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MAIN REASON—Of course there is more than one reason the Courier-Times should be in every home—but the big reason, is its wholesome influence on young and old, alike.

Many New Owners Of Property Fail To List Transfers

Farming Related To Banking And Business Life

February Bank Magazine Stresses Farming As Business-Cog.

Current number of the "Tar Heel Banker" (February) of which Fred W. Greene, nephew of Mrs. H. L. Crowell, of this City, editor is an "Agricultural Issue" and second leading article, "Our Economy vs. Soil Erosion", is by Gordon C. Hunter, of this City, president of the State Bankers association, while the leading article, "Agriculture Takes Stock", is by U. S. Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson.

The Anderson article is based on parts of his address given last month in Raleigh, while Mr. Hunter's article an original one presenting the thesis that banking and agriculture are dependent one upon another.

Says Mr. Hunter in part: "Probably no banker in North Carolina has shown Topsoil as an item on his inventory of assets. True, the bank doesn't own the soil, but it is just as much an asset to his business as if it were capital stock."

History shows conclusively that great nations built upon a soil-mining economy always fade into insignificance when the soil has been exhausted.

Banking is a part of our present-day civilization and a part which would be most sensitive to any change affecting the basic means of living (i. e. farming). Pointing to soil erosion as an evil which must be overcome if farming, business in general and banking are to prosper, Mr. Hunter quotes some figures on soil erosion in the South and in North Carolina in particular: "Marginal yields of crops in North Carolina have been too much in evidence. Suppose we could step up our yields through adjustments in land use and application of simple conservation practices by as much, or as little, as 10 per cent. Most of this 10 per cent would be profit and in most lines of business would be considered a fine return. This is economically possible and practical, for, in 1943, a report made by 1,469 farmers in the southeastern states who had followed a soil conservation plan of farming for three years showed their average yield of corn increased from 19.1 bushels per acre to 27.9 bushels per acre. Cotton was increased from 295 to 408 pounds per acre. This is not a 10 per cent but a 46 per cent increased yield for corn and 38 per cent for cotton.

Person Farmers Want To Sow Beds

Tobacco plant bed time is here. As a matter of fact it has been here for some time but very few farmers have been able to do anything about it due to rain, snow or some other weather reason. Generally speaking the ground has been too wet to work in or to sow seed.

A few farmers did manage to find a dry spell in December and get their plant bed ready but not many. Last week, with several clear days, gave rise to some hope that it might not be long before all could get their beds ready.

Generally speaking tobacco farmers are optimistic concerning tobacco for next season. They believe that the price will be high and their largest worry now is the labor situation. Many boys have returned home from service and they will help in a big way but they are not enough to take up all the slack. Of course more will be back by planting time and they too will aid the program.

Big Problem In County Is Large Number Of Land Transfers.

Tax listing will be extended through Saturday, February 16, according to Alex Bass, list-taker for the county, who is stationed at Person court house in the grand jury room, as is Henry David Long, Sr., who is list-taker for the City, but what worries the county list-taker is the fact that there have been approximately two hundred and fifty transfers of land within the year in one township alone.

The change of ownership by outright sales or by swapping, most of it in Roxboro township, does not bother Mr. Bass, but what does worry him is the fact that few if any of the transfer folks have taken the trouble to list the lands under their own names. This must be done, says Mr. Bass, who adds that the time is growing short.

It is growing short, too, for those other delayers, the ones who have not bought or sold land, but have been keeping what they have. Delinquency in tax listing is regarded as a serious breach of the obligations of citizenship and neglect of listing is frequently the subject of comment in court circles, it is pointed out.

Teachers To Be Paid By State Board Decision

The State Board of Education on Thursday adopted a resolution authorizing the payment of salaries to teachers who have been unable to teach the required number of days because of school stoppages due to impassable rural roads, according to R. B. Griffin, Person Superintendent of Schools, who returned to Roxboro that night from Raleigh where the session was held.

The resolution, introduced by A. McLean Graham of Clinton, states: "All teachers in any individual school who, on account of roads and weather conditions, have been prevented from performing their teaching duties, to the extent that the payroll date of the teachers in such school has been delayed as much as 10 school days, provided such school has operated as much as five school days, shall be issued their regular monthly vouchers, in anticipation that the superintendent of the administrative unit in which such school is located will require the teacher so advanced to make up the time covered by any portion of the salary so advanced."

