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## Views Of The News

### MAY RECONSIDER 'PEACEFUL POLICY'

Tokyo, May 31—Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka, reaffirming Japan's adherence to the three-power pact, declared at a press conference that she might have to reconsider her "peaceful policy" toward the South Seas.

### MARSHALL KURFEES QUITS RACE FOR CONGRESSMAN

Winston-Salem, May 31—Marshall Kurfees, Republican nominee for Congress to fill the vacancy created by the death of A. D. Folger, of the Fifth District, has withdrawn from the race.

An announcement by Kurfees said he was trying to do the thing "best for Forsyth County and for harmony in the district."

### SCHMELING NOT DEAD, GERMAN OFFICIALS SAY

Berlin, May 31.—Germany officially spiked a report that Former Heavyweight Boxing Champion Max Schmeling was killed fighting in Crete as a Nazi paratrooper, announcing he was alive but in an air force hospital with a minor attack of a tropical disease.

(A New Zealand ambulance driver arriving at Alexandria, Egypt, from Crete, said Schmeling had been captured by Imperial forces and in attempt to escape had been shot.

(In London a British official said "there appears to be no reason why German sources should say Schmeling is alive if he is not.")

### GERMANY ENVOY HELD BY UNITED STATES

New York, May 31.—The German diplomat who lost his job for meddling in the Austrian crisis which followed the assassination of Chancellor Dollfus in 1934 is a prisoner—held on Ellis Island for deportation because, Federal authorities said, he did not state the true reason for his visit when he entered the United States.

Dr. Kurt Heinrich Rieth, the meddling minister to Austria, was arrested at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel and taken to Ellis Island where he is held without bond. Officials of the Department of Justice asserted he was "No. 1 Nazi in the United States" whose claim to be here on private business was false.

### ROME ADMITS LOSS CONTE ROSSO

Rome, May 31—The Italian High Command announced that the 17,879-ton Italian liner Conte Rosso had been sunk by a torpedo south of Syracuse, Sicily.

The vessel was in convoy at the time, a communique said, and most of the crew was reported saved.

At the same time the High Command declared that the British destroyer Arewart had exploded after being seriously damaged in an attack by Italian planes. The Italians said they had rescued 229 members of the crew of whom 26 were seriously wounded.

(The Conte Rosso, built in 1932, was withdrawn from the Trieste-Shanghai run in 1932 and converted into a troopship.

## Helena Woman Accepts Place With Olive Hill's Faculty

Two Others At Helena Unemployed. New Teachers Chosen. Harmonious Meeting Reported.

Mrs. Penn Noell, formerly teacher at Helena, yesterday accepted a position at Olive Hill school, replacing Mrs. Carl Winstead, of this city, resigned, according to announcement made by Person County Superintendent of Schools, R. B. Griffin. Mrs. Noell, who was for many years at Helena, will at Olive Hill teach in the primary division and will offer courses in public school music, a subject not previously taught at Olive Hill School.

C. L. Shuford, principal at Olive Hill, has expressed his regret that Mrs. Winstead, who has been unusually active in Olive Hill affairs, has resigned.

Still unemployed are two Helena high school teachers who were last month not re-elected by the Helena district school board following a wholesale dismissal which the board ordered at an April meeting. End of the matter came Friday morning when the board, of which J. G. Chambers, of Helena, is chairman, elected four new teachers, three of whom will take positions previously held by teachers who reported they had been dismissed without explanation.

New teachers are: Miss Emma Elizabeth Pleasants, of Greensboro, who will next week graduate from Woman's College, of the University of North Carolina there, and who will succeed Miss Gertrude Holt, of Boston, Mass., formerly head of the Helena commercial department; Miss Bertha Dixon, of Mebane, Woman's College of the University of North Carolina graduate and teacher at Leasburg, who will take the 6th grade position formerly held by Miss Eloise Pearce; Miss Estelle Lyon, of Durham, who will next week graduate from Duke University, and who will fill the 7th grade position formerly held by Mrs. Penn Noell, and Jesse Slaughter, native of Person County, for four years principal of Leasburg school, and a graduate of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, who will succeed Mrs. R. C. Garrison, resigned.

