

State Senator Roy Rowe Will Deliver Address On Control

Will Be Here Saturday and Will Be Followed On Sunday by I. G. Creer.

With State Senator Roy Rowe, of Burgaw, and I. G. Greer, superintendent of Mills Home Baptist orphanage, of Thomasville, as speakers, a full week-end devoted to discussion of the "Control" issue to be decided by Person county citizens, who will on August 24 cast ballots for or against the legalized sale of whiskey here, will get under way on this coming Saturday.

Senator Rowe, well-known Pender county business man, legislator and outspoken advocate of the ABC control system, is to appear here Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Person county court house, where he will speak under auspices of Person citizens who are in favor of the adoption of control, according to announcement made today, in which it was pointed out that Mr. Rowe's home county of Pender is one of the comparatively few eastern counties where the control system has not been adopted, and that for this reason his message is expected to be of unusual pertinency with respect to similar conditions in Person county.

Following Mr. Rowe's address on Saturday, the debate will be continued on Sunday, when Mr. Greer will speak at 3 o'clock in the afternoon at a mass meeting to be staged by the Person county unit of the United Dry Forces at Roxboro high school auditorium. Mr. Greer, fourth speaker brought here by the United Dry Forces within a week, will also speak at the 11 o'clock morning service at Edgar Long Memorial church, according to announcement from the Rev. W. C. Martin, pastor of that church.

Since the appearance here of Frederick H. Brooks and A. M. Noble, two Smithfield attorneys from the "new dry" territory of Johnston, local observers have noted an increased interest in the ABC question which will be again decided at the Person polls because the Person Board of elections last month authorized the calling of a special election after 601 duly accredited voters in the county had signed a petition requesting it. At the previous special election, held in the early summer of 1937, advocates of control came within less than twenty-five votes of carrying the election.

In that election approximately two thousand votes were cast but it is expected that the total vote on August 24 will be somewhat larger, since control advocates as well as the members of the United Dry forces have been much more active this time than they were previously.

Mayor S. F. Nicks, Jr., of Roxboro, who is also chairman of the Person Board of elections, in a statement issued last week following the closing of registration books, pointed out that this registration was held for convenience of voters not previously registered or for those who have changed residence from one precinct to another, and that all duly registered voters will be permitted to cast their ballots on August 24 and should be urged to do so.

Further evidence of local and county interest in the Person issue was indicated by recent reverend in Johnston, was demonstrated here last week by the distribution of hand-... continued this... expected to increase... and Super-

Control Speaker



Shown above is State Senator Roy Rowe, of Burgaw, who will deliver an address on the Control issue Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Person County Court House. Senator Rowe will be introduced by Nathan Lunsford, prominent Roxboro attorney.

Fire Calls Used By Department Announced Today

The system of fire calls by siren to be used by the local fire department, as recommended and passed by the City Council are:

- 1 Call — The fire district and business district, i. e. Main street between Post Office and Methodist church; Lamar street between Presbyterian church and Primitive Baptist church beyond Reams avenue.
- 2 Calls — All portions of Main street and Depot street west of R. R. to Burch avenue.
- 3 Calls — All Main street from Academy street to City Limits west of Railroad.
- 4 Calls — Lamar street to City Limits, then City Limits to south of Bradsher avenue.
- 5 Calls — South of Leasburg road following City Limits to North-east of Reams avenue.
- 6 Calls — South of Morehead street to Lamar street to Burch avenue intersection.
- 7 Calls — North of Burch avenue to City Limits and all territory beyond towards Longhurst and Ca-Vel.
- 8 Calls — All territory within Corporate Limits east of Norfolk and Western R. R. from Burch avenue.

Each Saturday a test call will be made of two calls at 12 o'clock noon E. S. T.

Troop 49 Will Have Parents At Next Session

Members of troop 49 of the Roxboro Boy Scout council will observe "Parent's Night" next Wednesday night at the home of Assistant Scoutmaster and Mrs. T. J. Fowler, on Gordon street. Dr. Robert E. Long, scoutmaster, urges all boys to bring their parents.

