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Views Of The News

STATE TAKES EXCEPTION TO REPORT ON LYNCHINGS

Raleigh, July 5.—State officials took exception to a report by the Tuskegee Institute of Tuskegee, Ala., showing a lynching in North Carolina last April—the first in many years—and said the incident could hardly be classified as a lynching.

An investigation showed Robert Melker, 23 Negro of Gaston County, was shot and killed at his home near Cherryville following a rock fight with four white boys. All four of the men who participated in the shooting were sentenced to prison.

'LOST COLONY' MAY NOT BE STAGED NEXT SUMMER

Manteo, July 5.—"The Lost Colony," Paul Green's historical play, began its fifth season here this week amid a warning that the "unpredictable pattern of the international battlefield" might preclude its being produced again next year.

D. Bradford Fearing, president of the Roanoke Island Historical Association, said "whether we are going to present 'The Lost Colony' again next Summer is as unpredictable as the trend of world events."

VICHY FRENCH TROOPS REPORTED AT SALONIKA

CAIRO, Egypt, July 5.—A usually responsible source reported today that Vichy French troops had been concentrated at the German-held Greek port of Salonika in an effort to reach Syria by sea to reinforce resistance to the British there.

Concentration of troops at Salonika would mean that they had been moved across the Nazi-occupied Balkans with the approval of Berlin.

MAINE WIFE SLAYER CONVICTED AT BATH ON HOLIDAY

BATH, Me., July 4.—Dr. Merrill E. Joss, 34, accused of slaying his physician wife, four years his senior, so he could marry a tea-room hostess, was found guilty of manslaughter by a jury that deliberated six hours and 10 minutes.

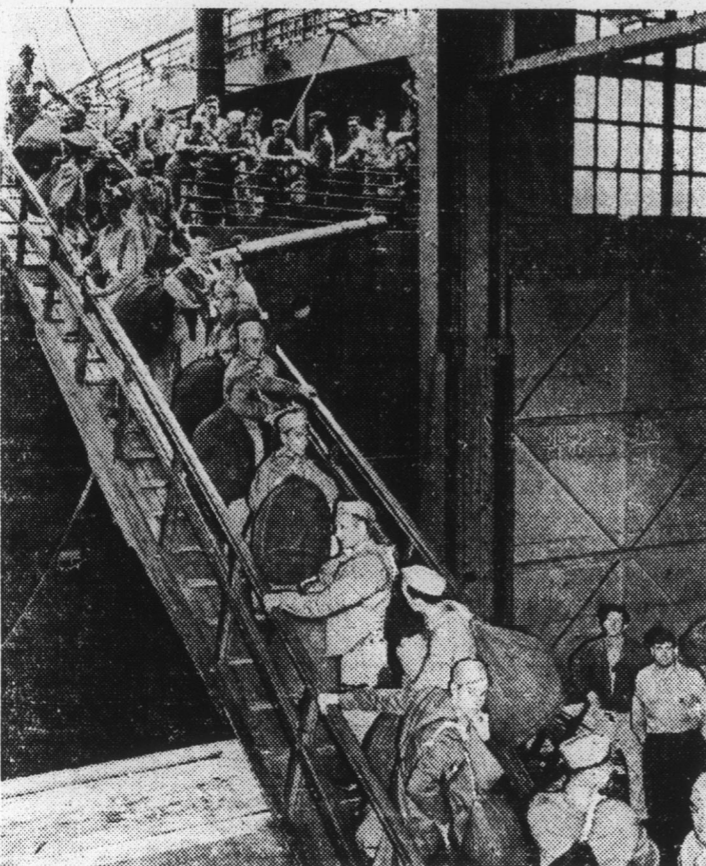
Because the verdict was returned on the Fourth of July holiday—at 12:21 A. M. (E. S. T.) while firecrackers of passing celebrators resounded outside the Sagadahoc County Court house—sentencing was deferred until tomorrow.

PETAIN THANKS FRENCH TROOPS FOR RESISTANCE

VICHY, France, July 5.—Marshal Henri Philippe Petain today sent a message of appreciation to French Foreign Legion troops who had held out 13 days before surrendering the Syrian city of Palmyra to the British.

