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## Victory Celebration Throughout County Was Large Event

Divine Services Held Over  
City and County Tuesday  
Night. All Was Quiet  
Wednesday As Farmers  
Continued To Gather  
Tobacco.

Shortly after 7:00 P. M. Tuesday night of last week it was announced that Japan had accepted the terms of surrender as laid down by the Allies. In a minute or two after that the fire siren was sounding the news and auto horns over the entire city joined in the glad tidings. Then church bells added to the celebration and many horns and other items that people could find.

The celebration in Roxboro continued until after midnight Tuesday. Main street of Roxboro was crowded with people who wanted to see what others were doing and although all places of business were closed the people continued to come to town to join in the celebration.

The high school band, or a fairly large portion of it, managed to find a truck and members of the band played piece after piece as the truck hauled them over the city.

Divine church services were held in the First Baptist Church on Tuesday night and in other churches over the county. A large crowd was present at services in the Baptist Church. Churches were also open over the county on Wednesday.

Although Wednesday was observed as a holiday over this city and county everything was quiet. All places of business were closed as were all offices but there was no more celebrating of the noisy kind. On Wednesday the celebrating was in the hearts of the people and a majority of the citizenship of the county stayed at home to do that.

Farmers did not have time to take a holiday on Wednesday. The tobacco crop was ripe and end of war or not it had to come out of field and be put into the barn. Farmers rejoiced but worked on.

And now the war is over. The active celebration is a thing of the past, but for many years there will be joy in the hearts of man.

## Newspapers Aid Social Security By Publicity

The office of the Social Security Board servicing Person County, located in Durham, received 5,324 applications for duplicate account cards in 1944, compared with 6,463 in 1943. These figures show a marked decrease over the totals of the previous year. Nina H. Matthews, manager of the office, stated that she was encouraged by the showing made in this area since it indicates an increasing awareness by individuals of the importance of social security account cards and a desire on their part to cooperate in the saving manpower and money for the United States Government.

"The reduction in the number of requests for duplicate account number cards could not have been made possible without the cooperation of the press and workers. Through newspapers, the attention of the worker has been called to the necessity to hold on to his social security card." Mrs. Matthews said it is the hope of the Social Security Board to show a still further reduction in the number of lost cards that must be replaced in 1945.

## VFW Post To Meet Thursday

Members of the VFW Lewell Thomas Huff Post 2058 will meet Thursday night, August 23rd at the Service Center at 6:30 and will then go to Louis Long's in the Olive Hill section of the county where they will be served a barbecue chicken supper. All members are urged to be present and bring a buddy.

## Andrew Hubbard Bound Over

Andrew Hubbard, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, a knife, about two weeks ago, was today given a hearing in the Mayor's court and was bound over to Recorder's Court under a bond of one hundred dollars.

The alleged assault took place on North Main Street.

## Rites Held For Mrs. Stanfield; Dies Wednesday

Mrs. Josephine Hambrick Stanfield, 75, of Leasburg died at her home Wednesday morning at 7:30 after an extended illness of two months.

Funeral services were held at Leasburg Methodist church Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock with interment following in the Leasburg cemetery. Services were conducted by the Rev. W. G. Burzin, pastor of the church.

Mrs. Stanfield was born in 1870 in Thomasville and was the daughter of the late John Hambrick and Martha Paylor. She was a life long resident of the Leasburg community.

Survivors are one daughter, Mrs. R. S. Rittenberry of Charlotte; three sons, John and Louis Stanfield of the home and Dr. W. W. Stanfield of Dunn, and two grand children. She was the widow of B. E. Stanfield who died in 1935.

## PERSON COUNTY PEOPLE ARE REACTING TO NEWS QUIETLY

The people of Person County are reacting to the close of the war very quietly and one might say very wisely. They are talking about it, discussing it and wondering what the Japs are going to do but even with that they are going about their business much as they did a week ago or a year ago.

