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Funderburk Digs First On Church Site For New Structure

Community Spirit Being Shown In Building New Church

First shovelful of earth from the foundation and basement space for the new Mill Creek Baptist church was thrown up yesterday morning by the pastor, the Rev. J. F. Funderburk, to mark the beginning of a construction program which is a neighborhood and cooperative affair.

The old church was destroyed by fire early in December and it is estimated that the new structure will cost at least twenty-five thousand dollars. Supervisor of construction is Jenie Gentry, brother of Dr. George W. Gentry, of Roxboro.

Much of the lumber and other building material to go into the new structure is being given by church members and friends and some of it is already cut and ready. Several trees had to be blasted out of the foundation area, according to the Rev. Mr. Funderburk, whose congregation since the fire has been using Bethel Hill church as a place of worship.

Progress of the foundation digging will depend upon the weather, but already there are many tractors, trucks and diggers on hand, it is said.

Broughton Is Baptist Hour Speaker Sunday

The Honorable J. M. Broughton is the Baptist Hour speaker for next Sunday, February 24, as announced by the Radio Committee, S. B. C., S. F. Lowe, Director, Atlanta, Ga. A layman, ex-Governor of North Carolina, outstanding lawyer, and Sunday School Superintendent of the Tabernacle Baptist Church of his home city since 1914. His message on the subject, "Christian Men for a Better World," will be of special interest to the manhood of America, according to Mr. Lowe.

Mr. Broughton will be introduced in the broadcast by Governor Ellis Arnall of Georgia, who is a Baptist deacon and for years teacher of the Men's Bible Class of the Central Baptist Church of Newman, Georgia. The program can be heard in North Carolina on Radio Stations WWNC, Asheville, WPTF, Raleigh and WSJS, Winston-Salem, 8:30 A. M.

Give To Blind

The Exchange club meeting last night at the Recreation Center, voted to contribute \$15 to a fund for blind rehabilitation work. The gift came at suggestion of Mrs. T. C. Wagstaff, director of the Person Welfare department. Presiding was Bill Faucette, secretary. Named as dance chairman was Dolan Long.

Miss Gordon

Miss Pauline Gordon, State college extension specialist, will meet fifteen Negro families interested in planning a rural kitchen. The meeting will be Saturday morning at ten at the Negro rural center and all other interested families are invited to attend.

Housing Shortage Cause Of Fight

The housing shortage, apparently, has produced an assault with a deadly weapon case involving three Negro women. At least, that is the way it seems on basis of evidence introduced in a hearing held Monday night before Magistrate W. Wallace Woods, who doubles in that capacity when he is not being Chamber of Commerce secretary and general handy man for church, school and civic affairs.

The women involved were Janie Thompson, Dorothy Fuller and Bertha Parrish. The Thompson and Fuller women, according to the story were living together in a house near Roxboro Chemical company. Household among the three in the case was the Fuller woman, who reportedly took the Thompson one in to live with her when the last named had no place to go for residence.

Sanders To Lead Laymen's Service Sunday Morning

Woods And Meyers Will Be Among Speakers In Morning

Next Sunday February 24, is "Laymen's Day" at Long Memorial Methodist church. The fourth Sunday in February each year is designated as Laymen's Day and the worship service on that day is in full charge of the laymen of the church. This day will be observed throughout the nation in 41,000 Methodist churches and church lay leaders will have charge of the program.

The subject for this year of Evangelism in the Crusade for Christ movement will be "Our Timeless Mandate to Serve, To Seek, To Save." H. K. Sanders will preside at the eleven o'clock hour and there will be two short addresses by Wallace Woods and Frank Meyers. Everyone is given a cordial invitation to attend the service, according to the pastor, the Rev. Ben H. Houston, who is expecting a large attendance.

The Rev. Mr. Houston will preach at the night service.

Folger Favors Forest Research

Proposal In Congress To Establish Research Centers In South

Hon. John H. Folger is one of the Congressional leaders in a strongly sponsored movement to hasten rehabilitation of the Nation's war-depleted timber resources through the establishment of a system of forestry research centers strategically located throughout the country, one for each major forest type, it was reported today.

The proposed research program stems from a movement started last year by the Forest Farmers Association, general headquarters Valdosta, Georgia, which resulted in an initial appropriation of \$300,000 for eleven field research laboratories in the South. Congressman John S. Gibson of Georgia, who headed the successful drive last year, has assumed leadership in the campaign for a National program. This program is backed by the Forest Farmers Association, representing the timberland owners of twelve Southern States, and other timber interests throughout the country.

Gibson, Folger, and some fifty Congressmen from other sections appeared before the House Appropriations Subcommittee last week to request \$3,600,000 for seventy-six research centers. These field laboratories are to be administered by the U. S. Forest Service in cooperation with local forestry agencies and timberland owners. Of the total amount requested, \$1,000,000 is to be earmarked for completion of the full 21-station Southern program originally proposed by the Association.

