

## Roxboro Man Signs Contract

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where Mr. Wood's folks and the people of his book have lived for generations.

Both in the story and in the author's own life there is the clean air of the fields and woods and streams, known only those whose pleasure lies in hunting and fishing. Seated on a divan in the reporter's living room, Mr. Wood, today wore hunting boots, duck-back trousers and the blue-checked lining of a jacket. Fresh from a day in "Sligo", although quail had not been plentiful, he was pleased to dig back into those half-forgotten experiences common to all men, even those who can't or won't write novels.

As the oldest of four children, two brothers now dead, and a sister, who with his mother now lives with him in a house on Lamar street, Mr. Wood grew up in the Person country. His first school, at Cefto, was the familiar one-room variety now given way to the octopus, "Consolidation". Without exactly knowing why, he always wanted to write. As a boy of ten he asked his father to bring home from the country store, "Three tablets, so I can write". As a boy of college age at Chapel Hill he liked poetry, particularly, Dante Gabriel Rossetti, but at the University his literary productions were not remarkable, mainly sonnets and short articles for the Carolina Magazine.

**Unusual Group**  
While there he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, to Sigma Upsilon

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Saturday continuous shows starting at 2:30 p. m. Adults 30c (Children 10c up to 6:00 o'clock, 15c after 6 o'clock.

### SPECIAL SHOW SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7th.

Rosecoe Karns, Ruth Donnelly, George Ernest, Lois Ranson, Spencer Charters, Pilly Moran in "Meet The Missus" (First Run)

Latest chapter in the film history of the Higgins family, this is the first using the replacement made for the Gleason group which formerly personified the family since the beginning of the series.

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Box office opens Saturday night 11:15; picture 11:30; all seats 25c

and to Sigma Delta, the last named an important local social fraternity which numbered among its membership at that time an unusual group of young men who were interested in life—and especially literature. Many of them, including W. T. Couch, present director of the University Press, "Jim" Hawkins, of the Kingsport Press, Robbins Fowler, author of "All the Skeletons in All the Closets", and John Marshall, now of the Wilmington Star, later continued their literary bent and made it pay.

Graduating from the University in June 1929, where he had been on the varsity wrestling team, but not, as he puts it, "a joiner of a politician", Charles Wood put thoughts of a literary career out of his mind, turning instead to the more practical solution of a job with an oil company which took him to Pennsylvania and New England, including Boston. Two or three years later, still with the oil people, he came south and operated several filling stations in Raleigh, where the better part of "First, the Fields" was written in off hours spent in a tourist cabin.

Like many other young writers, Mr. Wood says he did not begin to appreciate the South, including the "Sligo", until he had left it for the complexities of associations with Poles and Italians in Pennsylvania and with Bostonians, some of whom were not staid "Last Puritans". In his hotel room at night, after making out oil reports, he would sit and think of the "Sligo" country and its people, particularly of his grandfather and his own father. Beginning as sketches about their lives, in the fall of 1930, the book that was to become "First, the Fields" began to take shape, although the young author did not at that time think of himself as writing a novel. Having, as he says, "No feeling for the short story, a literary form for which he does not care", the sketches grew, from one place to another where he spent his nights, and finally, in Raleigh, in 1935, the book as it now is was finished.

About this time the author decided to come home to Roxboro, where he entered an investment business with which he is still connected. With him came the manuscript, placed in a bureau drawer where it was forgotten, except for casual references now and then to close friends. Few people in Roxboro knew that one of them, had written a novel. The manuscript, one of the few of its kind produced in Person county's 150 years of existence, had in it, not only Person's peculiar story, but a humanity making that story of universal significance, but it lay in the drawer and gathered dust, until Christmas of last year, when Miss Eugenia Bradsher, of Durham, heard of it when she came to Roxboro for the wedding of a mutual friend.

A friend of the author's family and his friend, too, Miss Bradsher, without ever seeing the manuscript, thought enough of what she had heard about it to suggest to Mr. Wood by letter that he submit it to the Press at Chapel Hill. Being a modest man, especially where writing is concerned, Mr. Wood at first demurred. Then he sent it, and that is why this interview has been written. Having had unusual success with Bernice Kelly Harris', "Purslane", Mr. Couch and his associates were looking for another novel worthy of publication. They think they have found it in "First, the Fields", written by another North Carolinian, who like Mrs. Harris, had never had a book submitted for or accepted for publication until the Chapel Hill Press stepped in.

A few revisions were made in the spring and summer and now, before another summer comes "First, the Fields" will be on the market. There's no telling what will happen then, for this quiet young man from Roxboro has a gift for writing tersely but with full understanding about people he knows, the Winton's, the Galloways and the Clays, of "Sligo". Their story is as American as a patchwork quilt and as close to present-day living as the filling stations and hotels in which it

was conceived. Advance guard critics think that "First, the Fields" is important, just as the late Thomas Wolfe's Look Homeward Angel, was important, for quite a different reason. This new and until now undiscovered North Carolinian, who likes Tom Wolfe writes with a maturity and compression denied to that turbulent spirit. As the son of Charles Turbiville Wood, who died in 1927, and of Mrs. Sallie Barnette Wood, Charles Wood is heir to a heritage of Virginian and Tar Heel living which has been in as much need of exploration as was that more free-booting experience captured by Wolfe. Unlike any other novel of its time, "First, the Fields" encompasses all of its characters, regardless of social or financial station, in a tightly woven but inevitable theme revolving around those problems of possession which are of world-wide significance. The actors are from North Carolina, the scenery is deeply native, but the morality and the tragedy, like that envisioned in Hardy's Wessex is everlastingly of the universe.