Present at the morning session. (Continued on Back Page)

### FURNITURE DEALERS

Effective Wednesday, June 4, and continuing through each Wednesday afternoon during June, July and August, five Roxboro furniture firms will close at 12 noon in order to allow salesmen and employees to have a mid-week rest period. Stores entering into this agreement are Roxboro Furniture company, Pittard's, W. T. Pass, Piedmont, and at Longhurst, the Cut-Rate Furniture company.

### WITH GRANDMOTHER

Miss Nancy Louise Smith, of Prospect Hill, is spending the week with her grandmother, Mrs. Pearl Allen Pointer, on the Leasburg road.

### SON BORN

Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Hester, Jr., of Danville, Va., announce the birth of a son, Stuart Coleman, on Tuesday, May 27, at Memorial hospital, Danville. Mrs. Hester is the former Miss Mary Coleman.

## MEMORIAL THEME DISCUSSED BY REV. W. C. MARTIN

Patriotism and Sacrifice Valued By Speaker At Memorial Day Exercises. "Poppy" Sales Made.

"Commonplace as it may seem," said the Rev. W. C. Martin, of Edgar Long Memorial Methodist church, in a Memorial Day address Friday night at the American Legion hut, "sacrifice is the ultimate truth for which Memorial Day stands."

In defining Memorial Day's spirit of sacrifice, in which men of the North and the South, of the Spanish-American war and of the first world war are remembered, the Rev. Mr. Martin quoted the late English editor, Sir W. Nicholl, as saying that without sacrifice, "without shedding blood, there is nothing, no country, no civilization, no Christianity."

The speaker then mentioned the incident of two bullets, fired from opposing sides at Petersburg, Va., that meeting in mid-air formed one heart-shaped mass now placed in an historical museum. From this incident of the "heart" the speaker drew comfort, saying that American people are now as one and that because they are so united patriotism is not a feeling to be put in cold storage.

Present for the exercises were many members of Lester Blackwell Post of the American Legion and a number of other citizens. Held yesterday, under direction of Mrs. W. T. Kirby, who had quarters at the court house, was the annual "Poppy Day," with sales being made by sons and daughters of legionnaires.

## Mrs. Will Brann Dies In Hospital Friday Evening

Funeral services for Mrs. Elizabeth Brann, 86, of East Roxboro, whose death occurred Friday night at 6:30 o'clock at Community hospital, this city, following an illness lasting four weeks, were held Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at Roxboro First Baptist church of which she was a member. Interment was in the Storie's church cemetery.

Mrs. Brann, whose husband, the late Will Brann, died five years ago, made her home with her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Carver. Mrs. Brann's death was attributed to complications, which developed after she broke her hip in a fall at her home.

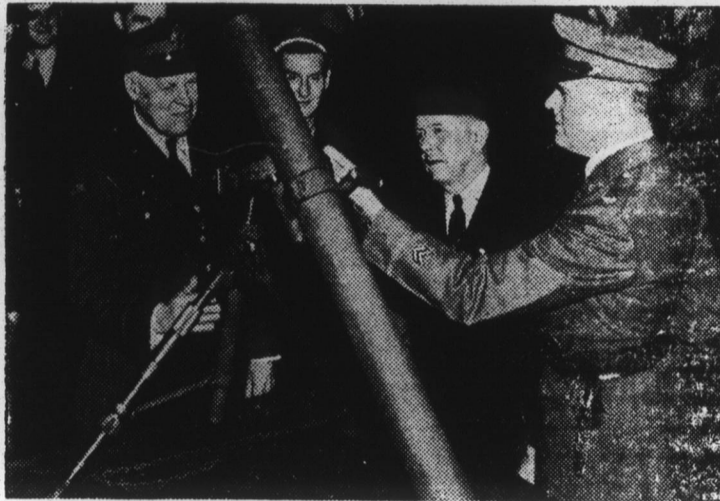
Among the survivors are ten children, 70 grandchildren and 80 great-grandchildren and one sister.

Six surviving daughters are Mesdames I. L. Wrenn, of Raleigh, C. B. Bowes, of Prospect Hill, H. J. Carver and Maggie Cozart, of East Roxboro, and J. H. Carver and Sam Munday, of Roxboro, and George E. Brann, of Danville, Va., and a sister, Mrs. Hallie Elliot, of Rita, W. Va.

