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Two-Day Holiday Will Be Observed By City, County

Many Have Not Filed Practice Reports Says Hall

Approximately 685 Person County farm operators have not yet filed their 1945 Practice Reports. C. T. Hall, Chairman Person County AAA committee said here yesterday.

The 1945 program year ends December 31, 1945, he said. Although February 15 is the deadline for filing these reports, he urged "early filing so that the county office may put the finishing touches on all outstanding 1945 jobs and make ready for the New Year with a clean slate."

He pointed out that all Conservation Materials that were received under the 1944 ACP Program must be properly used before December 31 if proper credit and no deductions are to be made. Performance reports are now being made by the local AAA Community Committees.

Telephone Service To Improve Soon

There has been something wrong with the telephone service in this city for the past two or three weeks cannot be denied and is not being denied, not even by John Morris, telephone manager.

Mr. Morris is very much aware of the trouble people have been having in getting numbers and he has been doing all in his power to have the trouble corrected. As a matter of fact he knew more than a year ago this trouble was going to come and he took all the steps he could to prevent it. New machinery was ordered but as you know there was a war on the machinery.

Here's what is back of the trouble. In 1942 the average number of calls the first three days was 752. The average number of calls this year is 13853. That makes a difference even to automatic machinery.

As soon as the new machinery is completely installed your troubles on the talking machine will be over and Mr. Morris promises it will not be too long.

Veterans Stalled On West Coast

Washington.—Some 82,000 soldiers and 14,000 sailors face the unhappy prospect of being stuck on the west coast for Christmas. The army said if the railroads don't speed up their eastbound troop transportation, 82,000 newly arrived Pacific veterans will still be waiting Christmas eve for transportation home.

The navy estimated that 6,000 navy veterans of the Pacific due for discharge and 8,000 on furlough won't get home for Christmas because of the train shortage.

IN CITY

Elmore Mitchell, of the United States army, son of Mr. and Mrs. Traynam T. Mitchell, is spending the Christmas holidays here with his family. He may receive his discharge next month.

Practically All Business Ends For Next Two Days.

Beginning today or tomorrow and continuing through Tuesday or Wednesday, and in some instances for longer periods, residents here are having holidays, a cessation from work more general than that seen at any time since before the days of World War II.

Schools are having the longest respite from labors, since students were released from classrooms as of last Wednesday morning because of snow and will not return to desks until Monday morning, December 31. Almost as long is the vacation period for Roxboro Cotton mills, employees of which it is reported are having a whole week, from Monday through this week. Plant E, of Collins and Aikman plant at Cavel is closed through Wednesday, having started holidays on Saturday. Listed also is presentation of bonuses of twenty-five dollars to each Plant E employee.

Merchants generally, will be closed Christmas day and the day after, as will most public offices. The Health Department, having closed Saturday, will be closed through Wednesday, and the Person County Public Library, which closed today (Monday) will be closed until Wednesday morning. No public gatherings are being planned here, but it is expected that numerous residents will have family dinners and open houses.

Listed as taking only one day of holiday is H. K. Sanders, Person Farm Agent, who will stop for Christmas, but will be back on duty Wednesday. Service will also continue with the Police force and the Sheriff's staff, as well as with the Fire department, but to all appearances Roxboro and Person county mean to make Christmas 1945, a real holiday.

Three Way Auto Crash

Three separate cars were involved last night in a Court street crash in which chief damage was done to the cars. Charged with careless and reckless driving this morning and found over to Recorder's Court under a two hundred dollar bond was J. J. Slaughter, driver of one of the machines, which allegedly struck the parked automobile of Abe Johnson, a Negro, and then careened to the other side of the street to strike the oncoming auto of Tobe Tapp. Investigation was by City police.

Congressmen To Quit Their Jobs

Washington.—Rep. Robert Ramspeck, Democrat, Georgia, the house majority whip, joined two departing colleagues in giving poor pay as his reason for quitting Congress.

