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Expansion Program Outlined This Week By City Manager

End of a Year Finds Bloxam Pleased But Not Completely Satisfied With Work Accomplished.

Completion of a first street culvert bridge, with rock head walls, a structure solid enough to permit heavy traffic was today reported by City Manager Percy Bloxam, who said that construction of another such bridge on Front street is now underway. Work in each instance is done by city crews under supervision of the City's Street Repair department headed by Collins Abbitt.

Citing the bridge work as an activity looking toward city improvement, Mr. Bloxam in an informal resume of accomplishments since he took over the City Manager's post last year, said that because of improvements being constantly made at the City Water plant, of which I. O. Abbitt is superintendent, it has been estimated that the City is now obtaining fifty percent more water at less than \$100 less in cost per month. Hauling of the water plant, including a reinforced floor and a painting job for pumps and other equipment is now practically completed.

It has been estimated, said Mr. Bloxam continuing his analysis of work accomplished, that between 15 and 18 tons of garbage are now being collected daily and removed to the municipal dumping lot. Reorganization of the garbage collection service and establishment of regular schedules was effected last Spring. Also included in the renovation are repairs to fire trucks and equipment. Mr. Bloxam, formerly of Salisbury and Raleigh, came to Roxboro as City Manager March 1, 1940.

COLEMAN C. KING AND MR. FOUSHEE IN PARTNERSHIP

King Buys Interest in Foushee Clothing Company.

Formation of a partnership with Emory Foushee in operation of the Foushee Clothing company is being announced today by Coleman C. King, popular young Roxboro business man, who has been connected with the store for the past several months and has recently purchased an interest in the establishment.

Mr. King, a native of Roxboro, has been in business here for a number of years. He was at one time connected with Hambrick, Austin and Thomas drug company and during the past four years owned and operated the King's Palace restaurant, although management of the place for the past year, until it was destroyed by fire, was under his brother, Joe King.

The Foushee Clothing company, opening in the Fall of 1939 has since then enjoyed a profitable business. The establishment recently was moved into one of the new stores in the Kirby building, where its stock of clothing for men, including suits and haberdashery are well displayed.

Mr. Long At Duke

J. A. Long, Sr., prominent Roxboro resident, was taken to Duke hospital, Durham, yesterday afternoon for treatment and observation. Mr. Long became ill Tuesday night at his home here. Members of the family reported that he appeared to be resting more comfortably after arrival at the hospital.



ONE YEAR ON JOB

One year ago this week, on March 4, 1940, Percy Bloxam, shown above, came to Roxboro as City Manager, having been elected as successor to James C. Harris. Finishing a year's work, Mr. Bloxam today gave a partial resume of work accomplished during that time.

BLOXAM URGES CLEARING AWAY OF UNDERBRUSH

Says Fires Are Expensive Even When Damage Is Not Done. Four Calls Received In Two Days.

Occurrence in two days of four fires in and near the City limits, was occasion yesterday of an appeal to citizens to observe all reasonable precautions. In issuing the statement City Manager Percy Bloxam, who said that the fires reported Monday were fortunately brush fires and a residence blaze resulting in slight damage, placed his appeal for cooperation on a double basis of safety and economics.

