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Purge For Louisiana



Earl K. Long, recently inaugurated governor of Louisiana and brother of the late Huey ("Kingfish") Long, has promised the state a "ruthless purge from within." Long, former lieutenant-governor, replaced Gov. Richard W. Leche, who resigned because of illness, postponed his resignation when Dr. James Monroe Smith, president of the state university, disappeared, and then announced his final resignation. Smith, accused of embezzling \$100,000, had previously quit his post. Long is pictured here with his wife, an ardent movie camera fan.

City Fire Loss For First Six Months Is Only \$1,650

News Of The Week

HEAVENLY VISITOR SEARES COAST

Portland, Ore. — A terrific explosion in the sky which was felt over a radius of 40 miles is believed to have been caused by a huge meteor, described by an eye-witness as being "as big as the moon." Scientists believe that it was probably shattered upon entering the earth's atmospheric envelope, although no fragments have been found.

DEFENSE MEASURES COMPLETED

Hyde Park, N. Y. — President Roosevelt signed the supplementary military appropriation bill of \$223,398,000, which brings the total defense appropriation for the fiscal year just beginning up to \$1,783,187,000, the largest outlay for national defense ever made in a time of peace.

GOVERNOR'S ROYAL GIFT

Trenton, N. J. — Governor A. Harry Moore, who welcomed King George VI and Queen Elizabeth on the last lap of their trip to the New York World's Fair received an autographed photograph of their Majesties from the British Consul General, as a token of their appreciation.

THEATRE PROJECT COSTLY

New York City—Following the elimination of the Federal Theatre Project from the WPA program, three supposed "successes" playing Broadway under relief auspices rang down their curtains. Seasoned theatrical men are asking why "successful" plays have to close when denied further Federal subsidies, and point to the fact that in the first two years of the Federal Theatre Project the Government invested \$25,000,000 for a box office return of only \$1,000,000. It is estimated that last year the Government recovered only 10 cents out of every dollar spent.

Chief O'Briant Says Department Answered 18 Alarms During Period.

A total fire loss of \$1,650 was announced for the first six months of 1939 by Fire Chief Henry O'Briant of this city recently.

Eighteen alarms, or an average of three a month, came to disturb the regular habits of Roxboro's citizenry during the first half of the year.

Breaking the chief's report down to its component parts, it is found that grass fires accounted for four of the alarms while sparks on the roof added three more. Others were: one oil stove explosion, one fire rolled down from open grate, one defective wiring, two unknown, four out on arrival.

Only one false alarm has been recorded during the first half of year.

In extinguishing the combined blazes, 1950 ft. of 2 1-2 inch hose was used, the pump operated for 50 minutes, 15 2 1-2 gallon soda acid extinguishers emptied and the large chemical tank used three times.

Around 70 Person Scouts At Cherokee

With the first period at Camp Cherokee now in progress, approximately 65 or 70 Person County scouts are in attendance this week.

The entire Bushy Fork and Cavel troops are enrolled at the camp this week along with several from other troops throughout the county.

Also encamped with the boys this week are C. H. Mason and Byrd Long, scout leaders of the Bushy Fork Troop.

Another period of camp, scheduled for beginning July 23, will find East Roxboro and Longhurst troops at the camp and local scout officials have indicated that practically every scout in the county will attend the camp during one of the periods of the summer.

"Distinction is the consequence, never the object, of a great mind."

—Allston.

County Welfare Bill Is \$3,326.90 For Last Month

\$3,326.90 was the amount spent for public assistance in this county for June, according to the monthly report just released by Mrs. T. C. Wagstaff, Person County superintendent of Welfare.

As usual the lion's share went for old age assistance, 241 persons receiving \$2,174 in this division. During the month, 190 children representing 74 families were awarded \$925 from the aid-to-dependent-children fund.

Other items for relief showed six blind persons receiving \$90 with \$55.50 being allotted to general relief. Eighteen persons shared in this latter division while five others received \$82.40 from a fund entitled "other financial assistance."

Movies Of Local People At Theatres Thursday, Friday

Next Thursday and Friday, local theatres will feature movies of local people taken during the recent Hospitality Week, according to the recent announcement of Proprietor O. T. Kirby.

