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J. M. Parks, Soil Expert, To Speak At Bethel Hill

Films And Demonstration To Mark Soil Conservation Gathering.

J. M. Parks, of Reidsville, district conservationist, will be chief speaker Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock at a gathering of landowners and tenants of the Bethel Hill community. It was reported today by Joe R. Adair, Person soil conservationist, who says that residents along U. S. Highway 501, are also expected to attend, as well as any other interested citizens.

Parks, who is well-known here, will also show pictures pertaining to soil conservation practices. Heavy emphasis in soil conservation has recently been made at Bethel Hill. The Parks film is titled, "Building Back." A brief comedy film, "Farm Accidents," will also be shown.

Introduction will be by J. M. Wilburn, agricultural teacher at Bethel Hill, and other speakers will be Mr. Adair, Roger Crumpton, district supervisor here, Claude T. Hall, AAA chairman and H. K. Sanders, Person farm agent.

Group pictures will be made and the whole meeting is not expected to last more than one and one-half hours, according to Mr. Adair. The meeting, however is expected to be of exceptional interest to any "agriculturally minded person" and a large attendance is expected.

Indian Leader Thinks British To Come Across

New Delhi, India.—Jawaharlal Nehru, a leader of the Indian National Congress party said today he expected the British to take quick action after the forthcoming elections to turn the Indian Government over to Indians, or "other people" will take the initiative.

Nehru told newspapermen he expected the administration of India to form a central government after the elections next Spring, "representing the democratic forces within the country." Then, he said, should follow the setting up of a constituent assembly.

Nehru asserted that the activities of the Indian National Army, organized in Burma to fight against the British, and the present trial of officers had had the effect of bringing the Army closer to the people. Heretofore most Indians had considered the Army as something apart from themselves and almost foreign, he said.

Exploits of the Indian National Army, disclosed by the lifting of censorship and the trial of INA officers, Nehru said, had caused many of the country's youth to question the Gandhian philosophy of nonviolence. Many were now thinking of using force as a means of gaining independence. This, he continued, was the subject of considerable thought and discussion by Congress leaders.

Ladies Nights

Kiwanians will have their Ladies night tonight and the Rotarians Thursday, with both events at Hotel Roxboro. Speaker last week at Rotary was the Rev. Daniel Lane, new chairman of the polo fund drive, who presented and urged appeal for the fund, the drive for which will be held next month.

Four Schools To Have Sing, Sunday

With four Person and Roxboro schools participating, a "Christmas Carol Sing" will be held Sunday afternoon at three-thirty o'clock in the Roxboro high school auditorium. It was announced today by Miss Sarah Hodgins, of Roxboro Central school, others participating will be Roxboro high school, Bethel Hill and Helena. This will be the first time that such a program jointly arranged by city and county schools has been attempted, says Miss Hodgins.

Other faculty participants are Miss Mary Earle Wilson, of Roxboro high school, Miss Anne Lee

Mobile Unit To Be In City On This Thursday

Major Provisions Of New Regulations Will Be Discussed By Sergeants.

The mobile unit of The United States Army Recruiting Service will be in Roxboro again on Tuesday, December 13th. The mobile unit is operated by Sgt. James Allen and Sgt. Gilbert Bailey who will be happy to discuss any phase of the regular army with any interested person.

While most veterans know something about the opportunities offered by the regular army, we repeat briefly a few of the major provisions of the new recruiting act for the benefit of anyone who may not be familiar with them: Retention of grade and a reenlistment furlough of up to ninety days provided reenlistment is effected within twenty days after discharge. A reenlistment bonus of \$50.00 for each year of last enlistment provided reenlistment is effected within ninety days after discharge, choice of branch of service and overseas theatre on a three year hitch. The GI Bill of Rights and family allowances still in effect, twenty year retirement, thirty days furlough each year. These and many other favorable inducements make the Regular Army a very attractive proposition.

Young men about to be drafted are urged to come in and talk over the advantages offered by voluntarily enlisting rather than going into service through the draft board. The army offers an extensive educational program for which both high school and college credits are given. Enlistment may be made for as short a period as 18 months. A man is eligible for enlistment in the regular army at any time before he is actually ordered to report for induction by his draft board.

Dan A. West Heads Victory Clothing Drive

New York.—Henry J. Kaiser, national chairman of the Victory Clothing Collection, today announced the appointment of Dan A. West as executive director of the nationwide clothing drive for overseas relief in January.