Dr. H. C. Smith To Come Sunday At Brooksdale

Rev. E. C. Maness Announces Plans For Quarterly Conference

First Quarterly conference for this year will be held for the Brooksdale Methodist Church in the Brooksdale church on Sunday, February 24. The District Superintendent, Dr. H. C. Smith, of Durham, will preach at eleven o'clock a. m. and conduct the business session of the Conference immediately following the sermon.

Following the Conference, lunch will be served, picnic style, by women of Brooksdale church. After lunch is served, a Laymen's Day program will be conducted in observance of Laymen's day. Different churches of the Charge will have part on the program. A good delegation is expected to attend these services representing all the churches of the Charge. All officials of the Quarterly conference are urged to attend.

The service for the Trinity church will not begin until 3:30 p. m. as the Laymen's Day program is to be rendered following the lunch hour. The service for Brookland Church will be at 7:30 o'clock instead of 7:00 o'clock.

Reclassification Said Underway For Four-F Men

Many Young Men In Other Classes Leave Today Says Person Board

Seven young white men, with Ernest William Brann as leader, left this morning under Person Selective service for induction at Fort Bragg. It was reported by Miss Jeanette Wrenn, chief clerk. Also going down were thirteen for pre-induction examination, with William Franklin Tillett as leader. Called up with this last named group were a number of other young men now in the Merchant Marine service who as yet have no deferment from military service.

All of the Merchant Marine men referred to are now in the Merchant Marine and presumably away on duty. Miss Wrenn said this morning that although the Person board is reclassifying Four-F's she has no statement to make as to the number of extra men it will make available.

The seven men who have gone for induction are: Ernest William Brann, Elwood Louis Harris, Willie Thomas Clayton, Johnnie MacLons, Jr., Howard Arthur Rimmer, Gordon Stover Davis and Elizabeth Day.

Those who have gone down for pre-induction examination are: William Franklin Tillett, Willie Thomas Moore, Lawrence Graves Holt, George Lee Chambers, Jr., George Willie McDowell, Henry Alvis Oakley, Otha Frazier, Robert Warren McCullough, Willie Talley, Jr., James Raymond Nelson, Henry Boswell Turner and William Alfred Whitefield.

Attend Funeral

Rev. and Mrs. Joe B. Currin were in Raleigh Monday for the funeral of Mrs. Currin's uncle, Dr. Clarence Judd, of that city, whose death occurred Saturday in his office in Raleigh. The rites were held at eleven o'clock in the morning, Dr. Judd was for many years a prominent physician.

Anniversary Night

Roxboro Rotary club tonight at Hotel Roxboro is expected to observe the thirty-sixth anniversary of the founding of Rotary International with a special program and all members are urged to attend.

Plasma Here

Twelve units of plasma were received by Community hospital Monday afternoon, it was announced today by hospital officials. The plasma consists of three pints made up of units, according to Dr. J. D. Fitzgerald, who says the hospital is especially appreciative of receipt of the plasma in which is being sent to many hospitals in the State through the Red Cross and the State department of health. The plasma is especially useful in severe illness cases or in serious accidents involving loss of blood.

YOUNG SOLDIER THINKS OF FRIEND, REMEMBERS HOSPITAL

Strong personal boost not so much in size of the contribution as in the sentiment of friendship memorialized, is revealed today by the War Memorial hospital committee which has received twenty-five dollars from a Person and Roxboro soldier now in service in Florida to be applied to the hospital fund in memory of a schoolmate and boyhood companion who was also a soldier and was killed in action in Europe.

Donor of the twenty-five dollars is Sgt. Dailey F. Frederick, Jr., of Roxboro and Camp Plauche, La., who says he is taking the money from a fund he has been saving for his education. The friend to whom he pays tribute is the late Pfc. Bernard Whitfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Whitfield, also of Roxboro, who gave his life shortly after going overseas.

Both young men before the war called them were students in Roxboro high school, with Whitfield about a year ahead of Frederick in graduating, but both played together from boyhood as small-town neighbors and on grammar and high school athletic teams.

The story of Frederick's gift comes out in a letter which he has written to his uncle, R. I. Long, of Route One, Roxboro, one of the solicitors for the hospital fund here, which has a goal of \$250,000, with about half of that amount already raised.

"I am sending you a check for \$25. This is a part of the money I had saved for my education, but Uncle Sam will take care of that for me now, so I can think of no better way of using it than this, for our much needed hospital. This seems such a small amount in comparison to what will be needed, but maybe, it will help some. . . . I would like this small gift to be given in grateful remembrance of a very good friend of mine, Bernard R. Whitfield. According to his sacrifice, what is giving a small amount of our money?"

