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Roxboro Woman Has Distinction As Cloak-Dagger Girl

Miss Clara Raynor, Once Bank Stenographer Here, Was Secret Agent In War.

Now back in Washington, D. C., is a Roxboro woman, Miss Clara Raynor, who until last month was connected with the Office of Strategic Services, a sort of super-spy organization for the United States and now dissolved after doing three years of behind the lines work in enemy territory all over the world. O. S. S., the story of which is now being told for the first time was organized at the request of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who called upon Maj. Gen. William J. Donovan to head it. Miss Raynor, who was in Roxboro last month, could not even tell her friends here what she had been doing in Government service. She was not supposed to even say she had been a part of O. S. S., much less to mention she had been in Italy with it.

And Miss Raynor did not tell, although she had just returned from ten months in Italy, where she may have had a hand in dropping food and supplies behind enemy lines in nearby Balkan countries, or in Austria. What Miss Raynor did, remains her secret, still, but her former associates at Peoples Bank, in Roxboro, where she worked for ten years, have a handful of Washington newspaper clippings tell a story of courage and heroism for all men and women, both civilian and military, who were associated with O. S. S.

There is a full story of the organization now running as a serial in Collier's magazine and Miss Raynor's friends here are eagerly scanning each line, although her name, as one of hundreds of workers in the famous "Cloak and Dagger", as the O. S. S. is popularly known, may never appear.

Miss Raynor sent those Washington clippings to Roxboro after she went back to Washington. The Associated Press had the story there and there was no reason why she should not give a general picture of the type of work she had been engaged in. The O. S. S., for instance, is credited with having saved the lives of five thousand American and United Nations aviators by working in close cooperation with underground organizations behind the lines in enemy countries where these aviators had landed after bombing expeditions.

Miss Raynor, who plans to remain in government work in Washington, will have nothing so exciting to look forward to now. As a matter of fact she got into O. S. S., rather by accident after going to Washington three to four years ago to take what was at that time a routine stenographic war job. But once she transferred to O. S. S., or wanted to, Roxboro friends knew she was engaged in some rather important mission. FBI agents came to Roxboro and combed her record. They went into every nook and cranny, asking questions by the bucketful. But Miss Raynor passed the test and thus became, perhaps, the only Person citizen to be connected with what came to be one of the most famous but least known secret agent organizations of the United States government in World War II.

There is no way of telling how many lives Miss Raynor saved, and many a hometown boy from Roxboro, once a prisoner of war in the Axis nations may have owed his life to what she and countless others of the O. S. S., accomplished.

Rev. Mr. Parsley At Saint Mark's

The Rev. Henry Nutt Parsley, of Durham, Episcopal minister serving students at Duke University, will be guest speaker Sunday morning at eleven o'clock at Saint Mark's Episcopal church, Roxboro, where Holy Communion will also be observed. The Rev. Mr. Parsley is well known in Saint Mark's parish and is a frequent visitor here.

Fair Continues

Person County Agricultural fair which began here the first of the week, will continue in operation through Saturday, according to R. L. (Bob) Perkins, manager, who reports that attendance has been picking up. Yesterday and Tuesday were school children's days. Some difficulty was experienced Monday in securing labor to help with setting up shows.

"True Glory" Will Be Sponsored By Person Legion

Lester Blackwell Post To Sponsor Impressive Official War Film Next Month.

Commander Joe Y. Blanks, of Lester Blackwell Post, the American Legion, together with Dr. O. G. Davis, Rev. Daniel Lane, Fletcher Carver, other representatives of the local Post and a number of civic leaders not members of the organization attended here yesterday a private showing of a war document film, "The True Glory," which depicts military events in Europe from the time of the invasion of France until the fall of Berlin.

Mr. Blanks, together with other members of Lester Blackwell Post, then acted as committee to confer with theatre manager Teague Kirby relative to Legion sponsorship of showing the film here. Dates agreed upon have been Monday and Tuesday, November 12 and 13th, immediately after observance of Armistice Day, which this year falls on Sunday.

