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## Formal Opening Gentry-Williams Hospital Set For Wed. Dec. 22nd

Everyone Invited To Attend The Opening And Pound Party That Is To Take Place December 22nd. From 10:00 A. M. Until 5:00 P. M. Hospital Is Now Ready And Patients Will Be Admitted On And After Sunday December 19th.

John A. Ingram, Manager Predicts Excellent Future For Roxboro's New Hospital

The following invitation has been issued to the public of this section by the officials of the Gentry-Williams Hospital, of Roxboro.

"You and your friends are cordially invited to attend the formal opening and pound party of the Gentry-Williams Hospital, Inc., Roxboro, N. C., Wednesday, December 22, 1937 from 10:00 a. m. until 5:00 p. m.

A pound of ice, a pound of tea, A pound of rice, or meat if you please ;

A pound of prunes, a pound of flour, A pound of brooms, or a pound of towels;

A pound of bread, a pound of ham, A pound of spreads, or a pound of jam;

A pound of rope, a pound of glasses, A pound of soap, or a pound of molasses;

A pound of honey, a pound of salt, A pound of money, thanks, that's all."

The opening of the hospital is to be a big occasion in this county and every reader of this paper is requested to attend this opening and bring a pound of something. Everything will help and will be used to an excellent advantage. Remember to come and tell your friends to be among those present.

According to information given by Mr. John Ingram, manager of the hospital, patients will be admitted by Sunday, Dec. 19th., altho the formal opening will not take place until December 22nd. Mr. Ingram comes to Roxboro as manager of the hospital from Greensboro. He was born in the state of North Carolina and has the title of "Bacteriologist." From 1929 to 1931 he was connected with a government hospital as head of the laboratory. From 1931 to 1935 he was with the Clinic Hospital in Greensboro and was in charge of the laboratory and also assistant bookkeeper. Since that time he has been in New York City doing social work in the William Sloan House. He resigned that position and accepted work in Roxboro as manager of the new hospital. He comes to Roxboro well recommended and qualified to do the work of his office.

In connection with a hospital in Roxboro Mr. Ingram said, "There is great possibilities for the hospital to make a success. The plant is such that every citizen in the city and county can be proud of it. We have spared no pain in selecting the equipment — The administrative set-up is complete and the requirements meet those of the American College of Surgeons. We are not the biggest, but one of the best."

The hospital will have approximately thirty-five beds which should be enough to take care of the situation for the present time. Seven nurses will be employed. Miss Clara Gentry is to be superintendent of nurses and will have charge of that department. She is a native of Person County, well known here and qualified to handle this position. Miss Ruth Gowens, who has been at Watts Hospital, will serve as operating room supervisor.

Dr. Williams will move his eye, ear, nose and throat clinic to the hospital building and Dr. W. B. McCutcheon of Durham, will have an office either in the hospital building or somewhere in the city. He will make regular visits to this hospital and will be subject to call at any time.

Roxboro's hospital is practically completed and everyone is invited to inspect it.

## SONS OF LEGION TO ORGANIZE

Will Meet Friday Night, Dec. 18 In Legion Hut At 7:30 P. M.

All Ex-Service Men Invited

Legionaire W. C. Parker is notifying all ex-service men and members of the American Legion to be present at the legion hut in Roxboro on Friday night of this week at 7:30 p. m. At this time an organization party of the "Sons of American Legion" will be held. The purpose of this party is to form one or several squadrons of Sons of Legion. There are already seventeen applicants for this organization, but more are wanted.

All ex-service men and prospective members are requested to be at this meeting. The sponsors hope to secure a large membership and they want as many names on the charter as they can possibly get.

If this organization gets off to a good start the Legion hopes to form a drum and bugle corp from it at a very early date. The more members it has the better chance it will have to obtain musicians for the band.

Boys who are eligible to join will be taken at practically every age. There will be different groups in the organization and all can be classified.

Ex-service men, sons of ex-service men and members of the Legion are requested to be present Friday.

## GRACE CHURCH TO GIVE PROGRAM

Will Be Presented At Long Memorial Church On Christmas Eve Night

Presents For All Kiddies

Grace Methodist church of East Roxboro will give a Christmas program at Long Memorial church on the night of Dec. 24th. at 7:00 p. m. This program is sponsored by Long Memorial and will tend to spread Christmas cheer to children under 12 years of age.

All children from Longhurst M. E. Church and Long Memorial M. E. Church and Grace M. E. Church under twelve years of age will receive a gift on this night and all are urged to be present. Santa Claus is expected to be on hand and there will be a Christmas tree and everything. Adults from all three churches are expected to be present.

Short talks will be made by Rev. E. R. Hartz and Rev. J. H. Lanning. J. S. Merritt will deliver the welcome address and O. C. Hull will respond.

The program by the children includes Gertrude Owen, Mamie Walker, Mary Ella Morris, Gearlene Holt, W. L. Martin, Jr., Revis Carver and Edna Rue Cofield.