### F. T. Whitfield Named

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four days in which to file her report and approval was given to continuance of Peoples bank as county depository. Oath of office to the commissioners and other officials was administered by the clerk of the court.

### DURHAM GARDEN CLUB INVITES WOMEN VISITORS

Roxboro Residents Asked To Come To Christmas Display at Y. W. C. A.

Durham, Dec. 5 (Special) — The Durham Garden Club will have its annual Christmas Display at the Y. W. C. A. on Chapel Hill Street December 10th and 11th. The doors will be opened to the public from two to ten on Tuesday and from ten A. M. to ten P. M. on Wednesday.

The display this year will be of unusual interest and will have in it several features which are different from those of other years. There will be a Christmas Shop where all sorts of Christmas novelties will be shown. The feeding station for the birds promises to be particularly interesting. There will be quite an extensive show of entries made by children of the city. Formal and informal Christmas tables will be largely featured and the many niches will be an outstanding note of the display. There will be decorations of inside and outside doorways, windows, mantles, a demonstration Christmas tree, etc.

The Durham Gardeners cordially invite their friends of Roxboro to enjoy this event and to include it in their schedule while they might be doing Christmas shopping in Durham.

### LONG MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. W. C. Martin, Pastor  
9:45 a. m. Church School, F. O. Carver, Jr., Supt.

11:00 a. m. Morning worship, sermon by the pastor; Subject: "The Christian's Secret."

6:45 p. m. Junior and Young People's meeting.

7:30 p. m. Evening worship, sermon by the pastor; Subject: "Sitting at Christ's Feet."

A cordial welcome will be found at Long Memorial.

### Mutual Exchange Meets At Helena

First of a series of meetings sponsored by the Farmers Mutual exchange will be held Tuesday evening, December 10, at Helena school, according to announcement by John R. Jones. Reports on progress made during the year will be a feature of the meeting. Speaker will be Z. N. Tilson.

a motion picture will be shown and games played. All interested persons are cordially invited to attend.

### Long Memorial Methodist Church

Rev. W. C. Martin, Pastor  
9:45 a. m. Church School, F. O. Carver, Supt.

11:00 a. m. Morning worship; Communion Meditations by the pastor and Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

6:45 p. m. Junior League and Young People's Meeting.

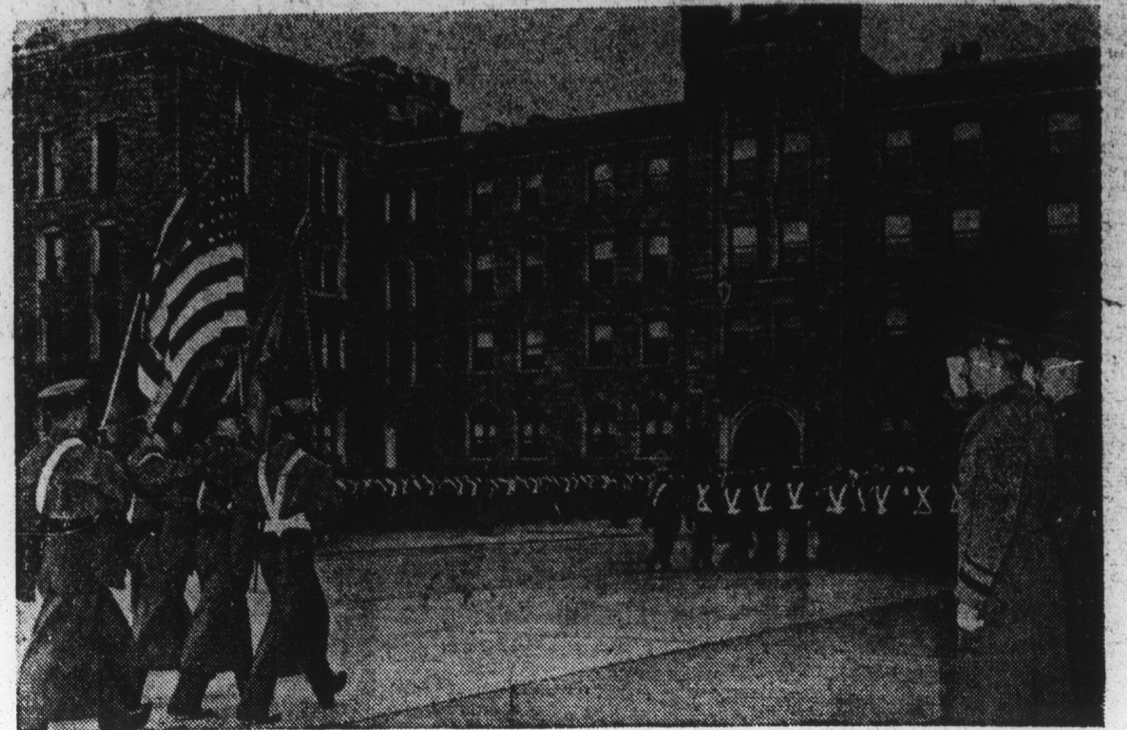
7:30 p. m. Evening worship, sermon by the pastor; Subject: "Have We A Gospel for Today?"

7:45 Monday evening Board of Stewards meet.

#### ALL

With the organization of a club in Bragtown School, every rural school in Durham County has an active 4-H Club, reports J. A. Sutton, assistant farm agent.

## New West Point Head Reviews Cadets



Brigadier General Robert L. Eichelberger, newly appointed superintendent of the military academy at West Point, N. Y., reviews the corps of cadets for the first time since taking over his duties at the academy. On the general's right is Lieutenant-Colonel Ryder, commander of the cadets.

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