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## H. E. Stacy Delivers Vital Address At School Dinner

Lawyer and School Board Man Tells Freely But To Point On School Problems.

Presenting a layman's analysis of virtues and defects in the North Carolina public school system, H. E. Stacy, Lumberton attorney, who is president of the North Carolina association of school boards, Tuesday evening told members of the Person County Schoolmasters' club and additional dinner guests that many of the progressive steps in public education have been taken, not by teachers but by laymen.

Present at the affair, held at Hotel Roxboro, were more than two hundred Person teachers, school committeemen and representative citizens.

Going deeper into his subject, Mr. Stacy declared one of the greatest needs of the day to be a proper emphasis on vocational training. Members of school boards in the state are, in his opinion becoming increasingly aware of the necessity of caring for educational needs of the estimated eighty-five percent of state high school students who do not go to college.

"There is in North Carolina today" he said, "an aroused interest in education, an interest that is crying out for lay leadership and understanding of school problems such as vocational training and the matter of the addition of a twelfth grade."

Many of those present at this meeting were school committeemen from various schools in Person county and to them Mr. Stacy addressed his most pointed remarks. Mr. Stacy said that he was not at all proud of the state's "economy" record, as such, in education and pointed out the hazards of cramming children into school buses which have no restrictions as to load limits. He also said that many school authorities have expressed an opinion that consolidation of elementary schools has been carried too far, a view now being shared by many

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## MISS WINSTEAD TO HAVE FEATURE ROLE IN DRAMA

Production At Greensboro College Will Also Have Miss Carrie Lupton of Leasburg In Cast.

Greensboro, April 11 — The Greensboro College Players, in association with the school of music, announce a production of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" to be presented on two evenings, Friday, April 19, and Saturday, April 20, at 8:15 o'clock in Odell Memorial auditorium. The play is being directed by Miss Elba Henninger.

Many will remember a former production of this play presented at Greensboro college in April, 1934 and again on May 26 by special request.

The acting company this year is made up of forty-five players many of whom have been seen in former productions and others who make their first appearance in this play. Playing a featured role will be Miss Frances Winstead, of Roxboro, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Winstead, and Miss Elba Henninger.

Asiding in the production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" is Miss Charlotte Searles, of the dramatic department, who, with

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## Rites For Mother Of G. R. Melton Held At Church

Funeral services for Mrs. Nannie Melton Ramsey, 85, of Route 2, Wooddale, the Olive Branch Church community, whose death occurred Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of her son, G. R. Melton, following a stroke of paralysis, were conducted at Olive Branch church at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon by the Rev. J. B. Currin, pastor of the church. Interment took place in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Ramsey had been in ill health for six weeks and on last Thursday afternoon suffered a stroke of paralysis, since which time her condition had been critical. She had been a member of Olive Branch church for more than 60 years.

Mrs. Ramsey was twice married; first to William Henry Melton, who died in 1891, and then to E. J. Ramsey, whose death occurred in 1900. For many years she had made her home with G. R. Melton, who survives, as does another son, S. W. Melton, of Route 2, Wooddale. Also surviving is a daughter by the first marriage, Mrs. Lum Poole, of Route 1, Virgilina, Va., and a number of grandchildren. From the union with Mr. Ramsey there were no children.

## Chub Lake Group Meeting Will Be Held Friday Night

Sponsored by the Community Council, there will be a meeting of residents of the Chub Lake community, on Saturday evening, April 13, at 7:30 o'clock. The session will be held in the old stone house near the Luther Clayton home.

Speaker of the evening will be A. G. Bullard, of Bethel Hill high school faculty, who will present an illustrated lecture on poultry raising. A program of music and games will also be presented and the public is invited to attend.

## Norris Rites Held Tuesday Morning

Final rites for Mrs. Emma Burns Norris, 73, of Raleigh, a sister of A. M. Burns, Sr., of Roxboro, and aunt of R. P. and A. M. Burns, Jr., and of Mrs. Curtis Oakley, also of this city, were conducted in Raleigh Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock at Brown's Funeral home. Ministers in charge were the Rev. Dr. S. L. Stealey, of the Raleigh First Baptist church and the Rev. James McDowell Dick, Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd. Interment took place in Oakwood cemetery.

Mrs. Norris died suddenly Sunday afternoon at her Raleigh residence.

Mrs. Norris, widow of Hubert E. Norris, prominent Raleigh attorney and former solicitor, was a native of Chatham county and was a daughter of the late Robert and Martha S. Burns, of Pittsboro. Surviving, in addition to Roxboro relatives, and one son, Hubert B. Norris; a sister, Mrs. E. R. Winchester, of Monroe, and R. H. Burns, of Whiteville, another brother. Also surviving are five granddaughters.

Pall bearers were nephews of the deceased.

## Royal Artillery Tunes Up for Action



Both men and guns become rusty through inactivity, according to the British censor, so the royal artillery keeps tuned up by regular gunnery practice while awaiting action on France's western front. This crew is at loading exercises in a camouflaged gun pit, somewhere in the forward zone.