So far there has been no rush to change jobs. With restrictions lifted they could do that but all appear to be very well satisfied. Service station operators say that they sold only a fair amount of gas the first day that rationing was removed. A few did "Fill Her Up" but not too many. The first day after the end of the war cigarettes seemed to be placed on every counter in the city where smokes were supposed to be and these counters still have cigarettes on them. No one seems to want more than two packs at a time now.

The man who heats with fuel oil breathed a sigh of relief when he found out that he would not be rationed on oil but the man who uses coal is wondering whether his feet are going to get cold this winter.

## Jack D. Lunsford Timberlake, Gets Purple Heart

Survivor of the sinking of a U. S. warship in the Normandy invasion, Jack D. Lunsford, seaman first class, USNR, of Timberlake, has been awarded the Purple Heart.

The belated presentation was made during a formal, war-zone ceremony by the USS Texas' commanding officer, Capt. Charles A. Bawer, USN, of Washington, D. C. under whom Lunsford served at the Iwo Jima and Okinawa invasions.

Lunsford, 21-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Cheatham Lunsford of Star Route, Timberlake, was aboard the USS RICH, a destroyer escort, when she ran afoul of three enemy mines at Normandy.

The force of exploding mines catapulted him into the sea. Suffering from a fractured shoulder blade and a bruised right leg, Lunsford swam back to his slowly sinking ship, was hoisted aboard, and there awaited rescue by PT boats.

After he had recuperated from his wounds in a hospital in England, he was returned to the States for a 30 day survivors leave. In September, 1944, he was assigned to duty with the anti-aircraft batteries aboard this battleship, veteran of two world wars, and only American vessel of its type credited with fighting the enemy in waters off three continents—Europe, Africa and Asia.

## Nazi Prisoner May Be Here

Lt. Kurt Rossmel, German war prisoner of Camp Butler, has escaped from the prison there and may be in this neighborhood, officers from Camp Butler reported Saturday while in Roxboro in an effort to locate him.

Rossmel is five feet and seven inches tall, has sparse light brown hair, blue eyes and a ruddy complexion. He speaks English fluently with a slight English accent. He escaped from Camp Butler on August 4th. When last seen he was wearing a summer army uniform and carrying a raincoat and a reddish brown leather bag.

People in this community who think that they have seen this man are requested to report any information that they may have concerning him to G. C. Robinson, chief of police of Roxboro, N. C.

## Major Jackson Gets Two Awards

Receives Two Bronze Star  
Awards For Meritorious  
Service.

Major William H. R. Jackson, assistant Division Chaplain of the 30th Infantry Division has received the Bronze Star Medal Citation on two occasions since being with the fighting forces in the European theatre of the war.

Major Jackson is the husband of Mrs. Vertie Moore Jackson now of this city. He was born in New York and has been in service for five years. In 1933 he was married to Miss Vertie Moore who at that time was teaching in Aurora, N. C. where (continued on page 6)

## PERSON COUNTY PEOPLE ARE REACTING TO NEWS QUIETLY

but even this fellow is quietly going on his way.

Now the news comes that rationing may be removed from meats and this is making the housewives very happy as well as the market man who has had his share of troubles.

Soldiers who were here from their camps took the news as easy as anyone. Many had seen service overseas. It was easy to see that they were glad to hear the tidings but they had seen too much of the war or too much of army life to make too much of a demonstration. All knew that they had to go back to camp and they did not know whether they would have to go to the Pacific or not.

Now it's over and although the people of this city and county do not expect to ease up in their work they do expect to be able to stop a few of their worries and to not be bothered with some things that have literally worried them to death for the past several years.

## Two Principals Meet Scheduled

R. B. Griffin, superintendent of county schools, announced last week that there will be two principals meetings at the opening of schools this year. The first one will take place Monday, August 20th in the Board of Education office and the second will take place Thursday, August 23. This will also be in the Board of Education office. Both are county-wide.

All white bus drivers scheduled to meet Monday morning, August 27 at Roxboro High school and colored bus drivers are to meet Tuesday, August 21st at Person County training school. Both meetings are scheduled for 9:00 A. M. At this time they will be given instructions as to their busses and rules and regulations.

