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## Trade Day & Safety Day To Be Observed In Roxboro Saturday

**Big Safety Parade To Begin At 3:00 P. M. And Wind Its Way Around Business District. Parade Will Feature Radio Controlled Car Operated From 20 to 50 Feet.**

**Occasion Is Being Sponsored By Roxboro Chamber Of Commerce**

This Saturday, July 3rd., will be observed as Trade Day and Safety Day in Roxboro. The occasion is being sponsored by the Roxboro Chamber of Commerce and is expected to draw thousands of people to this city. Several things to attract visitors are being arranged. The merchants of this city have arranged hundreds of bargains for this big occasion and the services of Captain John J. (Wild Jim) Lynch and his "magic" automobile have been secured.

At 3:00 P. M. the big Safety Parade will begin and wind its way around the business center of Roxboro. The "Magic" auto will wind its way through the crowded business district and in another car from twenty to fifty feet will be champion, dare-devil, movie actor, flyer and safety crusader. His fingers will tap away at an ordinary telegraph key, but the "magic" car will obey every tap. It will start. It will stop at the red light and start again. It will make proper right and left turns. It will sound its own horn. In fact the "magic" car will move over the entire route of the parade without a human being inside it or near it in a demonstration of safe driving.

The parade will start at 3:00 P. M. Millions of people in scores of cities have watched the "magic" car perform since 1931. They have at the same time listened to "Wild Jim's" rapid fire advice on how to drive. The only connection between the "magic" car and the machine in which Lynch drives, will be a long thin strand of wire, linked to the

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## FALL FROM TRUCK PROVES FATAL TO TIMBERLAKE MAN

**Roy Edward Tilley, 25, Succumbs To Fractured Skull At Watt's Hospital**

Roy Edward Tilley, 25, of Timberlake, died at Watt's Hospital Tuesday morning at 8:10 o'clock with a fractured skull said to have been sustained when he fell from a truck near Helena several nights ago. It was reported that Tilley fell off the back of the truck, striking his head against the pavement. He was carried to a doctor's office in Roxboro by the driver of the truck, whose name was not learned today. He later was brought to Durham in an ambulance.

Tilley was the son of L. D. Tilley and Maggie Gates Tilley of Timberlake, who survive, as do two sisters, Misses Mabel and Mildred Tilley, both of Durham County, and three brothers, Clarence, James and Eugene Tilley, also of Durham county. Funeral services were held Wednesday and interment was in the church cemetery at King's Chapel.

### MR. CHEEK CRITICALLY ILL

Mr. E. D. Cheek is critically ill at his home on Oak Street. Mr. Cheek has been in ill health for sometime but for the past few days his condition has become quite serious.

### Mrs. Gunderson Died Suddenly

Mrs. J. A. Gunderson, of 241 Titus Ave., Rochester, N. Y., mother of Mrs. Jerry Hester of this county, died suddenly Sunday night. Funeral services were held Wednesday. Mrs. Gunderson died suddenly and it is thought heart trouble was the cause of her death.

Exponents of evolution overlooked a point when they failed to point out street car strap-hanging as a vestige of the tree days.

### MANY THANKS

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Roxboro, N. C.  
Gentlemen:

I wish to thank you for the excellent job of reporting that you rendered the patrons of our theatre Tuesday night when you announced the election returns over our loud speaker.

I understand that in one instance that you had to go 18 miles in order to get the returns from one precinct.

Your service was splendid and deeply appreciated.

Palace Theatre Co.  
By. O. T. Kirby.

## CURB MARKET TO OPEN IN ROXBORO ON SATURDAY A. M.

**Projects Will Be Supervised By Miss Lee, Home Supervisor. Farmers Will Have A Large Amount Of Produce On Hand**

**Winstead Warehouse Will Be Used**

The Person County curb market will open Saturday, July 3rd. in this city at the Winstead Warehouse on Main Street, Miss Minnie B. Lee, Home Supervisor and Resettlement Administrator, stated this morning. Miss Lee succeeds Mrs. P. L. Thomas, who had charge of this work last year. Miss Lee will sponsor and direct this work.