H. Lee Waters of Lexington, well known motion picture cameraman, spent most of Hospitality Week here "shooting" scenes of events the big week of entertainment and hundreds of local people will be seen in the films to be shown at both matinee and evening performances of both theatres during the two-day run. Dance scenes, picnic scenes, the big parade and other features of the week were all covered by the cameraman and offer rare entertainment for theatre goers, the local theatre management believes.

OPERATION

E. E. Thomas, popular local druggist, underwent an operation at Watt's hospital Friday morning. He is understood to be recovering nicely.

Along The Way With the Editor

Well, here we are again with the news of the day—the truth and the untruth—what has been and what is to be, giving everything except a weather prediction and where the next marriage will take place and who and what.

They paid the firemen last Thursday and believe me the boys were glad to get their money. George Cushman headed the list. He was down for \$13.50 and deserved every cent of it. Cushman had to pull the Reams avenue hill on foot before he could get to a fire. The city certainly should buy him a pair of skates.

Ed Long lives next to Freeman Nicks. Ed has a nice garden, Freeman has none. Every time there are visitors at the Nicks' home he takes them around and shows them the garden that belongs to Ed. Then he tells them that it is his garden and explains how he raises each vegetable.

Cy Kirby has been having "Grocery Night" at the theatre every Wednesday. Recently he decided to do away with this plan. The trouble with the idea was that when he saw all of the groceries that he couldn't resist the temptation to take most of them home. The result was that he had very few left at the theatre when the time came to give them away. On top of that trouble, Teague and Joe, his brothers, came down every Wednesday right after he bought the groceries and they also wanted some to take home.

Remember Clem Satterfield, brother of Preston and Melbie, he used to live in Roxboro and drink branch water like the rest of the boys. Well, he lives in Durham now but his daughter, who lives here, had a big party for him last Saturday. Clem was here and had a big time, but in a little while it began to dawn on him that he was an old man. All of the boys that he once ran around with were at the party and they were so old that they could hardly get about. Clem realized that he, too, was getting a little ancient and instead of eating ten pieces of fried chicken he cut down to eight. Preston and Melbie took advantage of the free meal and ate all they could stand. Will Foushee of Durham, also proved that he was a good chicken eater and did away with two fried chickens. Percy Reade was also in the race, but the boys lost count of his chicken after he passed piece No. 12.

KIWANIS MEETING

The local Kiwanis club will meet Monday evening at the usual hour at the Olive Hill Community house, according to an announcement from club officials yesterday. The ladies of that community will serve the club's supper on this occasion.

Curing To Get Underway In Earnest This Week

Tobacco curing in Person county will really begin this week.

Although a few barns have already been cured reports have it that fires will be started under many barns this week. The bottom leaves are getting ripe and priming time is here.

Tobacco has been growing and getting ripe so rapidly during recent weeks that the crop is now up with or ahead of last year.

Growers state that we have had enough rain for several days, but they do not think that the tobacco has been damaged yet by too much water.

Many local tobaccoists who go to the Georgia markets each year have already gone and others are planning to leave in order to be on hand by July 25th. Many more will go to South Carolina by the time the market opens there on August 3rd.

Special Service To Begin Monday At Allensville

A series of special services will be held at Allensville Methodist church, beginning Monday evening at 8 o'clock, it was announced by Rev. T. W. Lee.

Rev. E. L. Hill, pastor of Mt. Tizah circuit, will be visiting preacher of the week of meetings.

Rev. Lee announced that after Monday there would be two services daily, one at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and another at 8 o'clock each night.

Taxpayers Await Budget Decisions Early This Week

T & O Announces Opening As New Walgreen Agency



Phil Thomas and Curtis Oakley, owners of Thomas and Oakley Drug Store, next Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday are celebrating the opening of a completely remodeled and modernized drug store.

All friends and customers who visit the store in the future will find one of the most beautiful and modern drug stores in the state.

Their store now a Walgreen Agency, was designed by the Walgreen architects and the construction work was all done locally. One is immediately impressed with the harmonizing color scheme which was carried out through the entire store.

The proprietors, in explaining the Walgreen Agency, pointed out that Walgreen Company does not own any part of the store, however, due to this connection the people of Roxboro and Person County are offered new and seasonal merchandise at the same time it is available in larger cities. This also provides a much larger variety and selection and at the very lowest price.

The Walgreen Company owns and operates over 500 drug stores in the larger cities throughout the United States and now has over 2,000 Agency Stores such as Thomas and Oakley.

The fountain department has been rearranged and improved, which will enable them to give much better service. The seating capacity will now accommodate thirty persons. You may sit at comfortable stools at the fountain.