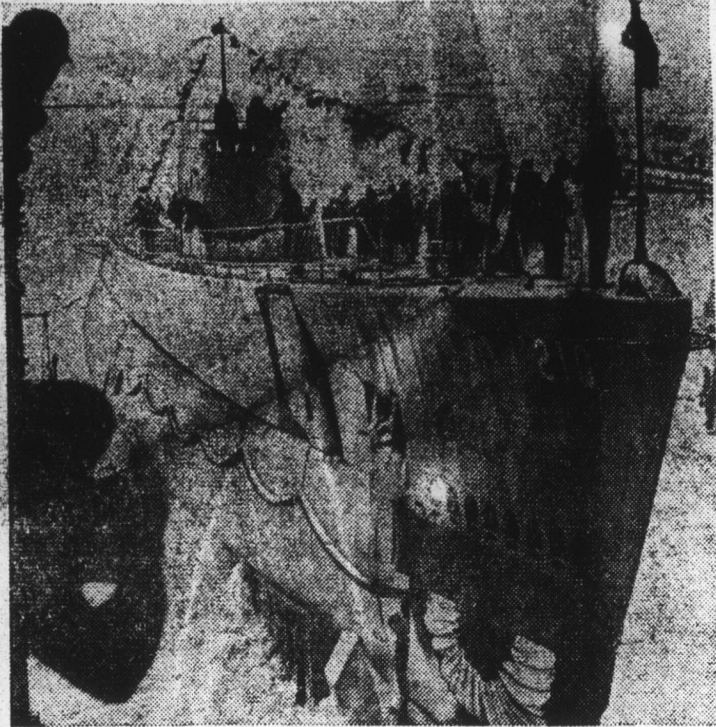
It is, he said, generally understood that minor fires can develop into major blazes unless properly controlled, but it is to be doubted if many citizens know that response to a fire, regardless of damage done, entails an average expenditure of \$150 for each call.

In discussing fire hazards the City Manager made pointed reference to dangers from brush fires in areas not properly cleared of field straw and underbrush, urged all residents to clean up such properties and reiterated that March in particular is a dangerous month for fires.

The City Manager and the Mayor, S. G. Winstead, yesterday received from William Paylor, Negro resident who lives just outside the corporate limits, a letter of thanks for the fire departments response to a call early Monday morning when Paylor's house caught fire, presumably from an overturned lamp. Damage was limited to about \$25. Two fires of more serious consequences occurred here last month, one at King's Palace restaurant and one at a private residence.

The brush fires referred to occurred in early morning hours Monday and again Monday night at the same place, near Gallows Hill, where men were stationed throughout the night to prevent another outbreak of flames. Of great value in extinguishing these fires as well as the one at the Paylor residence was the booster tank purchased last year.

Another 'Sub' for Uncle Sam



The submarine Grenadier, costing \$3,500,000, and built in less than nine months, was launched recently at the Portsmouth, N. H., navy yard. The craft, shown above, was the fourth to slide down the ways at this navy yard this year. It was christened by Mrs. Walter S. Anderson, wife of the rear admiral directing naval intelligence.

Voiture Prepares Letter To Senator Robert R. Reynolds

ARTHUR CROSLY RESIGNS PLACE WITH SOMERSET

General Manager For Past Four Years May Go To Similar Place At Danielson, Conn.

Arthur Crosley, for the past four years general manager of John Watts Sons, Inc., manufacturers of Somerset towels, tendered his resignation following a meeting of the board of directors held yesterday, according to information today received from a reliable source.

Mr. Crosley, it is understood, will in the near future, probably in April, move to Danielson, Conn., where he is expected to accept the position of resident manager of the Wauregan-Quinebaug mills.

He and Mrs. Crosley and their daughter, Miss Catherine Crosley, have had residence near Somerset but have entered actively into Roxboro affairs and have held membership in St. Mark's Episcopal church. The Crosleys came to Roxboro from Housatonic, Mass., where Mr. Crosley was general superintendent of Monument mill.

Chairman of the board of directors of the Watts mill is E. F. Sherman, of Providence, R. I. C. A. Harris, is secretary-treasurer and C. Martin Michie, both of Roxboro, superintendent. No statement has been made with regard to a successor to Mr. Crosley.

YOUNG TAR HEELS GET COMMISSIONS IN ARMY

Washington, March 5.—The War Department announced that the following had accepted second lieutenant's commissions in the Officers' Reserve Corps:

North Carolina—Vincent LeRoy Cothran, Fayetteville; Murray Emmett Love, Huntersville; Alfred Sidney Atwater, Jr., Granite Falls; Fenton Harris Butler, Elizabeth City; Harold Frank Gwynn, Leaksville; Robert Rollin Nowell, Raleigh, and William Albert Sally, Durham.

