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## EYE CLINIC IS NOVEMBER HIGH SPOT IN REPORT

Dr. A. L. Allen Reports 58 Children Were Fitted With Glasses.

In presenting the Person county November health department report, Dr. A. L. Allen, assistant health officer said today that the outstanding service rendered by the department was arrangement for a clinic at which the eyes of 68 children were examined and for whom glasses were fitted.

Only ten children could not be helped by spectacles, the report continued, but many children needing glasses were turned away and a second clinic will be arranged as soon as possible. Dr. Allen said he desired to express the department's gratitude to the Roxboro Rotary club for eye clinic assistance rendered by the club.

An epidemic of whooping cough was noted during November and a total of five scarlet fever cases were reported.

At the eye clinic 89 children were examined as applicants, 68 were examined by specialists and 58 were fitted with glasses. In dental hygiene 55 persons received dental prophylaxis and 234 dental operations were performed. Schick test vaccinations were given to 79 people; smallpox vaccinations were administered to 73 persons and toxoid to 26.

In the tuberculosis clinic 90 patients were fluoroscoped and in the maternity clinic 16 women were examined. In syphilis control 10 new cases were treated and the total number of treatments rendered was 420.

Cafe inspections were made of 54 establishments and the total mileage traveled by the health department personnel was 3,723 miles during the month.

## BURKE TO LEAVE SECRETARYSHIP

Announces Resignation As Chamber Secretary. Will Devote Time To Law.

Effective as of January 1, 1940, Melvin H. Burke, of this city, who has since September, 1938, been secretary of the Roxboro Chamber of Commerce, announced today his resignation from that office.

Mr. Burke, whose resignation was accepted at a recent meeting of the Chamber of Commerce board of directors, said he was taking this step because he believes it to be to his advantage to devote his entire time to the practice of law, the profession in which he has been engaged since coming to Roxboro two years ago.

Since he has been serving as secretary of the Chamber Mr. Burke has maintained law offices in the Chamber of Commerce suite. Announcement of his new location will be made at a later date, Mr. Burke said. He added that he will continue practice and residence in Roxboro. He came here from Wake Forest law school and is a native of Spencer.

In his letter of resignation Mr. Burke expressed his sincere appreciation to the members of the board of directors for their cooperation during the period of his affiliations as Secretary and said he would be glad to be of whatever assistance he could in the future.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Martin, of Longhurst, announce the birth of a son, Thursday, December 7, at Community hospital.

## Father Has To Pay Because His Son Skips School

Like Shakespeare's school boy, Edward Hammond, Jr., 12, son of Ed Hammond, of the Warren's Grove community near here, "crept unwillingly to school": in fact he went only three days during the first three weeks of the school term.

Ed, Jr., his parents said, wanted to go to Bushy Fork school rather than to Central school in Roxboro, and so, the truant officer, Mrs. T. C. Wagstaff, who is also Person County Welfare and WPA administrator, agreed to cooperate with the boy. For one day he went to Bushy Fork, got his school books and a number of library books—and never went near the school again.

Finally, the boy's father brought into county court before Judge W. I. Newton, was charged with violating that portion of the "Consolidated Statutes" of North Carolina which provides that "every parent, guardian or other person having charge or control of a child between the ages of 7 and 14 years" shall see to it such a child shall attend school during the time schools are in operation.

Saturday the climax was reached when Hammond senior was convicted, but on good authority, Ed, Jr., still remains a problem, he does not want to read school books.

## Dr. Vliet Speaks On Benevolences

Speaker at a special meeting of members of Edgar Long Memorial church Monday was the Rev. Dr. C. K. Vliet, secretary to the general Board of Benevolences, who pointed out that Methodists are contributing but one and one-half cents per capita, per week to benevolences.

Dr. Vliet was introduced by District Superintendent, A. J. Hobbs, of Durham. Dr. Vliet urged his hearers to increase their support of what he regarded as one of the most vital departments of church life. The meeting at Long Memorial church was one of nine to be held by Dr. Vliet in the Durham district.

## TO SERVE DINNER

Arrangements are now practically complete for the annual dinner sponsored by women of Edgar Long Memorial Methodist church. Dinner will be served in the basement of the church Saturday, starting at 11:30 in the morning.

## R. L. Harris Is Speaker At Annual Bethel Hill Banquet

Father-Son Dinner Sponsored By High School Agriculture Class.

R. L. Harris, of Roxboro, was the chief speaker at the Father-Son Banquet held at Bethel Hill high school Wednesday night at 7 o'clock. Mr. Harris spoke on the opportunities that all have and stressed the fact that we all have an opportunity to serve our county, state and nation. He said that our obligations begin in infancy and extend through life.

The banquet was sponsored by the Agricultural class of Bethel Hill of which A. G. Bullard is instructor. The meeting was presided over by C. T. Hall, Jr., president of the class.

