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KITCHEN GIVES FINALS ADDRESS AT HIGH SCHOOL

Sixty-Six Seniors Receive Diplomas Wednesday Night. Large Crowd Attends.

"Education", said Dr. Thurman D. Kitchen, in an address before 66 graduates of Roxboro high school, "is a progressive search for truth in the name of Christ, for the benefit of mankind."

In concise form the President of Wake Forest college, who was introduced by Reginald Lee Harris, then continued his approximation of truth in education as one of the verities in a troubled world by saying that the only ordered force in the world today is the Christian force.

Dr. Kitchen's address, delivered last night in Roxboro high school auditorium, marked the culmination of three days of commencement activities for the Seniors. His appearance here, as indicated in his preliminary remarks, was in the nature of a home-coming for Dr. Kitchen, and Roxboro, once the home of two of his brothers, showed appreciation for his presence by crowding the auditorium to the doors.

Highest scholastic honors of the evening went to Lois Mary Pickering, valedictorian, and to Louise Walker, salutatorian, Miss Pickering also received the Edgar Long Scholarship medal and Miss Walker received the Kiwanis Citizenship medal. Both young women were graduated "Summa Cum Laude".

Winner of the Roxboro Woman's club cup for the best essay was Margaret Elizabeth Green, while second, third and fourth places in that contest were accorded to Annie Laurie Day, Kitty Ellmore and Ted Parker. In recognition of high attainments in scholarship Annie Sue (Continued On Back Page)

COUNCIL PASSES TAXI CODE AND ORDERS REVIEW

Delinquent Taxes Must Be Paid. 1939 Taxes Will Be Advertised In August.

Consideration of an eight point code for city taxi regulation, which was, with the exception of one clause pertaining to stipulated fines and punishments for violations of the code, virtually adopted as read, was the chief item of business confronting Roxboro City commissioners at their monthly session Tuesday night.

The commissioners also authorized a review of delinquent taxes for 1939 through 1934, ordering the City Attorney, F. O. Carver, to take action in regards to collection of the same. It was reported at the session that back taxes owing to the city total \$23,689 and that unpaid and delinquent street assessments now on the city books total \$9,695.

Advertisement of 1939 city taxes will be made in August according to plans made Tuesday night and it was announced that for closure proceedings will be instituted after that time against all persons failing to make proper settlement with the city. Members of the council also stressed the fact that settlements for previous years must be made under penalty of similar action unless back payments are made both in taxes and street assessments. It is un- (Continued On Back Page)

Baptist Group At Ceremony



Shown above are some of the members of Roxboro First Baptist church, who were present at and participated in the Monday Morning ceremony of breaking ground for the institution's new educational building, construction of which will begin soon. On the front row, from left to right are J. W. Noell, W. T. Daniel, Miss Patsy Beam, Rev. W. F. West, the pastor, and City Manager Percy Bloxam. Also in the picture are E. E. Bradsher, A. M. Burns, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Whitfield, Mrs. W. T. Pass, Mrs. W. E. Stewart, Mrs. Dave Gilliland, George W. Kane and Fred Masten.

Baptists Gather For Ground Breaking For New Edifice

GRADUATES HEAR HOYT BLACKWELL

Baccalaureate Sermon For Roxboro Seniors Delivered Sunday Night.

Having as his theme the development of Christian character, Dr. Hoyt T. Blackwell, president of Mars Hill college, who chose his text from Acts, 13: 36 and 37, delivered the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class of Roxboro high school Sunday night in the school auditorium. "We all live", declared the speaker, "in three generations. Youth, maturity and old age are the three natural divisions of life and we should each one of us take all possible advantage of each stage in life, making our lives worthwhile through Christian character."

In expanding his subject Dr. Blackwell said that some people are forward looking, some live in the present and others have a tendency to look toward the past, but in his opinion those persons are most vital and successful who have the forward goal in view.

Dr. Blackwell was heard by an appreciative audience and the auditorium was practically filled. Introduction of the speaker was made by the Rev. W. F. West, of the First Baptist church, while the invocation was given by Rev. W. C. Martin, of Edgar Long Memorial Methodist church and the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. E. G. Overton also a Methodist minister of this city. Music was furnished by the high school glee club.

Second event on the commencement program was the seventh grade finals Monday night at the high school. On Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock Roxboro seniors, numbering 68, staged a high school night program at the high school.