## Barbecue Supper

The Roxboro Kiwanis Club met Thursday night instead of the regular time of Monday night at the cabins of Louis Long in the Olive Hill section of the county where a barbecue chicken dinner was served.

Approximately sixty were present for the occasion, including many wives of Kiwanians and other invited guests.

The meeting was held out doors and that plus the bad weather caused the Kiwanians to do away with any lengthy program. President Jim Long was in charge of the meeting. Invocation was given by J. W. Green.

# Selective Service Board Resigns

## Rotary Sponsors Symphony Orchestra

## High Honor Is Awarded To Lt. R. P. Walker

Awarded Posthumously to His  
Widow, Mrs. Margaret War-  
ren Walker, at Camp But-  
ner On August 15th.

The Distinguished Service Cross, the Nation's second highest award was presented in a formal review Wednesday morning at 11:00 a. m. in front of Post Headquarters, Camp Butler, N. C. to Mrs. Margaret Warren Walker, widow of Person County of First Lieutenant Richard P. Walker.

Mrs. Walker is a native of Person County, having lived a large part of her life in the Bushy Fork section of the county. She has one daughter, Mary Katherine Walker who was born two weeks after her father was killed.

Lt. Walker entered the army in April 1941 and was sent overseas in April of 1944. He was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action in June 1944 and later the Infantry Combat Badge. He was later awarded another Purple Heart for wounds that caused his death.

Mrs. Walker has taught school in this county for several years and was an officer in the WAC for 16 months.

The citation to Lt. Walker reads as follows:  
Richard P. Walker, (0338170); First Lieutenant, Infantry, 349th Infantry. For extraordinary heroism in action, on 9th October 1944, near Sassoenne, Italy. First Lieutenant Walker displayed extraordinary heroism in hostile fire while attacking (continued on page 6)

## Tobacco Crop Curing Nicely

Person County tobacco is being cured well and rapidly. Not that the fires are burning in the flues any faster than before but that the growers are losing no time getting it out of the fields when it is ready and then quickly getting it to the barns and the fire going.

There is hardly a farm in this county that has all the labor that is needed and therefore those who are on hand are having to do more work than ever before. Many people in this county are working all day and watching the fires at the barns all night. There are hundreds of people who have not been to bed in weeks.

Even at that the crop is curing well. All growers appear to be well pleased with the way the cured crop looks and they are expecting good prices.

Some tobacco farmers will tell you that they are about half through gathering the weed from the fields and others will tell you that they are not quite half through. That there will be much tobacco in the fields when schools of the county open is well known. This will hurt attendance for several weeks as it will almost be necessary for the children to stay at home and help harvest the crop.

Labor has been so hard to get this summer that prices for people to help pull the leaves, tie the tobacco on the stick or even pass the leaves has been higher than ever. Prices for this kind of work has been running around four and five dollars a day and a fairly large size kid could also demand this price in some instances.

## Along The Way

Tom Shaw of the Editorial staff of the Courier-Times is now on his vacation. I really do not know whether Tom is going to leave the city or not. When Tom takes a vacation he really takes one. He doesn't even believe in putting out enough effort to travel. A vacation to him means sleep and rest and he does it by the hours. Of course he eats all that he can and will even get up in the middle of the night to eat a good meal. That boy likes good food.

Tom said that he might go to Greensboro and we expect that he will go in the opposite direction. He probably said Greensboro just to keep us from knowing where he would be. In other words he doesn't wish to be bothered with us or anyone mentioning news or editorials to him while he is "vacating."

## Not In Favor Of Continuing Calls Pending Congress- ional Action.

The Person County Selective Service Board composed of D. L. Whitfield, Chairman, O. Y. Clayton and R. L. Hester has resigned effective today. Prior to resigning the board cancelled a call for twenty five white registrants that were to leave tomorrow for preinduction examinations.

A copy of the letter written to General Van B. Metts, State Director of Selective Service is self explanatory of the stand that the local board members took.

Gen. J. Van B. Metts  
State Director  
Selective Service Headquarters  
Raleigh, N. C.  
Dear Sir:  
Re: Call No. 20  
August 21st, 1945  
Preinduction - White.

