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## House Addresses Scouts; Currier Gets Eagle Badge

### Burch Becomes Fourth Candidate For Commissioner

James T. Burch son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Burch of Roxboro, Route 3, filed with the Person County board of election Saturday as a candidate for county commissioner, thus becoming the fourth contestant for the office.

Three commissioners are to be elected. Previously announced candidates are W. H. Gentry and John B. Hester, incumbents, and John R. Jones of Mt. Tirzah.

Mr. Burch, who lives in the Paynes Tavern community, is a farmer and warehouse employee. He is married and has one daughter.

A. M. Burns, Jr., who had previously announced his intention to be a candidate for clerk of Superior court, filed for that office with the board of elections Saturday.

### Virginian Nabbed Here Friday Night For Auto Theft

Frank Newton, about 35, of South Boston, Va., and Richmond, waived extradition rights Saturday and was returned to South Boston by Virginia State Police to face hearing on a charge of stealing a South Boston taxicab and driving it across the State line.

Newton was apprehended by Roxboro police and sheriff's officers on the Oxford highway near the Roxboro city limits, at about 10 o'clock Friday night when officers said, he was operating the vehicle under the influence of whiskey.

### Strawberry Crop Starts To Market

Raleigh—The North Carolina strawberry crop has started moving to market.

First sales were at Chadbourne at the present ceiling of \$10.56 per 24-quart crate, D. S. Matheson, fruit and vegetable marketing specialist in the State Department of Agriculture, reported.

General marketing is scheduled to begin Monday in the Tabor City-Chadbourne-Wallace section and on April 15 at Mt. Olive.

The producer ceiling on strawberries will be \$10.56 through April 15, \$8.88 until May 2, and \$7.80 for the rest of this State's season.

Matheson said prospects were for a crop about the size of last year's.

### PROMOTED

Cpl. Reuben C. Bowes, who is now stationed at Camp Gordon, Ga., was recently promoted to this rank.

James T. Conner, Jr., a Mississippi native, has joined the staff of the State College Extension Service as entomologist.

## Native Son Returns After 47 Years

"Year in and year out, Roxboro and Person County are just as good as the best of them," according to a native son who returned to the City this week after an absence of 47 years.

Irving Barnett, the man who made that statement, should know, for since leaving here in 1899 he has lived and worked in many different places all the way across the continent.

Mr. Barnett arrived in Roxboro last week to spend several days. While here he is staying with Miss Katie Sue Pointer at the old Jones place on North Main Street, where he was born. From Roxboro he expects to go to Oklahoma, where his son, Walter, lives.

Now retired, Mr. Barnett has done many different kinds of work during the 47 years since, at the age of 17, he left his home town to seek his fortune.

First, in March, 1899, he went to South Boston, Va., and became connected with the Barber Buggy Company. A few years later he moved to Oxford and worked for the Taylor-Cannady Buggy Company, and after

### Speaker Says Love, Study, Practice Needed To Do Great Things

Robert B. House, chancellor and vice president of the University of North Carolina, was principal speaker here Saturday night at the eighth annual Boy Scout father-son banquet, at which Bobby Currier, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Currier, received the badge of an Eagle Scout.

More than 180 Scouts, Scouters, fathers and friends of Scouts, and special guests attended the event, which was held at Hotel Roxboro. Toastmaster was J. S. Merritt, C. A. Harris, originator of the local father-son banquets, had charge of the program.

Enthusiasm, study and practice will result in success in any field, Chancellor House told his audience. Using as an illustration his hobby, which is playing the harmonica, the speaker said he was born loving great things such as music, but that it took love for harmonica-playing, many hours of study, and long periods of practice for him to master the harmonica to such an extent that he could enjoy it and bring enjoyment to other persons. Energetic action, preceded by study and inspired by love, can accomplish great things, the speaker said. "There is enough talent right here in this room to make a brand new sort of State out of North Carolina," he declared.

Three obstacles to the accom-

## Four Top Ratings Won By Musicians

### Helena Students To Present Play Next Friday Night

The eleventh grade of Helena High School will present a three-act play on Friday night, April 12, at 8:30. The title of this comedy-drama is "Mary's Castle in the Air," by Lillian Mortimer.

