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### Mother's Day

FOUNDED ON ANCIENT TRADITIONS.

PAID HONOR TO MOTHERHOOD GOES BACK TO THE ANCIENT ROMANS. TEMPLES WERE BUILT IN HONOR OF THE MOTHER-GODDESS, HILARIA, AND ON HER FESTIVAL DAY, GIFTS WERE BROUGHT TO THE TEMPLES BY THE ROMAN PEOPLE.

IN 17th CENTURY ENGLAND the fourth Sunday in Lent became known as "Mothering Sunday." Boy and girl apprentices were permitted to spend that day with their Mothers, bringing gifts of simnel cake or plum pudding. Such a visit was called "going a-mothering."

### JAMES McNEILL WHISTLER

distinguished American painter (1834-1903)

THE FIRST OBSERVANCE OF MOTHER'S DAY IN PHILADELPHIA, 1908, WAS SUGGESTED BY ANNA M. JARVIS WHO HAS ARRANGED A MEMORIAL SERVICE TO HER OWN MOTHER.

ON MAY 6th 1914, THE SECOND SUNDAY IN MAY WAS OFFICIALLY DESIGNATED AS "MOTHER'S DAY" EACH YEAR, BY A JOINT RESOLUTION OF CONGRESS, SIGNED BY PRESIDENT WILSON.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN SAID, "ALL THAT I AM OR EVER HOPE TO BE, I OWE TO MY ANGEL MOTHER."

ON MOTHER'S DAY, 1946, America's millions will pay tribute to Mother with sincere messages of devotion expressing their "great love and respect for the best person in all the world—MOTHER!"

## Pressure Controls Needed, Says Green

Pressures on our educational system as it exists today are amazingly acute, and they must be recognized and dealt with promptly or our whole school system may later be in for a rather rude shaking up, Dr. C. Sylvester Green, editor of the Durham Morning Herald, declared here Tuesday night in an address to the Roxboro high school Parent-Teacher association.

Dr. Green described these pressures as follows: First, a growing pressure for localized administration of education, which, when carried to the extreme, would have the individual school serve its own community basically and first of all; second, an effort to revamp the educational program for the benefit of physically handicapped children without giving proper consideration to students who are handicapped in other ways, such as socially and mentally; and third, the conflict between the traditional philosophy of education and the new "Progressive Education" of this century.

As controls on these three pressures, Dr. Green recommended: Establishing within our own minds a true definition of education and making our program effective in carrying out that definition; a discriminative selection of students for the higher grades and for colleges and universities; and better training and better compensation for members of the teaching profession.

In regard to "Progressive Education," the speaker declared that there is now a definite trend away from "these subtle techniques which crack up and leave nothing" back to the traditional basis, which emphasizes the practical approach: knowledge and recognizes discipline as a factor in teaching.

This return to the traditional Dr. Green referred to as "one of the most significant movements of our time."

His own definition of education, he said, includes the concept of the liberal arts and sciences as the basis and framework for the whole structure.

"Too many high school graduates go to college," the speaker declared, adding that we may have to force upon ourselves a system to select more carefully the boys and girls who will be permitted to enter college. He said it was his belief —(See GREEN Page Four)—

## Legion To Meet

The American Legion will meet at 7:30 Saturday night at the Legion hut on Chub Lake street. Main item of business is expected to be a report from the nominating committee on new officers for the post, of which J. Y. Blanks is now commander.

## Bible Pupils Hold Chicken Supper; Dr. Green Speaks

Students of the Roxboro high school Bible department held a chicken supper in the school cafeteria Tuesday night, at which the guests were the ministers of Person County and representatives of business concerns which have supported the Bible teaching program since it was started at Roxboro high two years ago.

Principal speaker was Dr. C. Sylvester Green, editor of the Durham Morning Herald, who was introduced by the Bible instructor, the Rev. Fred Bishop.

Talmadge Mundy presided, and Manley Whitfield gave the address of welcome, to which the Rev. Ben Houston responded. Mr. Bishop introduced guests. Louise Yarbrough gave a brief talk on "What Bible in the School Has Meant to Me." Short talks on Bible departments in other schools were given by Miss Vivian Hiers and the Rev. C. P. Womack.

