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## Many Improvements Have Been Made In Roxboro High School

### Cafeteria Will Be in Basement And Two Shower Rooms in Gymnasium: One Room For Boys and One For Girls.

### Two Rooms For Commercial Arts

A recent visit to the Roxboro High School reveals many excellent changes and improvements that have been made this summer. Some of the changes have not been quite completed, but will be ready by the time school opens, Tuesday morning.

The book rental room has been placed next to the principal's office and is now stocked with books—ready for children the opening day.

Two extra rooms have been made on the second floor. These rooms will be used for the commercial arts department. Both rooms are large ones and were obtained by using hall space that had not been any great help.

A large cafeteria, 21 feet by 57 feet, has been cut into the basement and stairs from the first floor of the school building lead down. No student will have to leave the building in order to go to the cafeteria. A student will be able to get a nice lunch for ten cents and a splendid one for fifteen. This too will be ready in a very short time.

The study hall has been moved to the balcony of the auditorium. Here the students have plenty of room and good lights. If a student wants to study he or she can really do a good job of it in the new study hall.

In another part of the basement an extra large room has been made for another department of the commercial arts course. This is also a large room.

Over in the gymnasium you will find two new shower rooms with fine showers in each room. One room will be for the girls and one for the boys. Both have a stairway that leads to the basket ball court. There will be plenty of hot water for all as the boiler room is also in the gymnasium basement.

The commercial arts course, for the first year, will consist mainly in cabinet making and things of that kind. This department will have twelve long benches and each bench will be completely equipped with tools. Only one student works on a bench. There the students will learn to make simple pieces of furniture. Later this department expects to teach printing, mechanical drawing, auto mechanics and other arts.

## ROXBORO MAY GET BUS STATION SOON

### City Manager Now Making Effort To Get Va. Stage Lines To Build One Here.

It may be that Roxboro will soon have a new bus station, or it may be that the request for one will be turned down. At a meeting of the city commissioners last Tuesday, James Harris, city manager, was instructed to contact the Virginia Stage Lines and ask that they build a station in Roxboro. This company operates through Roxboro.

An ordinance was passed at this meeting to move the fire district in order that it not include the building on Depot Street that is to be used as a hospital. This was done in order that improvements could be made to this building which is a wooden structure.

A request for a street light on the old route to Greensboro, 144, was granted. This light will be near the home of Dr. Bryce.

The board also passed an ordinance to prohibit so-called "through gasoline trucks" from parking in the fire district.

## Hurdle Mills School Opening

As published by Supt. Griffin, some time past, school will open Tuesday, September 14th.

We desire a full opening. It is somewhat later than we sometimes begin and it is hoped that the patrons are ready to send at once and regularly.

The fact that many of the books from grade one through grade seven will be furnished free will enable us to get classes started better than formerly.

Although many books will be free the supplementary readers will be rented. So do not be surprised or disappointed when called on for the rental for them.

High school books will be rented as heretofore.

Children who will be six years old by October 1st can enter school this year. This is a ruling of the state.

We expect the trucks to run at the usual time the first morning.

C. W. Holeman will start at Mrs. Cate's home.

On his second trip he will turn to the right at Mr. Joe Whitfield's go to Bushy Fork, then return to Hurdle Mills by Mr. W. K. Moore's, turning left at the Whitfield place.

The other routes are the same as they were last spring.

Parents and others are invited to be with us the morning of the opening.

JOE B. CURRIN

## LABOR DAY VERY QUIET IN ROXBORO

### Very Few Special Events Listed For Day That Saw Much Rain

Although very few special events were listed for Labor Day in Roxboro and Person County a few places were closed down in observance of the National holiday.

Very few stores were closed and business went on as usual in the business district of the city. Labor Day is not yet observed to any great extent in this section.

Rain fell a large portion of the day and had any out-door activities been planned they would have seen a wet time. Rain fell even harder during the night.

Several stores in the city were closed on Monday in observance of the Jewish New Year and some of these remained closed until Wednesday.

