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THURSDAY, JUNE 18TH, 1936

Now comes official news that work will start on the Hurdle Mills road in a very short time. The road will be an all weather road and will eventually go as far as Hillsboro.

Mr. R. L. Harris, representative for Person County, has spent much time on this project and has been in constant touch with Mr. Waynick, head of the N. C. highways.

Hurdle Mills people deserve this road and they have been wanting it for a long time. Now it is definite that it will come through.

Why not give Representative Harris a big hand at this time. He has done much for this county and did it all at his own expense. He was not a candidate for re-election to the House this year, but he certainly made a good representative while he was there. Person County people should, and do, appreciate what he did while he was there representative. His record in Raleigh speaks for itself. His record in Roxboro also speaks for itself.

Even though this gentleman is not going back to Raleigh this year, we are sure that he will continue to do all that he can for this county. He doesn't have to hold a position in order to work for his county and you can depend absolutely upon what he says.

That brings on more talk. It's a fine thing to know a man like that. It's really a relief to talk with any individual who doesn't beat about the bush, but tells you now where he stands and then stands there.

Mr. Harris has power in the State of North Carolina. He didn't get his power just by contact with other individuals, but by proving to people all over the state that he was a capable man.

Person County is fortunate to have an individual of this kind.

The bonus has been paid. The boys have either the bonds or the cash and we have an idea that it is coming in a very good time.

It has been said that much of the first bonus payment was spent unwisely, but we have an idea that the last payment will be spent in a different manner.

The boys are older. They have been through a real depression and we have an idea that they are going to make their money do something for them that will really amount to something.

One ex-service man told us that he was going to put his money in a house, one said that he was going to catch up on his bills, another said he was not going to have his bonds cashed until he absolutely had to have the money. A colored fellow said he was going to build some kind of a house. They all mean to do the right thing with the money and that is as it should be.

They went through a terrible ordeal before they were eligible for the money.

So far there has been little said in Person County concerning the second primary that is to take place on July 4th.

The race between the two men who would be governor of this great state has been slow in starting the second time. It will probably get warm before this paper is printed again.

It's hard to tell how many Person County people will vote in the second primary. This county could cast around five thousand votes, but it never does. July 4th may be a good

day for voting or it may not be. An effort will have to be made to get the vote out on this day or the vote will stay at home. The race for the nomination as representative for this county will attract many to the polls. More local races would attract more votes. The total is just a guess.

Dear City Dads,
Thanks for the tax reduction. Please come again and please don't cut our water off during the hot summer months. We promise to pay this fall when business picks up.

Arline And Bobby Ann Hall Hostesses

Little Misses Arline and Bobby Ann Hall entertained a number of their little friends on the lawn at their home on Court street Monday afternoon in honor of their cousin, Patsy Dow Harvey, of Max Meadows, Va.

After playing games, recitations, tap-dancing and story telling they were invited to the den to beautiful appointed card tables, where ice cream, cake and candy were served. The little honoree was presented a useful gift from the hostesses.

Tuesday Bridge Club Meets

On Tuesday morning of this week Mrs. Oveida Long was hostess to the Tuesday bridge club and several invited guests at her home on Lamar street.

Three tables were arranged amid a pretty setting of summer flowers. For several hours the delightful game was enjoyed. Scores were later added and Mrs. S. A. Jones was given a pretty prize for club high score, while Mrs. S. M. Ford was given an attractive award for visitor's high score.

Mrs. Long served her guests a delicious two-course luncheon following the game.

Mrs. Henry Walker Has Pretty Party

Mrs. Henry Walker was hostess at a pretty party given at her home on South Main street Tuesday night. A profusion of sweet peas and other varieties of summer flowers made the home especially attractive for the occasion.

The club game of bridge was enjoyed at two tables. Following several spirited progressions, scores were added and the hostess presented Mrs. Bill Walker prize for winning club high score and Mrs. G. I. Prilliman a gift for visitor's high score. Miss Winnie Wilburn, bride-elect, was presented a dainty luncheon set.

Mrs. Walker served a very tempting salad course to her guests as follows: Mesdames Wallace Harris, Bill Walker, Landon Harvey, Ted Shaw, G. I. Prilliman, Lawrence Woods; Misses Nellie Smith and Winnie Wilburn.

Philadelphia Record Records History of Bradsher Davis

Following Article Taken From Record of June 12th, 1936. Davis Well Known Here Where He Lived All His Life and Attended High School.

