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## Schools Of County To Be Suspended For Entire Week

### Elijah A. Snipes, Of Bushy Fork, Dies In Hospital

#### Funeral Held Yesterday At Home With Interment In Burchwood.

Elijah A. Snipes, 55, Bushy Fork farmer and Person native, died Friday night in Watts hospital, Durham, from complications after an illness lasting more than two weeks.

Funeral was held Sunday afternoon at two o'clock at the home by Elder L. P. Martin, of Roxboro, and the Rev. L. V. Cogins, of Semora, with interment in Burchwood cemetery, Roxboro.

Surviving are his wife, the former Miss Ina Allen, of the home, five sons, Arch, of Durham, Dan and Steadman, both of San Leandro, California, Edgar, recently discharged from the Navy, and Alfred, both of the home, two daughters, Miss Dorothy Anne Snipes, of Greensboro and Miss Eleanor Snipes, of Raleigh, one sister, Miss Ella Lee Snipes, of Bushy Fork, and three brothers, Jack, of Bushy Fork, Crypus, of Durham, and Walter, of Greensboro.

Active pallbearers were, Hassell and Andrew Allen, Charles Wilkerson, Gilbert and Flem Whitfield and Alex Snipes.

Mr. and Mrs. Snipes were married thirty-two years ago, January 13th. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Snipes and had for many years been prominent as a farmer here.

## Polio Increases At Big Rate In This State

Chapel Hill, Jan.—Almost half as many cases of infantile paralysis were reported in North Carolina in 1944 and 1945 as in the preceding 25-year period, according to figures compiled by Mrs. Philip Russell, State Director of Organization in the current March of Dimes just launched.

From 1918, when the first epidemic of the dread disease occurred in this State, down to 1943, she said, 2,259 cases were reported in this State. From 1944 to November, 1945, 1,009 were reported, she pointed out, and there have been a number reported since then.

The steady rise in polio cases from the first epidemic following World War I would have produced even more dire results, she declared, if the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis had not been organized to relieve state expense in the treatment of this disease and to further research into the cases and results.

Figures show that although North Carolina raised only \$89,248.35 in the 1943 infantile paralysis campaign, the cost of hospitalization in the 1944 epidemic reached \$618,878.80.

The funds raised in 1944 amounted to only \$169,529.13, but last year North Carolina went all out in the March of Dimes campaign and raised a record-breaking amount of \$517,211, as compared with its quota of something over \$300,000.

This year's quota is \$354,750, and, according to word received by Mrs. Russell at State Campaign Headquarters here, most of the counties are banking on making their individual quotas at least, and many of them predict they'll exceed their quotas.

Dr. Ralph McDonald, State chairman, and Gov. R. Gregg Cherry, honorary State chairman, launched the current drive this week. It will continue through Jan. 31, the day heretofore set aside for birthday balls for the late President Roosevelt, whose personal successful fight against infantile paralysis has been and still is an inspiration to everyone.

## Stabbed

Released from jail on bond and scheduled for trial today in City court was Ernest Smith, 18, Negro, who allegedly stabbed Albert Tapp, 20, also a Negro, with an ice pick the first of the week. Investigation and arrest was by City police.

### Schools In Roxboro District Are Operating. County Roads Are In Very Bad Shape. Second Sleet Sunday.

Schools in the Roxboro District are operating today and are expected to continue all the week unless too much bad weather sets in. County schools are not operating and will not open this week, stated R. B. Griffin, superintendent of education, this morning. County roads are in such condition that it is almost impossible for school busses to travel and even then travelling conditions are extremely dangerous. It is planned for all county schools to open Monday, January 28th.

City schools were open for three days last week but then closed again on Thursday morning due to the heavy snow that fell Wednesday and Wednesday night. County schools have been closed quite a few days since Christmas and much time will have to be made up.

This county was again visited by a fairly heavy sleet all day Sunday and Sunday night. This fell on top of the snow and sleet that was already here and sealed in what remained which was a large amount. It was almost impossible to walk Monday morning and extremely dangerous to drive a car. All sidewalks and roads were covered with ice. Bad weather has been holding forth in this county practically since the first of December.

## Road Crews On Seven Day Basis Asseris Graham

Raleigh, Jan.—Chairman A. H. Graham told the state highway commission last week that road maintenance crews in some sections of North Carolina had been placed on a seven-day work week in an effort to get county and dirt roads back into passable condition.

Many of the crews are already working well over their eight-hour daily shifts, Graham said, adding that some crews "are working until bedtime," every day.