The supper was served by members of Miss Opal Brown's home economics department.

Dr. Green congratulated the Bible department for its accomplishments, and said he hoped it would grow until it becomes "one of the greatest factors in the life of Person County." The Bible, he said, is great literature, but it is also a masterful portrayal of life. As we study it, something big gets hold of us, and life becomes more meaningful, with the result that our conduct is changed, we have more self-confidence, and we practice a new type of consecration.

## Three RHS Classrooms Given Approval By CPA

The Person County Board of Education yesterday received permission from the Civilian Production Administration to go ahead with plans to build three classrooms and a cafeteria at Roxboro high school, Supt. R. B. Griffin said today.

Mr. Griffin said school officials were "delighted" to hear the news, since the rooms will be needed so badly next year. There are about 100 students in the eleventh grade at Roxboro high who ordinarily would graduate this year but will return to school next fall because of addition of the twelfth grade, Principal Jerry L. Hester said.

In addition, Mr. Hester said, a number of students who will finish the tenth grade at Busby Fork this year will probably enroll at Roxboro high next fall.

Thus, the principal explained, even if the proposed classrooms are finished by September, the Roxboro high school plant will still be loaded to capacity next year.

Estimated cost of the classrooms is \$25,000. At a meeting on February 4 of this year, the County Commissioners approved issuance of bonds to cover this cost.

Mr. Hester said the present school cafeteria has a capacity of about 100, and it is hoped that the new cafeteria will have a seating capacity of about 190. After the new one is built, the old cafeteria will probably be used for shop work or some other type of activity. The new cafeteria will be located under the new classrooms, which will be added to the present plant.

Referring to the \$17,000 which was recently advanced to the County Board of Education by the Federal Works Agency, Supt. Griffin said this money would be paid to the architect for planning a grammar school at Roxboro, a high school at Bethel Hill, and a Negro high school at Roxboro. The money was advanced by the federal government, Mr. Griffin said, to encourage local government units to proceed with plans for new buildings, so that more time will be available for the drawing up of plans before any building is done.

Application for the money was made for three large projects only, because the architect said he had rather proceed on the other projects without any advances due to the red tape involved.

When plans are made, Supt. Griffin said, they will be made to include the whole County-wide program as recently proposed by the County Board of Education.

The money advanced by the Federal Works Agency is a loan which must be repaid without interest when construction is actually begun.

## Vick Speaks At Memorial Opening

Approximately 400 persons attended the memorial service and opening games of the 1946 softball season on the Roxboro high school athletic grounds Monday night.

Jerry L. Hester, principal of Roxboro high school and president of the Person County Softball League, gave a short welcome address, in which he pointed out the importance of softball as a part of community recreation.

"We have heard and read much about recreation in Roxboro and Person County in recent years," Mr. Hester said; "however, the summer softball program is about all that has been done along this line. We believe that the program is very worthwhile, for it provides clean, wholesome recreation for a large number of players and spectators."

The Rev. T. Marvin Vick, former Person county minister and a veteran of World War II, made a short talk in honor of former local softball and baseball players who were killed in action during the last war. He recalled having been present at the opening of night softball in Person County some seven or eight years ago, and said he was glad to see that the program is still being carried on so enthusiastically.

"It is fitting," Mr. Vick declared, "that this opening be held in honor of those boys who did not come back. I am sure they would appreciate it, and on behalf of them I wish to thank you with all my heart."

He pointed out that soldiers and sailors overseas played softball and baseball whenever they had the opportunity, improvising balls, bats, bases, and other equipment whenever necessary. Servicemen, he said, learned the importance of play in the life of any individual. But they know also how to carry on in the "game of life," and they did their job well.

"I congratulate you people of Person county for this fine program which you are providing for your youth, and I wish you every success," Mr. Vick concluded.

## N&W Takes Off Two Local Trains

In compliance with orders from governmental authorities to conserve coal, made necessary by the bituminous coal miners' strike, the Norfolk and Western Railway "is compelled to discontinue ten of its passenger trains which operate 25 per cent of the railroad's passenger train mileage, effective 12:01 a. m. on May 10," company officials announced today.