## Roxboro Has Small Fire Loss In August

### Only One Fire And That Loss Was Put Down At \$100.00.

Roxboro's fire loss for the month of August ran to the total amount of \$100. Fire Chief Henry O'Brian stated that there was only one fire during August and that was a tobacco barn on the edge of the city.

Altho Roxboro has had several fires during the past three or four months none of the losses have amounted to any great sum of money. Firemen have been able to hold the loss down to a small amount.

Mr. L. K. Walker, fire inspector, states that all places of business are now being kept cleaner and that there is less danger of fires than before the inspection program was started.

## Sacred Concert At Concord

On Friday evening, September 10, at 7:30 Paul Nelson will give a sacred concert at Concord Church. The public is cordially invited. Those who heard Mr. Nelson at the Roxboro Baptist Church Sunday night have spoken in highest terms of his ability and of this new electric organ.

## Rise in Alcoholism Is Shown By Study

### WPA-Backed Inquiry By Harvard Researchers Finds 'Great Chronic Emergency'

Boston, Sept. 7—Two Harvard medical school researchers engaged in a WPA-backed study of alcoholism in the Boston city hospital reported today in the New England Journal of Medicine that alcoholism is increasing and has become "a great chronic emergency."

They declared alcoholism mounted during prohibition and increased after repeal, basing their conclusions on the study of 50,000 alcoholic cases admitted to the hospital since its founding in 1864. The report brands alcoholism as a disease and its treatment as "a major scientific problem."

Its authors are Dr. Merrill Moore, associate in psychiatry, Harvard medical school, and Miss Mildred G. Gray, research fellow in neurology, Harvard medical school.

### These Facts Recorded

To date the study has recorded these facts: Alcoholics account for one twentieth of the total of all admissions to the hospital, forming one of the largest groups for which it has had to provide care.

Deaths from alcoholism are increasing out of proportion to the increase in alcoholic admissions.

In the years following repeal of prohibition the annual deaths from alcoholism at the hospital doubled.

Fundamentally, say the authors of the study, alcoholism may be increasing because "people today are possibly not built to stand the type of life they are having to live and excessive strain causes something to go wrong with the human nervous system and the mind."

Properly handled a chance is seen to prevent these men and women from reaching the chronic alcoholic stage.

The problem reaches across the country, the report asserts, although the study was carried out at the Boston city hospital. The authors suggest the findings may apply proportionately to the nation.

### Suggestions

The authors suggest: A staff and wards in a hospital designed solely to care for alcoholic patients.

A drive by social, educational and government agencies to bring before the public the facts of alcoholism today.

A reeducation of doctors to treat the problem as social and psychological.

Stressing alcoholism as a disease, the report in the journal calls it "a pressing and expensive situation which the community must face."

Deep, underlying psychic drives appear chiefly responsible for disturbing delicate mental adjustments, turning a moderate drinker into an alcoholic, says the report.

Unemployment, lack of recreational facilities, social difficulties and painful psychologic situations are viewed by the authors as contributing causes of alcoholism.

## Long and Foushee Families To Meet

The annual reunion of the families of J. H. Foushee and D. S. Long will be held Sunday, Sept. 12th. This reunion will be held at the home of Mr. John Foushee. It was, at first, scheduled to be at the home of D. S. Long, but has been changed to the home of J. H. Foushee.

## Attention! Music Pupils

All pupils interested in taking piano lessons under me this year, in either the High School or Central School, will please meet at my home on Academy Street, Saturday morning, September 11th. Please see me at this time, so that I may plan your work for this year. Mrs. Wallace Woods

## TEACHERS & PUPILS GO TO WORK TUES.

### Teachers Meeting To Be Held Monday Afternoon At 2:30 In High School Building

All of the local teachers who have positions in the city and county schools are ready to start back to work next Tuesday, Sept. 14th.

Hundreds of pupils in this county will start back, but it could hardly be said that they are ready. To both teachers and pupils next Tuesday marks the end of a nice long vacation.

