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Citizens Urged To Invite Service Men As Holiday Guests

Essays Late

Saturday was last day for turning in high school newspaper essays in the State Press Association contest with which the Courier-Times is cooperating. Several essays have been received, but others are wanted at once, as the state deadline is not far off. All papers, two from each school should be identified by numbers rather than names and all manuscripts should be sent to J. S. Merritt, associate editor of the Courier-Times.

Navy Ceased To Listen To Jap Phones

Washington—Pearl Harbor investigators were told today that the navy, after a row with the FBI, stopped listening in on Japanese telephone conversations in Hawaii five days before the December 7, 1941 attack.

The FBI continued tapping one Japanese consulate line up to the moment of the assault, and in this way learned that the consul in Honolulu was destroying his codes. The tapped line led to the cook's quarters in the consulate.

This evidence, placed before the joint congressional investigating committee, was included in a report by Lt. Col. Henry C. Clausen, assigned by Secretary of War Stimson to make an independent inquiry in 1942.

The committee also was informed of another long-time secret—the navy, had reports in June, 1940, that the Japanese would try to sabotage the Panama canal if the fleet moved from its Hawaii base toward the Atlantic. The fleet feigned an approach to the canal, but the sabotage didn't occur.

Mrs. Clayton III At County Home

Mrs. Alvis Clayton, wife of the former keeper of the Person County Home, is reported to be seriously ill at the home, where she and Mr. Clayton are keeping an apartment during her illness. Present keeper of the Home is B. J. Bowen, who with his family also have residence there.

Bill Kane Here

Bill Kane, of the Seabees, who has been on duty for many months, has arrived in Roxboro and is with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Kane.

Here For Holidays

Richard (Duck) Clayton and Payne Wilkerson, both of the Merchant Marines and recently in overseas service, have arrived in Roxboro and will spend the holidays here with their respective parents.

State Leader Has Praise For Hospital

Saying, "It is gratifying to learn that the people of your County plan a worthy living memorial of the men who served in both World Wars," Josephus Daniels, editor of the News and Observer, expresses full commendation of the Person Memorial hospital project in a letter written last week to the finance committee chairman, R. L. Harris, former Lieutenant Governor.

"A hospital," says Mr. Daniels, "is a living benefaction to those who stand in need of the blessings it alone affords."

Addressing Mr. Harris as "Dear Governor"—Mr. Daniels writes as follows: "In both World Wars Person County gave promptly and fully the best beloved of its patriotic youth ready to give all they had and all they hoped to be at the call of their country. It is a matter for congratulations that most of them by Good Providence returned home to receive the plaudits of their friends and neighbors.

USO Service Center Director Outlines Plans for Full Week

At least two supper programs are being planned for Christmas week at the Roxboro USO Service Center, it was announced today by Dr. Robert E. Long, chairman of the board of directors, who said this morning that dates for the suppers will be Sunday and Tuesday nights. Sunday night will be the big night of the week, with a Christmas tree and gifts for the service men under sponsorship of the Junior Hostess groups.

Large numbers of service men are expected to be in Roxboro on Sunday and Tuesday and any citizens interested in having one or more of them as visitors or as dinner guests in their homes are requested to call Dr. Long on or before those dates.

There is to be a Santa Claus at the Sunday Christmas gathering at the Center and plans are going forward for a genuine exposition of southern hospitality. Vespers Sunday night will be in charge of the Rev. Ben Houston, new pastor of Edgar Long Memorial Methodist church.

On this past Sunday, last night, Baptist church circles with Miss Sue Frederick and Mrs. R. L. Wilburn as chairmen, served supper and the program was made festive by the singing of Christmas carols. Among visitors was Robert Edgar Long of the Army, recently discharged after overseas service, who was accompanist at the piano. Group singing was led by W. Wallace Woods. The soldier guests were also invited to the night service at First Baptist church, where a Christmas program was presented by the training union.

