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Person-Caswell Teachers To Meet In Joint Session

Mrs. J. R. Simms Dies In Durham

Former Person Woman's Rites Will Be Held In Durham.

Funeral services for Mrs. John R. Simms, 77, of Durham, wife of the late Sheriff John R. Simms of Person County will be held from the home of her daughter, Mrs. Hubert T. Warren, 505 Milton Avenue, Durham, this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. Interment will be in the old section of Maplewood Cemetery, Dr. Stanley C. Harrell, pastor of the Congressional Christian Church, will conduct the services.

Active pallbearers: Edwin L. Harris, Charlie E. Pleasants, Harris Lawson, R. P. Jourdan, Luther Craig, and S. O. Brewer.

Honorary pallbearers will be: Cris Hibberd, Wyatt T. Dixon, J. D. K. Richmond, Dr. George T. Watkins, Ernest Wilkerson, Hassie Long, Wyatt Monk, Harold N. Wilkerson, Cecil C. Wilkerson, John C. Markham, L. A. Dixon, John T. Craig, E. C. Craig, J. F. Barefoot, and Claude May.

Mrs. Simms died at the home of her daughter Saturday night at 8:30 o'clock, following a long period of declining health. She was born in Person County, the daughter of the late John E. and Hassie Villines Harris. She was educated in the schools of Person County and the Hogwood Private School of Oxford. After the death of her husband she came to Durham to live with her daughter, Mrs. Warren, about thirty-five years ago. She was a member of Temple Baptist Church.

Survivors are one daughter, Mrs. Warren, with whom she lived; two granddaughters, Mrs. Billie Warren Southernland, and Miss Hassie Lee Warren of Durham; and one brother, N. D. Harris of Roxboro.

James A. Stanley Takes New Job

WEST JEFFERSON, Aug. 13.—The naming of Professor Zeb Dickson as principal of West Jefferson high school by the committee completes the list of principals for the coming year. B. H. Duncan, superintendent of the county schools, announced this week.

Other high school principals and their respective schools include James A. Stanley at Elkland, Stanley was formerly at Bethel Hill, Person County.

Riley R. Tuck At Grand Island

Pfc. Riley R. Tuck, son of Mrs. Lena R. Tuck of Route No. 2, South Boston, Va., has been assigned to one of the most distinguished of the units of the Army Air Forces, the 376th Bombardment Group, Grand Island, Neb.

His wife Molly W. Tuck and son live at Route No. 1, Yanceyville. Pfc. Tuck was an Aircraft Mechanic at Glenn L. Martin, Baltimore, Md., before entering the army October 19, 1943. He has attended the Boring B-29 school since entrance into the army. His present duty assignment with the 376th Bombardment Group is Airplane Mechanic.

Concentrates for livestock feeding in the next year will total about 153 million tons as compared with 162 million in the 1944-45 year.

Mothers To Head Recreation Project

A recreation program or party for groups of young people in the sixth and seventh grades, first of a series of such programs, will be held here on Thursday night, August 16, from 7:30 to 9:30 at the Roxboro USO Service Center. It was announced today by a group of Roxboro mothers who have children in the grades enumerated and who are calling the first program a "Get Acquainted Party".

Plans for the new recreational program for the children concerned were made August 2, by a Recrea-

Other Dates Include Annual Visit From Dr. Clyde Erwin.

Caswell and Person school principals will have a joint meeting here in the Library of Roxboro high school on August 25, at 9:30 in the morning, with Miss Hattie Parrott, State supervisor, and Paul Reid, State comptroller, as speakers, according to announcement made today by R. B. Griffin, Person superintendent, who said the joint meeting, one of a series of sessions prior to the opening of Person schools, August 29, is first of joint meetings to be held.

Three days later, August 28, Dr. Erwin, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, will address all Person and Roxboro teachers in county-wide gatherings, the first, for white teachers, to be at ten in the morning at Roxboro Central school, and the second, for Negroes, to be at two in the afternoon on the same date at Person County Training school.

Other Person meetings are planned as follows: Principals meet in Board of Education office, Chub Lake street, August 20, at ten A. M.

Mrs. Bill Pleasants Flythe, of Safety Division of Highway group, to meet new Negro truck drivers, August 21, at nine A. M., at training school, and new white truck drivers August 20, at Roxboro high school.

Principals meet again, August 23, at ten A. M., in Board of Education office, and at the same place, at 10 on August 27th, when truck drivers meet again at nine A. M. at Roxboro high school to get permits.

