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Judge Carr To Be Here For Superior Court Next Month

Peoples Bank Has Recognition

Local Bank Honored In Appointments By American Bankers Association

New York—Peoples Bank of Roxboro has been honored through appointments made by Frank C. Rathje, president of the American Bankers Association, to the working organization of the Association. Bankers named as members of any of the 40 working groups of the Association will this year represent banks of the nation in their cooperative program of promoting the general usefulness of banks. An appointment as a member of a committee, subcommittee, commission, council, section, or division of the A. B. A. is not only a personal recognition accorded the individual banker, but a national recognition shared by all banks in his home community.

The appointments made by President Rathje, who is also president of the Chicago City Bank and Trust Company, Chicago, Illinois, include: Gordon C. Hunter, executive vice president, The Peoples Bank, A. B. A., state Victory Loan chairman.

The American Bankers Association is the nationwide organization through which more than 15,000 banks, representing more than 99.2 per cent of all the banking resources in the United States, channel their activities leading to constant improvement of banking services to the public. Included in this membership are state and federally chartered banks, trust institutions, and savings banks.

The Association's program reflects the changing and expanding needs of the public for financial services through the work of its committees, commissions, councils, divisions, and sections. Work done by these groups not only results in improvement of local banking services, but aids banks to contribute leadership and assistance in projects for community development outside of banking.

Funeral Held For J. B. Stegall

Funeral for John B. Stegall, 87, of the Olive Branch section, whose death occurred Christmas day at the Person County home where he had lived for the past fourteen months, was held last Wednesday at Olive Branch Baptist church by the pastor, the Rev. J. B. Currin, with interment in the church cemetery. Immediate survivors is a brother, C. D. Stegall, of Olive Branch. Also surviving are a number of nieces and nephews. Death was attributed to old age and complications.

Stoops' Move

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stoops and daughters, Terry and "Possum", for several years residents of Roxboro, where Mr. Stoops was with the Plantation Pipeline company, moved on Thursday to Rahway, New Jersey, where he will be with a gasoline refinery for Standard oil. The house in which the Stoops have lived will be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Shuford and family. Mr. Shuford is manual arts instructor in Roxboro high school.

H. B. Blanks To Head Junior Order

To be installed next Monday night as councillor of Longhurst Council of the Junior Order is H. Bohannon Blanks, of Roxboro; formerly vice councillor. Another new officer to be installed will be Lewis Tapp, assistant recording secretary. Re-elected and to be installed again are I. T. Dickerson, recording secretary, C. S. Dixon, financial secretary, and W. A. Wrenn, treasurer, the last named having held his position for the past thirteen years. Present councillor is Jasper Whitfield, while present warden is Talmadge Clayton and present conductor is Walter Hamlett. Other officers to be filled are those of out-

Will Exchange With Snow Hill Jurist For First Week Of Term.

A two weeks term of Person Superior court for the trial of criminal and civil cases is scheduled to begin on Monday, January 28, it was revealed by A. M. Burns, Jr., clerk of the court, who said today that the presiding jurist will be Judge Leo Carr, of Burlington, resident judge for this district, who is to exchange courts with Judge J. Paul Frizzle, of Snow Hill, regularly assigned here for the next six months.

The exchange, however, is effective for only the first of the two weeks and in the event that Person court continues for more than one week Judge Frizzle will come to Roxboro for the second week. That, nevertheless, is not expected to occur, since few cases are reported to be on the docket. In the letter from the Governor's office relative to the coming term some doubt is shown as to who the solicitor will be and there is indication that William H. Murdock, former solicitor and more recently in the Navy may be returned in time to take the place of the present solicitor, Judge R. H. Sykes. Both men are from Durham.

The January term will mean the first Superior court to be held here with Mr. Burns as clerk, who several weeks ago was named to the position to succeed the late R. A. Bullock. The coming term will also be the first in several months which will have the services of a regularly named clerk, since Mr. Bullock, who succeeded the late Miss Sue Bradsher, was ill before the last regular term of Superior court.

Crosby Again Heads List

Hollywood.—Bing Crosby was named the movie box office leader again in 1945 in a poll of exhibitors conducted by The Motion Picture Herald.

