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Busy Board Hears Many Petitions For School Plans

X-Ray Unit To Be Available For Person Citizens

Person Residents To Have Opportunity For Tuberculosis Tests.

Expected to be in use in Person county and Roxboro soon is an x-ray machine to facilitate chest examinations in tuberculosis tests.

The announcement was made yesterday by Dr. O. David Garvin, of Chapel Hill, health officer of the Orange-Person-Chatham district, who said that the United States Public Health service, through the Tuberculosis Control division of the North Carolina State Board of Health, is loaning the district an x-ray unit to do mass survey on tuberculosis in cooperation with the Christmas Seal Sale committee of the Kiwanis club, an organization which has sponsored the Seal Sale here this year.

The x-ray machine, operated by trained technicians, will arrive in Person County the last week in January or the first week in February. It will be set up in several locations and will stay as long as needed in each location, according to Dr. Garvin.

"The chest x-ray," says Dr. Garvin, "is not just for those who are ill, but for everyone."

It is hoped that everyone in Person county will take advantage of this service, says Dr. Garvin, who also says that time and place information concerning the x-ray will be announced in the Courier-Times at a later date as soon as the program plans and schedule can be worked out.

Joe W. Oakley Rites Will Be Held Tomorrow

Funeral for Joe W. Oakley, 70, of Cedar Grove, a native of Orange county, whose death occurred yesterday afternoon at three-thirty o'clock at his home from paralysis after an illness lasting two years, will be held Friday afternoon at two-thirty o'clock at Cedar Grove Methodist church, with interment in the church cemetery.

Rites will be in charge of his pastor, the Rev. J. B. Hurley. The body will be taken to the church one hour before the service.

Survivors are three sisters, Miss Nannie Oakley, of the home, Mrs. Maggie McAdams, of Greensboro, and Mrs. Claude Kerr, of Durham, and two brothers, Bob and Zeb Oakley, both of Mebane.

Out Of Service

Reginald B. Jones, M. M. 3-c, who has been overseas in the Pacific areas for many months, has arrived in Roxboro after receiving his discharge. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Jones. They have two other sons in service, S. Sgt. Donald W. Jones, of the Marine Corps, and Pvt. Foy E. Jones, who is stationed at Camp Pickett, Va.

Nine Days Lost By Public Schools

By Monday of this next week unless Person County's public schools reopen, they will have lost in many instances as many as nine teaching days since the beginning of bad weather a few days before the Christmas holidays began. It was reported today by Person Superintendent R. B. Griffin, who said Wednesday morning that many county schools outside of Roxboro district are closed again on account of muddy roads and heavy, continued rains.

Schools closed here yesterday and will remain closed until Monday morning, and possibly later, if weather conditions do not improve. Many schools lost three days before Christmas and three days last week, not counting the three of this week.

County Board Makes Plans For Two New Sites And Hears Many Delegations.

The Person County Board of education meeting Monday in a session which lasted into the afternoon and was one of the longest on record, was confronted with a number of "wanters", i. e., delegations from schools seeking improvements, additions and new buildings and departments, it was reported yesterday by Superintendent R. B. Griffin, who also acts as secretary to the Board.

In the wanting column may be placed those plans for approval of sites selected for a new grammar school in Roxboro District to supplement the present Central Grammar school and for a new Negro high school to aid the program now being carried on in Person County Training school for Negroes.

In this connection members of the Education board agreed to present to the Person County commissioners in February for their approval sites and prices therefor for these two new schools. Figures for the site of the new grammar school total \$12,500, while those for the proposed new Negro high school are listed at \$3,500. The grammar school site, as previously announced is on the W. H. Long estate, property on High school drive, diagonally across from Roxboro high school and adjoining the W. H. Adair lands, extending to the city limits.

The site for the proposed new Negro high school is about two hundred yards from the present Training school and is owned by T. B. Woody. The tract consists of ten acres and if the purchase is approved by County commissioners it will become immediately available for recreational purposes for the Negroes, according to Griffin, who points out that there will be space.

Masons Install Officers, Returning Green As Head

Six out of eleven old officers of Person Lodge 113, of Roxboro, will serve for another year, it was revealed Tuesday night at installation exercises held in the Lodge hall. Those re-elected and installed are J. W. Greene, worshipful master; Arthur H. Rimmer, senior warden; Charles A. Timberlake, junior warden; W. H. Harris, Sr., treasurer; Marvin E. Clayton, senior steward and the Rev. Joe B. Currin, chaplain.