Leading a discussion of the general dirt road situation, which has become critical in several sections of the state because of rains, snow and sleet, Graham said that "nothing is being left undone in an effort to overcome difficulties being encountered."

However, he said, work crews "are confronted with a hit and miss problem. They must work from dawn to dusk on the good days, then do the best they can on the bad, or rainy days." A dirt road must be worked when the soil is reasonably dry.

"Much of the present criticism of dirt roads is motivated by a desire on everybody's part to get new paved roads for their own areas," he said. "There's naturally a scramble for priority on the location of new projects, and we recognize the vital need for more farm-to-market roads."

But, he added, "many of these projects are going to have to wait in the orderly process of awarding contracts where the need is greatest at the moment."

## Joe H. Carver Rites Conducted At Home Here

Joe H. Carver, 76, of Reams avenue, Person native and retired farmer, and Collins and Aikman employee died Friday morning at his home from infirmities of age after a long illness. He was a brother of Mrs. R. H. Oakley, of Roxboro, who survives, as do a son, W. E. Carver, also of this city, and three grandchildren.

Funeral was held Saturday morning at the home at eleven o'clock by the Rev. J. Boyce Brooks, of First Baptist church, of which the deceased was a member. Interment was in Burchwood cemetery. His wife, the late Mrs. Maria Younger Carver, died a number of years ago. He was a son of the late Reuben and Martha Carver.

## V. F. W. TO MEET

Veterans of Foreign Wars will meet Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock at the USO, according to J. A. Jordan, adjutant.

## Tests Reported In Tobacco Yields For Seven Years

### Sanders Cites Oxford Tests For Income And Yield.

This is plant bed time and all farmers are cleaning off plant bed space in preparation for getting up beds and sowing seed as soon as soil conditions will permit, it was reported today by H. K. Sanders, Person Farm agent.

While the majority of farmers have some special variety they have proved over the years and like it better than anything else, there are others who contemplate changing this year, and who are therefore interested in comparing weights and incomes of the various kinds grown in this section.

Over a period of years the Oxford Tobacco Experiment Station has carried on a number of tests to find out just how various varieties have shown up in yield per acre and in value. The results are as follows:

402 (1942-43) average yield per acre, 1,586 at \$687.01 per acre; Yellow special, 1,570 at \$674.10; 400, 1,469 at \$434.79; 401, 1,452 at \$432.89; Virginia Bright leaf, 1,364 at \$375.08; White Stem orinoco, 1,354 at \$409.39; Bonzana, 1,346 at \$397.60; Jamaica, 1,328 at \$397.71; Gold dollar, 1,304 at \$428.96 and Cash, (not planted in 1943) 1,209 at \$306.92. All figures and prices quoted are for the years 1937 through 1944, except 1938, when the crop was destroyed by hail and could not be reported.

## Martin Sons All Out Of Service

### One Has Narrow Escape During Bombardment.

All three sons of the Rev. W. C. Martin, of Beaufort, formerly of Roxboro, have received discharges from military service, according to the Rev. Mr. Martin, who spent the day here today after having been in Petersburg, Va., Saturday for the marriage of one of his sons, Dr. Ben Martin, of Winston-Salem, who was married to Miss Harvey Seward, of Petersburg, in formal church rites.

In addition to Dr. Ben Martin, other sons who have been discharged are, Southgate (Shack) Martin, of the Navy, who has returned to his position at the University of Delaware at Dover, and W. C. Martin, Jr., of the Army and Durham, who has just been made head of the Mebane branch of the Durham Bank and Trust company and expects to move to Mebane shortly. Dr. Ben Martin was formerly in the Army.

Only one of the three who was hurt while in combat was W. C., Jr., who was blown out of a trench at Saint Lo during a bombardment. He was thrown ten feet by force of the explosion, lost consciousness for a time and then came to, with blood in his mouth. He thought at first he had been wounded, and then discovered the blood was coming from a knocked out tooth.

## Rites Held For Whitlow Child

Funeral for Sylvia Whitlow, three, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Whitlow of Chub Lake, whose death occurred early Saturday morning while asleep, was held Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at the residence of her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Oakley, Chub Lake, with interment in the Clayton family cemetery, City Lake Road, with Elder L. P. Martin in charge.

Surviving are the parents, the maternal grandparents, and the paternal grandmother, Mrs. J. J. Whitlow, the last named of Nathalie, Va.

