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## NEW TEXTBOOKS ARE COMING IN AT STATE CAPITAL

Some Two Million Books Will Be Placed in Circulation As Free Texts

RALEIGH, June 2.—The first shipment of the 2,000,000 or more textbooks which will be distributed through the state's new free textbook system this fall are already beginning to arrive, E. N. Peeler, executive secretary of the state free textbooks commission, said today. The first orders for the new books were placed some three weeks ago and shipments are expected to come in rapidly from now on.

The only textbooks which will be furnished free this year are the basal books in the elementary grades only, since the general assembly did not provide an appropriation sufficient to supply free textbooks to the high schools, or to provide any free supplemental books for the elementary schools. Children in the elementary schools will be able to rent the supplemental books as in the past, however, Peeler said. High school students will also be able to rent both basal and supplemental books, as in the past.

It is expected that the new free textbook system will reduce the cost of books to elementary children approximately 75 percent, and in some cases even more, since the rental cost of the supplementary books will be very slight.

The textbook commission has written to all county and city superintendents asking them to send in their orders for the various texts needed by the schools in their counties for the school term opening this fall, but these orders or estimates have not yet started coming in yet. Many of the schools already have most of the books they will need, since the books that heretofore have been a part of the rental system will automatically become a part of the new free textbook system.

City school systems which already have had their free textbook systems and which have the required basal books, will be reimbursed by the state textbook commission for these books. Where they have been furnishing free supplemental as well as free basal books, they will be permitted to continue doing this if they desire to, Peeler said.

## COUNTY P. T. A. TO MEET TUESDAY

State Superintendent Clyde Erwin to Address Members who Are Present

Mrs. N. L. Walker To Be On Program

Mrs. G. C. Vickers, president of the Person County P. T. A., has announced a county-wide meeting of all P. T. A. members in the Central School Tuesday evening at 8 P. M. All members of P. T. A.'s over the county are urged to be present.

Also anyone who is interested in this work is urged to be present. Mr. Clyde Erwin, state superintendent of education, will address those present. Mrs. N. L. Walker, first vice-president will also be on the program.

Mrs. Vickers is very anxious to have a large crowd present as she is sure that the program will be very interesting and instructive.

R. B. Griffin, superintendent of education in this county, is also particularly anxious that a large crowd be on hand Tuesday evening, June 8th. at 8:00 p. m.

## BEACH VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Thomas, Bud Thomas, Misses Marjorie Thomas, Elizabeth Michaels, Esther Thaxton and Katharine Harris are spending today at Virginia Beach.

Hay mixtures of barley and crimson clover and of oats and crimson clover are returning yields from 2 1-2 to 3 tons an acre in Rockingham County.

## SEVERE STORM HITS PERSON CO. THURS.

Rain Fell In Torrents For Over One Hour; Streets Flooded With Water

Lightning Hits Home Of J. E. Latta

Parts of Person County were visited by one of the worst rain storms of several years on Thursday of last week about 7:15 p. m.

Rain almost washed away certain parts of Roxboro and in some sections of the County tobacco hills were completely washed away. Many farmers will have to replant tobacco in certain sections.

In Roxboro the gutters were not able to handle the water and in some instances water ran from the street into the stores. After the rain many places on the hard surface roads were covered with dirt.

It was reported that lightning struck the house of J. E. Latta about one mile out on the Leasburg road. Mrs. J. T. Briant who lives there, was rendered unconscious by the shock and Mrs. Latta was slightly shocked. There was no serious injury.

Early Friday morning the city trucks were busy hauling sand and trash from the streets of Roxboro.

Generally speaking the rain received a warm welcome as tobacco was suffering very much due to a long dry spell.

## MEETING CONTINUES ANOTHER WEEK

Much Interest Being Manifested In Meeting At Providence Baptist Church

The Evangelistic meetings which began at Providence Baptist Church last Sunday are being attended by large crowds and unusual interest is being manifested. The older members of the church are very happy over the fine spirit that is being shown.

