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## Roxboro Ready For Big Opening On Thursday, September 30th.

Four Large Warehouses and Complete Set of Buyers Handling Sale of Tobacco In Roxboro; All Expect Big Increase In Sales Over Last Year And Excellent Average Appears Probable. Farmers Have About Finished Curing.

### Large Number Of People Expected To Be Present On Opening Day

The Roxboro Tobacco Market will get off to a new start on Thursday, Sept. 30th. and everything points to one thing—a good tobacco selling season in Roxboro. On this day the local market opens for the sale of leaf tobacco and warehouses are ready to handle the golden weed.

Buyers have been ordered to report to Roxboro and begin work on this day and this season will find three new buyers on this market.

Four warehouses, Pioneer, Winstead, Hyc and Planters will be ready for business and these houses can hold a large amount of tobacco. Several warehousemen stated that they expected tobacco to start rolling toward this city by Tuesday afternoon.

Last year this market averaged \$23.91 per hundred. This excellent average should be the means of bringing back the farmers who sold in Roxboro last year and should attract many new ones. Roxboro always makes an excellent average and Person County citizens have a right to be proud of this fact.

Another known fact is that this county has a reputation for raising some of the best tobacco that is raised anywhere. This fact is recognized by the tobacco companies and Person County tobacco is welcomed by all companies.

Local tobaccoists believe that Roxboro will sell over six million pounds. That is more than was sold here last year, but everything points to a better year and there is more tobacco in the county.

Farmers over the county have about finished curing. A few scattered leaves remain and this will be cured by next week-end. All reports prove that the tobacco crop in this county was good this year. Late rains did some damage to the weed, but a large amount was safely stored in the barns before the damage started.

As usual thousands of people are expected to visit Roxboro on the opening day. Many will bring tobacco while others will come to see. All will be in excellent spirits as the new season swings into action.

### N. V. Brooks Wants His Mule

One black mare mule, weight eleven or twelve hundred pounds and about 12 years old belonging to N. V. Brooks has been lost for over a week. This mule is evidently lost, strayed or stolen and Mr. Brooks is willing to pay a reward for his return.

### DR. EUGENE TUCKER DIED WEDNESDAY

One Of Person County's Respected Citizens Lingered Only Three Days After He Was Taken Sick

#### Interment At Burchwood

Dr. E. J. Tucker, 68, prominent and popular citizen of Roxboro died at Watts Hospital Wednesday morning at 2:05. Dr. Tucker had been ill for three days and was carried to the hospital Sunday morning after he was found unconscious in his bath room at Hotel Roxboro. Death was caused by Cerebral hemorrhage.

The exact time that Dr. Tucker was taken ill has not been determined. As far as can be found out he was in his usual state of good health Saturday afternoon and night and probably retired at his usual time. Early Sunday morning Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Georges, who roomed next to Dr. Tucker, heard him walking around in his room uttering sounds that led them to believe that he was not feeling well. This was about 4:00 A. M. Sunday. Mr.

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### MR. WILLSON ILL

Mr. C. T. Willson, prominent citizen of Roxboro, is very ill at his home on S. Main St. Mr. Willson has been ill for several months and his condition shows no improvement.

### KANE AWARDED CONTRACT

George W. Kane, Roxboro contractor, was recently awarded the contract for a beer bottling plant that is to be erected in Durham, N. C. The cost is to be \$25,000.

### NOTICE TO TEACHERS

This is the last year that extension work will be given. Dr. E. Derendinger will begin a class next Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Central Graded School. His subject is extremely interesting and he conducts his classes by means of slides. Any who are interested will please give their names to Mr. Griffin before Monday morning.

### Phillip Bowen Improving

Mr. Phillip Bowen was operated on last Wednesday at the Greenville General Hospital at Greenville, S. C. and is getting along nicely.

## These Men Welcome You To Roxboro Anytime



S. B. WINSTEAD  
President Roxboro Kiwanis Club



E. G. THOMPSON  
President Roxboro Rotary Club



R. B. DAWES  
Mayor of Roxboro



JAMES HARRIS  
City Manager of Roxboro

The above city officials and civic leaders of this city bid all a hearty welcome as they come to Roxboro. Whether you come to buy, sell, or look each city official and each civic club wants your visit to be enjoyable.

### Mr. Abbitt Repairs Avenue

Mr. I. O. Abbitt is very busy these days working on Abbitt Ave. The avenue is being graded and will be leveled as much as possible. Later a coat of loose gravel will be applied making it a fairly nice street.

### P. T. Whitt In Coal Business

P. T. Whitt, Jr., has bought the Coal and Wood business of Ben Wade at Brooksdale and wishes to announce that he is now ready for business. He will sell coal and wood.

## Chamber Commerce Extends Welcome

The Roxboro Chamber of Commerce is an organization made up of business and professional men, warehousemen, and merchants. The strength of this organization lies in the fact that it draws into the service of its community the public spirited and aggressive group that is willing to devote itself to the business and civic problems of the community.

The Roxboro Tobacco Market being one of our biggest businesses, serves Roxboro and Person County, neighboring counties, Virginia and various sections in the state. Good roads lead from all directions to Roxboro and the local markets.