Teacher vacancies now existing here are: First grade and third at Olive Hill; English and math at Bethel Hill; commercial, at Helena; Home Economics and Science, at Hurdle Mills, and fifth grade, Longhurst.

Teacher changes: Miss Carolyn Brooks from second at Olive Hill to same grade at Mount Tirzah; Mrs. C. L. Shuford, to second at Bushy Fork from Allensville; Miss Rachel Walker to 6th and 7th at Hurdle Mills from Danville, Va.; Mrs. L. D. Wellons, second and third at Bethel Hill, and Miss Annie Lee Rose, music at Bethel Hill, returning after a stay in New York.

Principals in high schools are on a ten month pay basis this year, working two weeks before and two weeks after school seasons. Janitors, who are having pay boosts of ten to fifteen dollars per month, will work nine and one-half months, or one week before and one after the school season.

Lee County On Way With Plan For Hospital Unit

Sanford, Aug. 13.—The Lee County Hospital Board has obtained permission from the county board of commissioners to enlarge the hospital sufficiently to accommodate 40 additional beds. The arrangement also includes the construction of a central heating plant.

The commissioners have authorized the issue of \$100,000 in bonds, which, with the \$97,000 surplus now on hand practically will cover the cost of improvements, estimated at more than \$200,000. In addition the Duke foundation has pledged \$100,000.

The Lee Hospital was opened in 1931 with supplies bought on credit, and with a service of 50 beds. Since its opening, the hospital has granted 44,299 free care days to patients with limited financial resources.

Head Of Waves Weds Minister

Jaffrey, N. H., Aug. 13.—Capt. Mildred H. McAfee, head of the WAVES and president of Wellesley College, and the Rev. Douglas Horton, noted New York Congregationalist, were married here today.

Only immediate members of both families attended the wedding which took place at the summer home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Cleveland B. McAfee. The couple were married by Rev. George W. Brown, of Princeton, N. J., a brother-in-law of the 45-year-old bride.

Rail Official Has Civic Club Talk And Film

Norfolk And Western Man, W. E. Austin, Speaks To Rotarians.

W. E. Austin, of Roanoke, Va., of the advertising department of the Norfolk and Western Railway company, was guest speaker Thursday at Roxboro Rotary club for Lee Umstead, club member, who is Roxboro agent for the Norfolk and Western.

At the meeting, which was held at Hotel Roxboro, Mr. Austin's address was emphasized by a film entitled, "The Coal Burning Locomotive". Construction of the locomotive, as shown in the film, was in the Norfolk and Western shops in Roanoke, and performance of the locomotive, with a speed up to one hundred miles per hour, was demonstrated.

Additional guests of Mr. Umstead were several Roxboro staff members of the Norfolk and Western, C. A. Bowen, D. Clyde Swartz and J. A. Conner. Mr. Umstead always has a Norfolk and Western program when his turn comes on the club calendar.

Presiding was the club president, Dr. John Fitzgerald. Program for this coming Thursday is scheduled to be in charge of Louis Steinfeld, of the fellowship committee.

Motorcade Show Has Big Crowd

A large crowd, jamming the courtroom to capacity, was on hand Saturday night for the "Wood For War" motorcade show and film, the corps of which reached here Saturday afternoon. "Experience talks" by returned veterans started the show off and the film, dealing mainly with aspects of the war in Italy, closed the performance. The veterans spoke briefly, but were received with applause.

The audience, in the main, was composed of saw mill and lumber company officials and crewmen, the program being designed to emphasize the importance of wood-pulp and lumber production for the war effort. Despite the then persistent rumors that peace with Japan might come at any moment, there was standing room only at the court house. In the crowd, also, were many women and boys and girls.

Increase Seen In Weed Crop

Raleigh, Aug. 13.—North Carolina's tobacco production, based on the condition of the crop on August 1, will total approximately 794,550,000 pounds, the State Department of Agriculture said yesterday.

The total would be five per cent greater than last year's crop and nearly three per cent above the July estimate.

The State's three types of flue-cured leaf will produce 775,650,000 pounds, while burley prospects point to a yield of 18,900,000 pounds, or 13 per cent greater than the 1944 crop and three times larger than the pre-war average.

Excessive rains in Eastern North Carolina during the growing and harvesting season resulted in considerable field loss and production in that area showed a drop of around 10,000,000 pounds from the July estimate, the report said. An increase in prospective production in the Old Belt of nearly 30,000,000 pounds over last year was forecast.

