

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

Mrs. George P. Mallette And Five Other Persons In Wreck

Mrs. Mallette, Former Roxboro Resident, More Seriously Hurt Than At First Reported; Baby Brought Home, But She Remains In Hospital.

Injured in an automobile crash which occurred Sunday night about 12 o'clock, 4 miles from Danville, Va., on the South Boston highway at the scene of another wreck, were Miss Louise Pulliam, of Roxboro, her sister, Mrs. George P. Mallette, of Concord, Mrs. Mallette's daughter, Louise, aged 3, and Nat Dean, of Bristol, R. L., who were taken to Memorial hospital, Danville, as were a man and woman said to have been Mr. and Mrs. James E. Cox, of Danville.

In hospital Monday were Mrs. Mallette, who received a cut on the head, her daughter, who was knocked unconscious by a blow on the temple, and Mr. and Mrs. Cox, whose injuries were reported as being most serious. Miss Pulliam and Mr. Dean were released from the hospital after first aid treatment for minor injuries and have returned to Roxboro.

The accident is said to have occurred when Miss Pulliam's machine, parked on the highway together with six or eight other cars at scene of the first wreck, was struck by the Cox machine, which also side-swiped three or four other cars in efforts to come to a stop in front of a rope stretched across the highway by officials supervising removal of a car which had run in a ditch.

Miss Pulliam said that Cox, coming toward Roxboro, apparently failed to observe that he was approaching the scene of an accident, ran past the lane of cars, swerved to one side in an effort to stop at the rope and in so doing struck her machine and the others. Speedometer on the Cox car indicated it had been traveling at rapid rate.

It is expected that Mrs. Mallette and daughter will be released from the hospital soon. They came to Danville last night by train and at the time of the accident were enroute to Roxboro to spend Christmas with Mrs. Mallette's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Pulliam. Mr. Dean, a former resident, is here for the holidays.

Emancipation Day Plans Being Made By Negro Citizens

With J. W. Mitchell, State Negro Extension agent, A. and T. College, Greensboro, as a speaker, Person county Negro residents will on Wednesday, January 1, observe the 77th anniversary of Emancipation day.

Exercises will be held at Person County Training school, this city, where special music, beginning with James Weldon Johnson's well-known hymn of freedom, "Lift Every Voice and Sing", will be featured.

President of the local association is A. W. Jones, L. P. Peace, vice president, Mattie Harris, secretary and W. H. Jones, treasurer. The program to be held here commemorates the signing of the emancipation proclamation by President Abraham Lincoln, which occurred while the Civil War was in progress.

DUKE GROUP HITS BASELESS RUMORS

Criticizes 'Thoughtless Questioning' of Patriotism of Certain Individuals

Durham, Dec. 22.—The Duke University Council for American Defense, through its Committee on National Unity, of which Dr. Newman I. White is chairman, has issued a comment on "whispering campaigns" against people whose American patriotism has been questioned.

Both Durham residents and members of the Duke University community, the statement asserts, have been victims of such rumors. The council comments as follows:

"It is a known fact that some such rumors have already been repeated in Durham and on the Duke University campus against respected members of the community. The victims of such rumors are generally ignorant of their circulation, and are in any case helpless against them. It is well-known from the first World War that most such rumors are baseless and that the very few are well-founded. To establish either their truth or falsity by careless repetition of amateur investigation is virtually impossible and actually gives currency to the rumors.

"If this were the only result of such rumors, it is possible that the thoughtless or careless-minded might conclude that only a few citizens of foreign extraction are concerned. But all other citizens, and the country's general welfare, are also deeply involved. Even if such rumors affected only the foreign-born, their currency in any community would fill it with suspicion and reduce its capacity for unified action. But such rumors, when allowed to increase, become instruments of private malice and work upon mass-fears and suspicions until in time very few citizens can consider themselves immune. It is in the long run mere self-defense to try to stop them. It is also mere self-defense to see that any such (Continued on Back Page)

Next Meeting Of Club Planned

There will be no Thursday night meeting of Roxboro Rotary club this week, although regular meeting will be held on the evening of January 2, at 6:30 o'clock at Hotel Roxboro, according to announcement made today by Gordon C. Hunter, president. Program chairman at the January meeting will be R. M. Spencer.

Cub Scouts To Meet Next Week

First post-holiday meeting of Roxboro Cub scouts will be held Saturday morning, January 4, at which time a den session will be held at Roxboro community house, Chub Lake street, at 10:30 o'clock. Cubs who neglected to register on December 21 are urged to complete registration on January 2, or as soon thereafter as possible.