This contribution, say, officials of the hospital drive, is the first to be earmarked as a contribution in tribute to one individual soldier, but it is hoped that other friends and families will follow Sgt. Frederick's example in thinking of those from here who have made the supreme sacrifice.

Sgt. Frederick, who expects soon to be transferred to a camp in Virginia, has been in service about eight months, leaving here soon after his graduation. Pfc. Whitfield, who finished the year before and was almost immediately called to the Army, was killed in Germany.

Busy Schedule For Music, Scouts And Soil Worked Out

Conflicts between Symphony, Scouts And Soil Program Eliminated. March 15 is expected to be a busy day in Roxboro. Two major events, the Soil Conservation contest, of which more is published elsewhere, and the State Symphony society concerts, are both scheduled for that night, and also planned for that date was the annual District Boy Scout banquet, which has been postponed until the next Friday night, March 22, at Hotel Roxboro.

Discovery of the crowded calendar for next month was made Tuesday night at a meeting of the Person Scout district and the difficulties were ironed out the next day at a conference between Superintendent R. B. Griffin for the Soil Conservation program, and W. Wallace Woods, for the Symphony society. The Scouts voluntarily moved their date forward at the Tuesday night session.

Under the new plan the Symphony society orchestra, from Chapel Hill, will give two concerts, both at Roxboro high school, one for children in the afternoon, and one for high school students and adults that night. Twenty-one musicians will constitute the orchestra.

The Boy Scout banquet, under direction of C. A. Harris, will go forward as planned, except for the change of date, according to District officials, who on Tuesday night heard good reports of progress in the District. Present for the first time were three representatives from First Baptist church, R. D. Bumpass, Alex Bass and Earl Bradsher, Jr., who are interested in forming a troop to be sponsored by that church. Decision was also made to form a Scouters' club for Scoutmasters.

Held last night with Charles Chalmers divisional assistant executive present, was the Negro Divisional session, at which C. J. Ford presided. Decision was reached to have a Divisional supper at the Negro center for Scout leaders, Tuesday night, March 19th.

Stanfield Promoted

S. Sgt. Hill B. Stanfield, of Roxboro and Greensboro, has been promoted to that rank from Corporal. Sgt. Stanfield, who has been overseas since June of last year, is now stationed in Korea. His wife and children are now living in Hillsboro. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Stanfield.

At St. Mark's

The Rev. Henry Nutt Parsley, of Duke University, Durham, Episcopal minister; for Duke students, will be speaker Sunday afternoon at four o'clock at Saint Mark's Episcopal church, Roxboro, it was announced this morning.

Four From Band Receive Honor Of Invitation

Roxboro's Best Players To Go To Greenville Saturday

Four Roxboro high school band students, two boys and two girls, will be in Greenville Saturday at Eastern Carolina Teachers' college to attend a band clinic for the eastern division of the All-State band, it was announced this week by Miss Mary Earle Wilson, director of the local band. The clinic will be an all-day affair, with representatives from fifteen bands from the eastern half of the State, says Miss Wilson.

The Roxboro players who will go are Gordon Allen, snare drum, Lawrence Woody, bass horn, Miss Mary Daniel, clarinet, and Miss Jean Hester, saxophone. Miss Wilson will also attend. Director of a massed band concert that night at Greenville with all of the visitors playing, will be Earl Slocum, of the music department, the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Dr. Karl V. Gilbert and Harold A. McDougle of the college department of music are making arrangements for the day.

The best performers from 16 high school bands will be chosen to attend the clinics. The band so formed for the meeting in Greenville will include 90 members. Rehearsals held during the day will be in preparation for the concert in the evening.

High schools from the following towns and cities will be represented: Greenville, Raleigh, Roanoke Rapids, Greensboro, Lumberton, Oxford, Durham, Fayetteville, Elizabeth City, Rocky Mount, Roxboro, Henderson, Sanford, New Bern, and Wilmington, which will send students from New Hanover High and Wilmington Junior High.

A full program for the day has been arranged: morning—9 to 10, registration in the Wright Building at East Carolina Teachers College; 10 to 12, rehearsals; afternoon and evening—1, rehearsals; 6:30, dinner in the college dining hall; 8:15, concert by the band.

Only Two More Days For X-Ray Examination Left

So Far 2,800 Persons Have Been Examined

The x-ray examinations being given here under auspices of the Person Health department will be given only two more days, Monday and Tuesday of next week, it was reported today, and all persons who wish examinations, especially those persons who have had known contacts with tuberculosis, are urged to come.

So far, the number of residents who have had examinations here totals 2,800, as of this morning, according to Miss Evelyn Davis, senior staff nurse, who has characterized the response as good, but not as widespread as it should be, especially in view of the number of active tuberculosis cases in the Person area.

