

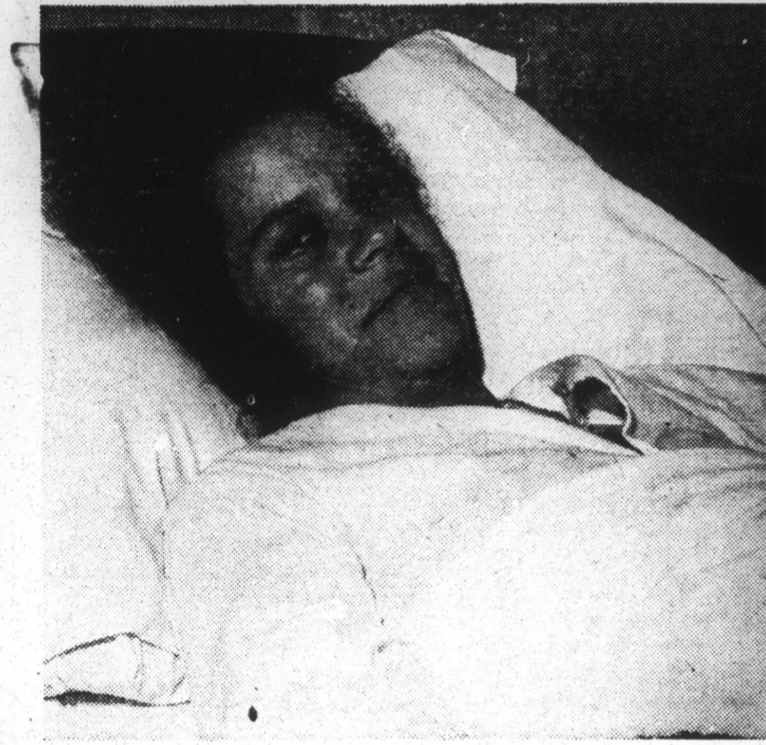
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Mother and Father of Person Quadruplets



Shortly after being taken to Duke Hospital, Mrs. Louise Epps was photographed by a Durham Morning Herald staff member. The photographer caught the picture of her husband, "Lit-

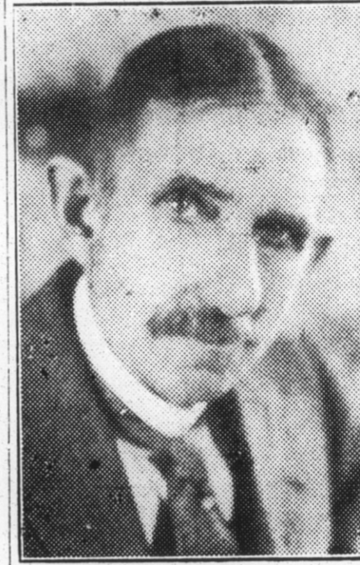


tle Zan" Epps, at the cabin home Wednesday afternoon. Zan, Jr., 31, said this was the first time anyone had photographed him. He is a farmer, living on his father's land.

—Photo, courtesy of the Durham Morning Herald

Municipal Tax Rate For 1941 Lowered By Roxboro Board

DRUGGIST DIES



W. R. Hambrick, prominent Roxboro resident died Sunday morning after a heart attack suffered in a Hickory hospital.

W. R. HAMBRICK RITES CONDUCTED AT CITY CHURCH

Well Loved And Leading Citizen Dies. Crowds Attend Services For Veteran Druggist.

Final rites for William Riley Hambrick, 82, veteran druggist and Roxboro civic leader, whose death occurred Sunday, were conducted Monday morning at 11 o'clock at Edgar Long Memorial Methodist church, with interment following in Burchwood cemetery.

Active in church affairs for many years, Mr. Hambrick was also on various civic boards, was at one time a Mason and a member of Roxboro Rotary club and was a member of the board of directors of the Peoples bank. Numbers of leading citizens served as honorary pallbearers, while active pallbearers included Lt. Gov. R. L. Harris, W. R. Woody, George W. Kane, Mayor C. Clayton, Robert P. Burns and Glenn Titus.

Mr. Hambrick died Sunday A. M. at 2:30 o'clock in a hospital at Hickory to which he was on Monday, June 9, taken after he had a few days previously suffered a heart attack at his South Main street home, Roxboro.

Taken to Hickory to be under the care of his son, Dr. Robert T. Hambrick, physician of that city, Mr. Hambrick, who two or three years ago retired from the drug firm of Hambrick, Austin and Thomas, of which he was senior partner and founder, had been in declining health for the past several months, but his condition did not become serious until about ten days ago. Immediate cause of death was a heart attack.

The drug business which Mr. Hambrick established here nearly 50 years ago, was for many years known as Hambrick and Austin, although E. E. Thomas is now owner, T. E. Austin, other member of the firm, died last year. Mr. Hambrick, known to local residents as "Doctor" Hambrick, remained at his residence here much of the time after his retirement, but never lost interest in the affairs of his community.

