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## County Commissioners Take Stand Concerning Roads

**Person Board Requests  
County Attorney Burns To  
Write Army Official—Letter  
Cited.**

Without expressing pronounced opposition to the proposed Army camp in Person's borders, Person County Commissioners have gone on record that since the County has a heavy bonded indebtedness for roads, schools and other improvements in the proposed area which falls upon all the citizens of the County, it seems only fair that the United States Government, representing all the people, should bear that proportion of this (Person) debt which the area proposed to be taken for military should, in due course of events, be due to pay and bear.

This sentiment, together with opinion that it seems unfortunate that so prosperous and populated a section should be selected by the War Department for a camp, was expressed in a letter by County Attorney R. P. Burns to Major R. C. Saunders, real estate director, the War Department, Atlanta, Ga., at request of the Person County Board of Commissioners relative to Major Saunders' request for authorization for closing and abandoning of Person County roads in the camp area.

The Commissioners were in session the better part of Monday and at close of the session in the afternoon authorized Mr. Burns to write the letter which is today released for publication. Final opinion is that the Person Commissioners are at present time unwilling to "yield any existing rights" and that they will expect from the government some compensation for the County before being willing to surrender the requested roads.

Published below is a copy of the Burns' letter to Major Saunders.

August 4, 1941

Major R. C. Saunders,  
Real Estate Director,  
Quartermaster's Corps,  
War Dept. of the United States,  
Room 201-101,  
Marietta Street Building,  
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Major Saunders:-

As County Attorney of Person County, I have been directed by the Board of County Commissioners to reply to your letter of July 24th in regard to the closing and abandoning of selected roads in Person County within a radius of approximately twelve miles on the common corner of Person, Granville and Durham Counties without compensation to the county. At the present time my Board of Commissioners is unwilling to yield any existing rights and, therefore, in today's regular meeting of the Board

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## Was This Chief's Premonition?

Quick summary reads this way: same man, same key, different job. Eight years ago George C. (Pat) Robinson, as State Highway patrolman in this area, had a key to the front door of the Person County Court house.

He later went to Durham as lieutenant on the police force. Last week when he was packing up to return to Roxboro as chief of police, he discovered he still had in his possession his original patrolman key to Person court house. All he needs now is his uniform, expected to arrive in a few days.

## RITES HELD FOR MRS. H. J. CARVER AT CITY CHURCH

**Woman's Funeral Conducted  
From Church In Which She  
Died.**

A few moments before she was to join Roxboro Primitive Baptist church, Mrs. Henry J. Carver, 55, of East Roxboro, who was attending services being conducted at the church Saturday afternoon was seized with a heart attack from which she died at 4:35 o'clock.

Mrs. Carver, when stricken, was seated near the front of the church. She had for several moments appeared to be emotionlessly upset, according to her husband, who was seated next to her. A physician was summoned, but the woman was dead when he arrived.

Preacher at the church was the pastor, Elder J. A. Herndon, who pastor Elder J. A. Herndon who on Monday afternoon at the church, conducted the funeral rites. Assisting minister was Elder Lex J. Chander, interment was in Burchwood cemetery, Roxboro.

Survivors, in addition to her husband, include six sons, four daughters, five sisters, four brothers and ten grandchildren.

The sons are Ivey, Dameron, Talmadge, Oscar, Samuel, and Harold Carver, all of Roxboro; the daughters are, Mesdames Maggie Wilborn, Ethel Owen, Foy Harris and Miss Lena Carver, all of Roxboro; the sisters, Mesdames Mollie Bowles, of Bushy Fork, Ira L. Wrenn, of Raleigh, J. Henry Carver, Maggie Cozart and Sam Munday, all of Roxboro, while the brothers are John, Henry and Hezekiah Brann, all of Danville, Va.

Mrs. Carver was before marriage Miss Louvina Janie Brann and had lived in Roxboro nearly all her life.

## Person Women Go To Farm - Home Week At State

Miss Mabel Moore and Ruth Whitfield, Person county delegates to the Farm and Home week being conducted at State College, Raleigh, were on Monday accompanied to that city by Miss Velma Beam, home demonstration agent.

Miss Beam, who last week attended the Four-H conference held in Raleigh returned to Roxboro Tuesday, but today a delegation from the Warren's Grove and Olive Hill communities will attend.

Those who attended the Four-H conference were Misses Elsie West and Louise Davis, of Allensville, and Lonie Pugh, of Bethel Hill. Also, Garland Blanks of Roxboro, Thomas Pleasant, of Bushy Fork, Jeff Rudder, of Olive Hill, Fenton Overby, of Cunningham.

## C AND A SUPPER

Men employed with Collins and Aikmen, will on Saturday at 6 p. m. have supper at the Jackson place, Leasburg road.

## JOHN L. GENTRY RITES CONDUCTED AT ALLENSVILLE

**Prominent Resident; One of  
Oldest Citizens Of Person  
County Dies At His Home.**

John L. Gentry, 89, of Allensville, one of the oldest and most prominent residents of Person county, died Saturday afternoon at 1:50 o'clock at his residence after an illness lasting only a few days. Death was attributed to the infirmities of age.