## Resolutions of Respect For Late W. I. Newton Presented

Bar Association Memorial Exercises For Judge of County Court Held Tuesday.

Adoption of resolutions of respect for the late Judge W. I. Newton, of the Person county court, and the receipt of the oath of office by his successor, R. B. Dawes, were features of the opening session of the April term, which was continued yesterday after an all day session Tuesday. Court officials indicated that work of the court might not be completed before today.

Few cases of unusual significance have been tried but there has been a heavy docket because of previous delays during the period of Mr. Newton's illness and death.

Presiding officer during the memorial exercises for Judge Newton was W. D. Merritt, president of the Person Bar association, who recognized F. O. Carver, Sr., of the resolutions committee. Following reading of the resolutions, motion as to their adoption as read was made by Mr. Carver, who presented them to the court. Other members of the resolutions committee were R. P. Burns and S. F. Nicks, Jr.

Other members of the bar who spoke in tribute to Judge Newton were T. F. Davis, solicitor of the court, Mr. Carver, Mr. Merritt and Mr. Nicks.

Administration of the oath of office to Judge Dawes was made

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## Mormon Church Service Planned

Plans for a conference session of the Church of Christ of the Latter Day Saints, to be held in this city Saturday evening, April 13, at 8 o'clock, in the Kaplan building were today announced by Bennie T. Solomon, supervising Elder, the Roxboro branch.

Principal speakers will be David Hiatt, attorney at law, of Mt. Airy, and Kenneth L. Duke, of Duke University.

Presiding over the session will be James L. Bennett, president. The public is invited to attend.

## DR. LOVE IMPROVING

Dr. B. E. Love is reported to be steadily improving at Watt's Hospital where he underwent an operation some time ago.

## Dwight Gentry Of This City Wins Honors At Elon

Elon College, April 10—Dwight Gentry, of Roxboro, was named president of the men's senate of Elon college in the annual spring elections.

This position is perhaps the most important office in the student government setup of the college since it controls activities of the men students on the campus.

Gentry won by a landslide margin over his opponent, polling a vote of more than two to one, indicating the high esteem with which he is held by his fellow students. His margin in the primary was also wide.

He is taking a pre-law course at Elon where he has been a student for three years.

In addition to other honors, Gentry is serving as president of the Dr. Johnson Literary society of the college, a student group for the advancement of public expression.

## Bethel Hill Boys And Girls Plan Trip To Raleigh

Bethel Hill seventh grade students are in Raleigh today on a sight seeing trip, including a visit to the State Museum, Capitol Building, Hall of History, News and Observer building, Blind school, Dix Hill, and the State penitentiary. They will also go to station W. P. T. F. where they will broadcast two songs during the Birthday Party program also.

The students will ride through the grounds at State college and also visit the Chapel at Duke. One of the highlights of the trip is expected to be a call to see Governor Clyde R. Hoey.

The children will be under supervision of their teacher, Mrs. L. S. Cannon. Parents and others who will take cars and make the trip are J. Mack Long, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Woody, W. D. White, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wade and C. T. Hall, Jr.

## MRS. JACKSON ILL

Mrs. J. W. Jackson, of Route 1, is confined to her home due to a severe cold or influenza.

## JUDGE R. B. DAWES ENDS TERM OF COUNTY COURT

Three Cases Held By Him To Go To Superior Court To Be Tried By Judge Harris.

After disposing of more than twenty-five cases during the past three days, R. B. Dawes, newly appointed Judge of Person county court, this morning about 11 o'clock completed his first service on the local bench.

Three cases heard before Judge Dawes were by mutual agreement or appeal transferred to Superior court, the April term of which will be convened on Monday, the 22, by Judge W. C. Harris, of Raleigh, for one week for trial of civil and criminal cases.

In the case of Jack Redman, charged with assault with a deadly weapon on Ward Alkins in the late fall of last year, Redman, who entered a plea of not guilty, was found guilty of pointing a weapon at Alkins and received sentence of six months on the roads, but an appeal was presented for trial in Superior court and bond set at \$100.

Mack Lyon, George Hedgepeth, James Miller and James Hayes, alias Joe Hayes, Durham Negroes, pleaded guilty to charges of breaking and entering and larceny of two mercantile establishments in Roxboro and were bound over to Superior court, with bonds of \$300 each, which they have been unable to raise.

By agreements of counsels concerning the Harry Lockhart case, being tried before Judge W. I. Newton at the time of the latter's last illness, was transferred to Superior court. The appeal of Harry Scott, Negro, charged with larceny of wheat, was withdrawn and he will serve sentence of 8 months on the roads. Enoch A. Camp, white truck driver, was found guilty of drunken driving and received three months on the roads and was debarred from operation of vehicle on state highways for 12 months, sentence suspended upon payment of \$50 and the costs.

## TEN BOY SCOUTS RENDER AID IN CHECKING BLAZE

Members of Troop 32, This City, Fight Grass Fire Near Hagar's Mountain.

