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## NEWS of the WEEK by FOSTER GILROY

### GOVERNMENT SHIP SALE ENDS

Washington, D. C. — Retaining 113 ships built during the World War for future use in commercial or military emergency, the Maritime Commission will sell no more Government-owned craft except for scrap or non-operating purposes. The move is announced as a stimulus to the construction of new ships. Since July the Commission has sold 75 surplus bottoms for \$3,903,976.

### EMPLOYERS MAY ASK POLL

New York City — A rule laid down by the State Labor Relations Board enables the employers to invoke the Board's aid in determining the sole collective bargaining agency in behalf of their employees, and for the first time in any State ruled that any organization so chosen would retain its status for one year.

### SEEK EUROPEAN PEACE

London, England — Conversations aimed at a more peaceful atmosphere throughout Europe continue this week between Premier Chamberlain and Foreign Minister Delbos of France and Prime Minister Chamberlain, Foreign Minister Eden and Viscount Halifax, Lord President of the Council, representing Great Britain. The latter is expected to report on his recent discussions with Chancellor Hitler of Germany, the entire meeting being in the hope of ending the recurrent rumors of European war.

### CAT AFIRE CREATES HAVOC

Jackson, Mich. — When a farmer's wife near here tried to prime the kitchen range with kerosene, the resulting explosion set fire to the household cat, which raced through the house, setting it on fire, then fled into the neighbor's barn, which also burst into flames. When firemen finally quenched the two fires, outside of property damage, nine cows, six calves, a sow and a litter of pigs lay dead.

### MORE MOTORISTS; FEWER DEATHS

Chicago Ill. — National Safety Council records show 31,950 deaths from automobile accidents in the first ten months of this year, against 29,560 in the same period last year. Automobile travel increased 9 percent but fatalities only 8 percent during the period, and Milwaukee retained first place as the safest city of 500,000 or more population, with New York in second place.

### URGES CHANGE IN AIR CONTROL

Washington, D. C. — Senator Pat McCarran states that he will at the coming regular session of Congress urge the passage of bills before the Senate placing the country's airlines under the control of the Interstate Commerce Commission instead of the present dual authority of the commerce and postoffice departments.

### SPANISH PORTS BLOCKADED

Salamanca, Spain — In an effort to bring the Civil War to a swift end, insurgent General Franco has declared a blockade on all Spanish ports remaining in Loyalist control, consisting of a small stretch of coastland on the Mediterranean.

## Claude Hall May Decide To Enter Race For Congress

Stated Last Week That He Had Given It Much Thought, But Had Not Reached Any Decision.

### Person County Man Is Very Popular With Farmers

Claude Hall, prominent Person County farmer and business man, is seriously thinking of tossing his hat into the Congressional ring and may decide to become a candidate for the representative's place from the fifth district. Although several candidates have already announced for the place that is being left by Frank Hancock in order to run for the senate Mr. Hall may also enter the race.

It is known that a large number of people have been to see him and insisted that he make the race, but that he has reached no decision yet. He may announce any day or he may not announce at all.

Mr. Hall is well known over the state and is particularly well known to farmers. For the past several years he has done all that he could to secure proper legislation in their favor and has spent much time in Washington, D. C. and Raleigh. He holds a number of important offices in farm organizations and is interested in everything that relates to better farm conditions and prices for farm products.

In an interview last week he stated that he was thinking of running for Congress, but that he had not yet decided what he would do. A number of local people have stated that they believed that Claude Hall would stand an excellent chance of succeeding Mr. Hancock, the present representative, and that they were very anxious to see him make this race.

## ROXBORO MARKET TO CLOSE DEC. 15

Will Re-open Jan. 11th. For the Remainder of the Crop

According to present information the Roxboro tobacco Market will close for the Christmas holidays on Dec. 15th and will re-open on Jan. 11th. This will give farmers plenty of time to do their Christmas shopping and also time to strip a large amount of tobacco.

The Roxboro market has sold 4 million pounds of tobacco which is about all that was sold during the entire season last year. It is hoped that two million more pounds will be sold in Roxboro during this season, but that is doubtful. The crop in this county is about 80% sold and a few farmers have sold all that they have.

When the market re-opens after Christmas all the tobacco will probably be sold in three weeks and then the fertilizer season will start once again. The Roxboro market is showing a steady gain and everyone has been pleased with prices paid this year.

### BETHEL HILL P. T. A. TO MEET

The Bethel P. T. A. will meet Monday, Dec. 6 at 7:30 p. m. in the Grammar school auditorium. Mrs. W. R. Hayes at this meeting will discuss what the school attempts to do for the child, at the same time Mrs. W. B. Humphries is to talk on what the parent thinks of what the child is getting from school. All members are expected!

### PHILATHEA CLASS MEETS TUESDAY

The Philathea Class will meet at the Community House Tuesday night at 7:30. This is the last meeting of the year and all members are urged to be present. Besides the regular business, the program will feature a Christmas tree and exchange of gifts.