Mrs. P. T. Whitt's Father Passes

Funeral services for George W. Register of Scotland Neck, father of Mrs. P. T. Whitt, Jr., of Roxboro, who died early Saturday morning in a Tarboro hospital, will be conducted from the Scotland Neck Baptist Church, of which he was a member, Monday afternoon at three o'clock. The Rev. Mr. Douglas, pastor, will officiate, assisted by the Rev. R. W. Goode, a former pastor. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

Going from Roxboro for the funeral are members of the Whitt family, including P. T. Whitt, Jr., recently discharged from the army.

To Come Friday

Sergeants Bailey and Allen, of the recruiting service, the United States Army, who were here on Thursday of last week, will not be here this week until Friday because of a change of schedule. Their Friday visit will be the last one before the Christmas holidays.

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Funeral Will Be Held Today For Person Teacher

Mrs. Emmalou Bennick Vanhook, of Roseville, Dies From Heart Attack

Funeral for Mrs. Emmalou Bennick Vanhook, 38, teacher at Bushy Fork School and wife of J. William Vanhook of Roseville, was held this afternoon at three o'clock at Edgar Long Memorial Methodist Church, Roxboro, of which she was a member.

Officiating ministers will be the pastor, the Rev. Ben Houston, assisted by the Rev. J. Boyce Brooks, and a former pastor, the Rev. J. H. Lanning of Clinton of the Methodist Church. Interment will be in Burwood Cemetery, Roxboro.

Mrs. Vanhook died Saturday morning at her home from a heart attack. Her husband, who survives, is with the Person County Farm Security Administration as a staff member.

Pallbearers will be R. L. Hester, Stephen Pleasant, R. B. Griffin, M. Coy Mabe, B. B. Bullock, Jr., Jerry L. Hester, W. Reade Jones and Joe Y. Blanks.

Mrs. Vanhook, an active civic leader at Bushy Fork during eleven years of teaching there, became ill Tuesday with influenza, but was improving until the time of the sudden heart attack.

She was a daughter of Mrs. Lora Hall Bennick, of Canton, who also survives, as does a brother, Sgt. James Bennick, of the U. S. Army, on duty in the Pacific area. She was an alumna of Elon college and a graduate of Greensboro college.

Sub-Zero Weather Strikes Numerous Sections Of Nation

Frigid weather, direct from the Arctic Circle spread over virtually all of the States east of the Rocky Mountains, yesterday (Sunday), recording below zero weather in the northern half of the Great Plains States the Chicago Weather Bureau said. The coldest place in the nation last night was Williston, N. D., close to the Canadian line, where 22 was reported.

The sub-zero readings extended as far south as Central Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska. Columbus, Ohio, registered 7; Indianapolis-6; Quincy, Ill., -6; Chicago-3; Sioux City, Iowa-6; Burlington, Neb., -19; Lemon, S. D., -19; Land, O. Lakes, Wis., -19; and International Falls, Minn., on the Canadian border-11.

The mass of cold air came on high winds, accompanied by some snow squalls, which were followed by cold weather, the weather bureau said. No relief is in sight.

Moves Into Carolinas

The cold wave moved into the east, overspreading New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia, and was expected to reach into the New England States and the Carolinas last night. Sunday New York City had a low of 26 above, Philadelphia 18 above and Boston 24 above, but Pittsburgh felt the sting of cold at 2.

Approximately three inches of snow fell Saturday night and early Sunday in the Carolinas. At Charleston the temperature was 30; Raleigh, reported 22 and Atlanta, Ga., 24.

Gulf States felt the approach of the northern blast. At Birmingham, Ala., it was 20 above, at Vicksburg, Miss., 19, and at Jacksonville, Fla., 28.

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PINEY RIDGE COMES TO CITY IN PERSON OF CULLEN JOHNSON

Piney Ridge, Lum and Abner and all the folks, in the person of Cullen Johnson, radio entertainer of WRAL, Raleigh, came to Roxboro Rotary club Thursday for the club's "Ladies Night" at Hotel Roxboro, where one hundred and thirty members and guests listened to Johnson's wisecracks and interpolations mixed with stunts for more than an hour.