Ranked in the top 10 in six of the 14 annual polls, Crosby scored heavily in "Going My Way," which The Herald said has grossed \$8,000,000. Crosby also appeared this year in "Here Come the WAVES," "East Side of Heaven," "Duffy's Tavern" and served as the voice of Eddie Bracken in "Out of This World."

Van Johnson was ranked as the No. 2 drawing power, followed in order by Greer Garson, Betty Grable and Spencer Tracy, with Humphrey Bogart and Gary Cooper tied for sixth; Bob Hope, Judy Garland, Margaret O'Brien and Roy Rogers. From 10th place to 20th, here's how they finished:

Abbott and Costello, Betty Hutton, Ingrid Bergman, Bette Davis, Alan Ladd, Dane Clark, Joseph Cotten, Claudette Colbert, Walter Pidgeon, Fred MacMurray, Danny Kaye, Gregory Peck, Ginger Rogers, John Payne and Mickey Rooney.

Crosby won the poll's top spot in 1944, Betty Grable in 1943, Abbott and Costello in 1942, Mickey Rooney in 1939, 1940 and 1941, Shirley Temple from 1935 to 1938 inclusive, Will Rogers in 1934 and Marie Dressler in 1932 and 1933.

For western pictures exclusively, the poll this year shows these top 10: Roy Rogers, George "Gabby" Hayes, William Boyd, Bill Elliott, Smiley Burnette, Johnny Mack Brown, Charles Starrett, Red Barry, Tex Ritter and Red Cameron.

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New Stamp For Sugar Becomes Valid Tuesday

District OPA Office To Take Over Certain Local Functions.

Sugar stamp No. 39 becomes valid for five pounds of sugar January 1, Theodore S. Johnson, of Raleigh, OPA District Director, said today. Since this stamp must cover the period through April 30, Johnson urged consumers to conserve their sugar supply. A survey on December 1 showed that present sugar supplies in the Southeast, rather than being plentiful, are in fact 16 percent less than at the same time last year, he said.

The turn of the year finds only 300,000 tons of sugar available from Cuba and Puerto Rico in "carry-over" stocks from last year, Johnson pointed out. He added that additional receipts for the next two months are expected to be considerably below those for the corresponding period a year ago.

Beginning January 1, consumers, industrial and institutional users of sugar in North Carolina will apply to the OPA District Office in Raleigh for their allotments, Theodore S. Johnson, District Director, announced today.

Likewise, replacement of ration books, and new ration books for babies and returning veterans will be made by the District Office, Johnson said. Applicants may either write or call in person for such blanks at the District Office.

Although Price Control Boards will no longer issue any ration books or rationed commodities, a few application blanks will be placed at each board for the convenience of consumers, Johnson added.

Wiley Bradsher, Famed Preacher, Dies At Home

The Rev. J. Wiley Bradsher, 76, pastor of the "Church of God in the Wilderness" (Union Grove Baptist church) and one of the most widely known Negro ministers of this section, died yesterday afternoon at one-ten o'clock at his home close to the church. He suffered a stroke of paralysis several months ago and had been ill since then.

Funeral will be held at his church Wednesday afternoon at one o'clock. Survivors are his second wife, Mrs. Lessie Currie Bradsher, one daughter, Mrs. Lilly B. (Rufus) Johnson, of Roxboro and a number of grandchildren.

His church, at Hurdle Mills, route one, has attracted national attention both in the press and on the radio, chiefly because of its eccentric decoration, in keeping with the strange habits of its long-time minister, who until recent months was frequently seen on Roxboro streets.

Has Air Medal

Flight Officer Jack E. Gates, of Roxboro, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Gates, of this city, who is with the India-China division of the Air Transport command, has been awarded the Air Medal, according to announcement received here from Brig. Gen. Charles W. Lawrence, commanding officer. The Air Transport is completing homeward movements at this time.

Has Discharge

Cpl. Clyde B. Davis, son of Mrs. Ada C. Davis, of Durham, and the late L. P. Davis and brother of Mrs. O. B. Riley, of Roxboro, received his discharge from military service December 22nd at Fort Bragg.

Cpl. Davis entered service January 28, 1942 and served for more than thirty months in the New Hebrides, Admiralty, Morotai, and Leyte Islands.

