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## Roxboro Wins First Annual Person County Field Meet

Fitz Davis and Miss Mary Woody Mainly Responsible in Roxboro Victory

### FOUR SCHOOLS COMPETED

The Roxboro High School ran away with high honors in the first annual Person County Field and Track Meet, which was held last Saturday on the local High School athletic field. Bushy Fork, Roxboro, Allensville and Bethel Hill High schools were all represented with a large number of contestants. The day was ideal for such an occasion and a large crowd of interested spectators was present to witness the efforts of the young athletes.

Fitz Davis, an unusually promising athlete, upheld his reputation by individual honors, a total of 29 points being placed to his credit. His teammate, Franklin Long, came second with 22 points. Gentry, representing Allensville, was third with 13 points. Miss Mary Woody, for Roxboro, scored a decided victory over her opponents, with a total of 12 points. Gentry for Allensville was second with seven points, while Bowles for Bushy Fork took third place with six points. Scoring by schools was as follows: Roxboro, 87.5; Bethel Hill 33.5; Allensville 23; and Bushy Fork 16.

The meet was very efficiently handled by the Committee from the Rotary Club and the various events were run off in rapid order. As a whole the day was successful, and it is hoped to make this an annual event between the schools of the County. The Committee in charge is grateful to the merchants of Roxboro for the loyal support extended to them by this work. Every merchant who was approached seemed glad of the opportunity to lend their encouragement to the boys and girls. The proceeds of the day will be applied to the new gymnasium.

Following is a list of the events: 100-yard dash, Davis, Roxboro, first; F. Long, Roxboro, second; Masten, Roxboro, third; 50 yard dash, Woody, Roxboro, first; White, Bethel Hill, second; Gentry, Allensville, third; Standing broad jump, Carver, Roxboro, first; Davis, Roxboro, second; Masten, Roxboro, third; Pig-a-back race, Montague and Montague, Bethel Hill, first; Winstead and Winstead, Roxboro, second; Abbitt and O'Brian, Roxboro, third; Basketball throw, Long, Roxboro, first; Walker, Bethel Hill, second; Oliver, Bushy Fork, third; Girls' three-legged race, Bowles and Bradsher, Bushy Fork, first; Woody and Cole, Roxboro, second; Girls' standing broad jump, Bradsher, Bushy Fork, first; Gentry, Allensville, second; Woody, Roxboro, third; 440-yard dash, Davis, Roxboro, first; Long, Roxboro, second; Perkins, Roxboro, third.

Pole Vault, Davis, Roxboro, first; Gentry, Allensville, second; Girls' basketball throw, C. Bowler, Bushy Fork, first; Maxine Wrenn, Bethel Hill, second; Mary Wrenn, Bethel Hill, third; Girls' basketball throw, Mary Wrenn, Bethel Hill, first; Z. Bowles, Bushy Fork, second; C. Bowler, Bushy Fork, third; Girls' relay race, Roxboro, first; Bethel Hill, second; Bushy Fork, third; Sack race, Warren, Roxboro, first; Walker, Bethel Hill, second; Abbitt, Roxboro, third; Girls' sack race, Woody, Roxboro, first; Duncan, Roxboro, second; Pulley, Bethel Hill, third; Three-legged race, Featherston and Long, Roxboro, first; Gentry and Slaughter, Allensville, second; Wilkerson and Whitfield, Bushy Fork, third; Baseball throw, Long, Roxboro, first; Slaughter, Allensville, second; Walker, Bethel Hill, third; 220 yard dash, Davis, Roxboro, first; Masten, Roxboro, second; Long, Roxboro, third; Girls' high jump, Maxine Wrenn, Bethel Hill, first; Meadows, Roxboro, second; High Jump, B. Gentry, Allensville, first; Davis, Roxboro, second; Running broad jump, Long, Roxboro, first; Davis, Roxboro, second; Walker, Bethel Hill, third; Girls' running broad, Woody, Roxboro, first; Gentry, Allensville, second; Pulcher, Roxboro, third; Half mile, Gentry, Allensville, first; Montague, Bethel Hill, second; Perkins, Roxboro, third; Shot put, Walker, Bethel Hill, first; Carver, Roxboro, second; Whilbro, Bethel Hill, third.

