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## Governor Favors Custom; Thanksgiving To Be Nov. 28

Seventy-five years of custom in observing Thanksgiving Day the last Thursday in November will not be broken this year in North Carolina, Governor Hoey indicated Tuesday.

The Governor said at the proper time he would designate November 28, the last Tuesday of that month, for the observation of Thanksgiving in this State.

Last year when President Roosevelt moved Thanksgiving Day forward by one week, Governor Hoey declined to follow suit. The result was two holidays here for many federal employes whose offices could not function properly with State offices closed. "I feel very strongly about Thanksgiving Day," Governor Hoey said. "It is not a commercial event or observance. For 75 years there has been an unbroken observance of this day in North Carolina on the last Thursday in November and I see no sufficient reason for a change now. Accordingly, at the proper time I shall designate this traditional day again this year."

The Governor wrote Secretary Willard Dowell of the N. C. Merchants Association, thanking him for a copy of a resolution adopted by the association urging that the third Thursday be proclaimed as Thanksgiving to "give a longer period for Christmas shopping."

I am thoroughly sympathetic with any move to increase the business of our merchants," the Governor replied, but I see no reason why they should wait until Thanksgiving Day to display their Christmas goods or to open the Christmas sales. Last year merchants in Raleigh and many other places in the State decided upon an earlier date for opening the Christmas sales and it worked splendidly."

## A. L. Bradsher Enters Business In Roxboro

A. L. Bradsher, formerly of this city, but recently a division manager for R. J. Reynolds Tobacco company with headquarters in Goldsboro, has returned to Roxboro and entered business here. Mr. Bradsher is selling tobaccos and small items to merchants of this city and county. He carries his stock in a store room on his lot in Sunset Hills.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradsher and two children moved to Roxboro about a week ago. Their new house has just been completed. Mr. Bradsher is a brother of J. D. Bradsher, dentist of this city.

## Bethel Hill Has Large Increase In Agriculture Class

The Bethel Hill Agriculture department has the largest enrollment in its history. C. S. Ragan, agricultural teacher reports 31 in the eighth and ninth grade class and 16 in the tenth and eleventh grade class, making a total of 47 day students.

The F. F. A. boys will undertake two major projects outside its regular class work. They will consist of beautifying the school grounds and improving the football field.

The class work has started off fine, everyone, seems interested in his work. Mr. Ragan says all the boys show a wonderful spirit of cooperation. Plans are being made for one of the most successful year's work, that Bethel Hill Agriculture department has ever had.

## Mass Meeting

The Roxboro Chamber of Commerce has called a mass meeting of the business men of Roxboro and Person county for Monday night, September 16, at 7:45. The meeting will be in the grand jury room of the courthouse.

Purpose of this meeting is to discuss plans for the Roxboro Tobacco market for the season of 1940-'41.

## LETTER STATES ENGLISH SPIRIT IS SPLENDID

Mrs. Percy Bloxam Receives Encouraging Letter From Friend In Blackburn.

Mrs. Percy Bloxam, of this city has just received a letter from a friend in Blackburn, England. This letter seems to be typical of the spirit that is found in England and certainly proves that the English are far from being dismayed.

Parts of the letter are as follows:

"I wish you could be here to make sure for yourself how we are all keeping our chins up.

"We are all busy doing a job for victory.

"We are well fed, in fact, we have plenty to spare. I have been looking this morning, my pantry is a grand sight, of course, we are rationed, but it has taught us to be careful. Our Sunday dinner is not one bit less than pre-war. I have in the fridge at this moment a chicken, a shoulder of lamb, and one pound of mutton, also two pounds of butter, so you see the Germans are telling lies when they say we are starving."

Enclosed in the letter was a quotation from the Bible:

Then Shall I Know (1 Cor. 13: 12)

Not till the loom is silent and the shuttles cease to fly, Will God unroll the canvas and explain the reason why. The dark threads are as needful in the weaver's skilful hand. As the threads of gold and silver in the pattern He has planned.

## Border Belt Tobacco Prices Much Better

North Carolina Border Belt warehousemen sold 27,341,452 pounds of producers' tobacco during August this year. Producers' sales averaged \$18.89 per hundred weight compared with \$13.83 for August sales of last year. This is an increase of 12 percent from last year's price but a decrease of 17 percent from 1938. Markets on this belt opened on August 20. Border Belt markets opened August 3 last year and producers' sales for the month totaled 78,271,589 pounds.

Eastern North Carolina Bright Belt (Type 12) markets opened last year on August 22 and sold 64,849,638 pounds of producers' tobacco prior to September 1 for an average of \$14.98 per hundred. These markets were opened on September 3 this year.

## ACCEPTS POSITION

Guy W. Gardner, of this city, has accepted a position with Person Motors, Inc. He is connected with the credit department of this organization.

## And Thanks, God, for a Safe Crossing



These newcomers from England are saying their prayers, and among a flock of things that they are thankful for, they are thanking the Almighty for getting them safely to the United States. All are from Garden City, England, and they are stopping temporarily at the Gould foundation.