"Each superintendent shall in his own unit prescribe a plan, subject to the approval of the controller, by which the time lost by the teachers in his administrative unit shall be made up, so that final voucher will cover the completion of the school term as provided by law."

Before adopting the resolution, the board asked superintendents present at the meeting whether the schools effected have been in operation as many as five days since Christmas. Several, including Supt. J. S. Waters of Chatham County, replied that their schools have operated less than five days during that period, but that most of their schools now are in operation and that the five days will be made up by the time the salary vouchers are ready for issuance.

Heretofore, the State Board of Education has required that a teacher put in 20 teaching days before being eligible to receive a monthly paycheck. There are 4,944 teachers who haven't been paid for well more than a month because of the closing of schools.

Rev. T. Marvin Vick, Jr., until recently a chaplain in the U. S. Army and formerly of Roxboro, has been released from service and is now pastor of a church at Bahama.

Eva Jean Oakley Struck By Auto

Eva Jean Oakley, age 9, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Oakley was accidentally struck by a car Friday afternoon about 4:00 on Main Street of Roxboro in the business district. The car was driven by Steven Wilkins who immediately rushed her to the hospital in Roxboro.

Injuries, not serious, were mostly from bruises and she was carried home later in the day. She is now recovering and it is thought that there will be no effects.

Mrs. J. S. Blair, PTA Speaker, To Come Tuesday

Next On Program Is NCEA Conference Wednesday.

Officers and leaders of Parent-Teacher associations in both county and district schools are expected to be on hand Tuesday afternoon at Roxboro Central Grammar school at three-thirty o'clock to hear Mrs. J. S. Blair, State PTA association leader, who will discuss plans for formation here of a county council of PTA, it was announced today by Superintendent R. B. Griffin.

Planned for the next day, Wednesday, at Roxboro high school is a district conference of the North Carolina Education association which is expected to draw attendance of one hundred or more and at which one of the headline speakers will be Mrs. Annie Laurie McDonald, of Hickory, State president of the NCEA. Sessions will begin at four in the afternoon, with a dinner at six o'clock and a night session afterwards.

Person teachers, according to Superintendent Griffin, have received their pay under the plan proposed last week at the State Board of Education session. Local teachers were called to the Person board office Thursday afternoon and checks were distributed.

Solomon Obtains Bronze Award

Staff Sergeant James T. L. Solomon, of Roxboro, son of Mrs. Alice W. Solomon of Route one, has received the Bronze Star award for meritorious conduct in the European theatre, according to announcement made today by the War Department.

The citation, signed by Maj. Gen. Albert E. Brown, U. S. Army, reads as follows: Staff Sergeant James T. L. Solomon, 34172693, Infantry, 11th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 13 July 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Europe.

Sergeant Solomon, a squad leader, constantly displayed outstanding qualities of leadership in leading his squad during operations against the enemy. On numerous occasions he accompanied leading rifle company elements in order to direct more effective fire on enemy targets. The high morale of his action was due largely to his consideration of the welfare of the men and the support of Sergeant Solomon's squad was instrumental to the success of the company in the accomplishment of its mission. His tireless effort and continuous display of outstanding leadership, courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces. Entered military service from North Carolina.

More Get Out Of Army Service

Pfc. Harvey G. Lester, Tech 5 John Bradsher, and Pfc. Revis Carver, all of Roxboro and recently in Pacific theatre of war duty, have returned home after receiving discharges or are expected here soon, according to a notice received today from the War Department.

Also expected to return from the same theatre of operations is Pfc. G. Jeffers and recently in from Pearl Harbor where he was on construction duty under the Government is "Junior" McDowell, who worked as a civilian and was overseas about a year.

County Roads Used 125 Tons Rock a Day

Kyle Jones, state road superintendent for Person County stated last weekend that all county roads were in much better shape and that he expected all to be in very good shape by today. He further said that they all were in A-1 shape in comparison to what they had been.

Of course all of the meaning of this article could be wiped out should rain set in again before this paper goes to press but Superintendent Jones is practically praying that this will not happen.

Some bad holes in the roads required as high as 25 tons of crushed rock before the road was passable in that particular spot, said the road superintendent, and there were any number of holes that used that much rock.