This letter will confirm our telephone conversation with Col. Upton this morning in regards to the above call.

We, the Board Members of Person County Selective Service Board No. 1 of Roxboro, N. C. are not in favor and feel our people of Person County are not in sympathy in continuing to call registrants for induction or Pre-induction examination pending the action of Congress.

We are cancelling our call for 25 white registrants leaving tomorrow August 21st, 1945 for the preinduction examination even though it is contrary to regulations.

Please, accept our resignation as members of the Person County Local Board.

Yours very truly,  
PERSON COUNTY LOCAL  
BOARD NO. 1  
D. L. Whitfield  
O. Y. Clayton  
R. L. Hester

## Longhurst Boy Band Leader On Carrier Hornet

Aboard the Aircraft Carrier Hornet in the Pacific—Leading exponent of North Carolina mountain music aboard his ship is Nathan D. Redman, 28, coxswain, USNR, whose wife and 4-year-old son, Bobbie, live at Longhurst.

Many evenings as this great Navy carrier cruises off the Jap coast, Redman and his group of North Carolina musicians, whom he calls "The Happy Valley Boys" played melodies that brought home closer for over a hundred HORNET crew members from that state.

A plankowner of this ship having come aboard before she was commissioned in November, Redman has done much more than entertain during the 15 months he has been in the Pacific War Zone.

Throughout the campaigns for New Guinea, the Marianas, Palau, the China Sea and the Philippines Redman helped man the ship's largest anti-aircraft gun, battery. During the invasions of Iwo Jima and Okinawa his battery shot down Jap suicide planes that were diving on the carrier.

## Gen. Wainwright Is Alive And Well

Chungking, Aug. 9.—Lt. Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright, who led American and Filipino forces in the last tragic days of Bataan and Corregidor, has been found alive and in good shape in a Japanese prison camp in Manchuria and will be flown here shortly, it was announced.

(An ABC correspondent at Chungking reported that Marine Maj. James P. Devereaux, who led the heroic garrison on Wake Island in 1941 and 1942, also had been found safe in a Japanese prison camp near Peiping, China.)

Wainwright was found by teams of United States doctors and Signal Corps men who—working closely with the Chinese—underground—parachuted down Thursday within 300 yards of the camp at Hsian, 100 miles northwest of Mukden. The relief team landed without casualties and without molestation by the Japanese.

## Purple Heart

Mrs. A. M. Riley, of Longhurst, has received the Purple Heart that was awarded to her son, Thomas Riley, who was wounded in the Pacific area May 28th. His condition is improved and he hopes to come home soon.

## Building Boom In County Expected; Many New Homes

## You Can Burn Your Gas Coupons If You Desire

Also Not Rationed Are Canned  
Fruits, Vegetables,  
Fuel Oil and Oil Stoves,  
Rigid Program An-  
nounced.

Gas rationing has gone. You can now fill your car with gas and forget the coupons. You can drive your car as much as you want to if your car will stand the strain. This news was announced over the radios and through the newspapers immediately after the war was over and was greeted with enthusiasm in this county.

Many people had been able to get enough coupons to conduct their business in one way or the other but very few had been able to get all the gas that they wanted. There was always a time when coupons were getting short and one would have to wait for the next period.

Also not on the ration list now are canned fruits and vegetables, fuel oil and oil stoves. The fuel oil news also pleased many local people who have had a rather hard time keeping warm in the winter due to the fact that they did not have any too many coupons. People who use coal still have a few worries as the coal supply for the nation appears to be at a new low.

In the meantime OPA Chief Chester Bowles has announced a peacetime program intended to bridge the dangerous gap between sudden victory and sound prosperity.

The five purposes of OPA in the indefinite future, he said, are:  
1. Rigid control of food prices.  
2. Clothing price control.  
3. Pricing of reconversion items, such as automobiles, refrigerators, vacuum cleaners and washing machines, at or close to 1942 retail prices.  
4. Continuation of rent control.  
5. Vigorous enforcement.