The film, which has an impressive introduction by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, gives intimate details of the invasion of France and subsequent battles, with some particularly impressive shots of conditions in the horror prison camps in Germany. The show, which in Roxboro will be at the Dolly Madison theatre. Unifying theme is that of the United Nations working together towards a common end.

Rev. W. T. Baucum Clement Speaker For Next Sunday

Rev. W. T. Baucum, pastor of Yanceyville Baptist church, will be guest speaker Sunday afternoon at three o'clock at Clement Baptist church, according to announcement made today by the pastor, the Rev. L. V. Coggins, who says that all church members and interested friends are urged to attend.

Of special interest to Clement church and community was the ordination service in Penn Memorial Baptist Church, Reidsville, last Sunday afternoon of Rev. Albert Dunevant, a former member and eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Dunevant of Clement church. Many members of the home church attended and the Rev. L. V. Coggins delivered the charge.

A younger brother, Clifton Dunevant who has just returned from two years service overseas and who also has been licensed to preach by Clement church was present and preached at the evening service. Both brothers expect to enter college in the near future. Albert Dunevant at Campbell College, Buies Creek, and Clifton Dunevant later on will enter Wake Forest to continue his studies which were interrupted by volunteer services to his country.

Scrap Paper Still Wanted By Leaders

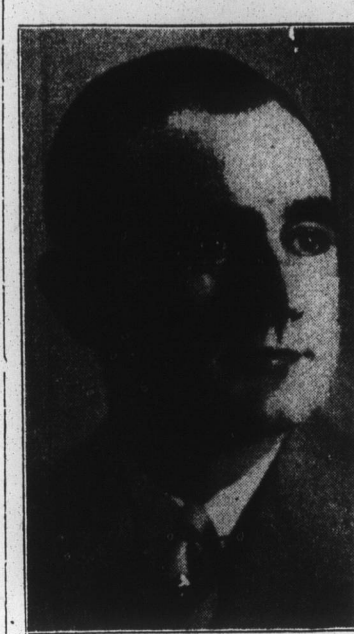
The scrap paper drive of the past Sunday was reasonably successful, according to Dr. Robert E. Long, scoutmaster for troop 49, the members of which together with other scouts, assisted in the collection of the paper under auspices of Roxboro Chamber of Commerce. The paper was placed in the salvage paper storage plant in the old gin building, according to Dr. Long, who says that citizens who still have paper to contribute may bring it to the storage building.

Leonard Salley

Tech 5 Leonard C. Salley, of Roxboro, son of J. E. Salley and formerly with A. I. Hall transfer company, is now at Camp Swift, Texas, after twenty months of overseas service in Europe. He took part in four campaigns and is with the 114 Engineers company.

TWO IN ONE
Mrs. John Stephens of Semora, was telling us recently of an unusual egg, said egg having two perfectly formed shells, in other words two perfect eggs in one shell.

D. R. Taylor



You know Jake, aren't we all glad to have him back home.

Merit Badge Books Given To Library

Boy Scouts Buy Books To Aid Study For Honors.

Boy Scouts of Troop 49, of which Dr. Robert E. Long is scoutmaster, have contributed to Person County Public Library a series of booklets dealing with merit badges and their requirements. The booklets are kept in the library and may be secured from the institution by borrowers just as other books are obtained. Delayed return of the booklets will necessitate payment of a fine.

Badge books, Mrs. Margaret Howard, chief library clerk has arranged a Boy Scout display at the library, where an attractively arranged table shows the books and other Scout information.

The Merit Badge books, according to Dr. Long, have been bought with money made by the troop through sale of scrap paper. It is expected that the collection, which will be available to all Scouts and their leaders, will help in the carrying on of Court of Honor programs. September court was held last week.