## BUSINESS DISTRICT CROWDED FRIDAY

"Do Your Christmas Shopping Early Night" Brought Large Number To Roxboro

Hundreds of people thronged the store, looked at the windows and bought merchandise. All of the night as the Christmas shopping season for Roxboro was officially opened. At seven o'clock Mayor Daves flooded the city with brilliance from 1,000 extra lights and the business district of Roxboro looked like Broadway.

The people walked from store to store, looked at the windows and bought merchandise. All of the stores were open and all had their merchandise well displayed. Many gathered around the window of Leggett's when Miss Hester gave an organ recital that proved to be enjoyable.

First prize for the best dressed window was awarded to Electric Appliance Co. The judges were Mrs. L. M. Carlton, Mrs. J. H. Hughes and James Harris.

This event, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, was a decided success and proved to be the means of bringing many people in to the business district.

## NEW HOSPITAL TO OPEN DEC. 15TH.

Business Manager Has Been Secured and Is Now In City

The Gentry - Williams Hospital, Inc. is expected to open by Dec. 15. There is a chance that the hospital will not be quite ready by this time, but the workmen have about finished the building and everything else should be ready within two weeks.

Mr. John Ingram has been secured by the hospital officials as business manager and has already moved to Roxboro. Mr. Ingram comes to this city from Clinic Hospital in Greensboro and will have charge of the business end of the corporation.

Although the hospital is about ready to open there is still time left for any citizen to purchase stock in this project. More money is needed and will be needed for several years. Several large corporations in Roxboro have purchased stock and many individuals have helped, but more money is needed. Mr. Ingram will be glad to discuss this phase of the business with any who desire to know more about it.

Duplin County farmers are cooperating to buy a carload of 20,000 pounds of dynamite to use in blasting stumps on farm land.

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

Ben Brown was reported to be buying another fellow nice cigars early Friday morning. You know Ben is now a proud father and he wanted everyone to have the treat on him.

Gene Thompson and Sam Byrd Winstead are sporting new cars. That doesn't necessarily mean that there is a large amount of money to be made in insurance and tobacco, but that these two boys just couldn't resist the temptation to give the girls a treat around Christmas time.

Then comes the news that a number of Roxboro boys have broken up with their girl friends. Someone said that they expect to start up again right after Christmas.

## HANCOCK SAYS "ASK PERSON CO."

Neither Reynolds Nor Hancock Have Done Much Work In Person County

If you want to know Frank Hancock's record just ask any voter in the Fifth Congressional district.

At least that's the advice that Mr. Hancock has handed out in a postal barrage recently laid down in the interest of his candidacy for the Senate against incumbent Robert R. Reynolds.

Mr. Hancock has flooded the state with a circular communication advancing himself as the logical man to sit in the senate. Says he in the penultimate paragraph of this form letter.

"It is proper, of course, that our people shall know the type and character of the man they select to represent them in this responsible position. I, therefore, suggest that inquiry concerning my public record be made of any voter in my congressional district, composed of Surry, Stokes, Forsyth, Rockingham, Caswell, Person, and Granville."

So far neither Hancock or Reynolds have done much in Person County. As far as could be learned neither have appointed a campaign manager yet and neither have really opened fire in this county.

## DIAL SYSTEM NOW BEING USED HERE

Has Been Received With Much Joy By Telephone Subscribers

You can now dial the telephone number that you desire. Early this A. M. the new dial system of Morris Telephone Co. was cut in and the system began calling numbers. Roxboro people are quickly learning the new method of phoning and they all seem to like the new method which is much quicker and certain.

The new machinery, or apparatus, that was necessary for this dial system is very complicated and a number of workmen have been busy for several weeks getting everything ready for the day when the change was to be made.

No operators are used in this system. Long distance is called in Durham and from there you get the desired party.

Mr. Morris, manager of the telephone company, contemplates no trouble with dial phoning and he believes that everyone will like the new new arrangement.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Brown a baby girl, Ann Elizabeth, Friday, Dec. 3rd. Mother and baby doing nicely.

## MRS. W. A. MILLS DIED FRIDAY P. M.

Had Been In Ill Health For Past Several Years; Funeral To Be Today

Mrs. W. A. Mills, 67, died at her home here on Friday, Dec. 3. Mrs. Mills had been in poor health and confined to her room for the past several years but her condition was not considered dangerous until last Saturday night, at which time her condition became much worse after which she failed steadily until the end came. She suffered from a complication of diseases due to advanced years.

Surviving her are: her husband, Mr. W. A. Mills, of Roxboro, N. C., three daughters, Mrs. Omega Clay, of Roxboro, N. C., Mrs. L. B. Duncan of Charlotte, N. C. and Miss Claire Mills, of Roxboro, N. C.; two sons, F. W. A. Mills, Roxboro, N. C. and R. E. Mills, of Winston-Salem, N. C. She is also survived by one sister, Miss Maggie Day, of Roxboro, N. C. and one brother, Mr. Ellis Day, of Henderson, Ky.

