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New Drug Firm to Be Formed in City by Byrd and Allgood

Clement Byrd and "Buddy" Allgood Plan to Open For Business in July. Byrd Not To Go To Danville.

Announcement is being made today by Clement Byrd and William Walton (Buddy) Allgood, both of this city, that they will in July open a drug store in the Hall building, Main street and Abbitt avenue.

Mr. Byrd said this morning that the store-room, now occupied by Knight's Insurance agency and the Singer Sewing machine shop operated by Mrs. A. M. Long, will be modernized in every respect, that a modern soda fountain and equipment will be installed and that nationally advertised, standard brand drugs will be carried at all times.

News that Mr. Byrd and Mr. Allgood will enter business here will be received with interest throughout this city and Person county where both are well known. Mr. Allgood is the son of Mrs. J. W. Allgood and the late A. M. Allgood, of Roxboro, while Mr. Byrd, a native of Raleigh, has been in Roxboro for two years and was until recently with Roxboro Drug company, having resigned his position there in order to form the association with Mr. Allgood.

Both Mr. Byrd and Mr. Allgood are registered pharmacists, who received their training in the school of Pharmacy at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Mr. Byrd, has had long experience as a pharmacist, while Mr. Allgood will receive his degree this June.

Mr. Byrd in making announcement of the formation of the new drug company stressed the fact that registered druggists will be on duty at all times. Mr. Byrd is himself a member of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical association and was formerly a State drug inspector.

It is expected that the new drug firm will open for business on or about July 1. Plans for renovation of the building, said Mr. Byrd, include installation of new floors of tile, brought down to street level so that present steps at the front of the building will be eliminated. Glass show windows will be installed and attractive booths will be featured.

The building was a number of years ago used for a drug store, although it has since been used for other purposes. Mr. Knight and other tenants are expected to move immediately, so that re-

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Rites Held For Mrs. W. T. Oliver Milton Resident

Funeral services for Mrs. W. T. Oliver, 63, of Milton, whose death occurred Tuesday at her home after a long illness, were conducted this morning at 11 o'clock at Copnalley Methodist church. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Oliver, the former Miss Lora V. Brandon, is survived by her husband, three daughters, Mesdames L. D. Farabow and J. S. Yarborough, all of Milton and Mrs. W. A. Denny, of Leasburg; two sons, W. J. Oliver, of Buffalo, New York, and C. F. Oliver, of Washington, D. C., also, one half-sister, Mrs. H. H. Kesiah, and one half-brother, W. J. Brandon, both of Greensboro, and fourteen grandchildren.

MARTIN WILL BE MEMORIAL DAY SPEAKER FRIDAY

Exercises Open To Public Will Be Held By Lester Blackwell Post At American Legion Hut Friday Night.

Speaker at Memorial Day exercises to be staged here Friday night by Lester Blackwell Post of the American Legion will be the Rev. W. C. Martin, pastor of Edgar Long Memorial Methodist church.

Exercises will begin at 7:30 o'clock at the Legion hut, Chub Lake street, and will be open to the general public, said B. B. Knight, Post Chaplain, chairman of the Memorial Day program committee.

No other Memorial day service will be held in this city, although the court house lawn will be marked with crosses and graves of veterans in Burchwood cemetery will be decorated.

PERSON AUTHOR SIGNS CONTRACT FOR NEW NOVEL

Author of "First, the Fields" Will Write Second Novel. Discusses Problems Of Present Day Writer.

Contract for a second novel, to be published by William Morrow and Company, of New York, was this week signed by Charles Wood, Roxboro author, whose first novel, "First, the Fields" was last month published by the University of North Carolina press and has since then enjoyed a critical success, with favorable reviews by metropolitan and State newspapers.

Mr. Wood today said that his second volume will not be a sequel his first book, although the locale, the North Carolina tobacco country, may be the same and some of the characters introduced in the first volume may be retained.

"Major problem of the writer and artist today is the selection of a theme that will express present day life," said Mr. Wood, who pointed out that young people who graduated from colleges and universities in the decade of the late twenties and in the early thirties experienced the full force of the post World War I "debunkers" and that people who were then young are just now recovering from the effects of that post-war realism which caused the slogan, "Make the World Safe for Democracy" to be regarded as a joke, none the less cruel because it was so regarded.