It is estimated that speed was responsible for more than 8,000 traffic fatalities in the United States last year.

Ceremony Held Monday Morning At First Baptist Church For Educational Building.

Ceremony of breaking ground for the new Educational building of the First Baptist church, this city, construction of which will begin shortly, was held Monday morning at 10 o'clock on the site where the new building is to be erected.

Participants in the ritual included several members of the church who were members of the church when the present structure was erected 42 years ago. These older members included Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Daniel, J. W. Noell, and Mesdames Ida Mitchell, E. D. Cheek, H. H. Masten, and John Morris, Sr.

Actual breaking of the ground was performed by the pastor, the Rev. W. F. West, while the first earth was shoveled by W. T. Daniel, 81 year old member of the church. Attendant at the rites was little Miss Patsy Beam, eight year old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Beam, and youngest member of the church. A feature of the program was an address pertaining to the history of the church, which was delivered by J. W. Noell, editor of the Roxboro Courier and for many years a prominent Roxboro resident and member of the church. Prior to the beginning of the exercises the Rev. Mr. West read a scriptural selection and rendered a prayer.

Two older members of the church who were unable to be present were J. H. Carver and W. T. Pass. The educational building will be erected on the site of the present Sunday school building, which will in a few days be torn down.

EXERCISES HELD

Commencement exercises for the sixth grade, members of which will go next year to the seventh grade at the high school were held Tuesday morning at Central school.

Editorial

Person Democrats are urged to go to Raleigh tomorrow to attend the State convention that takes place at 11 o'clock in the morning.

R. L. Harris, our candidate for Lieutenant-Governor, will be on hand and there should be a large number of fellow citizens with him.

E. G. Thompson, campaign manager for Harris, and several others are expected to leave for Raleigh tonight.

After the convention is over those who have attended are requested to come home and attend the meeting that is being held in the courthouse at 7:30 in behalf of the Harris' candidacy.

Summer School To Begin Next Month

Registrations for a summer school session at which both grammar and high school work will be carried on, began this morning at Roxboro high school, where the work will be done under the direction of Frederick R. Moore after June 1. Those persons who wish to attend the school but were not present this morning are requested to see Mr. Moore at any time after May 24.

Appointments may be made with him at his residence on Lamar street or at any other place convenient to the parties concerned. Work in the summer school will range from the first grade through high school and may be taken by students from any school in Person county or Roxboro.

SUNBEAM MEETING

The Sunbeams of First Baptist church will meet Monday afternoon at 3:30 with Sarah Thomas at her home on Morgan street.

G. A.'S WILL MEET

On Tuesday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock the G. A.'s of First Baptist church will meet with Mrs. J. S. Walker.

"National Cotton Week" To Be Observed In Roxboro

PARTY LEADERS GO TO RALEIGH

County Democrats Join Delegates In Convention At Capital City.

Many Person Democrats will tomorrow morning attend the state Democratic convention which will be held at Memorial auditorium, Raleigh. Among those expected to attend will be R. B. Dawes, recently re-elected Chairman of the Person Democratic Executive committee, Mayor S. F. Nicks, Jr., who is president of the Young Democrats, Philip L. Thomas, chairman of the board of county commissioners and others, including R. L. Harris, candidate for nomination as Lieutenant-Governor in the primary of next week.

While no limit has been set as to the number of delegates who may attend, it is understood that Person will have fifteen votes in the convention and it was pointed out that if as many as thirty persons from the county attend the gathering each one will be entitled to a half vote.

It is the hope of party leaders that as many members of the organization as can arrange to do so will attend. E. G. Thompson, manager for Mr. Harris, has announced that there will be a meeting of Person friends of Mr. Harris Friday night at the county court house, after the return of the delegation from Raleigh. This meeting will be called at 7:30 and a full attendance is desired.

Executive Group Meets Wednesday

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Person Council of Social agencies held yesterday afternoon plans for the May meeting of the council, which will be held Wednesday, the 29, were discussed. Rev. T. M. Vick, president of the council presided.

Members of the committee also heard a report from Mr. Vick as to Social Agency work being done in Rochester and other New York cities. Plans were made for inclusion of representatives from all social agencies in the county, it being pointed out that a number of such organizations have not been previously represented.

Chairman of the membership, who has been requested to present a report at a later meeting, is Nathan Lunsford.