Teachers who do not live in this county are expected to arrive over the week-end and they are all requested to be present for a county-wide teachers meeting on Monday, Sept. 13th.

This meeting will be held in Roxboro High School at 2:30 P. M. Both Mr. R. B. Griffin, superintendent of education, and Mr. J. W. Gaddy, principal of Roxboro Schools, are expected to make announcements concerning the school work for the year. Other principals will probably make announcements concerning their respective schools.

A large enrollment is expected this year and those in charge have tried to make arrangements to care for all students.

Unless bad weather steps into the picture there will be no let-up in school work before Christmas. No school in the county will close even for a few days. Superintendent Griffin stated that schools were starting later than usual and would not close down for the students to help harvest the tobacco crop.

## SEMORA NEGRO IS BURNED TO DEATH

### Fire Was Seen By Small Girl, But Too Late To Save Negro

Semora, Sept. 6—Daniel Farmer, 30-year-old Negro employe of Bob Yarbrough, was burned to death late Sunday night in a small shack he occupied near the Yarbrough home. Shortly after 11 o'clock the fire was discovered by Mr. Yarbrough's small daughter when she awoke and saw the flames. Mr. Yarbrough was curing tobacco at his father's farm some distance away, and Mrs. Yarbrough ran to the burning shack only to find the roof had fallen in.

Neighbors succeeded in confining the flames to the dwelling. They said the Negro's body was burned beyond recognition. Farmer had attended church earlier in the evening and had returned home and gone to bed. He had been working for the Yarbroughs several years.

## Safety Program Ready

### Several Interesting Speakers To Be On Program At Longhurst School.

The safety program that is to be held Friday night, September 10th, at Longhurst school is expected to attract large crowd from this locality.

Speakers for this program are Messrs. J. A. Long, B. B. Mangum and T. A. Wilson. Mr. Wilson is chairman of the Industrial Commission.

Mr. Jim Beavers of Longhurst Mill will deliver a talk on safety as it is practiced in Roxboro's two cotton mills.

The public is cordially invited to attend this program.

## Bethel Hill P. T. A. To Entertain Rotary Club

The Bethel Hill Parent - Teachers Association will entertain the Roxboro Rotary Club at a picnic supper Sept. 9th, at 6:30 P. M.

All P. T. A. members are requested to bring picnic lunch to the Bethel Hill gymnasium Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

## H. L. DAY KILLED IN AUTO WRECK

### Car Struck Rear Wheel Of Another Car And Crashed Into A Telephone Pole; Loss Of Blood Caused Death

### Funeral Services Held Last Tuesday

Harvey Lee Day, age 18 years, was killed in an auto accident Sunday afternoon about one thirty when the automobile in which he was riding left the highway about two miles south of Roxboro on the Durham road. The car crashed into a telephone pole. Henderson Lunsford also from this county, was in the same car, but received only a minor injury.

It is understood that Day's throat was cut in the accident and he apparently died from the loss of blood on the way to the hospital. Lunsford, who was driving the car, lives in Virgilina, Va.

Officials, who investigated the wreck, stated that Lunsford had attempted to pass another car and that he was traveling at a high rate of speed.

The speedometer was stopped at seventy miles per hour. The car that was driven by Lunsford struck the car that it was passing and broke a rear wheel. None of the occupants were injured. Messrs. J. T. Rhew of Kinston, N. R. Hutcherson and O. B. Yancey of Richmond were in this car.

Mr. Day, son of the late L. E. Day of the Allensville section, is survived by his mother, Mrs. Evelyn Day; six brothers, Jeff, Gattis, Venoy, Bradsher, Dordillie and Lemmie Day. Six sisters also survive, Misses Dorlean, Euiney, Sedalia, Winnie Mae Day and Mrs. Vance Lunsford.

Funeral services were held at the home Tuesday afternoon at 3:00 P. M. with Rev. L. J. Chandler in charge.