The curb market will remain open throughout the summer as long as the farmers have farm produce to sell. Miss Lee anticipates excellent results this year due to the fact that there is a large supply of fresh vegetables on hand and that many farmers are anxious to sell on this market.

All growers and producers of home grown products in Person County have been extended an invitation to sell on this market. Last year fifty farmers participated in the program and realized \$1,100.00. It was also pointed out that this money was spent in this city for staple groceries that the farmers could not produce.

Last year the following work was done in the homes of people of this county and this work was supervised by the same department that has charge of the curb market.

- 1 At least 10 outside sanitary toilets built.
- 2 Forty children re-entered school who could not have gone otherwise.
- 3 Fifty families wore adequate clothing.
- 5 Three tonsil extractions were made possible.
- 6 Necessary farm implements were purchased.
- 7 Twenty pigs purchased.
- 8 Two cows purchased.
- 9 At least 10 people received medical aid and attention.
- 10 Ten homes were screened.
- 11 Water supplies were made more sanitary.
- 12 Adequate canning supplies purchased.
- 13 Orchards restored.
- 14 Laundry supplies and kitchen utensils bought.
- 15 At least 15 families were able to subscribe to local paper.

Miss Lee pointed out that many people who sold on the curb market last year were better able to help their families in ways such as have been pointed out above. It was also pointed out that many of these people sold tobacco on the market for the first time after they started bringing produce to the curb market and this market also kept several families from applying for relief.

Those who helped establish the curb market this year were S. B. Winstead, prop. of Winstead Warehouse, Collins and Aikman, R. B. Griffin, James Harris, Chamber of Commerce, and Mrs. P. L. Thomas. Miss Lee wishes to thank all who helped in any way.

### CLOSED MONDAY

The Peoples Bank and a large number of stores will be closed Monday, July 5th.

## TIMES ANNOUNCED ELECTION RETURNS

**Three Announcements Made Over Loud Speaker At Palace Tuesday Night**

Those who attended the Palace Theatre on Tuesday night had ring-side seats as far as election returns were concerned.

Through the courtesy of the Person County Times the management of this theatre was able to give all customers the results of the election as rapidly as they were reported. Three announcements were made over the loud speaker, one at 7:45, one at 8:15, and final results at 9:05. During the announcement the picture was cut off and about one minute was required for each announcement.

Theatre patrons commented upon the excellent service that Mr. Kirby gave in this connection and agreed that he was doing everything possible to give more than money's worth.

It is understood that this will be a regular part of the program at the Palace on each election day hereafter.

## HAIL HIT COUNTY WED. AFTERNOON

**Many Crops Damaged And Some Practically Ruined. Ground Was Covered**

**Hit In Helena And Allensville Section of County**

Person County was visited by a terrific hailstorm Wednesday afternoon about one o'clock and from all reports it looks like one entire section of this county running from Allensville and down the Virgilina road was hit. Crops were ripped to shreds and even small tobacco plants were torn all to pieces. After the storm had passed the ground was literally covered with ice and in some places it was over one half inch deep.

Many state that it was the worse that they had ever seen at this time of the year.

The damage to crops was great and all reports are not yet in. Both corn and tobacco crops suffered in a big way.

This was the first hail of the season and put fear into the hearts of the farmers. It is one thing that they cannot control and three minutes of hail may run into a loss of thousands of dollars.

Even though the tobacco plants in this county are comparatively small the damage was as great as tho they had been good size.

It is too late to re-plant tobacco and even if it wasn't there are no plants available.

From now until the crop is harvested hail will be feared on every hot day.

### Burns, Gentry & Strum Open

Roxboro's new gent's furnishing store, Burns, Gentry and Strum is now open for business in the same building that has been occupied by Harris and Burns.

Mr. Burns continues with the new firm and both Mr. Gentry and Mr. Strum are well known having served with Harris and Burns for a number of years.