Painting of Zones Here Completed

Work of completely repainting parking zone areas on the main streets of the city, in progress all this week, is now practically completed. Restricted zones are being marked in yellow. Other areas are designated by white lines.

It is expected that completion of parking zone designations will mean a more strict enforcement of parking regulations than has been heretofore observed in this city.

Proclamation

"Whereas, the Professional and Service Division of the Woman's Work of WPA, has contributed materially to the health and welfare of all our citizens, and

"Whereas, the week of May 20 - 25 has been designated as National "See for Yourself Week" or "This Work Pays Our Community Week" to call attention of the people of every community in the nation to the service rendered by their organization.

Now, therefore, I, S. F. Nicks, Jr., Mayor of Roxboro, by virtue and the power and authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim the week of May 20-25, 1940 as "This Work Pays Our Community" in Person county and urge our citizens to visit their local WPA projects during that week and obtain first hand information on the splendid work being performed thereon."

S. F. NICKS, JR., Mayor.

MAD DOG SCARE CAUSES BLOXAM TO REVIVE LAW

Two Children Bitten By Dog Believed To Have Been Rabid. All Dogs Should Be Muzzled.

Following reports that at least two mad dogs have been recently running at large in the city, City Manager Percy Bloxam this morning reminded citizens of an ordinance requiring all residents to keep their dogs muzzled. Bebe Daniels Knight, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Knight, and Dewey Young, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Young, are among those reported to have been bitten by a dog once belonging to the Knights, but more recently staying with a neighbor.

Both children are taking anti-rabies treatment. The Knight dog was shot by Mr. Knight and a report was yesterday received from Raleigh confirming belief that the animal had rabies.

Mr. Bloxam in his statement this morning urged all citizens to keep their dogs confined and under observation. Mr. Bloxam said he is urging this action as a protection both to the children and to dogs.

About two weeks ago two residents in the city were reported to have been bitten. Treatments were administered and the animal was killed, although no official report was obtained. No other persons have been reported as being bitten.

GO TO NEW YORK

Thomas Long, Martin Michie, Jr., C. A. Harris, Jr., and Bud Thomas, Roxboro Boy Scouts have made application for attendance at the World's Fair scout camp and it is expected that they will leave here Sunday. The boys, who have been very active in Scout work throughout the year, will be away about ten days.

Stores Featuring Cotton Materials For Two Weeks; Special Values On Display.

May 17th. to May 25th. has been officially designated as "National Cotton Week" over the U. S. and this week is being observed in Roxboro.

In today's Times many advertisements may be found calling attention to this week and to the fact that people in this county are asked to buy cotton goods during Cotton Week.

Many stores of this community are featuring cotton materials during the week and have arranged special values for shoppers. Cotton goods can be found in practically every dry goods store in the county.

Literally the purchasing power of everybody in the United States is directly or indirectly affected by the status of cotton and the cotton growers. It is, therefore, essential to business generally that an ever-increasing domestic consumption of cotton be effected. Acreage for growing cotton has now been cut to, roughly, 26 million acres which represents pretty nearly the irreducible minimum if people living on farms in the Cotton Belt are to be given a chance for earning a living. This restricted acreage, allowing for the usual abandonment and average yield, is expected to produce normally about 12 million bales. In no calendar year has domestic consumption ever pushed through the eight million bale level. Yet, if we reckon with the realities of export prospects, we are confronted with the fact that in order to restore our American cotton economy, we must find a market annually in the United States for apparel, household items, and industrial products in any single year.

The Palace theatre is featuring on Monday and Tuesday of next week a short picture entitled "Threads of a Nation". This picture shows that inside workings of a cotton mill.

Census Drive Continues For Short Time Yet

The census drive that is now being staged in Roxboro is showing some progress. This drive is being waged to add extra names to the census list and thus increase Roxboro's population. First figures released last week showed that Roxboro had 4,599 people.

James Carver, who has charge of the census here, stated that his staff had made every effort to list each individual, but added that several could have been missed. Books will remain open for several days in order that any who were missed can be added. People who have not been listed by the census takers are urged to turn in their name to the Chamber of Commerce, City of Roxboro, Roxboro Courier or Person County Times at once.

Any information concerning anyone who has not been listed will also be appreciated by the above concerns and organizations.

Accident records show that 210,200 persons were injured in motor vehicle accidents in country last year.