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## Chaplain L. A. Watts Brings Vital Message To Council

Organization Decides to Sponsor Local Unit of Rehabilitation Bureau.

"Prison rehabilitation," said State Prison Chaplain Lawrence A. Watts, of Raleigh, Wednesday addressing the Person County Council of Social agencies at its monthly luncheon session, "is an almost virgin field and one in which much work yet remains to be done."

Introduced by the Rev. W. C. Martin, of this city, Mr. Watts cited specific instances coming to his attention as Chaplain; said that the majority of prisoners at the State institution seemed grateful for opportunities for consultation and advice, and urged that Person county form its own unit of the North Carolina Rehabilitation bureau, units of which have already been organized in 45 counties of the state, for purposes of co-operating with the State Prison Rehabilitation bureau program.

Acting upon his suggestion, members of local Council of Social agencies adopted a resolution favoring Council sponsorship of such a unit, elected Rev. J. M. Walker, Jr., as president of the unit, with B. B. Knight as vice-president and Mrs. T. C. Wagstaff, director of the Person County Board of Public Welfare, as secretary, and decided that details of formation of the unit be left to the newly elected officers.

In describing the effectiveness of rehabilitation as now practiced at State Prison, Mr. Watts, a Methodist minister who has served as Chaplain since July 1939, said that nearly 1,600 persons are being discharged from prisons in North Carolina each month, most of whom are destined to return to the communities from which they came and are in great need of cooperation from citizens in these communities if they are to return to the good citizenship of which most of them are capable.

Their needs, Mr. Watts said, are economic, but not purely so. A kind word, sympathetic understanding and willing cooperation in personal readjustment are of almost equal importance and can be perhaps best offered through units of the rehabilitation bureau previously mentioned.

The speaker also mentioned the need of an expanded program of psychoanalytical guidance and praised the present Governor, Clyde R. Hoey, for being instrumental in establishment of the program of rehabilitation of which his own work as Chaplain is but a part.

## High School Now Has Lectures On Health Topics

Students of the 10th and 11th grades in Roxboro high school will receive lectures on health topics on alternate Mondays during the school year, according to announcement made today by Supervising Principal H. C. Gaddy, who stated that the lectures to be given at the 10:30 o'clock morning period will constitute a definite part of the school's curriculum and will be presented by Person Health director, Dr. A. L. Allen and members of the department staff.

Dr. Allen, commenting on the proposed program said that general health topics will be discussed but that particular emphasis will be placed on social diseases and problems pertaining to sexology and that lectures of this latter type will be presented to separate classes of young men and women.

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## Fishes At Play - Have Nothing On Gilbert Wagstaff

James J. Jr., aged about three and a half years, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Woody, of this city, was playing with Gilbert Wagstaff, Jr., aged two and a half years, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Wagstaff. Scene of their activities was the front lawn of the Woody home on South Main street, around five o'clock Monday afternoon. The boys filled the air with shouts of pleasure as they chased one another, Indian fashion, around a fish pond.

Suddenly, all was quiet; just as suddenly James, Jr., entered the living room where his father was seated at his desk, stared at him a moment, then shattered silence by saying in matter-of-fact tones: "Daddy, Gilbert's in the fish pond."

A split second later, not knowing what to expect, Mr. Woody dashed down the steps, only to find Gilbert, Jr., calmest of all, floating on his back and using an unconscious swimming stroke to keep position. Gilbert, Jr., cried a bit after being rescued, but was otherwise not upset.

The fathers and fishes were, and now the fishes will have to live somewhere else; the pond is filled up.

## FLEIG FUNERAL HELD AT CHURCH

Respected Citizen Dies At Hospital After Illness Of Three Weeks.

Grover C. Fleig, 47, lumberman and farmer of Route 1, Roxboro, whose father came to America many years ago from Germany, died Monday morning at 2:15 o'clock at Watts hospital, Durham, following an illness lasting three weeks. He had been in ill health for several months. Death was attributed to complications.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Warren's Grove Methodist church by the pastor, the Rev. E. G. Overton, and interment took place at Burchwood cemetery annex, Roxboro.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Cora Solomon Fleig and two sons, Raymond and Grover C. Fleig, Jr., all of Roxboro; one brother Felix Fleig of Annapolis, Md., and two sisters, Mrs. W. A. Wrenn and Mrs. T. C. Tapp, both of Roxboro.

Pall bearers were Claude Barnett, E. G. Davis, Alex Wrenn, Ralph Long, Claude Harris and Lewis Winstead.

Flower bearers were nieces and nephews of the deceased.