During the past week members of the troop were entertained at supper by Toufielk Ameen and his father at the Peoples Cafe, operated by Mr. Ameen, whose son is a member of the troop. On the program for the evening was Billy Spencer, Star scout, who described his experiences at the C. M. T. C., at Fort Bragg last month.

Final Rites Held For Mrs. Robinson Tuesday Morning

Mrs. Rosa Chandler Robinson, 69, wife of the late Rev. C. W. Robinson, Methodist minister of Clayton, died Tuesday morning at 8:40 o'clock at the home of her sister, Mrs. Jacob Thompson, near Concord church in Person county.

The deceased had been ill for over a year. Her condition had been critical for the past two weeks and death was attributed to a stroke of paralysis.

Mrs. Robinson, who for the past two years had made her home with her sister, is survived by one son, Horace W. Robinson, of Butler, Pa., and two other sisters, Mrs. Bessie Ferguson of Greensboro and Mrs. Lillie Williams of Blanche. She was a member of the Methodist church at Clayton.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 from the chapel of the Methodist orphanage in Raleigh with the superintendent, the Rev. A. S. Barnes conducting. Interment was in Oakwood cemetery in Raleigh.

Pall bearers included Clair Taylor, Tommy Pinchback, Delmas Chandler, John Smith, John Thompson, and Emerson Chandler.

Floods Disrupting Train Facilities In This Section

Delayed train, telegraph and telephone service, resulting from continued rains through North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia, was reported here this morning by C. A. Bowen, clerk at the local Norfolk and Western station, who said that the noon train, No. 37, from Lynchburg, Va., to Durham would not run today because of high water at Clarkton, Va., forty miles south of Lynchburg, where the Staunton river has risen 40 inches above the tracks.

Rain has fallen steadily in the Roxboro-Person area for two days and nights but so far no flood damages have been reported.

A later report from Mr. Bowen said that all train service of the Durham to Lynchburg line has been cancelled for the day. Tracks this side of Lynchburg are reported in some places to be under water four feet of water, with the water still rising.

Convoys of motor trucks passed through Roxboro during the middle of the afternoon, the drivers reporting that the trucks had been re-routed because of a bridge washout over the Roanoke River.

"Sleep, Slip, And Smash"

John Hobgood, operator of a fruit store on Reams avenue, yawned and stretched before he settled himself in a split-bottomed chair in front of his establishment for a Tuesday afternoon nap. Soon he was snoring and snoring; suddenly, he was awakened by an unusual noise. Just as suddenly he stared at the street in front of him, then sprang to one side.

A split second later the split-bottomed chair was smashed into a thousand fragments and up against the brick wall was an automobile. The car, which had been parked across the up-the-hill avenue by its owner, Dr. John Merritt, of Wooddale, was less damaged than the chair. The Doctor, who was away at the time of the accident, said the brakes must have slipped. He was glad the damage was no worse. So was Hobgood, who has not bought a new chair yet, because he thinks beds are much safer to sleep in.

Several Dogs Now In City Pound

Following issuance of an order earlier in the week directing Chief of Police S. A. Oliver to impound all stray dogs found in the city, City Manager Percy Bloxam today reported that several dogs are now in the pound, near the city water works, and that six dogs have been killed. Mr. Bloxam pointed out the importance of ridding the city of all stray canines, since within the week no less than a dozen residents have been compelled to take anti-rabies treatment because of their contacts with dogs reported to be victims of the disease.

Among those taking treatment are City Engineer Collins Abbitt, and H. L. Umstead, of North Main street, and four members of his family. Mr. Bloxam urges all residents to keep their dogs confined or muzzled, according to law.

DOLLAR DAYS VALUES

Peebles Department store officials today announced that starting tomorrow and continuing Saturday and Monday, special Dollar Days values will be offered in all departments of their establishment. Readers of the Times are requested to read the Peebles advertisement printed elsewhere in this edition.

