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## APPRECIATION IS EXPRESSED FOR CIVIC SUPPORT

Secretary Burke Writes Open Letter In Regard To Market Advertising.

In regard to the campaign to support the local tobacco market, Secretary of the Roxboro Chamber of Commerce, Melvin H. Burke, acting on behalf of the Chamber organization, today issued the following signed statement to the citizens of this community:

"The Roxboro Chamber of Commerce is endeavoring to aid the Roxboro tobacco market by putting on an advertising campaign over Radio Station WPTF; in the Raleigh News and Observer and in the two local papers, and the Chamber organization feels that the efforts expended have not been in vain. The Roxboro Tobacco market at the present writing has sold more tobacco in the opening two weeks than at any other year in the history of the market.

"The program which has been promulgated by the Chamber of Commerce necessarily carries with it a considerable amount of expense. To those of you of our community who have so graciously contributed to this worthy cause, both of time and money, we take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks for co-operation. Those who have not as yet contributed in a financial way to this undertaking, we trust, will see fit to do so immediately. A campaign to collect the funds already pledged will be instituted the latter part of this week.

"We trust that the program which we are attempting to carry on meets with the approval of the people of this community and we likewise would appreciate any suggestions as to how we might better this program and therefore make it more beneficial to everybody concerned."

Very truly yours,  
Roxboro Chamber of Commerce,  
(Signed) Melvin H. Burke.

## Dr. H. R. Douglass To Address Local Schoolmasters Club

Lewis S. Cannon, president of the Person County Schoolmasters club announced today that Dr. Harl R. Douglass of the University of North Carolina, will be the principal speaker at the next meeting of the Schoolmasters club to be held at the Hotel Roxboro at 6:30 on the evening of November 14. Members of the Granville and Caswell county Schoolmasters clubs will also be present.

Dr. Douglass is Kenan professor of Secondary Education, and chairman of the Division of teacher training at the University. Recognized as being the school education, he has just resigned his position at the university and will leave Chapel Hill next March in order to become director of the college of education at the University of Colorado.

## BOARD MEETS FRIDAY

The board of directors of the Roxboro Chamber of Commerce will hold their regular monthly meeting Friday afternoon, November 3, at 5 o'clock, according to announcement made Wednesday by Secretary Melvin H. Burke. All directors are urged to attend.

## Few Are Hurt

School bus No. 29, serving students at Allensville, turned over yesterday on a slick road near the school grounds, although few of the occupants were hurt, according to reports received here by Superintendent of Schools, R. B. Griffin. One boy had a finger cut and several students were shaken up.

The bus was being driven by Wilbur Hicks, whose regular bus had become stuck in the mud on the highway. School officials said Thursday that beginning Monday Mr. Hicks will be replaced by Charles Fox, as driver. The overturned bus was only slightly damaged and will be in use by the first of the week.

## FALLS AGAINST WINDOW

W. A. Alexander, resident of this city, was painfully but not seriously injured late yesterday afternoon when he slipped and fell against a plate glass window-front at Bruce's store on Main street. Mr. Alexander received several cuts from the broken glass, but was taken to his home and is reported to be resting comfortably. He said a fainting spell overcame him while he was standing in front of the store.

## KERR AND BALL CONTESTS WILL BE HELD SOON

County Club Women Urged To Bring Entries To County Meeting Monday.

The Home Demonstration club women of Person county are having their Ball and Kerr Canning contests Monday, November 6, at two o'clock in the Grand Jury room of the courthouse, according to an announcement made today.

For the Ball contest 1 qt. of fruit and 1 qt. of vegetables are required, while for the Kerr contest 1 qt. of fruit, 1 qt. of vegetables and 1 qt. of meat are required. Twenty entries in each are required in order to get a contest prize.

The county winner will send her exhibit to Raleigh, November 16 to the State Canning contest sponsored by the Ball and Kerr companies. Mrs. Cornelia C. Morris, Extension Specialist, directs the state contests.

