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GRAND MASTER WILL VISIT LOCAL LODGE JANUARY 2

J. Edward Allen To Con-
duct Installation Of Person
Masonic Officers.

J. Edward Allen, of Warrenton, Grand Master of Masons, in North Carolina, will visit Person Lodge No. 113 on January 2, 1940, and will conduct the installation of the officers of the local lodge for the year 1940. This is the first time in the recollection of present members of the local lodge that a Grand Master has made an informal visit to this lodge. Other Grand Masters have made official visits periodically, but Mr. Allen is coming, according to views expressed by some local Masons, because he has evidenced keen interest in this lodge for the past several months. Local Masons are highly appreciative of this interest on the part of the Grand Master, and it is hoped that a large number of members and visitors from other lodges will turn out to greet him.

Negro In Jail Here Is Also Wanted In Washington

Chief of Police S. A. Oliver was notified early Friday that Lewis Poole, Negro now in Person County jail here awaiting trial in January term of Superior court on charges of breaking, entering, and larceny, is also wanted by Washington, D. C., police on charges of house breaking and grand larceny.

Chief Oliver received a telegram from Chief of Detectives Thompson of Washington, stating that Poole was wanted, after the Negro's fingerprints had been photographed in Durham and copies distributed to police throughout the country.

Poole and Ewell Eskridge, another Negro, were bound over from county court on December 12 to the January term of Superior court on charges of breaking, entering and larceny after probable cause had been found against them in the robbery of \$300 worth of firearms from Hall's Hardware company, located on Court street here, on the night of December 5.

The dozen or so shotguns and rifles which were stolen were found in a tobacco barn near the Person County prison camp after one of the Negroes had been arrested in South Boston, Va., and led local officers to the hiding place.

ROSES PAYS BONUS

Rose's store will again pay a yearly bonus to employees who have been with the firm for as long as a year or more, Manager Malone of the local store stated Friday.

The bonus will be paid as follows: one year service, \$5.00; two year service, \$7.50; three year service, \$10.00.

CONDITION GOOD

Frank Holt was admitted to Community hospital here about midnight Monday, December 18, for an emergency operation. His condition was described yesterday as "good."

This Fellow Faces A Busy Night!



FINAL RITES HELD FOR R. L. MOIZE

Well-Known Allensville
Resident, 63, Dies Thurs-
day After Long Illness.

Robert Lee Moize, 63, resident of the Allensville community, died Thursday at 2:30 p. m. at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Slaughter, after an illness of about seven weeks. Death was due to a complication of diseases.

Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church here Saturday, with the pastor, Rev. T. H. Hamilton, in charge.

Pall bearers were: T. B. Davis, Dorsey Day, Wallace Woods, Kendall Davis, J. D. Mangum, and I. O. Abbitt. Flower bearers were: Mrs. T. B. Davis and Miss Annie Louis Davis, Mrs. J. F. Chandler, Mrs. M. T. Slaughter, Mrs. B. H. Day and Mrs. J. Davis. Interment was in the Providence church cemetery in Granville county, near Stem.

Mr. Moize was well known in Roxboro, having lived here a number of years before he moved to the Allensville community. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Slaughter.

Three More Fires Occur; Total For Week Is Eight

New Record Set In Pre-
Christmas Week; No Ser-
ious Damage Done.

Three summons came to the local fire department Friday, to bring the total number of alarms for the week to eight, which is probably a new record for Roxboro.

The fires Friday, like those earlier in the week, did no serious damage. They were merely old field fires, and were brought under control without much trouble on the part of local firemen. Two of them occurred on old Highway 144, and the third was in a vacant lot back of Aubrey Long's.

Earlier this week, the local fire truck had been summoned

Several Persons Injured In Accident Friday Night

Excellent Response

Public response to the appeal of the local Welfare department for help in providing Christmas cheer for needy people in Person county, has been "most gratifying" this year, according to Mrs. T. C. Wagstaff, welfare officer here. All the cases published in the county papers were cared for, and extra help in the form of money also came in after the "opportunities" had all been taken, she reported.