The crop in the Old and Middle Belts was estimated at 291,900,000 pounds, seven per cent greater than last year. A yield of 1,050 pounds per acre, 20 pounds more than in 1944, is expected.

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HOLIDAY CLOSING FOR V-J DAY WILL BE SAME AS V-E PLAN

Closing times for Roxboro and Person business houses, offices and firms for V-J day, if and when it comes, will be the same as the hours observed for V-E (May 6, when the German surrender was reported) according to Roxboro Chamber of Commerce officials, who had an executive session Saturday morning.

The session was called by R. D. Bumpass, Chamber of Commerce president. It is understood that Mayor S. G. Winstead has prepared an official V-J Day proclamation, which will be issued when the day comes.

Editors of the Courier-Times last night were prepared to go to press with an extra about the Japanese surrender and waited anxiously at the office for about two hours after the premature UP flash came at 9:30 o'clock.

Fast Money

Their money went for a ride, but two Roxboro girls, who placed their pocketbooks on the running board of a car while they posed for kodak pictures in front of the Roxboro Post Office, are happy now, and all because of the quick honesty of a Negro minister.

The girls are Mesdames Virginia Bradsher and Rachel Landis, employees of a Roxboro drug store, and the honest preacher is the Rev. G. S. Gant, of the Methodist church, who drove his car about a mile to his home before he discovered the pocketbooks as he was getting out. It happened Friday and was quickly solved when the preacher took his finds to the Police Department. One of the pocketbooks had fifty dollars in it. The gratified owner gave the preacher five dollars as a reward.

Many Boys Put Names On List

Over Thirty-Five Reach Age Of Eighteen In Last Month.

More than thirty-five white and Negro young men from Person County and Roxboro registered last month with the Person Selective Service Board after reaching their eighteenth birthdays. It was announced today by Miss Jeanette Wrenn, chief clerk of the Board.

White youths who registered were: Lee M. Gillis, Francis E. Taylor, Ellis Elmer Walker, Earle E. Carr, Frank D. Moore, Raymond H. Gentry, Edwin H. Allen, Richard C. Blalock, Perry F. Dunn, George Edward Smith, Ellis Junior Moorefield, Johnnie Mac Long, Jr., Kelly W. Carver, Bernice Cornelius Wade, James Talmadge O'Brian, Ira Lee Boves, Filo Bryant Miller, Earlie Preston Boves, Calvin Potsdam, Joe Carlton Stewart, Guy Roach, James Earl Hester, Jr., Hugh Glance Blalock, Jr., and Dailey Fisher Frederick, Jr.

Negro men who registered were: Charles Lindbergh Winstead, Charlie Jay, Jr., John Boynton Paylor, Joseph Lincoln Torian, Robert Allen, Quincy Adams Dickens, William Armistead Hughes, Willie Daniel Goode, Henry Philman Trotter, James Wallace Bradsher, Warren G. Eploway, George Washington Jackson and Ransome Thomas, Jr.

"Atomic Paper"

Second edition of the "Atomic Bomb" issue of the Knoxville Journal, with a full layout of pictures of Oak Ridge, Tenn., together with informative articles about the plant there in which he works, has been sent here by Charlie F. Gentry, formerly of Roxboro and Collins and Thomas Hasten Gentry, of Woodsdale, has been at Oak Ridge for some time, going there after Fairchild's in Burlington suspended operations.

His wife and children maintain their home in Roxboro and Mr. Gentry comes back as often as possible. At Oak Ridge he lives in the Salina Hall, R-2.

Sugar Stamps

Number 37 Sugar Stamp has been invalidated by Washington and will never be used. Number 38 will be used instead. This action was taken because so many people turned in to local boards the No. 37 sugar stamp instead of the No. 37 Spare Stamp last year with home canning applications, the Person OPA office said today.

Along The Way

Saturday, A. M.—A few minutes ago Bill Morrell of the cotton mills dropped in the office. He sat down to talk a while and immediately started burning cigarettes. Now if he had borrowed some money that would have been a different thing, but imagine a man burning while and talked a while he got up to leave. Then he looked around and asked if he had left anything. I replied—"Nothing except the remainder of these cigarettes, you might as well take them—there's not enough left to do me any good."

E. R. Blalock Dies Suddenly At Brooksdale

Rites Held Sunday For Republican Member of Board of Elections Here.