New incoming officers are: Thomas A. Bowles, secretary; C. A. Harris, senior deacon; Emory Foushee, junior deacon; J. W. Vanhook, junior steward and Gurney Young, tyler. Probably the longest continuous holder of the same office in the group is Mr. Harris, Sr., the treasurer.

Ministers Will Meet Monday

The Person County Ministerial association will meet Monday morning at ten o'clock at Edgar Long Memorial Methodist church, where the pastor of that church, the Rev. Ben Houston, will be the chief speaker. Devotional will be by the Rev. E. C. Maness, according to the chairman, the Rev. George W. Houston.

Jurors Chosen To Serve Superior Court One Week

Second List Also Prepared In Event Of Longer Term.

Person County Commissioners in a meeting Monday morning approved the selection of jurors to serve in the coming term of Superior court, beginning on Monday, January 28. The term is scheduled for two weeks, with Judge Leo Carr, of Burlington, assigned for the first week in place of Judge J. Paul Frizelle, of Snow Hill.

Few cases are calendared in the criminal division and it is expected that the Person Bar association may meet soon to agree on a cancellation of the second week.

The Commissioners in drawing up a jury list made two selections. Men in the first list, which is published below, are expected to serve during the first week, while men in a second list, which will not be published until action is taken by the Bar association, have been named as alternates or substitutes to serve during the second week of court if there is one.

Jurors for the first week are as follows:

R. T. Winstead, J. B. Seat, W. T. Gregory, O. Teague Kirby, H. J. Perry, J. R. Huff, Daniel Slaughter, S. L. Regan, H. M. Clay, Ben Wyche Reade, W. C. Lawson, M. S. Pool, J. J. Munday, S. P. Gentry, L. J. Hester, W. D. Gray, P. G. Dunneavy, W. S. Pleasant, J. W. Foushee, W. P. Dixon and G. W. Gentry.

Also J. W. Allen, Richard Holman, J. Sam Merritt, J. A. Fogleman, J. C. Jones, H. Dewey Dickerson, C. O. Bagby, S. R. Wilkins, J. W. Tatum, Lee A. Oakley, W. O. Averitt, E. G. Hicks, Dolan Long, R. A. Gentry, O. T. Evans, Charlie Harris, M. P. Ashley, D. H. Day, J. R. Whitte, W. L. Pleasant and W. H. Hall.

Changed Policy For OPA Given

Consumers and industrial and institutional users of sugar in North Carolina will henceforth apply to the OPA District Office in Raleigh for their allotments, it was announced today by the Person OPA office. Likewise, replacement of ration books, and new ration books for babies and returning veterans will be made by the District Office. Applicants may either write or call in person for such blanks at the district office in Raleigh.

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. The Person OPA office is in the Court House, judges chamber, second floor.

Duck-Wearers On Home Stretch

Among men from Roxboro recently discharged from military service and now at home are James Featherston, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Featherston, and Ted Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Parker. Both men have seen long periods of overseas service in the war. Also at home is Andrew W. Gentry, son of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Gentry who has been at Fort Benning, Ga., as a staff sergeant. Also in the States but not yet at home is Sgt. T. C. Wagstaff, formerly with the Roxboro Courier, who has been in the Philippines and Japan. Likewise back at home is C. C. Winstead, Jr., better known as "Bubber", who has been all over Europe.

Weed Sales Good

The Roxboro tobacco market reopened on Friday of this week after being closed for several weeks for the Christmas holidays. Sales were fairly heavy for Tuesday and Wednesday, the first two selling days.

Muddy roads over the county prevented more farmers from bringing tobacco to town this week. It is thought that quite a bit of unsold tobacco remains in the county and that all will be sold within the next several days.

Prices on top grades remained high this week. So far a definite closing date has not been set but it is understood that the market will close the latter part of next week.

Wet, Hot, Cold, All Within Forty Days

Rain and mud and sleet and snow and ice all combined in one month, along with sharp ups and downs on the thermometer, ditto, are headaches to the average citizen, but nobody worries about such wide variations in climate and circumstances are more than that to Collins Abbitt, City of Roxboro Waterworks man and weather curator extraordinary.