Mrs. Yarborough

Mrs. John Yarborough, of near Ca-Vel, died this morning at her home. Surviving are her husband, several sons and a daughter. Other information has not yet been received.

Negro Listed As 3rd Traffic Death

Expected to face charges of involuntary manslaughter in Recorder's court here on Tuesday, January 8, is William A. Sanders, 21, of the Marine corps, Cherry Point and Roxboro, who on Sunday night, December 23, struck and fatally injured Aaron Blackwell, 78, Negro resident of near Pix's siding, when Blackwell walked into the path of a car driven by Sanders and owned by his uncle, J. A. McWhorter.

Blackwell, who is reported to have crossed the Durham road and then turned back into the pathway of the car, sustained a broken right arm and leg and body bruises. He died Tuesday morning in Duke Hospital, Durham, to which he was taken by Sanders immediately after the accident.

Blackwell's death brings to three the number of traffic accident deaths in Person County for 1945. Each of the three traffic fatalities was suffered by Negroes and each involved pedestrians who were walking along highways or attempting to cross the roads when they were struck. The first death here was that of a small Negro girl named Person, who was hit by an ambulance near Olive Hill and the second

occurred when a Negro woman named Vincent was struck on the Longhurst highway.

With Sanders at the time of the accident was his cousin, John A. McWhorter, Jr., student at Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va., and home for the holidays. Investigation of the accident was by State Highway Patrolman John Huggins, who reported that Sanders first brought the injured man to a Roxboro doctor and then borrowed a Negro ambulance to take him to Duke hospital. Blackwell was brought to Roxboro in a passenger cab, but driver of the ambulance was Sanders.

His bond has been placed at \$500. Sanders since the accident has been ill here at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Sanders, with influenza. He served many months overseas in the Pacific area.

Funeral for Blackwell was held Friday afternoon at Shady Hill church. His relatives reported to officers that he had for long time been in the habit of walking along the highway and that his health had been bad. It was also said that he was careless in watching out for vehicles. The accident occurred near Langford's Service station.

TWO ROXBORO AND PERSON MEN ON TOBACCO ADVISORY BOARD

Hunter And Hall Among State Leaders Chosen By Cherry.

Two Roxboro and Person men, Gordon C. Hunter, of this City, and Claude T. Hall, of Wooddale, have been named as members of a twenty-eight man State Tobacco Advisory board by Gov. R. Gregg Cherry, it was revealed yesterday. Hunter serves by virtue of his presidency of the North Carolina Bankers association. Hall, a member of the Agricultural commission is a member-at-large. All members of the new board are interested in the production and the marketing of tobacco. Hunter also a member of the executive committee of the Rural Industries conference, a related organization, a recent meeting of which was attended by him.

Both Hall and Hunter were present at initial sessions in connection with the Tobacco Advisory board.

The tobacco board will be a part of the state department of agriculture. W. Kerr Scott, agriculture commissioner, was named ex-officio chairman.

It was appointed at the suggestion of a temporary committee

J. G. Chambers Rites Conducted

Former Postmaster at Timberlake, Ill Many Months, Dies Wednesday.

Funeral for J. Garland Chambers, 59, of Timberlake, former postmaster, tobacco warehouseman and merchant, who died of a heart attack Wednesday in a Durham hospital was conducted Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home by the Rev. E. L. Hill.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lillie Cash Chambers, four daughters, Mrs. Bill Wynn of Durham and Misses Myrtle, Gladys and Joan Chambers, all of the home; and three sons, Lance Chambers, with the Army in Germany, and Monte and Garland Chambers, Jr., both of Timberlake. A fourth son, John Merritt Chambers, was killed in action last year in Italy.

Mr. Chambers also was active on the Helena school board and maintained a large store at Timberlake.

Along The Way

William Marcus Thomas, a big butter and egg man from Washington, D. C. is in the city and his friends here have been showing him the night life of Roxboro. Now William, better known as Chick, has seen quite a bit of night life in the larger cities of this country and has held up rather well under it. But Roxboro night life is getting him down. On Friday night of last week he was supposed to go to a dance at ten o'clock. He had just been to a big meal at the hotel and he was riding around after the meal with his friends. All at once they looked over at Chick and he was fast asleep in the rear seat of the car. When he reached his house here he asked to be let out in order to make a telephone call and suggested that his friends call back for him in thirty minutes to go to the dance. The friends called back and when they did my friend Thomas had gone to bed and left word that he could not make the dance that night. And all of this after he had been here only two days.