The ball games in the afternoon were well played and hard fought. Bethel Hill beat Roxboro by a score of 2 to 1 in the first game. The second game, Bushy Fork versus Roxboro, was called on account of darkness with the score tied at 7-7. The program committee in charge of the events was as follows: Eddie Hill, Chairman; Charles Harris, the

## Tragic Death At Grade Crossing

L. H. Oakley Killed Instantly by South Bound Train

Mr. Lew H. Oakley, aged about 70, was instantly killed about 1 p. m. this Wednesday afternoon, when he was run over by the southbound Norfolk & Western freight train at the Depot crossing. Mr. Oakley was trying to get across the tracks when struck. The flagman states that he called to the man, and then grabbed him in an attempt to pull him from the tracks, almost being dragged under the wheels himself. The body was dragged probably about 80 feet, and was badly mangled. As we go to press, funeral arrangements had not, of course been made.

## Baptists To Build a Parsonage at Providence

Dan River Township will at a very early date have the distinction of carrying within her borders a modern, up-to-date parsonage or parsonage, which will likely cost around \$2,000.00. This preacher's home, located on highway No. 14, near Providence, Baptist church, will be occupied by Rev. W. S. Tillman, pastor of the Providence, Blanche, Milton and Beulah churches.

It is understood that plans are being made to make of this parsonage a house that will be a credit to the church and the county. A number of wagons belonging to the members of the church and other residents of the community have been hauling logs out of the woods from which to cut the lumber for the dwelling.

The location selected for the house is a beautiful one, in the midst of a grove, just off of the highway, but in plain sight. The Baptists are to be congratulated on this very worthy enterprise, and Mr. Tillman is to be congratulated on the prospect of having a modern home well situated in which to live. Gaswell Messenger.

## Presbyterian Church

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m., H. L. Crowell, Supt. Morning service at 11 a. m., sermon by the Pastor.

Sunday School at Mitchell Chapel at 2 p. m. Preaching at Warren's Grove school at 4 p. m.

We ask that every member pray for the Union Meeting to be held May 30-June 10.

P. CARY ADAMS, Pastor.

## Officers Renominated

At the mass-meeting held in the court house last night all of the old officers were re-nominated as follows: For Mayor: Robert P. Burns. For Commissioners: E. O. Long, W. C. Bullock, J. M. O'Brian, N. S. Thompson and G. J. Cushman.

## Tax Listing Notice

I will be at the following places for the purpose of listing your taxes for 1927: Roseville: Tuesday, May 3rd, Hester Wagstaff's Store; Thursday, May 5th: F. D. Long's Store, Saturday, May 7th.

Mess. R. C. Heater and J. M. Brewer will be with me for the purpose of revaluing the land. T. C. WAGSTAFF, Tax Lister.

## Lieutenant Walker Dead

Washington, April 26.—The death of Lieutenant Claiborne J. Walker, aboard the destroyer McCormick, at Shanghai was reported to the navy department today by Admiral Williams, who attributed the cause to gunshot wounds, self-inflicted.

Broadhead, John Morris; Gary Adams and Norman Kinkead.

Marion Davies with Antonio Moreno in "Beverly of Graustark" a Cosmopolitan Production, Palace Theatre Friday April 29th.

## Japan Will Take Big Delegation to Meet

Geneva, April 26.—Japan's delegation to the three-power naval conference, it was announced tonight, will number 50 persons. Present indications are that the conference will be confronted by numerous difficulties. One report is that Great Britain may favor abolition of big seagoing submarines. This caused considerable comment as the experts deem it likely that the United States would insist upon the maintenance of this type for communication with outlying possessions.

## MUSIC AT ROXBORO HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

At the time when the outline of the program for the commencement of the Roxboro High School was prepared last week, it had not been definitely decided when the recital of Miss Southall's music class would take place. It has now been decided that it will be on Friday night, May 20th, in the high school auditorium. All lovers of good music will want to be sure to be on hand for that recital.

As suggested last week, we expect to make music a prominent feature of commencement. Mrs. A. M. Burns and Mrs. J. A. Long, Jr., have kindly consented to arrange the musical program for Commencement Sunday, May 29th. This gives assurance that the music will be an attractive feature on that occasion.

## James B. Blackwell

Another grand old Confederate veteran has answered the final roll call and gone to join the beloved Lee and Jackson he loved so well and followed so bravely through the Confederate war in a cause they thought was just and right. This grand old man, James B. Blackwell, was an honored son of Person County and the proud father of Lester Blackwell of the recent World war, who won for himself and nation, fame and honor that will live as long as "Old Glory" continues to whisper the silent message, that American Liberty, together with world wide safety for the human family, was made a living reality by such as he. This fine old man reached the coveted age of more than four score years and the silent call came to him at his home at Mehane, N. C. Sunday morning, April 25th. Interment was made in the town cemetery Monday in the midst of a large crowd of friends and relatives.