PEACE

My soul, there is a country Afar beyond the stars, Where stands a winged sentry All skilful in the wars. There, above noise and danger, Sweet Peace sits, crowned with smiles, And One born in a manger Commands the beautiful files. He is thy gracious Friend And (O my soul awake!) Did in pure love descend, To die here for thy sake. If thou canst get but thither There grows the flower of Peace, The Rose that cannot wither, Thy fortress and thy ease. Leave then thy foolish ranges; For none can thee secure, But One, Who never changes, Thy God, thy life, thy cure.

Henry Vaughan, Silurist, 1650

The thought expressed above by Henry Vaughan, English poet, in 1650, was never more timely than it is today, Christmas, 1940, and in this spirit the Times wishes for all its friends and readers a sincerely joyous Christmas and a glad New Year.

PERSON PEOPLE HAVE LONG AND SHORT HOLIDAYS

Only Offices Not Closed Are Law Enforcement Offices and Fire Department.

Only Person and Roxboro offices not closing for a few days of holiday are those of Person sheriff M. T. Clayton, Chief of Police S. A. Oliver and the fire department, where business will be conducted as usual, although both Sheriff Clayton and Chief Oliver hope that people will be so good that incarceration will not be required, and Chief Henry O'Brian is equally hopeful that Christmas time blazes will be kept where they belong, in fireplaces and on candle-lighted tables.

Satisfied with Christmas day only were H. K. Sanders and Miss Bessie Daniel of the Farm Agency office, who expect to be back on the job the rest of the week. However, during the more extended vacation of Miss Velma Beam, home demonstration agent and co-worker with Mr. Sanders in the 4-H clubs, programs of these clubs and of demonstration clubs will be suspended during the week.

The welfare department, of which Mrs. T. C. Wagstaff is director, had a heavy schedule all during the first of the week making up and delivering baskets to the less fortunate. Mrs. Wagstaff and members of her staff worked late into Tuesday night and will therefore take time off from their duties.

On vacation in New England is Dr. A. L. Allen, of the Person health department, and other staff members have gone to their homes in this and other states, but work will be resumed there soon, although clinics will not resume schedule until next week. In the Person Court house, Miss Sue C. Bradsher's clerk's office and W. T. Kirby's register of deeds headquarters will observe two days, as will the education office of Superintendent R. B. Griffin.

Also observing two days is the office of City Manager Percy Bloxam. Same schedule is in effect at the Person County Selec-

tive service board headquarters, as previously announced by manager Baxter Mangum. By state ruling, the Peoples bank is observing two days but will reopen Friday morning.

Satisfied with one day are various mercantile establishments, while longest vacations of all will be enjoyed by public school teachers and their charges. County schools for white children will resume work on Wednesday, January 1, while Negro schools out side of the city will begin again on January 2, one day later, because of a difference of schedule. Longest free period of all will be enjoyed by school children in the Roxboro district, who will not return to books and desks until Monday, January 6.

INTERNATIONALIZED

Land grant college officials have suggested that the 4-H Club for farm youths be put on an international basis, and that one or more clubs be started in the Southern Americas.

In Yule-lighted Court House Man and Woman Ponder Fate

Two Other Men, One In Jail, Also Face Murder Trials Next Month.

On Christmas Eve, while this is being written, huge candles gleam in front windows of the Person County court house and reflections from additional exterior lights and from gay store windows and street globes almost reach to the jail floor level four flights up, but except for such extra little gustatory trimmings as jailer A. M. Long may provide, tomorrow, which is Christmas day to everybody else will be just another day for Lizzie Mae Pass and Louis Paylor, Negroes facing murder charges at the January 20 term of Superior court before Judge Henry A. Grady, of New Bern, who comes here to conduct the first 1941 session.

Lizzie Mae, alleged to have shot another Negro, Jack Moore, on October 7, has been in jail since that date, although Moore did not die until November 1, after spending several weeks in a

Roxboro Young People Come To City For Holidays

Among college students spending the holidays in Roxboro are Miss Elizabeth Long and Richard Long from Duke University, Miss Rachel Hunter, from Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, Greensboro and Misses Nancy Bradsher and Esther Thaxton, of Meredith college, Raleigh.

Also here is Miss Anne Margaret Long, of Salem college Misses Louise and Mary Dickens of Woman's college, Greensboro and Misses Eloise Newell, Louise Walker, Carolyn White and Helen Sanders, of the same institution, are also here, as is Miss Billie Street, in school at Petersburg, Va.

From Yale university, New Haven, Conn., is Miss Ellen Bradsher, and from the University of Pennsylvania, Miss Emily Bradsher. Also, Miss June Varner from Ashbury college, at Wilmore, Ky.