PROMOTION OF TRAFFIC SAFETY INSTIGATED HERE

American Legion Sponsors Third Annual Campaign In City and County.

The third annual "Safety Campaign" in the interest of decreasing traffic accidents and resulting injuries and fatalities, especially among children of school age, was instituted here on Tuesday under the auspices of the Lester Blackwell Post No. 138 of the American Legion.

Heading the campaign committee for the Legion will be Dr. O. G. Davis, Adjutant; Onnie Jordan, Post Commander, and R. H. Shelton, prominent civic leader and former Post Commander. In an interview this morning Dr. Davis said that the campaign will continue through Tuesday of next week, that it will be county-wide in scope and that it is being undertaken by the local Post in connection with a national "Safety Week" campaign sponsored by the American Legion.

Mayor S. F. Nicks, Jr., of this city, in a statement issued Tuesday, said, "With the realization of the importance of educating the public upon the subject of Safety, I hereby wholeheartedly endorse the Safety Campaign which is being waged by the American Legion Lester Blackwell Post, No. 138.

"The loss of life is not the only price that we pay for our negligence while traveling. Three or four times the number actually killed are injured, many of them seriously and some are left helpless for life. Many homes are broken up or left in want when the bread-winner is removed by death or injury.

"With these facts in mind I earnestly solicit the cooperation of all the citizens of Roxboro to make this a real Save-a-Life program."

Chief publicity in connection with the local campaign is being handled by means of posters and through the press, said Dr. Davis, who added that full cooperation of all citizens must be secured if this particular work of the Lester Blackwell Post is to be effective.

Members of the Post had their regular monthly meeting Saturday night at the American Legion hut on Chub Lake street, where chief topics for discussion were the Burke-Wadsworth conscription measure and the proposed reorganization of the Home Guard.

Sentiment generally, Dr. Davis reported, was in favor of both measures, although no formal resolutions were passed.

Zoned Fire Signal System Will Be Instigated In City

EARLY PRACTICE

All boys, college and high school, interested in pre-season football practice are urged to report to the Roxboro High School football field on Monday, the 19th, at 10:00 a. m. This is a good chance for the boys to get in shape for the coming season. Anyone interested may attend.

Methodist Union Has Gathering At Long Memorial

With an attendance of 81, regular session of the Person County Methodist Young Peoples' union was held Monday night at Edgar Long Memorial church. Led by John Cline, representatives from the Durham union presented a program dealing with plans for a rally to be held at Crabtree Creek Camp, near Durham.

During the business session it was decided that the Person union should publish a paper in which news pertaining to the union's activities may be published. Refreshments were served by members of the union from Grace church.

CCC Enrolee Services Held

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock at the New Hope church near Milton for Everett Talent, about 19, who was killed Sunday afternoon in an automobile accident near Semora.

The Rev. N. R. Claytor, Presbyterian minister, conducted the services assisted by the Rev. Mr. Garner.

The deceased is survived by his mother, Mrs. Lizzie Gilbert, two sisters and two brothers.

Liquor Pays Past Debts Of Halifax

Weldon, Aug. 13 — The sum of \$262,000 plus interest has been placed on deposit in New York city for Halifax county for the purpose of a \$500,000 bond issue, according to an announcement made today.

Payment of this bond issue makes it possible for the county-wide tax rate to be reduced from 85 cents to 65 cents, giving Halifax county one of the lowest tax rates in North Carolina. It is believed that this is the third lowest rate in the state.

In addition the county officers have announced that there will be no levy this year for debt service inasmuch as the profits from the ABC stores will pay both the interest and the principal in the remaining county debt.

The announcement was made by C. S. Vinson, county auditor, on behalf of the board of county commissioners, who when the ABC stores opened in this county adopted a suggestion that all profits from ABC funds be placed in a sinking fund for bond retirement and tax reduction.