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CLINIC

The regular fluoroscopic clinic will be held here next Wednesday, July 12, according to Miss Lake Allen of the Health Department yesterday. About 30 patients have already registered for this clinic, she stated.



GRIFFIN NAMES NEW ROTARY LEADERS FOR YEAR

New Officers Installed Thursday At Hotel Roxboro Meeting Of Club.

R. B. Griffin, inaugurated Thursday night as sixteenth president of the local Rotary club, took over the reins and immediately announced his committee chairmen for the ensuing year.

The entire program Thursday was given over to the annual installation of officers and the "keynote" address by the incoming president.

New committee leaders announced were as follows: International Service - T. Miller White, Boys Work - George W. Kane, Rural-Urban relationships - Ben Davis, Crippled Children - Dr. G. W. Gentry, Community Service - D. S. Brooks, Vocational Service - Claude Hall, Finance - H. K. Strang, Music - Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Woods, Rotary Information - R. M. Spencer, Program - Dr. B. E. Love, Attendance - Glenn Titus, Fellowship - J. A. Long, Membership - Fred Masten, Club Service - N. Lunsford and Sergeant-at-arms - George Fox.

Following his introduction by retiring president H. K. Strang, the new president gave brief report on his recent trip to the Cleveland convention as a delegate from the local club and outlined general plans for the coming year.

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Country Club Course Near Completion; All Greens Sown

Progress Also Being Made On Other Phases Of Work At The Club.

Progress at the local country club has gone forward slowly but surely, and the project is nearer completion with each day's passing, an announcement revealed yesterday.

Sowing of grass on all nine greens has been completed and on at least five of the greens has grown to such maturity that mowing is necessary.

Other parts of the club are

also readily being put into shape for final completion. The tennis courts, it was said, need only the installation of nets to make them playable while the clubhouse, itself, is rapidly taking on the aspects of a completed job. With the installation of showers in the basement and other sanitary facilities, this part of the project will also be pronounced complete.

Work on the immediate ground around the clubhouse is also going forward when the limited W. P. A. labor is available.

Boards Expected to Set Both Town And County Tax Rates At Coming Sessions.

Roxboro and Person County tax payers are today awaiting their fate, now resting in the hands of their two governing boards to be decided at separate sessions Monday and Tuesday.

Budgets for town and county governments have been completed by officials and await approval by the Town Board and County Commissioners respectively. The former is scheduled for meeting Tuesday night at the City Hall with the latter meeting tomorrow morning in the Register of Deeds office at the County Courthouse.

With the approval of budgets by the two boards, tax rates will be set and Mr. John Q. Citizen will know just where he stands in the matter of taxes for the coming year.

The County Commissioners began consideration of the county budget at the regular meeting last Monday but for several reasons they left the completion of their task for tomorrow's session.

The county school board meeting in the Superintendent of Education's office yesterday gave their official approval to the school budget and this will be a part of the total county budget ready for final sanction by the Commissioners tomorrow.

Last month's session of the town board was postponed because of illness of several members but all are expected to be on hand for the important session Tuesday night.

Hospitality Group To Meet Again Tuesday

Secretary Melvin H. Burke of the Chamber of Commerce, coordinating both the Roxboro and Person County's recent Hospitality Week, yesterday said a meeting had been called for Tuesday afternoon to make definite plans for next year's event.

Called to the meeting will be members of this year's steering committee and Hospitality Week leaders from the various cooperating organizations.

Expected to come up at Tuesday's meeting will be the selection of a Chairman for next year's event. Mrs. B. G. Clayton acted in this capacity during the past Hospitality Week.

This year's steering committee was composed of O. B. McBroom, D. R. Taylor, R. B. Griffin, W. R. Jones, R. H. Shelton, Dr. B. A. Thaxton, Mrs. B. G. Clayton, Mrs. J. H. Hughes, Miss Velma Beam, Gordon C. Hunter, Mayor S. F. Nicks, J. B. Snipes, O. T. Kirby, J. S. Merritt and J. D. Mangum.

Contest Starts Tomorrow At Electric Appliance

Electric Appliance Co. will begin distribution of their Treasure Keys Monday.

Remember, if you get a key it may be one of those that will open one of the locks at this company's store. If so you will get one of the grand prizes.

Hundreds of these keys will be distributed and there will be many prizes.