No Complete Line Yet On War Fund Drive In Person

Only one business district committee has made a report on the United War Fund, it was learned here today, but other reports are expected to come in, as are reports from the special gifts committee, the residential committee and the units of organization working in the public schools.

Co-chairmen of the drive here, which has a goal of \$10,050, are J. A. Long, Jr., and Jerry L. Hester, both of whom are urging full public support for the fund which is collected for soldier entertainment through the National USO organization, for local Boy Scouts and for the relief of stricken civilian populations in Europe.

Sgt. Bedford Jones To Get Discharge

Sgt. Bedford L. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Jones of this city, has arrived in Massachusetts after serving eight and one half years in the Army. Before the war he served in Hawaii and left Pearl Harbor four weeks before the war began. Since then he has served in Italy, Germany, France, England and Africa.

Sgt. Jones, who will receive his discharge soon, is expected to arrive in Roxboro shortly. He was last here about two years ago.

Negro Injured

Jones Lester, 70, Person Negro, who was knocked down and slightly injured yesterday when he walked in front of a moving truck on Court Street, was removed to his home after receiving first aid at Community Hospital.

Tucker Installed As Exchange Head

Carlton Cites New Service At Post Office

Considerable Saving Of Time And Cash Through New Postal Notes.

L. M. Carlton, Roxboro postmaster, this morning issued a statement calling attention to a new and convenient service to the public in the issuance of postal notes, a cheaper form of arrangement for sending small sums usually dispatched by money orders.

Says Mr. Carlton: "A matter which should be of special interest to the public, especially to those who make small remittances by money orders, is the fact that the Post Office Department beginning October 1, 1945 has placed on sale at the post office postal notes where the remittance to be made is up to \$10 and the cost of same is only five cents (5c) up to \$10, whereas a money order would range in price from 6c to 11c. "Another advantage is that the applicant is not required to fill out an application as in the case of money orders. It is therefore easier, quicker and cheaper where the amount to be remitted is up to \$10. You can still buy money orders for any amount, but the above plan should commend itself to those desiring to make only small remittances. Full information may be obtained at the Post Office by those interested."

Person Woman's Husband Gains Bronze Award

Award of the Bronze Star Medal for "heroic achievement" to Pfc. Dudley B. Henderson, whose wife, Mrs. Grace H. Henderson, lives in Roxboro was announced today by the 78th Division, 7th Army in Germany.

The action for which Pfc. Henderson was cited took place March 4, 1945, in the vicinity of Euskirchen, Germany. He is with Company K of the 78th Lightning Division's 310th Infantry Regiment, which earned battle stars for its fighting in the Ardennes, Rhineland and Central European campaigns.

His citation, in part, reads: "Pfc. Henderson volunteered to eliminate enemy snipers who were holding up the advance of his platoon. He led a Bar man and another rifleman in a flanking move and eliminated the snipers by forcing them to withdraw. Leaving the lifelines with the Bar men who were wounded in the encounter, he returned to direct aid men to the spot. His courage, aggressiveness and devotion to duty are in accordance with the highest military traditions."

ON SAVANNAH

James K. Jordan, 20, radioman, third class, USNR, of Roxboro, is serving on light cruiser, USS Savannah, which is engaged in a special training cruise in Atlantic and Caribbean waters for midshipmen of the Naval Academy.

Person Boys Win In Cattle Show

Fayetteville's flood, remains of which are still in evidence, put no crimp in carrying out a livestock show put on there on Monday and Tuesday for Four-H clubs and Future Farmers of America and attended by eight representatives from Person county, a number of whom won prizes, according to C. C. Jackson, assistant farm agent in Person, who was in the local party.

Person boys who attended were Austin Dixon, of Leasburg, route one; Roy Leon Puryear, accompanied by his father, C. H. Puryear, of Virginia route; Clifton Averette, of Roxboro, route 2; James Weaver and his father, L. J. Weaver, of Roxboro, route two, and John D.