## City And County Have Quiet Day

Celebrating in Roxboro and Person County was done in a peaceful way according to local law enforcement officers. "It was mighty quiet over the holiday," reported Sheriff M. T. Clayton, "everyone had plenty of fun and a good time, but it was the nicest I've ever seen."

Local police also reported along the same lines. Roxboro citizens burst loose with all their celebrating in a few hours, around four to be exact, and then settled down.

In this county beer and wine sales were suspended by proclamation of Governor E. Gregg Cherry and all retailers stopped sales a few minutes after President Truman's announcement of victory. Liquor stores in wet counties also closed for a two-day holiday.

## Receives Purple Heart Award

The 25th Infantry (Tropic Lightening) Division in the Philippines announces the award of the Order of the Purple Heart to Private First Class William H. Ashby, son of Samuel Ashby, Timberlake, for wounds received in action against the Japanese on Luzon Island in the Philippines.

An infantry mortar gunner with the 161st regiment, Private First Class Ashby participated in the fierce battles on the southern slopes of the Caraballo mountains which led to the recent fall of Balete Pass, 140 miles north of Manila. With the strategic Pass secure, the 25th Division, commanded by Major General Charles L. Mullins, Jr., in spearheading an attack toward the enemy stronghold in Cagayan Valley.

Prior to entering the army on January 7, 1943, Private First Class Ashby was a farmer.

With the end of war and the prospective slashing of many wartime controls over building materials, Roxboro and Person County are expected to get underway a building program that will exceed the million dollar mark, a local survey indicates.

The forecast here today further indicates that new buildings would be in the forms of buildings by residents and additions to stores, offices and factories—and possibly new housing for industrial plants.

Already underway are plans for the construction of a large county hospital—the exact cost unknown at this time—and also a building now being constructed in the western part of the city near the high school for a local freezer plant having individual lockers for the storage of meats and other foods. Material for the foundation has been transported to the location and with the lifting of building controls the work is expected to go into high gear.

Housing conditions have been crowded in Roxboro and also the county for the past two years and many residents will begin building homes as soon as materials are available—and of course when they can get the necessary labor.

W. W. Woods, secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce, stated yesterday that the office had received a request from the Division of Commerce and Industry of the Department of Conservation and Development for a list of industries and other business that Roxboro could take care of in the way of available buildings and if any industry should locate in Roxboro the county would labor be available.

According to Mr. Woods there are not any available buildings for large industry at this time, but in answer to the request, he listed a few of the many enterprises that would and could be handled, such as feed mill, construction of cinder or cement blocks, brick making, if an analysis of the clay in the county was suitable for that purpose, a machine shop—well equipped, and allied textile plant, such as hosiery, shirt and dress making.

Also suggested by Woods was the utilization of the lumber industry in the county, that according to the Lumberman's Record the four lumber mills in Person County processed more lumber last year than any other county in the state, in making furniture and cabinets, etc.

Other improvements after a few months is the super highway that will bypass Roxboro and cross from the Durham highway over to South Boston road crossing the city in the western section running parallel with Lamar street for a part of the way. Purpose of the highway is to relieve heavy traffic in the city.

The City of Roxboro improvement of streets began a few weeks ago with repairs on some of the badly damaged streets and other improvements are contemplated. Electric lines in the business section have already undergone a great change and according to T. Miller White, of the Carolina Power and Light Company, the company is planning replacement of old lines in the city and county. Also a large program for rural electrification has already been approved and will start as soon as the necessary labor is available.

Within a five-year post-war era many northern industries will open branches throughout the south and reports indicate that Roxboro and Person County will be ready to receive them.

## Keep Buying Bonds Says G. C. Hunter

G. C. Hunter, district chairman of the War Bond Committee, today urged the people of the county to continue to buy war bonds. Mr. Hunter stated that the need for money to wind up the entire affair would be tremendous and that it would be less expensive to the people if they would lend the money.

He urged all people to continue to buy as many bonds as they could afford, both from the standpoint of duty and from the standpoint of it being a good investment.