The cast follows:  
Mary Estabrook, the air castle girl, Joy Mae Clayton; Mrs. Jenkins, a neighbor of the Estabrooks, Macie Clayton; Jane Jenkins, her flirtatious daughter, Elizabeth Garrett; Bill Bronson, Jane's chauffeur suitor, Louis Rogers; Lenny Taft, the grocer's boy, Judson Rogers; Daddy Alden, a village philosopher, Billy Clayton; Mrs. Estabrook, Mary's mother, Agnes Cooper; Jim Ruggles, a young attorney, Mac Rogers; Mimi Carlyle, a spoiled daughter of fortune, Sylvia Mooney; Edward Garrett, Mimi's father, M. B. Garrett; and Delia, a colored servant to the Estabrooks, Cleo Gravitt.

### Library Board

The Person County Library board will meet at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon, according to Miss Dorothy Wightman, tri-county librarian.

## Native Son Returns After 47 Years

that he was an employee of the Durham Buggy Company in Durham. All of these companies are dissolved now, in the march of progress, but Mr. Barnett still recalls vividly some of the many experiences he had in the three towns mentioned.

Some years later he experienced a desire to travel, and ended up in St. Louis as an employee of Adams Express Company. Shortly afterward, in 1917, he moved on to Oklahoma and started to work in a leather factory, later leaving this job to become a railroad employee. He stayed in Oklahoma until 1936, at which time he decided to go even farther west.

Soon he was located in California, and not long afterward he obtained employment with the Douglas Aircraft Company at Santa Monica. All during the war, right up to October of last year, Mr. Barnett continued working in a maintenance section of the Douglas plant, and he didn't want to stop even then, but his health gave out and he was forced to retire. He has done

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CANDIDATE IN FIFTH—Joe J. Harris of Winston-Salem, one of the three candidates for Congress in the Fifth District, was a visitor in Roxboro Saturday.

### Firms Thanked For Cooperation In Cleanup Drive

Miss Zelle Harris, district health department sanitary inspector, and Collin M. Abbott, City of Roxboro engineer, said today that they wished to express their thanks to the merchants of the town, and other citizens, who have been cooperating so well in trying to make Roxboro a cleaner city.

Back alleys and other places are in much better condition now, due largely to the increased cooperation which merchants are showing, Miss Harris and Mr. Abbott said.

"If Roxboro is to be a clean city, we must have the cooperation of everyone," they declared, urging that in the future all merchants pay particular attention to how they dispose of trash and garbage. Covered containers should be used, they said, so that flies and rats will not be attracted, trash will not be blown around, the fire hazard will not be so great, and unpleasant odors will not be so prevalent.

### Roxboro Woman's Uncle Succumbs In Laurinburg

Dr. Albert W. James, 52, widely known surgeon and an uncle of Mrs. W. Wallace Woods of Roxboro, died Thursday night at his home in Laurinburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Woods attended funeral services Sunday afternoon in Laurinburg.

Dr. James was a graduate of the University of North Carolina and Jefferson Medical College. About 15 years ago he established the Laurinburg Hospital and operated it, until last month, when he sold the property and retired. He served as a Naval officer in World Wars I and II. Surviving are his wife a daughter, a son, two brothers, and a sister.

### Allgood Becomes Drug Firm Partner

Announcement is being made today by Hambrick, Austin and Thomas, Inc., drug firm, that W. W. "Buddy" Allgood has purchased an interest in the business.

E. E. Thomas has owned and operated the store since the deaths of his two previous partners, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Allgood will continue to do business under the name of Hambrick, Austin and Thomas, Inc.

Allgood is a graduate of the University of North Carolina Pharmacy School, and has just returned to Roxboro after two years of service in the Navy Prior to entering service he was a partner in the AB Drug Company, which he later owned and operated along as the Allgood Drug Company.

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## Along The Way

A new club should be formed in Roxboro—The name of that club should be "Retired Gentlemen of Capitalist Rank." There are several men who are eligible for membership and we think that they would have a good time if they could get together every now and then and talk and play. Here are the members that I propose.

Earl Bradsher, Sr. recently retired from the hardware business. Preston Satterfield, Sr. recently retired from the lumber business. Mellie Satterfield recently retired as helper to Preston Satterfield and Wheeler Newell who has retired a long time. Of course Wheeler still comes to his store but he gets there at ten in the morning and when he goes back home to lunch he hardly ever comes back before three and lots of times he does not come back at all.

Of course Mr. Bill Harris has been eligible for membership a long time on the basis of several things but he does work a little in his garden. That might bar him from membership.