Successful tobacco farming depends to a large extent on selecting a market. Here in Roxboro, there are advantages found nowhere else. Furthermore, you will find that the public always offers courteous service and excellent sale facilities.

You and your family have a thrill in store if you have not been to Roxboro in the past six months and seen the many new and remodeled well illuminated establishments which now dot the trade center.

Larger cities may have brighter lights but you'll find here in Roxboro warmer hearts and firmer handshakes.

We extend to you a most cordial welcome. If we can assist you in anyway, don't hesitate to telephone 167. We are here to serve you.

ROXBORO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## Mrs. Rebecca Ramsey Was Killed Today In Front Of C. & A.

### PERSON CO. FAIR TO BEGIN MONDAY

C. S. Parnell, Secretary-Manager Says That Fair Is To Be Best Yet

#### Buck's Shows On Mid-Way

Believe it or not, as Ripley would say, but Person County's best agricultural fair will begin Monday with the best array of exhibits, grandstand attractions, shows and rides ever to come into this county. The fair will be admitted free up until 6 o'clock. Wednesday is colored school children's day. The age limit is 12 years of age and under and the time limit is six o'clock in the afternoon. For these children special programs will be arranged by the shows so that they may enjoy themselves to the uttermost.

Among the grandstand attractions are Polly Jenkins and her showboys, the greatest attraction procurable. And among the aerial acts is the Aerial Cowdens, an act you will enjoy. Then there are the Jackamees, a comedy revolving ladder act. Petite Marie, the act beautiful, illuminated swinging act. Buck Exposition shows will grace the mid-way. This is guaranteed to

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### School Teacher Resigns

Paul Henry Turlington, missing school teacher of Hurdle Mills, came back to Roxboro Wednesday night and resigned his post as teacher in the Hurdle Mills school. Mr. Turlington left Roxboro last week-end and no word had been received from him by local school authorities to explain his absence from school.

Many here had become alarmed over his absence and no report.

### Claude Harris Opens New Dry Cleaning & Pressing Plant

Claud Harris of this city has made plans to open a new dry-cleaning and pressing plant in Roxboro at once. This new plant will be located in Henry's on Main Street where a nice room has been secured in the rear.

For the past several years Mr. Harris has been engaged in the dry-cleaning business and only recently decided to go in for himself.

Several Eye Witnesses To Crime Saw Former Husband, Ryland Ramsey Unload Revolver At Her As She Prepared To Enter Mill On 3:00 Shift

Ramsey Caught In One Hour By Local Officers; Gave No Reason

Mrs. Rebecca Ramsey of Leasburg, N. C. was killed this afternoon as she started to enter the Collins and Aikman mill to begin work on the 3:00 p. m. shift. Mrs. Ramsey was shot by her former husband who was apparently waiting for her to enter the mill grounds. Eye witnesses state that he shot six times and continued to shoot after she fell to the ground in front of the mill gate. Mrs. Ramsey died instantly, one bullet entering her side and penetrating her lung and three hit her in the leg, one or two completely missed her.

Several ladies were walking by the side of Mrs. Ramsey as she started to enter the mill gate. None of these suffered an injury as bullets rained all about. Those who saw the shooting stated that Mrs. Ramsey fell to the ground after the third shot.

Immediately after the shooting Ramsey fled from the scene before he could be caught, but local officers were quickly summoned and in an hour he was arrested at the home of Mr. Bill Coates about two miles from Roxboro near the old home place of Mr. Joe Younger. Officers went directly to this home as it was known that this was the home of his sister.

After his arrest by Patrolman W. A. Baxter and Jim Anderson, Ramsey asked if he had killed her and stated that he did not know why he had committed the crime. It is understood that he and his wife are divorced and that there has been some friction between them for sometime. They had one child about 18 months of age.

One witness stated that Mr. Ramsey called for his former wife as she started to enter the mill grounds, but that she did not stop. It was then stated that he started shooting. Since the separation between these two Mr. Ramsey had been in Kentucky and returned home last week.

At the present time he is confined in the county jail.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Born to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Crumpton an eight and a half pound baby girl on Saturday, September 18, 1937.

## Roxboro's Invitation

Roxboro's Tobacco Market opens Thursday, September 30th, and the entire citizenship of this tobacco marketing city joins in extending a warm welcome to the men who grow and sell tobacco.

Roxboro, the most progressive city in northern piedmont North Carolina, affords your best tobacco market. A shopping district equal to that of any city, makes Roxboro your best place to buy. Ample hotel facilities and many modern cafes guarantee a pleasant and comfortable stay while in our city.

Speaking for Commissioners of Roxboro, we repeat: you men who grow tobacco are always welcome to our city. Come often, stay as long as you can. We do not offer you a key to our city because the doors are always open. We want you to feel that our city is your city while you are here.

JAMES C. HARRIS, City Manager.

## A Welcome From Mayor Dawes

Roxboro welcomes visitors to this city at all times. We want to do everything to make each and every visit a real pleasure. Now that fall is here we know that many of our farmer friends will be coming to this city and we want you to know that it is "your city."

We believe that you will like our tobacco market and for this reason we ask you to try it.

Come to Roxboro whenever you can and believe us when we say—"You are welcome."

R. B. DAWES, Mayor.