

Two Taken To Hospital After Car Wrecks Near Hillsboro

Roxboro Man And Durham Woman Are Patients. Paul Umstead Has Cuts On Hands.

James (Buster) Jones, 20, of Roxboro and Durham, received a fractured right elbow and Miss Juanita Singleton, of 1101 Hyde Park avenue, Durham, a fractured vertebra last night about 9 o'clock, when a car driven by Henry Elam, of Roxboro who was accompanied by Mr. Jones, Miss Singleton, her sister, Miss Louise Singleton, of Durham, and Paul Umstead, of Roxboro, overturned three or four times after running through a sandy spot on the tar and gravel highway between Hillsboro and Yanceyville, about five miles from Hillsboro.

Mr. Umstead, who received cuts on his hands requiring nine stitches to close, said that all occupants except Miss Louise Singleton were thrown out of the car. Picked up by a passing motorist they were brought to Community hospital, Roxboro, where Mr. Jones and Miss Juanita Singleton are now patients. Mr. Umstead was given first aid treatment, while Miss Louise Singleton and Mr. Elam were uninjured.

The machine, property of Mr. Elam, was all but completely wrecked. Members of the party were en route to Danville, Va., at the time of the accident, having left Durham a short while previously.

Mr. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Jones, of Roxboro, left here this week to reside in Durham, where he is employed by a grocery company. Mr. Umstead, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Umstead, is employed by a Roxboro dry cleaning establishment. Mr. Elam is connected with a Roxboro grocery store.

Goes To Pulaski As Hotel Man

J. V. King, of this city, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. King, who has for the past several months been night clerk at Hotel Roxboro, left today for Pulaski, Va., where he has accepted a position as clerk at Mapleshade Inn, resort hotel in that city. Mr. King, a graduate of Roxboro high school is a native of Roxboro and has been popular in social circles.

Taking Mr. King's place at Hotel Roxboro will be Gray Elmore of Winston-Salem, who arrived today.

Service Party For Employees Planned

Annual Service party for employees of Collins and Aikman corporation, Ca-Vel, who have been with the company 10 years or more, will be held Saturday evening, December 7, at 7 o'clock at Hotel Roxboro, according to announcement made by G. H. Ellmore, personnel director. Reservations have been made for 140 persons and it is expected that the affair will be most enjoyable. Also present will be a number of Roxboro guests.

SMALL ROOF BLAZE

City firemen responded about six o'clock Tuesday night to an alarm turned in for a small roof blaze to a Negro tenant house on the S. G. Winstead property, Harris hill. Damage was slight.

Mrs. Puryear Works In Public

Sound of breaking glass shattered silence late yesterday afternoon in the Christmas decorated lower hallway of the Person County court house. A Times reporter, looking for stories in the sheriff's office, dashed across the hall to see what had happened. He expected a nice, newsy catastrophe. In front of what had been the glass-paneled entrance to Superintendent of Schools' R. B. Griffin's office he came to a full stop: the frosted glass was completely gone and attendants were sweeping up fragments, because one of three small boys playing outside the door had struck it at just the right angle.

Mr. Griffin was not there, but Mrs. "Secretary" Puryear, who was, sat at her desk and went on with work in hand, as if nothing had happened. Repairs have been made now and that's the afternoon's excitement, the end of a quiet day.

JUDGE GRADY TO HOLD TERM OF SUPERIOR COURT

Newbern Jurist Comes Here In January. Jurors Listed.

Expected to preside at the January 20 term of Person Superior court is Emergency Judge Henry A. Grady, of New Bern, who is to come to the court in place of J. Paul Frizzelle, of Snow Hill, district judge previously assigned who has a conflicting term, in Durham, according to announcement made today by assistant clerk of Person Superior court, R. A. Bullock.

Named as jurors by county commissioners for this term of court were R. D. Whitfield, J. D. Gray, Earl Stewart, L. F. Hester, D. S. Brooks, J. V. Bullock, Otho Moize, M. T. Slaughter, D. W. Rogers, Frank Brooks, N. V. Davis, C. A. Bowen, J. Lester Hughes and C. G. Long.

Also, R. E. Whitfield, J. W. Rogers, B. H. Duncan, C. E. Winstead, Jr., Fred Davis, A. W. Horton, C. L. Foushee, A. H. Baynes, Leon Rogers, Clyde Murphy, E. G. Thompson, J. A. Rogers and H. M. Gentry.

Also, Newton Day, I. C. Gentry, T. G. Brooks, T. B. Brooks, Edgar Brewer, J. W. Foushee, J. C. Oakley, Lacy C. Wilkerson, Walter Kidd, F. N. Williams, Tinnie Shotwell, W. B. Humphries, J. Lester Clayton and W. Wiley.

A tentative list was also drawn up for a second week of court but will not be made public until later, depending upon decision as to whether or not a second week of court will be called for.