### Spelling Contest For Five Schools Is Stated Friday

A county-wide spelling contest for grammar grade students will be held at Roxboro Central School on Friday, April 12, at 1 o'clock, Supt. R. B. Griffin announced last week.

The fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades of the various schools will select grade winners who will meet in preliminary competition for the privilege of representing the school in the county contest, Mr. Griffin said.

Schools participating are: Grammar grades of Roxboro High School, Roxboro Central School, Longhurst, Cavel and Helena.

The winner in the county contest will be eligible to take part in the State finals in the Reynolds Auditorium, Winston-Salem, at 3 p. m. Saturday, April 27. The State winner will compete in the national contest in Washington, D. C. at a later date.

Sponsor of the State contest is the Winston-Salem Journal-Sentinel papers.

The county winner and chaperon will be guests at a luncheon in the Robert E. Lee Hotel, Winston-Salem, at 12:30 on April 27.

Pronouncer for the county contest will be W. S. Humphries of the Courier-Times.

## Recreation Is A 'Must' Meyer Tells Local Group

### Urges City To Create Commission, Get Started On Planned Program

Roxboro, in recognizing the constantly increasing need for recreation in the life of any community, should take steps at once to establish a recreation commission, with a full-time, dynamic leader to help set up a planned program, Dr. Harold D. Meyer, chairman of the North Carolina Recreation Commission, declared in an address here Friday night.

He spoke to more than 125 members of the Person County Council of Social Agencies and the Roxboro Exchange, Rotary, Kiwanis and Business and Professional Women's clubs.

Challenging his hearers to think, not in terms of 1890, but in terms of the needs and opportunities of today, Dr. Meyer said that recreation is a "must" in the civic life of any community, and it should be put on a legal basis, with government support, just as schools, health police, and fire departments have been legally recognized.

He began by pointing out that North Carolina was the first state to create a recreation commission, in 1935. Interest in the work has grown, until today "the whole State is thinking in terms of recreation," he said.

Recreation takes its place along with religion, health, education, and work as an essential part of any well-rounded personality, Dr. Meyer said, but he pointed out also that too much emphasis can be placed on it, with the result that "you can waste a lot of silly time."

All social, economic and religious trends point to the fact that the need for and use of recreation are constantly increasing, the speaker said. Industry is opening wide to recreation, the church is on the threshold of taking hold of recreation and utilizing it to the fullest, the Army and Navy realize its importance when they spend more than 100 million dollars yearly on it, and hospitals are coming to employ recreationists more and more, Dr. Meyer pointed out.

The answer to "juvenile delinquency," he declared, is "youth adequacy," or a planned program which will help young people utilize time richly, wholesomely, and wisely.

Summarizing what recreation is, not, Dr. Meyer stated it is not just for children alone but for all ages, not just for summer but for all seasons not just to prevent crime and delinquency but to "bring pleasure" (See HOUSE Page Eight)

## Chub Lake Boy Is Killed In Navy Transport Crash

### Funeral Plans Incomplete Pending Information On Arrival Of Body

Lawrence E. Bryant, 20, fireman first class, U. S. Naval Reserve, who was to have received his Navy discharge at Norfolk, Va., within a few days, was killed in an aircraft accident Thursday night, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Bryant of Woodside, Route 1, were notified Saturday.

He was one of 11 Navy personnel at Theresa Baptist Church, near Chub Lake, with the pastor, the Rev. B. B. Knight, in charge, assisted by the Rev. Daniel Lane, chaplain of the VFW post.

Members of the VFW will conduct graveside rites. The members are requested to contact Commander Jim Allgood or Adjutant Jim Jordan for instructions.

Date for the funeral has not been set, since it is not yet known when the body will arrive.

Surviving are his parents; five sisters, Mrs. Mamie Granger of Danville, Va., Miss Addie Puddie of Greensboro, Mrs. Edna Puddie and Misses Marlean and Marion Bryant of the home; and four brothers, the Rev. Clyde T. Bryant of Whitmore, S. C., Bruce Bryant of Dallas, Texas, and Wallace and Hubert Bryant of the home.

Bryant had only recently returned to the United States after service in the Pacific. He had been in the Navy since November, 1943. He attended Roxboro schools, and was a member of Lewell T. Huff Post No. 2058, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The body will be returned here for burial, and will be accompanied by one escort. Services will be held

### Mrs. Jeff Long Succumbs Today In Local Hospital

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Long, 73, died at 9:20 this morning in Community Hospital, where she had been a patient since last Thursday. Cause of death was listed as complications. She had been ill five months.