Never before in its three years of existence has the department met with such wholehearted cooperation on the part of the public, Mrs. Wagstaff said.

In its Thursday edition The Times will carry a list of individuals and organizations who had a part in making the Welfare department's work so successful this year.

Cars Driven By Hubert
Tuck, Negro, and Walter
Davis Collide.

An automobile accident about 12:30 Friday night on the Virgilina highway, about five miles from Roxboro, resulted in rather severe injuries to two young white men of the Hagers Mountain section, and minor bruises and lacerations for three Negro boys.

Henry Regan, who was riding on a 1935 Ford driven by Walter T. Davis, sustained serious injury to one of his eyes because of cuts. Davis suffered several fractured ribs and minor lacerations on the forehead.

The Negroes, Hubert, William and Gladys Tuck, who were riding on a Chevrolet driven by Hubert Tuck, were bruised considerably, and suffered cuts about the face. Gladys, the youngest, sustained laceration of the nose from one eye to the other, and three cuts on the chin. Occupants of both cars were treated by local physicians Friday night.

The accident occurred on the Virgilina high way near the Jessie Fountain home place. The (Continued On Back Page)

TO CLOSE AT NOON

Due to the large amount of extra-detail work that has to be collected at the end of the year, The Peoples Bank will close at 12 o'clock noon, during Christmas week.

This has been the custom in Roxboro for a number of years, as well as in other towns of the state.

The cooperation of our customers in making deposits before 12 o'clock noon will be appreciated. The Peoples Bank

OFFICE CLOSED

The office of R. B. Griffin, county superintendent of schools, closed Friday and will remain closed until Thursday morning.

City Pauses Today, Tomorrow For Christmas Celebration

TRADE IS BRISK IN LOCAL STORES

Post Office Handles Re-
cord Amount Of Mail; Many
Coming and Going.

People of this city and county have already started taking Christmas. Today is Sunday and they will not return to their work before Tuesday. Many will remain away from their offices and business places until Wednesday.

Dozens of college students, teachers in other counties, and Person people working elsewhere have come home for the holidays, and in many instances gala celebrations are being planned. Many local people, such as school teachers, whose homes are elsewhere have left the county to spend the holidays at their various homes.

The Roxboro post office, remaining open yesterday afternoon contrary to usual custom, announced that it had handled a record volume of mail this Christmas season. Thousands of greeting cards and hundreds of packages have been handled by local mail clerks during the last week.

Merchants over the city report that Christmas business was good. A large number reported increases over last year. From the manner in which shelves were emptied it looks like old Santa (Continued On Back Page)

PAYS BONUS

Collins and Aikman corporation, following its usual custom, Friday gave each of its employees a Christmas present in the form of a \$5.00 bonus.

More than \$5,000 was distributed in bonuses at the local plant Friday, it was estimated. Other Collins and Aikman plants in other parts of the country also joined in the role of playing Santa Claus to their workers.

The local plant closed Friday night and will not resume operations until Tuesday.

Along The Way With the Editor

There are three or four mad people in Roxboro, Ivey Featherston, Henry Long, Sr., S. G. Winstead and John Walker. Here's why they are mad. They like to hang around the Winstead Warehouse when they are not working and right as the market closed S. B. Winstead, proprietor of the warehouse, let the coal run out. Now there is no coal there and naturally the boys can't have a fire unless they buy coal and you know that this crowd will not buy any coal.

For the past several days Tom Shaw, city editor of this paper has been confined to his room with a severe cold. William Smith Humphries of Bethel Hill and Allensville, has had charge of the paper while Tom was out. Humphries can do several things well. He can teach school, edit a paper and go to see the ladies. With all of these accomplishments he is still single. We wonder why.