## Dinner For The Old Veterans

The Confederate Veterans Re-union will be held in Roxboro on Saturday May 7th, 1927. After the business session of the Veterans the usual services will be held in the graded school auditorium. The address will be delivered by Mr. William Unstead, of Durham. Following the address dinner will be served to the Veterans by the Daughters. Every Veteran and his wife are cordially invited to be the guests of the Daughters on this occasion.

## Annual Spring Sale

The Women's Auxiliary of St. Mark's Church will hold their annual Spring sale of childrens clothes, fancy articles and candy Saturday morning, April 30th, at the Carolina Power & Light Co., beginning at 10 a. m. Your patronage is solicited.

## Services At St. Mark's

Rev. Sidney Bost of Durham will conduct a mission at St. Mark's Episcopal Church beginning May 2, and lasting through the week. Services will be held every evening at 8 o'clock. Mr. Bost is a fine speaker, and every one is cordially invited to come out and hear him.

## Wrestling

For the first time in the history of Roxboro there will be an exhibition wrestling contest in the new gym Monday night, May 2nd, 8 o'clock. This contest will be between local boys of the Roxboro High School and those who come out will be treated to some fast mat work. Admission 15 cents.

## Interesting Farm Notes of Person Co.

Terracing Work Going Forward. Fowl Typhoid In 3 Sections of the County

### O. F. MCCRARY PAYS VISIT

Terracing went right along on three farms last week as follows: J. M. Brewer, P. D. Long, Jno. R. Bradsher and C. Y. Hurdle. In less than five days after the lines were laid off, Messrs. Brewer and Long had them thrown up like they meant business. The others will do the same, but the agent has not been able to inspect the terraces since the lines were laid off. It certainly is a pleasure to work with people who do things right. Mr. J. B. Clayton at Leasburg showed. (Continued On Page Eight)

## In Second Place School Contest



Miss Belva Ashcraft of Beardsown, Ill., with a record of 11 years, 10 months of school attendance, without having missed a day of being truly, this week jumped into second place. As announced last week, three pupils have been found with a record of 12 years perfect attendance, being for first place.

## The Peoples Bank Passes Resolutions

Resolutions Adopted By Board Of Directors of The Peoples Bank, Roxboro

IN SESSION APRIL 23

We commend the Legislature of 1927 and approve of the Law requiring all Counties in the State to settle its Taxes in full by May 1st. All such taxes not being paid to be advertised and sold for taxes. We believe this a good law and should prove beneficial to all. Due to conditions that have existed in Person County for the past five years, we believe our people have done the very best they could under the circumstances and used the money received from the 1926 crop to the very best advantage and paid it out as far as it would go towards debts and taxes, some of them paying two years taxes last year.

Knowledge of this Law having been given to the public at a very recent date and coming more or less like a bolt out of a clear sky, has caught numbers of our good citizens unprepared to pay their taxes and in a way not giving them a fair chance to protect themselves. Realizing the hardship that this Law will have upon lots of people we are going on record as favoring an extension of time until Dec. 1st, 1927, and hereby urge our worthy Commissioners to grant this extension of time.

A copy of this resolution to be mailed to Attorney General Brummitt, Dr. E. C. Brooks, the Board of County Commissioners and to the Roxboro Courier.

Adopted by unanimous vote of our Board of Directors at its meeting April 23rd, 1927. Nineteen members of the Board present.

E. G. LONG, Secretary.

## Charging Mississippi River Rolls Across New Ground And Takes In Three States

Driving the Homeless Before It. The Flood Claims New Victims Here and There

### DEATH LIST PAST 100 MARK

Memphis, Tenn., April 25.—Swiftly and irresistibly the flood waters of the changing Mississippi river and its tributaries rolled across new ground today in three states, Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana, inundating half a dozen more additional towns and thousands of acres of farm land.

Driving the homeless before it, the floods claimed new victims here and there, swallowing up a Mississippi national guard rescue worker near Greenville, an Arkansas planter near Pine Bluff, and the captain of a government craft assisting in levee strengthening on the Arkansas river near Gould.

With the known death list past the one hundred mark, estimates of the total fatalities up to this time ranged from 300 to 500. Rescue workers in the Mississippi delta region fear that many lost their lives today as the flood waters continue across that region.

In the absence of any official estimates, varying calculations of the damage over the 9,500 square miles of water covered areas were made by business men here. These ranged all the way from one hundred million to half a billion dollars.

### The Flood at a Glance

Flood waters have overrun at least six more towns in Arkansas and Mississippi. Additional thousands of acres of farm lands also have been inundated. The homeless now number more than one hundred and fifty thousand with the Red Cross preparing to care for more than two hundred thousand before the floods have run their course.

Fears are entertained by officials that the known death list of a little more than one hundred had been greatly augmented by the rush of waters down the Mississippi delta.