Store Hours To Change For Week

Beginning on Monday, December 16, ten days after the formal Christmas opening marked by street decorations and Christmas lights, Roxboro merchants will stay open during the evening for benefit of shoppers engaged in the last minute holiday rush. Roxboro Chamber of Commerce secretary Wallace W. Woods, today said that stores will remain open until 9 o'clock at night, in addition to regular daytime schedules.

FOUR MEN WILL ENTER SERVICE

Selective Service Registrants Who Volunteered Will Be First To Go. Other Volunteers Ready.

Four Person County Selective service registrants, George Edward Crumpton, 22, Albert Bernard Whitfield, 27, Edward Talmadge Chrissenball, 23, and Richard Henderson Yancey, the latter a Negro, constitute the county's first quota and will enter Fort Bragg next week, according to statement made today by Selective Service office manager Baxter Mangum. All four volunteered after registering and are entering ahead of other registrants from this area.

Crumpton, of Route 1, Roxboro, a foreman with a tobacco company, has been designated as leader of the white men, who will leave Roxboro at noon, December 11. Yancey will report to Fort Bragg on December 12.

Whitfield, of Route 3, this city, is a service station attendant, while Chrissenball, of Semora, Route 1, is a farmer. Yancey, of Rougemont, Route 1, is a farmer and school bus driver.

Commenting on work of the board, Mr. Mangum said that eight other Person registrants, four white men and four Negroes, have since volunteered and will be taken as soon as called. Two hundred seventy six from here have been classified, with 90 in Class 1A, 49 of whom are white men and 44 are Negroes. In deferred classifications, probably not to be called are 182, as are four in Class D, college students, who will not be called before July 1, 1941, following completion of college.

The four men now going to Fort Bragg have been asked to report to the board office at 11 o'clock on the morning of their leave-taking to receive final papers and instructions. It is also expected that local legionnaires of Lester Blackwell post, under Commander Onnie C. Jordan, will at that time hold appropriate going-away exercises for the men.

Roxboro Man Signs Contract For Publication Of Novel

Having Person Background, Charles Wood's Tobacco Country Novel Will Be Published In Spring By University Of North Carolina Press.

Meeting North Carolina's newest novelist, Charles Barnette Wood, who this week signed a contract with the University of North Carolina Press for publication early next spring of his "First, the Fields", is not a new experience to Roxboro friends and neighbors, who have for three decades known him with the easy familiarity accorded to a native son, but thinking of him as an author opens up for many of them a different Charles Wood, whose quiet genius for recording their ways of life may make him known to people who never heard of Roxboro or Person county.

Out of what would appear to the uninitiated as the unpromising terrain and folkways of a north central Carolina county bordering Virginia, a county where growing and marketing of tobacco was and still is of vital importance to nine out of ten inhabitants, however far-removed some of them may be from its cultivation or the money derived, Mr. Wood in "First, the

Person Novelist



Charles Wood, Person native and Roxboro business man, this week signed contract for publication of his novel, "First, the Fields".

An Accident

Although he did not stop to make investigation, "Dub" Hobgood, on his way to his former home at Henderson for the week-end, passed what appeared in the night to be an automobile wreck about 7 miles from Roxboro on the Oxford highway. Coming back the next morning, he noticed fragments of broken glass and a large blood-stain at the same spot. There was, so he thought, every evidence of a bloody accident. It was, but not until he came back to town did Mr. Hobgood discover that the victim was a mule, property of Willie Blalock, who lives near the scene of the accident.

INFANT DIES

Graveside rites for the two days old infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse J. Carver, of this city, were held in Burchwood cemetery this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The child who had been ill from date of birth died yesterday. Mrs. Carver is the former Miss Macey Carver.

F. T. WHITFIELD NAMED HEAD OF COUNTY BOARD

Agricultural Building Question Comes Up Again. Suggestion Of Title Transfer Made.

Holding their December meeting Person County commissioners Monday elected as chairman of the board, Frank T. Whitfield, Bushy Fork merchant, who is entering upon his third successive term as commissioner. As chairman Mr. Whitfield takes the place previously held by Philip L. Thomas, Roxboro druggist, and who has been succeeded on the board by Sam Byrd Winstead, tobacconist of this city.

Mr. Thomas, who served a term of two years, was present Monday in an advisory capacity and while there received thanks of other members for services rendered.

Most important business of the day was presentation of a report in regard to WPA assistance in construction of an Agricultural building for the county. County Agent H. K. Sanders and City Manager Percy Bloxam, as members of an investigation committee indicated that the sum of \$15,000 or more would be needed to construct such a building and that under present regulations WPA assistance would not be more than fifty percent of the amount named.

Following discussion of this report, suggestion was made that Roxboro Community house, property owned by the City of Roxboro might be transferred, title and modernization be converted into a suitable county agricultural structure at less cost than might be reached by a new building. New commissioner, Mr. Winstead was then appointed to confer with city officials.