The choir, under the leadership of Mr. Thomas Perkins, is one of the best in the county, and is rendering fine music and superb Gospel singing.

The meeting will continue through out the coming week. One special feature of the meeting is the presence of the old time Mourners Bench. There were around fifty that knelt around it Thursday night. Services are each eve. at 7:30. The preaching is being done by the pastor, Rev. J. L. Coley.

The church is very fortunate in having electric lights.

## VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL TO START

Will Begin Monday Morning At Presbyterian Church; Miss Hough In Charge

A vacation Church School will begin Monday morning at the Presbyterian Church of this city. This school will continue through Friday, June 11th.

Miss Amelia Hough, a graduate of the Assembly's Training School of Richmond, will be in charge. She will be assisted by several local church workers of the Presbyterian Church.

The school will be in session once every morning on the days mentioned above.

Miss Hough and Rev. Hamilton, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, will meet with all the workers this afternoon. At this time more announcements will be made.

## Philathea Class Meets Tuesday

The Philathea Class of the First Baptist Church will meet Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock at the First Baptist Church.

## Birth Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Thomas of Washington, D. C. are receiving congratulations on the birth of a baby boy.

## LIGHTNING SET FIRE TO BARN

Pack Barn Of Mr. Winstead In Olive Hill Section Burned To Ground

On last Thursday night as the storm was raging in Person County many things were happening. The rain was about as hard as had been seen, but in addition to this lightning was also flashing.

The pack barn of Charlie "Jack" Winstead, Olive Hill, was struck between 7:30 and 8:00 p. m. and immediately burned to the ground. There was very little of value in the barn except a few tobacco sticks. It is understood that the building was a complete loss.

There was some wind mixed with the rain which did a little damage to trees, but none to any buildings.

Rain fell again on Friday night but not as hard as it did on Thursday and from all reports everyone was glad that it was not as hard.

## MUCH TOBACCO WAS REPLANTED FRIDAY

Practically Every Farmer Had Plants Enough In Spite Of Blue Mold

The Farmers of Person County have just finished their second busy season since the first of the year. Many are not through, but will finish soon. All have been busy replanting tobacco since the rain last Thursday night.

Some farmers reported that they had to replant 40 per cent of their crop although not many had that much work to do.

There has been no shortage of plants in this county. Some few ran out of plants and one case was reported where a plant bed was raided Thurs. night. Another prominent farmer ran short and sent to Greenville for plants. However, taking the county as a whole there has been no plant shortage.

If rain continues at the proper intervals this county will produce a large crop of tobacco.

## Old Advertisements Chart To State History Trends

Minor Social And Economic Influences During Period Of State's Making

By STELLA W. ANDERSON. From News & Observer.

A study of the advertisements which appeared in North Carolina papers as early as 1829, reveal an accurate yet an almost unbelievable history of the people of the state, in that period.

Today they are particularly interesting because they mirror the time when North Carolina was in the making, a time which presents such a great contrast to the present. The economic, social, moral and educational trends of the state, a century ago, and reflected in the advertisements of the hand-set weekly papers, which in their day, were probably considered as relatively important as the largest dailies now published in North Carolina.

It is true the ads were not large in size and type, and could boast of few illustrations, yet they were no doubt as well read as eagerly as any of the full pages in the current papers upon which artists and copy-writers combine their best efforts. At that time many advertisements were given the preferred position of the front page.

Legal notices occupied much of the space, but saddle making, cabinet work, gold mines, taverns, lands, negroes, iron, beeves, medicine and even a few stores came in for their share.