## Serving Same Purpose for Germany?



\* France and Britain claim that George Elser, left, arrested by Germany for setting the Munich bomb which almost killed Adolf Hitler, is merely a "stooge" and that the bombing was planned to provide an excuse for purging Nazi ranks of undesirables. It was recalled that similar allegations were made about the Dutch communist, Marius van der Luebbe, right, whose arrest in 1933 for starting the Reichstag fire was a prelude to suspension of German civil liberties.

## Kiwanis Members Plan To Sponsor Christmas Fund

At their regular weekly evening dinner meeting held Monday at the Hotel Roxboro, members of the Kiwanis club agreed to sponsor a community Christmas basket fund. Plans for raising the fund were presented by Stuart Ford. Under the proposed plan each Kiwanian is asked to purchase five tickets to local motion picture houses, the tickets thus bought being good any time between now and December 18.

It was also proposed that as an incentive for the plan a turkey will be given away at the final meeting of the year, on the date just mentioned. A committee of four was appointed to distribute "Christmas Basket Fund" boxes to stores and public buildings and cafe with the idea that placed in places where people congregate these boxes will serve as collection agencies for the funds.

The funds will be used to help provide Christmas cheer for poorer citizens in the community. First contributions came from five sales representative of the Roxboro Cotton Mills, Messrs. Worth and Horack, of New York, and Cressy, Dowe and Eddy, of Philadelphia, guests of J. A. Long, Jr.

## VISITOR HERE

Dr. F. S. Fellows, Raleigh, venereal disease specialist was in Roxboro Tuesday to confer with Dr. A. L. Allen and other members of the Person County Department of Health.

## Rev. S. F. Nicks Addresses Junior Order Gathering

Having as chief speaker Rev. S. F. Nicks, pastor of Cedar Grove church, members of the Junior order held a district meeting at Longhurst, Monday night, with the Longhurst Council acting as hosts. In his address dealing with principles of the J. O. U. A. M., Rev. Mr. Nicks paid a tribute to the late Rev. N. J. Todd, Baptist minister who was active in the work of the Order. Rev. Mr. Nicks is a Past State Councillor.

Around one hundred people were present for the meeting, presided over by Tyree Jones, of Durham, district councillor. A good many of those present were visiting delegates from the more than thirty councils in this district. Mr. Jones announced that the next meeting will be held at Yanceyville, probably in April. It was also decided that an attendance banner will be awarded at this meeting to the council having the largest number present.

## LETTERS TO SANTA

Santa Claus letters, according to custom, are now being accepted at the Times office and children may order what they want from the Jolly Saint. All letters received will be published in this paper.

## Highsmith Talks On Good And Bad Education

Declaring it to be a well-known but not often discussed fact that some public schools are bad and some are good, Dr. J. Henry Highsmith, of Raleigh, of the State Department of education, presented an analysis of effective school and classroom management to Person county teachers who attended a Monday afternoon meeting of the county-wide teachers association at the Allensville school.

Dr. Highsmith used as his formal topic, "Evaluating Schools of Today", although his remarks pertaining to the practical as well as the theoretical measurement of present day education.

Following Dr. Highsmith on the program, was Dr. Walter Wilkins, also of Raleigh, who discussed his work as a coordinator of state public health and educational programs. Dr. Wilkins is remaining in the county this week to give talks and to hold conferences at all schools in the county system.

After presentation of the afternoon program at Allensville many visiting teachers made an inspection tour of the new school building, first used this year. Refreshments were served by the Allensville Parent Teachers association and music was rendered by Miss Mary Elizabeth Sanders, teacher of Public School music at Helena.

## Local Market Is Expected To Close On Friday, Dec. 15

Although a definite date for the closing of the Roxboro Tobacco market has not been determined it is thought that the market will close December 15 and will reopen sometime in January.

The Roxboro market has sold in the neighborhood of 5,000,000 pounds and it is thought that the figure will pass the five million pound mark by the end of Friday's selling period. Last season the market sold 3,500,000.

There will not be much tobacco left in the county after Christmas. Farmers have been rushing the market since its opening and this rush is expected to continue until the holidays begin. Roxboro could easily sell seven million pounds this season which would give the market an increase over last year of 3,500,000 pounds or exactly double last year's figures.

Prices on various grades have been as good after Thanksgiving as before.

## Season Of Prayer For Missions Held

During the first three days of this week, culminating last night with the "Lottie Moon" offering for foreign missions, members of the Woman's Missionary society of the First Baptist church, Roxboro, held a season of prayer.

The program for Monday was in charge of Circles 1 and 2; for Tuesday, Circles 3 and 4, and for Wednesday night, Circles 5 and 6, composed of young women of the church.

## LARGE HOG KILLED

Eddie Broach, of Route 1, near Bushy Fork, killed a large hog Monday. Mr. Broach reports the animal's weight at 850 pounds, dressed.