"Well fought," the message said. The British were reported consolidating their gains and starting new columns westward through the Mohamed Pass toward the rail junction of Homs. The fall of Palmyra liberated about 8,000 British troops with 1,500 armored vehicles to press the drive westward, it was reported here.

Off for Joint Maneuvers With Marines



Troops of the first division are pictured as they boarded a U. S. army transport vessel in New York, before sailing to take part in joint maneuvers with United States marines along the coast of North Carolina.

Small Blaze Furnishes Only Holiday Excitement In City

Law Officials Report Quiet Time. City Court Held Saturday To Dispose Of Few Cases Including Fighting And Drinking.

Only Fourth of July excitement in Roxboro occurred about 11 o'clock at night Friday when a one-room structure near the residence of Mason Crews, beyond Burchwood cemetery, outside the corporate limits, was destroyed by fire.

One of two Negroes occupying the structure was slightly burned. Response to the alarm was made by the Roxboro fire department and material assistance was rendered by a heavy rainfall.

The day was otherwise of a quiet nature here, no reports of serious accidents being received by police, by the sheriff or by the hospital.

Only large gathering scheduled was the Helena school rally with Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, of Chapel Hill, as speaker, a picnic luncheon and a baseball game. Numerous family parties were held, one being that given by Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Holeman for members of Mrs. Holeman's family, but general holiday spirit was somewhat curtailed because of the fact that Roxboro merchants and many other business houses will observe Monday as the holiday.

Remaining closed until Monday is the Peoples bank and the Person welfare department, but offices in the Court House resumed business yesterday.

TO MANTEO

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Harris and children, Daphne and Claude, Jr., accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Felton Hamlin will leave this morning for Manteo to see a performance of the "Lost Colony." They will return to Roxboro Monday.

FROM FORT JACKSON

Home from Fort Jackson, Columbia, S. C., is John Painter, who is spending the holidays here. Mr. Painter's company recently participated in maneuvers in Tennessee.

ROTARIANS HEAR DOCTORS REPORT ON TWO PROJECTS

Formal Installation Of Officers Will Take Place Next Week At Hotel Roxboro. Hunter And Hall Talk.

Reports from Dr. A. L. Allen, chairman of the club's eye clinic committee and from Dr. J. D. Fitzgerald, of the crippled children's committee, constituted part of the program at the Thursday night dinner meeting of the Roxboro Rotary club at Hotel Roxboro. Installation of officers, planned as a feature, was deferred until the next meeting, although Gordon C. Hunter, retiring president, did turn over duties of office to the new president, Claude T. Hall.

Also presented was the treasurer's report by E. E. Bradsher, who will also serve as treasurer during the coming year.

In his message of appreciation for cooperation extended during the year, Mr. Hunter mentioned the work of the vocational guidance committee, with particular thanks to Rotarian Ray Parrish, and to recorder's court judge, R. E. Dawes and S. M. Ford, resident manager of C-Vel corporation, who rendered to the committee valuable assistance.

Mr. Hunter said that during the year vocational assistance resulted in job placements for six young people in out of town positions and three in Roxboro, while others are still pending.

A brief message of thanks was given by Mr. Hall, who arrived a few minutes before the meeting was adjourned, having attended a cooperative session at Myrtle Beach.

SPENCER ENLISTS

Now with the United States Army air corps at Fort Bragg is William Spencer, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Spencer, of this city, who last week enlisted in the service. Mr. Spencer was until this summer a student at Roxboro high school.

MRS. ABBITT MORE COMFORTABLE

Mrs. I. O. Abbitt, prominent Roxboro resident who several weeks ago fell in her garden and broke her right hip, is improving at Community hospital, although it will be some time before she can leave the hospital.

Zamzam Refugee Doesn't Like Nazi Horse Meat Diet

Roxboro gossips (male, mostly) listened last week with avidity to James Smith, Lake City, S. C., tobacconist, who was on the ill-fated Zamzam and who, after recently arriving in the United States via France and another ocean voyage, spent a few hours here with friends.