### EXPECTED HOME

Expected to return to his home today after several months at Duke hospital, is J. A. Long, Sr., prominent Roxboro resident. Mr. Long was in April seriously ill, but is now much improved.

## New Trench Mortar for U. S.



One of the first 81-mm trench mortars completed in the United States for the national defense program is accepted for the army at a ceremony at the Pullman Standard Car company's plant in Hammond, Ind. Left to right: Brig. Gen. A. G. Gillespie; C. A. Liddle, president of the company, and Col. Donald Armstrong.

## APPROVAL OF PLANS FOR JUNE WEEK EXPRESSED

Steering Committee Hears Further Discussion of 1941 Hospitality Week. Civic Clubs And Other Groups To Cooperate.

Ten or more members of the recently appointed Third Annual Roxboro and Person County Hospitality Week Committee, meeting in the Roxboro Chamber of Commerce office, Friday afternoon heard W. Wallace Woods, executive secretary of the Chamber and director of the Hospitality event, outline plans for the event, which will this year begin on Sunday, June 22.

Approved by the committee were tentative plans which will include one or more golf tournaments, a community sing or a bingo party, three parades, one by the American legion and another, a pet parade to be participated in by children of the city, a baseball game, a Rotary club sponsored picnic and two dances, to be sponsored by the Kiwanis club and the American Legion. Also to be held is a series of bridge parties and a welcoming tea, while various other amusements including airplane rides free to visitors, will be provided. To be printed again will be courtesy booklets giving visitors special privileges.

Further details of the full week's program will be worked out later, but in the opinion of the committeemen who attend the

## Alex Hunt Dies At Home Here

Alex Hunt, about 50, Negro delivery man for Hugh Woods grocery company, died yesterday morning at his home here about 5 o'clock, following a stroke of paralysis received about midnight Friday. Hunt for 30 years drove a wagon delivery truck for the company, stopping last December when his horse died. He then rode on a motor truck but had to have a driver with him. Surviving are his wife and three sons. Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

## Demonstration Club Schedule

Monday, June 2, 3:00 p. m. Mt. Tirzah 4-H Club meets with Hazel Garrett.

Tuesday, June 3, 3:00 p. m. Chub Lake Home Demonstration Club meets with Mrs. Oscar Solomon.

Wednesday, 4, 3:00 p. m. Helena Home Demonstration Club meets with Mrs. J. F. Timberlake.

Thursday, June 5, 3:00 p. m. Providence Home Demonstration Club meets with Mrs. R. K. Young.

Saturday June, 7, 8; 3:00 p. m. Curb Market in Pioneer Warehouse.

session plans for a bigger and better 1941 Hospitality week are shaping up rapidly, with much of the credit due to the enthusiasm of Mr. Woods.

## Along The Way With the Editor

S. G. "Champ" Winstead pitched the first ball at the opening of the softball season last Tuesday night! It so happens that "Champ" is the Mayor of Roxboro and regards himself as quite an athlete. He may have been in days gone by, but the best thing that he can do now is to live in the past. Anyway his fast ball came up to Percy Bloxam, City Manager, and hit our City Manager on the leg. Whether Percy saw the ball or not we do not know. He positively did not come anywhere near catching it. That puts Percy in the "has been" class. Wallace Woods, secretary of Chamber of Commerce, tried to hit the ball. He did not come near it and that puts another man in the deferred group. Three men with grand recollections of their younger days.

Reade Jones said that he enjoyed reading this column. Thanks Brother Jones. That proves that Fred Masten was wrong when he said you couldn't read.

Cliff Hall and Hugh Woods are great fellows. They had just as soon fish as work any day in the week. If you go to their store and can't find them for an hour or so and no one will tell you where they are, just put it down that they are out on a bank trying to make an honest living during the dull summer months.

It's rather hard for the editor of this column to write today. My banker, Gordon Hunter, looked at me rather hard this a. m. and it just tears me up when my banker looks cruel at me.

## New Case Worker Will Come To Person Welfare Division

## MAN CHOSEN AS SCIENCE TEACHER AT CITY SCHOOL

Other Vacancies At Roxboro High School And At Bushy Fork Are Filled By Respective Boards.

