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'Splendid Job'

Miss Zelle Harris, district health department sanitary inspector, today observed that City of Roxboro workers have recently been doing "a splendid job" of cleaning up certain parts of the town, especially back alleys.

City officials, Miss Harris said, deserve much credit for what has been done.

"Now," she continued, "it's up to the merchants of the town to do their part, by using covered containers for the disposal of all trash and garbage."

Lower Country Line Meeting Is Well Attended

More than 2,000 persons attended the Lower Country Line union meeting held at the Roxboro Primitive Baptist Church last week-end, it was reported. They included visitors from many sections of North Carolina, Maryland and Virginia.

The meeting was held on Saturday and Sunday, with dinner served on the church grounds on both days.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder T. W. Walker of Gibsonville. Other ministers present for the meeting were: Elders J. D. Wood of Baltimore, J. P. Helms of Roanoke, W. J. Berry and J. W. Gilliam of Elon College, J. F. Adams of Willow Springs, E. C. Jones of Fuquay Springs, J. D. Fly of Rocky Mount, E. C. Cobb of Wilson, Jack Pulliam of Spray, L. P. Martin of Roxboro, N. D. Teasley of Durham, and A. L. Holloway of Durham.

During the business session it was decided that the next meeting, on June 29-30, will be held at Surf Church.

Services At First Baptist Announced

"Christ's Challenge to Everyone," a message based on John 3:16, will be the subject of the sermon at the First Baptist Church Sunday morning, according to announcement by the pastor, the Rev. J. Boyce Brooks. Services will start at 11 o'clock.

Music will include an anthem, "I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes," by the choir, a solo, "Come Ye Blessed," by Miss Jean Davis, a senior in voice at Meredith College, Raleigh; and the call to worship, by the east choir.

A baptismal service will be held at 8 o'clock Sunday night.

Beulah Meeting

Sunday School officers and members of the Beulah Baptist Association met at Yanceyville last Sunday. Place of meeting for the next quarter will be Mitchell's Chapel Church of which the Rev. B. B. Knight is pastor. The meeting will be held on the fifth Sunday in June.

PTA To Meet

The Bushy Fork Parent-Teachers Association will meet Thursday evening, April 11, at 7:30 o'clock. An interesting program has been planned, and all parents and friends are invited to attend.

School Board Hears Several Delegations

Delegations from several communities in the County appeared before the County Board of Education in its meeting Monday, to discuss with the board the need for construction of and improvement in school buildings at various schools.

A large group of Negroes came before the board to cite the need for a modern Negro high school plant. Another substantial delegation was that from Bethel Hill, where the physical plant needs, especially of the high school, were stressed.

Other smaller delegations were from Allensville and Hurdle Mills. They also discussed building needs.

Following the appearance of the delegations, the Board of Education discussed building possibilities thoroughly, but the Board was of the opinion that extensive building cannot be done before 1947, although plans may be made in 1946.

Supt. R. B. Griffin explained that

Plans Being Made For Easter Pageant

Plans for an elaborate Easter pageant, to be presented on Thursday evening, April 18, at 8 o'clock in the Roxboro High School auditorium, were announced today by the Rev. Fred Bishop, teacher of Bible at Roxboro High School.

Mr. Bishop said the Bible department is presenting the pageant in response to numerous requests from people of Roxboro and other parts of the County.

Name of the pageant will be "The Passion Play." Among the scenes to be portrayed are: The Last Supper,

The Crucifixion, and The Resurrection.

Mr. Bishop believes the play will be even more beautiful and impressive than the Christmas pageant which was presented by the same group last Christmas.

The play will have a cast of about 25 characters, and music for the various scenes will be rendered by the Roxboro High School glee club under the direction of Miss Mary Earle Wilson.

To help defray the cost of production, a general admission fee of 25 cents will be charged.

Harris Becomes Candidate For State Representative

Gentry, Hester Candidates Again

W. H. Gentry and John B. Hester have filed for reelection as County Commissioners, it was learned yesterday. Only other candidate for County Commissioner is John R. Jones of Mt. Tirzah, who announced several days ago that he would be a candidate.

Three commissioners are to be elected by the voters, J. A. Long, present chairman of the board, is not expected to be a candidate for reelection.

Filing deadline for all candidates is Saturday, April 13. Chairman W. H. Harris, III, of the County Board of Elections, announced.

For Clerk of court, two candidates—Alex Bass and Lewis T. Wagstaff—have filed. Candidate A. M. Burns, Jr., incumbent, has not yet filed.

Clarence Holeman is the only candidate who has filed for sheriff, although M. T. Clayton, incumbent, is a candidate for reelection.

The County Board of Elections is expected to meet soon to appoint judges and registrars for all precincts. Other members of the Board in addition to Chairman Harris, are R. D. Bumpass, secretary, and O. Y. Clayton.