Mr. Gentry, who was a retired tobacco farmer, had been in failing health for several years. He was a member of Mill Creek Baptist church, but resided near Allensville Methodist church, where funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Officiating ministers were the Rev. J. F. Funderburke, pastor of Mill Creek church, the Rev. D. A. Petty, of the Allensville church, and the Rev. S. F. Nicks, of Hillsboro. Interment was in the Allensville church cemetery. Survivors include six sons, four daughters and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

The sons are: Willie D., George N., Charlie A., A. Watkins and Irving C. Gentry, all of Roxboro, and J. Abner Gentry, of Raleigh; the daughters are, Mrs. W. H. Turner, of Laurel Hill, Mrs. W. T. Kirby, Mrs. Roy Cates and Mrs. Clyde Gentry, all of Roxboro.

Active Pallbearers were — Grady, Charles and William Gentry, Abner, Robert and Calvert Turner, grandsons, flower bearers were granddaughters.

## COMMISSION MEETS

District unit of the State Highway Commission, with George W. Kane, of Roxboro, presiding, was held yesterday at Graham, where sessions were held at 10 in the morning and 3 in the afternoon. Present were delegations from a number of Counties in the district.

## Warren & Winstead Report Good Prices

**State farmers pleased with  
sales even though tobacco was  
not so good; prices much  
higher than on last year opening.**

Speaking in an optimistic tone of voice, W. Clarence Warren, operator of a Baxley, Ga., warehouse, called the Times Tuesday night and said that tobacco was selling better in Georgia than it had since 1934. He said that his house averaged \$26.64 per hundred for the entire days sale.

Harry Winstead, also of this county and now operating a house in Tifton, Ga., stated that tobacco there averaged 23c per pound for the opening day.

Warren was of the opinion that his house averaged higher for the opening day than any other Georgia house. His high pile for the day went to 37c per pound. Last year his high pile was knocked out at 28c. Tobacco, said Warren, was of a quality not too good, but the farmers were well pleased with prices.

H. W. Winstead called again Wednesday night and said that his house sold 355,000 pounds that day for an average \$25.67. Valdosta, Ga., Aug. 5—Bright leaf tobacco growers in Georgia and Florida today counted thousands of dollars from sales at to-

## A.B. DRUG FIRM TO OBSERVE ITS FORMAL OPENING

**Many Favors To Be Given  
Away Friday And Satur-  
day During Open House  
Hours.**

Formal opening of the A-B Drug company, in the Hall building, Main street and Abbitt avenue, will be held Friday and Saturday, attractive souvenirs will be given to men, women and children, who call during open house hours on that date.

The handsome and modern store, operated and owned by Clement Byrd and W. W. (Buddy) Allgood both of this city, was first opened for business several weeks ago, although formal celebration of the event will be delayed until tomorrow.

Installed late Wednesday afternoon were large Venetian blinds over the tall windows on the Abbitt avenue side. The store interior is finished in light-poplar, with cream walls and a general air of spaciousness and an attractive fountain. On display on open shelves of cosmetics and other supplies, while a light and roomy prescription department is at the rear.

The proprietors, Mr. Byrd and Mr. Allgood, are both graduates of the School Pharmacy, the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Mr. Byrd has been a druggist in Roxboro for several years, and was until recently with Roxboro Drug company, while his young associate completed his University course this past June.

Others of the store personnel are Miss Lisette Allgood and Buddy Parham.

## AT ATLANTIC CITY

Misses Myrtle Young and Doris Yarborough, accompanied by Allen Walker and Welford Payne, are spending several days at Atlantic City.

## Men Captured Here To Face Trial, August 17, at Boydton

Two Druggists

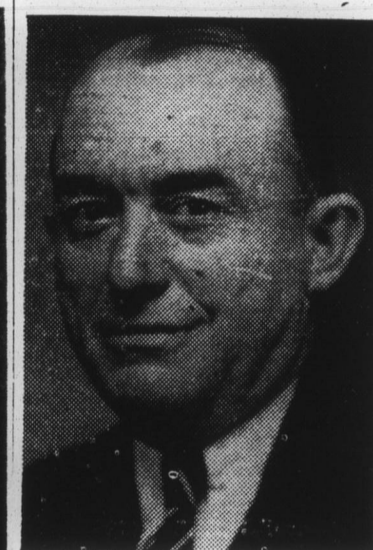
Central Figure



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Sheriff M. T. Clayton, shown above, was on Tuesday in thick of the fight resulting in capture of Adams and Sims.

**Adams And Sims Removed  
From South Boston Hospital  
To Richmond Jail. Criminal  
Assault Charged.**

Climax of a 24 hour search for two men who on Monday afternoon abducted a 17 year-old Boydton, Va., girl took her to a point near Roanoke Rapids, N. C., and allegedly assaulted her before returning her to Boydton, ended at Roxboro Tuesday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock, near Caval mills, when both men were surrounded and wounded by officers in an exchange of shots.