Trains No. 36 and 37 between Lynchburg and Durham will be discontinued today. No. 36 is the 8:27 a. m. northbound, and No. 37 is the 10:30 p. m. southbound.

The new schedule will leave two trains in operation between Lynchburg and Durham: northbound, leaves Roxboro at 4 p. m., and southbound, leaves Roxboro at 3:05 p. m.

Among the trains which will be taken out of service is the Powhatan Arrow, new all-coach streamliner running between Norfolk and Cincinnati.

An additional 25 per cent of N&W passenger train mileage will be discontinued on May 15.

## Library To Have Flower Show Here Friday, Saturday

The public is urged and invited to attend the third annual flower show, to be held in the Person County Public Library Friday and Saturday, May 10-11, from 1 to 6 p. m. according to the chairman, Mrs. Margaret L. Howard.

Persons entering flowers in the show should take them to the library between 9 and 11 o'clock Friday morning. Mrs. Howard said, Ribbons will be awarded as prizes.

The library is sponsoring the flower show, for the third consecutive year.

## To Visit Schools

Members of the Person County Board of Education will spend all day Tuesday visiting various schools in the county to get firsthand information on building needs, Supt. R. B. Griffin said today.

The board will visit the schools in a body.

This is probably the first time the County board has ever undertaken to make such visits, Mr. Griffin said.

## Special Services

Special Mother's Day services will be held at Mt. Tirzah Methodist church Sunday morning and at the Helena Methodist church Sunday night at 7:30, it has been announced by the pastor, the Rev. Floyd G. Villines.

## Scout Camp To Be Opened On June 16

Camp Cherokee, official Boy Scout camp of the Cherokee Council, will open June 16 and close July 27. These dates were approved by the executive board at a meeting held in Burlington on May 3.

General director of the camp will be Scout Executive John B. Oakley, Jr. Assistant Executive Douglas L. Kelley will be resident director, with White T. Reece, field executive, as business manager. Other additions to the staff will be announced later. The camp will be equipped to take care of 80 campers per period.

In its meeting, the executive board also accepted the resignation of Negro Field Executive C. H. Chalmers, effective May 15; approved the manpower project as presented by O. B. "Country" Gorman, deputy regional Scout executive; and authorized the inter-racial committee to raise \$10,000 for the purpose of building a camp to serve the Negro Scouts of the Council.

Reports indicated definite progress in all phases of Scouting. Membership showed a net increase of 235 leaders and boys, bringing the total to 2,596. There are 106 units in the Council. Negro membership includes 562 Scouts, Cubs and leaders in 23 troops and two packs.

Mr. Gorman, former executive of Cherokee Council, presented the need for enlarging the organization and extension and the leadership training committee to a seven-man committee in each of the five districts. The manpower plans call for enlarging the commissioner's staff to one man and a buddy for each three units. Mr. Gorman will remain in the Council for several weeks to help put these plans into effect and to help train committee members and commissioners in their duties.

Mr. Gorman praised the officers, executives, and leaders of Cherokee for the splendid progress which has been made. He pointed out that more high quality men are needed to serve boys. The prevention of delinquency through Scouting, he said, is one of the important challenges of the day.

Presiding at the executive board meeting was President H. E. Latham. Attending from Roxboro were C. A. Harris and J. W. Green.

## Wesleyan Church

The Rev. Paul Rahenkamp, pastor, announces regular services at Wesleyan Methodist church, North Main street, next Sunday, as follows: Sunday school, 10 a. m.; morning worship service, 11 a. m.; evening service, 7:30 p. m. Everyone is welcome.

## Free City Delivery Of Mail Gets Underway Next Thursday

City delivery of mail will go into effect in Roxboro on Thursday, May 16. Assistant Postmaster V. E. Clayton announced today.

City carriers who will serve on a temporary basis are three veterans: Newman S. Allen, formerly connected with A & P here; Willie B. Hicks of Allensville community; and Guy S. Timberlake, former employee of Collins & Aikman.

Parcel post will be delivered by J. W. Monk, also a veteran.

Persons wishing mail to be delivered by carrier must give change of address at the post office. Residents will be required to get mail by city delivery or rent a post office box.