R. F. D. Carriers Asks Patrons To Put Stamps On Mail

All patrons of the R. F. D. routes are requested to put stamps on all mail before putting it in the mail box. If the subscribers will cooperate to this extent it will help the carriers during the Xmas rush.

To prepare copy for a "sopristicated" magazine, just do ordinary writing and then insert a little profanity.

## ROGERS & JORDAN VISITED BY THIEVES

Rogers Lost 400 Pounds Of Tobacco And Jordan Lost Between 800 And 900.

Tobacco thieves have been active in Person County once again and on Tuesday night they visited the farm of Walter Rogers on the Durham road and stole 400 pounds of tobacco. On the same night, someone stole 800 pounds from Charles Jordan who also lives on this road.

It is understood that the robbers forced their entrance into the pack barns and made away with the tobacco in the dead of the night.

No trace has been found of the robbers and apparently no clues were left.

A number of cases of tobacco robberies have been reported in Person County this year.

## ICY ROADS CAUSE OF ACCIDENTS

Car Driven By T. P. Riddle Overturned On Durham Highway, No One Hurt

Mr. Richie Injured Back

Traveling in Roxboro and surrounding territory proved to be dangerous business Monday night as ice covered the highways in many places. Few cars ventured out and those that did found the going just a little risky.

A large delegation of Oxford Kiwanians had planned to attend the Roxboro Kiwanis Club Charter Night Celebration but a representative called about 6:30 and stated that it looked impossible to make the trip. Two from Durham also called and said that they were afraid to venture out.

A car that was occupied by Mr. T. P. Riddle and Mrs. Addie Stroud overturned about one mile from Barton's mill on the Durham road. Neither Mr. Riddle or Mrs. Stroud were injured to any extent. The car was not hurt very much altho it finally came to rest on its own top.

Mr. Ritchie of McKeithan Lumber Co., stepped on the pavement Monday afternoon and injured his back to such an extent that he was carried to a Durham hospital.

Ice on highways melted Tuesday, but froze again Tuesday night in all places where any water remained.

The old-time family doctor was a remarkable man. He could diagnose a case of hives without a laboratory test.

## New Song Hit Introduced At Kiwanis Meeting Mon. Night

"Carolina Belle" Written By William Warren And Sung First Time By Duke University Quartet

Well Received In Roxboro

Kiwanians and their friends were delightedly surprised Monday evening when the Duke Quartet announced they would sing a new song "Carolina Belle" written by Mr. William Warren of Roxboro. This song, rendered for the first time at the annual Charter Night Meeting of the Roxboro Kiwanis Club, proved to be a distinct hit and much applause after it had been sung forced the author to stand and take a bow.

## ROBINSON LIKES HIS NEW CHARGE

Writes That He Is About Settled Down and Very Favorably Impressed

Rev. B. P. Robinson, former pastor of Long Memorial Methodist Church and recently transferred to Weldon, N. C., writes that he is about settled and that he likes his church and new friends fine.

The Methodist church at Weldon has the reputation of being one of the best in the conference and altho Mr. Robinson left a splendid church he was also sent to one.

In a message from this minister this week he requested that he be remembered to all of his friends in this city and county.

Mr. Robinson served Long Memorial for two years and during the time that he was here the church showed a steady growth and maintained an excellent financial standing.

Rev. J. H. Lanning, former pastor of Smithfield succeeded Rev. Robinson as pastor of Long Memorial.

## SUBSCRIPTION GIFTS RAPIDLY LEAVING

Only A Limited Number of Pen and Pencil Sets Remain At Person County Times Office

One Free With Each Subscription

Many people in this county are planning to get one of the pen and pencil sets that are being offered free of charge with each subscription, new or renewal, to the Person County Times. Unless these people hurry they are not going to be able to get a set as they are fast leaving. Only a limited supply has been ordered and the publishers of this Times do not intend to get a second supply.

Any person can get a set by simply subscribing to this paper and paying \$1.50 per year. You can get one set, two or three. A set goes with each one year subscription. Many people are getting them for Christmas presents and they make an ideal gift. One look at the pen and pencil will convince you that it is a true value.

Last January and February this same offer was made by this paper. Many people took advantage of it and are still using the pen and pencils. It's a bargain that will make you feel good a long time.

Those who intend getting a set are requested to remember that the supply is rapidly leaving and that a good time to get one or two sets is today.

One set, pen and pencil, free with each \$1.50 subscription, old or new. If you want the set mailed to you add 5c for postage.

## Investigation Leads To Belief Whitt Did Not Commit Suicide

### ABBITT MAY PLAY PROF. FOOTBALL

Has Had Splendid Season And Will Probably Get Numerous Good Offers

NOW PLAYING BASKETBALL

Chicago, Dec. 11—Pittsburg Pirates, of the National Professional Football League, were awarded the right to negotiate with Byron "Whizzer" White, Colorado's sensational All-American half-back today at the annual draft meeting of the leagues.