Warrens, Roxboro Men, To Build New Warehouse

Danville, Va., Gets New House With Warrens As Owner-Operators.

W. Clarence Warren and his brother, Ivey Warren, both of Roxboro, are planning construction of a \$105,000 tobacco warehouse in Danville, Va., according to announcement made today by Clarence Warren, who says that the new structure will be known as Liberty warehouse and will contain forty-eight thousand square feet of space, with ten thousand square feet of storage space under it.

The new house will be on Wilson, Court and New streets, Danville, and will be of brick construction with concrete floor and steel frame. Construction is expected to begin in February and may be completed by July. Contractor is P. L. Anderson and architects are Thompson and Ragsdale, all of Danville.

Both W. Clarence Warren and Ivey Warren have been associated with Planters warehouse, Danville, but will as owner transfer their interests to the new Liberty, which will be the twelfth warehouse in Danville. W. Clarence Warren has been in the warehouse business since 1924.

Corrected Shells Save Lives Of Many Soldiers

New York.—Three little things about artillery shells were corrected in the middle of World War Two, and the immediate result was that in the Normandy invasion, there was not one reported instance of American shells falling on American troops.

The three things were polish of the shells, the brass bands that fit into the gun rifling and differences in mass production of powder charges.

The discoveries were disclosed by the award recently of the Legion of Merit to Col. Leslie E. Simon, Ordnance Corps, Chief of Ballistics Research Laboratory, Research Development Center Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. He headed a team which discovered and corrected the gun errors in tests in England, Normandy and Italy in 1944. The tests were made in laboratory and in battle.

It is a truism that no two things in the world are exactly alike and this applies even to artillery shells manufactured under most careful conditions. Ordinarily the three principle causes of variation are differences in the surface finish or polish of the projectiles, differences in the copper rotating band that fit into the gun rifling, and differences which occur in the mass production of powder charges.

Family Needs To Be Stressed

North Carolina rural families are spending too much time making a living and too little time living, says the Family Life Committee of home demonstration agents in the State College Extension Service, working under the supervision of Mrs. Virginia S. Swain, staff member.

"The unity of family life needs to be strengthened, and character education needs to be emphasized," the committee explains in its official report. "When a group of people meet together and pool their ideas and experiences concerning every day matters, they gain courage, help, and inspiration for meeting them."

"People should be made more community conscious, thinking beyond their own home and family. In addition, that family will be happier, if all family members understand each other better."

Plans are being made for integrating the family life program with home demonstration and 4-H activities, with the whole plan having a family approach. It is suggested that all church, school, civic, social, and county organizations work together in making the family life program a success. The committee also suggests that the rural church be made the center of community life.

The Family Life Committee of the Extension Service is composed of the home demonstration agents of Pitt, Rowan, McDowell, Chatham, Hoke, Watauga, and Clay counties.

Muddy Roads Keep Five Schools From Scheduled Opening

Extension Of Holidays For Five Schools, All Others Are Open.

Three white schools and two Negro schools in the Person County public school system will have delayed openings because of muddy roads, which are practically impassable for motor vehicles because of recent snows and rains, it was reported at noon today by Superintendent R. B. Griffin, who said that majority of schools, however, are open and will continue in operation.

All schools were scheduled to have opened this morning and all attempted it, but those which have run into difficulties are Helena high school, which will be closed until Wednesday morning; Hurdle Mills and Allensville high schools, which will be closed until Thursday morning, and Olive Hill Negro school and Person County Training School for Negroes, each of which will be closed until Thursday morning.

All other schools, including those in Roxboro district, together with Bushy Fork, Olive Hill white school, Bethel Hill, Cunningham and High Plains have opened this morning and will continue in operation. Also open are various small Negro schools to which pupils walk.

Four teacher changes of the new year have occurred.