Miss Maude Searcy, Caswell's home agent, will act as official judge of the local contest and will also tell about her trip to Europe with the Rural Women of the world.

All members interested in the canning contests are urged to bring their entries.

## Announce Cast Of Play To Be Given By Dramatic Club

"Life Begins At Sixteen" To Be Presented By High School Club.

Although a number of American novelists and playwrights have portrayed the youngest generation with considerable success and understanding, it is difficult for an adult to comprehend completely the sorrows, ambitions and troubles of youth, according to Mrs. B. G. Clayton, dramatics instructor at Roxboro high school, who made this statement Tuesday between intervals of coaching the cast of the current high school play, "Life Begins at Sixteen," which will be presented November 14.

Continuing, Mrs. Clayton observed that Booth Tarkington, whose "Seventeen" was produced by the Seniors of Roxboro high school three years ago as the class play, won great acclaim as an interpreter of youth, and she is of the opinion that Hilda Manning's "Life Begins at Sixteen" is equally effective as a portrayal of youthful perplexities and anxieties. Miss Manning's drama has received much favorable criticism.

It will be given by the dramatic club on the date mentioned in the Roxboro high school auditorium, with the following cast: Paul ..... George Long Hilda, the Swedish maid .....

Martha Boatwright Mrs. Hallis ..... Helen Hall Mr. Hallis ..... Carroll Spencer Marjorie, in love .. Eleanor Winstead

Frannie, twin sister of Paul .... Arline Newell Crandal, a dark villain .....

Billy Murphy George ..... Ted Parker Snookie ..... Margaret O'Briant Members of the Secret Seven Theo ..... Lawrence Featherston Pidgie ..... Louise Moore Fattie ..... J. E. Latta Boots ..... Fay O'Briant Daisie ..... Katherine Hester Sisie, a business girl ..... Lois Pickering

## SECOND GRADE PRESENTS PLAY

Members of Miss Sue Merritt's second grade at Central school gave a Halloween play in the school auditorium at Chapel period Tuesday. Music was directed by Mrs. Sam Byrd Winstead.

The cast of characters included Alice Lee Boatwright, as "Beth"; Bill Michie, as "Jimmy"; Farnk Kirby, as "Tom-Tom"; Daphne Harris, Faith Brooks, Josephine Blalock, Lucille Rollings, Sylvia Bradsher and Lila Fay Mondie as witches, and Kirk Kynoch, Dan Winstead, Bobby Fox and W. F. Adcock as ghosts.

## The Minutes Count In Some Instances

Yesterday afternoon a "Times" reporter found himself helping other people to "watch the clock."

It came about in this wise, after a pleasant visit of some minutes duration in the office of Mrs. T. C. Wagstaff, genial efficient Director of Public Welfare in Person county. As he was leaving, the reporter happened to take one more glance at the lady's nearly immaculate desk: on it was a much penciled chart.

In answer to the expected question Mrs. Wagstaff produced a letter from Nathan H. Yelton, director of the Division of Public assistance. Scanning the letter she pointed out this section of it: "During November your Person County Welfare department has been one of sixteen selected in the state to conduct and file a Time 'Schedule'. This selection has a singular significance in that it is felt your county department, both from the standpoint of administration and the quality of its personnel, is well equipped to conduct a Time Schedule test."

Having read this and made a

## L. M. Carlton Has Issues To Mark Ter-Centennial

Postmaster L. M. Carlton, of Roxboro, has on hand a number of three-cent stamps issued to commemorate the ter-centennial of printing in America, although quite a few of the stamps in Mr. Carlton's possession have been spoken for by local philatelists, he said yesterday.

The stamp, of rectangular shape, with the long side going upwards, is printed in the familiar three-cent lavender color and has on it a prominently displayed and very beautiful representation of a typical, and therefore simple, sixteenth century hand-press. At the top, above the press, which looks much like one Benjamin Franklin might have used a hundred years later, is this legend: "Anniversary of Printing in Colonial America, 1639-1939".

Mr. Carlton said Wednesday he expected all of the stamps will be taken before they can be placed on open sale.

