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## Fire Guts Clayton's Grocery Tuesday

Thousands Turn Out For Spectacular Blaze At Mid-Night.

Disastrous fire gutted Theo Clayton's store on South Main street Tuesday night about 11:30 o'clock in one of the most spectacular blazes here in many months.

Several thousand local people, many in varied forms of night dress, turned out to watch firemen fight the flames which spread their light many miles into the country.

The entire upper story of the store building was almost completely destroyed but damage to the lower floor, which housed the store, was almost totally confined to heat and water damage, which was estimated as considerable.

Damage to building and stock together was estimated as well over a \$1,000. Both were partly covered by insurance. The building is owned by Ivey James, local bottler who resides directly across the street. Theo Clayton is proprietor of the store. For a time it was feared that sparks might spread to the adjacent negro church or Rock Inn Service Station but firemen soon had the conflagration under control.

Mr. Clayton said he had no idea as to the origin of the fire which started in the upper story.

## Rabons Severly Injured In Auto Mishap Sunday

Mrs. J. L. Rabon, of Roxboro, was severely injured, and her husband, J. L. Rabon, and a Mr. Melton of Burlington were also injured in a three-car wreck

Mr. Rabon has informed Principal H. C. Gaddy of the local school that his wife would not be able to begin her duties at the opening of school, September 6.

which occurred Sunday afternoon at about 5 o'clock at the intersection of the Franklinville road and highway 62 near Asheboro.

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## Regina Tobacco V



Mary Pickford, "America's Sweetheart" of the silent screen, social leader of Hollywood, California, and director in the United Artists Corporation, will reign over the fifth annual National Tobacco Festival at South Boston on Thursday and Friday, September 7 and 8. During her visit to the Old Dominion, she will be entertained at "Grand Oaks," the Vaughan home in Halifax.

## Father Of Mrs. Winstead Fatally Stricken Yesterday

Heart Attack Fatal To Norfolk Physician On Visit Here.

Dr. Charles Leigh deVany, 67, father of Mrs. Sam Byrd Winstead, was fatally stricken with a heart attack here at the home of his daughter about 10:30 yesterday morning.

Dr. deVany, a resident of Norfolk, Va., had been visiting his daughter here for the past week when he was found dead in his bedroom.

He had appeared earlier that morning in his usual state of health. However, he was known to have been suffering from a serious heart impairment and his death was not entirely unexpected.

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## Trade Brisk Today

### Miss Billie Street Back Home After 8-Week Course

Miss Billie Street, daughter of Postmaster and Mrs. K. L. Street, returned home Monday after attending an eight week's music course at the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, Mich.

Attending the course with her was Mrs. J. A. Greenwood of Durham, former violin teacher of Miss Street.

While in Michigan, Miss Street visited the Ford Motor Company plant in Detroit as well as the Post Cereal factory in Battle Creek. For the past two years she has been a student at Greensboro College.

Extensive preparations have been made for the event, these being started many days in advance in order that a full stock of merchandise might be present.

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## Young Local Lawyer Speaks To Kiwanians

Local Kiwanians Monday night heard T. Fitz Davis, young local attorney, as a feature of the regular weekly meeting held this week at Allensville Methodist church.

The bountiful picnic supper was served by the ladies of the church missionary society.

Davis in his address pointed out in clear-cut manner how each person is dependent upon his fellowmen, how all must live in unity and harmony with each other to experience the full life.

Several Kiwanians reported on good will tours they had made throughout the county during the previous week while others indicated they would continue the project during the coming week.

Next Monday's session, the last outdoor meeting of the summer, is scheduled for Leasburg Methodist church.

## State Fair Executive Here Tomorrow

Principal speaker at tomorrow night's supper to which a number of prominent local leaders have been invited by the Person County Fair association will be A. H. Fleming, president of the North Carolina Association of Agricultural Fairs, it was announced yesterday by local President Robert L. Perkins.

A resident of Louisburg, Fleming, in his letter of acceptance to President Perkins, congratulated the local fair association on the progress that is being made here.

Purpose of tomorrow night's meeting will be to discuss policies, plans and procedure for the 1939 fair to be held September 18-23. The directors have indicated that they are determined to make this coming fair the greatest in the history of the event and this meeting will be devoted to discussing means for making it so.

## Tour Planned In Bethel Hill Community

The farmers of Bethel Hill community and their high school vocational teacher, A. G. Bullard, are cooperating with the County Agent's office in inviting their friends to visit a few farms and farm homes on the afternoon of August 31.

The schedule is as follows.  
1:15 p. m. - Leave Roxboro.  
1:30 p. m. - Arthur Wrenn - Home Poultry Plant.  
2:15 p. m. - Mrs. H. B. Bailey - Homemade Kitchen Furniture.  
3:00 p. m. - Mrs. J. H. Merritt - Garden, Refinished Furniture, Water System.

3:45 p. m. - Jack Woody - Loblolly pines, 11 yrs. old.  
4:00 p. m. - Bethel Hill Vocational Agricultural Department.

4:15 p. m. - E. L. Wehrenberg - Lespedeza, Sericea, Limed vs. unlimed pastures.  
5:00 p. m. - J. Y. Humphries - Grape vineyard.

A cordial invitation is extended to all farmers and their friends to take part in this farm tour.