Principal concern of Mr. Smith during his period of confinement was his diet. German food, including horse-meat, was very unpalatable, said Mr. Smith, who spent much of his energy in trying to evolve combinations of foods not expected to upset his digestion.

Mr. Smith had no particular comments to make about other aspects of treatment by the Germans, but he was impressed by the food, or rather by the lack of it.

Along The Way With the Editor

Newton Day, prominent Bethel Hill citizen and C. and A. boss has moved into his recently purchased home on Lamar Street. Newton has been quite busy with his lawn since moving. Henry Long, Jr., the former owner of the house, had not mowed it for about a year and Newton was really in high grass. He is gradually beginning to see his way out — of the grass.

Dr. J. D. Fitzgerald must be mighty sick. The other night he was invited to an ice cream eating. His supposed host had made a whole gallon of ice cream and had it all ready and waiting. Exactly one half of it had been marked for Fitzgerald, but he never did show up. Now the doctor can eat a half gallon of ice cream at any given time and when that man fails to show up at a cream eating he must be near death's door.

Well, well, Rufus Womble and his bride will be in Roxboro before long. The preacher is now a married man and he will have to be on his dignity all the time. He will also have to stop playing softball at night as husbands have to be in early. With Womble married that leaves only one single preacher in Roxboro, J. M. Walker. He can talk to Rufus on his return and get some advice, but he can get better advice from him if he waits about a year.

Wonder who looked after Curtis Oakley's garden while he was at the beach—and also his overdrafts?

Largest Number Of Draftees Named by Manager Mangum

HUDSON MAN



G. P. DICKINSON

DICKINSON'S AT NEW QUARTERS

Motor Company Takes Over Store Space In Kirby Building. Offers Additional Hudson Service.

Moved into new quarters is the Dickinson Motor company. Hudson agency, operated by G. P. Dickinson, formerly a resident of Beaufort and Durham, who several months ago moved to Roxboro to establish the company here.

Formerly located in a North Main street warehouse, where temporary quarters were set up, Mr. Dickinson's company now has a show room in the Kirby-Ledbetter building, in a store formerly occupied by Long's Flower shop. Also provided is a used car lot and a parts and service department.

Associated with Mr. Dickinson are Mack Saunders, well-known Roxboro automobile man, and D. O. Whitley, all of whom will be pleased to receive friends and customers in their new location.

UNITED SERVICE UNIT IN PERSON WILL BE FORMED

Mass Meeting Scheduled For Monday Night At Court House. Among Those Interested In U S O Is Lt. Gov. Harris.

Roxboro and Person County citizens interested in supporting the United Service organizations, a local unit of which is to be formed in Person county, are requested to attend a Monday night mass meeting to be held in the Main Court room at the Court house that night at 7:45 o'clock.

Person quota for the USO, of which Robert M. Hanes of Winston-Salem is state chairman, has been set at \$750, the money to be used for provision of recreational facilities for men in various branches of the military service. (Continued On Back Page)

NEW FLOOR

A new floor is now being placed in Roxboro Drug Company and it is expected that covering for it will be laid next week. In the meantime business goes on as usual—on bare boards.

IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. Roxie Riggsbee, mother of J. Brodie Riggsbee, is a patient at Community hospital, where she recently underwent an operation.

PLEASANTS WINS 4-H CLUB SHORT COURSE HONOR

Named As Leading 4-H Member In Person County, Says A. G. Floyd.

Named as the outstanding Person county 4-H club boy is Thomas Pleasants, of Hurdle Mills, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Pleasants, and formerly a student at Hurdle Mills school, who has attended Roxboro high school, according to announcement made today by 4-H club officials from North Carolina State college, Raleigh.

Mr. Pleasants will be a Person delegate to the 4-H short course at the college this year and as the outstanding club member in his county is the winner of a scholarship to the course, awarded by the Chilean Nitrate Educational bureau, of which A. G. Floyd, of Raleigh, is state director.

The 1941 State 4-H Short Course at State College will open with registration on Monday, July 28, and will continue through a morning assembly period on Saturday, August 2. L. R. Harrill, State 4-H Club leader, and Miss Frances MacGregor, assistant State club leader, have announced a complete program for the event.