Method used by Johnson was that of impersonation in which he drew into a typical Lum and Abner dialogue scintillating comments on Roxboro and various members of the host club. He also did an impersonation of the late President Franklin Roosevelt and singing a skit of Bing Crosby, which brought the house down. Purely local touch was his gathering in of a selected group of clubmen for a "Truth or Consequences" program.

Participants in this skit included Lee Umstead, Coy Day, Hubert Eggleston, Joe Kirby, Dr. A. F. Nichols, Rev. Daniel Lane, Wheeler Newell and others.

Address of welcome was by R. L. Harris, with response by Mrs. A. F. Nichols. Presiding was Dr. John Fitzgerald, club president, and in charge of the program was Mr. Eggleston, who acted as toastmaster. Gifts to the ladies were towel and washcloth sets. Music was in charge of W. Wallace Woods, who directed group singing. Pianist was Mr. Woods.

Vote of appreciation on behalf of the club for the serving of the dinner was extended to Karl Burger, honorary member, and Mrs. Burger. Decorations were in Christmas red and green, with red candles, ribbon-tied and pines and pine cones. Assisting with decorations was Mrs. J. H. Hughes.

Chairman of the club's program committee, which arranged the affair was Coy Day. Special guests included Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Long, Jr., of Kiwanis, Miss Billie Vogler, of the Business and Professional Woman's Club and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tucker, of the Exchange club.

Returned Veteran Takes Old Job On City Police Force

Scout District To Meet Tuesday

December meeting of the Person Scout district will be held on Tuesday night, December 18, at seven-thirty in the Roxboro Chamber of Commerce office, with Chairman J. W. Greene presiding. A number of important matters pertaining to the new Scout year are to be discussed and a full attendance is requested. Expected to be present is John B. Oakley, Jr., of Reidsville, Cherokee council executive.

No Eisenhower? In Postal Guide

Washington, Dec. 16.—It doesn't prove a thing but Eisenhower, kiddies, is strictly not a postoffice. The new postal guide which goes on sale tomorrow lists MacArthur and Nimitz in West Virginia, Halsey in Nebraska and Oregon and Marshall in 14 assorted States. But no Eisenhower.

The Post Office Department reports many an interesting change-over since its edition, including some strange goings on down in Kentucky.

For instance: Fed has become Hihat, Hot Spot has been cooled into Premium, Omarsville has changed to Kallipoli, and—geographical marvel!—Northern has turned into Eastern.

Of course, you remember good old Johnnie Mine, Nev.? It's now Pahrump, Nev.

Four Tokios and 13 Berlins rode out the war, but Berlin, Ala., was renamed Sardis.

There are 28 Franklins, 27 Washingtons and 24 Springfields scattered between Massachusetts and Oregon.

The guide is in red this year instead of the usual postman's uniform gray. It also tells when to ship baby chicks. This intelligence is in pretty highflutin' language, but the gist of it seems to be that baby chicks should be shipped when quite young.

GRIFIN BETTER

R. B. Griffin, Person superintendent of schools, who has been ill for several days at his home with influenza, is expected to be able to return to his desk in the Board of Education building tomorrow.

Along The Way

Monday, December 17th: The hunting season has been in since Thanksgiving day and there have been a large number of hunting days since then. R. B. Dawes is still using my shotgun but so far he hasn't killed any birds. I know because if he had he would have brought me some. That fellow had better take shooting lessons. And while I am trying to fill my refrigerator I might as well add that Sim Clayton of Lillington, N. C., has promised to send me one dozen slices of OLD ham and if he doesn't do it then Sim is stretching the truth.....a little. I know that he killed hogs the other day cause Gip Prillman was down there and he said that Sim, a former Roxboro resident, had more meat than he knew what to do with. P. S. Gip wants some meat too.

Dental Shows In Schools For Four Days Program

Health Department Sponsoring Annual Sound Teeth Project

Person Health department, in cooperation with the State department, is this week sponsoring its annual dental puppet show which is being given in county and city schools here for four days, starting today. Puppeteers are Misses Frances Cooley and Nelda Ferguson and first shows for today were given this morning at East Roxboro and Central schools, while a third performance is scheduled for this afternoon at Person County Training school for Negroes.