## W. G. Bradsher To Be Assistant C & A Manager

## Gasoline Prices Are Discussed

Gasoline dealers of the city and county met yesterday in the office of the Roxboro Chamber of Commerce and discussed plans whereby the price of delivered gasoline in this city could be at the same price as that delivered in neighboring cities.

W. W. Woods, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, has been working on this for some time and expects to continue until something definite is done one way or the other.

## DAUGHTER BORN

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Fisher, of Roxboro, announce the birth of a daughter; born Sunday afternoon at Community Hospital.

## Safety Meet To Be Held Friday Night

The Mid-State Safety Council will hold a meeting in Roxboro on Friday night, September 13th at 8:00 P. M. in the Roxboro high school, it was announced this week by Ray Parrish of the personnel department of Collins and Aikman.

An industrial safety class will be held at this meeting. W. F. Powell of Raleigh will act as instructor for the class. Representative from Collins and Aikman will be Thomas Walters and from Longhurst Cotton Mills, E. D. Paylor.

## Central School News Items

The first week of Central school was marked by a timely visit from the City Manager, Percy Bloxam, stated Miss Inda Collins, of the school faculty, yesterday. Mr. Bloxam urged the children to have a certain point in mind and to work toward that point.

On last Thursday morning Rev. Al Martin and his friend, Mr. George Long, of the University of Pennsylvania, presented a delightful chapel program. Mr. Long told a story illustrating the value of work along with play while Mr. Martin taught the children a song.

## Robah Baynes To Be Promoted To Position Formerly Held By Bradsher. Strang To Go To Philadelphia.

Stuart Ford, resident manager of Collins and Aikman corporation announced this week that effective September 23, W. G. Bradsher of this company would be promoted to the position of assistant resident manager. This position has been held by Howard Strang who is being transferred to the Philadelphia plant.

Robah Baynes will be promoted to the position that is now being held by Mr. Bradsher. All of these changes will take place on the 23rd.

Mr. Bradsher has been with the Collins and Aikman corporation since it started doing business in Roxboro. As a matter of fact, he was with the A. T. Baker company before the plant was purchased by Collins and Aikman.

Mr. Baynes has been with the company for many years. He attended school at State college and later spent some time in China with a tobacco company.

People of this county will regret to hear that the Strangs are leaving. Both Mr. and Mrs. Strang have made many friends while here and they have been very valuable citizens.

## Bethel Hill Has Large Enrollment

Bethel Hill school opened with an enrollment of approximately 500 students in the high school and elementary department. It is believed that this enrollment will increase during the next few weeks and that by the end of the school year more than 600 students will be enrolled.

Classes are being conducted in the high school and agriculture buildings and the Bethel Hill Baptist church. School is running smoothly in spite of the unusual set-up which is being used until the completion of the elementary building.

The addition of commercial work has created much interest. A number of students are taking shorthand, bookkeeping and typewriting.

The majority of the high school students have rented their books and all elementary students have been issued books. It is believed that the school has made a good beginning and that this year will prove to be one of the best in the history of the school.

## Roxboro To Have Fireman's Training School 24 and 25th

## Mrs. R. J. Teague Resigns Position As Society Head

Mrs. R. J. Teague of this city, resigned her position as president of the Mary Hambrick Missionary society of the Methodist church last Monday afternoon, stated an official of this organization yesterday.

Elected to succeed Mrs. Teague was Mrs. Robah Baynes who has been an active member for several years.

Mrs. Teague has been president of the society for fifteen years and during her terms in office the society has shown remarkable growth. There are now 205 members and more will probably be added this fall.

Deep regret was expressed by many members when it was learned that Mrs. Teague was to resign.

## Farmers' Meeting At Dixon's Store

There will be a meeting of farmers at Dixon's store on Highway No. 49 this evening at 8 o'clock.

All farmers in that vicinity are especially urged to be present. The topic for discussion will be "Live Possibilities".

Rull Gentry will discuss lime from the standpoint of the AAA and Soil Conservation program. C. S. Ragan, agricultural teacher at Bethel Hill high school will discuss lime from the standpoint of the need of the growing plants and farm crops.

## WINSTEAD AT T. & O.

Barden Winstead has accepted a position with Thomas and Oakley Drug Store of this city.

## Cutting Affair Lands One In Negro Hospital

With a deep wound in his right shoulder and cut in his throat made by a nine inch "switch blade" said to have been wielded by Euleus Fuller, 25 year old Caswell county Negro, Ruff Graves, 30, another Negro of the same county, is a patient at Lincoln Memorial hospital, Durham, following a cutting scrape Saturday night at a fish-fry held at the home of Lee Richmond, Person county Negro, who resides on the Leasburg road, about eight miles from this city.

Fuller, who was apprehended about 1:30 o'clock Sunday morning, between Prospect Hill and Yanceyville, by Person Sheriff M. T. Clayton and Patrolman W. A. Baxter, is being held in Person County jail without bond under charge of assault with a deadly weapon. With Fuller when he was arrested were four other Negroes, not detained by the officers. Sheriff Clayton reported that the men had taken Fuller home, that Fuller then decided to leave and that the automobile was traveling at full speed when halted by officers.