Ramspeck counseled house members in a "swan song" speech that they not only should up their \$10,000 a year salaries but also should vote funds for establishing offices for themselves in their home districts.

Representatives Woodrum, Democrat, Virginia, and Weiss, Democrat, Pennsylvania, already have announced they are leaving for more lucrative jobs.

Same Cemetery

Buried in the Luxembourg cemetery, near Hamm, Germany, where Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., was interred today, is a Roxboro boy Pfc. Bernard Whitfield, of Patton's Third army, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Whitfield, who was killed in action during World War II. Mrs. Whitfield has a photograph of the cemetery.

Patton Funeral Held Yesterday

Episcopal Service Held In Christ Church With Full Honors.

Heidelberg, Germany, Dec. 23.—Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., rode with armor again yesterday. His body was carried in state on an armored half-track from Christ Church, where a 25-minute Episcopal military service was held, to the Heidelberg rail station. There it was put on a train for Hamm, Luxembourg, site of his final command post and the cemetery chosen for his burial. The four stars of Patton's rank were painted on the half-track. It was the kind of vehicle he had clambered aboard often to jolt and jounce across battlefields with his beloved armor. It was the kind he had loaded with armored infantry and sent racing across France and Germany to rip the Hu into shreds.

Things were done the way Patton would have wanted them today. The 7th Army, first of all, had banned soldiers from the church service. But at the last minute the order was reversed so that "every soldier who can jam his way in will be allowed to enter the church."

"Patton would have wanted them to be here," was the simple explanation. So they were there—the veterans who had been part of Patton's columns in his conquest of the continent and the replacements knew the glory of "Blood and Guts" only through hearsay. They jammed the church and they lined the streets of this ancient university town. Their faces were solemn; their grief had the flavor of awkwardness peculiar to fighting men.

Mrs. J. L. Monk's Rites Conducted

Mother of Roy Monk Dies At Age of Seventy-Five On Friday.

Funeral for Mrs. John L. Monk, 75, of Rougemont, the former Miss Rosa Walters, a native of Person County, whose death occurred Friday night at 6:15 o'clock at her home from complications after a critical illness lasting several days, was held Sunday afternoon at three o'clock at Berry's Grove Baptist church, of which she was a charter member, with interment in the church cemetery.

Rites were in charge of the Rev. R. W. Hovis, assisted by the Rev. Floyd Villines, Jr., of Helena, and the Rev. J. B. Currin, of Roxboro. She was a daughter of the late Carl and Nancy Walters.

Survivors are four sons, J. C. Monk, of Hurdle Mills, R. B., and W. R. Monk, both of Roxboro, and C. C. Monk, of Greensboro, and three daughters, Mrs. Robert Duke, of Rougemont, Mrs. R. Curtis Clayton, of Hurdle Mills and Miss Naurie Monk of the home, together with several grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

Catholic Church To Have Service

Christmas mass will be observed Tuesday morning at nine-thirty o'clock at Saint Mary's and Saint Edward's Catholic church here, with Father King, of Henderson, as the celebrant. There will be no midnight service tonight, as Father King at that time will be holding a service in Henderson. No churches in Roxboro are expected to have midnight services and as far as is known the only Christmas day service in the City will be that at the Catholic church.

Student Night To Close Year's Work

On Sunday, December 30, Student Night will be observed at First Baptist Church, Roxboro. Students home for the Christmas holidays, will have complete charge of the program. The theme will be "Christ My Imperative."

Wallace Zimmerman, of Mars Hill college, will be at the organ and will play Steiner's "God so Loved the World" for the prelude. "This Land of Ours" and "The Resolutions We Made" will be opening talks on the program, followed by a quartet "Sweet Peace, the Gift of God's

Love," "Myself and My World", a discussion in five parts will then be presented.

Those taking part on the program will be Panthea Bullock, Meredith college, Marion Long, Kings Business college, Sally Lou Kirby, Averett, Janice Rimmer, Elon, Mary Jane Fox, W. C. U. N. C., Nathan Fox, State, George Barrett, Wake Forest, George C. Long, State, John McWhorter, Washington and Lee, Tom Woody, University of N. C., Wallace Zimmerman, Mars Hill, and Eugene Wade, Wake Forest.

