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Unusual Views Of The News

SBI AGENT SAYS MEN CONFESS ARSON

Greensboro, Sept. 19.—The alleged confessions of four of the nine defendants were related in Guilford Superior Court by W. I. Gatling, agent of the State Bureau of Investigation, the chief witness in the trial of nine Charlotte and Gastonia men charged with the hijacking and burning of a \$15,000 truck and trailer near Stokesdale, June 22.

The State completed its case late in the day, and the defense rested without evidence. Argument began Friday morning.

HATTERAS GIRL WINS AWARD BY MAGAZINE

Chapel Hill, Sept. 19. — Josephine Austin, student at the University of North Carolina, has been awarded the first prize of \$50 in the Harper's Magazine Student Writing Contest for her essay, "Forgotten History." It was announced today by the editors of the magazine.

After completing high school in Hatteras, she attended the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina in Greensboro before enrolling in the school of journalism at Chapel Hill, where she was graduated this year. She was a member of the Philanthropic Assembly, the student entertainment club.

STARTS COLLECTING TO GET THAT RIGHT

Charlotte, Sept. 19.—A buxom middle-aged Negro woman appeared at the office of the city clerk to get "beggin' puhmit."

The clerk informed her there was a fee of three dollars for such permits.

Somewhere from beneath her dress, the Negro woman produced a tin box.

"Wellum," she said, "ah guess ah'll have to start collectin' to get up dat fee. Drop a nickel, mam?"

PM EDITOR DECLARES REDS WILL HALT NAZIS

Ankara, Turkey, Sept. 19. — (Delayed)—Ralph Ingersoll, publisher of the New York newspaper PM, who arrived in Ankara from Moscow, said he believed the Germans might take a few more "limited objectives" in Russia but ultimately would be stopped.

Then a mass of American material appearing on the Russian front will be felt, he said.

TREASURE HUNT BY ACCIDENT

Aurora, Ind., Sept. 19.—An accident to a mail pouch started a treasure hunt along the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad tracks.

The pouch, carrying an estimated \$5,000 in bills and silver sent by registered mail to Switzerland County banks, was thrown off at the station.

It bounced back onto the track and was cut to pieces, and the money was scattered along more than a mile of the right-of-way.

Townspice went out with baskets and scooped up the riches. One man got \$323. But the finders feared they wouldn't get to keep the money. A postal inspector was sent from Cincinnati to investigate.

Hall, Who Has Permit, Says He Will Erect Structure

Petition Of Residents Will, However, Be Presented To Zoning Body

Latest angle on the Chub Lake street and Leasburg road garage controversy was today furnished by R. Cliff Hall, owner of the lot on which the proposed and protested garage is to be erected, who said that he had on Friday morning secured from City Manager and building inspector Percy Bloxam a permit for erection of such a structure.

It is understood that the garage which Mr. Hall proposes to erect will cost between three and four thousand dollars and will be of sound construction, not unsightly to the neighborhood.

City Manager Bloxam, contacted Friday night after his return from Raleigh, where he and Chief of Police Robinson attended a State Civilian defense meeting, said that he had that morning signed the permit for Mr. Hall, but that it was expected that the O'Brian petition would be presented, as planned, at October session of the Planning and Zoning commission.

Confirming reports that the building is to be of metal and wooden construction and that it will be occupied by E. L. Harris' garage, now on Court street, Mr. Hall said that materials have been ordered and that the building will be erected.

Hall, who is a well known merchant, proprietor of Hall's Hardware company, Court street, expressed a desire to avoid controversy with the residents of Chub Lake street area, who the first of last week got up a petition requesting that a permit be not issued, but he was quite positive in saying he was going ahead with his plans.

Leading petitioners against the proposed garage building are Mr. and Mrs. Hubert O'Brian, Mr. and Mrs. O. Z. Gentry and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Long, who with Maxie U. Daniel, presented a petition to City Manager Bloxam. Bloxam, in turn, discussed the matter with several City Commissioners and promised to see that it would be presented to the planning and zoning commission at its next meeting, October 7.