Resignation of Donald Dorey, of Roxboro, now at Fayetteville, was reported this morning by Griffin, who said that his place as a commercial teacher at Helena has not been filled. Dorey resigned to enter other work. Expected to resign soon at Helena is Mrs. Pamela Reade, teacher of the fourth grade. Vacancies also exist in the grammar grade at Hurdle Mills and in the second at Olive Hill. Substitute teachers who have had these positions but have resigned as such are, Mrs. Robert Featherston, Hurdle Mills and Mrs. Mildred Pointer at Olive Hill.

Theatre To Be Finished Soon

Announced today were plans to complete the movie theatre in the Kirby-Lebetter building which was begun about three years ago. The new theatre is expected to take place of the present Dolly Madison theatre, according to O. Teague Kirby, who said that construction of the theatre proper, back of the present marquee and stores will begin in 1946, depending, of course, on the availability of building materials.

The new theatre, planned about the time the war began, will be considerably larger than any now in the City and will become the first run house here. Stores on each side of the marquee will not be disturbed. Also contemplated in the 1946 building plans are the already announced Pioneer warehouse and four churches, that of the First Presbyterian, that at Mill Creek and the new Methodist and Baptist churches at Longhurst. It has been indicated likewise that other new business buildings may be built this coming year. There is, also an acute need for dwelling houses, with many veterans and others waiting for the go ahead signal on an availability of supplies.

Tomatoes and sweet corn together make up three-fourths of the total tonnage of vegetables for processing. Canning of green peas and snap beans have also greatly increased.

Exchange Club To Aid Paralysis Fund

Quota for the Infantile Paralysis fund here this year in a drive which will begin tomorrow will be \$2,080, it was revealed today by the new chairman, the Rev. Daniel Lane, of this City, pastor of Person circuit, who says the quota for the year is based upon the amount raised here last year when the chairman was the Rev. Rufus J. Womble, now of Richmond, Va.

Both the schools and civic organizations, together with individuals, will help in the raising of the new Polio Fund. Schools, especially, are expected to aid in the March of the Dimes program, and it is also planned that there will be a benefit dance sponsored by the Exchange club, of which Ralph Tucker is president.

Two Young Women Winners In Essay Contest

Will Receive Local Prizes And Essays Go To State Contest.

Two young women, Miss Juanita Bradsher, of Roxboro high school, and Miss Sarah Jane Hester, of Bushy Fork school, are winners in the Person County newspaper essay contest sponsored by the Courier-Times in connection with the State contest on "Newspapers Serving the Community", which is being conducted by the North Carolina Press association.

Miss Bradsher, as winner of first place in the local contest, will receive a prize of five dollars, while Miss Hester in second place, will receive two dollars and a half, both prizes being contributed by the Courier-Times.

The winning essays from Person will be submitted to C. Sylvester Green, editor of the Durham Morning Herald and chairman of the committee for the State Press association. State winners are expected to be announced at the January meeting of the North Carolina Press association later in that month. First State prize is \$100 Victory bond, and second is a \$50 Victory bond.

Several Person schools submitted essays and many were excellent, so that the local judging committee had a difficult time making selections. Miss Bradsher, winner of first place, is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Bradsher, of Leasburg road on the Westbrook place and is a junior in high school.

Miss Cothran, Of Mt. Tirzah, Dies

Funeral services for Miss Martha Cothran, 67, who died Wednesday at her home at Mount Tirzah after an illness of 11 days with pneumonia was conducted Thursday afternoon at 2:30 from the Mount Tirzah Methodist Church. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are one sister, Miss Rosa Cothran; four brothers, J. W. Cothran and J. L. Cothran, both of the home, E. G. Cothran of Raleigh and T. N. Cothran of Durham; and one half-sister, Mrs. E. L. Thomas of Efland.

Miss Cothran is also survived by a number of nieces and nephews.

Motorists Urged To Obtain Plates

Motor Vehicles Commissioner T. Boddie Ward, of Raleigh, reminded motorists yesterday that their 1945 automobile license plates are valid until midnight January 31 under an amended State law.

Ward urged owners to purchase new plates as early as possible before the deadline to avoid the rush during the few days before the expiration date.

License plate outlet in Roxboro is the Carolina Motor Club office in Tar Heel Chevrolet company with Mrs. Jesse E. Rogers as manager.