To Hold Funeral For Teacher's Mother

Person Woman's Husband Passes

J. Frank Blakely, Prominent South Carolina Resident Dies.

Funeral for J. Frank Blakely, of Spartanburg, S. C., head of the J. Frank Blakely company, electrical contractors, and husband of Mrs. Freddie Allen Blakely, a Person native and formerly of Roxboro, was held Wednesday afternoon in Spartanburg at the J. F. Floyd mortuary, with interment in Greenlawn Memorial Gardens, Spartanburg. Mr. Blakely, in ill health for several years, died Monday of last week in Biltmore hospital, Asheville, after he had spent a week in a Spartanburg hospital.

He underwent an operation in the Asheville hospital. A Spartanburg civic leader he was a member of First Baptist church there, a charter trustee of the County Tuberculosis hospital and a Kiwanian. He was also active in the Salvation Army program.

In addition to his wife, of 176 Victoria road, Spartanburg, also surviving are two daughters, Miss Rose Mary Blakely, a sophomore at Converse college, and Miss Nancy Blakely, a high school student, and one son, Bobby Blakely, all of the home. In Spartanburg for the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Allen, Miss Bessie Allen and Logan Jackson, all of Roxboro. Mrs. Blakely and Mr. Allen are sister and brother.

Recruiting Time

The U. S. Army mobile recruiting unit in charge of Sergeants Bailey and Allen, which was in Roxboro Friday, will not return to this city until the second week in January, it was reported today. The time off will be a Christmas vacation for the officers, who have been coming to Roxboro once each week for the past two months.

IN HOSPITAL

M. G. Johnson, of Roxboro, is a patient in University hospital, Charlottesville, Va., which he entered about two weeks ago. He will be there through the holidays.

Rites Tuesday For Mrs. Mollie Satterfield, Mother of Mrs. A. F. Nichols.

Mrs. Mollie Satterfield, 83, of Roxboro, wife of the late Albert G. Satterfield and mother of Mrs. A. F. Nichols, of this city, died at ten o'clock at the Nichols' residence, where she made her home for many years.

Immediate cause of death was pneumonia, but she had been an invalid for the past nine years and spent many months in bed. She was a member of Mount Zion Methodist church.

Surviving, in addition to Mrs. Nichols are two sons, Albert J. Satterfield, of Durham, and Byrd I. Satterfield, of Timberlake. Also surviving are three granddaughters, Misses Mary Emily, Winnie Davis and Byrd Austin Satterfield, daughters of Byrd Satterfield.

Funeral will be held Christmas afternoon at three o'clock at the Nichols' residence, Academy street. Officiating ministers will be two former pastors, the Rev. J. H. Shore, of Roxboro, and the Rev. H. E. Lance, of Rougemont. Place of interment had not been decided upon this morning.

Longhurst And Grace Programs

Christmas services for Longhurst and Grace Methodist churches were held Saturday and Sunday nights, where Christmas tree programs were held in each of the churches for children of the congregations. Featured Saturday at Longhurst was a pageant with music called "The Star of Bethlehem", while the program at Grace on Sunday night was devoted to music given by the children's choir. Pastor for both churches is the Rev. C. G. McCarter, who assisted with all programs.

Two Cantatas In Churches Sunday

Held yesterday afternoon and night in two city churches here were final cantata programs of the season, both of which attracted large audiences. First program was "Chimes of the Hold Night," given at five o'clock at Edgar Long Memorial Methodist church, while second, at eight at night at First Baptist church was "The Prince of Peace."

No Thursday Paper

The Courier-Times, in accordance with its custom, will omit publication on Thursday, December 27th, and the office will be closed for the Christmas holidays on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, but will reopen for business on Friday morning December 28th and regular publication will be resumed with the Monday paper, December 30.

