

# Person County Times

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## Lefler Mentions But Does Not Emphasize Text-Books

Chapel Hill Professor Heard By Capacity Crowd at Hurdle Mills Last Night.

"History is not what people would like to be, but what it is," said Dr. Hugh T. Lefler, University of North Carolina department of history professor, last night in an address to graduates of Hurdle Mills high school in which he discussed "What Has Been, Is and May Be," with particular regard to the role of the United States in world history.

Citing the record of the past 40 years, Dr. Lefler mentioned the rise of the United States to position of a world power at the beginning of the present century and sketched significant changes, especially in taxation and in dependence of American prosperity on world trade up to and through World War I.

Only scattered references were made by the speaker to the present North Carolina history textbook controversy precipitated by adoption of the Jule B. Warren book instead of the one of which Lefler was co-author. Dr. Lefler began his address by saying that he felt out of place as a commencement speaker, since such speakers were usually preachers or politicians and added that he was no preacher and judging by the outcome of the textbook controversy was not a politician.

The remark concerning history as being what it is, was followed by inference that some Carolinians wanted their history to be what they would like it to be. In mentioning North Carolina history Dr. Lefler praised the progress made in the State and said that the State is of highest rank in some aspects but not in all.

He declared that great problem of the present war's end will be establishment of a just peace, that he could make no predictions as to possibilities of such a peach for us even if the British cause is victorious, but that he has great faith in the ability of American young people to meet the problems of the present world. He hesitated, he added, to make predictions to the outcome of the present war, saying only challenge is the work that young people can do to make the world better when peace does come.

Introduction of Dr. Lefler was by F. O. Carver, Jr. Presentation of medals was by Gordon C. Hunter and awarding of diplomas was by Thomas Gentry, Hurdle Mills principal.

### BLUE AND RED RIBBONS

Mesdames O. R. Yarborough and Robert L. Hester, of Bushy Fork, official delegates to the State Parent Teacher association meeting held last month at Asheville, have reported that the Bushy Fork association received a certificate for meeting standard requirements and also received a blue ribbon for the same excellence.

Red ribbon was also received for Bushy Fork excellence in scrap-books. Blue ribbon in this classification was missed by one point.

### Promoted

Charles Chandler recently, of this county, but now of Fort Jackson, has just been promoted to the rank of a sergeant. He will leave Fort Jackson on June 1st for Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he will be in school for several months.

## HELENA TO HEAR DUKE PROFESSOR

Dr. Holland Holton Will Appear At School Finals Tonight.

Person county public school commencement programs which have during the week been in progress will end tonight with the finals at Helena high school, where the speaker will be Dr. Holland Holton, professor of Education, Duke university. Helena exercises will begin at 8 o'clock and will be held in the auditorium, where 12 girls and twenty boys will receive diplomas.

Presentation of awards will be by R. B. Griffin Person superintendent of schools and introduction of the speaker will be made by Thomas J. Shaw, Jr., while presiding officer will be R. C. Garrison, Helena Superintendent.

Yesterday morning at 11 o'clock at Bushy Fork school the speaker was Lt. Gov. R. L. Harris, who substituted for Representative A. D. (Lon) Folger, of Mt. Airy and Washington. Representative Folger, injured in an automobile accident, yesterday wired J. L. Hester, Bushy Fork principal, that he would be unable to attend.

Yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock at Bethel Hill speaker was Dr. Carlyle Campbell, of Raleigh, president of Meredith college, and last night at Hurdle Mills the exercises were featured by an address by Dr. Hugh T. Lefler, University of North Carolina history professor who came from Chapel Hill for the occasion. At Allensville on Tuesday night was W. N. Hicks, professor of religion and ethics at the State College division of the University of North Carolina, while at Mt. Tirzah on Wednesday night the speaker was Dean D. B. Bryan, of Wake Forest college.

