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W. A. Sergeant Leaves Firm After Lengthy Association

Sergeant and Clayton to be known as Clayton and Stewart, Effective Now.

Thirty-eight years and four months ago, on September 22, 1902, when Depot Street was the only paved street in town and citizens were not in the least ashamed of granite stepping stone which kept them out of otherwise all-prevalent dust or mud, W. A. Sergeant, since become a prosperous merchant, entered into partnership with A. W. Clayton, another native son of Person county, in operation of a grocery store.

Today, after more than three decades of friendliest relationship between the two young men, grown older, and between town and county customers who have supplied their tables with foods from Sergeant and Clayton's, that partnership is being broken, because of Mr. Sergeant's decision to retire to farming, which, after all, is but another angle of "food business."

Looking back over the nearly forty years in which he and Mr. Clayton have handled staple and fancy groceries, Mr. Sergeant, known to close friends as "Alex," observes changes in customs of eating, reflected in changes equally as startling in edibles pushed across counters. In the McKinley and Theodore Roosevelt days, says Mr. Sergeant, people ate heavily, much more than they do now, but they were content to eat foods which were "in season." Heavy, year-round trade in produce such as green vegetables and fresh fruits was unthought of at the turn of the century.

Oranges and lemons were rarities except at Christmas time, although there was reliance on dried fruits such as peaches and apples, and, in the vegetable line on dried beans, of blessed memory. Calories and vitamins were unknown, so were fresh meats, especially beef, except in fall and winter, when lowered temperatures could take place of none-existent ice refrigeration. Canned goods, packaged breakfast foods and eye-appeal soaps were then far less frequently stocked, because most of them were not on the market and because the independent housewives of the bicycle age put up their own vegetables and preserves, ate oatmeal instead of corn flakes and (frequently) made their own soaps.

Coffee and tea they had to have, but the coffee was as likely as not bought green and taken home for parching and grinding. Flour was bought by the barrel, especially by county customers, who came to town at infrequent intervals, making up for length between visits by magnitude of purchases when they did buy. Equally strange to the young Sergeant and Clayton establishment were pastries and breads, confined at that time to home kitchens. Unknown was condensed milk, and as for "baby foods and formulas," nobody had heard of "em. Sweet stuff such as molasses and honey, which still sell well, and stick candy and drops (who remembers horehound?) were in demand.

With such supplies as these, now augmented with many more, twenty-three year old Alex Sergeant, Mr. Clayton and their silent partner, J. A. Long, father of the present taxist and banker, sought to please their customers, doing it so well that the store, although it has been frequently modernized and brought up to streamlined standards of food salesmanship, has remained in one location at the corner of Reams avenue and Main street (Continued on Sports page)

ADVENT OF NEW YEAR MARKED BY QUIETNESS HERE

Some County Offices, the Post Office and others close. Majority remain open.

With exception of noise made by a few fire-crackers shot off by Person and Roxboro residents who stayed up to welcome the advent of the new year, 1941 came in quietly in this area.

Only county offices closed for New Year's day were those of the Person Welfare and WPA and the Person unit of the tri-county health department, although workers in the last named department did not enjoy a complete holiday because of work of moving offices of the department from the Hall building, Abbit Avenue, to second floor to the Kirby building, above Ledbetter's, on North Main Street.

Spokesman for Dr. A. L. Allen, director of the health department, said today that removal, which began yesterday afternoon, will be completed today and that after today all health work formerly carried on in the Hall building will be done at the new location, which is expected to provide larger and better facilities.

Both the clerk of the court's and the register of deeds department remained open, as did the local office of the Carolina Motor club, where state automobile license plates are on sale.

Roxboro City hall, where city tags are available, was closed yesterday, as was the local bank. Other business houses remained open. Also open were the county agricultural agency office and the Selective Service board. Regular service was maintained by the city fire and police departments and by the Person Sheriff's Office. Members of these departments reported little disorder in city or county.

New Store To Open In City

Young Mercantile Co. has rented the store on Main St. of this city that was formerly occupied by Henry's and will open for business shortly.

The store will feature a general line of merchandise such as clothing, dry goods, etc. Mr. Massey will be in charge of the Roxboro store.

Headquarters of the Young Mercantile Co. is in Greenville, N. C.