Active pall bearers were Messrs. Spright Clayton, Ruffin Lee, Reuben O'Brian, Willie Lewis Clayton, Floyd Morris and Bernard O'Brian. Interment was in the family cemetery.

## Swing Billies At Longhurst

Blackwell's Swing Billies, stars of the stage and radio, will appear in person at Longhurst school Saturday, September 11th at 3:30 p. m.

This program is sponsored by the Daughters of America and the public is invited. Admission 15 and 25c.

## FAREWELL GIVEN TO BOXING BOUTS

### Promoters State That Not Enough Fans In This County To Support Matches

The boxing promoters of Roxboro have decided to pack away their gloves, tear down the ring and sell the bleachers that have been used for prize fights in this city.

Reasons given are that there are not many local boxers, no heavyweights and very little interest on the part of the fans. The last bouts have attracted only 200 fans or less.

Fights have been staged in the Winstead Warehouse for the last twelve months and now that the tobacco market is ready to open there is no available place to have these fights.

The promoters pointed out that Roxboro would probably stand two good boxing programs a year, hardly more than two and that these would have to be very good.

At any rate unless there is a change of mind on the part of those who have been in charge there will be no more in Roxboro for some time.

### Rev. Edwin Hartz At Roper

Rev. Edwin Hartz, local Methodist pastor, is now at Pleasant Grove Methodist church near Roper, N. C. where he is conducting a revival.



THE PRESIDENT FISHES

Hyde Park, N. Y.—Mr. Roosevelt and party of friends spent the Labor Day week-end fishing from the Presidential yacht Potomac in Long Island Sound. Before leaving he cleaned up all remaining bills, completing the following score: Bills Submitted by Congress 937 Bills Approved 897 Bills Vetoed During Session 17 "Pocket" Vetoes 23

Two of the disapproved bills were passed over his veto. The last bills signed were the \$25,000,000 Wagner-Steagall measure for slum clearance and low cost housing, and the Wild Life Restoration Act carrying \$2,760,000 annually divided among states that pass similar wild life protection measures.

### THE WEEK IN BUSINESS

Stockholders of the Pierce-Arrow Motor Corporation approved a reorganization that will bring \$10,700,000 of new money into the company and enable it to enter the medium-priced field. No denial has been made that Postmaster General James A. Farley will head the reorganized corporation. Although out of production for 18 months, the Hupp Motor Corporation celebrated its 30th anniversary by unveiling its new model 1938 car, details of which will be announced next week. A general slowing up of home building is attributed to rising costs of materials and labor, although construction still lags far behind normal needs. Twenty-three major oil companies completed the half-year with an aggregate net income of \$187,239,539, a gain of 50 per cent over the first half of 1936. The U. S. Treasury ended the first two months of the new fiscal year on August 31st with a deficit of \$352,144,659, a slight increase over last year's deficit for the period. This month's income-tax payments are expected to reach \$500,000,000. The steel industry in July regained the ground lost in June through strikes, employing 594,000 workers with a monthly payroll of \$90,550,000, practically the same as the peak last May.

### BORAH FROWNS ON 3RD TERM

Washington, D. C.—To the report that Senator Holt of West Virginia would introduce the same anti-third-term resolution which the Senate adopted 9 years ago and the House approved back in 1875, Senator Borah stated that he voted for it in 1928 and "had not changed his mind."

### REBELS WIN VATICAN SYMPATHY

Vatican City, Italy—The Holy See is said to "sympathize" with a long pastoral letter signed by two Spanish cardinals and 46 other dignitaries of the Church in Spain, in which the insurgent uprising of General Franco is declared to be a "legitimate cause."

### SERVANTS IN COMMAND

Tuxedo Park, N. Y.—A butler and a maid in possession of one of the most luxurious mansions in this millionaires' community, formerly the home of Mrs. Frederick de Puyser Foster. The latter left two alleged wills, one giving her \$1,000,000 estate to a nephew, the other naming the two old servants as equal heirs. The latter rely on "possession being nine points of the law" in the promised legal battle preparing.