Durham Officials Take Leading Part In Installation Rites.

Ralph Tucker, insurance man, of this city, last night was installed as second president of the Roxboro Exchange club, succeeding J. H. Lewis, who closed the ceremony of installation by presenting to Tucker his gavel of office, together with the Exchange club's president's pin. Rites of installation took place at Hotel Roxboro and were concluding features of a program which included a floor show by "Wallace, the Magician," of Durham, and a dinner for members and their guests. Toastmaster was C. M. Clark, also of Durham, district governor of Exchange clubs in North Carolina, and past president of the Durham club and sponsoring organization for the Roxboro club.

Installation of the Roxboro officers was in charge of John M. Riley, past president of Exchange clubs in North Carolina and past president of the Durham club, who called all new officers to the head table, where pledges of installation were given. In addition to Mr. Tucker, those installed were V. A. Thomas, vice president, William B. Faucette, secretary and Jack Satterfield, treasurer, together with new members of the Board of Control, R. Belvin Barnett, C. C. Garrett and H. B. Blanks.

Also a member of the Board is Mr. Lewis, immediate past president. Old members of the board are: Riley Oakley, C. B. Kirby and A. H. Rimmer. Mr. Lewis in his retiring address reviewed the history of the Roxboro club, which was organized six months ago, pledged support of the club to Mr. Tucker and other new officers and gave special praise to Mr. Rimmer, chairman of the committee which purchased an oxygen tent for Community hospital as a club benefit. Special interest of the new club is a program designed to aid and assist crippled children.

Made an honorary member of the Roxboro club was Mr. Wallace, whose bag of tricks program amused members and their guests for an hour or more. Pianist was Miss Mary Earle Wilson. Invocation was by Dr. Dwight Chalmers, chaplain of the Durham club and pastor of Trinity Avenue Presbyterian church. In addition to the Durham members on the program, a number of other members from that city and from Reidsville, together with their wives, were present.

Favors winners included Messdames Ralph Tucker, William B. Faucette, A. H. Rimmer, track Satterfield, C. M. Clark, and Jasper Whitfield.

President Tucker in his address of acceptance of office said that the club must go forward and urged every member to work to that end. Both he and Mr. Lewis, together with Mr. Clarke, referred to the wideawake spirit of the Roxboro club and pointed out unlimited opportunities of community service for the club.

Committeemen for the new year are: Program Committee—J. H. Lewis and D. W. Kanoy, Co-Chairmen; Attendance and Fellowship Committee—M. E. Clayton; Finance Committee—R. J. Oakley; Project Committee—Arthur Rimmer; Craple Children Committee—S. A. Jones; Extension Committee—W. B. Weatherly; Agriculture Committee—Claude Whitfield; and Rehabilitation Committee—Henry O'Brien and C. C. Garrett, Co-Chairmen.

A new cabbage is being tested in Eastern Carolina to see if it will show less bolting than varieties now grown. It has proven successful in the Charleston, S. C., area.

Yates To Have Next Program

Program next week for Roxboro Kiwanis club on Monday night at Hotel Roxboro will be in charge of L. M. Yates, principal of Longhurst school, it was announced today. Program for the past Monday was in charge of R. P. Burns, club member, who had as guest speaker, Mr. Harris, of Scottsburg, Va., whose topic was "World Conditions."

Music Leader



A. E. Lynch, of Campbell College, Buies Creek, will direct music for a revival which opens Sunday night at Longhurst Baptist church. Speaker will be the pastor, the Rev. Auburn C. Hayes, who will have as his Sunday night subject, "Rabbit Chasers." A cordial invitation is being extended to the public to attend.

Farm Exchange Groups To Meet

Person County members and patrons of the Farmers Mutual Exchange will hold a countywide stockholders meeting on Tuesday, October 9th, at 2:00 p. m., in the Roxboro Central Grammar School auditorium. This meeting is of special interest to Person County farmers because it deals directly with the marketing of their farm products and the purchasing of their principle farm supplies.