Signers of Message of Criticism Include Most Members of Local 40 and 8.

Sixteen members of Voiture 1176, la Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux, Lester Blackwell Post of the American Legion No. 138, present at a dinner meeting here and all but two others since interviewed have signed a letter of protest expected to be dispatched to Senator Robert R. Reynolds, whose stand on the lend-lease bill and on defense measures has been recently subjected to criticism.

Saying that they "cannot understand" his "action and can only protest it and call upon their friends to do likewise, the signers say that they: "View with a great deal of concern the continuous debate in the Senate, while the Axis powers pick off little countries one by one. . . ."

And that they "are deeply concerned with your (Reynolds) action in the United States Senate in failing to support the President of the United States, the wishes of the Legislature of North Carolina, citizens of this free state and members of the American Legion."

Chef de Gare, presiding at the session here was Dr. B. A. Thaxton. The meeting was held Tuesday night at Hotel Roxboro. Printed below is the letter: (Continued on back page)

Nine White Men In Army Quota For This Month

Examinations were completed today by Dr. B. A. Thaxton, physician for the Person Selective Service board, of nine white men who will be expected to report to Fort Bragg for service on Wednesday, March 12. In the group, said office manager Baxter Mangum, are three volunteers and only six men were drawn from the selective service lists. Names of men selected are: Floyd Bradsher Roberson (v), Talmadge William Clayton (v), William Alfred Shotwell (v), William Hassell Moore, Thomas Dixon Gunter, Jr., Don Monroe Wallace, James Joseph Hargis, Dan Kerr Richmond, and Byron Hill. Three Negro men left here for camp Monday.

Charter Revisions Provided In House Bill by R. P. Burns



Charles B. Wood Now Associated With Motor Firm

Charles B. Wood, young Roxboro business man, is now associated with the Arch Jones Motor company as business manager, according to announcement made this week. Mr. Wood, who began his duties on Monday is in complete charge of the office and will also act as a salesman. Active partners in the motor company, located on Depot street, are Arch Jones and Joe Kirby, both of whom are pleased to have Mr. Wood with them. Their new associate is a native of Person county and has been in business here and in Raleigh for several years. Friends of Mr. Wood will be glad to know that his new association will permit him to be in Roxboro, since for the past several years his previous business has taken away from the City much of the time.

Central School PTA Will Meet

March meeting of Roxboro Central School's Parent Teacher association, at which a program on "Safety" presented by Miss Virginia Wilson's grade will be a feature, will be held Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the school, according to announcement made today by the president, Mrs. Logan H. Umstead. A full attendance is requested. Executive board meeting was held Wednesday afternoon of this week.

Episcopalians And Catholics Hold Services

Speaker at Lenten services tonight at 7:30 o'clock at St. Mark's Episcopal church will be the Rev. Norvill Wicker, rector of Epiphany church, Danville, Va., and on Sunday morning the speaker will be the Rev. James Beckwith, of the Episcopal church, Hillsboro. Rev. Rufus J. Womble, deacon in charge at St. Mark's, will on that morning speak at the Hillsboro church. At St. Mark's celebration of the Holy Communion will be observed and all members of the church are urged to attend. Lenten services are also being held at the same hour tonight at St. Mary's and St. Edward's Catholic church with the pastor, the Rev. Cletus J. Helfrich, as speaker.

JAS. W. BROOKS RITES CONDUCTED AT RESIDENCE

Former Warehouseman Dies Tuesday Following Sudden Heart Attack.