STORY READ WITH MUCH INTEREST BY LOCAL PEOPLE

The following article was clipped from the Philadelphia Record of June 12th and mailed to Martin Michie of this city. It will prove to be interesting to many people here.

Philadelphia, Pa.—For more than a year slot machines have provided a leisurely and pleasant living for Bradsher Davis, young Roxborough, N. C., man who made good in the cities. They support his mother, too.

Bradsher is no slot machine racketeer. The racketeers hate him like they hate a police raiding squad. Slugs. That's his system. He buys them at \$4 a thousand, plays the machines high, wide and handsome and walks out with plenty of good coin of the realm. For every time Bradsher hits a winning combination on the gambling devices, he gets a shower of real quarters or dimes for his slugs.

Pickings Good
The great idea came to Bradsher just after he ended his second year at college. He didn't go back to classes last year. The pickings were too good. He may sometimes, after he's saved enough. But he smiled at most of this year's crop of commencement addresses.

Bradsher, 23, was reading a theatrical magazine. He noticed an advertisement for slugs, used mostly by carnivalists for semi-legal games.

A lawyer friend had just told him slot machines were illegal in every State in the Union. Why not do a little racketeering on the racketeers?

Sends Clothes Home
Bradsher sent for some of the slugs and tried them in machines at Pinehurst and Asheville. They worked perfectly.

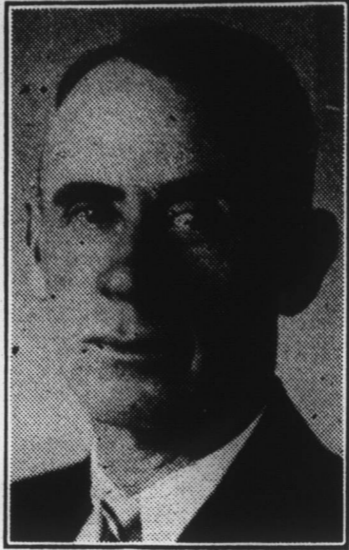
Then he worked out his system. He travels "light"—nothing but a toothbrush, one suit and one set of linen. He finds climates change about every new city he works, so he acquires a nice wardrobe in each, sends it home, when he leaves and buys a new one in the next city. His mother's home is all cluttered up with expensive clothes.

He doesn't bother carrying the slugs, either. His grapevine tells him of some new city that's opening wide for the slot machines. So he just mails an order to the manufacturer and has the slugs delivered to that city. They're awaiting him when he arrives.

High Hotel Bills
Bradsher wintered in Florida. His hotel bills averaged \$11 a day. But he always had plenty of money left to buy clothes, have the time of his life and send money home to mother.

He played Miami five weeks, until the racketeers' own grapevine broadcast his description. Then he did Palm Beach, Tampa, St. Augustine and the rest.

"No," he answers. "I've been



ED P. WARREN
Candidate for Democratic Nomination for House of Representatives from Person County.

caught dozens of times. The last five coins played in the machines show through glass. It's easy enough to get caught.

"But nobody ever hit me. I just shrug and leave. They know the machines are illegal. There's nothing they can do about it.

"Sometimes when the management get suspicious about my playing a machine too long, I change two or three dollars, cautiously stick the quarters in my pocket and go right on playing with the slugs. That usually works."

Paid Off in Slugs

Bradsher is dark, handsome, perfectly dressed—and very plausible. He worked Chicago after the Florida season closed. He played two hours on one of his first machines there, then hit the "jack-pot." The machine delivered most of the \$17 in his own slugs.

"I raised hell," he said. "The management finally took the slugs and paid off in cash. The manager was pretty suspicious, though, so I left after that."

Just out of curiosity, he kept records for a while on how much the racketeers took from the public. He figured he got \$7 for every \$10 in slugs he played.

Bradsher never uses a slug in a telephone booth or any legitimate coin machine. The law protects them.

Off For Washington

He let two old friends in on his idea several months ago. They got too greedy and used the non-magnetic slugs to phone friends long distance. Both of them are in jail now. But Bradsher says he warned them.

Pittsburgh followed Chicago. He picked up his slugs, got a shave and haircut and found a slot machine in the barber shop. He paid for the service, tipped the barber liberally and left with \$11.75 profit.

Philadelphia is closed tight now, but Bradsher thought he'd just like to see the town. Then his grapevine brought good news from Washington. Somebody is winking, he heard, and the machines are appearing.

So he's off for the capital, tooth-

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brush and all. He always wanted to see Washington, too.

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