A report will be given on what Person County farmers have accomplished in marketing and purchasing through the Farmers Mutual Exchange at Roxboro.

An outstanding leader in the agricultural field, will speak on some of the problems that are facing farmers and give some helpful suggestions for solving these problems. The major part of this program will be taken up with entertainment, music, contests, a corn shucking contest, and drawing for valuable prizes. The first prize for men will be three bags of dairy, poultry, or hog feed; and for women—a barrel of flour. Both men and women will be eligible for winning the use of a family-size freezer locker box for one year, and for the cash prize.

Not only members and patrons of the Farmers Mutual Exchange are urged to attend this meeting, but all other interested farm men and women as well as professional men are invited to come and participate in this meeting.

Person's Polio At Sixteen In Decade

Person County has had a total of sixteen cases of infantile paralysis or polio in the past ten years, according to a report released today by the State headquarters of the Infantile Paralysis Fund. Total number of cases reported in the State within the same period has reached 2,540. Dr. Ralph McDonald, State Chairman, and Mrs. Phillips Russell, organization Director, both of Chapel Hill, have written letters of appreciation to various county chairmen, saying that work of the fund must continue to go forward.

Person chairman for this year was the Rev. Rufus J. Womble, now of Richmond, Va. A more than creditable showing was made here under the leadership of the Rev. Mr. Womble, but because he has moved from Roxboro a new chairman will have to be selected for the coming year.

Two fatalities from polio in Person County occurred here in the summer of 1944, when the disease last reached an epidemic stage in North Carolina.

Important Meeting For Church Groups

A special meeting of the Mary Hambrick Society of Christian Service is being called for Monday afternoon, October 8, at 4 o'clock, to consider very important business. At 8 o'clock the Wesleyan Service Guild will hold a called meeting for the same purpose. Members are urged to note these special sessions and to plan to attend.

Happiest Boy Has Plans To Purchase Pony All His Own

Person Native Dies Suddenly In Missouri Home

Mrs. Gretter, Sister Of Mrs. R. D. Bailey and of W. B. Humphries, Dies.

Funeral for Mrs. Susan Humphries Gretter, 68, a native of Person County and sister of Mrs. R. D. Bailey and of W. B. Humphries, both of Woodsdale, was held on Tuesday September 11, in Missouri, according to information received here this week by members of the family.

Rites were at 10:30 in the morning at First Baptist church, near the Wren community, where she lived. Ministers in charge were the Rev. Mark Owings and the Rev. Mr. Thompson. Mrs. Gretter, wife of the late Michael C. Gretter, died on Saturday, September 8, at the home of a son, Robert Gretter, with whom she lived.

Born July 11, 1877 at Bethel Hill, N. C., of the pioneering family of S. C. Humphries and Mary King Link, she was the seventh of eleven children. In 1900 she married Michael C. Gretter at Bethel Hill, N. C., to which union were born four sons.

The family was first broken in 1923 when the eldest son, Leslie, died in Missouri, to which state the family had moved in 1910. It was in 1927 that she along with her husband and two sons, moved to Aberdeen, Miss., to make her home for a number of years before returning to Missouri.

Late in life she became a member of the Eastern Star.

Members of the family left to mourn are three sons, Robert Gretter of the Wren Community; Gordon Gretter, Portsmouth, Va.; Cooper Gretter, Mt. Vernon, Mo.; three sisters and one brother: Mrs. Numa Christian, Westfield, N. C.; Mrs. Robert Bailey and W. M. Humphries, Woodsdale, N. C.; Mrs. Jim Woody, Liberty, N. C.; and three grandchildren: Barbara Ann, Louise and Michael Hawey Gretter.

Interment was in Odd Fellows Rest, with W. B. Harrison in charge.