Edgar R. Blalock, 65, for twenty-five years a Roxboro building contractor, died Saturday at 3:45 at his home at Brooksdale from a heart attack. He first became ill Friday night. A son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Wayne B. Blalock, he was born near Rougemont, Durham County, but had lived in Roxboro since 1920.

Funeral was held at his home Sunday afternoon at four o'clock by Elder L. P. Martin, of Roxboro, and the Rev. E. C. Maness, of Brooksdale Methodist church, with interment in Burchwood cemetery annex.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ava Brooks Blalock, four brothers, A. W. and V. O. Blalock, both of Roxboro, I. W., of Apex, and Luther, of Hazelhurst, Ga., and five sisters, Misses Alice and Naomi Blalock and Mrs. J. E. Jones, all of Roxboro, Mrs. Banks Blalock, of Rougemont, and Mrs. I. C. Clark, of Mebane.

Well-known in both Person County and Roxboro, Mr. Blalock at time of his death was Republican member of the Person County Board of Elections, a position which he had held for a number of years.

Pallbearers at the rites were: Coy Holeman, Marvin Clayton, George Bullock, Jesse Whitt, David S. Brooks and R. G. Holeman. Flowerbearers were nieces and nephews.

New Head Chosen For Board Of School Leaders

Chapel Hill, Aug. 13.—Dr. D. J. Rose, Goldsboro surgeon has been elected president of the North Carolina State School Board Association for the coming year, it was announced by Prof. Guy B. Phillips, who has served as executive secretary of the association since it was organized eight years ago. The voting was by mail.

Dr. Rose succeeds President T. E. Powell of Elon College.

Other new officers are: J. A. Overton, Sanford, vice-president, and J. Temple Gobel, Chapel Hill, re-elected treasurer.

The two new members of the Board of Directors are J. H. Carpenter, Rutherfordton, and N. C. English, Thomasville. Continuing members of the board are S. S. Hutchinson, Bladenboro; F. M. Patterson, Albemarle, and R. L. Noblin, Oxford.

B. L. Bradsher Has Star Award

Tech. Sgt. Rennie L. Bradsher, of Hurdle Mills, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Bradsher, and in France and Italy with an Ordnance Maintenance company, has received the Bronze Star medal, according to announcement made today.

The citation reads in part as follows:

For meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 28th February 1944 to 8th May 1945, in Italy and France. As automotive supply sergeant in the unit, Sergeant Bradsher displayed a superior knowledge of his duties in stocking parts preparatory to the campaign of Southern France. While the company operated the Seventh Army General Purpose Vehicle Pool and Ordnance duties, in charge of the receipt and issue of Ordnance Major Items. In this capacity, during a critical period, he displayed exceptional leadership, resourcefulness, and unflinching devotion to duty even under the most adverse conditions and strain. The outstanding services of Sergeant Bradsher contributed a major factor in the successful completion of the organization's mission.

MEMBERS MEET

Members of Rock Grove Baptist church met last night at the home of W. T. Buchanan, where speaker was M. H. Hicks, who had as his theme, "Laying Up Treasures in Heaven". The speaker was introduced by J. C. Clayton. A number of hymns were sung.

Vance County 4-H club boys have 103 registered Poland China gilts as a result of a big club chain begun in 1943 with 6 gilts. They have also sold a large number of pigs to farmers.

Roxboro Waits And Keeps On Waiting For End Of War

Sunday's False Alarm Followed By Silence, Which Is As Yet Unbroken, As War Goes On.

Roxboro residents, like those in other communities, heard the 9:30 news flash last night about the surrender of Japan and thought for a few moments that peace had come. There was no premature celebration, however, as most residents stayed by their radios and heard the denial which came about three minutes later. The day, however, was one of long suspense, a suspense that at this writing, Monday morning, has not as yet been broken.

Bombing expeditions against Japan were resumed yesterday by Americans, the Russians continue to advance in Manchuria and no cease fire order has come from the Chinese. At least one American ship in the Tokyo area was reported yesterday as hit by a Japanese torpedo. The war, too all intents and purposes, is still on.

Japanese proposals for peace, based on the retention of Hirohito as Emperor, were received in Washington Friday and a reply was dispatched from Washington Saturday. Diplomatic messages to the Japanese government are handled through neutral governments, Switzerland and Sweden and is a long and tortuous business, at best. Such messages are sent in code and must be coded and decoded about twice.