Baccalaureate sermons at these schools were heard Sunday afternoon. Members of the graduating class (Continued on back page)

## Winners Win In Health Contest Held By Clubs

Twice winners in the Person county 4-H club health contest are Thomas Horton, of Bushy Fork, and Miss Louise Davis, of Allensville, who won their titles last year and again this year and will represent their county in the district contest to be held next month.

Announcement of the Person winners was made by Miss Velma Beam, Person home demonstration agent under whom much of the 4-H club work is carried on. Examinations were conducted by members of the health department staff of the tri-county health department.

### STILL GOING

"First, the Fields," the novel by Charles Wood, published last month, is still the best selling book in Person county, according to reports obtained today. Approximately one hundred copies have been sold here to date. The book continues to get favorable national comment and has been extensively reviewed in State papers. Latest such review appeared this week in the Sunday Asheville Citizen-Times.

### HERE SUNDAY



Rev. John A. Wright

## MERCHANTS ASK COMMITTEEMEN TO SEE OTHERS

Seek To Regulate Summer And Saturday Night Closing Hours For All Merchants.

Roxboro merchants desiring some regulation as to Summer mid-week closing hours and as to closing at a uniform hour on Saturday nights, met at Roxboro Chamber of Commerce office to consider these problems and after considerable discussion appointed committeemen representing different trade classifications, who will be expected to call upon various merchants not present and to ascertain from them an expression of opinion as to closing times.

Presiding at the session was the executive secretary of the Chamber, Wallace W. Woods, and attendance was about twenty. Only shops now having uniform Wednesday afternoon summer hours are the barber shops in the city, although a number of professional men, including dentists, have arranged a similar schedule, and during the past summer grocery stores and other places of business did adhere to a schedule.

Saturday night, up to this writing, has remained wide open, with closing optional with each merchant.

The meeting in the Chamber of Commerce office was held Tuesday afternoon.

## Hospital Benefit Plans Receiving Good Response

Plans for the Community hospital benefit "Community Sing" sponsored by Wallace W. Woods, and Mrs. Woods in connection with national hospital day, which will in this city be observed on May 10, are rapidly going forward, said Mr. Woods today.

The "Community Sing," to be participated in by various singing groups from the county and city, will begin at 8 o'clock on the evening of May 10 and will be staged in the assembly room at the Person County Court house, with Mr. Woods as director and Mrs. Woods as pianist. Prizes will be offered by many merchants in the city and it is expected that attendance will be large. All funds derived will be turned over to Community hospital for purchase of needed supplies.

During the day open house will be observed at the hospital and members of the Woman's auxiliary of the institution will be pleased to show visitors the (Continued on Back Page)

## CITY FINALS TO BEGIN ON THIS SUNDAY EVENING

High School Graduates To Hear Raleigh Minister.

Having had a Sunday afternoon musical program as first feature of their 1941 commencement exercises at the 90 or more seniors at Roxboro high school have this week been busy with examinations.

It is expected that grades will be filed by the end of this week so that the survivors will be ready by this coming Sunday to put on caps and gowns and hear the Rev. John A. Wright, rector of Christ Episcopal Church, Raleigh, deliver the baccalaureate sermon at eight o'clock in the evening in the high school auditorium.

Monday will be a quiet day with the students but on Tuesday night they will again don their robes and will march into the chapel to hear North Carolina's governor, J. Melville Broughton. Exercises will begin at 8 o'clock in the evening and will be opened by special music. The Governor's address will be made just before the presentation of honors and diplomas.

The Sunday afternoon musical program, taking place of usual Monday class day exercises, was well attended. Directors were Mrs. Sam Byrd Winstead, for the glee clubs and John Thompson, for the band. Vocal soloist was Miss Merial Rimmer, who chose for her selection Hayden Wood's, "A Bown Bird Singing." Feature number for the band was Schmidt's "Overture Louise," the state contest number.