Mrs. Long was the wife of the late Jeff D. Long of the Concord community. He died in 1930. Recently she had been living with Mrs. C. B. Long, in Ellenboro. She returned to Roxboro last Thursday and was admitted to the hospital here.

Tentative plans have been made for the funeral to be held at 3 o'clock Tuesday at Oak Grove Methodist Church, with the Rev. Daniel Lane in charge. The body will lie in the church for one hour preceding the services. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

Surviving are six step-sons, Woodson, Luther and Byrd Long of Bushy Fork, Ed Long of Charlottesville, Va., Charlie Long of the Army and Joe Long, who is now a patient in a Raleigh hospital; one step-daughter, Mrs. J. H. Rudder of Concord; one brother, John Billy Yancey of near Allensville; and 22 step-grandchildren.

### T. C. Wagstaff Joins News Staff Of Raleigh Times

T. C. Wagstaff, Jr., son of Mrs. T. C. Wagstaff of Roxboro and a former associate editor of the Roxboro Courier, left Friday for Raleigh to assume his duties as a news reporter for the Raleigh Times, afternoon daily.

The Roxboro man is covering the State Capitol "beat" for the Raleigh paper. He began his work Saturday.

Wagstaff, a graduate of the University of North Carolina School of Journalism, received his Army discharge a few weeks ago after service in the Pacific.

### COMING UP . . .

TONIGHT  
6:15 Kiwanis, Hotel Roxboro.

TUESDAY  
10 a. m. Recorder's Court.  
6:15 p. m. Business and Professional Women's clubs, Hotel Roxboro.  
7:30 Masons, Lodge Hall.  
7:30 Lewell Huff Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, USO building.

WEDNESDAY  
6:45 Exchange, Recreation Center.  
7:30 City commissioners.

THURSDAY  
6:30 Rotary, Hotel Roxboro.  
7:30 Bushy Fork PTA.

### Board Changes Meeting Hour To Hear Delegation

Roxboro city commissioners will meet at 7:30 Wednesday night, the hour having been changed to that time so that members of the Chamber of Commerce and joint civic clubs recommendations committee might come before the commissioners to present certain recommendations in regard to town improvements, Mayor S. G. Winstead said today.

The Mayor said a special invitation had been issued to the group to be present.

Members of the committee, who first planned to go before the town board on February 13, are: George W. Kane, chairman; R. D. Bumpass, J. A. Long, Jr., Mrs. A. F. Nichols, J. D. Mangum, and Ralph Tucker.

### What Next?

The National Patent Council predicts that the typewriter of tomorrow will be ribbonless. The council says it now is possible to make typewriters with keys which hold ink like a sponge, eliminating ribbons. The council described the development as powder metallurgy, a process in which the metal porous enough to permit ink to seep through.

## Easter Date Varies According To Moon

When is Easter?  
That's an easy one to answer: One glance at the calendar, and you know that this year Easter Sunday is April 21.  
It isn't always on April 21, though. In fact, it isn't always in April. Sometimes Easter falls in March. It can vary as much as 35 days, from March 22 to April 25.  
How is the date determined?  
There's quite a bit of history back of that question. Here's the story:

Easter, of course, is an annual festival observed throughout Christendom in commemoration of the resurrection of Christ. Its name comes from the name of the Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring, "Eostre," to whom the month of April was dedicated.

The New Testament makes no reference to Easter. However, the Old and New Testaments both refer to a Jewish rite, the Passover, on which Easter is based. Christians, both Jewish and Gentile, simply added new meaning to the Passover, thinking of Christ as the true Paschal Lamb, and this observance

became the Christian Easter.  
There was long and bitter controversy over the proper date for the observance. The issue was, when did the Paschal feast end? The Jews said it ended on the fourteenth day of the moon at evening, and Easter immediately followed without regard to the day of the week. The Gentiles, free of Jewish traditions, identified the first day of the week with Christ's resurrection, and kept the preceding Friday as the commemoration of the the crucifixion, irrespective of the day of the month. With the Jews, the principle was the day of the month with the Gentiles, it was the day of the week.

The matter was settled, partially, in 325 A. D., at the famous Council of Nicea, when it was decreed that Easter should be observed on the same Sunday throughout the world. The correct date was to be calculated at Alexandria, Egypt, the home of astronomical science, and passed on by the bishops there to all the churches.  
The Gregorian correction of the Paschal Lamb, and this observance

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