## Mules Killed By Lightning

Three mules were instantly killed when struck by lightning during yesterday's storm, it was reported here yesterday.

The mules belonged to Frank Clayton, negro tenant of the farm of Mrs. Al Martin in the Allensville township. It is understood that the mules were in the stable when the lightning struck.

## Autos Crash On Wet Pavement At Intersection

Aided and abetted by a slick pavement and a heavy downpour of rain, two cars crashed into each other at the corner of Main street and Barnett avenue yesterday afternoon about 1 o'clock.

The 1936 Oldsmobile driven by Richard Folger, Durham negro employed by the George W. Kane organization on the new Collins and Aikman addition, collided with the 1929 Plymouth driven by Bill Long, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Long.

The negro's car was going north while the Long car was just entering Main street from Barnett avenue. Folger, allegedly applied his brakes which failed to hold on the wet pavement and skidded some distance into the other car, which had already come to a halt at the intersection.

Both cars were damaged considerably but neither of the occupants were hurt.

## BUSHY FORK STEW

The following announcement has been received from officials of the local Junior Order:

"Junior Order members and their families are invited to come to Chub Lake this Saturday, August 26 at 5:30, but you are urged to please bring plenty of chickens, tomatoes, corn, butter, onions, butter beans, and cabbage. If you intend to furnish something for the stew, please have it at Aubrey Long's Grocery Store not later than Saturday morning at 8:30.

"Louis Long, the chief cook and bottle washer and his cohorts said that if you don't have anything to furnish in the stew, bring some money along and you can have something to eat. A large crowd of atleast four hundred people are expected."

## REUNION

There will be a "Lunsford" family reunion September 3 at Surl church on the Oxford road. All "Lunsfords" are urged to attend and bring a basket. Any relatives of the "Lunsford" families are also requested to attend.

## Day's Spot News

### THE RAIN FELL

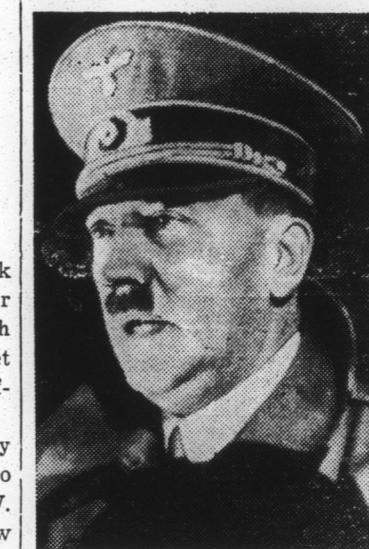
Rain fell at a heavy clip during five days of last week, the report of City Engineer I. O. Abbott showed. Readings from Monday morning at 9:30 through Saturday morning at the same hour indicated a total rainfall of 4.17 inches for the period. The Tuesday morning-Wednesday morning period showed the heaviest deluge of any 24 hour period, 1.22 inches falling between these hours.

### RECORD BROKEN

The local health department yesterday again broke the district record, held by themselves, in the number of fluoroscopic examinations for tuberculosis. 68 was the number examined yesterday with three being found positive and one suspicious. The next visit of the fluoroscope will be the latter part of September.

## Advertising Plans Go Forward Here; Radio Contract Let

## Key To Peace



Southern Advertising Agency To Handle Tobacco Market Campaign.

Directors of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday afternoon took another definite step toward an extensive advertising campaign for the local tobacco market by contracting for 52 radio broadcasts designed to boost local sales.

Handling the campaign will be the Southern Advertising Agency of Durham, whose spokesman, H. S. Williamson, conferred with the directors here Tuesday.

The broadcasts, of one half minute each and approximately 75 words each will emanate from Raleigh's W. P. T. F. five days a week, Monday through Friday, and come at 1:15 o'clock. Broadcasts will begin around the opening date and continue until very close to Thanksgiving at a cost of \$338.

Williamson assured the local directors that 52 live new programs would be written for the series containing none of the "old worn-out stuff" usually employed. The program will be ended by the day's market average sent in daily.

Several newspapers in outlying towns will be utilized also in spreading the campaign in an effort to secure tobacco from other counties. Oxford, Danville, South Boston and Yanceyville and possibly Hillsboro papers will be the mediums for this part of the drive. No contracts, however, have been let for the newspaper advertising.

Approximately \$600 has already been pledged into the coffers for boosting local poundage and this figure, it is hoped, will be raised to \$800 or \$1,000 before the drive is finally completed.

## O'Briant Clan Gather Sunday At Flat River

With approximately 500 members of the clan present, descendants of the late Elijah O'Briant, veteran of the War of 1812 who lived from 1790 until 1878, gathered at Flat River church Sunday for their first annual family reunion.

Speakers for the occasion were Hon. T. F. Davis, young local attorney, and Elder Arch O'Briant, grandson of the family's founder who now resides in Rockingham County.

Available history of the family and its coat-of-arms were presented at Sunday's gathering and a decision was made to make the reunion an annual affair to be held next year at the same place.

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## GRADUATE

Haywood Clayton of Woodsdale, has completed a Course in Practical and Theoretical Radio and Television and has been awarded a Diploma by the National Radio Institute of Washington, D. C. He finished the prescribed Course of technical studies with creditable grades and is to be congratulated upon his achievement.

Visit Roxboro Stores - Dollar Days - Today, Tomorrow, Saturday