A native of Caswell County, Mr. Hambrick was born October 20, 1858 at Leasburg, where he was for ten years a druggist before he moved his business to Roxboro, about 1891, and became influential in both business and church affairs. He was a member of Edgar Long Memorial Methodist church, Roxboro, a former superintendent of the Sunday school and for many years an active member of the board of Stewards.

His wife, the former Miss Mary Hester, died 21 years ago. Surviving children are Dr. R. T. Hambrick, of Hickory, J. J. Brandon, of Roxboro, and one daughter, Mrs. J. E. Bass, of Lewisburg, W. Va. Also surviving is a sister, Mrs. Stanfield, of Leasburg, five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Officiating ministers at the final rites were the Rev. W. C. Martin, pastor of Mr. Hambrick's church, who was assisted by the Rev. F. B. Peele and the Rev. J. B. Currin, both of this city.

Saving Made Possible By Good Management. Budget On File, Subject To Approval.

Lowering of the 1941 tax rate of the City of Roxboro by five cents, from \$1.35 to \$1.30 per hundred dollars valuation, subject to final adoption of a new budget tentatively approved and open for public inspection, was on Tuesday afternoon ordered by City Commissioners at a call meeting. New budget calls for \$35,858, based upon taxable valuation totaling \$2,758,365.

Deferred until next regular meeting, July 8, was consideration of all appointive officers, including the City Manager, Chief of Police and City Attorney.

Named by the Commissioners was a seven-member Zoning and Planning commission consisting of J. W. Noell, A. M. Burns, Sr., E. G. Thompson, R. B. Dawes, W. Burke Mewborne, R. C. Hall and L. T. Cozart and expected to be of great assistance in designating building zones and making comprehensive plans for needed street and highway improvement. Appointment of this commission was in line with decision reached at first June session of city officials.

Appearing before the board of City Commissioners in interest of municipal support of the expanded program for the Person County Library, Mrs. J. H. Merritt, of Wooddale, chairman of the Library committee, requested an appropriation from the city in the amount of \$300 annually, but the matter was deferred, no provision having been made for it in the new budget.

Lowering of the tax rate for 1941 it was said, had been effected through efficiency in management, largely due to City Manager Percy Bloxam and his staff, including Mrs. Hattie C. Carver, secretary.

ARTHUR BRANDON RITES CONDUCTED AT BETHEL HILL

Well Known Resident Dies At Home, After Heart Attack. Wife and Children Among Survivors.

Arthur E. Brandon, 61, of Bethel Hill, following a heart attack suffered at his home, died Sunday afternoon at 1:45 o'clock. He had been in ill health two weeks. Survivors include: his wife, Mrs. Bettie W. Brandon, five sons, Samuel, William and Har- arthur C. Brandon, all of the home, Arthur, Jr., of Ca-Vel, and Percy A. Brandon, of Fort Knox, Ky., three daughters, Mrs. Maury Fontaine, of Green Belt, Md., Mrs. J. H. Wehrenberg, of Carolina Beach, and Miss Carrie Lee Brandon, of the home; also two brothers, E. J. Brandon, of Ait- ton, Va., and A. S. Brandon, of Portsmouth, Va., and three grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mr. Brandon, were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at Bethel Hill church at Bethel Hill by the pastor, the Rev. J. F. Funderburke, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Roan. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Birth of Quadruplets Near Wooddale Creates Local Excitement For Time

THREE ARE DEAD

Mrs. Epps, Mother, in Good Condition. Surviving One Only Fair. All Taken To Duke Hospital.

Now in Duke hospital, Durham, where they are receiving care in incubators, are three out of four daughters prematurely born Tuesday afternoon to Mr. and Mrs. Zan Epps, Jr. Indians, of the Wooddale community. The quadruple births occurred at the Epps home, but one of the infants died yesterday afternoon in an ambulance which was carrying the mother and four to the hospital.

Radio reports today said that two more of the quadruplets are dead.

Death of one of the quadruplets has in a measure lessened interest in the surviving three, but for a time yesterday afternoon the City of Roxboro buzzed with excitement, excitement shared by United Press correspondents from Durham.

The mother, Mrs. Louise Epps, is twenty-seven years old, while the surviving three infants are reported to be in fair condition. In the early afternoon preparation to receive them was made at Duke hospital and between three and four o'clock a Roxboro ambulance began its life and death race to Durham.

First report of the birth of the quadruplets was received here about noon yesterday, when the attending physician, Dr. J. H. Merritt, of Wooddale, called in Miss Evelyn Fletcher and two other Person County Health Department nurses serving with a maternity clinic operated by the Health department.

Weight of the seven months, prematurely born infants averages two pounds each. They were, according to Dr. Merritt, born between five and six o'clock in the afternoon in a two-room log cabin and about noon yesterday Dr. Merritt, who went back to the cabin that A. M. reported the births to the (Continued On Back Page)

ROBBERS BEING DETAINED HERE

Arrest Of Two Negroes May Clear Up Many Cases. Found Sunday Trying To Enter Store On Main Street.

Arrest on Sunday morning about 2 o'clock of two teen-aged Roxboro Negroes, charged with attempted breaking and entering, may clear up three or more recent robberies, according to Chief of Police S. A. Oliver, who today said investigations of their criminal activities is being continued.

