rocky Mount is scheduled to give his annual address at Thursday's meeting.

The U. S. T. A.'s auction sales committee recommended that tentative opening dates for the various flue-cured tobacco belts adopted at Danville, Va., on June 5, be formally approved tomorrow at the organization's full meeting. However, the committee recommended that the tentative Dec. 11 opening date for Virginia flue-cured markets be moved up to Dec. 3.

The tentative opening dates for the various belts are: Georgia-Florida, July 24; North and South Carolina border belt, Aug. 1; Eastern North Carolina bright belt, Aug. 21; middle belt, Sept. 11; old belt, Sept. 18, and Virginia dark flue-cured Dec. 3.

## Jack Clayton Pays \$115 And Costs For Repeating Two Offenses.

Jack Clayton, charged with two separate counts of careless and reckless driving and with two counts of having no operator's license, paid fines totaling \$115 and costs Tuesday in Person Recorder's Court. Clayton, said to be from Hurdle Mills and previously listed by the arresting officer, Patrolman John Hudgins, as "Juck" Clayton, is the whose first citation was received about four hours before his second, the second being for a wreck in which his car overturned.

Found not guilty of the same charge was David B. Day, whose car was involved in Clayton's wreck.

Tesfed out in the court room on Tuesday were additional loud speakers in the acoustics system and with considerable improvement noted in the rear balcony and under it, although some ringing was still observable in the Bar according to some observers.

Other cases disposed of on Tuesday were: William Bumpass, Negro, resisting arrest, 6 days, suspended with \$50 and costs and good behavior and not to insult public officers; Luther Matthews, larceny of auto, continued, Theodore W a t s o n, drunker, \$50 and costs and license revoked; Arch G. Whit, drunken driving, continued to July 1st term; Marion Ogle, no operator's license, suspended with costs, and Albert Stephens, Negro, same charge, \$5 and costs.

Also, Jesse Pipes, speeding and careless and reckless driving, \$25 and cost; John Cunningham, Negro, assault with deadly weapon, \$9 and costs; James H. Danie, drunken driving and injury to property, \$60 and costs and license revoked; Robert J. Tingen, speeding, judgement suspended with costs and Naman Newman, alias James Newman, Negro, no operators license, 30 days, suspended for six months with costs and good behavior, later changed to employment in the Cour; House at discretion of Commissioners.

Also, J. B. Permenter, C. F. Tuck, Rivley Redd, Harvey Britt, Irvin Walker and J. R. Clayton, gambling, Nol Pros with leave as to Walker, Harvey Britt found guilty and others come to court and plead guilty, with all except Britt and Walker to pay fine of \$5 and one-fourth of costs each.

## Future Markets Being Planned By Weed Leaders

Meeting Also Being Held Today In Raleigh.

Raleigh, June 27.—A coordinated program looking to the reclaiming of world markets for American tobacco some of which were lost temporarily because of war, was mapped here Wednesday by the executive committees of the U. S. Tobacco Association and allied agencies.

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A nominating committee of the U. S. T. A.'s board of governors met tonight to draft a slate of officers for the coming year. The recommendations will be acted upon tomorrow.