Schedule for the remainder of the week is as follows:

Tuesday, 9:30 A. M., Bushy Fork; 11:30 A. M., Hurdle Mills and 1:30 P. M., Helena, while on Wednesday the show will be at Longhurst at nine A. M., at Allensville at 11:00 A. M., and at Mount Tirzah at 1:30 P. M., and on Thursday at Olive Hill white school at eleven A. M., and at Bethel Hill white school at 1:30 P. M.

The Person Health department, incidentally, will be closed for Christmas, the 22 through Wednesday, the 26, according to Miss Evelyn Davis, senior staff nurse. The puppet show is arranged by the division of oral hygiene.

Three Churches Plan Christmas Programs Sunday

Three churches, Berrys Grove, Antioch and Mt. Harmony will sponsor a Christmas program Dec. 23, under the leadership of Rev. R. W. Hovis, Sunday School will begin at 10:00 A. M. The guest speaker will be Dr. I. G. Greer from Thomasville Baptist Orphanage who will speak at 11:00 A. M. There will also be group and special singing in the morning.

Afternoon service will be composed of congregational, group and special singing and Christmas recitations by the children.

China Gains In Manchuria

Chungking — Cenrtl government troops moved by road into Mukden and by air into Changchun today in two giant strides toward restoring China's sovereignty over Manchuria, a Tientsin dispatch said.

Associated press correspondent Olen Clements, quoting Chinese military sources in Tientsin, said Lt. Gen. Tu Li-ming's forces entered Mukden without incident after a 240-mile march across southern Manchuria that began last month.

Tientsin sources reported the moves were made in an agreement with Russia under which Chungking forces will occupy most strategic areas in the vast and partly industrialized territory seized by Japan when she began her 'fateful era of Asiatic conquest in 1931.

These sources declared Russian troops had cleared the way for the entry of Shungking's divisions whose possession of Manchuria has been contested by Chinese communist forces.

While Tu's overland units entered Mukden, Manchuria's largest city, the Fifth division of Chungking's 94th army began landing by plane at Changchun, the capital 170 miles to the northeast. Clements reported.

Mrs. Santa Claus Presides Near Husband's Tree

Mrs. Santa Claus? Yes, indeed, and she is right in the Person County Public library as a creation of Mrs. Margaret Howard, chief library clerk, who has placed Madame's white Christmas tree, with "Mr." Santa Claus peeping around from the other side. Also in the display in the front reading room is a nativity niche and a music box alter, the last named a gift to Mrs. Howard from a son.

In the other room, in addition to the tree, there is a Christmas house and a special display of small Christmas figurines atop of a bookcase, right red candle arrangements complete the decorations.

Thursday Closing Of School Will End Heavy Schedules

Many Singers To Be In Baptist Cantata Sunday

"The Prince of Peace," a Cantata by E. L. Ashford will be presented at First Baptist church Sunday, December 23, at 8:00 P. M. Mrs. Victor Satterfield is the director of the choir and Mrs. Wallace Woods organist.

"The Prince of Peace," is a cantata of two parts; Part I, The Promise and Part II, The Fulfillment. Part I includes the following selections: "Sing, O Heavens," a chorus; "The Heavenly King," a bass solo by J. W. Montague, Jr.; "And There Shall Come Forth," a chorus; "Fear Thou Not," tenor solo by T. C. Sanders and chorus; "Hail Bethlehem," contralto solo by Mrs. A. M. Burns, Jr.

Part II includes the following selections: "O Holy Night," a male chorus; "There Were Shepherds," soprano solo, Mrs. E. G. Long, male chorus and chorus; "Bright Star of Hope," a duet by Mrs. Victor Satterfield and Mrs. E. G. Long; "March of the Magi," male chorus; "O Blessed Lord," soprano solo by Mrs. G. W. Walker; and "Blessed Be The Lord God," final chorus.