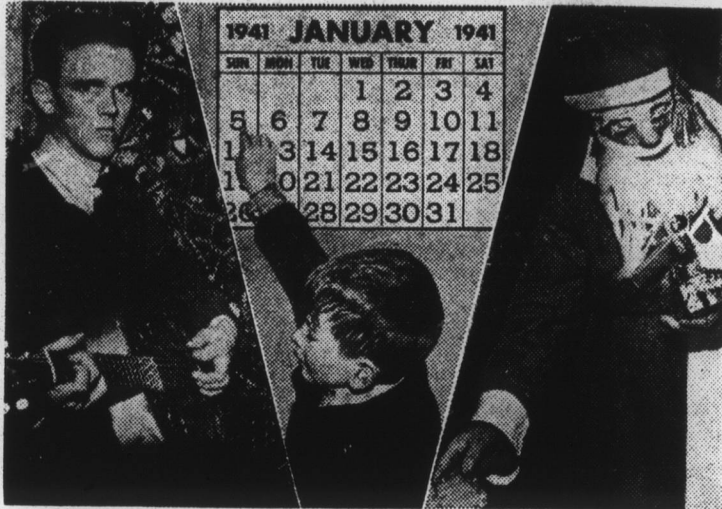
MRS. WOOD NOW MORE COMFORTABLE

Mrs. Sallie Barnette Wood, prominent resident of this city, who has been ill for several weeks and is now receiving treatment at Watts hospital, Durham, is resting more comfortably and showing some improvement, according to information received this morning from her son, Charles Wood.

Mrs. Mallette Better

Mrs. George P. Mallette, Jr., of Concord, N. C. who was injured in an auto accident near Roxboro several days ago as she was on her way here to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Pulliam has been brought to Roxboro from Memorial Hospital, Danville, Va. Mrs. Mallette is reported to be getting along nicely.

Celebrate 'Old Christmas'



The young boy above points to January 5, the day when the people in his village of Rodanthe, N. C., celebrate Old Christmas on the day before Epiphany. Santa Claus is shown making a delayed visit to one of the homes while "local talent" provides music for the dancing which always accompanies the celebration.

Man In Hospital With Knee Injury

Arch Dunn, taxi driver of this city, was admitted to Community hospital Tuesday night about 9 o'clock suffering from a fractured knee-cap sustained in an automobile collision which occurred a few minutes earlier near Red Lane service station, Longhurst.

Driver of the other machine, said to have been John W. Clayton, this city, escaped injury. Dunn, who is resting comfortably at the hospital, was said to have been turning his car around when it was struck. Both machines were damaged considerably. No other New Year's eve accidents of importance were reported here.

Mr. Short's Sister Dies In New York

Funeral services for Mrs. Harry Heyward of New York City, sister of G. B. Short of Roxboro, were conducted in the family cemetery in Wilkes County, Ga. Saturday morning, according to information received here today.

Prior to going to New York, Mrs. Heyward lived at Washington, Ga. Her death occurred on Tuesday of last week. Mr. and Mrs. Short, accompanied by their son and daughter-in-law, left today for Washington, Ga.

Baptist Hour To Feature Sermons

Beginning Sunday afternoon, January 5, at 3:00 o'clock Station WPTF of Raleigh will broadcast thirteen Programs of the Baptist Hour sponsored by the Radio Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. M. E. Dodd, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Shreveport, Louisiana, will be the first speaker and his subject will be "Christ and Human Crisis".

Dr. George W. Truett will be the speaker on January 12. On January 19: Dr. A. J. Moncrief, Jr., will speak, and on January 28 Oscar Johnson will speak.

The first fifteen thousand who write in, giving the name of the station over which they listen will receive as a souvenir of this first series of Southern Baptist Broadcasts a booklet containing the messages delivered by Drs. Dodd and Truett, together with other interesting information. Address mail to the Baptist Hour, Atlanta, Georgia.

Buy's Interest

Coy Holeman of Roxboro has purchased an interest in the firm of Chas. Holeman & Co., Roxboro and will assume his duties there Monday.

Mr. Holeman has been with Thomas Hardware Co. for the past fourteen years.

Inauguration of Harris - Broughton To Be Colorful

Adj. Gen. J. Van Metts and officers from Fort Bragg completed plans today for what Metts described as the "most spectacular inauguration day parade Raleigh ever has seen," which will be held January 9 when Governor-elect J. M. Broughton of Raleigh and R. L. Harris, Lieutenant Governor-elect are inducted into office.

The parade will be the most spectacular, Metts said, because it will contain a "great deal of new motorized equipment from Fort Bragg." Anti-tank and anti-aircraft guns will rumble down Fayetteville Street here, accompanied by 1,000 troops from the fort.