Meanwhile, "the war is still in progress," Charles Ross, White House press secretary, has said emphatically repeatedly that V-J Day may not come for "two or three days after Japan surrenders—if she does."

Mr. Truman will not proclaim V-J Day as soon as the Japanese reply—if it is surrender—is received, Ross said.

"The end of the war" will come when the Japanese government actually signs the surrender terms and not before, he emphasized.

"And there might be a gap of two or three days between surrender—if they do surrender—and the formal signing."

His press conference statement, made at 5:48 P. M., Sunday (EWT), was the first official White House announcement during a day-long vigil by a tensely waiting world.

Mr. Truman had gone to his office well before 8:30 A. M. Sunday. Scores of reporters jammed the White House press room, anticipating that he might have some big announcement at that hour.

But hour after hour passed and still there was no word, either from the White House or Tokyo.

Finally, at 5:48 P. M., Sunday said "the word from Japan has not been received."

W. B. O'Brian Has Discharge

Sgt. William B. O'Brian son of Mrs. Virgie O'Brian and the late W. J. O'Brian of this city, has received an honorable discharge from the Army as of August 1. He entered the Army December 20, 1939 and was at Fort Bragg, until March 1, 1942. He spent two years in the Southwest Pacific with the American Division and ten months in the China-Burma-India theatre.

He is the wearer of American Defense, American Theatre, Good Conduct and Asiatic-Pacific ribbons with three battle stars.

E. Pierce Bruce Leaves Cherokee

E. Pierce Bruce, of Reidsville, executive for the Cherokee Council, Boy Scouts of America, has resigned his position to accept similar work in Georgia and plans to leave Cherokee Council around the first of October, it was learned here this morning from J. W. Green, chairman of the Person District of Cherokee Council, who, with C. A. Harris, of Roxboro, attended a meeting of district officials in Graham called at the request of Mr. Bruce.

Mr. Bruce, who came here and to Reidsville about three years ago, is returning to Georgia to be near his mother, it is understood. Selection of his successor will be in the hands of a committee of council officials, according to Mr. Green.

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Men In Groups Go To Fort Bragg

One Man Fails To Report With Examination Unit Friday Morning.

With Ulysses S. Bullock as leader, eight Person and Roxboro Negroes left here Friday morning for Fort Bragg for induction to military service under Selective Service regulations.

In addition to Bullock, those who went for induction were, Percy Paylor, James Odbiah Bolton, Wilbur Jerome Thomas, James Obie Day, Franshaw Clay, William Andrew Johnson and Lezie Earl Blackwell.

Also reporting to Fort Bragg on Friday for examination, with Albert Tapp as leader, were seven other Negroes, Robert Edward Long, McDonald Green, Willie Clarence Wilson, Jessie Lewis Holloway, Jr., Gomer Williams Peter Byrd Smith, and Ransome Thomas, Jr.

One man, George Washington Jackson, listed as being from Harmony, Va., and scheduled to go for examination, failed to report to Person Board office Friday with the members of his group, according to Miss Jeanette Wrenn, chief clerk.

School Repairs Now Being Made

Preparatory to the opening of schools, August 29, repairs are being made to various schools, according to Superintendent R. B. Griffin, who said this morning that considerable interior renovation and painting has been done at Bethel Hill and at Mount Tirzah. Also gone over thoroughly is Olive Hill Negro school.

Included on the program of renovations is Helena, where the canteen has just been completed. Interior painting and repair work is also in progress at Roxboro high school, but will not be finished before the opening of school. Repairs to window shades, plumbing facilities and lights and windows are being made in all schools.

Sgt. Mitchell Home

Sgt. Elmo Mitchell, of the Ski Troopers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Traynham T. Mitchell, who has been in the European theatre, chiefly in Italy, for about a year, arrived in Roxboro last night from Fort Bragg and will be here on a thirty-days leave.

Dr. Davison To Go To Europe

Durham, Aug. 13.—Dr. Wilbur C. Davison, dean of the Duke Medical School since its beginning 15 years ago, has been appointed medical advisor for the reeducation program in the European occupied countries, with headquarters probably to be in Germany, it was learned here today.

Dr. Davison was graduated from Johns Hopkins University and holds A.B. and M.A. degrees from Oxford University in England, which he attended as a Rhodes scholar.

He has been active in a number of scientific war projects, spending part of each week in Washington.

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