

Nicks Rites, Tribute To His Memory, Held Here Monday

Many Citizens Attend Funeral For Late Mayor at Long Memorial Church. Flowers Are In Profusion.



S. F. NICKS, JR.

Final tribute to Samuel Freeman Nicks, Jr., 34, Mayor of the City of Roxboro since May, 1939, an active Democrat and a leading young member of the Person bar for the past seven years, whose death occurred Sunday morning, was paid Monday afternoon at three o'clock at services held at Edgar Long Memorial Methodist church.

Officiating ministers were the pastor, the Rev. W. C. Martin, the Rev. A. J. Hobbs of Durham, district superintendent of the Methodist church, the Rev. H. C. Smith of Duke Memorial Methodist church, Durham, and the Rev. E. G. Overton of Person Circuit. Interment was in Cedar Grove Church Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Curtis H. Oakley, Dr. Robert E. Long, J. S. Merritt, M. C. Clayton, F. O. Carver, Jr., T. J. Fowler, E. B. Craven, Jr., Preston Satterfield, Jr., and J. Brodie Riggsbee, all of Roxboro. More than 75 other citizens were honorary pallbearers.

Mr. Nicks was a native of Alamance county, where he was born on August 10, 1906, and was the son of the Rev. and Mrs. S. F. Nicks, who were this week transferred from Cedar Grove Methodist church to the Hillsboro church. Mayor Nicks was an unusually popular Roxboro resident and his sudden death by suicide was a shock to the entire city.

Several years ago, shortly after coming here to practice law, he suffered a nervous breakdown, but apparently recovered his health, although intimate friends and members of the family reported that he had within the past few weeks again become depressed and attributed his decision to take his own life to recurring despondency.

Discovery of Mr. Nicks' body was made by J. H. Scarborough, about 11:30 o'clock Sunday morning, when he went to the second floor of the D. Pender building on Main street to close up a two-room office used during the past few weeks as Person Republican headquarters. The door had been left unlocked several days, Scarborough said. Suspended from a noose made of three neckties wrapped around several loops of new picture frame wire attached to a transom crossbar, the body was found hanging in the doorway connecting two rooms.

Mr. Scarborough at once notified the police and in a few moments both Dr. A. F. Nichols, Person county coroner, and Sheriff M. T. Clayton were summoned to the scene. Dr. Nichols, who rendered a verdict of death by suicide from hanging, said death had apparently occurred about an hour before Mr. Scarborough's discovery.

On the door of his law office across the hall from the room in which he died was a note in ink saying he was out of town. When the door was unlocked the office was found in perfect order. No note of explanation was found in his clothing.

Behind the body in the doorway a little to one side were piled four law books which he evidently used to step upon before fastening the noose around his neck.

Mr. Nicks left his Sunset Hills home here Sunday morning about 8:20 o'clock, saying he was going

L. R. HARRILL TO PRESENT AWARDS

4-H Club Achievement Day Program Will Be Held Friday In City.

Annual achievement day program of Person County 4-H clubs will be held tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock at Central Grammar School auditorium, where chief speaker will be L. R. Harrill, of Raleigh, who is State 4-H club leader and is expected to bring an interesting message.

Mr. Harrill, who will make a brief address, will present the awards. Several county and city civic leaders will also make short talks. Arrangements for the program are in charge of 4-H club leaders, assisted by Miss Velma Beam and H. K. Sanders of the Farm Agency service.

A special section of the auditorium will be reserved for parents and special guests and it is expected that a number of persons will attend. Achievement day is regarded as the most important day in the local 4-H program.

Sixty Papers Now Returned to Service Office

Approximately 60 selective service questionnaires have been filled out and returned to the Person county office of the Selective Service Board, according to Baxter Mangum, office manager, who today said that to date nearly 150 questionnaires have been issued.

Mr. Mangum said also that he has been informed that all questionnaires must be filled out in ink and must be duly attested. It is expected that classification of papers received will get underway tomorrow or Saturday, although it will still be some time before any of the men accepted will go into service.

DAUGHTER BORN

Sanitarian and Mrs. T. J. Fowler announce the birth of a daughter, Mary Anne, Monday night November 11, at Community hospital, Roxboro.