Five Young Men Rotary Speakers

Guests Band Together, Give Personal Sketch Program.

Five young men from Roxboro high school, all of whom had previously in different weeks been individual guests of Roxboro Rotary club, banded together and put on a program of their own at the club's Thursday session at Hotel Roxboro, where Joe Burke, club member, had charge of arrangements.

The five young speakers, each one of whom identified himself and expressed appreciation to the club for previous hospitalities, were John Robert Hester, Johnny Horton, Paul Slaughter, Robert O'Brian Blanks and W. D. Fisher, with the last named giving the closing address, which was concerned with the "Dream of Peace". Most varied personal experience in living was probably that reported by John Robert Hester, son of Jerry L. Hester, who was born in Guatemala and has also spent some months in Rochester, N. Y., in the home of his maternal grandparents.

Each one of the speakers also mentioned his school career and gave intimation of the life-work he expects to follow. The program was brief but was obviously appreciated by the members, many of whom extended personal greetings to the boys at the end of the affair. Presiding was Dr. John Fitzgerald. Financial report was presented by treasurer, W. Reads Jones, and singing was led by W. Wallace Woods, with Mrs. Woods as pianist.

Pulliam Twins Receive Discharge

Recently discharged from the Separation Center at Fort Bragg were Bruce and Talmadge Pulliam, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pulliam. The twins have just returned from twenty-six months of duty in the Pacific area, serving on the islands of Dahu, Hawaii and Guam, M. I. They served with the 204th General Hospital and both are Technicians Fifth Grade and wear the good conduct medal, Asiatic Pacific Theater campaign medal with one Bronze star and the Victory Medal.

Response Slow For Seal Sale

Roxboro Kiwanis club will not meet tonight because of the Christmas holidays. The club will also omit its December 31, session because of New Year's festivities. Major club project for the past several weeks has been sponsorship of the Christmas seal sale, which has a quota here of \$2,300. Total raised as of December 10th was \$936 and it is estimated that the total has since reached as much as \$1,200, according to Jack Strum, chairman.

It is his hope that many more contributions will be received in the next day or two, but he feels that much hard work will have to be done if the quota is to be met.

Bank Holidays

Peoples Bank will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday for the Christmas holidays, it was reported today. Effective from Thursday of this week through New Year's day, the bank will close each day at twelve noon. After that time the regular two o'clock schedule will be resumed.

Taxi Control Has Airing At Special City Board Session

City Commissioners Approve Loop Road Route.

Adoption of two resolutions, one concerned with approval of plans for the proposed new loop road here, and another dealing with the control of taxi applications, featured a called session of Roxboro City commissioners last week. It was announced Friday by City Manager Guy Whitman.

At the meeting which was held Thursday afternoon and at which all but one Commissioner was in attendance, the resolution of approval for the loop road was more of a formality, according to Whitman, who said that also present was Merle Atkinson, of Durham, of the State Highway department. The proposed loop road, designed to take heavy traffic off Main street, is expected to run west of Lamar street which parallels and will be about two miles in length.

No information has been given as to when the work on the new loop road will be begun. It will be recalled, however, that the road has been under discussion for the past several years.

For that other resolution, pertaining to taxi-cab applications, the spring-board was given several weeks ago when as many as five applications were granted, some two to three returned veterans and former operators. Full text of the taxi resolution is published elsewhere in this issue of the Courier-Times and is concerned with the certificates of necessity and convenience required in the granting of taxi applications, it being the opinion of City Commissioners that no such certificates should be issued without publication of due notice to the public.

Under the resolution no applications are to be granted until after twenty days publication in "some newspaper published and circulating in Roxboro." The resolution follows in line with a recent State law giving municipalities rights to regulate taxi operations in their borders. The resolution does not "have the effect of repealing or modifying the rule passed at the regular meeting of the City Board of Commissioners" October 16, 1945, with reference to such applications.