The Democratic primary will be held on Saturday, May 25. Books will be open for registration on three Saturdays preceding the primary date.

Veterans who were registered before they entered military service need not re-register, but those who have never been registered will have to do so in order to be eligible to vote, Chairman Harris said. He further warned that registration of a veteran's discharge papers is not registration for voting.



LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE—Former Lieutenant Governor R. L. Harris today announced his candidacy for the State House of Representatives, subject to the Democratic primary in May.

Jury List Drawn For April Term Of Superior Court

The list of jurors for the April term of Person Superior Court was drawn by the County Commissioners Monday. Court will begin on Monday, April 22.

The list follows:
G. A. Ashley, S. M. Neal, S. G. Hamlin, A. C. Gravitte, J. Lester Hargis, W. E. Rudder, C. C. Carr, C. B. Adcock, Fred Tuck, Robert Hawkins, G. W. Carr Sam Dunn, J. Z. Warren, R. E. Strum.

Also, Palmer Clayton, O. B. Clay—(See JURY LIST Page Seven)

Has Represented Person Five Times

Former Lieutenant Governor R. L. Harris today filed with the County Board of Elections as a candidate for the State House of Representatives, subject to the Democratic primary on May 25. No other candidate has announced for the position.

Mr. Harris, who served as Lieutenant Governor during the years 1941 to 1945, has represented Person in the legislature five times—1927, 1929, 1931, 1933, and 1935. He was Speaker of the House in 1933.

Both as Speaker of the House and as president of the Senate during his term as Lieutenant Governor, Mr. Harris distinguished himself as a presiding officer. His actions drew favorable comment from his colleagues in the legislature and from the press of the State.

Mr. Harris is president of Roxboro Cotton Mills and of the Peoples Bank.

Army Day Will Be Observed In Many Sections

Atlanta.—From early morning to late at night April 6, the entire southeast is going to know it's Army day.

With civilians leading the way and the Army supplying the material, cities and towns from the beaches of south Florida to the mountains of Tennessee are celebrating to honor veterans of both World Wars. This is emphasized in scores of reports received at Headquarters. Fourth Service Command here from cities and Army installations in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina and Tennessee.

The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Spanish-American War veterans, the Disabled Veterans of Foreign Wars, schools, colleges, fraternal organizations, Boy Scouts and other organizations are joining to make the observance of the day a success. Window displays of Army equipment will be legion. Parades, featuring bands, marching troops and personnel from civic bodies, Army guns, jeeps, tanks and trucks will pass through decorated streets.

Army installations will hold open house with equipment on exhibit and with soldier guides to explain the displays. At Army hospitals the crowds will be shown through the wards and methods of bringing the sick and wounded back to health will be explained by attendants.

April Is Cancer Control Month

Raleigh.—Governor R. Gregg Cherry called upon all citizens of the state to support the humanitarian work of the North Carolina Division of the Field Army of the American Cancer Society in a proclamation making April cancer control month in North Carolina.

Cherry issued his proclamation yesterday and read it on a program broadcast over every radio station in the state. The chief executive was introduced by John Kerr, Jr., of Warrenton, state campaign chairman for the 1946 drive in which \$167,880 is being sought in North Carolina for the fight on cancer.

In his proclamation the Governor pointed out that cancer is the most feared of all diseases, that it killed 607,000 American citizens between Pearl Harbor and V-J Day, and that cancer deaths in North Carolina in 1945 reached the all-time high total of 2,421. He called upon all citizens to give support to the fight against cancer.

Quick Settlement On Iran Expected

New York.—The United Nations crisis over Iran collapsed last night when it was learned that Iranian Ambassador Hussein Ala had informed officials he was prepared to accept a Soviet statement to the Security Council as an unconditional guarantee of the withdrawal of Russian troops from Iran.

Virtually complete settlement of the Iranian case was forecast by top UN delegates for today's session.

The key statement was contained in a letter from Soviet Ambassador Andrei Gromyko to the council. Gromyko stated flatly that Russian troops would be out of Iran within six weeks. Ala was reported by persons fully informed of his actions to have told UN Secretary Gen. Trye Lie that he considered that this assurance met Iran's requirements.

His decision was said to have been based on Gromyko's omission of the possibility that "unforeseen circumstances" might halt the evacuation as well as on his positive statement that the evacuation was not conditional on current negotiations.

Open To All Vets

Men who have served in the Army, Navy, Marines, or Coast Guard for a period of at least six months, and who were honorably discharged, are now eligible to enlist in the U. S. Army Enlisted Reserve Corps, provided they meet requirements set forth for enlistment.