Payment of the \$262,000 leaves a county debt of only \$480,500, which will be handled exclusively from ABC profits and for the first time in half a century Halifax county will not have to pay tax to pay its debt.

Plan Passed Upon At City Council Session Is Designed To Improve Fire Service

By order of the city commissioners, City Manager Percy Bloxam today announced the institution in the city of a system of zone-division fire signals, whereby eight distinctive signals will notify residents in the different zones whenever a fire signal is turned in.

The adoption of some system for the siren signals; designed to facilitate immediate location of fires when they occur, has been contemplated for some time, according to a statement made this morning, and the zone listing, was adopted at the monthly session of the city council held this week. In his statement in connection with the announcement Mr. Bloxam said that a zoned map has been prepared and may be viewed at the City Hall, where it will be courteously explained to all persons interested in knowing in which zone their premises are located.

One blast of the siren will designate the "Fire District" or Main street business district between the Post Office and the Edgar Long Memorial Methodist church, and Lamar street between the Presbyterian church and the Primitive Baptist church beyond Reams avenue.

Two calls, three calls and so on up to eight will distinguish other zones throughout the city.

Various other matters were considered at the council meeting, Mr. Bloxam reported. Among them was an authorization from the board to empower the City Manager to relieve from duty those police officers, if any, who fail to enforce laws pertaining to traffic regulations, misdemeanors and the like, it being reported that enforcement of various laws has not been carried out as strictly as public service demands.

Mr. Bloxam, in commenting on this authorization, said that he would not hesitate to carry it out, although he is thoroughly appreciative of the good work which has been done and is being done by the members of the local police department.

Also discussed at the council session was the ordinance prohibiting the keeping of pigs within the city limits. This ordinance, drawn up some years ago, was, according to City Attorney, F. O. Carver, never ratified by the council. Following some discussion by board members it was decided that determination of degrees of enforcement of the measure shall be left up to a zoning commission soon to be appointed.

Financial report of the month indicated that \$14,222.97 had been collected from various taxes, water rents and other sources of income.

It was also reported that a survey is being made for extension of sewerage and water facilities within the city corporate limits. It is expected that these improvements can be carried out through cooperation with WPA. Announcement was made that from now on no garbage collections will be made outside of the corporate limits. This decision was reached after a measure fixing certain rates for collection of such garbage was rejected.

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County Schools Begin Operation During First Week In September

Preceded by a number of ad county schools will open for the 1940-1941 session on Wednesday morning, September 4, according to announcement made this morning by county superintendent of schools, R. B. Griffin, who also presented a tentative calendar for the school year.

Faculty lists, Mr. Griffin reported, are practically complete. Latest additions are Miss Rose Beeman, of Raleigh, who will teach home economics at Bethel Hill high school, and Charles E. Palmer, of Texas, who will be at Mt. Tirzah high school, where he will teach science and French. One vacancy still remains, at Bushy Fork, although it is under-

stood that the selection has been made and will be announced soon.

First pre-school administrative meeting will be held on Saturday morning, August 31, at 9:30 o'clock, in the grand jury room at the county court house, when drivers of school buses and the principals of the various institutions will have a conference. Next meeting, on Monday, September 2, will be held at the same place at 2 o'clock in the afternoon by the principals, and will be followed on Tuesday, September 3, by a county-wide teachers meeting at Central Grammar school, Roxboro, at 10:30 o'clock in the morning.

Negro teachers will also have a county-wide session at 2 o'clock that afternoon at Person County Training school.

Tentative calendar for the school year calls for a district teachers meeting in November, probably at Durham, and the State teachers meeting, which will be held at Raleigh in March. Schools will close on dates selected for these sessions. Other holidays include: Thanksgiving, November, 28 and 29; Christmas, December 20, to January 1, and Easter Monday. Unless there are unexpected interruptions the schools will close May 1, 1941, ending an eight-month school year.