Mr. West, who is director of the Division of Contributed Supplies of UNRRA, was executive director of the April United National Clothing Collection and Mr. Kaiser was its national chairman. In this campaign, the American people contributed enough clothes, shoes and bedding to benefit 25,000,000 war victims in Europe, the Philippines, and China.

To help millions of other men, women and children in war-scarred lands, President Truman called upon Mr. Kaiser to head another national clothing drive. The goal in the Victory Clothing Collection, January 7-31, is 100,000,000 serviceable used garments, in addition to shoes and bedding.

It's a good time for rural health committees to induce doctors and nurses returning from war to settle in their areas.

Former Teacher Dies Saturday At Moriah Home

Hold Rites Today For Mrs. Emma Rhew Clayton, of Moriah.

Funeral for Mrs. Emma Rhew Clayton, of Moriah, whose death occurred Saturday afternoon at four o'clock at her home from a cerebral hemorrhage, was held Monday afternoon at three o'clock at Bethany Baptist church, Person county, with interment in the church cemetery. She was a member of Mount Tabor Methodist church.

An alumna of Trinity college, now Duke University, she was for many years a teacher in Durham county schools. She was a native of Durham county and was the wife of the late C. M. Clayton. Surviving are a son John Wilburn Clayton, of the home, a daughter, Mrs. Lucille Eakes, of Hurdle Mills, a stepdaughter, Mrs. Early Williford, of Oxford, six grand children, four sisters and three brothers, all of Rougemont.

Sisters surviving are Mrs. J. J. Thacker, Misses Annie, Asie, Ila Rhew, all of Rougemont, as are three brothers, N. Y., N. C., and F. J. Rhew.

Rites were in charge of her pastor, the Rev. Earl C. Brewer, of Mount Tabor Methodist church, assisted by the Rev. Charles F. Hudson, of Durham, pastor of Bethany Baptist church, the Rev. J. S. Starnes and the Rev. W. B. Pettway.

Pallbearers were Ernest Garrett, Henry Newton, Charlie Lee Taylor, Vixon Day, D. M. Cash, Alpha Day, Melvin Clayton and Bernice Mangum. Mrs. Clayton had been in ill health for many months, but her condition did not become critical until a few days before her death.

Halsey Against Merger Of Army Navy Services

Washington.—Fleet Admiral W. F. "Bull" Halsey has fired a salvo of his typical shots at proposed unification of the army and navy.

"The army is the chief exponent of hasty and unstudied adoption of this plan. Even if the army project has merit—which I fail to see—their method of trying to put it over is unAmerican, undemocratic, and dangerous," the admiral declared.

There is no question about need for "unified command" in actual combat, Halsey declared, but that does not require that the war and navy departments, which he said were complex and widely differing, be mixed together.

"Believe me, that's the first time I ever agreed with a Jap," Halsey said at one point in regard to a statement by Japanese General Yamashita that perfect co-ordination of American air, naval and ground forces crushed the Japs.

It is "pure bunk," the admiral continued, to claim greater efficiency from the merger. Instead he referred to it variously as a "muddle," "mirage" and "miracle."

Japan and Germany allowed the army to dominate the navy, he said, and "look where they are now." Previous testimony by army air forces witnesses that battleships and aircraft carriers are out of date also came in for comment. The admiral said his fighting ships won bases so the army air forces could come along later and operate.

The admiral said he feared the merger advocates wanted to give the army a "two-to-one" vote over control of the navy.

Perkins Expected To Join Brother

Pfc. Jule D. Perkins, Jr., who last week received his discharge from the Army after having been overseas for more than two years, is expected to join his brother, J. W. Perkins, warehouse operator in Knoxville, Tenn., soon. Pfc. Perkins, who was with the 401 Glider Infantry, holds the Bronze Star medal, the Victory medal, the American and campaign ribbons with four bronze stars and a bronze arrowhead, the Good conduct medal and a distinguished unit badge. He participated in campaigns and battles in the Ardennes, Rhineland, Central Europe and Normandy.

In the Normandy invasion he was with the late Louis Shanko, of Roxboro and Yale, Va., who lost his life at that time.

Evans Check Seen As Hospital Boost

E. Hervey Evans, of Laurinburg, civic leader and wheel-horse behind the recently highly successful Scotland county campaign for a hospital there, where \$315,000 have been raised, has just sent a "nice check" to the Person Memorial hospital fund. It was revealed today by Claude T. Hall, general chairman here.