T. T. Duncan, merchant of Wooddale, really likes the Christmas season. Once a year, he never misses, Duncan comes into the Times' office and places a Christmas greeting in the paper. Mr. Duncan wants all the people to know that he wishes them a Merry Christmas and he is quite willing to pay his hard earned money to convey the message. The Times wishes that Christmas would come once a week as far as Duncan is concerned.

Dear Santa,
Please bring our mayor, S. F. Nicks, Jr., a rug. He is going to build a new house and we want him to have something to put in it when he moves.

Please bring the Chamber of Commerce fifty new, ambitious members. Unless we get them at once Glenn Stovall, the president, may be out of a job soon.

Here's a funny thing. One night last week we saw George Currier sitting on his front porch enjoying the evening breeze. Wonder if George is "tetched in the hair"?

"Only One"

According to a prominent lawyer who visited Roxboro recently, the Person County courthouse is the only one in the state which is decorated for the Christmas season.

The visiting attorney made the statement to Courthouse Custodian A. M. Long this week after he had viewed the local decorations.

In front of the beautiful white-stone, box-shaped edifice, which was constructed in 1930, are a number of Christmas trees, with lights, and a large illuminated white star. Also on the inside of the building in the main hall, are green and red decorations which help portray the spirit of the Yule season.

The decorations were arranged by Mr. Long.

A. P. Daniel Is Making Good

A. P. Daniel, well known resident of the Hurdle Mills community, is rapidly making a name for himself as an artist. Mr. Daniel recently won a number of prizes with his work at fairs over the state and received favorable comment wherever it was placed on exhibition.

Recently Artist Daniel has been swamped with orders for his work and now he knows what it means to be "favorably received." Officials of the University of North Carolina have invited him to place samples of his work at the University.

IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. E. T. Moize of Burlington, sister of Robert Lee Moize, who died Thursday, was admitted to the hospital here Friday. Her condition, it was reported yesterday, is about the same.

CHURCHES PLAN SPECIAL SERVICES

Yuletide Music To Play
Prominent Part In Many
Church Programs Today,
Tomorrow.

The Christmas season will begin in earnest for Roxboro and Person County people today as churches in the city and throughout the county observe the nineteenth hundred and thirty-ninth anniversary of the birth of their Founder, a humble Galilean who was called Jesus.

Special services have been arranged at all the churches, and music appropriate to the Yule season will play a prominent part in the celebrations.

The Long Memorial church service today will probably attract many people. The church choir, under the direction of Mrs. J. A. Long, Sr., will present a program of Christmas music at 11:00 A. M. The pastor will bring a brief Christmas message. The annual Christmas party of the church will be observed at 8:00 o'clock this evening, with members of East Roxboro and Longhurst churches as special guests.

At the First Baptist church, J. A. Martin, Jr., of Wake Forest, will speak at 11 a. m. on "Christmas, Fact or Fancy". The vesper service will be held as usual at 5:00 p. m., but there will be no B. T. U. or evening service.

Regular services will be held by Sts. Mary and Edward's Catholic church here, with the addition of a special program on Monday, Christmas Day. A musical program has been arranged also.

St. Mark's Episcopal will hold regular 11:00 o'clock service this morning, and the pastor, Rev. E. B. Ferguson, will preach.

At Brookdale Methodist, the pastor, Rev. D. A. Petty, will preach on "Christmas Spirit for 1939", with special Christmas music by the choir. This service is at 11:00 a. m. At 7:30 p. m., the Brookland Sunday School will give a special program for Christmas.

In addition to these announced services, practically every church in the county will render a special Christmas program of some kind.

O'Briant Funeral Held Wednesday At Semora Church

Funeral services for Jule O'Briant, 60, resident of the Semora community, were held Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at Red House Presbyterian church at Semora. The Rev. N. R. Claytor, Presbyterian minister of Milton, conducted the services. Interment took place in the church cemetery.

Mr. O'Briant died of a heart attack at midnight Monday, while he was 'possum hunting with his son, and a neighbor, Jasper Carver. They reported that he fell suddenly as he was walking along with them, and death was instantaneous.

He is survived by his wife, by one son, and four daughters.