Governor J. M. Broughton will speak on the Achievement Day program Friday morning, August 1, and Dr. Frank Porter Granam, president of the Greater University of North Carolina, will address the young people on Wednesday morning. A Citizenship Ceremonial will feature the Thursday morning session, during which J. O. Howard of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, Washington, D. C., will lead a panel discussion of "The Responsibility of Rural Youth as Citizens."

Dean I. O. Schaub, director of the Extension Service, and Miss Ruth Current, State home agent, will talk on "The Responsibility of Rural Youth on the Farm and in the Home" at the Tuesday morning assembly.

The annual 4-H Health Festival will be held Thursday night, and new officers will be installed at a Candlelighting Service on Friday evening, both events being planned for Riddick Stadium. Dairy production, foods and cattle judging contests are also scheduled during the week.

Little Rain For Three Months In City Says Abbitt

Rainfall in this area has totaled less than six inches within the past three months, according to I. O. Abbitt, superintendent of the Roxboro Water department, who said that total precipitation for April, May and June measured 5.31.

July has a better start with two showers within the week said Mr. Abbitt, but the Spring season has been unusually dry. April precipitation was 2.040, while rainfall for May was scantiest of all .84, and June was next with 2.07. Vegetable and flower gardens, lawns and crops have been affected by the dryness, but good rains now will be helpful, it is reported.

Group Of Twenty White Men Reports Friday. Eight Less Than Were Called. Officials Go To Meeting.

Twenty men, largest group of Person County white residents reporting at any one time for Selective Service, will on Friday morning, July 11, receive final instructions at the Selective Service board office, according to office manager B. B. Mangum, who today said that the men are to be at the office by 9 o'clock that morning.

Scheduled to have been called at that time were eight more white men who have been deferred under the thirty day order affecting draftees over 28 years of age. This deferment is, said Mr. Mangum, in line with changes in age-limits which may be made permanent by act of Congress.

On Tuesday night, July 8, Mr. Mangum, together with board members J. W. Noell, O. B. McBroom and O. Y. Clayton, will meet at 7:30 in Durham at the Washington Duke hotel, where a district meeting of Selective service officials is to be held. At the same time and place examining physicians will also meet and the Person official, Dr. B. A. Thaxton, is expected to attend.

Expected to report Friday to Fort Bragg are: Guy Winstead Gardner and Ennie Long, of Roxboro, Eugene Roberson, Clarence Alley Hawkins and Howard Thomas Bowen, of Longhurst, Hubert Merylin Hicks of Cavell, and Warren Oidham Satterfield, George Lester Hargis, Harold Richard Anderson, Heford Conner Stewart, George Weldon Wrenn, Jr., Wilborn McKinley Dagenhart, all of Person county.

Also, Clifton Wilson Jones, Elven Nathaniel Rhew, Wilson Hall, Coba Franklin Yarboro, John Dewey Taylor, Robert Irven Clayton, John Dolphin Clayton, Jr., and Thomas Gravitt Talley, of Person county.

JOHN A. GLENN RITES CONDUCTED AT HIS HOME

Roseville Man Dies At Community Hospital After Long Illness. Was Active In Clement Church.

Funeral services for John A. Glenn, 66, of Roseville, near Roxboro, whose death occurred Thursday night at Community hospital, Roxboro, were conducted Saturday morning at 11:00 o'clock at his late residence.

Rites were in charge of the Rev. L. V. Coggins, of Clement Baptist church, assisted by the Rev. W. F. West, of Roxboro First Baptist church. Interment was in the family cemetery.

Mr. Glenn, a prominent citizen in his community, a member of Clement church and superintendent of the Sunday school, had been in ill health for several months and was a patient in the hospital for about ten days. Immediate cause of death was a heart attack.

Mr. Glenn, who never married, made his home with his sister, Miss Minnie Glenn, who survives, as does another sister, Mrs. Jule Daniel, of this city, a brother, I. T. Glenn, of Roseville, and four nephews, among them T. K. and Stephen Glenn, Roxboro business men.