All first class mail will be three cents per ounce. After May 15 the one cent drop letter rate will be discontinued completely.

All houses should be numbered and should have a letter box if mail is to be delivered to the residence. For business places, boxes are not necessary if the firm is open when the carrier passes. If closed, firms may use door slot.

City carriers will deliver registered mail and small c. o. d. parcels of light weight. Larger c. o. d. parcels will be delivered by parcel post carrier. All patrons who get c. o. d. packages are urged to have the funds ready when the carrier calls. Carriers will be put on a fixed schedule and will not be able to take up too much time at any one place.

Schedule of the carriers has not been definitely arranged yet.

## Over 2,000 Now Getting Benefits In Durham Area

In the area serviced by the Durham office of the Social Security Board there are now 2,005 persons receiving monthly benefit checks totaling \$30,434.09, under Old-Age and Survivors Insurance provisions of the Social Security Act.

Beneficiaries in the six counties of this service area include: 857 retired workers and their wives who have reached age 65; 87 widows 65 years old or over; 248 widows with children in their care; 795 children; 18 aged parents who were dependent upon a deceased son or daughter at the time of the wage-earner's death.

Nina H. Matthews, manager of the Durham office of the Social Security Board explained that when a fully insured wage-earner, who is 65 years old or more, files claim for his monthly old-age insurance benefits, his wife may also claim monthly benefits, if she is 65 years old or when she reaches that age. In addition, each of his children under age 18 (if in school) will receive monthly benefits—except that the benefits for the entire family may not be more than twice the amount of the retired wage-earner's own monthly payment.

When an insured worker dies, leaving a widow with his children in her care, monthly payments of survivors insurance are made to his widow and to his children under 16 (18 if in school). This will be paid regardless of the age of the widow. An insured worker's widow who has reached age 65 is eligible for benefits whether or not she has a child in her care.

Where the insured wage-earner dies and leaves no survivor entitled to monthly benefits, a lump-sum death payment is made to the widow or children or parents of the deceased, or the person who paid the burial expenses.

Seventy lump sum payments amounting to \$8,831.70 have been made in this area since the first of the year 1946.

## Boy Hit--By What? Doctor Finds Out

Rougemont, a small village located about half-way between Roxboro and Durham, is a quiet little place. Occasionally, though, something happens there which makes good newspaper copy.

Such an event happened recently. Here's the story, as reported to the Courier-Times this week:

Some time ago, Charlie Harris, about 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elzy Harris of Rougemont, was playing with a number of his schoolmates at the Rougemont graded school during the lunch period. The group was having a fine time, until . . . Suddenly Charlie felt a sharp pain in the back of his head. He and his companions stopped playing, and they crowded around the boy to see what the trouble was.

Charlie felt as if he had been hit on the head with a rock. In fact, he was sure of it—and accused one of his playmates of having thrown a rock at him. Charlie's friends joined in the accusation. The playmate denied the charge.

Charlie's teacher dressed the wound on the youth's head, and then he was taken home. He stayed there a day, two days, a week—but the wound did not heal. Charlie missed school for several weeks, but the bruise on his head still refused to heal.

Finally his parents took him to a Durham hospital for further examination. A physician gave the boy's head a thorough going-over. Finally he took his instruments and began probing.

Under the skin was lodged a .22 calibre rifle bullet. Where it came from, no one knows. Apparently it was simply a stray bullet which happened to hit the boy while he was playing at school.

The bullet was removed, the wound healed, and Charlie is now back in school, getting along fine. Needless to say, he hasn't accused anyone else of throwing rocks at him.

## Charlie Simpson Succumbs At 64

Funeral services for Charlie Simpson, 64, who died Tuesday night at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Florie Garrett, in the Mt. Tirzah community in Person County were conducted from Bethany Baptist Church at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

The Rev. Joe B. Currin officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are four sons, Dewey, Milton, Millard and Gattner Simpson, all of Rougemont; one daughter, Mrs. Florie Garrett of Rougemont; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Lucy Pennington of Timberlake; two sisters, Miss Jo Simpson of Rougemont and Mrs. George Arrington of Angier; 14 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

## To Meet Monday

The Person County Ministerial association will meet Monday morning at 10 o'clock at Edgar Long Memorial Methodist church.