The names of 113 players were posted for draft, some of whom may decide not to prolong their football careers in the interest of financial gains. Conspicuously missing was Yale's all-American Clint Frank, the only all-star for this draft who was not selected. Frank had stated he would not play professional football.

The draft list included the following: from North Carolina; Mark, of North Carolina State; Burnette, North Carolina; Brunansky, Duke; Bershach, North Carolina; Hackney, Duke; Abbit, Elon, and Barton, North Carolina.

Roxboro, N. C., Dec. 15—Abbit has received honorable mention on practically every all-American list that has been announced this year. Had he played with a larger school than Elon he probably would have been placed on the first or second teams of many releases.

At the present time he is playing basketball at Elon and will probably be a regular in the line-up.

## DUNLOP CHARGES MEET THOSE OF BULLOCK TONIGHT

Both Boys and Girls Teams Will Start Season At Roxboro High Gymnasium

The basketball teams of Roxboro high school, boys and girls, will meet the teams from Helena tonight. Coach Dunlop charges will try to cop two games from an new team that has been coached by Ed Bullock.

The Roxboro Ramblers started practice last week and the game tonight is the first of a long schedule. Practically a new team will be found on the hardwood court for Roxboro this year. Clinton Winstead, H. K. Sanders, Jr. and Boone Oliver, star players of last year were lost by graduation. Earl Stewart, Bob Whitten and Luther Dixon are the only members of the varsity left from last year's team which lost only three games out of twenty-two.

New members of the Roxboro Club are Woodroe Jones, six-foot center, Barden Winstead, midget forward, Bittie Bullock, Don Bradsher, Henry Thornton and Wallace Moore.

New teams on the Ramblers' schedule this year are Danville Military Institute and Schoolfield, Va.

### AUCTION

The Ladies Missionary Society of Providence Baptist Church are having an auction sale, Saturday, December 18 at A. C. Gravitt's Store, one mile out the Virgilina highway. There will be brunswick and chicken stew with hot coffee on the ground from 4 p. m. to 7 p. m.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Born to Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Horton on December 16, 1937, a baby girl. Both mother and baby are doing nicely.

T. F. Davis Employed By Mr. Emmitt Whitt To Go To Augusta and Investigate Entire Affair

Evidence Points To Fact That Claude Whitt Was Accidentally Killed

Immediately after news reached Person County that Claude Whitt, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Whitt, was dead in Augusta, Ga. Mr. Whitt employed T. F. Davis of the law firm of Carlton and Davis to go to Augusta and investigate the circumstances leading to the death of his son.

Mr. Davis, upon questioning has issued the following statement.

"I have been asked by many to make a statement as to my investigation of the unfortunate affair occurring near Augusta, Ga., last week, which resulted in the death of Claude Whitt and the arrest of Hubert Davis, both young men of this county, about which the papers have had much to say about Claude Whitt committing suicide. Our firm, Carlton and Davis, was employed by Mr. Emmitt Whitt to go to Augusta last Sunday. It was simply a private investigation and I made the trip representing our firm and got back early Tuesday morning. The investigation which I made in conjunction with the very capable officers of Augusta has convinced us that there is no evidence that Claude Whitt committed suicide, but that he was accidentally killed. I am satisfied of this, as are also Georgia officers. The tragic part is that both of these boys are from splendid and well known families of our County. This is the only statement that I can make without first getting the consent of our client, Mr. Whitt."

## ROSE BOWL GAME TO HAVE \$300,000 GATE

Pasadena, Calif., Dec. 12.—They're predicting a \$300,000 gate at the Rose Bowl New Year's day. Ticket applications for the football game between Alabama and California indicate 200,000 persons want to crowd into the bowl which seats only 88,000.

The gate receipts will be the second largest in Tournament of Roses history. The universities of California and Alabama will get more than two-thirds of the money. Pittsburg and Southern California hold the Rose Bowl record for gate receipts, \$306,421.15 in 1930. Records show that in the last 11 years the average attendance has been 65,695; the average gate \$232,203.50; the average ticket price \$3.50.

### NOTICE

Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Association will hold their second stockholders meeting Saturday, Dec. 18, 1937 at 1:30 p. m. at the Courthouse, Roxboro, N. C. Please attend.

J. H. Foushee, Pres. G. M. Fox, Sec. & Treas.

## CLINTON WINSTEAD HOME FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Mr. Clinton Winstead of State College, Raleigh, is home for the Christmas Holidays. He will spend approximately three weeks at his home in Semora and in Roxboro.

### PAGEANT TO BE PRESENTED

The young people of Lambeth Memorial Baptist Church will present a pageant to the public Sunday night, December 19th. at 7:30. "The Christmas Road."

Heading It Off

The Reporter—I have an interview with the senator's and school-ma'ma, telling what a model boy he was in school.