Home from the University of North Carolina, at Chapel Hill, are T. C. Wagstaff, Fletcher Winstead, Bill Joe Merritt and Buddy Allgood.

Carols Given In City by Groups

On Christmas eve night members of the Epworth league of Edgar Long Memorial Methodist Church met at the church at 8 o'clock to form carol-singing groups who went to various sections of the city giving programs of Christmas music. Following presentation of their programs the young people returned to the church to enjoy a supper and to sing carols for their own enjoyment.

A similar city-wide carol program was given on Sunday night by young people of Roxboro First Baptist church, who traveled streets here for more than an hour to bring the message of Christmas in song.

Santa Has Arrived In Roxboro, N. C.

NO SUNDAY PAPER

In accordance with its annual custom the Person County Times office will be closed for several days during the Christmas holidays. There will be no paper published on Sunday, December 29, but regular publication will be resumed with the issue of Thursday, January 2.

CHURCHES OBSERVE CHRISTMAS WITH FITTING PROGRAMS

St. Mary's and St. Edwards Catholic Church to have two services Christmas day; church to be decorated in keeping with season.

Various churches over the city and county observed the Christmas season Sunday with special services. Other churches had services Tuesday while some will have additional programs on Sunday, December 29th.

Long Memorial church observed "White Christmas" Sunday at 7:30 P. M. At this time F. O. Carver, Jr., superintendent of the Sunday School, brought a message and members of the church contributed gifts for those who otherwise might not have had any.

Rev. W. F. West, of the First Baptist church, delivered a special message Sunday and programs were given in the Sunday School department.

St. Mark's Episcopal church and the Presbyterian church joined together in a special Christmas service at St. Mark's church Tuesday evening. Ministers of both churches took part in the services.

Gifts for the needy were placed on the altar at St. Mark's on Sunday and were distributed later in the day by members of the church.

Santa was present at the Sunday School hour and gave presents to the children there.

Only Roxboro church to have services on Christmas day will be St. Mary's and St. Edward's Catholic church, where two Masses will be celebrated, the first beginning at 8 o'clock in the morning, with the second immediately following. Decorations will be in keeping with the season and the celebrant will be the pastor, Father Cletus J. Helfrich, who will come from his home at Henderson for the service.

On Sunday evening, Dec. 29th at 7:30 the So. Boston, Va. choral club will join with the choir of Long Memorial church to present a Christmas cantata. The Virginia choral club will be under the direction of Mrs. J. D. K. Richmond.

HOEY GONG TO SHELBY

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 23.—Governor Hoey leaves here today to spend the Christmas holidays at Shelby, his home. He will return to the capital late Thursday. He will spend Christmas day in Asheville, where he will visit his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Clyde R. Hoey, Jr., ill in a hospital.

Christmas Season To Continue For Week Or More With Many Events Planned For Young And Old

Wednesday, December 25th.—The Christmas season for Roxboro and this county, already started several days ago, will continue the remainder of this week and even into next week.

Old Santa arrived on time last night and reports indicate that kids and grown-up were well pleased with the gifts that the jolly old Man left behind.

The Welfare Department with the aid of other organizations took care of a majority of the needy in this county and it is thought that practically everyone was remembered in one way or the other.

Stores over the city reported that they had a splendid season. After bonus money began circulating trading picked up and much merchandise was sold that would not have been if the bonuses had not been paid.

Today, finds a majority of the people at their respective homes enjoying cozy warmth and a splendid home cooked meal. Dads are enjoying the toys that Santa brought the kids.

After today the young people will take charge and parties, dates and dances will occupy a prominent place on the schedule.

Christmas decorations, on or around homes, more than ever before, will remain up until the first day of the new year and then 1941 will be received in a manner befitting a king.

Mail Volume Surpasses All Previous Records

Largest volume of mail yet dispatched in any holiday season was reported on Tuesday at Roxboro Post Office, some 70,000 outgoing letters and cards passing through cancellation machines up to Monday night, according to officials, who said that Monday was peak day in the local office, although the total is expected to be increased to 75 or 80 thousand by the Christmas eve count.

Receipt of incoming letters and cards has been in proportion, with no check made on parcels being mailed to outside points or received, although 67 bags of outgoing package mail were sent off in one day. Also not counted in the flood of Christmas mail were metered letters.

Increase in number of letters and cards being dispatched is expected to run from 10 to 15 thousand more than have ever been sent through the local office, of which L. M. Carlton is postmaster.

On Saturday and Monday stamp and parcel windows did a rushing business, with long lines waiting to send off and to receive.

INTERESTED

Cabarrus County 4-H Club boys are showing an increasing interest in the production of purebred swine with 13 now owning registered Berkshire gilts or sows, says Assistant Farm Agent W. H. Williams.