Printed below is the complete musical program:

Gossip Joan, English Air; Kerry Dance, Molloy, and Surely He Hath Borne Our Grievs, Lotti, by Mixed Glee Club; Children's Prayer (from Haensel and Gretel) Humperdinck and Children of the Moon, Warren by Girls Glee Club; A Bown Bird Singing, Hayden Wood, by Merial Rimmer; Dedication, Franz; Caisson Song, American Army Song and We Sail the Ocean Blue, Gilbert and Sullivan, by Boy's Glee Club; My Love Dwelt in a Northern Land, Elgar and Spring Chorus from "The Bartered Bride"; Smetana by Mixed Glee Club; and Call To Arms, Wilber Harrison; Men In Lincoln Green, Harold Hunt; Overture Louise, Ernest Schmidt, and King's Archers, Joh Velber by the band.

### CHAIRMAN

Chairman of the committee to make recommendations to Gov. J. Melville Broughton as to the successor to the late Lon Folger, fifth district congressman, is E. G. Thompson, of this city. Others on the committee come from other counties in the district. It is understood that the appointment of a successor is vested in the Governor's powers.

### POSTPONED

Meeting of the Person County Bird club, scheduled to have been held yesterday at Hotel Roxboro, has been postponed until later because of commencements being held this week and next in the county and city.

Date of the meeting, at which formal organization will be undertaken will be announced later. Among those actively interested in the proposed club are Mrs. L. M. Carlton and Mrs. W. R. Woody and persons interested in learning further details may call them.

## Fatal Injuries Received By Fifth District Congressman

## Agencies Council Hears Of Needs In Cunningham Area

Road Committee Named. Maternity Project Discussed. Cafeteria At School Praised.

Second of a series of Person County township surveys, with particular regard to social and economic problems was presented yesterday at the monthly luncheon session of the Person Council of Social agencies, at Hotel Roxboro, where topic for discussion was Cunningham township.

Speakers were Miss Velma Beam, home demonstration agent, and Misses Agnes Brake and Louise Croom, of the Health department nursing staff under whom a special maternity project is being supervised. Following an analysis of their work in the township, in which specific problems deserving of attention were mentioned, an open forum discussion was held.

Report of the recent social service conference in Durham was presented by Mrs. T. C. Wagstaff, head of the Person Welfare and WPA divisions. Presiding officer was the new council president, Robert Edgar Long, young Roxboro attorney.

Misses Beam, Brake and Croom appeared on the program at request of the program chairman, Thomas J. Shaw, Jr. Invited, but unable to be present were Miss Lucy Green of Cunningham township, and Mrs. R. B. Dawes, of this city, both of whom are on the faculty of the school in Cunningham and were detained because of finals being held there.

## MASONS ATTEND ANNIVERSARY AT WARRENTON LODGE

C. A. Harris And Others Here Go To Warrenton For Historic Exercises.

In Warrenton Tuesday night for the special communication of Johnston-Caswell Lodge No. 10 were District Deputy Grand Master C. A. Harris, who is also Master of Person Lodge 112, City Manager Percy Bloxam, D. R. Taylor and W. H. Harris, Sr., father of the Deputy Grand Master, all of whom represented the Person Lodge.

Meeting of the Johnston-Caswell lodge was held in celebration of the 175 anniversary of the founding Blandford-Bute Lodge A. F. and A. M., and took place at John Graham High school where supper was served by wives of members of the host lodge.

Chief addresses were made by James M. Clift, grand secretary of the grand lodge of Virginia, and by Dr. Charles P. Eldridge, of Raleigh, Grand Master of North Carolina. Reading of the minutes of Blandford-Bute lodge was given by Dr. R. S. Jones, Past Master, of Warrenton. Others who discussed the history of Blandford-Bute lodge were M. S. Davis, of Louisburg, J. E. Allen, of Warrenton and J. B. Thomas, of Petersburg, Va.