"Today," said Mr. Wood, "under the stimulus of World War II. Americans of that generation and later are re-examining the wrecks left by debunkers and are discovering vital truths about the American way of life." "His new book," said Mr. Wood, will be an attempt to put this feeling into words to show the endurance of that quality which we like to think of as the essential character of the democratic spirit.

"In a time like the present," Mr. Wood concluded, "people are in no mood to listen to one who is superficially critical of the national character."

T. W. O'BRIANT RITES CONDUCTED

Person Native Buried in Maplewood Cemetery, Durham. Brothers Live in Person County.

Final rites for Thomas Woodrow "Woody" O'Briant, 28, Person native and a former resident of Durham who died in a hospital in San Jose, Calif., last Thursday were held from the Temple Baptist Church this afternoon at 5 o'clock with the Rev. John T. Wayland, pastor, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Henry A. Schreder, pastor of the Lutheran Church, Interment was in Maplewood Cemetery, New Annex.

Pallbearers were Reuben Whitfield, Bryant Whitfield, Hubert Whitfield, Raeford-Thomas, Tuggle Webster, Zack Long, Luther Webster and Arthur Liny, Jr. Mr. O'Briant, formerly of Bushy Fork, the son of George and Eula Whitfield O'Briant, was a resident of Durham for 10 years, being connected with the American Tobacco Company. Three years ago he became a civil engineer with the Government and was stationed at Langley field, Va., until last August when he was transferred to San Jose, Calif.

Surviving are his wife, the former Mildred Thomas of Durham, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George O'Briant, three sisters, Mrs. Ervin Eakes and Mrs. James Satterwhite of Durham and Mrs. Hayes Barnes of Rocky Mount, three brothers, Calvin and Robert O'Briant of Person County and Albert O'Briant of Wilmington.

LEON COUCH AND OTHERS CONSIDER APPLICANTS HERE

Griffin, Hester and Humphries Go To Greensboro Before Meetings Planned For Today.

In Roxboro today is Leon Couch, of Goldsboro, recently elected supervising principal of Roxboro District schools, who is here for conferences about selection of three or more teachers at Roxboro high school.

Mr. Couch, formerly principal of Grantham high school, Wayne county, has today had conferences with Person Superintendent of Schools, R. B. Griffin and with members of the district school board and other officials, and it is expected that announcement of selections of faculty members will be made as soon as the district board can meet and make investigation of recommendations made by Mr. Couch and Mr. Griffin.

It is possible that consideration will also be given to selection of a successor to H. L. Price. (Continued on Back Page)

Persons Who Wish To Take Civil Exams May Do So

Persons interested in taking civil service examinations for Junior and Senior stenographers with the government service, Washington, may secure application blanks at the office of R. B. Dawes, Roxboro attorney, who is chairman of the Person County Democratic Executive committee, according to announcement today made by Mr. Dawes.

The applications, said Mr. Dawes, must be filed with the United States civil service commission not later than June 9.

COMMITTEE FOR ANNUAL EVENT MEETS FRIDAY

Hospitality Group Will Meet At 4 o'clock in Chamber of Commerce Office, Says Mr. Woods.

Named as a steering committee of fifteen representative citizens to work with Wallace W. Woods, director of the Third Annual Hospitality week, are Glenn Stovall, W. Reade Jones, J. Sam Merritt, R. H. Shelton, Dolian D. V. Long, F. O. Carver, Jr., S. M. Ford, T. Miller White, Gordon C. Hunter, Karl Burger, Miss Velma Beam, Miss Nancy Bullock and Mesdames J. H. Hughes, B. G. Clayton and Tom Brooks, according to announcement made today.

Members of this committee will this week meet with Mr. Woods to re-examine the tentative program as carried over from two previous Hospitality weeks, to consider new suggestions for the present program and its general outline, to approve parts of the programs already planned and to appoint assisting committees from various organizations volunteering cooperation.