For instance, December was the wettest and at the same time one of the coldest months here in years. Counting in the first nine days of this year, there has been rainfall of seven and a quarter inches since December 1, and on top of that seven inches of snow. And in December the temperature went down and down, to about sixteen or lower and then just this past Monday shot back up to seventy-five. And nobody has burned much coal or oil or wood here since Sunday.

Last year here in December there was only a rainfall of 1.80, where-

as there has already fallen in this short stretch of January 1.52 inches and the end is not in sight. On top of that, the schools are closed in the county, where the roads are sticky with mud, and that mud is coming right on into Roxboro, stuck on the wheels of vehicles and falling off of them so there is a thin but splashy coating of mud over all the paved streets here.

Mr. Abbitt avers he washed off street space of some two hundred feet yesterday. Half an hour later the spot was just as mud-coated as it had ever been, and so, he's just going to wait until the sun comes out. And so are many of the City's elegant dressers, male and female, who go around quite unashamed of the fact that their shoes are splashed or spotted. There's no use to worry about a little mud, especially if you may have to get out on a side road or a shoulder to put a hefty strong arm to an auto mired to the hubs. And don't ask a taxi to go off a beaten path.

Polio Drive Will Start On Monday

Elbert Moore Resumes Work With Credit Union

Elbert L. Moore, of Roxboro, formerly of the Army, has again become connected with the Graham Production Credit association and will be assistant secretary-treasurer in charge of the Roxboro office, it was announced today.

Mr. Moore is a native of Person County and was employed by the association from 1938 to 1942. After serving in the army for about two years, he was discharged on December 3, 1945. He spent several months in France while he was in service. Mr. Moore is thoroughly familiar with the problems confronting agriculture in Person County and will be glad to have any interested farmers discuss their credit needs with him.

J. C. Moore, Secretary-Treasurer of the association, stated that the employment of Elbert Moore will make it possible for the association to render much better and quicker credit service to the farmers in Person County.

The Roxboro offices of the association are located in the Hall Building, over the Farmers' Supply Company.

The association is a farmers' cooperative which extends short-term credit to farmers for almost any agricultural purpose. Claude T. Hall, of Person County, is president of the association.

Get Releases

Cpl. Leonard Earl (Buddy) Parham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Parham, has arrived at Fort Bragg after several months of overseas service in the Pacific area and is expected home Saturday. Also in Roxboro after a long stay in overseas service is James Reams, who has received his discharge, and back yesterday morning with his discharge was James (Pinkie) Bradsher, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bradsher. Recently discharged was Robert M. (Tiny) Long, Jr., after service in Italy.

CONFIDENT GAMIN WAITS FOR TELEGRAM FROM HIS MOTHER

Ten and a half years old and more or less on his own, at least while he is in Roxboro is "Singing Boy" Louis, of Alexandria, La., and points away, who has been here two or three days waiting for his mother, Mrs. Arnold Shouls, to send him money to join her in New York. Louis, who says he came here from Alexandria with his folks, is a little on the tough and knowing side. His singing voice is almost like that of a man, but at times he acts and smiles more like the kid he says he is.

Louis, who says he is staying at Hotel Roxboro, says also that "Aunt Susan" lives about ten miles from

The Rev. Daniel Lane, Person chairman, Mrs. T. C. Wagstaff, of the Woman's division, Fred Bishop, schools' chairman, Flem D. Long, of the City of Roxboro unit, O. B. McBroom, committeeman and O. Teague Kirby, of the theatre division, are in Raleigh this afternoon for a Statewide luncheon rally for the March of Dimes program of the Polio fund drive which begins Monday and will continue through January 31.

State chairman of the drive is Dr. Ralph McDonald, of Chapel Hill. Person quota is a little over two thousand dollars, according to the Rev. Mr. Lane, who said today that he feels the citizens of Person county will again rally to a cause to which they have given so liberally in the past. Official closing of the campaign will be on Wednesday, January 30, the birthday of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Other members of the Person committee are: Rev. George W. Heaton, churches, A. H. Rimmer, Exchange club, Dr. Robert E. Long, Boy Scouts, Miss Dorothy Taylor, secretary, and Tom Shaw, publicity.