Invocation was given by the Rev. R. E. Brickhouse and the toast by Mr. Allen. Guests, many of whom came from a distance, were welcomed by J. C. Moore.

### DIES



A. D. (Lon) Folger

## MCENTREE SAYS CCC CAMP WILL BE ESTABLISHED

National Director Confirms Plans Previously Announced.

Included in a list of 41 Civilian Conservation corps camps to be operated in North Carolina during this year is the camp in Person county, site for which was selected several weeks ago by a committee composed of State CCC officials and officers from Fort Bragg. The Person camp, located on land near the southwestern edge of this city, was included in a list made public early this week by James J. McEntree, of Washington, national director of the CCC.

The Person camp is one of two North Carolina camps to be relocated. One of the camps, now at Albermarle, Stanly county, will be moved to Morrow Mountain State Park in the same county, while the camp which is to come to Person is now in Caswell County, near Yanceyville.

Program for the Person camp will be one of soil conservation, with particular regard to erosion, according to Director McEntree. No official confirmation as to choice of the Winstead site for the camp has yet been received from Washington or from State headquarters by those citizens here who have from the first been most interested in securing the camp for Roxboro and Person county, although publication of the official Washington story, as reported to the Washington bureau of the Raleigh News and Observer does mean that there will be no hitch in placing of the camp in Roxboro's area.

It is expected that the camp will have enrollment of between two and three hundred young men and a local directing staff of fifteen or more men. The Washington dispatch indicates that the camp here will be in operation within less than three months.

### NO SERVICES

Sunday night services will not be held at Edgar Long Memorial Methodist or at Roxboro First Baptist churches next week.

Enroute To Bushy Fork School Commencement A. D. (Lon) Folger Has Fatal Wreck Near Home.

News of the death yesterday of Fifth District Representative A. D. (Lon) Folger, of Mt. Airy, fatally injured in an automobile accident in that city, was received here with profound sorrow.

At the time of the accident Rep. Folger was en route to Bushy Fork school, Person county, where he was to have delivered the commencement address.

First news of his being injured was received here a few minutes before 11 o'clock yesterday morning, hour at which the exercises at Bushy Fork school were scheduled to be held.

Lt. Gov. R. L. Harris, of this city, spoke in the place of Mr. Folger.

Mr. Folger Fifth District congressman since 1938 and one of the best known men in public life in this State, died last night 11:10 o'clock.

Congressman Folger died in the Mount Airy Hospital, where he was rushed with head and chest hurts, a broken ankle and several broken ribs. Indications were he suffered a skull fracture. He never regained consciousness and his condition was regarded as grave from the first.

Mr. Folger was on his way out of town to deliver the commencement address at Bushy Fork when his car went out of control for some unexplained reason, struck another, then crashed head-on into a tree. It was believed that he may have suffered a fainting spell, causing his car to go out of control.

Police said the other car was driven by Meggs Willard, a Mt. Airy carpenter, who said he noticed the other car swerve and had brought his almost to a stop before the crash.

No action was planned against Willard.

### Governor Grieved

In Raleigh, Governor Broughton said of Congressman Folger:

"The announcement of Congressman Folger's death has shocked the State. He was my warm personal friend and I am deeply grieved at his tragic passing. As judge, national committeeman and congressman he served with conspicuous ability and in his death the State has suffered."

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## Person Negroes Leave For Camp Next Week

Three Person County Negro selective service men Hubert Lyons (324v), Thomas A. Scott, (v) and Ollie McCoy Roberson, (822v), will report to the Person office on Wednesday, May 7, at 9 o'clock for final instructions before leaving later in the morning for Fort Bragg, according to announcement made today by Baxter Mangum, office manager.

All three men in this the first May contingent are volunteers, said Mangum.

Another group of Negro men has been called for service on Tuesday, May 13, but names have not been announced. So far, said Mr. Mangum no calls for white men have been received this month and there appears to be a slackening in demand as compared with April.