## Has Discharge

J. L. Holman, Jr., of Black Mountain, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Woods, who has received his discharge from the Navy, spent the week-end here. Also here was his wife, the former Miss Rose Ellen Woods. Holman, who was purchasing agent for Western North Carolina sanatorium, will return to that position.

## TO MULLINS

Mrs. LeRoy Cribb and daughter, Julia Anne of Mullins, S. C., formerly of Roxboro, are returning to their home today after spending the week-end with relatives and friends. Mrs. L. T. Bowles is accompanying them back to Mullins for a short visit.

## Polio Fund Comes In Rather Slowly

The 1946 Polio Fund drive, which has a quota here of \$2,080, is making rather slow progress, probably because of the weather which has curtailed activities throughout the County, it was reported this morning. Contributions received as of today total \$108, according to Miss Dorothy Taylor, of the Chamber of Commerce office, who is acting as receiving secretary for the fund.

The Rev. Daniel Lane, Person chairman for the drive, said he has on hand a number of motion pictures dealing with work of the Foundation and that he plans to show them in schools and other

places as soon as weather permits. Planned for Thursday night of next week is the benefit ball for the fund, with Roxboro Exchange club as sponsors. All profits will be turned over to the fund. Music will be by Russ Carlton's orchestra from Danville, Va. Place of the dance will be the Recreation Center.

In commenting on present state of the drive, the Rev. Mr. Lane this morning urged a renewal of efforts and said that Person County must not fail in its goal. Coin containers as collectors were put out in stores and business houses last week.

## Rough Weather Puts Off Meetings

Recurrence of heavy winter weather, including last night's sleet, has caused postponement of a number of meetings scheduled for this week.

Put off until Tuesday night of next week is the January meeting of Roxboro Central School's Parent-Teacher association, for which a Fathers' Night program is being planned. Announcement of the postponement was made this morning by Mrs. R. P. Burns, president.

Postponed indefinitely is Wednesday night's meeting of the Person Chapter of the North Carolina Education association, president of which is Miss Zerfina Burton, of Olive Hill and speaker for which was to have been Miss Sarah Foust, field representative of the State association. Cancelled yesterday were after-

noon services at Saint Mark's Episcopal church at which the Rev. Robert Masterton, of Hillsboro, was scheduled to have preached, but planned for this coming Sunday are services at which the speaker is to be the Rev. Henry Nutt Parsley, of Durham.

Held Friday without any attendance from a Person delegation was the annual Cherokee Council Boy Scout dinner at Draper, where speaker was W. A. Dobson, of Atlanta. Decision to cancel attendance from Person District was reached because of continued bad weather, snow and ice. Those who were planning to go were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Peaden, the Rev. and Mrs. C. G. McCarver, J. W. Greene, Henry O'Brian, Charlie Harris and Dr. Robert E. Long.

## Army Occupation Hard, Thorny Task

### R. Flake Shaw Will Be Speaker

#### Guilford Man Will Appear On Program Of Association Headed By Hall.

Member ownership of the association will be the theme of the annual meeting of the Graham Production Credit Association to be held in Graham, in the court house, on Saturday, January 26, at ten-thirty o'clock, according to an announcement made by J. C. Moore, secretary-treasurer of the association.

This is the twelfth annual meeting of the Graham Production Credit Association, which makes short-term agricultural loans to farmers in Alamance, Caswell, Chatham, Durham, Guilford, Orange, Person, Randolph and Rockingham counties.

According to Mr. Moore, two directors for the coming year will be elected and officers will also be chosen.

The principal address to the stockholders of the association will be given by R. Flake Shaw, Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Farm Bureau.

## Fathers' Night

January meeting of Roxboro Central Grammar school Parent-Teacher association will be next Tuesday, and at night, especially for fathers, who are to be specially invited guests, it was announced today by Mrs. R. P. Burns, president, who says time of meeting will be seven-thirty, with an interesting and informative program. Place of meeting will be the school and a full attendance is requested.

## Along The Way

Strange things can and do happen and quite frequently the writer of this column is accused of stretching the truth. To be perfectly frank with you we do stretch it a little every now and then but here are two true stories.

A few days ago Brodie Riggsbee was having trouble with rats at his house. He set several traps on several successive nights and caught 21 rats and then the next night he caught the cat.

Arthur Bradsher was hunting a few days ago and as usual he was wearing his glasses. All at once he felt his nose and the glasses were gone. He had lost them off his nose and had no idea when or where they dropped off.

The truth and the whole truth.

