

## ONLY ONE WEEK OF COURT WILL BE HELD HERE

### Commissioners Fail To Discuss Matter of Agricultural Building.

On recommendation of the Person Bar association the County Commissioners on Monday approved cancellation of the second week of the January term of Person Superior court, it being shown that both criminal and civil cases can be disposed of in one week, beginning Monday, January 20, at which time Judge Henry Grady, of Newbern is expected to convene the court.

There are several criminal cases piling up, among them at least two murder cases involving Negroes, while the civil calendar contains 18 cases. Under authorization from the Commissioners notification of cancellation of the second week of the term will be sent to the Governor's office, Raleigh.

Not discussed at the Commissioners' meeting was the matter of a county agricultural building, although it was expected that issue of converting the Roxboro Community house into an agricultural building would be brought up again as it has been for the past two sessions. It is understood that sentiment against conversion has been expressed and is increasing.

The Commissioners passed upon routine financial matters, accepted school buildings repaired under contract by George W. Kane company and heard comprehensive reports on farm agency work submitted by H. K. Sanders, agent and, Miss Velma Beam, home demonstration agent. Mr. Sanders' report was read by his secretary, Miss Bessie Daniel.

Admission of Matt Jordan, aged Negro, to the county home was authorized, while petition for admission of two Indian women was deferred on grounds of inadequacy of room and lack of separate quarters for Indians.

Commissioners present were Frank T. Whitfield, chairman, Sam Byrd Winstead and D. M. Cash.

## Major Owens' Son Not Dead Man

Still at a standstill is local identification of the George Owens or Owers, who died Friday in Bellevue hospital, New York City. Major Owens, Roxboro Negro who as the father of Samuel George Owens, of New York, received the death message signed by Dr. W. F. Jacobs, hospital superintendent, on Monday learned that his "George" is very much alive and that the dead man, who presumably had a Roxboro address with him at time of death, was a white man.

The Jacobs message, addressed to "Mr. Owens or Mr. Owers, Roxboro" is again in possession of W. E. Hood, Roxboro manager of Western Union, who is anxious that it be claimed by kinsmen of the dead George.

## CENSUS TO GIVE AID TO FARMERS

### Twenty-Fourth Annual Farm Census Will Be Of Benefit to Agriculturalists.

Raleigh, Jan. 9—Progressive, business-minded, fact-seeking farmers who desire information to better enable them to plan their agricultural program for 1941 will be called upon this month to report their crop acreages, livestock and poultry population and give other information for the Farm Census which will be taken for the 24th time by tax listers, Frank Parker, federal statistician with the State Department of Agriculture, announced today.

"North Carolina's leading agricultural authorities are unanimous in their appreciation of the farm census as a medium for intelligent planning of farm programs and as a source of accurate information that can be used as a yardstick in measuring agricultural progress," Parker emphasized. The 1941 farm census summary will be sent to farm leaders and workers throughout the State and will be available to all communities.

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## In and Out of Mansion



New tenant of the Executive Mansion, Raleigh, is J. Melville Broughton (left) who was today sworn in as Governor of North Carolina, when Clyde R. Hoey (right) relinquished his duties after four years as Chief Executive.

## HARRIS FAMILY AT INAUGURAL DAY EXERCISES

### Mrs. R. L. Harris and Sons and Daughters, Together With Many Friends From Roxboro Witness Impressive Rites For Lt. Gov. Harris' Induction Into Office.

Heading the family going to Raleigh for inauguration of Lieutenant Governor R. L. Harris, Roxboro business man who took oath of office today shortly before installation of Governor J. Melville Broughton, was Mr. Harris' 81 year old father, W. H. Harris, Sr., retired merchant, whose youthful energy offers an amazing contrast to marks on the calendar.

Mrs. Harris, the Lieutenant Governor's wife, the former Miss Kate Long, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William H. Long, of this city, also attended the ceremonies and together with the Harris sons and daughters remained for the official reception to be given tonight by the Broughtons and for the inaugural ball which will follow.

Sons and daughters of Lt. Gov. and Mrs. Harris, all of whom are in Raleigh for the day, include: Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Harris, Jr., of New York City, Mr. and Mrs. William Harris, III, all of Roxboro, Page Harris, student at Davidson college, and Misses Katherine, Mary Louise and Betty Harris of this city.

Also there are Mr. Harris' brothers and sisters, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Harris, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. C. Martin Michie and Misses Claire and Mary Page Harris, all of Roxboro.