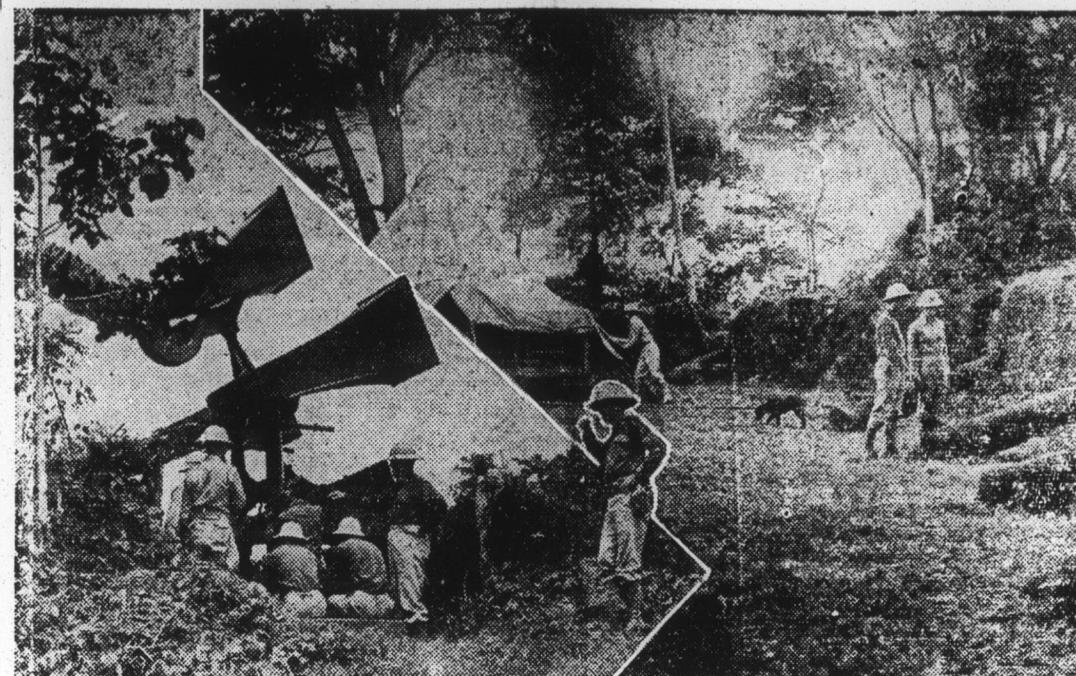
## BENEFIT BRIDGE

Women of St. Mark's parish auxiliary will stage a benefit bridge and Chinese checkers tournament tomorrow night at 8 o'clock at Roxboro Community house, Chub Lake street. Reservations may be made by contacting Mrs. Philip L. Thomas or Mrs. John D. Morris.

## DAUGHTER BORN

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Johnson, of this city announce the birth of a daughter, Barbara Gale Johnson, at Memorial, Danville, Va., on Thursday morning, September 26.

## Listening Post in Our Canal Defenses



Left: Amid the dense jungle of the Chagres river section of the Panama Canal Zone, a listening post of our growing air defenses is shown in action under eyes of Brig. Gen. Sandford Jarman, commanding Panama coast artillery brigade. Right: Ruins of ancient Fort San Lorenzo, Sixteenth century "strong point," are used for camp site by men of the Canal Zone's artillery brigade. The fort is at the Atlantic entrance of the canal.

## Mrs. Wagstaff And Others To Go To Welfare Institute

Annual Session Will Open Sunday Night At Chapel Hill.

Person County representatives at the 21st Annual Public Welfare institute opening Sunday night at Chapel Hill will include: Mrs. T. C. Wagstaff, director of the Person Department of Public Welfare, and Mrs. Glen Brandon and Miss Marjorie Griffin, department case workers.

Speakers at the Sunday session beginning at 8 o'clock, will include Dr. Howard W. Odum, Kenan Professor of Sociology and director of the Institute for Social Science, University of North Carolina, who will discuss, "The Next Twenty Years in Public Social Service"; and Mrs. W. T. Bost, Commissioner, State Board of Charities and Public Welfare.

Remarks will also be made by Dr. Frank Porter Graham, president of the University, and presiding officer will be Dr. Roy M. Brown, director and professor of Public Welfare, division of public welfare and social work, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Real work of the six day institute will begin Monday morning at 9 o'clock and will continue through Friday, October 4, with lectures and courses on "Case Work With Family and Children's Problems"; "Public Welfare Administration"; "Welfare Resources and Services Available Through Public and Private Channels in North Carolina"; Social Work Practice As Influenced by Its Historical Background and Development"; "Unemployment Problems, State and National"; Current Social Legislation"; "Principles of Family Economics"; Financial Administration in Public Welfare", and "The Federal Program of Child Welfare Service."

In addition to many state welfare department officials, together with members of the faculty of the Chapel Hill and Greensboro divisions of the University of North Carolina, speakers will include David C. Adie, Commissioner of the Department of Social Welfare, New York; Miss Thelma Hendricks, Training Consultant, Division of Technical Training, Bureau of Public Assistance, Social Security Board, Washington; Miss Katharine F. Lenroot, Chief of the Children's Bureau, U. S. Department of Labor, Washington, and Miss Bertha Reynolds, Consultant in Staff Development. Mr. Adie, will speak Monday evening at 8 o'clock; Miss Lenroot on Tuesday at the same hour, and Miss Reynolds, on Thursday at 8.

