

ROXBORO'S POPULATION 4,599

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A. G. Fears Electrocuted By Live Wire Early Today

Thought That Lightning
Shattered Cross Arm On
Pole Thus Dropping 6,900
Volt Wire To Ground.

Badly Burned

Albert Gibbs Fears, Timberlake community resident, was found dead this morning about seven o'clock near his home approximately six miles out on the Durham road. Death was attributed to electrocution from a live wire that was suspended from a pole.

It is presumed that lightning struck a pole of the local power company thus shattering the cross arms and the live wire dropped down. Mr. Fears left his home early in the morning and was later found dead near the wire.

T. Miller White, manager of the power company, stated that he received a call about seven a. m. today stating that the current was off on this line. He immediately sent a man to the scene of trouble and when he arrived the body of Mr. Fears was at the above described place. Several other local residents had gathered around.

The suspended wire carried 6,900 volts of electricity. It is thought that Mr. Fears was walking by and touched the wire. He was burned on one hand, stomach and leg.

Mr. White does not know when the pole or wire was struck by electricity. His first knowledge of any trouble was early this morning.

Dr. A. F. Nichols, coroner, reported that the deceased was electrocuted by a live wire that was suspended across the road.

ALLENSVILLE TO HEAR DR. ERWIN FRIDAY EVENING

Class Day Exercises Being
Held Tonight. Funderburke
Sermon Delivered Sunday.

Following class day exercises which will be held this evening in the school auditorium, graduation exercises will be held Friday night at Allensville, where the speaker will be Clyde A. Erwin, superintendent of public instruction. Introduction of Dr. Erwin will be made by R. L. Harris, candidate for nomination as Lieutenant-Governor in the Democratic primary May 25.

Invocation will be given by the Rev. J. B. Currin, of the faculty, who also gave the invocation Sunday night when the Rev. J. F. Funderburke gave the baccalaureate sermon at the school before a large and appreciative audience. Presentation of diplomas will be made by Person County Superintendent of Schools, R. B. Griffin, while awards will be given by S. B. Satterwhite, principal of Allensville school.

At the class day program today the exercises will take the form of a "Class Birthday Meeting", with the salutation being delivered by Geraldine Moorefield. Reader of the history or minutes will be Erselle McCann, additions or corrections will be furnished.

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HEALTH REPORT SHOWS PROGRAM

April Statistics Record
Completion of Dental Clinic
Work With White Children.

Monthly report of the Person unit of the tri-county health department shows that there were 57 cases of whooping cough during April, when eight cases of chicken pox were also reported, as were eight cases of measles and four of syphilis.

Notable in the month's work was completion of the dental program in the white schools. Whooping cough is still showing some abatement, since February reports showed that there were in the county 109 cases and 66 in March of this year.

In school hygiene 138 toxoid or diphtheria vaccinations were administered. Dental examinations totaled 121 and total dental operations were 449, while dental cleanings were administered to 107 children. Smallpox vaccinations were 25 in number.

Syphilis campaign work was carried on with 59 blood-tests, 156 patients enrolled and 437 treatments given, and in Maternity care 24 mothers were given examinations. 27 patients received contraceptive advice and 41 visits were made, while in the crippled children's program five were taken to the clinic.

Tuberculosis control field nursing visits reached 27 and 38 patients were fluoroscoped. In sanitation cafe inspections were 31 in number, 89 complaints were answered and 64 privies were installed.

Young Democrats To Stage Drive For Memberships

Following a successful re-organization meeting last week at the Person County courthouse, Young Democrats of the county, under vice presidents, Mrs. R. H. Shelton, of this city, and of Mrs. R. L. Hester, of Bushy Fork, will stage a membership campaign during the next few weeks.

More than twenty-five memberships were secured at the meeting last week and it is expected that the organization will be considerably increased before the May primary. It was indicated by the membership chairman that fees are moderate and that membership cards, giving full privileges of membership may be obtained at any time within the next few days.

Officers of the Person Young Democrats are: S. F. Nicks, Jr., president; Philip L. Thomas, and Mrs. Shelton and Mrs. Hester, vice-presidents, and F. O. Carver, Jr., secretary - treasurer.

GRADE PARTY HELD

Mesdames T. C. Wagstaff, R. M. Spencer and O. T. Strum, grade mothers for Mrs. B. G. Clayton's eighth grade room were on Tuesday hostesses at the American Legion hut at weiner roast honoring the pupils and Mrs. Clayton. Following the supper an hour of games was enjoyed.

Flag Given To High School By Legion and Clubs

Marred only by the spring shower which fell just as the program was getting underway, members of the Roxboro High school Parent-Teacher association, held an enjoyable picnic Wednesday evening at the high school. Feature of the event was presentation of the American flag to the school by the American Legion, the Rotary club and the Kiwanis club, with R. H. Shelton, Commander of the Lester Blackwell post, as speaker.