Going on a hike to Hagar's mountain near here, 10 Boy Scouts of troop 32, this city, Saturday afternoon fought a field and forest blaze which they discovered in an area estimated to have been a mile wide and three miles long. The boys fought the blaze for three hours but were unable to extinguish it, although they did hold it in check until a party of twenty-five older men, who had been summoned, arrived on the scene.

The burned area was mostly in grass and broom straw. Scoutmaster Lawrence Rynd, who was with the boys, assisted them in their fire-fighting expedition. Boys who took part in the unexpected "good-turn" of the afternoon were Norfleet Umstead, Cecil James, Arthur Chambers, P. M. Wilkins, Samuel Walker, Charles Harris, Jr., Dewey Holleman, Penick Gentry, Roy Cates and Bill Daniels.

Spokesmen for the troop said that the blaze was sighted nearly two miles away from the spot where the boys were playing. After the fire fighting episode was ended the boys had supper and returned home.

## S. B. Winstead Announces For Commissioner's Position

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## COUNCIL PASSES FUND MEASURE

Also Considers Other Matters In Long Tuesday Night Session.

In regular monthly session Tuesday evening members of the Roxboro City council heard representatives for Community hospital and appropriated for the institution the sum of \$1,500, to be in two allotments of \$750 each, from the budget for 1940-41 and 1941-42, although in view of the needs of the hospital, payment of the total appropriation will be made shortly from the surplus fund.

Restrictive measures as to the use of the appropriation were discussed, adopted and incorporated into the resolution as to manner of payment, it being understood that the money will be given to Community hospital for debt-service if and when the proposed campaign to meet the remaining debt is successful.

The city's position in making the appropriation was clearly stated in a resolution introduced by Councilman George W. Kane, seconded by Preston Satterfield, Sr., and amended by Gordon C. Hunter. Securing of the city appropriation marks the second public appropriation for the hospital, one for \$2,500 having been secured from the Person county commissioners last week.

Following the council meeting it was announced that members of the board will have a representative in the Chamber of Commerce; that Gilbert Oakley, of the police department will be authorized to attend a police training school to be held at Chapel Hill; that taxi drivers and bus line operators will be asked to meet with City Manager Bloxam and other city officials at some date in the near future in order to discuss proposals for regulation of taxi and bus service and that in the near future a committee composed of Mr. Bloxam, Mayor S. F. Nicks, Jr., and City Attorney, F. O. Carver, Sr., will codify the city ordinances and public laws. It was announced that new street lights are to be placed on Barnett avenue and on a small street near Depot street.

## NEW POSITION

Walter W. Morris, of this city, has accepted a position with Tillman and Zimmerman Motor Co., Main street, where he will be connected with the body painting and repair department.

There are a few sets of cutlery left in the Times Subscription campaign.

Four Candidates Now In Field For Three Positions; Primary To Be Held May 25th.

S. B. Winstead, prominent tobacconist of this city, yesterday announced that he would be a candidate for the position of county commissioner of this county, subject to the Democratic primary in May.

Mr. Winstead's entry into the field makes four candidates for the three commissioner's positions. The others are Philip Thomas, Frank Whitfield and D. M. Cash. There have been rumors stating that others might announce, but so far this list is complete as far as has been reported to this paper.

Mr. Winstead has been active in business and civic affairs of this city and county for some time, but this is his first venture into the field of politics.

He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and has operated a warehouse here for many years. His announcement may be read on an inside page of today's paper.

## SIREN TEST TO BE MADE DURING MID-AFTERNOON

Monthly Fire Department Report Presented By Chief Henry E. O'Brian.

Plans for testing the municipal fire siren located on the fire department next to the city hall were today announced by Fire Chief Henry E. O'Brian, who said that the tests will be made about three o'clock Saturday afternoon in order to arrange a system of individualized signals for various fire zones in the city.

It was pointed out by Mr. O'Brian that with the establishment of such a system, firemen here will be able to locate fires by the number of siren-blows given.

In presenting the March report of the fire department Mr. O'Brian said that there were during the month six alarms; that the blazes reported were two grass fires, one rubbish fire out of control, one automobile blaze caused by poor ignition, one fire result-

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## Bethel Hill P. T. A. Meeting Conducted

A large number of people, estimated at 250, attended the regular meeting of the Bethel Hill Parent-Teacher association Monday evening. Mrs. J. H. Merritt, president of the association, presided. Officers for the next year were elected as follows: Mrs. Joe Humphries, president; Mrs. C. T. Hall, vice-president; Mrs. Brooks Carver, secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. E. L. Wehrenburg, historian. After the business meeting, Mrs. Lewis S. Cannon's seventh grade had charge of the program, which consisted of songs and a play. The seventh grade won the banner for having the most parents present.

Mrs. Merritt led a discussion on "Social Life or Entertainment of Boys and Girls in the Bethel Hill Community." Miss Carol Leigh Humphries read a paper giving the student's viewpoints.

Following this program Lewis S. Cannon showed a technical film, "Tulip Time", taken at the Golden Gate International exposition in San Francisco.