The men, Theodore and Nathaniel Johnson, apprehended by Officers Wade and Watson, were at the time attempting to break in at the back door of Leggett's department store, Main street. The officers, attracted by noise of the break-in, cornered the men in the doorway, where a crowbar, taken during the night from a Negro's blacksmith shop, a bit and a number of other burglar's tools were found.

Officers then took the men to jail. Bonds have not yet been arranged and it is expected they will remain in custody, pending fingerprint reports, since search-warrant inspection of their home, near the CCC camp, revealed pairs of shoes and other articles identified by the owner of Young's Department store as having been taken from that establishment in a break-in which occurred there several weeks ago.

It is also thought that the men may have been connected with three or more hitherto unsolved filling station robberies.

MISS KEMP SUCCEEDS MRS. E. M. PURYEAR

Miss Kay Kemp, of Zebulon, 1941 graduate in secretarial science at Woman's college of the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, will on Monday come to Roxboro to be secretary to R. B. Griffin, Person Superintendent of Schools. Miss Kemp will succeed Mrs. F. M. Puryear, resigned, and will work with her several weeks before Mrs. Puryear leaves on July 16, for Kenbridge, Va.

Mayor Winstead Extends Good Wishes To All

"A cordial welcome," in the name of the City of Roxboro and Person County, was today extended by Mayor S. G. Winstead to all people who will next week be visitors here during the third annual celebration of "Hospitality Week."

"I am," said Mayor Winstead, "particularly glad to extend to all our friends from near and far a hearty and sincere welcome to Roxboro and Person County, and it is my hope that all of them will join us in a revival of friendship stimulated by our common appreciation for the traditions of loyalty we have here."

"I am sure that all citizens and officials of town and county join me in expectation that the 1941 "Hospitality Week" will in every sense live up to its name as an expression of goodwill."

MRS. BEN GLENN OF MT. HARMONY PASSES AT HOME

Rites Held Yesterday At Church For Woman Who Had Been Ill Ten Days.

Mrs. Ben S. Glenn, 49, of the Mt. Harmony Baptist church community, Person county, died Tuesday morning at 2:30 o'clock at her home after an illness lasting ten days. Death was attributed to complications.

Services were held yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at Mt. Harmony Baptist church by the pastor, the Rev. L. J. Raney, who was assisted by the Rev. D. A. Petty. Interment was in the Moore family cemetery.

Mrs. Glenn, who was the former Miss Annie Moore, is survived by her husband and by one daughter, Mrs. Mildred Day, of the home; by two brothers, E. R. Moore, of Fuquay Springs and J. L. Moore, of Timberlake, and by two sisters, Mrs. Lillian Jones, of Portsmouth, Va., and Mrs. Jeanette Jones, of Timberlake.

PRESIDENT



Shown above is Glenn Stovall, Roxboro business man, who is president of the Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the Third annual "Hospitality Week" which next week opens here. Mr. Stovall joins all members of the Chamber of Commerce in extending an official welcome to visitors expected to attend the week-long event.

Rev. Mr. Clark To Be Ordained Sunday Afternoon

On Sunday afternoon, June 22, the Rev. Kenneth Clark will be ordained to the Baptist ministry, at Olive Branch Church of which he is a member. The service will begin at 2:30 and the public is cordially invited. Especially are all pastors and deacons of neighboring churches urged to be present.

There will be no service on Sunday morning, but the Rev. Mr. Clark will preach the regular service on Saturday afternoon. Mr. Clark has been preaching for some time, although his official ordination to the ministry will not take place until Sunday.

WINSTON VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Johnston of Winston-Salem will spend the week-end with the I. T. Standfields.

Added Feature Of Hospitality Week Announced

Added feature of the third annual "Hospitality Week, which will begin Sunday, will be a vesper service to be held Thursday evening at 7:15 o'clock on the Person County Court House lawn, under sponsorship of Roxboro Chapter 207, of the Eastern Star, at which the speaker will be the Rev. H. B. Anderson, of Grace Baptist church, Durham.

W. Wallace Woods, director of the "Hospitality Week" program (full details of which are outlined elsewhere in this issue of the Times) says that final arrangements for the week are practically complete. Street decorations were put in place the first of this week and merchants are busy arranging window displays.

Mr. Woods requests that special attention be paid to new regulations pertaining to the Rotary club picnic and that all participants in parades be at meeting places on time.

J. J. BEAL WILL BE IN COUNTY ALL THIS WEEK

State School Commission Man To Come In Interest Of School Bus Routes.

J. J. Beal, of Raleigh, of the State School commission is expected to be in Person county on Tuesday, June 24, and will remain here for one week for the purpose of checking school bus routes and service conditions, according to announcement made this morning by Person Superintendent of Schools, R. B. Griffin.

In making the announcement Mr. Griffin requested that all school patrons interested in bus route changes communicate with him at his office during the time of Mr. Beal's visit. It is the custom of school officials to establish bus routes and check equipment some time in advance of the opening of the schools.

Mr. Griffin said, however, that he did not at this time anticipate many changes.