Inclemency of the weather prevented the actual raising of the flag, but Commander Shelton, speaking in the high school auditorium, told of the significance of the American flag and expressed his pleasure in acting as spokesman for the three groups presenting the flag. Acceptance was spoken by supervising principal, H. C. Gaddy.

Following this part of the program, members of the hostess P. T. A. served a delicious picnic supper to parents and friends. The supper was served in the main hall of the high school building, where Mrs. R. H. Shelton, president of the newly organized high school P. T. A. presided and acted as spokesman for the hostess group. Present for the occasion, with parents and teachers, were several special guests including representatives of the press.

Wednesday's affair was the first social event planned by the newly formed P. T. A. unit and was greatly enjoyed by all who were present. Music was furnished by the high school band under the direction of Frederick Moore, and guests went into the auditorium to enjoy their food and listen to the music.

New Color Marks Parking Zones

Although action pertaining to selection of taxi stands and parking space will not be taken before next Tuesday evening at the regular monthly session of the city council, members of the municipal streets department have for the past two days been marking parking zones and street intersections with yellow-orange paint.

Work of covering previous white lines has been done at night and has been virtually completed in the downtown area.

HAS OPERATION

R. L. Wilburn, popular Roxboro resident, yesterday underwent an operation at Duke hospital, where it was reported this afternoon that he is resting comfortably.

NEW SYSTEM

Knight's Insurance agency has recently installed a new system of bookkeeping. This system was worked out by Ashlin and Hutchinson of Durham, and is considered one of the best.

All records in Knight's office are kept perfect and open for inspection by the right party.

'American Mother of 1940'



"American Mother of 1940" was the title bestowed upon Mrs. Edith Graham Mayo, widow of the late Charles Mayo, Rochester, Minn., surgeon, at her Tucson, Ariz., winter home. Award was made by the American mothers committee of the Golden Rule foundation of New York city. Mrs. Mayo is the mother of eight children.

Confederate Memorial Day To Be Observed Tomorrow

Grocery Firms To Have Wednesday Half-Day Hours

Starting at one o'clock in the afternoon on Wednesdays during June, July and August nine grocery stores in this city will close for summer half-holidays. Only exception will be Wednesday, July 3, when closing dates will be moved up to Thursday, a general holiday when all stores will be closed.

Announcement of the half-holiday schedule for grocery firms here was made today following balloting by customers during the past two weeks in which 647 customers favored closing and 10 were opposed. Merchants who will close have asked that all patrons make their purchases in the mornings on Wednesdays.

Firms participating in the summer schedule will be A. and M. Food Shoppe, Longhurst Mercantile company, Carl Winstead's, S. C. Fisher, Sergeant and Clayton, Moore's Cash Market, A. and P. Tea company, D. Pender's and Hugh Woods'.

NICKS REQUESTS REGISTRATIONS

All Eligible Voters Whose
Names Are Not On Books
Are Urged To Register At
Once.

Chairman of the Person County Board of elections, S. F. Nicks, Jr., today announced that registration books will be closed after Saturday, May 11, and urged all persons whose names are not on the books and who are eligible, to register before the closing day, as only those voters who are duly registered will be able to vote in the May Primary and November elections.

In connection with his statement Chairman Nicks observed that any person who may reach his twenty-first birthday prior to November 5, 1940, or any person resident in the state for a period of one year prior to that date, and otherwise qualified, is entitled to register and to vote in the primary and general elections.

W. B. Umstead To Deliver Principal Address; W. F. Reade Only Surviving Vet- eran.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy will observe Confederate Memorial Day tomorrow, May 10th, with a program at Hotel Roxboro at 12:00 M. Mrs. R. G. Cole, president of the organization, will be in charge of the exercises.

Principal speaker of the occasion will be W. B. Umstead, former Congressman and prominent lawyer of Durham, N. C.

The address of welcome will be given by Mrs. Oveida Long, of Roxboro.

W. F. Reade is the only surviving veteran in Person county, and it is thought that he will make a short talk. Mr. Reade is in excellent health and it is reported that he is looking forward to Memorial Day with much pleasure.

Only members of the Daughters of the Confederacy and a few invited guests will be present for tomorrow's program that will consist of several short talks and a dinner which will be served prior to the program.

RITES HELD FOR MISS RIPBERGER

Niece of George J. Cushwa
Passes Suddenly After
Cerebral Hemorrhage. In-
terment At Kenbridge.

Funeral services for Miss Annette Ripberger, 30, of Kenbridge, Va., and a niece of George J. Cushwa, of this city, were conducted Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock at Kenbridge with interment following at Kenbridge. Miss Ripberger, who was well known in Roxboro, where she had often visited in the home of her uncle and aunt, suffered a cerebral hemorrhage Monday night and died shortly afterwards.