It is possible that some planes and a blimp from the Fort will soar over the city during the inaugural exercises.

Bands and R. O. T. C. units from various schools and colleges also will participate in the parade. Honorable R. P. Burns, legislator-elect from Person county, is a member of the committee for inauguration day plans.

Several people from this city and county plan to be present for the occasion that will mark the inauguration of Person County's first Lieutenant Governor.

Mrs. Sudie Kiger's Rites Conducted

Funeral services for Mrs. Sudie Kiger, 47 of Timberlake, whose death occurred Christmas day at her home following a illness of several days with pneumonia, were conducted at 11 o'clock at Efland Methodist Church, interment following in the Scott Family Cemetery.

Surviving are her husband, Brady Kiger; two sons, Wiley and Thomas; a daughter, Miss Nora Kiger, all of the home, and one sister, Mrs. Kate Scott of Cedar Grove.

Kiwanians Have New Officers Monday Night

Installation of officers for the year was held Monday night by Roxboro Kiwanis club at the final meeting for the current year, which was the usual dinner meeting at Hotel Roxboro. Officers inducted into office were: E. B. Craven, Jr., president; J. J. Woody, Vice president; Gus Deering, treasurer and Ben Brown, secretary. Presiding officer was the retiring president, F. O. Carver, Jr.

Peoples Bank Observes Fifty Years Of Community Service

CLAYTON'S BOND REDUCED TO \$750

Mayor's Court Hearing Held For Youth Who Struck Henry Smith

Following preliminary hearing Tuesday in Mayor's court, Howard Clayton, Barton's Mill youth, operator of a car which struck Henry Smith, Roxboro resident, and inflicted fatal injuries on the afternoon of December 26, was bound over to recorder's court under \$750 bond. Hearing in this court will be held on Tuesday, January 14, before Judge R. B. Dawes.

Bond for Clayton, originally set at \$2,000 at time of the accident, was next day reduced to \$1,000 and was followed by further reduction in mayor's court on testimony of Person County Coroner, Dr. A. F. Nichols, and other witnesses, that the accident appeared to be unavoidable.

With Clayton at time of the accident was Bright Lee, of Roxboro. Funeral services for Smith, who was struck as he was crossing the street near intersection of the Durham and Oxford highway, were held the next day at the home of his son, Jule Smith.

Concerning the accident, Clayton, said Smith stepped in front of his automobile as if he did not see it approaching. Investigating officers said the youth tried to stop his machine, which skidded several feet on the wet surface.

Mr. Smith died of a broken neck, a blow on the head and fractured legs.

Summoned to the scene were Person County Sheriff M. T. Clayton, Roxboro Chief S. A. Oliver, Officer Gilbert Oakley and Dr. A. F. Nichols, Person coroner.

Clayton, going towards Durham, was on his way to his home at Barton's Mill. The road was slippery from rain, Clayton said, and he was driving at a moderate speed.

Funeral services were conducted for Mr. Smith by Elder Floyd Adams of the Willow Springs Primitive Baptist Church.

Interment took place in the J. H. Newton family cemetery, near Hester's store.

Surviving are two sons, Jule of Roxboro and Eugene Smith of California and a number of brothers and sisters.

No other serious accidents have occurred in the Roxboro area during the holiday season.

Mrs. Weaver Dies At Her Residence

Funeral services for Mrs. Jennie Bette Oakley Beaver, 64, who died early yesterday morning at her home on the South Boston Road, following a heart attack, were this afternoon at Surl Church, at 3 o'clock by Elder Lex J. Chandler, with interment in the Beaver family cemetery.

Mrs. Beaver, who was the daughter of the late John R. and Ella Harris Carver, was the wife of the late Charles F. Beaver. She had been in ill health for some time and was found dead in bed yesterday about 4:30 o'clock. Person Coroner, Dr. A. F. Nichols was summoned, who rendered verdict of death from a heart attack.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. W. T. Walters, of Roxboro, and Mrs. George F. Woody, of Cluster Springs, Va., and one son Andrew E. Oakley, of Roxboro, by a former marriage.

Person Masons Install Officers Tuesday Night

With deputy grand master Dr. Charles P. Eldridge, of Raleigh, presiding, Masons of Person Lodge 113, Roxboro, on Tuesday night held installation services for officers for the new year. Reinstalled as master was C. A. Harris, prominent in lodge circles and as a business man in this city, who has served a number of terms as master.