Others in the capital city for the day include Mrs. R. P. Burns, wife of the Person representative in the House, Mrs. Flem D. Long, wife of Senator Long, Mr. and

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## Yates To Hold Communion At St. Mark's Church

Visiting minister at St. Mark's Episcopal church at the 11 o'clock morning service next Sunday, January 12, will be the Rev. David Yates, rector of St. Philip's church, Durham, who will be celebrant of Holy Communion, will deliver the sermon and conduct morning prayers.

Church school will be held at 9:45 o'clock, according to Rev. Rufus J. Womble, deacon in charge at St. Mark's, who has said that he will be at St. Philip's while the rector of that church is in this city.

## DR. J. H. MERRITT DESIGNATED AS BOARD MEMBER

### Education Body Approves Building Repairs, Although Cost Is UP.

New member of the Person County Board of education is Dr. John H. Merritt, of Wooddale, who was chosen as successor to the late A. J. Crutchfield at a meeting held Monday morning.

Election of Dr. Merritt, public spirited citizen who served on the board a number of years ago, occurred at the quarterly session of the board held at the Person County court house. Among items discussed and passed by the members was a resolution of respect to the memory of Mr. Crutchfield, who served on the board for twenty-five or thirty years.

Action on consolidation of Harris Hill and Lee Jeffers Negro schools, at the latter, was deferred pending further investigation after a delegation of citizens appeared before the board. Also considered was a report on completion of building repairs at Bethel Hill, Hurdle Mills and Mt. Tirzah, showing expenditures had exceeded original estimate by approximately \$1,000. Report on repairs was presented at a joint session of the board with County commissioners, who held regular monthly session Monday morning.

Present for the education session were W. R. Wilkerson, chairman, George W. Walker, E. E. Bradsher and R. C. Cole. Only absent member was N. H. Montgomery, Secretary was Person Superintendent of schools, R. B. Griffin.

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## STOCKHOLDERS WILL MEET IN ALAMANCE CITY

### Annual Meeting of Credit Group Will Be Held Wednesday Morning.

The stockholders of the Graham Production Credit Association will hold their annual meeting at the courthouse in Graham at ten o'clock on Wednesday morning, Jan. 15, according to announcement made today by James Bishop, Jr., Secretary of the Association.

Indications point to a very large attendance of the members from the nine counties of Alamance, Caswell, Chatham, Durham, Guilford, Orange, Person, Randolph and Rockingham, served by the Association.

At this meeting complete and detailed reports will be made by the officers of the Association on its operations for the past year, directors will be elected and other business transacted. An interesting and instructive program has been arranged for the gathering and it is said that considerable interest is being manifested by the members. Some new features, which will result in greater member-participation in the program, will be introduced this year.

In addition to short talks by some of the stockholders, light refreshments will be served, contests will be engaged in and valuable prizes will be awarded.

Within the year just closed, the Graham Production Credit Association, which makes short-term loans to finance all types of farming and livestock operations, loaned to 1788 farmers in the nine counties served a total of \$442,015.00, practically all of which has now been repaid. No losses have been charged off during the year because of bad debts.

## "Bundles For Britain" Group Will Be Formed In Roxboro

### Sixth Graders Given State Tests

Sixth grade public school pupils of Person county Tuesday took standard tests furnished by the State Education department, Raleigh, forms for which were on Monday distributed from the office of Superintendent R. B. Griffin.

Mr. Griffin reported the tests as being given this year to the sixth rather than the seventh grade because of desire to evaluate standards attained by pupils in the former, since they are in the seventh grade fairly well known through repetition. Averages made by Person seventh grade pupils last year on basis of length of term and standards in the county were gratifying, said Mr. Griffin.

## KIWANIANS HEAR J. L. MOREHEAD DURHAM LAWYER

### Vocational Education Speakers Theme.

Regular meeting of the Roxboro Kiwanis Club was held Monday night at Hotel Roxboro with J. L. Morehead, Durham attorney as the principal speaker.

Mr. Morehead who spoke on vocational guidance for high school youths stressed the fact that trained boys were needed to-day more than ever before.

The speaker was introduced by Kiwanian Stuart Ford. Visitors at the meeting were members of the Roxboro school board, the superintendent of education and members of the vocational guidance committee of Roxboro High School.

James Brooks was welcomed into the club as a new member by Jack Strum.

E. B. Craven, president of the club presided over the meeting.

## George Perkins At Motor Co.

George Perkins, prominent farmer and tobacconist of this county has accepted a position with Person Motors, local Ford dealer for this territory. Mr. Perkins will serve as bookkeeper for the organization and will also sell cars.

He invites the public to visit him at his new post.

## BADEN-POWELL SCOUT FOUNDER DIES IN KENYA

### English General Had Retired To Africa. Was In Intelligence Service.

Nairobi, Kenya, Jan. 8—Lieut. Gen. Lord Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides and one of the famous military intelligence operative of modern times, died today.

