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LARGEST FIRE IN YEARS SWEEPS ROXBORO TODAY

Blaze Started About 10:00 A. M. In Basement of Raiff Store or G. W. Thomas and Spread Over Both Stores in Short Order. Estimated Damage to Buildings and Merchandise Approximately \$100,000.

CA-VEL FIRE DEPARTMENT RUSHED TO SCENE OF ACTION IN EXACTLY THREE MINUTES AFTER THE CALL HAD BEEN PLACED

Three Stores and Stock Damaged; Raiff's Store, Thomas Hardware and Hambrick, Austin & Thomas Drug Store.

The largest fire in a number of years swept two stores in Roxboro today, a number of offices over one store and an untold amount of smoke and heat damage to a third.

The fire started in the basement of G. W. Thomas Hardware or in the basement of Raiff's Store. No one appeared to know exactly where it started. It was discovered about 10:00 a. m. and quickly spread.

Raiff's Store and G. W. Thomas Hardware was the scene of the fire although Hambrick, Austin and Thomas suffered smoke and heat damage that will run into a large amount of money. The estimated damage by conservative business men of this city has been placed at a hundred thousand dollars. It may run over that.

The Ca-Vel fire department was called to help in the fight soon after the fire began to spread. Ca-Vel reached Roxboro in exactly three minutes after the call was put in and they rendered most valuable assistance from that time until the fire was out.

Fire Chief Frank Bennett was called from Durham to render advice. The report is that Chief Bennett drove from Durham to Roxboro, 30 miles, in twenty-two minutes.

For a long time it looked as though the entire block from Wilburn and Satterfield through the First National Bank would be swept away. The fire actually did not reach the drug store of Hambrick, Austin and Thomas, but the heat was so terrific in this building that paper in it burned to a crisp. There was also a large amount of smoke damage.

Hundreds of people lined the streets to watch the firemen and to render what assistance they could. Every person in the crowd was afraid that Roxboro might lose one entire section of Main street.

The firemen fought the fire from the rear of the buildings for a short while and then surrounded it on three sides as well as on top. They were not able to play the stream of water directly on the fire as it could not be located on account of the smoke. It was impossible to enter Raiff's Store after the firemen had been on hand ten minutes.

Eight offices over Raiff's Store were practically destroyed and their contents are either destroyed or badly damaged. The merchandise in Raiff's Store is in bad shape.

The hardware stock in Thomas Hardware is damaged to a large extent and may be considered practically worthless.

Both stores, in one building, are in terrible shape with the exception of the walls. Damage there cannot yet be determined.

A number of the stores and offices were covered by insurance. Some did not have much coverage. Shortly before twelve o'clock the fire was brought under control.

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CAKE AND PIE SALE

Circle No. 4 of the First Baptist church of Roxboro will have a cake and pie sale at Pass Furniture store Saturday morning, November 21st, at 10:30 o'clock. Come, buy your Sunday cakes.

P.T.A. PRIZES WON BY MISS HARRIS'S ROOM AND DUNLOP

Membership List Grew From 75 Members to 121 Members During This Drive.

Miss Claire Harris's fifth grade and Mr. Dunlop's home room won the prizes offered in the P.T.A. contest.

Both rooms won pictures. The prize pictures were offered by Mrs. R. C. Hall and Mr. B. B. Knight to the grade having the greatest number of "paid-up" P.T.A. members. Mrs. Hall's prize was a picture of a beautiful hunting scene and Mr. Knight's an oil painting of the "Whistling Boy." Congratulations to Miss Harris and Mr. Dunlop and their pupils. Thanks and deep appreciation to Mrs. Hall and Mr. Knight.

The membership list grew from 75 to 121 members. That was a very nice increase yet more parents and friends should join.

Mrs. V. O. Blalock and her 6 B pupils' program, carrying out the Book Week idea, was both interesting, worthwhile, well given and thoroughly enjoyed by the large number present for the meeting.