The Evans check unsolicited, says Chairman Hall, who adds that Mr. Evans, a director of the State Board of Welfare, served in Scotland county as finance chairman for the hospital there, a position which is held here by R. L. Harris.

"The people of Person County are happy to have this contribution for the Person hospital from such an outstanding citizen of a sister county," says Mr. Hall, who as general chairman, has today prepared a statement to citizens here on responsibilities in connection with the proposed new hospital. The Hall message, addressed to "The Good People of Person County" is prepared for publication in the Open Forum of the Courier-Times.

Expected to be held here Tuesday night is a meeting of the finance committee, first formal announcement from which was made last week when it was revealed that the committee now has on hand between eight and ninety thousand dollars in contributions and pledges. At least one large out of town contribution in addition to the Evans one, has been received and may more such contributions are expected, especially from former Person residents.

Pageant To Be Presented Soon At Roxboro High

A Christmas pageant depicting the annunciation to Mary and the birth of Christ will be presented at the Roxboro High School, Wednesday night, December 19, at 7:30 o'clock it was reported today. The pageant which portrays the events in seven tableaux is being presented by the Bible and music departments of the school under the direction of Fred Bishop, instructor of Bible in the city schools.

Characters in the tableaux, will come from Bible students and the combined girls' and boys' glee clubs under the direction of Mary E. Wilson will furnish music for each picture as it is portrayed.

The cast is composed of the following:

Mary, Doris Strange; Joseph, Claude Warren; The Angel, Mary Catherine O'Brian; The Angel Gabriel, Talmadge Munday; The Heavenly Host, Catherine Yarborough, Esther Jackson, Peggy Whit, Ellen Lankford, Dorothy Kirkman, Inn Keeper, Carlton Painter, Shepherds, Luther Whit, Jack Blalock, Jack Slaughter, James White, John Ray Williford, and Wise Men, Winstead Crumpton, James Wrenn, Mason Crews.

Gardenia To Be Sent To Mother Of War Victim

Camp Wheeler, Ga.—A gardenia bush from Georgia will soon be on its way to Kentucky to remind a gold star mother of her son's farewell gesture.

It was in the Spring of 1943 that Mrs. George Winn of Marion, Ky., came here to visit her son, Lt. Harold E. Winn, before he went overseas.

Gardenias were in full bloom. The young officer walked over and picked one as he strolled with his mother that last day. He gently pinned it to her coat. Then they said goodbye.

He was off to the wars—St. Lo and death in action.

The saddened mother recently wrote officials at Camp Wheeler of her memories of her son—and how they were all mixed up with the fragrance of gardenias.

She wrote: "If I could but have a plant of the gardenia to grow outside my house."

Military wheels started grinding. The price spot and plant were located.

Then it was packed—150 pounds—for delivery to Mrs. Winn this week.

The supply of sugar for the first quarter of 1946 will be sufficient to maintain civilian rationing at present levels.

IN CITY

Lt. Charles B. Wood, of the Navy, Washington, D. C., is spending several days here with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Woody. Formerly of this city, Lt. Wood expects to be here until December 19th.

Along The Way

Someone told this on my friend D. W. "Toby" Ledbetter who is one of Roxboro's earliest risers. It was said that he had a habit of getting up around six A. M. each day and that a lot of times he went to work well before seven o'clock. On this particular morning that I am talking about he got up about five o'clock and as he started out of the front yard he saw a bird sleeping in a tree. Now that Toby was mad and he went up to the tree and shook it. Here's what he said as the bird flew away—"No bird is going to sleep later in the morning than Toby Ledbetter."

Danger Seen In Check Flashers And Forger-Men

Chief of Police Warns of Dangers From Check Thieves and Forgers.

Chief of Police George C. Robinson, of Roxboro, cooperating in the U. S. Secret Service crime prevention program today warned merchants and customers to be on guard against check thieves and forgers. During the pre-holiday season the Chief said these criminals take advantage of crowded streets and over-worked clerks to "reap a harvest" by stealing and forging large numbers of checks. A number of local arrests on such charges have been made says Robinson.

