



PERSON SPORTS SLANTS

By J. S. Merritt of Dub Hobgood, one or the other.

Bowl Games Over.....

Now that the bowl games are over for about twelve months we all can settle down and think about basketball or either you can start thinking of baseball as spring training will start in about three months.

It would have been nice to have seen a bowl game, but they all were so far away that it was almost an impossible task to get from Roxboro to one of the games and spend quite a bit of money and about one week's time.

Anyway, Roxboro people had seen about all of the football that was necessary. This city is close to Durham, Raleigh, Chapel Hill and Wake Forest and you can see just as good football there as you can anywhere else in the world.

If you live in this county and like football you are indeed fortunate.

Christmas Golf.....

Summer or winter its about the same as far as golf is concerned. Last Sunday found approximately thirty golfers on the Roxboro course and although it looked like rain every minute they all stuck by their clubs and had a good time.

The Roxboro course is in much better shape than it was last summer and is improving each day. By next summer it should be in excellent shape and the greens will be better.

Duke's Basketball.....

Duke University's cagers went back to work Monday night to make preparations for their return to the cage wars which will start when Lehigh's Engineers come to the new gymnasium Friday night.

The clash with Lehigh will be just the starter, for during the week following the Blue Devils will blast into the pre-tournament Conference campaign with games with Davidson, Wake Forest and Maryland.

The Wildcats will be met in Winston-Salem Monday night, Wake Forest here Wednesday night and Maryland at College Park Saturday night.

No one knows yet what Duke has in the way of basketball. The team rates fairly good, but the boys have not yet been exactly triedout. They will be before the season is over. We do now what the Duke freshmen have. They have plenty.

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Person County Times

Pasadena, Calif.—High praise for the rival Rose Bowl teams came from the dressing rooms after the 21-13 Stanford victory over Nebraska today.

"I don't believe I saw a Nebraska man on his feet when that Kmetovic made his touchdown run against us," said Coach Lawrence M. (Biff) Jones, referring to Ralback Pete Kmetovic's 40-yard punt runback for a score in the third quarter.

Coach Jones praised the Stanfords for their speed and brilliant pass defenses. He singled out Quarterback Frankie Albert and the rest of the Stanford backs, and handed Palmer and Meyers compliments for their line play.

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PERSON COUNTY TIMES — ROXBORO, N. C.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 1941

W. A. Sergeant

(Continued from Front Page) during all its years of service.

The life history of Sergeant and Clayton's, as its two surviving proprietors might observe, is their life history as well and is by subtle association connected with all that has happened in Roxboro during the past half-century. Like his Clayton partner-friend, Mr. Sergeant was born in Person county, spending his first year (1879) on his father's farm near Leasburg. In the next year Capt. James T. Sergeant and his wife, the former Sarah Margaret Barnette, moved to Roxboro, bringing son Alex with them and establishing residence in a house on Depot street, now site of Community hospital.

But Alex, although having advantages of town life, was not a wealthy boy and his education was limited to such schooling as was offered by the Roxboro academy, a similar academy at Burlington, and private tutoring a few months at night by the Rev. E. McGee Shields, Presbyterian minister in Roxboro. This book learning, plus experience gained in business, constitutes his training, says Mr. Sergeant, who seems to be unaware that he is now a completely educated man, despite earlier limitations.

First gainful interruption of educational processes came to the boy at the age of 11 when he went to work in Noell brothers Print Shop, operated by the late J. A. Noell and the present editor of the Roxboro Courier, J. W. Noell. Chief pride of the shop at that time, in 1890, was an old Washington hand press. To the boy, Alex, who was so small that he had to stand on a box to reach the type box, that machine was a wonderful thing, but unlike many in the business, he found that ink

did not "stick to his fingers." After about a year with Noell brothers, young Sergeant entered Burlington academy, staying until he was fourteen, when he then went to work with J. A. Long, Son and Company, general merchants, where his father was for many years bookkeeper.

With money saved from his print-shop year, the boy Alex bought the first bicycle in Person county. It was a "beauty, with larger wheels than those now in use, and solid rubber tires."

Putting away many boyish things, he remained for seven years with the Long company. Mr. Long, banker, merchant subsequently textile executive, had an interest in the W. J. Johnson grocery company, doing business in the location afterwards occupied by Sergeant and Clayton. In 1902 Mr. Johnson died and Mr. Sergeant, with A. W. Clayton, then connected with the Johnson store, bought an interest in it, with Mr. Long continuing as silent partner, under the firm name of Sergeant, Clayton and Company. Four years later Sergeant and Clayton bought Mr. Long's interest and the company has continued under the name employed until this week.

Roxboro people are glad to know that part of the old name will remain. New associate in the business is W. E. Stewart, who has been with the firm for two decades, and Mr. Sergeant, who wishes to thank all of his friends and patrons for past loyalty and friendship, has asked that the same courtesies be extended to his old partner and to Mr. Stewart, who has purchased the Sergeant interests.

With the new firm will remain the present personnel, Miss Bivener's Winstead, book-keeper, and W. A. Williams and C. W. Holman, and Charlie Springfield, Negro helper and delivery "boy,"

who has only been there thirty years, all the way from horse drawn delivery-wagons to motor-truck carriers. Charlie, as Mr. Sergeant says, is known to all customers and is a vital part of the tradition established by the firm.

As retiring partner in the second oldest grocery in Roxboro, there is much Mr. Sergeant could tell concerning whims of customers and the ins and outs of trade, but gentleman-like he prefers to keep these remarks off the record. Although he is a bit bald and wears glasses, he's young looking yet and says he is going to enjoy farming and renewing health and old friendships. His first wife, Miss May Newell, of Roxboro, by whom he had one son, Henry Sergeant, of Durham, died a number of years ago, but he and his second wife, who was Miss Lucy Alice Wharton, of Ruffin, have a home on Academy St. and both of them expect to see much more of their friends than they did while Alex was so much engaged in business.

It is very probable, too, that Mr. Sergeant, who has strong religious convictions and believes divine guidance should be sought at all times, will devote much of his new-found leisure to Edgar Long Memorial Methodist church, where he has membership, and was for many years a member of the board of stewards. Also claiming his attention will be the Roxboro Rotary club of which he is past president. In former years he was master of Person Lodge 113 and was councilor of the Longhurst chapter of J. O. U. A. M. But right now, the way to get him started talking is to bring

up the past history of his county, his people and his store: it's a long while since September 1902, but Alex Sergeant remembers it all, with the vividness of time the present, and with a zest for living such as he must have had when he bought that first bicycle.

An All-American Cafe. ROXBORO DINER

A cooperative order for more than one hundred dollars worth of fruit trees has been placed by 4-H Club members of Edgecombe County, reports P. H. Jameson, assistant farm agent.

Announcing

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Coy Holeman



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RESOURCES:

Cash & Due from Banks	\$667,387.43
U. S. Government Securities	203,603.15
N. C. State Bonds	104,230.87
Municipal Bonds	125,216.66
Interest Earned on Bonds	3,483.98
Loans & Discounts	603,658.17
Banking House, Furniture & Fixtures	16,525.45
Other Real Estate	10,859.18
Other Assets	209.02
	\$1,735,173.91

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock, Common	100,000.00
Capital Stock, Preferred	25,000.00
Surplus	40,000.00
Undivided Profits	14,512.59
Reserve for Retirement of Preferred Stock Fund	205.52
Reserve for Interest, Savings, Unearned Interest, Tax	7,369.15
Deposits	1,548,086.65
	1,735,173.91

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