## PROCLAMATION

In the interest of safety of the citizens of Roxboro and Person County, while traveling or walking on our city streets or on our highways; as a memorial to those who have met a violent death caused by the wheels of traffic, with a feeling of remorse to those who have been crippled for life by the same causes, as a tribute of thanks to those who are respecting the rights and lives of others, by driving and walking safely, and as a plea to every human being in our city, county, and state, to do his part in making the streets and highways of North Carolina safe for everybody; and

Whereas the Roxboro Chamber of Commerce is preparing a spectacular Safety Parade and Trade With Safety Day, I hereby proclaim Saturday, July 3rd, 1937, as SAFETY DAY AND TRADE DAY, and ask that every citizen, business firm, institution and organization, give every possible cooperation in making TRADE DAY and the SAFETY PARADE a success that will be long remembered.

R. B. DAWES, Mayor.  
Roxboro, N. C.

## C. R. WOOD GIVES HELPFUL HINTS

**Points Out That Park Should Have A Supervisor On Hand At All Times**

Mr. C. R. Wood, head of the recreation department of the city of Durham, was present at the regular meeting of the Roxboro Kiwanis club last Monday night. Mr. Wood addressed the club members on the subject of parks and playgrounds and gave all of the members a few helpful suggestions on the subject.

At the present time, the Kiwanis Club, in cooperation with the Rotary Club, is attempting to sponsor a park in this city. Work has been progressing rather slowly due to the fact that the two clubs are anxious that no mistake be made.

Mr. Wood pointed out that one of the first things to do would be to find a supervisor of the park or community center. He stated that it was very important that all activities be supervised.

President Winstead requested Mr. Wood to come back and meet with the directors of both the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs at a future date to be named.

## ROUGEMONT BOYS BE AT PALACE

**Big Boxing Program Offered For Monday Night At 9:00 P. M.; Five Bouts In All**

Have you ever seen five colored boys in a ring, all fighting for dear life, with the understanding that the one who stays in longer than any other will win a jar of money? If you haven't seen this you are entitled to the treat of your life. The fifth man is put in so that there will be one odd fighter to crack away at the heads of the others from behind. All of this and more is being offered in the way of a July 4th. celebration at the Winstead Warehouse Monday night, July 5th.

Four other fights will be on the same program. The main bout will be between Basil Young, 152 pounds, Roxboro, and Lee Laws, 150 pounds, Rougemont. Young is an up and coming boxer and could do a lot in this game.

"Wild" Joe King, 140, Roxboro, will be matched against Baxter Franklin, 141, of Rougemont. This bout will probably deliver as much action as any other on the program.

Four of the Boxers for Monday's program hail from Rougemont, the boxing community of this section. When a boy from Rougemont kisses the mat you may rest assured that an awful lick was passed.

The place—Winstead Warehouse—The time—9:00 P. M.—The referee—Clyde Oakley.

### 17 ROXBORO PEOPLE TO VISIT NAGS HEAD

Roxboro, June 30.—Boone Monk, Marie Spencer, Thomas Bumpass, Miss Reta Griffin, Maurice Allen, Miss Amis Montgomery, Pete Lee, Miss Minnie Smith, Gordon Carver, Miss Frances Grant, R. E. Hamlin, Miss Esther Walker, J. V. King, Miss Frances Critcher, Bob Michaels, and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Duncan will leave Sunday for Nags Head where they will spend the week. Mr. King will enter his speedboat in a race while there.

## Recount Of Tuesday's Votes Demanded And Will Be Ordered By Local Board

### DADDY HEARD DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT

A young boy of this city talks in his sleep. Last week he was sleeping in the same room with his daddy when suddenly he sat up in bed and proclaimed twice, "Daddy's Dead."

His father pinched himself to make sure that a mistake had been made and then dropped off to sleep.

## PERSON REMAINS IN DRY COLUMN

**Twenty Two Majority Against County Control Stores. Voting Rather Light Over County**

1,091 voters of Person County were in favor of County Control Liquor Store, but 1,113 voters were opposed to these stores and Person County remains in the dry column for another three years.

Unofficial totals gave a majority of 22 opposed to control stores.

This election brought an end to a campaign that was rather listless. There was not much activity on the part of either group and a few if any poll workers were hanging around the voting precincts.

A total of 2,204 votes were cast. This was light by six or seven hundred votes. Ordinarily 2,700 or 2,800 people in this county will vote on election day.