James W. Brooks, 67, Roxboro warehouseman, died Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock at his home here following a sudden heart attack. He had been in ill health since last Fall after an illness with pneumonia. Members of his family hearing him fall in a room in the house, summoned a physician at once but the stricken man lived only a few moments. Funeral services were conducted at Roxboro Primitive Baptist church yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Officiating ministers were the pastor, Elder J. A. Herndon, of Durham, and the Rev. W. F. West, of Roxboro First Baptist church. Interment was in Burchwood cemetery, this city.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Jennie Brooks, one son, Fleming Brooks, both of this city, three daughters, Mesdames R. F. Hedrick, H. L. Cooley, of Danville, Va., and Lacy Long, of Hurdle Mills; six grandchildren, and one sister, Mrs. Fannie B. Bristow, of Saluda, Va.

Jesse Rogers Celebrates Anniversary

Jesse Rogers, manager of the Tip Top Service Station in the Allensville Community is now celebrating his first anniversary in this business. One year ago Mr. Rogers took charge of this station and has enjoyed a nice business since taking over the station.

He is now a confirmed Allensvilleite and might even consider running for the mayor's post of this community.

However, at this time he simply wants to thank his many friends for their splendid patronage.

Negro Boy Dies In Hospital After Accident

Death of a small Negro boy, son of John Allen, of the Moriah community, from burns received Monday afternoon at the Allen home was reported today. The child, between 3 and 4 years of age was severely burned when his clothing became ignited. Parents of the child, unable to explain how the accident happened, said that the boy, who was playing in the yard in front of their home, may have set his clothing on fire with matches. He was brought to Roxboro for treatment by a physician and was reported to have been taken to Duke hospital, Durham, for treatment later. Death is said to have occurred there.

Kirby In Hospital

Following an illness of several days with a deep cold, W. T. Kirby, Person Register of Deeds, yesterday entered McPherson hospital, Durham, for treatment. It is expected Mr. Kirby will be able to return to his office next week.

Roxboro's Ancient Charter May Be Officially As Well As Actually Changed.

Introduced in the House by Person Representative Robert P. Burns and passed this week on third reading by the House was a bill to amend the 1887 charter of the town of Roxboro to make said charter conform more nearly to present-day needs of a municipality.

Under first revision in more than half a century, practices which have been in operation by mutual consent of those directly concerned with City of Roxboro government are legalized and it is expected that the bill will in near future be passed by the Senate and will thus be officially confirmed.

Under the bill presented by Mr. Burns (HB 475 "To Amend Chapter 168, Private Laws of 1887, Charter of the Town of Roxboro) provision is made for appointment of police in lieu of constables and for appointment by the governing body in its discretion of the City Manager.

Provision is also made to "allow" auditing by other means than by Commissioners. Particularized tax directions are to be removed so that the Commissioners will have "general powers." Likewise, provision is made for police power over motor vehicles and drivers.

Under the revision slight change is made in provision for payment of Mayor's fees and Commissioners are allowed per diem pay of \$5 for meetings not to exceed 24 per year.

In conference this morning City Manager Percy Bloxam indicated that the Burns bill is, as has been said, legalization of revisions already in practice. Considerable time has been spent by the Manager and by other members of the committee on codification and revision in bringing the City's comparatively ancient charter up-to-date and it is expected that bound copies of the revised charter will be soon received.

Mrs. Winstead's Suit Against City Has Been Filed

Suit for \$3,000 "and such other relief as may be deemed proper" has been filed with the Person Clerk of Superior Court against the City of Roxboro, by Mrs. Jennie Winstead.

Mrs. Winstead alleges that because of negligence of the defendant in failing to remove trimmed tree trunks and other debris piled on a Court street sidewalk, she fell over said tree trunk or trunks, breaking her right arm, suffering nose injuries and bruises on her knees which necessitated hospital treatment and subsequent employment of a servant after her return to her home.

The complaint alleges that the debris was placed on the sidewalk on January 25, 1940 and that the accident occurred on the night of February 11, that year. Notice of intention to file suit was given several weeks ago. Answer by the City has not yet been filed. The case will go up for trial in the April term of Person Superior Court. Mrs. Winstead's attorney, the late last week.