Here are some safeguards suggested by Chief Robinson:

Persons who expect checks by mail should make arrangements for someone to be at home to receive them when they arrive and see that they are kept in a safe place until cashed. Merchants should instruct their employees to use greater care in accepting commercial and government checks, especially from strangers. They should be cautioned to require positive identification and make a note on the check the type of identification presented. The check should always be endorsed in the presence of the person cashing it and the endorsement should be carefully compared with the signatures on identification offered. The employee cashing the check should initial it in order to fix the responsibility and to later help him remember the transaction should the check turn out to be a forgery. Every person cashing a check should always ask himself the question, "If this check is returned as a forgery, will I be able to locate the forger and recover my money?"

"Neither customers nor merchants can afford to suffer the loss of a forged check when simple precautions could have prevented it. Treat your check as though it were cash. If you receive a check, protect it from thieves. If you are a merchant, be sure you know endorser," says the Chief.

Ending Of One Teacher Schools To Be Sought

Raleigh.—The state board of education, spurred to action by report of Controller Paul Reid that North Carolina, despite boasted educational advances, still has 829 one-teacher schools, has adopted a resolution urging county and municipal school units to survey possibilities for further consolidation of small schools.

Controller Reid reported that throughout the state there are 2,586 schools with either one, two, three or four teachers, and following the board's meeting Reid told newsmen that from 50 to 75 per cent of these schools could be consolidated.

Commenting further, Reid declared that such consolidations would not only cause a reduction in school operating costs but would also bring about better educational advantages for young North Carolinians. This would be particularly true with reference to high schools with four or less teachers, Reid added.

The resolution adopted by the board today also stated that it is expected that available funds will make it necessary to revert to the prewar standard as minimum in allotment of teachers for small schools to be paid from state funds. This situation would be effective with the 1946-47 school year, and is a condition resulting from population shifts.

Reid explained that during the war emergency teachers were retained in schools where attendance dropped below the normal daily figure, and this was done in order to have sufficient teachers available if a population shift caused attendance to rise to the pupil load reallocation. Schools which do not return to normal attendance will, by returning to prewar standards, lose teachers where the pupil load has declined below requirements.

Huff Post Meets

Lewell T. Huff Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will have a regular meeting Tuesday night at seven-thirty o'clock, at the USO Center, according to announcement made today by Adjutant J. A. Jordan, who requests a full attendance. Post Commander is J. W. Allgood, with C. C. Garrett as vice commander.

Auto-Truck Crashes Involve Person And Orange Residents

Time For New Conceptions Of Government Here

Asserts Nations Should Not Process Atomic Bomb During Peacetime.

Pinehurst.—All nations should modify their national sovereignty by agreeing not to process any atomic bomb in peacetime, Dr. Joseph W. Straley of the Department of Physics of the University of North Carolina asserted in an address here tonight before the Pinehurst Forum.

Such an agreement would not necessarily be sufficient to prevent war, but "it would implement the United Nations Organization upon whose shoulders this great responsibility rests," he said.

Sacrifices which the various nations must make to preserve peace can never be equalled, Dr. Straley said, but they should include "destruction of all existing facilities for processing bombs, destruction of all bombs, and sharing of all knowledge of atomic energy and other scientific developments."

"Let us not be lulled into a false sense of security by stories to the effect that the details of the construction of the atomic bomb will be kept secret. Any nation with scientific personnel and two billion dollars can acquire the secret."

"There is no doubt but that some sort of defense against this weapon will be developed. However at best it can give but partial protection. Partial protection seems a mockery where atomic bombs are concerned. "We can all afford to take comfort in the hope that future wars will be avoided out of dread of this weapon," Dr. Straley warned. "An enemy leader with the mentality of Adolf Hitler would assume that bigger and better munitions are to be purchased with bigger and better bombs."

Dr. Straley said the atomic bomb as a psychological force to "modify our concept of sovereignty has arrived on the world scene at precisely the right moment. The question is 'have we the faith in our allies and, above all, in ourselves, to change traditional views on national sovereignty?' I know full well that we walk with danger along any path we take but it is my conviction that we have much to gain if we make this rather convincing show of good will."

T. P. Chambers Out

Tobey P. Chambers, 23, ship's cook, second class, USNR, North Main St., Roxboro, is being discharged from the Navy after 29 months of duty.

He served aboard LST's for 23 months and participated in the invasion of Normandy.

Chambers was employed by the Safeway Stores, Washington, D. C., before entering the service.