Dates for the 1941 Hospitality week, as previously announced will be from Sunday June 22 to June 28. Minister in the city and county will on the opening Sunday be expected to have services suitable to the homecoming spirit engendered by the celebration and particular emphasis will be placed on manifestation of neighborliness and goodfellowship.

Actively supporting the Third Annual Hospitality week is the Roxboro Chamber of Commerce, which Mr. Woods is executive secretary, but full cooperation of all citizens will be needed and it is hoped that many of them will again be prepared to have as guests their friends and relatives, former residents, who will come back to Person and Roxboro to visit the county and town which was and in a sense always will be their "home."

MRS. VINCENT HAS NEW STAFF JOB

Leaves For Marshall, Michigan, After Service Here For Two Years.

Mrs. Blanche Vincent, for two years a member of the nursing staff of the Person unit of the tri-county health department, left yesterday for Marshall, Mich., where she has accepted a position as public health nurse with the W. F. Kellogg foundation, Battle Creek, Mich.

In announcing Mrs. Vincent's resignation, Dr. A. L. Allen, director of the Person unit, paid tribute to her work here and expressed regret that she is to leave, although her new position is regarded as a distinct promotion.

So far as could be ascertained no successor has been chosen for the Person position.

Mrs. Vincent, who holds a certificate in Public Health nursing from the College of William and Mary, came to Roxboro from Chapel Hill and has had residence here with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Crowell. She has during her stay here made many friends, who will regret that she has decided to leave this city. A native of North Carolina, she was a number of years a resident of New York City.

Her resignation was first presented to the department the first of this month, although she did not leave until yesterday.

Agency Council Has Reports On Child and Adult Welfare

"Sister Slate" Leads Holy Church In Ancient Ritual

Now in progress on Reservoir Hill, this city, at "The Holy Church, patronized by Negroes, is a meeting which William James late Harvard psychologist, might have had in mind as one of the primitive manifestations of the "varieties of religious experience."

Principal feature of the services, at which white-robed, greyhaired and motherly "Sister Slate," of Reidsville, is the preacher, is music in which synecopation fights sin with a "jive" spirit that would be appreciated elsewhere by the worldly. Fever of the spirit affects even those sinners who stand on the outside, looking in.

"Sister Slate" started exhortations Sunday night and will be here through Friday, as high priestess of a dance ritual that is as old as man, although the young girl who last night leaped the singing and shouting probably did not and does not think of herself as the exponent of an ancient and beautiful art.

Negro Children Have Tonsils Out At Kiwanis Clinic

Ended yesterday afternoon was the first of two of a series of Kiwanis Club tonsil clinics for children, at which twenty operations were performed by Dr. B. W. Fassess, Durham specialist, assisted by his staff, Dr. A. L. Allen, members of the Person Health department staff and of the sponsoring civic club. Chairman of the Kiwanis Committee to assist with the clinic was Dr. H. M. Beam, of this city, with R. G. Cole, assistant chairman. Other committeemen were R. D. Bumpass, Ed Cunningham, and Ed Flythe. Negro citizens assisting were Beck Jines, Al Pullium and Fred Buckner.

The second clinic this year will be held on June 11. First such clinic was held in 1939, when 101 operations were performed; second was last year, with 66. All such clinics are held at Person County Training School for Negroes.

Semora Minister Plans Long Trip, Takes Short One

The Rev. L. V. Coggins of Semora had an unusual experience this week and one that tore his plans into shreds. He was planning to leave for Missouri at four a. m., Wednesday morning. Vacation time was here and the Rev. Mr. Coggins was going to take a nice trip.

At three a. m. he was aroused by a pain in his stomach and at four it was worse. At six he called the doctor and in a little while he was in the hospital. At ten that night Dr. J. D. Fitzgerald was the possessor of his appendix and Missouri looked a long way off to the Rev. Mr. Coggins.

Bank To Close

The Peoples Bank will be closed Friday, May 30th, on account of Memorial Day.

THEFT REPORTED AT MAIN STREET STORE IN CITY

Young Mercantile Company Has Night Break-In. Cash And Goods Taken.