Returns started coming in very soon after sun-down and all precincts that could be reached by telephone announced the results in short order. So great was the interest on the part of a few that messengers were dispatched to the precincts that could not be reached over telephone and all results were brought by nine p. m.

Returns by precincts were:

	Stores	Against
Roxboro No. 1	173	199
Roxboro No. 2	222	119
Roxboro No. 3	134	134
Roxboro No. 4	171	124
Bethel Hill	3	63
Helena	29	27
Cunningham	11	8
Chub Lake	37	57
Bushy Fork	67	53
Al	26	9
Olive Hill	22	107
Glenn's Store	41	12
Dixon's Store	11	62
Moriah	9	12
Hurdle Mills	58	15
Woodsdale	16	14
Chandler's Store	24	13
Allensville	37	85
Total	1,091	1,113

## TEN DOGS FOUND POISONED WEDN

**All Died As Result Of Poison In Stomach; No Other Evidence Available**

Approximately ten dogs died Wednesday morning in Roxboro as a result of being poisoned. The dogs were found early in the morning on South Lamar Street and others were discovered later in the day in bad shape. All died in short order.

Many of the dogs were very valuable and some were rated to be worth a large sum of money.

No one knows whether the poisoning was planned, accidental or just how it was put out, but it was the second time this year that this has happened in Roxboro. On the other occasion six dogs died.

In one or two instances doctors were called, but nothing could be accomplished.

A majority of the dogs were found dead Wednesday morning.

It is needless to state that owners of the dogs are looking for evidence as to how all of this happened.

**Those Who Favor Stores Claim That Majority of 22 Votes Is Not Enough Unless Votes Are Recounted**

**Interest Running High Over Entire County**

It now appears that certain citizens of this county have, or will, demand a recount of the votes that were cast and counted in Person County on Tuesday of this week when this county voted on the question of liquor control.

The majority of votes were "against control." This majority was only 22 votes. The final tabulation gave - "for stores" - 1,091 - "against stores" - 1,113. Those who are in favor of the stores do not believe that this majority is large enough to be certain that the so called "drys" won.

Mayor Dawes has stated that he had already received a formal request for the recount and that it was likely that the board of elections would grant it. Mr. Dawes is chairman of the board of elections.

Returns from the various precincts started coming in Tuesday night before eight o'clock and by nine they were all in. Dixon's Store was the last one to be heard from and a messenger had to be dispatched to get this return. Prior to this time the "Fors" had been leading, but Dixon's Store changed the tide to the "against" column and left the majority of 22 votes. As soon as this return was made and announced the cry of recount was stated and continued until something was done about it.

Many wondered why the voting was as heavy as it was at Dixon's Store.

Interest in this election is now at a much higher peak than it was before the voting took place.

## SEVERAL BALLOTS MAY BE KILLED

**Reported That Voters Did Not Properly Sign Ballot and That It Cannot Be Lawfully Counted**

It has been reported in Roxboro that a number of absentee ballots cast in the election last Tuesday may be thrown out because they were not properly signed. There are certain rules and regulations that apply to an absentee ballot and reports indicate that in a number of cases these were not followed. It is not known whether the votes in question are "For" or "Against" Control stores. Approximately forty absentee ballots were received by the chairman of the board of elections.

If there is a recount of the votes it will probably take place at once. Official returns from the precincts were brought in today and were received at the courthouse by the chairman of the board of elections.

### Merritt Reunion Held Tuesday

Forty one members of the Merritt family met at the old home place of Dr. Merritt on the Woodsdale road Tuesday afternoon in their annual reunion.

Members of this family began arriving about three o'clock and continued coming until 5:30. At this time a picnic dinner was served in the yard under the trees. It consisted of ham, chicken, pickles, pie, cake, tea and many other tempting foods.

This reunion is held every summer and is looked forward to by members of the Merritt family.

### To Sail On Queen Mary

Rev. and Mrs. Al Martin and Miss Emily Bradsher will leave today for New York. Miss Emily Bradsher will sail on the Queen Mary for England, Tuesday. She will be there for sometime.

### Leaves Monday

Miss Margaret Hannah Critcher will leave Monday for Atlanta, Ga., where she will join the Georgia Caravan. She will tour Mexico and the West Coast and is expected to be away about two months and a half.