Fifth Diphtheria Case Discovered

Fifth case of diphtheria here in the past two months was reported here this morning, the victim being William Lewis McCarthy, three year old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. McCarthy, of the Virginia road, about ten miles from Roxboro, according to the Person Health department officials of which said that the child is improving.

Diagnosis in the McCarthy case was made last week, but no report of it was received here until today. Two deaths from diphtheria have been reported here since September and in addition to the five diagnosed cases there have been two suspects. Four of the cases have been white and one Negro, while of the two suspects one was a Negro child who died.

Miss Evelyn Davis, senior staff nurse with the Health department, gives the following sketch of the McCarthy case and the attitude of the anxious parents:

Mrs. McCarthy has asked that all mothers give Toxoid to their children at once, unless they have had two doses. She says, "I neglected the vaccination. I just hated to see my baby stuck with a needle, but it would have been easier to see him take the Toxoid with a little needle than to see that long one go in his back. It sure would have saved me hours of anguish and worry about my baby."

Basil Young Exonerated: Five Lose Lives In Second Crash.

Although no serious wrecks were reported in Roxboro yesterday, two major crashes of last week involved Person County citizens and residents of Orange County, with many in the last named group known in this city and county.

Basil Young, of Roxboro, driver for H. V. Clayton, this city, whose tractor-truck was involved in a fatal crash with a passenger car on Highway 52 at the Badin junction, near Albemarle, was exonerated of all blame in a coroner's hearing held Thursday after the wreck and occurred on the previous night, when two men were killed.

Killed Friday night in a wreck near Mebane were five young people from Prospect Hill. They were Miss Nell R. Dixon, 18, Miss Carly Sue Warren, 21, John B. Finley, 21, Claudette George, 12, and Jean Catherine George, 10. Dan Dixon, of Mebane, was only survivor in the party, members of which had been to Mebane for a movie and were returning home.

Those killed in the Badin-Albemarle crash were Nelson E. Eamhardt and Kenneth Frick, both of Richfield and both eighteen years of age. Eamhardt was a recently discharged sailor.

A truck was also involved in the Mebane wreck, which occurred near Cross Road Presbyterian church. Owner of the truck was the R. W. Wilson Transfer company, with John Singletary, of Danville, a Negro, driving.

Double rites for Misses Warren and Dixon were held Sunday afternoon at Carr Methodist church, Orange county.

Services for Finley, a discharged sailor with 10 months of action in the Pacific were held Sunday afternoon at four o'clock from the Cedar Grove Methodist Church, The Rev. J. B. Hurley and the Rev. S. F. Nicks officiated and burial was in the church cemetery.

Survivors include one sister, Miss Mildred Finley of Cedar Grove and two brothers, T. B. Finley and W. L. Finley of the U. S. Navy.

Double services for the George sisters will be conducted Monday afternoon at three o'clock in Greensboro, Va., with burial in the Greenbush cemetery. The funeral party will leave home Monday afternoon at 12:30 o'clock.

The sisters are survived by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl C. George of Prospect Hill and the following brothers and sisters, all of the home Aleise, Gerald, Eonlen, Betty Lou, A. T., and E. C. George Jr., and their grandmother, Mrs. A. T. Colbert.

Miss Dixon is survived by her father, Ed Dixon; one sister, Mrs. P. Y. M. Wilson of Park Hall, Md., and four brothers, D. M. Dixon of Park Hall, Md., B. M., Eugene and Dan Dixon of the home.

Miss Warren is survived by her mother, Mrs. Sudie Burton Warren of Prospect Hill; one sister, Miss Blanche Warren of Greensboro and two brothers, Burlon Warren of Fayetteville and Ralph Warren of Deland, Fla.

The children are survived by their parents. She says, "I neglected the vaccination. I just hated to see my baby stuck with a needle, but it would have been easier to see him take the Toxoid with a little needle than to see that long one go in his back. It sure would have saved me hours of anguish and worry about my baby."

Dr. Carl Reynolds of the State Board of Health urges all mothers to give toxoid to all babies between their 6th and 12th month of life. Says Miss Davis, "So far we have been unable to trace the source of these diphtheria cases. Some authorities think the germs have been brought into our state on fruits, vegetables and other articles. We may have unknown carriers."

"Keep children at home if they don't feel well and have a sore throat."

"Give Toxoid at once if they are not immunized."

"Call the doctor early."