## Flint A. Oliver Has New Position

Flint A. Oliver, young Roxboro resident, who has been connected with the Roxboro Drug company, has resigned his position there in order to accept the assistant management of the Roxboro Diner, operated by L. C. Hall on Lamar street, according to announcement made by Mr. Hall.

Mr. Oliver assumed his new duties Monday of this week. He is a graduate of Roxboro high school and is a son of Police Chief and Mrs. S. A. Oliver. Mr. Hall stated Wednesday night that with Mr. Oliver as assistant manager he is expecting to maintain a new and longer schedule of hours at the Diner.

## DAUGHTER BORN

Mr. and Mrs. Russell E. Newell, of Roxboro, announce the birth of a daughter, Jeanette Mae, on Tuesday, October 31, at their home on Webb street.

## KIWANIANS HEAR ABOUT HEALTH

Miss Lake Allen Is Speaker At Dinner Served By Bushy Fork Women.

Declaring that a county health department's functional efficiency and progress is directly related to the support given to it by the community which it is intended to serve, Miss Lake Allen, of the Nursing Staff of the Person county Health department addressed the members of the Kiwanis club of Roxboro Monday night at the Community house, on the work of the local department of health.

Miss Allen, who was presented by George R. Currier, co-chairman of the club program committee, also said that it is essential to have the close cooperation of the county medical society, school officials and county commissioners if health work is to be properly carried on. Leaving the impression that Person county's Health department is fortunate in having this cooperation, Miss Allen commended the Kiwanis club for its own active participation in the county health program. She especially praised the club's sponsorship of a tonsil clinic for Negro children.

Kiwanis president, D. R. Taylor announced that there will be no meeting of the club this coming Monday on account of the joint meeting with the Rotary club Thursday night, November 9, when a "Scout Night" program will be given by Roxboro and Person county Scouts at the high school gymnasium.

President Taylor also announced committees for the annual Kiwanis Charter and Ladies Night program: Entertainment, J. L. Hester, chairman, Rev. M. W. Lawrence and F. O. Carver, Jr.; favors, W. W. Warren, chairman, B. B. Mangum and E. E. Thomas; decorations, G. R. Currier, chairman, B. T. Brown and Dr. R. E. Long; music, S. M. Ford and J. Long, Jr.

## Committeemen From Woodsdale Are Announced

As announced in Sunday's edition of this paper county and township township committeemen were chosen Friday by the Person County Agricultural association to determine farm acreage allotments and marketing quotas and to otherwise assist in the operation of the 1940 crop-control program for tobacco growing in this county.

At the time the Sunday account was prepared no report had been received concerning the committeemen for Woodsdale township. With the publication of the election returns from this community the complete list for the county is available. Woodsdale township committeemen selected are: H. B. Bailey, chairman; J. F. Bailey, vice-chairman; J. H. Shotwell, third member; R. D. Bailey, first alternate and J. R. Morris, second alternate.

At the Person county agent's office it was said that the farmers themselves are pleased that the election is over and most of them seem pleased with the selections made. It is expected that the newly elected committeemen will shortly begin their work, although it will take considerable time for the complete development of the 1940 program to be carried on in this county.

"Business was his aversion; pleasure was his business." —Edgeworth

## Two Contest Winners Are Selected By Committee

### New Edifice Is Built By Church Of Rev. S. F. Nicks

Friends of Rev. S. F. Nicks, prominent Methodist minister who has served churches in Person county, and who is the father of Mayor S. F. Nicks, Jr., of Roxboro, will be interested to learn of the dedication service held Sunday at Cedar Grove church, Orange county, where the Rev. Mr. Nicks is pastor.

Chief speaker at the dedication was Bishop W. W. Peele, of Richmond, Va., who spoke at the 11 o'clock morning service. Other participants in the dedication exercises included District Superintendent A. J. Hobbs and Prof. F. S. Aldridge, district lay leader, of Duke university. The afternoon sermon was delivered by the Rev. Virgil Queen, formerly associated with Cedar Grove church.