Selection of teachers of science, English and French, public school music and commercial subjects to fill four vacancies on the faculty of Roxboro High school Friday announced by Person Superintendent of Schools R. B. Griffin, following a meeting of the Roxboro District school board Thursday. Also included in the list announced were two teachers for Bushy Fork school.

To come to Roxboro high school as teacher of general science including biology, is Robert L. Cox, Jr., a native of Mount Olive, who will next week graduate from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Also to come to the high school are three women who have graduated or will graduate from the Woman's College division of the University, at Greensboro. Heading the department of public school music is Miss Katherine Cooper, of Raleigh, 1939, graduate, who has for two years taught at Seaboard.

Teacher of English and French will be Miss Virginia Chapman, of Pittsburgh, Pa., who will receive her Woman's college diploma next week, while in the commercial department will be Miss Carol Newby, of Newton, who will also receive her diploma from that institution in June.

Miss Frances McKay Monroe, who will next month graduate from Woman's college, will come to Bushy Fork school as instructor in the seventh grade and will be prepared to offer courses in art, with particular reference to ceramics, and Miss Lois Thompson, of Leasburg, 1940 graduate of Eastern Carolina Teachers college, will be with the primary grades at Bushy Fork.

"The six teachers thus far selected," said Mr. Griffin, "will come to Roxboro and Person (Continued on back page)

## Successor To Miss Marjorie Griffin Will Be Miss Barbara Bloxam, Who Receives Graduate Degree From University At Chapel Hill.

New caseworker with the Person County department of Public Welfare is Miss Barbara Bloxam, who will this week receive her M. A. degree in social science from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Appointment of Miss Bloxam, daughter of City Manager and Mrs. Percy Bloxam, of this city, was today announced by Mrs. T. C. Wagstaff, Person director of Public Welfare, who said that Miss Bloxam will begin her duties with the department on June 16.

A graduate of the University class of 1940, Miss Bloxam, also attended Peace Junior college, Raleigh, where she completed the first two years of her course. She came to Roxboro in 1940 with her parents, although she has since then spent much of her time at Chapel Hill.

Miss Bloxam will replace Miss Marjorie Griffin, who resigned several months ago in order to accept a position with the social security board, Salisbury. Coming to work with special training designed equip her for social service work, Miss Bloxam has high recommendations from department officials at the University and Mrs. Wagstaff today said that she is pleased that Miss Bloxam has accepted the appointment.

## Tobacco Plants Nothing To Rave About

(Friday p. m.) "How does your tobacco look?" That question has been put a hundred or two times to farmers over the Person area this week. Some answer—"fair," others say "not much" and others say—it's hard to tell."

One prominent warehouseman of this city today decided that only one third of the tobacco that had been planted was dead, but he added that it was not yet too late to re-plant provided that there were enough plants to go around.

Many farmers have already planted twice, but will have to do the job again.

Rain started falling this afternoon and a ray of hope spread over the faces of those who saw on the streets. The drought had been over a month long.

## Fair Book To Be Published At Early Date

R. L. Perkins, president of the Person Fair is now getting ready to publish the premium book for the 1941 fair, he stated last week. The book, stated Perkins, will contain a complete list of articles that prizes are being offered for and will include hundreds of items.

Mr. Perkins plans to start selling ads for the book Monday and intends visiting all merchants in the city and county.

Present plans call for one of the best fairs to be held here in a number of years and officials of the fair are trying to have an array of exhibits that the county will be proud of.

Amusements, stated the president, will be of the No. 1 variety.

## Luther Dixon Has Lyrics Published In Anthology

Luther Dixon, Roxboro young man, today said that the Exposition Press, New York publishers, have accepted for publication in "Outstanding Song Poems and Lyrics", a volume of verse suitable for use as songs, two contributions written by him, "Everybody Swing" and "Do You Remember?"

Contributions published in this collection may win an additional cash prize, or the winner may arrange for publication of a book of his own, or may have the songs set to music.

Dixon has written a number of such song-poems.

### WIRTZ REPRESENTATIVE

George W. Wirtz, popular Roxboro high school teacher and director of athletics, has become Roxboro representative of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, according to announcement made by Stanley K. McAfee, of Charlotte, State manager for the company.