That last mentioned October rule, it appears, was adopted on or about the time that five taxi-cab licenses referred to were issued. At that time, it will be recalled, several present operators of cabs here expressed dissatisfaction that licenses were issued to certain parties. Injected into controversy at that time was the feeling that licenses should not be denied to returning veterans, but that more care should be used in giving them to civilians who remained home during war years.

The new resolution specifically states that the twenty days notice rule does not apply to persons already holding a taxi-cab license, but it gives the right of complaint or approval to anyone desiring opportunity to make known their views, either favoring or opposing such applications" for new and non-license holding would-be operators.

Absent from the Thursday session was Commissioner Philip L. Thomas, who is also Police commissioner. Discussed and approved at the first regular session of Commissioners a week ago was the matter of the return of Sam R. Whitten, Jr., a veteran, to the City Police force and the retention of Macon Thompson as an extra officer on a tentative basis.

STILL TAKEN

Person Sheriff M. T. Clayton last week reported the capture of a fifty gallon still near Alensville.

Revised G.I. Bill More Liberal

Washington, Dec.—Congress has approved and sent to the White House a compromise bill liberalizing loan and educational provisions of the GI Bill of Rights and eliminating "red tape."

The measure raises the maximum amount of a government guaranteed farm or home loan from \$2,000 to \$4,000. The present \$2,000 limit on business loan guarantees was unchanged. The bill, worked out by house and senate conferees, also:

Removes the 25-year age limit on veterans who may go to school under the GI bill, and raises the subsistence allowance of veterans going to school from \$50 to \$65 a month for single men and from \$75 to \$90 for ex-servicemen with dependents.

Eliminates the present requirement that veterans administration must approve GI loans before they can be guaranteed. For farm and home loans, however, it provides that a government appraiser must assure the veterans administration that the veteran is being charged a fair price.

Repeals the present provision to compel the government to deduct benefits paid out under the GI bill from any general bonus that Congress might decide to vote for veterans.

The measure answers a general demand among veterans and organizations for more liberal and easier-to-get loans. President Truman gave it prior endorsement.

The house, in approving the conference bill, overruled the objection of Chairman John E. Rankin, Democrat, Mississippi, of the veterans committee to repeal of this "bonus deduction."

Rankin said that repeal of the provision "would discriminate against 90 per cent of the veterans." He said he meant that only about 10 per cent of ex-servicemen would take advantage of the provisions of the GI bill.

The house approved the compromise by a vote of 132 to 23, and it was approved without controversy by the senate 30 minutes later.

Gifts For Living Christ Is Urged

Gifts for the Living Christ as a remembrance at Christmas is suggested in a program for bringing Christian living to our own people here at home in Person County, according to Mrs. J. H. Merritt, of Bethel Hill, who today expressed the hope that the idea will gain a foothold not only in Person County, but throughout the State and Nation.

Christmas, of all times, is the time that the founder of Christianity should be remembered, says Mrs. Merritt, who feels that some form of county organizations should be effected and that individuals and families could give money to aid in a program of conversion for the unchurched. It is her thought, also, that Bibles should be purchased with a portion of the funds received.

The program of "Gifts for the Living Christ" would be worked out in cooperation with the churches, but would extend its influence beyond church borders. It has been suggested until a Person group with a treasurer could be formed that ministers of various churches could receive the gifts with the understanding that the donations be used in the proposed united, soul-saving work.

Along The Way

Dear Santa—I have been a good boy this year and in return I would like a few presents. Please bring me a few pounds of bacon, an old country ham, some pineapple, black pepper, lard, and a few more things that I have had trouble getting. Bring our newspaper plenty of news print for the coming year and bring us some of that new machinery that we have been wanting for a long time. Bring my friends Dolan Long, Gene Thompson, Charles Wood, Tom Shaw and a few more a companion for their latter days. They may be too old to marry but I am sure that they would appreciate having someone around the house. Please do that. But most of all, Dear Santa, I would like for you to bring the readers of this paper 365 days of happiness during the coming year and so to each and all I wish you a MERRY CHRISTMAS.