Wednesday and Thursday of next week will be reserved for retake examinations by appointment only.

It was also disclosed by the Health Department that two more cases of diphtheria have reported in a family living in the Virginia road area. One case was reported a few weeks ago, that of a daughter in the family and student in Bethel Hill school. This patient is practically recovered and the two new cases, those of a mother and still another daughter, are also much improved.

Scout Court

Person Scout District court of honor will be held Friday night at seven-thirty o'clock the USO Service Center, it was announced today by Gus Deering, chairman, who requests a full attendance.

Holiday Friday

At least two government agencies, the United States Post office and the Person Selective Service board, will observe a holiday Friday, February 22, Washington's birthday, it was announced this morning. The holiday will likewise be observed by Peoples bank as previously announced, and it is possible that several other agencies will also be closed for the day, among them, the United States Employment Service office, manager of which is Claude Laquire.

Major Emphasis On Soil Saving Shown In Sponsored Contest

Baptist Speaker



J. M. BROUGHTON
 Hon. J. M. Broughton, the Baptist Hour Speaker for next Sunday, Feb. 24, 8:30 A. M.

Many Prizes To Be Offered, One For Each School, And Grand Prizes

Six Person county students, one in each of the white high schools, interested in soil conservation, are going to have opportunities to win a twenty-five dollar war bond apiece in a soil conservation speakers' contest which will be staged here under sponsorship of the N. C. Bankers association and Peoples bank, it was revealed today by Person Superintendent of Schools, R. B. Griffin, who said the County-wide winner in the contest will also be invited to the Pinehurst session of the North Carolina Bankers association, with all expenses to be paid by that association.

The county-wide winner from Person will also receive a one hundred dollar war bond, while the county-wide runner-up will get a prize of a twenty-five dollar war bond, making the total of prizes offered \$275.

One hundred dollars of the prize money will be furnished by Roxboro Chemical company, of which Thomas R. Bennett is president. The contest will be open to both boys and girls.

"Mr. Griffin pointed out that especially interested in the soil conservation program is Gordon G. Hunter, of Roxboro, president of the State Bankers' association and executive vice president of Peoples bank and that much credit should go to him for fostering the coming soil conservation contest, which, in Roxboro will reach a climax on the night of March 15, when all speakers from the Person schools involved will compete for individual school honors and for the County-wide prizes.

Five Killed, Three Hurt, In Oxford Accident

Oxford, Feb. 20.—A crowded automobile crashed into the rear of a parked truck near here early today, killing five of its occupants and injuring three others, all members of a Chockatuck Va., family who were en route to High Point to attend a funeral.

The victims were tentatively identified as: Percy R. McCleney, 42, a native of Route 1, Edenton, his wife, 16-year-old twins, Percy, Jr., and Elizabeth, and a two and a half year-old baby.

Two other sons, about 10 and 11, were critically injured, and another, about five, was also hurt, but less seriously.

Highway Patrolman C. M. Byrd, who made an investigation, said when he arrived on the scene about 10 miles south of here shortly after 3 A. M., he found the man, woman, daughter, and infant dead in the front seat of the car, all apparently killed instantly.

On the rear seat, he said, were four boys, one of whom died after being brought to the hospital.

Information from various sources was that the family was going to High Point to attend the funeral of a relative of Mrs. McCleney.

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

The stockholders of the Roxboro Building & Loan Association will hold its regular annual meeting on Saturday, March 2nd, 1946, at 11 o'clock A. M., in the directors office of the association. All stockholders are urged to attend. If you can not be present in person please mail your proxy to the Secretary.

This February 20, 1945.
 J. C. Walker, Secretary.

Residents Become Aroused Over Rats

What is regarded as an alarming increase in the rat and mouse population in Roxboro is causing concern among householders, it was reported today. Some residents attribute the sleek and healthy condition of the rodents and their offspring to the large number of inadequately covered garbage cans from which the animals can feed.

Some of the increase in rats and mice is attributed to another form of carelessness on the part of residents, those who refuse to buy traps to catch the animals, and think nothing of going to houses of neighbors to borrow traps. Traps, incidentally, were once a war-induced scarcity item, but many more of the catchers are now on the market.

The matter of conducting a general clean-up campaign here, including the elimination of rats and mice, was discussed here some time ago by Health Education service workers of the Person department of public health, but nothing further was done about the problem, largely because of the comparative failure of a similar campaign staged here about two years ago.

Rats and mice are said to be bearers of typhus or borrelia plague and other diseases, and in addition, destroy large amounts of food. They also constitute a fire hazard. Perhaps, the most attention to rat eradication in a nearby town has been paid in Oxford, where several typhus cases were reported.