Graves was brought to a Roxboro hospital for first aid treatment about 10 o'clock Saturday night, at which time the attending physician notified Sheriff Clayton. The knife is said to have occurred in the yard of Richmond's home in a fight which developed after abusive language had been used by one of the participants.

## No Sunday Edition

There will be no Sunday edition of the Person County Times on September 15. The reason for this is that the plant will be working on the Annual Tobacco Edition that will come from the press on the 19th.

The publishers of this paper trust that you will enjoy the Tobacco edition so much that there will be no regrets over missing Sunday's paper.

## FALSE ALARM CALLS OUT CITY FIRE TRUCK

Car of J. E. Latta Overturned As He Was Returning. Latta Escapes Injury.

A fire alarm that proved to be false called the city firemen and truck out on the Durham road late Monday afternoon. The report stated that the fire was just on the edge of Roxboro city limits. The truck and about ten firemen rushed to the place where the fire was supposed to be, but could find none.

There was no way to trace the call and city officials are at a loss as to who placed it.

J. E. Latta, Roxboro fireman, hastened to respond to the alarm and while coming back his car overturned near Burchwood cemetery. Mr. Latta was not hurt and his car was not damaged.

The Monday afternoon alarm was the second false alarm in the past several weeks and officials of the fire department are very anxious to discover who is turning in these alarms.

## Cannon Act To Feature Person Fair

R. L. Perkins, president of the Person County Fair, announced this week that Endy Bros. Shows would feature a free cannon act at the fair this year that will be a treat to all who see it. Mr. Perkins is loud in his praise of Endy Bros. Shows and states that this carnival is one of the best.

The fair will open Monday morning, September 30 and will continue throughout the week. Two houses will be ready for exhibits and people are urged to be making plans to bring them.

This year's fair will be held at the same place as last year's, in the fair grounds on the Roxboro - Longhurst road.

## C. of C. Appoints New Committees

Committees appointed by officials of the Roxboro Chamber of Commerce for the next twelve months were announced yesterday by W. W. Woods, secretary. They are as follows:

Aims and Objectives—Percy Bloxam, chairman, Preston Satterfield, H. K. Strang.

Advertising Committee—Gene Thompson, chairman, Sam Merritt, D. W. Ledbetter.

Town Ordinances—J. A. Long, Jr., chairman, D. S. Brooks, Earl Bradsher.

Finance Committee—Earl Bradsher, chairman, Gene Thompson.

Will Be Conducted By Sherwood Brockwell, State Fire Marshall, Firemen From Neighboring Cities Invited.

Roxboro will hold a firemen's training school September 24 and 25, stated Roxboro Fire Chief Henry O'Briant yesterday.

Sherwood Brockwell, deputy insurance commissioner and state fire marshal will be the instructor for the school. He will probably be assisted by Joe Guffey, assistant fire chief of Ca-Vel and a graduate of the N. C. Fire College and also by one man from the Durham Fire Department.

This school will take place on Main Street of Roxboro or at Central School building stated Mr. O'Briant.

Firemen have been invited to attend from Yanceyville, Danville, South Boston, Oxford, Durham, Chapel Hill, Hillsboro and Mebane. It is thought that there will come here from each of these places and these men, in addition to local firemen, will give the school quite an attendance.

Training will begin each afternoon at four o'clock and will continue until around six.

Firemen will be taught how to handle ladders, hose, etc., showing just what should be done in case of an actual fire.

All who complete the course will be awarded diplomas signed by Mr. Brockwell.

Roxboro's fire chief pointed out that there was no expense attached to this school in any way. Spectators are cordially invited.

## Club Members To Meet At Courthouse Tues.

The annual meeting of the Roxboro Country Club members will be held in the courthouse Tuesday, September 17, at 7:30 p. m.

At this meeting the present Board of GoGGveGGnoGrS Board of Governors will make a full report on the conditions of the Country Club to date. All members are urged to attend and any suggestions or opinions will be welcomed.

The purpose of this meeting is to elect a new Board of Governors. Eight of the original twelve members of the Board of Governors are now active and nominating committee, appointed by the president, has suggested that these eight be re-elected to serve for the one and two year period.

The committee has nominated, in addition to these eight, ten members, of which the four highest are to be elected for the three year period.

## TO RETURN

Mr. and Mrs. L. Sanders McWhorter, who were married in Huntington, W. Va. last Saturday, will return from their wedding trip this weekend and will make residence at one of the Satterfield apartments on Lamar street.

## TO SELL STEW

The Bushy Fork P. T. A. is planning to serve stew in Roxboro at all the warehouses the opening day of the market. The price will be 25c a tray.

## SHAW ON VACATION

Thomas J. Shaw, Jr., city editor of the Times, is spending his vacation in Dublin, Va. He will return to Roxboro this weekend.