### Gold Mines.

Weekly issues of the Milton Gazette, and the Roanoke Advertiser, North Carolina Journal, and the Newbern Sentinel, published in

April and May, 1830, 107 years ago, showed that gold was found in profitable quantities near Charlotte. A prominent advertisement appearing in these papers under the heading, "Gold Mines, Lands, Negroes, Etc., gives the following graphic description of the property: "The subscriber wishing to remove from the neighborhood, offers for sale his valuable plantation, four miles west of Charlotte. The tract contains 282 acres of land, a large part of which is as good as any in Mecklenburg county; about 100 acres are finest; second and third crop ground of the best quality. The plantation nearly adjoins the celebrated Capps Gold Mine, and the opinion seems to be well founded that gold abounds on two hills particularly on the plantation; a branch runs through it for three-quarters of a mile, which it is thought by men of judgement, is as rich in the precious metal as any of the Burke Mines. There is also on the plantation good water power, and an excellent mill seat for milling operations; also a dwelling house, two barns, stables and other necessary out-buildings. Also 20 or 25 likely young negroes for sale—or a part of them, such as may not wish to follow me.

"Any person desirous of purchasing can call and view the premises or inquire of Mr. Robert J. Dinkins or Dr. J. D. Boyd, of Charlotte, for a description, etc." This advertisement is signed by Will Bostwick.

### Mineral Springs Popular

During the first part of the past century, as well as much later, mineral springs were popular as health resorts and as social centers, and

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## ALONG THE WAY — ALL APPEARS TO BE QUIET — NO NEWS

The month of June has already seen a few weddings in this county and many more have been promised. June is supposed to be a month of weddings and the old rule will probably hold good.

Work on the store of Harris & Burns is about completed. This store remained open to the public at all times while repair was going on.

Mr. C. F. Clayton of Tarboro, a native of this county, has an article in today's Times in which he urges a re-union of all the Claytons of Person County. There are probably two hundred or more in this county and the chances are that another 200 would come from other counties. All Claytons, or those who are related to Claytons, are requested to read this article.

There is some talk about continuing the work on the swimming pool on Reams Avenue. So far nothing

has been done, but may be if the right to do it could be secured from the officials at Raleigh.

One man in this county remembers an election many years ago when only twelve people in Roxboro voted for prohibition. That was back in the days when Roxboro had bar-rooms and a drink of liquor could be bought for five cents.

The Kiwanians and Rotarians have practically promised to get a park for the children of Roxboro. The location has not been decided upon, but an announcement may be expected shortly.

It has been reported that one man in this county lost all of his plants Thursday night when thieves invaded his plant bed right after the rain.

Along the way, its quiet—there is not much news and yet history is being made every day.

## EARL BRADSHAW TO LEAD SCOUTS TO JAMBOREE JUNE 30

Eight Roxboro Scouts are Now Getting Ready to Leave This Month

Scouts Dick Huddleston, George Cushwa, Elbert Gates, Charles Gates, Bill Kane, Carl Bowen, Jack Warmack and Joe Blanks are expected to leave Roxboro around the last part of June for the National Jamboree that is to be held in Washington, D. C. from June 30th and July 9th.

Earl Bradsher, assistant scoutmaster, will have charge of the Roxboro boys and Earl is expecting to show other scouts a few tricks.

Boys from over the entire United States will be present for the Jamboree. They will all sleep in tents along the banks of the Potomac River and a number of excellent cooks will prepare all meals.

Scout Executive, A. R. Patterson, will be with the scouts form this district and will be in charge of the Cherokee group.

Several parents of the scouts named above expect to go to Washington over the week-end to see the boys.

## COLORED MAN IS INJURED FRIDAY

Ollie Harris Caught Between Tractor And Grader

Ollie Harris, colored man of this county, was slightly injured Friday morning when he was working on a road in the Mt. Harmony section.

Harris was caught between a tractor and a grader as he was working. He was rushed to Roxboro to a local physician and was sent from here to the Central Hospital in Raleigh.

Lex Newton, assistant superintendent of the prison camp, stated Saturday morning that his injuries were not serious.

## Hall's Hardware To Demonstrate Ranges

Factory Man Will Be Here All Day, Friday, June 11th; Public Invited

On Friday, June 11th., Hall's Hardware Store will have a factory-trained expert at this store to demonstrate Coleman's Safety Ranges.