Mr. Jones also stated that he only had seven trucks and that all of these trucks had as much as 100,000 miles on them. Limited number of trucks plus their age was also a severe handicap.

All of the road crew has been busy all day, a good part of the night and even on Sundays.

Council To Meet

City commissioners are expected to meet this week on Wednesday in regular monthly session at which certain recommendations as to parking, street cleaning, etc., drawn up by a Chamber of Commerce and civic club group may be presented.

Hold Rifles Today For Mrs. Stephens Of Olive Hill

Funeral for Mrs. I. G. Stephens, 68, of near Olive Hill school, whose death occurred Saturday night at her home from a stroke of paralysis suffered Saturday morning, will be held at three o'clock Monday afternoon, at the home near Olive Hill school, by her pastor, the Rev. Daniel Lane, assisted by the Rev. J. H. Shore, with interment in Concord Methodist church cemetery.

She was a member of Concord church. Survivors are her husband, of the home, five daughters, Miss Louise Stephens, of Roxboro, Mrs. Allyn S. Norton, of Durham, Mrs. J. J. Hambrick, of Roxboro, Mrs. F. M. Puryear, of Hertford and Mrs. Paul T. Forth, of Rochester, New York.

She was before marriage Miss Laura Winstead, daughter of the late W. A. and Sally Winstead and was an active leader in Concord church. She suffered a stroke Saturday morning at ten and died at 8:20 that night.

Pallbearers will be R. T. Lacy, and John D. Winstead, Jr., J. B. Satterfield, C. E. Winstead, Jr., and Errol D. Morton, Sr. Flowerbearers will be members of the Society of Christian Service, Concord church, of which she was a member and more than twenty friends and neighbors will serve as honorary pallbearers.

VFW To Hold Meet

Members of the VFW will meet Tuesday night, February 12th at 7:30 in the USO building at 7:30 in the rear of the courthouse, stated Jim Allgood, commander of the organization. A full attendance is desired.

NOT YET FOUND

No trace has yet been found of Tom Pulliam, 76, Negro, of the Hyco section, who has been missing since January 26, according to State Highway Patrolman John Hudgins, who said last night that the report that the man had been seen in Danville, Va., was apparently false.

Along The Way

I have just received my new spring catalogue of garden seed and that book sure does have some nice looking vegetables in it. Big red tomatoes and corn as pretty as you ever saw. I know that if the seed places can raise vegetables that pretty that I can too and I am going to do it. I don't have much land but I am absolutely going to have the best in town this year because I am going by the catalogue all the way. One man who may beat me on tomatoes is Bill Harris. I. He already has tomato slips as tall as your middle finger and they will be ready to set out in about two weeks. Of course they will have small tomatoes on them by the time the weather is right for planting but he is determined to have the first in town. I tried to get him to promise to give me two or three of his early ones but he was afraid that I would beat him and so he said that he only had a few.

Office Closed For Next Two Weeks

The Roxboro office of Carolina Motor club, distributing agency for 1946 license plates, closed Thursday and is expected to remain closed ten days or two weeks during the absence of the manager, Mrs. Jesse E. Rogers, who has gone to Portsmouth, Va., for that time but will reopen her office when she returns. Persons wanting plates will have to get them from Durham or Raleigh during that time, it is reported.

Band Program Of Wide Range Planned Thursday

Fifteen selections, ranging from marches and overtures to the semi-classical, will be given Thursday night in the Roxboro High School band concert which will be presented in the school auditorium at eight o'clock under direction of Miss Mary Earle Wilson, it was reported this morning.

Admission to this the first formal concert of the season by the band will be free and it is hoped attendance will be large. Playing for the first time with the senior organization will be fifteen or more boys and girls who were recently advanced from the junior unit of the band.

The program will consist of the following selections: "The Footlighter", Fillmore; Overture, "Phantom Trumpeters", Gillette; "Stout Hearted Men", Romberg; "Finale, Excerpt From 'New World Symphony'", Dvorak; Novelty, "Trombone Toboggan", Weber; March, "I Love A Parade", Arlen; "Tea For Two", Youmans; "Night And Day", Porter; "The Man I Love", Gershwin; "Auditorium Session", Moffitt; March, "On The Mall", Goldman; "Americade", De Lamater; Overture, "Old Vienna", King; "When Day Is Done", Katscher; and "National Anthem" Key.