Masons Of District Meet In City Tomorrow Night

The Rains Come

Officials of the City Water department this morning reported that between yesterday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock and 9:30 this morning 1.47 inches of rain had fallen in the Roxboro area. A report received yesterday for the previous day indicated that the fall was 1.7. Many residents, before the rain started Monday were wanting it to come; now they are complaining anent leaking roofs and flooded basements.

S. C. BARNETTE PASSES AT HOME IN THIS CITY

Father of Late Herbert and Jack Barnette of Show World Was 85.

Samuel C. Barnette, 85, retired Person farmer, father of the late Jack and Herbert Barnette, mid-westers who won fame with Ringling, Barnum and Bailey circus, died Sunday night at 11:30 o'clock at his Reams Avenue home here following an illness of two days from a stroke of paralysis. The two showmen sons died several years ago.

Mr. Barnette was a member of Person Masonic lodge 113, members of which served as pallbearers at the funeral conducted Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock by his pastor, Rev. W. C. Martin, of Long Memorial church, at the residence of a son, W. C. Barnette, South Main street. Interment was in Burchwood cemetery, Roxboro.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Mary Barnette, two sons, W. C. and B. K. Barnette, both of Roxboro, two grandchildren, and one sister, Mrs. J. P. Williams, of Woodsdale.

SISTER DIES

Mrs. W. A. Baxter, of Lamar street, was called to Reidsville Sunday night because of the injury and subsequent death of her sister, Miss Anna Drake, of Mayodan and Warrenton, who was in an automobile accident at Reidsville. Mr. and Mrs. Baxter were also in Warrenton for the final rites held there Tuesday.

Look! Look!

Due to weather conditions during the past week, the semi-finals game between the local Ramblers and Sanford High school, scheduled for tomorrow afternoon at Sanford, will be postponed until Monday afternoon and the Sanford park at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

HARRIS SPEAKS AT SERVICES AT LOCAL THEATRE

Lester Blackwell Post Observes Armistice Day With Memorial Service, Parade, Luncheon and Dance.

Speaker at Armistice day exercises held here Monday by Lester Blackwell post of the American legion was Lieutenant Governor-elect R. L. Harris, whose message, given at the Palace theatre at 10:45 o'clock that morning was concerned with the value of a sane Americanism, the significance of the day being celebrated and the necessity for preparedness for adequate defense.

Mr. Harris was introduced by R. P. Burns, Roxboro attorney, who was last week elected as Person representative in the State legislature. Another speaker was R. B. Dawes, lawyer of this city, who gave an address of welcome. Presiding was Post Commander O. C. Jordan. Music was in charge of Wallace W. Woods and Edgar Long.

At noon the legionaires and members of their families had a luncheon at the hut on Chub Lake street, and in the evening an informal dance was held. Other feature of the morning was a colorful parade participated in by legionaires, the Red Cross, the high school band and Boy Scouts and other organizations here.

OVERTON TO GO TO NEW CHARGE

Minister In His Place Will Be Brother of Bishop Peele. Others Remain.

With the exception of the Rev. E. C. Overton, who has been transferred to the Fayetteville circuit, all Methodist ministers having churches in the Person and Roxboro area of the Durham district were this week returned to their various churches here, according to Conference appointments read Sunday night in Wilmington at the closing session of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist church.

Rev. Mr. Overton, who last year came to the Person circuit, including Concord church, is expected to move to Fayetteville next week. Prior to his appointment to the Person circuit he was with a church in Raleigh. His successor at Concord and other churches of the circuit will be the Rev. F. B. Peele. During his stay here the Rev. Mr. Overton had residence in Roxboro and he and Mrs. Overton have many friends who will regret to see them leave.

Ministers returned include: the Rev. W. C. Martin, of Edgar Long Memorial church, this city; Rev. T. M. Vick, Jr., of the Roxboro circuit, including Cavell and Rev. D. A. Petty, of Brookside.

Rev. S. F. Nicks, father of the late Mayor S. F. Nicks, Jr., of Roxboro, who has been pastor of the Cedar Grove church, will return to the Hillsboro church he formerly served, and the Rev. E. L. Hill has been returned to the Mt. Tirzah church.