Cotton factors and mercantile experts of Memphis variously estimate the flood damage to date at from one hundred million dollars to half a billion dollars.

With Arkansas City already under backwater and a deserted town, Helena, Ark., higher up the river, was threatened by levee seepage.

Breaks in small levees on streams in both north and south Louisiana are reported with refugees streaming into nearby towns.

The Mississippi river is rising steadily between Natchez and New Orleans with army engineers gravely concerned about the safety of the south's largest city.

Full resources of the government for food relief work are pledged by Secretary Hoover as he begins personal survey of the situation as to coordinate and expand rescue work and relief facilities.

Evacuation of refugees to large concentration camps goes forward steadily while hundreds of small craft dart here and there in the flood rescuing those who seek refuge on levees, house-tops, mounds and in trees.

The picture you've been waiting to see "Beverly of Graustark" with Marion Davies, Palace Theatre, Friday April 29th.

## Louisiana National Guard is Called Out

New Orleans, April 26.—The entire Louisiana national guard was ordered out tonight by Adjutant General L. A. Tomb. The order, General Tomb said, was a precautionary measure to meet any possible developments in the flood situation.

## Helena H. S. Commencement

Helena High School Commencement will begin Friday evening April 29, at 7:45 o'clock with a pageant, "America, yesterday and Today." This program will be the only pay program during commencement. One interesting feature of this program is that every boy and girl enrolled in school will be in it. All ages and many nations will be represented during the evening from the American Indian to the modern day. The admission for this program will be 25 and 35 cents.

Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, Dr. Edmond D. Soper of Duke University will give the Baccalaureate Sermon in the auditorium of the school.

Friday night, May 6, the reader and declaimers contests will be held. The First National Bank of Roxboro will present the winner of the readers contest with a five dollar bank account.

Saturday, May 1, at 2:00 o'clock, Class Day program, and Saturday evening at 8:00 o'clock the graduation exercises and Literary Address by Dr. Hubert M. Poteat of Wake Forest College.

The Helena School and community consider themselves fortunate in securing such noted men as Dr. Soper and Dr. Poteat for these exercises.

The public is cordially invited to all of the services. More will follow next week about this program.

## Red Cross

The National Committee has asked that Roxboro give \$450 to relieve the suffering of the flooded district of the South. You have read the papers and know what that need is, so send checks to Mrs. A. M. Burns, Roxboro, N. C. We must help these people, 1,000,000 of whom are without homes.

P. CARY ADAMS.

## Meeting Of Womans' Club

The Womans' Club will hold their regular meeting on next Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock in their hall. Every member is urged to be present as important business is to come before the club. Secretary.

## Cake Sale

Get your cakes Saturday from Carolina Power & Light Company's store from 9:30 to 11:30 a. m. This sale is for the benefit of the Edgar Long Memorial Methodist Church. Your patronage is solicited and will be appreciated.

## Christianity And Business

"To be a first-rate business man does not involve being a fourth-rate Christian."

"Buying, possessing, accumulating—this is not worldliness. But doing this in the love of it, with no love of God paramount—doing it so that thoughts of eternity and God are an intrusion, doing it so that one's spirit secularized in the process; this is worldliness."—Herrick Johnson.

Sunday School 10 a. m., R. L. Wilburn, Supt.

Preaching 11 a. m., subject: "The Spirit of God in the Church of Christ." 3:00 p. m., subject: "What Do Your Neighbors See?"

B. Y. P. U.'s 7:00 p. m., General B. Y. P. U. 7:45 p. m., Dr. H. M. Beam, director.

"Only fear the Lord, and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider how great things He hath done for you." 2 Sam. 12:24.

A cordial welcome is extended to all.

The First Baptist Church, W. F. WEST Pastor.

## Court Week

Court did not meet on Monday, as Judge Garland E. Midgett was tied up with a case in Oxford. He arrived yesterday morning, and with Solicitor Unstead, got right down to business and during the day much business was put through, there being only one jury case, several admissions were noted. Judgments have not been handed down yet, but we will give full proceedings in our next issue.

Nothing of great note is on the docket, the case of most interest being that against Obe Cothran and others, for shooting deputy sheriff Frank Bradsher. This case is docketed for hearing today.

## Handsome Electric Sign

The Newells, among the most progressive firms of our town, has swung to the breeze a very handsome electric sign. They say they are just a whisper off of Main Street and you are invited to walk down and see this beautiful sign.

## Episcopal Services

Rev. DeC. Mazzyk will hold services Sunday morning at 11 a. m., and Sunday evening at 7:45 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

Milton Sills with Viola Dana in "The Silent Lover" at Palace Theatre Monday and Tuesday, May 2—3rd.