Please notice the change in the date for the next P. T. A. meeting. Due to the date of Christmas holidays the meeting will be held in the Central School auditorium on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 8th. Watch your newspaper for other notices of P.T.A. meetings.

TAG DAY FOR CENTRAL SCHOOL

Saturday, November 21, 1936 will be known to all as "Tag Day" for Central School Library.

Some boys and girls will see you next Saturday, therefore prepare for their visit and please do not refuse to let these boys and girls tag you. Any silver (or greenback) offering you feel willing to give will help a very worthy cause and will be appreciated. Central School needs new library books.

Your help they will solicit.

SCHOOLS TO CLOSE DEC. 18TH FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Will Take Thursday and Friday of Next Week For Thanksgiving Holidays.

The schools of Person County will close for the Christmas holidays on Dec. 18th, and will re-open on Jan. 4th. These dates have been fixed as official, but will be optional with each school. If it is important that other dates be observed the schools have the permission of the school authorities to do so.

Thursday and Friday of next week have also been designated as Thanksgiving holidays. Work will be resumed on Monday morning.

All of the schools in the county have had a good year. There are several new buildings which have helped to relieve congestion in many buildings thus making progress easier. New equipment has been secured for several schools which also helps.

So far attendance has been good. This, in part, is due to the fact that there has been no bad weather and trucks have been able to run on schedule.

WOOD FOR SALE

Mr. W. J. Huff, Roxboro, N. C., is announcing in this week's Times the opening of a new concern for the people of this community.

Mr. Huff has on hand a large supply of dry pine and oak wood that he is offering to the public.

This new concern also has a saw and will be glad to saw and split the wood that you now have on hand.

For details see ad in today's paper.

Bertie County farmers have planted one of the largest acreages of winter legumes ever before seeded in the county, advises C. W. Overman, assistant farm agent.



MICHIGAN SCHOOL CHILDREN ARE FINGERPRINTED With the consent of their parents, Sergeant Ray Sullivan, of the Michigan State Police, is recording the fingerprints of two pupils of the East Grand Rapids public schools. Many states are adopting this form of permanent identification among school children.

TOBACCO AVERAGE CLIMBING HIGHER

Average For Season is \$25.21 and Appears to be Going Up Every Day.

AVERAGE \$20.26 FOR SEASON LAST YEAR

The Roxboro tobacco market has sold 2,395,078 pounds of tobacco this year at an official average of \$25.51. Last year, for the entire season the market sold over four million pounds of tobacco at an average of \$20.26.

The average for this year is steadily climbing. Many houses are averaging from 32 to 34 cents a sale. This should bring the average up much higher before the season ends. Roxboro had a large amount of common tobacco on hand at the opening of the season. This started the average rather low.

Some say that the crop in this county is seventy-five percent sold. Some say more, some say less. Everyone expects heavy sales between now and Thanksgiving and the crop will be about sold by Christmas.

Roxboro hoped to sell six million pounds this year, but it is doubtful if the market will reach that figure. Roxboro will sell a larger per cent of what remains in the county than it sold of what has already gone into the hands of the companies.

LIBRARY DATES

The Library at the Community House will be open every Monday and Thursday from 10:00 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.

THANKSGIVING TO BE OBSERVED IN PERSON COUNTY

Many Places of Business Will be Closed on This Day as People Take General Holiday.

The people of Roxboro and Person County will again observe Thanksgiving this year. Many will spend the day quietly at home, but will do their best to make life miserable for the turkey clan in this county.

A large number of business places will be closed during the entire day. Some will remain open for a few hours in the morning, but will close after lunch.

Many people will leave the city for the week-end. Many will attend football games, but a majority will remain at home and enjoy the day.

A partial list of the stores to be closed is in today's Times. Others will probably be closed, but failed to notify the paper.

MRS. MONK RETURNS HOME

Mrs. W. R. Monk returned home this week after being a patient at Watt's hospital for some time.

MANY THANKS AND A FEW TEARS

To the many people who have renewed their subscription to this paper this fall we render our sincere thanks. For those who have not yet done this nice thing we shed a few tears and urge you to please do so at once.