S. G. Winstead Will Serve City As Presiding Officer

Helps Roll Call



Robert Edgar (Buddy) Long, shown above, is Directing City Divisions in the Red Cross Roll Call Which is Now Underway. Mr. Long is a young attorney at law.

Youth Service Meeting Has Been Set For Monday

Due to inclement weather conditions, the meeting to organize an Older Youth Service club in Helena has been postponed until Monday night, November 18, at 7 o'clock, according to announcement made today.

Those who are interested are urged to come and bring with them other interested young people of that community. An interesting and entertaining program has been planned.

TO PORTO RICO

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Glover, Jr., left last night for San Juan, Porto Rico, where Mr. Glover will be connected with the Soil Conservation division. He has been with the Dan River unit in Roxboro for about a year. He and Mrs. Glover were married two months ago in Ashboro.

DEMONSTRATION CLUB

The Hurdle Mills Demonstration club will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 7:30 p. m. in the school auditorium with Dr. A. L. Allen, health officer, as guest speaker. The public is invited.

Show At High School Will Not Be Given Tonight

Presentation of the Roxboro high school Parent Teacher association's benefit, "Darktown Follies", minstrel show, scheduled for tonight in the high school auditorium, has been postponed until next Thursday evening, November 21, at 8 o'clock, according to announcement made this morning.

Practice has been in progress for some time and it is expected that the production in which more than seventy-five of the city's best amateur actors will take part, will be unusually entertaining. Funds derived from the performance will go toward equipment needs at the high school.

During the past ten years an average of 2,388,000 motor vehicles annually have been scrapped.

Real Estate Man and Lawyer Will Be Mayor Until May 1941. Appointment Made Tuesday.

S. G. Winstead, Roxboro real estate man and attorney, was on Tuesday night chosen by the City Council as Mayor to fill out the unexpired term of the late S. F. Nicks, Jr., whose death occurred Sunday morning.

Notified of his appointment immediately after the executive session, Mr. Winstead, who is a native of Person County and member of a prominent family, said that he would accept the position. Next election for the office will be held in May 1941. The new Mayor, active in civic affairs, is a member of Edgar Long Memorial church, and is an alumnus of Trinity College of Duke University. He also attended Yale.

Named as a committee to prepare a memorial tribute to Mayor Nicks were City Manager Percy Bloxam and City Attorney F. O. Carver.

Chief civic business acted upon decision that parking on Oak and Bradsher streets and Reams avenue shall be limited to one side and that parking on Main street shall be limited to one hour. A special session to consider problems pertaining to the city water department will be held at a later date.

Mr. Winstead as Mayor will be called upon to preside over sessions of city court. Names of several other Roxboro citizens eligible for the Mayorship were considered by the Council before decision was reached. In politics Mr. Winstead is a Democrat. Members who made the choice are: Gordon C. Hunter, mayor-pro tem, Preston Satterfield, C. L. Brooks, George J. Cushwa, and George W. Kane.

NEW BUILDING NOW FINISHED

Bethel Hill Will Also Offer Evening Commercial Courses.

Virtual completion of repairs to Bethel Hill grammar school building, upon which extensive repairs have been made and which is now in use were announced today by Lewis S. Cannon, principal who reports that the structure, formerly of stucco, has been brick veneered and that classrooms have been re-arranged for greater convenience.

Bonds in the amount of \$23,000 were arranged for by the Person County Boards of Commissioners and Education were arranged for in the late summer to take care of expenses in connection with repairs at Bethel Hill and with minor repairs at two other schools in the county. Certain painting, yet to be done at Bethel Hill will be done during Christmas holidays, said Mr. Cannon.

In making report of work being done at Bethel Hill, Mr. Cannon also said today that beginning on Monday, November 18, R. H. Hedrick, of the high school commercial department will offer evening classes in short-hand, book-keeping and other commercial subjects to adults. Classes will be held Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7 o'clock in the evening and at present will meet in the Agricultural building, although both time and place of meeting may be later modified to suit requirements of class members, who will be expected to pay a moderate fee for courses offered.

Mr. Hedrick came to the school this year. He is a graduate of Bowling Green Commercial College, Bowling Green, Ky., and has had considerable teaching experience, according to Mr. Cannon.