In making public this new regulation, S. Sgt. Edward W. Chabot, U. S. Army Recruiter, of the Roxboro Recruiting Station, stated that enlisted men of the Army may, at the time of discharge or within six months thereafter, enlist in the grade held at the time of discharge, provided their enlistment is in the same branch in which they were serving at the time of discharge.

Chamber Of Commerce Committee Makes Plans To Advertise Roxboro

Group To Mail Folders Telling Of Town's Industrial Advantages

Plans to advertise Roxboro, and attempt to get new industries to locate here, are now in the making by the industrial committee of the Roxboro Chamber of Commerce, and the advertising campaign will get underway in the near future, it was revealed by the committee chairman, Dolian Long, at the Chamber of Commerce directors' meeting Tuesday night.

Attractive folders listing the possibilities and advantages of Roxboro as an industrial center will be printed and mailed to all parts of the United States, Mr. Long said. The cooperation of merchants and all other people here will also be asked, in the mailing of the folders to as many out-of-town industrial concerns as possible.

Merchants will be asked to include a folder in every letter mailed to an out-of-town industrial firm.

Members of the industrial committee—T. R. Bennett, Burke Mewborne, L. A. Roseman, and Jake Taylor, in addition to Chairman Long—will meet sometime in the next few days to make more definite plans for the advertising campaign.

The committee, according to Mr. Long, feels that now is the time to advertise Roxboro, even though at present the housing facilities here are limited. It is hoped that, during the next few months, some concerns may become interested in Roxboro, so that when building bans are lifted, the concerns can proceed without delay in their plans to locate here.

Commerce Group To Begin Drive For New Members

With a total of 142 members at present, the Roxboro Chamber of Commerce will shortly begin a membership drive in the hope of boosting the above figure considerably. J. S. Merritt, chairman of the membership and classification committee, announced at the Chamber of Commerce directors' meeting Tuesday night.

Other members of the membership committee are D. D. Long, D. S. Brooks, R. D. Bumpass and Glenn Stovall.

This committee will hold a meeting, probably sometime next week, to make plans for the membership drive.

A list of possible new members has been drawn up and will be used as a guide in the drive. The 142 memberships held at present represent the highest total ever reached by the Roxboro Chamber.

Also discussed at the directors' meeting Tuesday night were several other matters, including the proposed appearance before the city commissioners next week of a committee to present recommendations for certain improvements in parking and other matters.

Taylor Withdraws From 5th District Race For Congress

John Taylor of Danbury this week withdrew from the Fifth District Congressional race, requesting the state board of elections to omit his name from ballots when they are printed this week.

Sheriff Taylor, in a formal statement, attributed his decision to a desire "to avoid a second primary with its consequent additional cost to taxpayers and loss of time required for voting."

He said that since Rep. John H. Folger has decided to remain in the race, voters will have a chance to vote for "a candidate with liberal Democratic views."

Taylor's withdrawal left three candidates in the Fifth District—Rep. Folger, J. J. Harris of Winston-Salem, and Thurman Chatham of Elkin.

New Type Soybean Termed Promising

A brand new type soybean, well adapted for use in the Piedmont and Coastal Plains sections, has been developed and promises to displace other strains in this state because of its greater yielding capacity, higher oil content and resistance to shattering.

Dr. E. E. Hartwig and J. A. Rigney, State College agronomists, directed the development of this new soybean variety. Work was begun on the project in the fall of 1941 and has just been completed.

The agronomists said that even if the higher yielding qualities of the Roanoke bean are discounted, its non-shattering quality and much higher oil content will soon establish it as the State's top soybean.

The Roanoke is a "medium sized" variety. It is medium in height and size of stem, has grey pubescence and white flowers, matures around October 25. The seed is yellow and is smaller (2.700 to the pound) than Wood's Yellow (1.800 per pound). It resembles the Volstate type.

THE COMMITTEE SHOULD GO TO CITY HALL

(A Courier-Times Front Page Editorial)

At this writing there appears to be some uncertainty as to whether the combined Chamber of Commerce and Civic clubs recommendations committee will appear before the City Commissioners at their meeting next week, to make certain recommendations in regard to parking, trash collection, alleyways and other problems of Roxboro.

The Courier-Times strongly hopes that the committee will appear before the Commissioners—not to condemn them, not to present criticisms, but to assure the highest governing body of the City that the Chamber of Commerce, with its 142 members, and the four civic clubs represented, with a combined membership of even more, are concerned about the problems faced by the Commissioners, and to assure the Commissioners that they can count on the support of the organizations represented in any move to solve these problems.

Such a meeting and discussion of the problems of Roxboro might easily be the beginning of an unprecedented cooperative community undertaking which would have as its goal a cleaner, neater-looking, more sanitary and safer Roxboro, a City in which traffic and parking problems were solved to the satisfaction of everybody, a City in which the governing body, the police, the firemen, and all other public officials could carry out their duties more efficiently because they would know that the public is 100 per cent behind them.