The church, constructed of Duke university type stone, was designed by Architect H. N. Hayes, of the university. Members of the congregation regard the building of this church as one of the crowning events in the life of Mr. Nicks, and as a demonstration of what may be accomplished in a rural church community.

## HER NAME IS IN THE GOOD BOOK

Minerva Pulliam Wagstaff Was An Exceptional Negro Woman.

If this story had appeared in a metropolitan daily, where human interest hunting is keen, the reporter might have written: "Aged Negro Mammy has her birth record inscribed in her white folk's family Bible"

But since the facts are Person county and Caswell facts, why not try a less sentimental turn. It seems that last week or the first of this week it was reported to the Person County Welfare office that Minerva Lee Wagstaff, an old and familiar Negro resident of the county had died. It also happened that her name had been on the records of the Old Age assistance division of the department and with her death a proper checking of records and filing of reports was in order.

On looking up the initial entry for "Aunt Minerva" the case worker re-discovered the interesting fact that the old woman's birth date had been copied from an ancient family Bible belonging to George Connolly, on whose father's plantation, near Leas-

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## GRADE MOTHERS ARE PARTY HOSTESSES

Grade mothers of the sixth and seventh grades of the Roxboro public schools, taught by Mrs. W. H. Harris, III, Mrs. Frederick Moore and Miss Lucille Clark, entertained at a Halloween party Monday night in the American Legion hut in honor of the children in these grades.

The party began at 7:30 o'clock with a round of games and holiday fun. Hostesses were: Mrs. H. L. Umstead, chairman, and Mesdames William T. Kirby, B. B. Newell, Edwin Bowles, Elizabeth Cheek, Mollie Barrett, W. T. Pass and Jack Hughes.

Garland Pass, Jr. and Long, Bradsher and Co. Win Prizes.

Garland Pass, Jr., wearing a truly spook-marked skeleton costume with white bones outlined against black oilcloth, together with an appropriate mask, was announced as winner of the costume prize offered by the Roxboro Chamber of Commerce for the best ghostly "get-up" worn by children of the city who participated in the annual Halloween frolic staged on Main street.

Window award for the best store decoration was won by the Long and Bradsher Hardware company. Judges in both contests were Mayor S. F. Nicks, Jr., and Glenn Stovall, president of the Chamber of Commerce, who admitted they had a difficult time making selections. Long and Bradsher's winning window effectively displayed Halloween rustic decorations such as pumpkins and corn stalks, plus some attractive rabbits.

And, although young Master Pass, son of Mr. and Mrs. Garland Pass, of this city, and the hardware company were declared the winners, many other young people and business firms entered the contest.

As early as six-thirty o'clock, as darkness fell, the Main street block, roped off for the occasion, began to be filled with masquerading children, young people and some older folks. Few traditional white ghosts were in evidence but girls who were men for a night, and boys who were ladies, paraded the streets and voiced their merriment.

The other major observance of the evening was the Woman's club party held at the Pioneer warehouse where bingo and other contests took, for once, the place of tobacco. Both here and on the streets, the citizens seemed to enjoy themselves, although the crowds, because of the damp day and the chill night, were reported to have been smaller than they were last year.

## ASSOCIATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM PLANS

Meeting Will Be Held At Semora Baptist Church Sunday Afternoon.

The Person County Baptist associational Sunday school meeting will be held at Semora Baptist church, Sunday, November 5, at 3 o'clock with Rev. A. R. Gallimore, who was for many years a missionary in China, as guest speaker, according to announcement made today.

This promises to be a most interesting and informative meeting, it is said. The meeting will open with a devotional; the roll of Sunday schools will then be made, and plans for furtherance of Sunday school work in the county will be discussed.

Mrs. Errol Morton who is associational superintendent, is very anxious to have a large attendance from each Sunday school.

These meetings are held on each first Sunday of the month, and are considered most important in the growth of Baptist Sunday school work.

"Wist ye not that I must be about My Father's business?"