Other officers, several of whom were re-elected to office, were also formally inducted. Among them were: Hassell Fox, senior warden; Oscar Hull, junior warden; W. H. Harris, Sr., treasurer; Clyde Bowen, assistant treasurer, and W. Reade Gentry, secretary. The exercises were held at 7:30 o'clock in the Person masonic hall, with a large attendance from the membership and a number of visiting Masons.

Some Schools Have End Of Holidays

Person County schools for white children re-opened yesterday morning, while schools for negro children will resume operations today, according to announcement from County Superintendent of schools, R. B. Griffin, who said that schools in the Roxboro City district, having a longer Christmas holiday, will not begin work until Monday, January 6.

Car Strikes Wagon Injuring Negroes

Five Negroes were injured, two seriously, about 10 miles from Roxboro near Semora late Monday afternoon when a pickup truck ran into their wagon, killing the two mules drawing it.

Highway Patrolman W. A. Baxter said Dan Loftis of Roxboro, an electrician employed by Fred Long, was driver of the truck. With him was Ernest Walker. Loftis was placed under \$500 bond pending outcome of the injuries to the five Negroes, of whom one reported, as in a serious condition.

At Lincoln Hospital in Durham the injured persons were described as:

Willie Royster, 14, compound fracture of both legs and fractured skull; William Royster, 13, compound fracture of one leg; Emma Royster, a woman, Joe Lewis Royster, a child, and Louise Royster, a girl, bruises and shock, kept for examination.

Patrolman Baxter quoted Loftis as saying he ran into the wagon when blinded by the lights from an oncoming automobile. The Negroes were on their way home, which is near Leasburg.

The accident took place at about 5:45 o'clock.

The mules were struck by lumber placed on the wagon for seats one of the animals, having a plank driven lengthwise through its body.

IN PHILADELPHIA

William Warren, resident engineer at Collins and Aikman, who had an operation at Watts hospital, has been taken to Philadelphia, Pa., his former home. With him are his wife and son.

Chartered and opened for business in 1891, The Peoples Bank begins Fifty-First year of operation.

To many Roxboro residents today is just the 2nd of January, 1941, but to the Peoples Bank, which this morning resumed business after its customary observation of the New Year holiday, the date has unusual significance, because the institution is now beginning its fifty-first year of service to the community which it serves and under whose leadership citizens it has developed into a strong but cooperative financial institution.

Celebration of fifty years of service by the bank is a matter of particular pride to J. A. Long, president, who has been connected through the years in various capacities with the financial institution of which his father, also named J. A. Long, was one of the founders.

The story of the founding of the Peoples Bank, in January 1891, is a part of the story of business revival felt not only in Roxboro and Person county but all over North Carolina, particularly in the central portion. At that time the state and its people began coming out from under trials of the War Between the States and subsequent trials of Reconstruction. Factories and industries began to spring up, even as they did in Roxboro, and to leading citizens here it was apparent that Roxboro and Person county could not hope to share in the prosperity of the 90's unless traveling, freighting and financing facilities were improved.

The year 1889 was one of much planning hereabouts. Judged by standards of the time, the business atmosphere was heavy with change, first of which was the coming of the first railroad to Roxboro in May 1890, prime instigator in the establishment of which was Mr. Long, Sr., known to town folks and to local history as "Dee" Long. In existence here at that time was an institution known as the Roxboro Land and Loan company, officials of which included Mr. Long, A. R. Foushee and many other business and professional men.

Under legislative enactment upon petition from Mr. Long, Mr. Foushee, J. S. Merritt, father of the editor of the Times, and from others, the General Assembly of North Carolina, under laws of 1889, granted changes in the charter of the Roxboro Land and Loan company which gave the company banking privileges, privileges carrying rights for establishment of a "body politic and corporate under the name and style of the Peoples bank" certified to do banking business in the manner now familiar to all business men.

The Peoples Bank it was then, and has been since, with first capitalization of \$30,000 although Mr. Foushee in his "Reminiscences" mentions the sum as \$40,000. First president of the bank was Mr. "Dee" Long. Other officials and directors included Mr. Foushee, Mr. Merritt, W. P. Yancey, Josephus Younger, J. L. and C. B. Brooks, Lee H. Battle, M. S. Jones, J. S. Carr, R. Taylor Gleaves and George M. Jones all of whom signed the petition for chartering the bank.

Founded about the same time was another bank, headed by E. B. Reade, but the only such institution now serving the Roxboro and Person area is the Peoples bank, which weathered the panic of 1907 and did not close in 1933 until all banks in (Continued on Back Page)