We can raise the level of government in Roxboro. We can improve the City greatly. But we cannot do so until the citizens become thoroughly interested in what has been done and what needs to be done at City Hall, and assure officials there that they can count on the public to cooperate fully in a program of general improvement.

Service Office Does Rushing Business

Since the opening of the Veterans Service office in the basement of the court house Monday morning, nearly 100 ex-GI's have applied for assistance and advice on various subjects. Bob Whitten, service officer, said today.

Most inquiries have been on the subject of loans under the GI Bill of Rights, Mr. Whitten said. On-the-job training and insurance have been the two next most popular subjects with veterans.

On opening day, approximately 35 former servicemen came to the office. On the second day, a score or more came, with almost that many still coming daily.

Since information was published that Mr. Whitten needed a typewriter, he has been offered the use of several of them, he said. He now has one in his office.

The office also has a telephone. The number is 3135.

Mr. Whitten is keeping the office open six days a week, from 8:30 to 12 and 1 to 5.

Country Club House Leased To Peaden

Directors of the Roxboro Country Club on Tuesday night agreed to lease the club house to Floyd Peaden of this city for a term of five years beginning at once.

In his capacity as lessee Mr. Peaden will have charge of the club room, where golf supplies, drinks, candy and other items are sold and will receive the profits from these sales. He will also receive a small commission on all caddy fees and will serve meals in the club house to members of the club and also non-members.

Certain days or nights will be designated as member days, and on these days only club members will be permitted to avail themselves of the dining hall.

In addition to the above, Peaden will have charge of the club grounds and will see to it that the grounds and the greens are kept in good shape. He will continue to employ the same ground help that has been there for some time.

Mr. Peaden plans to add other amusements at the club, such as rides for children and entertainment for the ladies. His plans in detail will be released later.

Present plans call for an excellent dining room with special dinners and favorite foods. There will also be rooms for private parties and possibly large luncheon parties. No beer or wine will be sold.

Book Pageant Given At Chapel

Mrs. Tom Steet's home room gave the chapel program at Roxboro High School yesterday afternoon. Highlight of the program was a pageant, "Between the Book Ends," depicting scenes from some of the books added to the high school library during the past few months.

Devotional was by Doris Tatum. A humorous skit was given by Harriet Wade and Bobbie Lu Winstead.

Students taking part in the pageant were Emily Williams and Edward Singleton, who, in Dutch costume, played the part of book ends, and the following students: Frances Wrenn, Nancy Timberlake, Jean Whitfield, Loretta Tanksey, Jack Slaughter, Dorothy Sue Vernon, Jane Robinson, Louise Sanders, Banna Yarbrough, George Scott, Sibyl Winstead, Sarah Thomas, James Ramsey, Ronnie Thomas, Peggy Whitt, Mary Carr Woody, and Barbara Woody.

Janie James assisted Mrs. Steet in making the stage property for the skit.

Piano selections by Edriel Knight, and numbers by the girls' glee club, mixed quartette, girls' trio, and mixed chorus, were also given. The quartette was composed of June Woods, Jacqueline Abbott, Clyde Crowell, and Clifton Boyd. The trio consisted of Mona Grachel Clayton, June Woods, and Jacqueline Abbott. Miss Mary Earle Wilson directed all music numbers.

Manteo Prepares For 'Lost Colony'

Manteo.—Work is being rushed on two new hotels, 20 tourist cabins and several cottages in this area where thousands of visitors are expected to see Paul Green's outdoor drama, when it reopens June 30th.

The two hotels are being built on the beach, and will provide perhaps 75 more badly needed rooms for tourists. A number of householders are also trying to enlarge their homes so as to take care of visitors. A recent survey showed that around 1,800 persons could be accommodated on the Island and beach.

Meantime, a number of new cafes and lunch rooms are being built, and the problem of feeding the expected crowds is on the way to solution.

COMING UP...

- FRIDAY 6:30 Joint meeting of Person County Council of Social Agencies, Exchange, Kiwanis, Rotary and Business and Professional Women's clubs, for address by Dr. Harold D. Meyer, Hotel Roxboro.
 - SATURDAY 7:00 Chancellor R. B. House of University of North Carolina to address Boy Scouts at father-son banquet, Hotel Roxboro.
 - 7:30 Recreation program for young people, First Baptist Church.
 - MONDAY 6:15 Kiwanis, Hotel Roxboro.
 - TUESDAY 6:15 Business and Professional Women's club, Hotel Roxboro.
 - 7:30 Masons, Lodge Hall.
 - 7:30 Lowell Huff Post of WPA USO building.
- The official WPA report that the total war production for the month of March amounted to \$29,200,000,000.