Kiwanis Install New Officers

Installation of officers, including J. W. Greene as new president, marked the Kiwanis club program of Monday night at Hotel Roxboro. In attendance, in addition to members were several guests, among them Lt. Col. and Mrs. S. B. Satterwhite and Mrs. B. B. Knight, who were there on invitation of the Rev. B. B. Knight. Also a guest was Schaub Strum, brother of Kiwanian Jack Strum, who is visiting the Jack Strums and other members of his family here.

Vice president is J. M. Dempsey with Thomas Hatchett, treasurer, and H. Dewey Young, secretary. Sergeant at arms is Leon Wilson and song leader is T. C. Sanders, with Robert Edgar (Buddy) Long as pianist, and Miss Bivens Winstead, assistant. Retiring president was J. A. Long, Jr.

ON BUSINESS

In Roxboro today on business was E. D. Stephens, of Yanceyville, editor of the Caswell Messenger.

I. O. Abbitt Guest Speaker For Exchange

Tells Club As Much Water Used In Month As Was Used In Year.

I. O. Abbitt, for 21 years Superintendent of Water Works in Roxboro, spoke to the Exchange Club last night. In his talk Mr. Abbitt gave facts and figures on the growth and development of the system during the years he has been here. It was brought out that monthly consumption now is about equal to that during the first year he was in charge of the system.

He also outlined the processes gone through in the filtration, purification and distribution of Roxboro's water supply through the 850 meters and miles of pipe that are required to furnish the City's homes and industries. In closing Mr. Abbitt mentioned a few things that will soon be done to keep the water department growing in step with the growth of the city.

President Ralph Tucker presided. V. A. Thomas was announced as chairman of the orchestra committee and W. B. Weatherly was announced as chairman of the hall arrangements committee for the Infantile Paralysis dance which will be on or about January 30th. A definite date has not been set pending final arrangements with an orchestra. The dance will be informal and admission will be the same as at other exchange dances.

Claude Whitfield and D. W. Kanoy were appointed by the president to fill unexpired terms on the Board of Control.

Tin cans placed in several stores a few weeks ago for donations to the Crippled Children's Fund were opened last night. The total count so far is \$70. There are still several cans which have not been collected and it is believed that the total will run to better than \$100. The meeting was at Hotel Roxboro.

Large Increase In Vet Returns Reported Here

Between six and seven hundred returned veterans of World War II from Person County and Roxboro have put their names on record in the office of the Person Register of Deeds, it was reported today by Mrs. W. T. Kirby. Heavy increase of arrivals has been noted for the past month. It has been estimated that as many as fifty veterans lost their lives. This does not include countless numbers of casualties classed under wounded in action.

Thirty or more gold star certificates were presented to families of men killed in the war. Presentation was held last August by Lester Blackwell Post, the American Legion. Since that time a good many more names have been added to the list and it is expected that another presentation exercise will be arranged.

Bishop Penick To Be Here Sunday

The Rt. Rev. Edwin A. Penick, of Raleigh, bishop of the diocese of North Carolina, will be guest speaker Sunday afternoon at four o'clock at Saint Mark's Episcopal church, where he will also accept into the church the members of a confirmation class. Also to participate in the service is the Rev. Henry Johnston, of Oxford, rector of Saint Stephen's church.

Has Discharge

Pfc. Melvin James Porterfield, husband of the former Miss Christine Black and son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Porterfield, of Hurdle Mills, has returned home with an honorable discharge. He holds the Good Conduct Medal, Purple Heart, Philippine liberation ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific ribbon including three bronze stars.

Tax Crowd

Office of the Register of Deeds in Person County house is being swamped these days by farmers seeking information on the filing of farm income tax reports, last day for which will be next Tuesday, it was reported today by officials of the office. Helping with the work is L. M. Johnson, Jr., U. S. Internal Revenue representative from Durham. Another busy time will come before March 15, when other income tax reports must be filed.

Marine Absolved In Blackwell's Accident Case

William A. Sanders Pays Costs, However, On Charge Of Driving Without License.

Absolved of blame under no probable cause was William A. Sanders, 25, Marine, of this City and Cherry Point, charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of Aaron Blackwell, 78, aged Person Negro, killed December 23, when struck on the Durham highway near Roxboro by a car driven by Sanders. Decision in the case was reached here Tuesday of this week in Person Recorder's court.

The record shows there was insufficient evidence to hold Sanders, who was ordered discharged as a defendant in the case. On another charge growing out of the accident, that of careless and reckless driving, Sanders was given a nol pros with leave on payment of costs for driving without a license.