Mrs. B. C. Clayton Of Hurdle Mills Dies Suddenly

Mrs. Ben C. Clayton, 65, of Hurdle Mills, formerly of Angier, died this morning from a heart attack at two o'clock at the home of a son, R. Curtis Clayton, of Hurdle Mills, with whom she lived.

Funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock in the Angier Primitive Baptist church, of which she was a member, with interment at Angier in the church cemetery. Rites will be in charge of Elders Louis and Stephenson.

Surviving are her husband, of Hurdle Mills, three sons, R. Curtis Clayton, of Hurdle Mills, Ira T. of Wilmington, and Pvt. Ben C. Clayton, Jr., the United States army and two daughters, Mrs. Bert Clayton, of Angier and Mrs. A. B. Wilkerson, of Benson. Also surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Charlie Dixon, of Oxford, and Mrs. Annie Averette, of Roxboro.

LIBRARY HOLIDAYS

Person County Public library will be closed next week on Monday and Tuesday for the Christmas holidays, according to a decision reached Friday at the board of directors meeting.

Lumber Manager Killed In Wreck

Several wrecks on snow and ice-coated roads in and near Roxboro were reported over the week-end, but only serious crash involved a Roxboro and Mayo, Va., lumberman, who was killed Saturday night.

The dead man is Charles E. Waltman, Sr., 56, of Mayo, Va., mill manager for the McWhorter Lumber Co., Roxboro, who was killed instantly Saturday night about 8:15 o'clock when the car in which he was riding went out of control and turned over on the highway between Mayo and Christie, Va. Waltman was pinned beneath the automobile and suffered a crushed chest.

An unidentified Negro was driving the car at the time of the accident. Patrolman C. T. Coates of the Virginia State Highway Patrol, who investigated the accident, reported that the Negro lost control of the vehicle on an ice-covered curve.

Funeral services for Mr. Waltman, a native of Bedford, Pa., who had lived in Mayo and Victoria, Va., for the past 20 years, will be conducted Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from Woody's Funeral Home here by the Rev. Mr. Harris and the

Musical Programs Make Heavy Schedule As Holiday Approaches

Person and Roxboro schools will close Thursday afternoon for the Christmas holidays and will remain closed until Monday, December 31, it was announced by R. B. Griffin, superintendent, who said this morning that all members of the teaching staffs and other personnel will receive checks on the last day of school before the holidays.

Numerous faculty members are already making plans for spending the holidays in their respective home towns and communities, but before they leave many of the teachers are concerned with the production of Christmas programs in their respective schools and in the churches. Planned for Wednesday night at Roxboro high school, for example, is a Christmas pageant to be directed by Fred Bishop, of the Bible Department, assisted by singers from the glee club.

Given last night at Roxboro First Baptist church was the first of two Christmas programs and presented yesterday afternoon at Roxboro high school was the first of what is expected to become an annual "Carol Sing" by Person and Roxboro schools. Scheduled for this next Sunday at Edgar Long Memorial Methodist church at five o'clock is a cantata by the church choir and a similar attraction Sunday night at First Baptist church will be given at eight o'clock.

Last night's production at First Baptist church by the Training Union told the Christmas story of Christ in song and color, while the afternoon program at Roxboro high school, with Bethel Hill, Helena and Central schools also participating, was devoted exclusively to carols. Cold weather and bad roads cut down the number of singers at the high school, but seemed not to effect the quality of singing. Audience attendance was large, with appreciative response in applause.

Reappointed

Claude T. Hall, of Roxboro, has been reappointed as director of the Third District Farm Credit Board by I. W. Duggan, Governor of the Farm Credit Administration, according to word received by Harry L. Brown, general agent of the Farm Credit Administration, Columbia, S. C.

Mr. Hall was first appointed to the Farm Credit Board in 1940. His new term is for three years, beginning January 1, 1946.

HAS DISCHARGE

T-Sgt. Harold G. Oakley has recently received his discharge from military service after nearly thirty four months of service. He was a prisoner of war for four months. His wife is the former Miss Betty Titman, of Shelbyville, Ind.