Active pall bearers will be Messrs. S. A. Jones, M. A. Stewart, D. R. Taylor, K. E. Paylor, Dr. A. F. Nichols, E. G. Thompson, F. T. Davis and W. G. Bradsher.

Funeral services will be conducted today from the home at one o'clock with Rev. J. H. Lanning, of Roxboro, N. C. officiating.

Flower bearers will be the Mary Hambrick Missionary Society. Interment will be held in the Burchwood Cemetery.

### RETURNED FROM HOSPITAL

Mr. Allen Newton of Moriah who spent about two weeks in Duke Hospital receiving treatment has returned home. He is getting along very well, of which his many friends will be glad to know.

## ABBITT MENTIONED ON ALL-AMERICAN

Associated Press Rates Roxboro Youth As One Of Nations Greatest Football Players

James Abbitt, Roxboro youth and football player of Elon College, has received honorable mention on the Associated Press All-American football team.

Abbitt, a back, passes and kicks left-handed and left-footed. He runs like a deer and has been acclaimed by sports writers over the nation as being one of the best of the year. Many are frank to state that if Abbitt had been with a larger school he would have received even more honors than he did.

James Abbitt, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. O. Abbitt, played football at Roxboro high school and went from here to Elon. He has played excellent ball every year since he has been there and was regarded as a serious triple threat by every team he played against. This Abbitt's last year at Elon.

### Hurdle Mills Holds P. T. A. Meeting

Hurdle Mills P. T. A. met at the school Thursday afternoon, Nov. 18 for a business session. Plans were made for purchasing some playground equipment and song books for the school.

Proceeds from a play sponsored by P. T. A. and tobacco brought by children will go towards these items. The organization is very active and is a great help to the school which is stepping forward. The school's enrollment continues to increase and above that of last year.

After an experienced "pin-hooker" told him that he often made as high as 16 cents a pound buying tobacco and regrading it, Max Higgins of Yancey County decided to do some grading himself.

## U. N. C. FOOTBALL SQUAD FEATED BY W. D. MERRITT

Entire Squad With Coaches and President Graham Enjoyed Splendid Banquet At Carolina Inn Friday Night.

Merritt Well Pleas'd With This Year's Team

Mr. W. D. Merritt, class of 1895, entertained the University of North Carolina Football Squad at a banquet Friday night, December 3, at the University Inn in Chapel Hill.

Mr. J. M. Saunders, secretary of the Alumni Association, presided at the banquet. He stated in his opening remarks, that Mr. Merritt was one of the University's Trustees, and that he was also one of the University's strongest football fans, and that when a game was played they could always depend on Mr. Merritt rooting for them. He stated that in June of this year, in conversation with Coach Ray Wolf and Andy Bershack, Mr. Merritt stated that if they would win a certain game he would give them the world with a little red fence around it, and that this meeting was a result of the team's winning that game.

Mr. Saunders had borrowed from the Trophy room a picture of the 1892 championship team, on which Mr. Merritt played end. He also exhibited to the 1937 team, the football used in 1892 that they had borrowed from the trophy room. They had borrowed the first issue of the daily Tar Heel ever published, from the library. This paper gave an account of several games in which Mr. Merritt played in 1893-94. The paper spoke of the splendid playing and hard tackling of right end Merritt. In those days it was not uncommon for the team to play such teams as Georgia, Auburn and Virginia all in one week, using only 15 men and winning all three games.

Mr. Saunders introduced Co-Captains Crowell Little and Andy Bershack. They expressed appreciation for the meeting, and also appreciation to the players for their splendid sportsmanship and cooperation during the season just closed.

Coach Ray Wolf was next introduced, and also expressed appreciation to Mr. Merritt and to the players for their splendid cooperation. He stated that he had never worked with finer men, and that only he knew how much they would miss the 10 seniors that would graduate this year. Coach Wolf also announced that the Mills' Blocking trophy for this year had been awarded to George Watson of Carolina.

The President, Frank Graham, next introduced Mr. W. D. Merritt to the squad. He told them the splendid assistance Mr. Merritt had been to the University as a Trustee for many years, and of the fine way of expressing to the football squad his appreciation for their splendid season.

The host, in his remarks, stated that he had promised Coach Ray Wolf and Andy Bershack the world with a little red fence around it, if they would beat a certain team, but that the team had already built this fence around a certain field and the opposing team had not been able to cross it. He told the team he had been present with them in spirit in every game that they had played this year, and had been present in person at every game but two, and that in giving this banquet he just wanted to express to them his whole-hearted appreciation for the splendid work they had done this year.

Those present at the banquet besides the team, the coaches and President Graham were John W. Merritt, student and son of W. D. Merritt, and Mr. G. C. Hunter of Roxboro, class of 1919.

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