Blackwell's death brought to three the total of highway accident fatalities for the year 1945. Sanders is a son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Sanders and was operating a car owned by his uncle, J. A. McWhorter. In the car with the Marine was his cousin, J. A. McWhorter, Jr. Both men escaped with slight injuries. Evidence at the hearing showed that Blackwell crossed the road as the machine approached and then turned back into its pathway when he was struck.

Listed as improving is Vance Lunsford, of the Oxford road, who has been a patient in Community hospital since Sunday night of this week when his car crashed into a highway culvert headpiece on the Oxford road. No bones were broken, but several stitches were required to close a head wound. Lunsford's companion, Willie Louis Clayton, left the hospital Monday morning.

Now being repaired is the R. P. Michaels residence, Morgan street, which was hit Sunday night by a car driven by Pfc. Gordon Wilkerson, of Roxboro and Fort Bragg. Mr. Michaels said this afternoon, however, that no estimate of the cost, which will be paid by the Wilkerson family, has been made. There was no damage done to the foundation, according to Michaels. The car struck near a window and went between two trees before crashing into the wall.

Bible Background To Form Basis Of Study Course

A study of Biblical backgrounds will be conducted at the Roxboro First Baptist Church next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, January 15, 16, 17, 7:15 to 8:15 p. m. in the Young Peoples Department on the second floor of the educational building.

The class will be taught by the pastor, Rev. J. Boyce Brooks and special emphasis will be placed on this quarter's International Sunday School lessons. Mr. Brooks will use the subject "Egypt—The House of Bondage and The Great Wilderness—The Land of Refuge and Wandering."

Source material will be a portion of the late Dr. J. McKee Adams' book, "Biblical Backgrounds". Picture slides will be used to illustrate these ancient lands. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Some Improvement In Coal Reported

Temporary improvement in the coal shortage here because of increased allotments for this month over last, is reported by local dealers, all of whom however, continue to use care in a sort of self-imposed rationing system to spread coal out to those families most in need of it.

One dealer asserted this morning that March is destined to be a short supply month in coal and that dealers are obligated to try to stretch the present available supply as far as possible. Another dealer pointed out that April will see the beginning of a new coal year and that nothing definite can be depended upon for supplies in March and April.

Prospects for January and February are better, but a local difficulty is in delivery of coal in rural

Person's Score In Consolidation Gets Attention

Only Two High Schools Here Meet Proposed Minimum Standards.

What Person county has in the way of consolidated schools and especially in view of the proposed State-wide consolidation plans advocated by the State Board of Education, was discussed by Person Superintendent at Monday's quarterly meeting of the Person County Board of Education.

General proposal for consolidation, a long range program, suggests that no high school should operate with less than seven teachers and that no grammar school should operate with less than one teacher for each grade, according to Griffin, who said that Person County at the present time has only two high schools meeting the first requirement. Those two are, Roxboro high school and Person County Training school for Negroes. All other high schools in the County at present fail to meet this standard of seven faculty members.

With regard to one teacher for each grammar grade, the showing here, according to Griffin, is somewhat better in the white schools, of which only a few are doubled-up in teaching staffs. Considerable, however, must be done in the Negro schools, a number of which still operate on a one-teacher basis. No definite action on the consolidation issue has as yet been taken by the State board, but if and when the time for change comes, there will be on the basis of the Griffin report considerable in changes made right here in Person.

Person District Of Scouts Not To Meet Next Week

There will be no meeting next Tuesday night, January 15, of the Person Scout district, it was announced today by J. W. Greene, chairman, who said today that the meeting is being cancelled because of the coming Friday night Cherokee Council Scout dinner to be held on January eighteenth, at Draper.

Person Scouters are urged to obtain tickets for the dinner from Chairman Greene, who desires as large an attendance as possible. Here Monday for a conference with Mr. Greene was Cherokee Executive John B. Oakley, Jr., of Reidsville, who completed at that time an appointment of new committeemen for the Person district as presented to him by Chairman Greene.

Promotions

Pvt. Thomas I. Humphries, son of Mrs. J. Y. Humphries, has been promoted to the rank of T-5. He is now stationed at Tokyo. Also in Tokyo is Clarence G. Hurdle, son of B. G. Hurdle, of Hurdle Mills, who has been promoted from private to private first class.