For a number of years she was teacher of the first grade in the Waynesboro, Va., school system and while there made her home with her sisters, Mrs. M. C. Coiner and Miss Louise Ripberger. Also surviving are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Ripberger, a brother, C. T. Ripberger, Jr., and her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Cushwa, all of (Continued On Back Page)

Those Who Have Not Been Counted Urged To Hand In Names At Once

CUB-PACK DENS NOW ORGANIZED

Three Groups To Be Parts
Of Re-organized Roxboro
and Person Cub-Pack.

Formal re-organization of the "Cub-Pack" of the Person and Roxboro Scout council was effected Tuesday night at a meeting held at Roxboro Community house. Leaders chosen included three den mothers, Mesdames R. B. Dawes, J. A. Long and Charles Stewart, who with the assistance of Cub-Master Joe Ellis, Scout assistants and members of the re-organization committee will make plans for weekly den meetings and for the monthly pack meeting.

Formation of the dens was made after a series of weekly training school meetings attended by parents and boys. It was announced Tuesday night that date of the first den meetings, held in homes of members, will be selected as soon as a preliminary program can be mapped out. "Cub-Pack" membership is limited to boys between the ages of 9 to 12, boys of 12 or over being expected to become members of the regular Boy Scout organization.

Boys in the first den, of which Mrs. Dawes is den mother, now include: Sonny Dawes, Johnny Horton, Eobby Blanks, Norman Tapp, and Roy Jordan; in the second, of which Mrs. Stewart is den mother, are Charles Stewart, Jr., Tommy Barnette, W. D. Fisher, Robert Lee Clay, Clyde Crowell, Jr., and R. H. Shelton, Jr., while those in the third den, of which Mrs. Long is den mother, will include Donnie Long, Ronnie Thomas, Jack Blalock, and Jimmy Street.

Attendance at Tuesday evening's training course was usually large and it is expected that with the help of the parents of the boys, the program will now take on unusual interest.

Sponsors of the "Cub-Pack" are men of St. Mary's and St. Edward's Catholic church. It was announced that first monthly meeting of the new "Cub-Pack" will probably be held in the education center at Edgar Long Memorial Methodist church.

Progress Made On Fair Grounds, Reports Perkins

R. L. Perkins, president of the Person County Fair, is making rapid progress in connection with work that is now being done on the fair grounds.

Certain portions of the fence have been moved back giving more room for fairs and the grounds have been graded and sloped in an attractive manner.

Work was started on an exhibit house this week and this house will probably be finished within two months. The house will be large enough to care for all exhibits.

Mr. Perkins plans to give the people a nice fair this year with plenty of amusement and a nice array of exhibits.

LAST CENSUS OF 1930 GAVE 3,600 IN CITY

According to information released today by the U. S. Bureau of Census the population of Roxboro is now 4,599. These new population figures come as a result of the new census that has just been taken and the information was released to this paper by James Carver, who has had charge of the census taking.

Mr. Carver pointed out that there is still time for others to be added to the above figures and he urges any who have not been counted to get in touch with him at his home in Roxboro or report to the Chamber of Commerce office.

The last census of Roxboro, which was taken in 1930 gave the city a few over 3,600 residents. Thus it can be seen that this city has gained about 1,000 residents during the past ten years.

Local residents, who have been interested in Roxboro's growth, had thought that the census figures for 1940 would go well over 5,000 and it is yet thought that there must be many more here who have not been counted.

Mr. Carver stated that his workers had made every effort to find all the people, but he admitted that there could be some who have not been counted. He is very anxious to find these.

PERSON COUNTY DEMOCRATS WILL HAVE GATHERING

Broughton Will Be Con-
vention Guest Saturday Af-
ternoon, Local Leaders To
Take Part.

Beginning at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, Person county Democrats will on Saturday hold their County Convention at the courthouse, where chief business will be election of delegates to the State convention. Members of the County Democratic Executive committee will also meet. Chairman R. B. Dawes said this morning that time of meeting for the committee would be either immediately before or after the convention.

Among special guests expected to be present at the convention will be J. M. Broughton, of Raleigh, regarded as a leading candidate for Democratic nomination as governor. Mr. Broughton, who will be recognized at the convention, will on Saturday morning at 11 o'clock deliver the final address at Bushy Fork school and in the afternoon his county manager F. O. Carver, Jr., and others interested in his candidacy will hold an open house at Hotel Roxboro between the hours of three to six o'clock.

In commenting on the Roosevelt third term Chairman Dawes this morning said that undoubtedly a resolution supporting the nomination of the President for a third term will be introduced, since there has been throughout the state and nation a concerted third term movement in recent weeks. Mr. Dawes, however, declined to make public comment.

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