Hospital Drive Going Good

The drive for funds for the Person County Memorial Hospital is continuing at a good pace this month stated those in charge. All reports have not yet been made it is assumed that the solicitors are meeting with good results both in Roxboro and in the county.

The drive this month is known as the General Drive. A number of the larger contributors made their donation before this drive started although some are yet to be seen. However all are expected to be contacted before the month is over.

Amount of money to be raised is \$250,000 and it is hoped that the entire amount will be on hand in a short time. So far it is not known what the Duke Foundation will do in connection with the Person County hospital.

Chairman F. L. Harris is very anxious that the solicitors see as many people as possible but he also states that if for any reason any person is not seen that they go by the Peoples Bank and leave their donation with G. C. Hunter, treasurer of the proposed hospital.

IN BUSINESS

James Trent and Charles Long, the last named a son of Louis Long, are associated in business now with Southern Parts of Roxboro, Inc. Trent came to Roxboro several years ago from Kernersville. Both young men are veterans of the second World War and recently returned to Roxboro. Others in the company are Belvin Barnette and S. A. Hawks, the latter as sales manager.

TO GREENSBORO

Pvt. Leroy Crump, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Crump, who has been here on furlough for the past ninety days, will leave Thursday for ORD, Greensboro.

SLIGHT WRECK

Cornell Blanks and a Negro identified as a Willie Clayton had a small wreck Sunday night at Harris and Main streets when their cars were in collision. Injuries were reported as slight.

Check Forger Jailed; Checks Cashed For \$1,525.00 In Dec.

Chester Harris Caught In Oxford and Admitted To His Crime. All Money Spent Except 27c. Placed In County Jail.

Apprehended Saturday was Chester Harris, Negro, of the Allensville section of Person County who stands charged with forging the signature of Lester Burch, prominent white man of Allensville, to seven checks in the amount of \$1,525.00 and obtained the money from these checks when he presented them to the bank for payment.

Harris had worked, or had lived, on the place of Mr. Burch and had seen his handwriting on many occasions and had thereby learned to copy his signature almost perfectly, he stated to Roxboro officers after being caught.

Roxboro officers had been on the hunt for Harris for some time but due to the bad condition of the roads had never been able to catch him. Checks were cashed in December but Mr. Burch knew nothing of his loss until January when he received his checks back from the bank at the end of the month. It then took a little time to establish the identity of the person who had forged the signature. The checks were made out to several different names.

The chase carried officers in many sections of the county and generally after they had arrived at a certain place they would find that Harris had been there but had just gone. He was finally caught in Oxford by Oxford police who also wanted him on a charge but were looking for him in particular for the Roxboro police who had told them that he visited Oxford on frequent occasions.

Oxford officers released him to Chief G. C. Robinson of the local police department and to John Hudgins of the state highway police. When caught he admitted to the forging of the signatures and of presenting the checks for payment. He had 27 cents on him when caught and said that he had spent the balance. Harris was placed in jail awaiting trial.

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There Is A New Beer Firm Here

In answer to the question asked in this paper last week—Is there a new beer firm in Roxboro—the answer is "Yes". Last week the Roxboro Chamber of Commerce was trying to find the whereabouts of a man by the name of H. W. Tilley that was supposed to be opening a beer concern in Roxboro. Mr. Tilley had some equipment ordered that could not be delivered because no one here knew where he was located.

Now the truth is out. There was no secret at all. Mr. Tilley was really opening in Roxboro but he did not know that anyone was hunting for him. He really makes his home in Durham at the present time, but will be here to look after his business.

The location of the new concern is on Depot Street, next to the Food Store and it is expected that the concern will open in the near future.

State Debt Fund In Good Shape Says Johnson

From State Treasurer Charles M. Johnson, of Raleigh, comes a statement concerning successful handling of retirement of the General Fund debt under provisions specified by the 1945 General Assembly.

Says Mr. Johnson in a letter to the Courier-Times: "The 1945 General Assembly made provision for the retirement of the General Fund debt, both principal and interest, and set aside \$51,450,000.00 for that purpose. This amount, with the earnings being sufficient to meet the obligations as they became due. The money was invested in United States Government Bonds, and the securities which we hold are on today's market worth \$1,250,885.62 more than they cost the State—in other words, we could liquidate the investment today for a profit of \$1,250,885.62."