Re-engaged were R. P. Burns as county attorney and J. S. Walker as county accountant and supervisor of taxation for the biennium. Miss Sue Bradsher, clerk of Superior Court, was granted an extension of time of (Continued on Back Page)

Christmas Parade Will Be Feature Here December 16

Letters Sent Out Today On Behalf Of Seal Sales

More than two hundred letters in a mail campaign in connection with the Roxboro and Person Christmas seal sale drive were sent out this morning to residents in this area, according to announcement from the campaign director, Mrs. R. H. Shelton, who thanked members of the Person welfare and health department staffs for assisting her with this phrase of the work.

Mayor S. G. Winstead, in a few well-chosen words, has delivered a proclamation commending this annual effort to relieve and improve tubercular conditions and it is expected that members of the Woman's club, sponsoring the drive for funds, will canvass the city next week.

BIBLE SUNDAY TO BE OBSERVED BY CHURCHES HERE

St. Mark's Episcopal and Roxboro Presbyterian Churches Will Pause To Take Part In World-Wide Observance.

In observance of "Universal Bible Sunday", December 8, Rev. W. C. Martin, of St. Mark's Episcopal church, will deliver a special sermon at the morning service. In commenting on the significance of this day of world-wide consideration for the Bible, Rev. Mr. Womble said that work done by the British and Foreign Bible society in Europe and especially in England, has been greatly curtailed because of war conditions.

Under such circumstances the similar work done by the American Bible society is now much greater, said Mr. Womble, and it is important that churches of all denominations continue support of the organization. Another Roxboro church which will observe the day will be Roxboro Presbyterian church, where the pastor, the Rev. J. M. Walker, will also plan special observances.

At both St. Mark's and the Presbyterian church, morning services will begin at 11 o'clock. Communion will not be observed this week at St. Mark's, although it will be celebrated in Sunday, December 15.

Sermons will be delivered at usual morning and evening hours at Edgar Long Memorial Methodist church by the Rev. W. C. Martin, and at Roxboro First Baptist, by Rev. W. F. West, respective pastors.

Children Enjoy Morning Show

Yesterday morning more than 400 pupils at Roxboro Central Grammar school, together with eleven teachers, enjoyed a morning showing of one of the "Blondie" pictures at the Palace theatre, where they were guests of manager Teague Kirby, who invited them to attend because of successful conclusion of the Central Grammar School's PTA membership campaign. More than two hundred parents are now members.

Those who were Mr. Kirby's guests today expressed their great pleasure at viewing the performance and their desire to thank him for his courtesy in extending the invitation.

Children 12 Years of Age And Under To Display Decorated Wagons In Sponsored Event.

Plans for a Christmas parade, sponsored by merchants in this city, in cooperation with Roxboro Chamber of commerce, and in which chief feature will be a decorated wagon Monday participated in by children of the city and county, were announced today by Chamber secretary Wallace W. Woods, who said that the event will take place on the evening of December 16, at 7 o'clock.

Also in the procession will be what is described as a "real live Santa Claus". Music will be furnished by Roxboro High school band under direction of Frederick Moore, of the school faculty.

Main incentive for participation by the children will be a grand prize award of ten dollars for the best decorated wagon. Recipient of this prize must be under 13 years of age according to rules of the contest and each contestant, whose wagon will be sponsored by a store or business house in the city, will receive from the sponsor the sum of fifty cents as an entrance fee to be retained by him or her.

It has been pointed out that each wagon entered must have the name of the sponsoring firm on each side and that total amount to be spent in decoration of each wagon is to be limited to seventy-five cents. Older children and young people may enter the contest with or without sponsorship but only those children who have sponsors and are under 13 years of age will be eligible for the grand prize.

Grand prize will be contributed by participating merchants, although individual assessments from each are not expected to go above one half dollar. In event of a tie the grand prize will be divided between the two winning contestants. The parade will organize at 6:45 o'clock at Winstead warehouse, fifteen minutes before it is to begin its march.

The parade will begin at the First Baptist Church and will parade down Main Street to the Methodist Church, turning there and parade back up Main Street to the Peoples Bank corner, down Court Street to the intersection of Lamar Street, then south on Lamar Street to Abbit Avenue and east on Abbit Avenue to Main Street, then back to the Winstead Warehouse.

MRS. E. J. ASHLEY PASSES AT HOME

Rites For Helena Woman Will Be Held Friday.

Mrs. Eva Hobbs Ashley, 42, wife of Elijah James Ashley, of the Helena community, died this morning at 6:30 o'clock at their residence following an illness lasting twelve hours. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

Funeral service will be held tomorrow afternoon at the home at 3 o'clock by the Rev. J. N. Bowman, assisted by Elder Lex J. Chandler. Interment will be in the family cemetery.

Surviving are her husband, of the home, and two sisters, Mrs. Janey Heathcock and Mrs. Katherine Reeves, of Durham, and four brothers, Raymond, Leamon and Braxton Hobbs, all of Durham, and Alphonso Hobbs, of Sampson county.

Palbearers will be W. L. and G. W. Wagner, E. T. and Cornelius Ashley, Leonard Day and Edward Brooks.