## Campaign For Scout Funds Gets Underway In City Today

### Shopping Season Officially Begins

Last night merchants in Roxboro staged their annual Christmas opening night and crowds on the brilliantly lighted and decorated business streets, in the opinion of many, reached and surpassed the usual Saturday night crowds. Merchants reported today that much merchandise was sold, although there was more looking than buying, probably because buyers really began their Christmas shopping before Thanksgiving.

Starting today regular daytime store hours will be observed, and night shopping schedules will not begin until a few days before Christmas, at a date to be announced later.

## STUNT NIGHT TO HAVE MANY ACTS

Residents Of Helena Presenting Program Friday Night At School.

Residents of the Helena School community will present a stunt night program Friday, December 8, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, at the school auditorium, according to announcement made today. The feature of the program will be a "Chocolate Wedding" with an all-male cast consisting of more than 30 persons.

A short skit, "Trials of the Clothing Dealer", will be given by the faculty; a humorous debate will be offered by alumni of the school; the Mt. Zion Woman's Auxiliary will give a stunt, "The Kidnapper"; the Helena Ladies' Aid society will present, "Ladies Follies"; the Antioch Baptist Church Woman's Missionary Union will give, "The Farmers' Quartette" and the Boy Scouts will stage, "The Doctors."

Leading characters in the "Chocolate Wedding" are: the bride, Petunia Valspor, Tom Clay; the groom, Zebedee Hambone, C. S. Ashley; the maid of honor, Mrs. Daisy Mayonaise, Paul Garrison; the best man, Mr. Trigonometry, E. A. Brooks; the ring bearer, Kuffus McGoofus, Floyd Hicks; the flower girl, little Miss Mar-

## KURFEES TO RUN

Marshall C. Kurfees of Winston-Salem, announced over the telephone last night that he would be a candidate for Congress from the fifth district. Mr. Kurfees is well known in this county where he has many friends.

Kurfees made this race during the last primary and was defeated by Lon Folger who now holds the position of Congressman from this district.

In a conversation Wednesday night Kurfees stated that he planned to visit in the county soon.

## GOES TO ATLANTA

William Yancey, assistant manager of the Tar Heel Chevrolet company, left today for Atlanta where he will attend a reunion of the Dealers' Sons Training school, of Detroit, which he attended at one time. While in Atlanta, Mr. Yancey expects to meet his former teacher, T. O. McLaughlin. The gathering will close Friday night with a banquet.

22 Canvassers Are Calling On Citizens. Annual Dinner Of Scout Leaders Held At Hotel.

Under the direction of O. B. McBroom, chairman of the Executive Council of the Person County District of the Boy Scouts of America, 22 leaders in Scouting and members of the Council are today beginning a house to house campaign, in both business and residence sections of the city and in the county, to secure funds with which to carry on Boy Scout work in this community during the coming year.

At a dinner meeting held yesterday evening at the Hotel Roxboro these leaders and others present gained confidence and inspiration from short talks, dealing with the present-day success of the Scout movement in this county, which were made by George W. Kane and B. B. Mangum, and by the Council treasurer, R. M. Spencer.

As a part of his report Mr. Spencer presented a concise estimate of the progress of Boy Scouts in Person county. Copies of this report, given below, have been printed and will be distributed by campaign workers. The report, prepared by members of the Council, in Mr. Spencer's opinion, speaks for itself.

Beginning with a preliminary statement of the character of Boy Scout work in general, it shows that in Person county, which is one of five districts in the Cherokee council, the Person district has: (1) The largest number of boys in attendance at Scout camp; (2) More Star Scouts than all other districts combined; (3) More advancements in rank than any other district; (4) The best record in an increase of membership, and (5) the highest percentage of Scouts in uniform.

The report also shows that within the coming year between 300 and 350 boys in Person county will reach Scouting age; and that these boys as well as others

## HALL HARDWARE COMPANY ROBBED EARLY TUESDAY

Around \$300 Worth Of Guns And Shot Taken. Entrance Through Rear Door.

Approximately \$300 worth of shot guns and rifles were stolen about three o'clock Tuesday morning from Hall's Hardware company, located on Court street this city. Officers made the discovery of a break-in at a rear door while they were making routine check-up rounds. Up to the present time no arrests have been made but Chief of Police S. A. Oliver said investigations were being made and that finger prints had been sent to Durham for photographing and checking.

Cliff Hall, owner of the store, said about a dozen weapons were missing and that five of the guns taken had been removed from a front show-window. Entrance to the store was effected by breaking or cutting a pane of glass just above a pegged in bar which held the door fast. After breaking the glass the robber or robbers had to cut a heavy wire screen before they could reach the bar and gain entrance.

Mr. Hall said his store was broken in to about six months ago, but nothing of value was taken at that time.