The expiration date of your subscription is on the label of your paper. Please turn to it now and if it reads that it has expired will you not make our heart rejoice by sending us a dollar?

Many thanks — We know you will.

MANAGER.

ANNUAL DRIVE FOR SCOUTS ON TODAY

Ten Teams in Field Meeting With Excellent Response From Business Men of Roxboro.

MUCH INTEREST SHOWN IN PERSON COUNTY

Members of the Roxboro Boy Scout Council are today, making their annual drive for funds for scout work in this county for another year.

This drive takes place once a year and local citizens respond very freely to this plea. Several hundred dollars are required in order that scout work may continue here from year to year.

Last night the solicitors for this drive met at Hotel Jones where they were served supper and later had a little pep meeting. Today, ten teams are making a round of the city and practically everyone is being asked to contribute something to this work.

Person County has seven Scout troops and there is a large amount of interest in Scouting. The business organizations behind Scouting is composed of about thirty prominent men of the city and county who meet once a month in order to discuss the affairs that relate to Scout work.

Laté reports today indicate that the drive has been successful so far. A few people will not be seen today, but all will be given a chance by tomorrow.

CLOSED THANKSGIVING DAY

The following stores will be closed on Thanksgiving; you are requested to make your purchases before this day.

- Aubrey Long & Co.
- Carl Winstead.
- Moore's Meat Market.
- Sergeant & Clayton.
- Hugh Woods.
- D. Pender.
- A. & P.
- Chas. Holeman & Co.
- L. W. Roark.
- Wilburn & Satterfield.
- Harris & Burns.
- Leggett's Dept. Store.

DR. FEARCE TO BE IN OFFICE OF DR. LONG

Dr. R. J. Pearce will meet all of his patients in the office of Dr. R. E. Long on Monday and will be there until further notice.

KIWANIS CHARTER NIGHT WILL BE ON DECEMBER 14TH

George Currier Chairman of Program; Elaborate Plans Being Made to Entertain Ladies and Other Guests.

YEAR ENDS ON THIS DATE FOR CLUB

On Monday night, December 14th, the Roxboro Kiwanis Club will observe its annual charter night and ladies night. The place of the meeting has not yet been decided upon.

This occasion is a big event in the life of the Roxboro Kiwanis Club and always proves to be the best meeting of the year. Many visitors are expected to attend as well as the wives and sweethearts of all the Kiwanians.

The meeting will be held either in the Community House or the hotel.

After this meeting the club will be turned over to the new officials for the coming year. Officially the year ends January 1st but the rule has been to wind it up with charter night.

Visiting Kiwanians are expected to attend from Oxford, Durham, Burlington, Reidsville and other cities near here.

The principal speaker of the occasion will be announced soon.

CENTRAL SCHOOL HAS BEEN GIVEN STANDARD RATING

Ca-Vel School Will Receive Credit Rating as Soon as Sixth Teacher Arrives.

Central School of Roxboro has been given a standard rating by the state school authorities at Raleigh. For several years this school has been striving for this rating but only received it this year. The work that has been done in the past has been satisfactory, but conditions were so crowded that it was impossible for this rating to be obtained. Extra room at the high school enabled Central School to move a number of students to the high school building.

Ca-Vel school will be given a credit rating as soon as the sixth teacher arrives which will be in a very short time.

These two new ratings speak well for the schools in Person County and mean much in the eyes of the authorities.

FIRE INSURANCE

If you need additional insurance on any property I will be glad to call and explain what complete coverage means.

I represent a number of old line companies and am at your service. KNIGHT'S INSURANCE AGENCY Roxboro, N. C.

SILVER, SILVER

Read our special silver ad on the back page. Take advantage of this special sale of 34-pc. sets of silver for \$13.75, (\$24.50 value), made by Holmes & Edwards, International Silver Co. One of the best buys of the year.

You will want your table to look good for Thanksgiving and Christmas. So why not buy a set today.

THE NEWELLS

Jewelers "Jewels From The Newells"