This range has been accepted as being one of the best on the market and Mr. Hall is anxious for everyone to see it operate.

There is no obligation to buy, but come and see it anytime Friday. See ad in today's Times.

## Misses Hunters To Appear In Dance Recital

Miss Rachel and Rebecca Hunter will appear in Leo Byrum's annual dance review Monday night, June 7, at the senior High School auditorium in Greensboro, N. C. They will appear in seven numbers and will be the featured toe dancers in the ballet Nocturn, participated in by the entire school.

William J. Herrman, Jr., Olympic Tumbling Champion will be the featured guest star appearing on the program.

The public is cordially invited.

## SMITHS TO MOVE

Mr. W. L. Smith, who has been connected with the drug firm of Hambrick, Austin and Thomas, has accepted a position in Staunton, Va. Mr. and Mrs. Smith will move in a few days.

## GEO. HARRIS INJURED

Mr. Geo. Harris, Person County farmer, was slightly injured Thursday when he was thrown from a wagon as it was going over a rough place in the road. His injuries are not serious.

## GEO. W. KANE GETS \$450,000 CONTRACT IN GREENSBORO

Contract Calls For Apartment House That Is Understood To Be The Largest In State Of North Carolina

Work Will Start Monday And Be Pushed Rapidly

Contract for construction of Greensboro's largest apartment house, to be located on North Elm street just south of Irving Park manor and extending eastward, embracing 86 units with 316 rooms, was awarded Thursday by the North Elm Apartment company to George W. Kane, Roxboro contractor, the enterprise, inclusive of the site as well as buildings and equipment, representing a total cost of approximately \$450,000.

So far as ascertainable here, this will be the largest apartment house in North Carolina for which plans have been approved.

Definite word concerning the decision of the owners of the property to proceed immediately with erection of this big apartment house, the name of which has not yet been selected, was received yesterday by the Daily News from Emory C. Green, president of the newly formed apartment company. Julius C. Smith is secretary-treasurer of the company, which is incorporated by Julian Price, Mr. Green and Mr. Smith. Mr. Price is president of the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance company, Mr. Green is president of the Pilot Life Insurance company, and Mr. Smith is general counsel for both these companies.

### Private Enterprises.

This project, however, is strictly a private enterprise, owned wholly by Mr. Price and Mr. Green except for a nominal interest held by Mr. Smith, and the money needed to finance it was borrowed from the New York Life Insurance Company, a loan of \$365,000 having been consummated in New York yesterday. Mr. Green and Mr. Smith were in New York yesterday for that purpose and they had proceeded to the metropolis from Washington where they closed the deal with the large scale housing division of the Federal housing administration whereby the mortgage given the New York Life Insurance company to secure a loan was insured by the FHA. Mr. Smith has actively assisted Mr. Price and Mr. Green in formulation and development of plans, particularly in the matter of legal details, for the apartment house.

On the trip to Washington Mr. Green and Mr. Smith were accompanied by George W. Kane, J. A. Timberlake, Greensboro manager of the Kane organization, and Charles C. Hartman, Greensboro architect, who drew the plans and specifications for the apartment house and will supervise its construction.

### To Begin Work Monday

Work of construction will begin next Monday, according to plans announced yesterday, and should be completed within approximately six months. It is to be pushed as rapidly as possible, consistent with sound progress, in order to relieve the housing shortage in Greensboro.

## R. L. Harris, Jr. Recovering From Operation

Mr. R. L. Harris, Jr., is recovering from an operation at Watt's Hospital. Mr. Harris graduated from Davidson College last Christmas and is supposed to be there Tuesday to receive his diploma. It is doubtful if he will be able to make the trip.

Randolph farmers report an excellent small grain crop though quite a bit of rust has appeared in low land fields.

## MAKE YOUR ICE CREAM EARLY

Remember—All power in Roxboro from Cheap John's Store on Gallows Hill to the Greyhound Service Station on North Main Street will be off from 1:45 p. m. to 4:45 p. m. Do your cooking and freezing early.