D. R. Taylor Receives Discharge

After more than three years in the Navy, serving as Recruiting Officer, D. R. (Jake) Taylor received his discharge and returned home last Monday. He was accompanied by Mrs. Taylor, who had been with him for the past several months.

Jake, as all of his friends call him, was associated with The Courier for more than 20 years, being a member of the firm of Noell, Taylor & Company when the True and The Courier consolidated. He is also a member of the firm of the Courier-Times Publishing Company and will take an active interest in said firm. Jake knows the newspaper game and his return will save the other members many a headache. It is useless to say we greet his return with great pleasure.

Ceffo's Oakley Not Candidate, He Says

Charlie Oakley, of Ceffo, previously listed as a candidate for selection as keeper of the Person County Home, said yesterday that he was not a candidate for the position and did not make application for the job, although he at one time did contemplate asking for the position.

Newly appointed keeper, chosen Monday, was B. J. Owen. Other applicant was John D. Long, of near Virginia. Bowen will succeed Alvis Clayton.

Sgt. R. A. Young At Atomic Plant

Two Durham members of the Armed services, a WAC and a soldier, and one serviceman from Roxboro, recently were awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque given to military personnel of the Atomic Bomb project at Santa Fe, New Mexico.

David Lawrence Long, Bushy Fork, Sells Tobacco Here. Where Average Con- tinues Good.

Probably happiest seller on the Roxboro market this morning was nine year-old David Lawrence Long, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Long, of Bushy Fork, who sold his piles at averages up to forty-five and plans to buy a pony. Young David Lawrence, who has a brother, Fred T., in overseas service in Europe, is not concerned with other peoples' averages.

His own, he thinks, considering that some of the weed was of poor quality, were good enough, and he is going to have that pony if he can find one and will add it to a livestock collection which already includes a goat.

But there is a serious side to the Roxboro market, too, for adults, who are expected to be pleased at the official report that averages for this week for the first two selling days has climbed up to \$42 for a Tuesday and Wednesday total of 463,192 pounds. Also encouraging is the fact that the Roxboro market since it opened on September 18, has sold two million, three hundred seventy-one thousand, one hundred and four pounds at an average of \$41.43.

Commenting on the present market trends in Roxboro, Georg W. Walker, secretary of the Roxboro Board of Trade, said today that some showing of better prices probably has come through last Saturday's agreement reached in Washington for Commodity Credit Corporation boosting of buying of low or common grade weed. Mr. Walker thinks, too, that Person growers generally are aware of the quality of tobacco grown here and sold here and that they are not and have not been as dissatisfied with prices as have been some farmers from other sections, such as Danville and Wilson, which were centers in the move to have former Gov. J. Melville Broughton and others to go to Washington as they did.

Oxford, Not Garner Place Of Meeting For PTA District

District meeting of the Parent-Teacher association will be in Oxford on Tuesday, October 9, and not at Garner at a later date, according to Mrs. R. P. Burns, president of the Roxboro Central Grammar school association, who said today that regular monthly meeting of the Central association will be held on Tuesday, October 16, as previously announced.

It is expected that the District Association meeting will have a good delegation from Roxboro and that a large crowd will also be at the regular monthly meeting at Central school, where the showing of a film will be a featured part of the program.

Junior Order To Meet On Monday

Members of Longhurst Council of the Junior Order are to meet next Monday night at seven o'clock at the Junior Order Hall, according to announcement made today. The members are also expected to come prepared to attend a church service in a body at North Roxboro Baptist church.

Other events of this week for Juniors will be a district gathering Wednesday night at Chapel Hill and a benefit supper to be served Friday night at seven o'clock in Roxboro high school gymnasium.

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They are: T-5 Charles Goodwin of Ellis Road, a member of the Special Engineer Detachment; T-5 Mary H. Moore of 524 McManis Street, a WAC; and S-Sgt. Robert A. Young of Route 3, Roxboro, member of the Military Police.