## E. M. Slaughter Rites Conducted At Providence

### Hold Services Here For Person Native, Long A Resident Of Dunn.

Final rites for Edward Marvin Slaughter, 57, of Dunn, a native of Person County and formerly a resident of Roxboro, whose death occurred Wednesday afternoon at his home in Dunn from paralysis after an illness lasting three years was held Saturday afternoon at four o'clock at Providence Baptist church near Roxboro, with interment in the church cemetery.

Mr. Slaughter, retired mail carrier, had lived in Dunn twenty-five years. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Billy Slaughter.

Surviving are his wife, the former Miss Annie Gravitt, of the home, three sons, Willie, of New York City, Bennie, of the home, and Marvin, Jr., of the Navy in the Pacific, now enroute home; two daughters, Mrs. L. L. Coates and Mrs. Durwood Godwin, both of Dunn, nine grandchildren and four sisters, Mrs. J. R. (Bob) Whit, Mrs. W. T. Buchanan, Mrs. S. T. Slaughter and Miss Milford Slaughter, all of Roxboro and Person County.

Held Saturday at ten o'clock at the home in Dunn were brief funeral services in charge of the Rev. E. C. Keller, the Rev. S. Lewis Morgan, Jr., and Dr. A. R. McQueen.

Mr. Slaughter moved to Dunn in 1920 from Buie's Creek.

## All Japanese Prisoners Will Be Sent Back

Washington, Jan.—All Japanese prisoners of war in the United States will have been shipped out by January 15 and four months from now the country will be free of German and Italian prisoners, as well, it was learned today.

The Japanese aren't going home immediately. Most of them will be detained to Hawaii for assignment to labor battalions. Those cleared for Japan so far have been hospital cases. The others, about half of the original Jap prison population of 5,413 will serve under the Hawaiian military commander for an undetermined period.

Nearly 330,000 prisoners of all nationalities, but mostly German, are still here. This is 100,000 less than the peak period in May, 1945. All of them will have been shipped to their native lands by April 30 if plans of the provost marshal general's office go through.

Since the first P.O.W. camp was opened in this country, 2,499 prisoners have escaped but only 53—29 Germans and 24 Italians—are still at large. Fourteen Japs who escaped, all were caught.

Thus far there have been 104 suicides among all prisoners—92 German and 12 Italian—and nine murders. The war department concedes that some of the murders and "forced suicides" were due to Nazi political activities within the camps.

In addition, 43 prisoners have been shot fatally by guards while trying to escape and a number of others were wounded. And while there were some mass breaks and riots, most of the escapes were without violence. In cases of strikes a bread and water diet was found to be an effective countermeasure.

P.O.W. camp conditions have improved considerably since the war ended, according to the army. The P.O.W.'s have been better workers and pressure is being exerted in some farming areas to keep them here.

## F. J. Cook Will Review Methods

F. J. Cook, forestry specialist, will be at the farm of Mrs. Ada Blalock, near Bushy Fork, on Friday, Jan. 25th at 10:00 A. M. to put on a thinning demonstration. It was announced today by Person Agent, H. K. Sanders.

Mr. Elliot, of Tennessee, will be present to demonstrate a new type of saw used to be valuable in sawing wood into short lengths.

All interested farmers are urged to bring their axes and join in the demonstration of thinning and learn how to skin forests and to hear the story of greater profits from growing timber.

## Local Market Goes To Highest Figures In Pounds Sold

### Sold 11,043,386 Pounds Of Tobacco For An Average Of \$44.07, About Million and Half Gain Over 1944.

The Roxboro Tobacco Market closed last Thursday after having sold 11,043,386 pounds of tobacco for the sum of \$4,867,251.48 and at an average price of \$44.07 stated George W. Walker, secretary of the Roxboro Tobacco Board of Trade last Saturday.

As far as can be discovered this is by far the largest amount of tobacco that has ever been sold in Roxboro in one season and more money turned over to the growers of the truly Golden Weed.

Last season the Roxboro Market sold 8,755,810 pounds of tobacco for \$33,756,277.60 and a average of \$42.90.

Growers of tobacco were pleased with their sales this past year and warehousemen generally speaking stated that they had enjoyed a good year. All houses here plan to operate next year but the Pioneer Warehouse will probably be located at a new place next to the Freezer Locker in West Roxboro.

Past history of the Roxboro market reveals a few interesting facts.—In 1921 the market sold 5,081,646 pounds at an average of \$17.58. In 1925 the market sold 4,486,026 pounds for an average of \$13.68. In 1931 the total sales were 4,382,532 and the average was \$6.78. In 1940 the average was \$17.17 but in 1941 the price jumped to \$31.19.