The manager of Young Mercantile company, Main Street store, this morning reported theft of an undetermined amount of cash and merchandise. Entrance was effected through a rear window and a safe standing near the cash register was broken open with a crowbar. The cash register drawer was also rifled. Merchandise taken was mainly shoes and groceries.

Mr. Young, store-owner, later reported cash loss at \$100 and about the same amount for merchandise.

The robbery, which took place at some time during the night or early morning, was discovered by Manager Massey when he opened the store. On the floor near the safe, which had been moved to the rear of the store, were a crowbar and a pair of worn work-gloves. Merchandise was taken out through a rear door.

Johnny Oakley, of this city, two days ago reported theft of two crowbars from his tool chest and it is thought that these tools may have been used in the break-in, which is being investigated by police. Owner of the store, Mr. Young, of Greenville, is now here.

Chevrolet Co. Purchases New Wrecker

The Tar Heel Chevrolet Co. has recently purchased a new Holmes Auto Wrecker and officials at the local garage say that this wrecker is one of the most modern that can be bought.

The wrecker can stand on the road and draw a car in for a distance of 400 feet. A wrecked car is brought to the garage with the Holmes wrecker without any additional damage at all. This new wrecker can also lift a car from any position that it might be in and do this in an almost perfect manner.

Proprietors of the Tar Heel Chevrolet Co. invite your inspection of this job.

Ten White Men Go To Camp On Friday, June 6

Ten Person County white men, Charlie Herman Norris, Jr., Charles Steadman Hester, Harry O'Daniel Biddix, Ervin George Morton, Lewis Reginald Dunn, Tommie Liles, Orville Wright Oakley, John Edward Perkins, Ben Taylor Broadwell and Benjie Rufus Duncan, are to report to the Person Selective Service board at 9 o'clock Friday morning, June 6, where they will be given instructions to report later that day to Fort Bragg, according to announcement made today by office manager, Baxter Man-

Particular Emphasis Placed On Health, Religious and Social Service Needs In Person County. Committee Appointed.

Following introductory remarks on the third national Child Welfare Conference held in the White House, Washington and on the North Carolina conference held this year at Raleigh on the same subject, a Person County follow-up conference on the topic was held at the May luncheon session of the Person County Council of Social Agencies at Hotel Roxboro yesterday afternoon, at which time speakers included Glenn Titus, Rev. W. C. Martin, Mrs. Blanche Vincent and Mrs. T. C. Wagstaff. In questionnaire form, topics considered were concerned with education, religion, health and social service. Immediate result of the discussion was appointment of a committee to go before the Person County Board of commissioners with a view securing for the county more adequate support for needed health and social service work. Motion as to appointment of the committee was made by the Rev. Rufus J. Womble, of St. Mark's Episcopal church and named as committee chairman by Robert Edgar Long, council president, was Thomas J. Shaw, Jr.

Mr. Titus, in discussing education mentioned the good work being done in the county in the field of vocational education although he was compelled to observe that school attendance, as verified by others present, was not what it should be and that libraries in schools are not yet adequate to demands made upon them. Rev. Mr. Martin, in presenting religious conditions, wondered if as many children as should be were being reached by church schools. He also reported small evidence of religious instruction in the public schools.

Mrs. Wagstaff and Mrs. Vincent, in their reports of social service and health work, found many points of agreement as to present executive. (Continued on back page)

Negro Wants And Gets Mistreatment For Good Cause

Having finished his Tuesday evening meal and returned to duty, Chief of Police S. A. Oliver was standing in front of the Person County Court house when a Negro, a county resident, approached him. The Negro looked around carefully to see if anyone was listening; then he said, "Boss, if you catches a man with whisky what does you do with 'im? Can he go to jail?"

Answering in the affirmative two times, the Chief, with the Negro walked toward the court house steps. Suddenly, the Negro stopped on the steps, pulled out a partly filled pint of "corn" and said: "I wants to go o' jail." He was cold sober when he spoke, but Chief Oliver took him at his word and locked him up for the night. Yesterday morning his case was one of twenty-six disposed of in Roderder's court.

"Thirty days on the roads," said the Judge. Only after the case was tried did it develop that the self-made prisoner at the bar was a victim of a social disease and thought that jail-house treatment would be cheapest.