Subject for discussion will be "The Famine Relief Program." Devotional will be given by the Rev. Daniel Lane. All ministers are asked to bring or send to the Rev. Auburn C. Hayes, secretary, a statistical report on the results of the religious census.

## Contact Office Now Open For Veterans

Wilburn A. Smith, contact representative of the Veterans Administration, announces the opening of a contact office at 117 1/2 Abbot street in Roxboro, in the same building in which the County Welfare office is located. The office will be open six days a week, from 8 a. m. to 4:45 p. m.

Purpose of the contact office is to render every possible assistance to discharge members of the armed forces, and their dependents, in obtaining benefits to which they may be entitled under the laws administered by the Veterans Administration. The objective is to promote the prompt and efficient processing and adjudication of claims by advising and counseling with claimants, beneficiaries, and other individuals.

This office is not to be confused with the Person County Veterans Service office, located in the basement of the courthouse and managed by Bob Whitten. The two offices have no connection.

Mr. Smith formerly served in Germany with the 26th Armored Division and was discharged in October. He was recently transferred from the contact unit in Greensboro to open the office here.

## Saturday Is Last Day To Register

Registration books will be closed at sunset Saturday, May 11, for voting in the Democratic primary on May 25. W. H. Harris, III, chairman of the Person County board of elections, said today in urging all citizens who expect to vote to be sure their names are registered by closing time.

Mr. Harris said he wanted especially to urge veterans to register if they have not already done so. Many veterans, he pointed out, voted while in the Army by special registration, but such registration was temporary and ceased to be in effect when the serviceman was discharged. If the veteran wishes to vote in the primary, he must get permanent registration unless he was permanently registered before he went into service.

The 17 polling places in the county will be open from 9 a. m. to sunset Saturday for registration.

No registration shall be allowed on the day of the primary, except that if any person shall become qualified to register and vote, after the time for registration has expired, he shall be allowed to register at election day.

Any person who has become 21 years old between the time when the books closed for registration and the day of the primary, or the next general election and who is otherwise a qualified voter, and who desires to register and vote as a member of a political party, may do so.

Mr. Harris said that some precincts have reported heavy registration, since the books were opened on April 27. It is expected that voting in the primary will be heavier in the county this year than it has been in some time. A number of local contests, plus a warm Congressional race, have resulted in an increase in political interest and activity here during recent weeks.

## Will Demonstrate Sheep Shearing On Rogers Farm

H. M. Stamey, of State College Livestock Extension force, will be on the farm of H. Roy Rogers, of the Bushy Fork community, to give a demonstration on sheep shearing Tuesday, May 14, at 9 a. m., using the latest available make of electric shears.

Mr. Stamey will shear three head, and it is the plan to have farmers present shear one or more head. Mr. Stamey is a specialist along this line. All sheep growers are invited to attend this demonstration to learn more about the best way to shear sheep.

By shearing one or more sheep under the direction of an expert, you will be able to do a better job of shearing your flock, County Agent H. K. Sanders said.

## Person Boy Writes Article For 'Post'

Dwight L. Gentry, Person County youth who is now working for his master's degree at the Northwestern Graduate School of Commerce, has a lengthy article in the May 11 issue of the Saturday Evening Post, well known national magazine.

"Should We Have a More Democratic Army?" is the title of the article, with Gentry, a veteran of World War II, taking the negative side. An article giving affirmative views, written by a former "Stars and Stripes" reporter, appears alongside Gentry's.

Gentry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Gentry of Allensville community. He attended Allensville high school and Elon College. He entered the Army in 1941 as a private, became a non-commissioned officer, and, after 18 months, was commissioned a second lieutenant. Later he was promoted to first lieutenant.

He was a member of the 115th Infantry Regiment of the 29th Division, and served in France, Holland and Germany. He was wounded in action four times, the last time the final ten months of his Army career in various hospitals. He holds the Purple Heart with three clusters, and the Bronze Star with three clusters, and the Silver Star, the latter having been awarded for "gallantry in action."

He is 26 years old, and recently he was married to Lt. Alice K. McGirt, Army Nurse Corps, formerly of Hamlet. He plans to go into advertising or personnel work.