As this season ends farmers are trying to get busy for the crop next year. It has been practically impossible to haul any fertilizer or to do any other outside work on the farm but plans are being made. It is thought that prices on tobacco will continue to be good next year.

## Tobacco Workers Unskilled Says USES Office

Raleigh, Jan.—Workers perform 101 different jobs in the processes of planting, cultivation, stripping, curing, marketing and processing leaf tobacco, the occupational analysis unit of the United States employment service announced after a survey of the tobacco field.

The special study, undertaken under the direction of Dr. J. S. Dorton, former state director of the war manpower commission, and continued under Robert M. du Bruyne, acting state director of the USES, was intended principally to aid local USES offices in placing tobacco processing workers in gainful employment during the seven months of the year during which no tobacco work is available.

As a result of the survey, the USES has determined that approximately 86 per cent of all workers engaged in processing tobacco are classified as unskilled. The remainder are skilled, service, semi-skilled, clerical, professional, managerial and technical workers.

A large number of these workers are seasonal, the USES said, and have periods of employment from 16 to 20 weeks during the year. Many of these perform odd jobs and draw unemployment compensation during more than half of the year.

## On Water-Maker

Lester Painter, seaman, first class, Longhurst, served on the USS Willard at Manila, capital of the Philippines.

The Wildcat is the only freshwater distilling ship lying at anchor in Manila Bay. She serves hundreds of small craft in the harbor which do not have the machinery and equipment necessary to make their own water.

## Father Dies

Held yesterday afternoon at his home near Virginia, Va., were funeral services for Robert Sneed, whose death occurred early Saturday morning in a South Boston hospital after a long illness. He was the father of Mrs. Edgar Brewer, of Person County. Interment was in Union cemetery at Virginia.

## NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS:

- I will pay my church obligations.
- I will pay my bills.
- I will renew my subscription for the COURIER-TIMES.

## Law Changes For Women Workers Now In Effect

### Women May Not Work More Than Forty-Eight Hours Per Week.

Now abolished as of last Saturday are War Proclamations one and two dealing with working hours of female employees, it was revealed today by Mrs. T. C. Wagstaff, Person director of public welfare, who has received a copy of the revocation from Forrest H. Shuford, commissioner of labor. The action was taken by the Council of State at a recent meeting and was recommended by Shuford.

As a result of the revocation of these proclamations, female employees, subject to the statutory provisions of the law, may not work more than nine hours per day and forty-eight hours per week; girls sixteen and seventeen years of age may not work later than nine o'clock at night; minors fourteen and fifteen years of age may not work after 6 p. m.; and girls under eighteen years of age may not carry newspaper routes under any circumstances.

The Commissioner of Labor has no discretionary power under which exemptions to the statutory law might be granted to permit longer or later hours.

Employers are urged to take note of the effective date of this action and to take necessary steps on or before January 19 to bring their establishments into compliance with the statutory laws of the State.

Shuford has also issued the following request to welfare heads concerning the requirement of birth certificates as evidence of age for minors:

We are requesting that you require a Birth Certificate as evidence of age for all minors. The law requiring that all births be registered has been in effect long enough that all minors under 18 should have a birth certificate. Of course, I know that there are instances in which the births are not recorded and in such cases you will continue to issue certificates as in the past. The reason for this request is based on the fact that employer depends on you and on us for the verification of the age of a minor, and under both the State and Federal laws he may be prosecuted for the illegal employment of any minor. In the case of the Federal prosecution, the costs are very high. Therefore, for the protection of the employer, the minor and ourselves, we ask that you accept only the Birth Certificate as evidence of age except in rare cases where you feel certain that no certificate is available.

## Bottlenecks In Housing Blamed For Shortages

Washington.—Officers of the National Association of Home Builders have told President Truman that housing construction can be increased four or five times its present rate if "bottlenecks" in materials and manpower are broken.

The President promised that "he would do everything possible to furnish us the materials through the priorities system," said Robert P. Gerhold, of Flint, Mich., former president of the association.

The delegation gave Truman a statement which said that "OPA must adopt a more realistic formula in the pricing of building materials. A wage and price adjustment policy must be evolved to prevent strikes."

The statement also urged that "present waste" of building materials "in non-essential commercial and industrial construction and in federally-subsidized public housing" be eliminated; that the export of some hundreds of millions of board feet of lumber to foreign countries be halted; and that the production of workers in the building trades be increased.