Soldier, sportsman, author, sculptor, defender of Mafeking in one of the proudest actions in recent British history, Lord Baden-Powell, nearing 84, had been ill a long time. His love for outdoor life had enabled him to fight infirmly as he had fought innumerable actions his long and distinguished career.

Lord Baden-Powell was, perhaps least known for his exploits as a spy, which had grown out of his early scout work in South Africa and India.

### Aid For War-Stricken British Civilians Greatly Needed And Roxboro People Prepare To Help.

Established with purpose of rendering practical but non-military aid to Great Britain, Roxboro will soon have a unit of "Bundles for Britain", according to announcement made today by Mrs. Sanders McWhorter, who with a number of men and women in the city have during the past two weeks been formulating plans for work to be done here.

Active units of the organization have been formed in Greensboro and Durham and other towns and cities in this state and throughout the nation, one of the strongest being in Huntington, W. Va.

Organized last year by Mrs. Winston Churchill, wife of the British Prime Minister, "Bundles for Britain" units were first formed in the United States in May and the number of units has since grown to more than three hundred. American central office is in New York City, where workers inspect packages of clothing and knitted goods sent in and re-pack them for shipment to England. Financial contributions are also handled through this office.

Beginning primarily as an organization for service by women, who have organized knitting circles similar to those formed during World War I, and have operated clothing depots for receipt of worn and warm but not threadbare garments suitable for use by civilians who are in bombed areas, "Bundles for Britain" has been expanded into an organization furnishing money, hospital and medical supplies and ambulances.

Under this expanded program men and women interested in alleviation of suffering in the British isles have made of "Bundles for Britain" an organization capable of rendering aid which does not conflict with that offered by the Red Cross or other agencies.

Formation of a Roxboro group, charter members of the local unit, is being undertaken and further details will be announced soon. Publicity is being handled by Thomas J. Shaw, Jr., City Editor of the Person County Times, and persons interested in the movement are requested to contact him, Mrs. McWhorter or the Rev. W. F. West, pastor of Roxboro First Baptist church.

It is needless to say that non-military assistance to Britain is an important part of the program of assistance now being rendered and it is equally true that clothing and medical supplies are needed now, during the winter season, more than at any other time.

## Miss Wright Now With Asheboro FSA

Miss Lucy Mae Wright, formerly assistant home supervisor for the Person division of the Farm Security administration, has been transferred to the Randolph district, at Asheboro, where she will be supervisor, working with Leo Rabon, administrator for the recently created Randolph FSA office. Mr. Rabon, also formerly an assistant at the Person office, has been in Asheboro for several weeks. Miss Wright left for her new position Monday of this week. Prior to coming to Roxboro she was a resident of Star.

In Roxboro yesterday for conference with FSA administrator J. Y. Blanks was G. W. Miller, TP specialist of Lexington.

## Farm Agency Report Shows Progress Made During Year

### Important Part Of Work Has Been Done Through Club Work With Men, Women and Children.

Report filed this week with the Person County commissioners by H. K. Sanders, director of farm agency work in this area, indicated a successful year during 1940, during which time work was carried on by Mr. Sanders, J. B. Snipes, assistant director, who has since gone to Wilkesboro, Miss Bessie Daniel and by Miss Velma Beam, home demonstration agent, with able assistance from other office workers and from Person residents.

In Miss Beam's report it was shown that there are now eleven home demonstration clubs in the county and twelve Four-H clubs, giving women, boys and girls practical assistance in development of live at home farm programs. Township farm clubs for men and women, conducted by Mr. Sanders, who also assists with 4-H work, have added instructions as to crop rotation, soil improvement, cattle raising and diversification.

In Mr. Sanders report, read by Miss Bessie Daniel at the Commissioners' meeting Monday, it was shown that: Person extension work has been carried on (Continued on Back Page)

## Ledbetters Wins Distinct Honor In Territory

Ledbetters, electrical dealer of Roxboro is in receipt of the following telegram from the Carolina Power and Light Co.

Raleigh, North Carolina January 7, 1941.

Ledbetters, Roxboro, N. C. Congratulations. Final results disclose your leadership in the sale of electrical merchandise during past three months, not only in your division but the entire Carolina Power and Light territory. This entitles you to \$50 in cash prizes. My personal best wishes are for you. May 1941 witness the same kind of sales success.

H. G. Isley, Carolina Power and Light Co. Mr. D. W. Ledbetter, proprietor of Ledbetters, wishes to thank his many customers and friends who made it possible for him to achieve this honor.

Wilson County farmers are busily engaged in preparing their tobacco plant beds with some growers already having their beds seeded, reports J. A. Marsh, assistant farm agent.