The two desperadoes, Tracy Sims, of Marshville, and Jack Adams, of Greer, S. C., were cornered in a cornfield near the house of Johnnie Walker, on Route 501, South Boston, Va., highway, and one of them, Adams, made a dash for the Walker house.

First local afternoon call concerning the men came from the station agent at Wooddale and first stopping place of the hunted men as they approached the corn field was at a small house occupied by Mrs. Dallas Regan and Miss Norine Regan. The men, explaining they were wanted for robbery, said they wished to hide, gave the women their guns, then grabbed the weapons again, when Mrs. Regan started out of the house.

The men then hid in the cornfield. Mrs. Regan is said to have been the one who told officers where the men were hiding.

At Walker's Adams is reported to have grabbed Mrs. George Wilborn, daughter of Walker, around the neck and forced her to stand in front of him in line of the shooting. Adams then turned and fled up the stairway as shots were exchanged through a window.

Adams, who told authorities that he was wanted for robbery, was wounded several times and was taken to Community hospital, Roxboro for treatment. His companion, Sims, was wounded in the right hip by a shot fired by Person Sheriff M. T. Clayton. Sims was placed in jail here. Both men, later in the afternoon, were taken to South Boston, Va. by Virginia officers, members of a posse of Virginia and North Carolina officers and highway patrolmen who joined in a search extending from Boydton to

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## Park Now Here As Assistant To H. K. Sanders

Now connected with the Person Farm Agency is I. A. Park, assistant agent, formerly vocational education teacher at Cobb Memorial school, Caswell county. Mr. Park today said that his work as Assistant Agent will be largely with Four-H clubs, although he will also assist with terracing programs and with milk routes, in which last named there is expected to be considerable expansion.

Mr. Park, a graduate of North Carolina State college, division of the University, is a native of Surry county and taught at Madison before moving to Caswell county. He now lives in the Providence community, Caswell county, but expects to move his family to Roxboro by September 1. He is married and has a son, Arthur Greer, and a daughter, Janice Maie.

## William Gentry Services Held At Surl Church

Funeral services for William A. Gentry 91, Person county native, whose death occurred Sunday afternoon at his home in Durham, were conducted at the Howerton-Bryan funeral home, Durham, Monday afternoon, with interment following in the cemetery at the Primitive Baptist church, at Surl, Person county. Officiating ministers were the Rev. Q. G. Worrell and Elder Lex J. Chander.

Death was attributed to a stroke of paralysis, suffered 5 days ago.

Survivors include: his wife, the former Miss Della Cash, two daughters, Mrs. Minnie Chandler and Mrs. Hallie Day, of Person County, and two brothers, King Gentry, of Person County and Josie Gentry, of Granville county.

Active pallbearers were N. B. Crabtree, B. F. Sessoms, J. F. O'Neal, William Morney, J. H. Wyatt and Clarence Dams.

## "Gasless Hours" To Be Observed By All Stations

Proprietors of three service stations, Rock Inn, Belvin's Tavern and North End, have announced that gasoline will not be sold at their stations between 7 p. m. and 7 a. m., but that the stations will remain open for other business, as usual.

All other service station operators in the City have said that their places of business will be closed during the hours mentioned, in compliance with the request last week issued by Secretary of Interior, Harold L. Ickes.

## SUNDAY WRECK

Involved in a Sunday afternoon wreck were automobiles driven by Leamon Wilkerson and Hulon Welch. The accident, which took place about 5 o'clock near Roxboro Country club, knocked Wilkerson unconscious for a few moments. Both cars were damaged. Welch was enroute to Roxboro, while Wilkerson, meeting him was going in the opposite direction. It was reported that Wilkerson's machine was being operated at high speed.

## TEACHER SECURED FOR SCIENCE AT HELENA SCHOOL

**Other Teachers In County  
And City Systems Resign  
In Order To Accept New  
Positions.**

B. L. Gupton, Baptist minister, of Pittsboro, who is a graduate of Wake Forest College, will this year teach science and act as basketball and baseball coach at Helena school, according to announcement by Person Superintendent of Schools, R. B. Griffin.

Mr. Griffin also said that several recent resignations have occurred in the Person County and Roxboro district systems, all because the persons concerned have secured employment elsewhere. Miss Virginia Wilson, for several years a popular Roxboro resident and teacher at Central Grammar school, will go to a school in the Gastonia district while Miss Rowanne Yeagen, who has had residence with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Timberlake, leaves the first grade at Mount Tizrah to go to the school at Biscoe. Miss Yeagen came to Roxboro from Garner.

Another resignation is that of Miss Frances Lanier, at Bushy Fork, who will accept a position connected with the Defense program.

## AT LITTLE SWITZERLAND

Mr. and Mrs. Flem D. Long and Mrs. W. D. Yarborough are spending two weeks at the Long cabin at Little Switzerland.

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