First meeting of the Bethel Hill Parent-Teachers association will be held Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the school, according to announcement made today. Mrs. J. Y. Humphries, president, will preside and objectives for the year will be outlined. During the social hour a motion picture will be shown and group singing will be enjoyed. A full attendance is requested.

SELL YOUR TOBACCO ROXBORO.

## JAMES H. CLARK ENDS HIS LIFE AT CUNNINGHAM

Tenant On Old Cunningham Place Dies Monday. Rites Held Tuesday.

James H. Clark, 66, tenant farmer, who lived at the old Cunningham home place, Cunningham township, Person county, died there Monday morning at 8:30 o'clock two hours after he had shot himself in the right temple with a single-barreled shotgun. The act took place in Mr. Clark's bed room on the second floor and discovery was made by his son, Fred Clark, who rushed to the room when the shot was fired and found his father slumped across the bed, his head in a pool of blood.

Medical aid was summoned and later in the morning, about 9 o'clock, Person Sheriff M. T. Clayton and County Coroner Dr. A. F. Nichols were called. Dr. Nichols reported Monday afternoon that a coroner's jury composed of six men rendered a verdict of death by suicide, decision being reached about 11 o'clock that morning.

Members of the family reported Clark as having been in usual health when he retired Sunday night, though he had frightened them at one time during the past Spring by references to suicide. Dr. Nichols said the deceased apparently left no note of explanation.

Survivors are his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Ira B. Brooks and Mrs. F. A. Taylor, both of Semora; four sons, Willie, Harry, and Fred Clark, all of Semora, and John Clark, of Roxboro; a sister, Mrs. L. N. Montgomery of Semora; and eight grand-children.

Funeral services were held at 3 p. m. Tuesday at Connelly Methodist church, near Milton.

## TO STUDY MUSIC

Miss Billie Street, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Street, of this city, left this week for Lynchburg, Va., where she will spend the winter studying music. Miss Street, who is an alumna of Greensboro college, is a talented young violinist and has previously studied in Durham.

## UNCLE DIES

Person Superintendent of Schools R. B. Griffin will leave tomorrow for Goldsboro to attend the funeral of his uncle, B. H. Griffin, who died today at his apartment at Hotel Sir Walter, at Raleigh. Mr. Griffin was a widely known hotel owner and operator.

## Tobacco Sales Pleasing First Three Days Of Week

## Two Day School For Firemen Held In This City

Tobacco Averaging Around Twenty Cents; Sales For Week Comparatively Light.

The Roxboro tobacco market opened Tuesday morning with a rather small break of tobacco on hand. Prices for first and second day sales averaged around twenty cents even though quality of the weed was not so good.

Very few tags, if any, were turned and generally speaking the growers were well pleased with their sales.

Farmers over the county have not stripped much tobacco and that may account for the small amount that has been on the warehouse floors during this week. Many growers have been busy harvesting other crops.

Local warehousemen expect a larger amount of tobacco next week and it is thought that sales will strike a normal stride at once.

All buyers are on hand and there seems to be a demand for every type of tobacco that is raised in this section.

Local business leaders report a pick-up in business and it is thought that these extra sales will continue throughout the tobacco selling season.

## MRS. R. C. CARVER PASSES AT HOME

Funeral Held Yesterday There. Ill For Past Several Weeks.

Mrs. Jennie Carver, 82, of Route 1, Roxboro, wife of the late R. C. Carver, died Tuesday morning at 11:15 o'clock at her home, after an illness of several weeks. She had been in declining health for a number of years.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the home. Officiating was the Rev. E. G. Overton, pastor of Warren's Grove Methodist church, of which Mrs. Carver was a member for many years. Assisting was the Rev. S. F. Nicks, of Cedar Grove. Interment was in the family cemetery.

Surviving are six daughters, Mrs. Rainey Crumpton of Roxboro, with whom she made her home, Mrs. Arch Hamlin, also of Roxboro, and Mrs. M. V. Lawrence, Mrs. Oscar Wilkerson, Mrs. Will Moore, and Miss Fannie Carver, all of Durham; and two stepchildren, Mrs. James Stanfield of Roxboro and M. M. Carter of South Hill, Va.

## ATTENDS MEETING

Person Superintendent of Schools R. B. Griffin, accompanied by Supervising Principal H. C. Gaddy, Mrs. A. F. Nichols, Miss Nelson, R. C. Garrison and D. H. Young, was in Henderson yesterday for a district conference of the North Carolina Education association. Mr. Griffin reported a successful meeting, held for purposes of stimulating interest in the work of the association.

## COPIES AVAILABLE

Wallace W. Woods, secretary of the Roxboro Chamber of Commerce, reports that copies of the 1939 "Revenue and Machinery Acts" are now available at his office. These publications, said Mr. Woods, cover most of the licenses collectable by the State. Numbers of citizens have requested copies of the booklet and the local Chamber will be pleased to furnish whatever information is desired.