Mr. Bloxam was out of the City Friday and could not then be reached for comment. Chairman of the planning and zoning commission is J. W. Noell, editor of the Roxboro Courier. Contention of signers of the petition is that their residential property will be decreased in value if a garage is erected in their vicinity. There are, however, in the neighborhood several buildings of business or semi-business usage.

Mr. Hall is himself a member of the commission supposed to pass on the issue.

GARRETT REUNION

Members of the Garrett family will on Sunday, September 21, have their annual reunion at Surl Baptist church, on the Oxford Road, near Roxboro. The affair will begin at 10 o'clock in the morning, with a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Yarborough, followed by a basket luncheon served on the church grounds. All friends of the Garretts are in members of the family and

WEEK OF PRAYER

The week of Prayer for State Missions will be observed this week at the First Baptist Church.

A special program will be given Wednesday evening at 8:00 o'clock. The pastor will bring the message.

All of the ladies of the church are urged to attend this service.

ABIDING INTEREST

The following quotation was taken from a letter written to the editor of the Times by Dr. James W. Vernon, native of this county and now in charge of Broadoaks Sanatorium at Morganton. Dr. Vernon is well known to many people in this county.

"I am very glad indeed to subscribe to your paper and I am sure that I shall enjoy the paper as it comes to me. I find that my interest in Person County and its people does not lag as the years go by."

Very truly yours,
James W. Vernon

The publishers of this paper feel that Dr. Vernon has paid this county and its people a high compliment by his abiding interest even though he has been away for many years. And somehow or other the publishers feel that he must be a true and loyal native, one that we can well afford to be proud of.

ROBINSON WILL SPEAK ON HIS WORK TO GROUP

Police Chief Will Be Guest At First Fall Session Of Agencies Council At Hotel

Guest speaker at the September 24 meeting of the Person County Council of Social Agencies will be Roxboro Chief of Police George C. Robinson, who will discuss aspects of his work here as a law enforcement officer.

Luncheon will be served at Hotel Roxboro at one o'clock in the afternoon and a full attendance is requested at this, the first session of the Fall season. It is expected that the president, Robert Edgar Long, will preside.

Chief Robinson, who in August returned to this City as head of the Police department, was formerly stationed in Roxboro as a member of the State Highway Patrol and is well known here. It is expected that his talk will be of unusual interest. The meeting will last one hour.

Henry Smith Located In City In California

Several weeks ago there was published in a Roxboro newspaper announcement of the fact that Henry Eugene Smith, former Person man, known to be a resident of California, had not in some months communicated with his brother, Jule Smith, of this City.

Interested in the case, W. Wallace Woods, Roxboro Chamber of Commerce secretary, wrote to the Police Department, Los Angeles. Back came the reply that there were in that City three H. E. Smiths.

Secretary Woods thereupon wrote each of the three Smiths; today he had a letter saying that the Person County Henry Eugene Smith lives at 685 Berendo street, Los Angeles.

SUNBEAMS

The Sunbeams of First Baptist church will meet at the church on Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

PERSON PEOPLE LOOK AT SKY AS LIGHTS APPEAR

Display Of Northern Lights Attracts Attention Of Roxboro Residents

Roxboro residents, along with hundreds of others in this area, watched the northern skies Thursday night when an unusual display of the Aurora Borealis or "Northern Lights" was visible from 7:30 o'clock until around midnight.

Streaks of greenish light, tinged with rose and red, filled the skies and occasional shooting stars were seen.

The atmospheric phenomenon, supposed to be of electrical origin is best seen in the Arctic regions and most frequently appears at equinoctial seasons.

For many years the aurora borealis was regarded more as a curiosity of nature than anything else, but since the coming of the telephone and radio it has been regarded with scientific interest.

During times of the display wireless and telephone and radio service is frequently interrupted. No particular report of interruptions in the Roxboro area were reported, but in the newspaper and telegraph offices of larger cities service was rather severely curtailed during the night. In some cities residents telephoned newspapers wanting to know if the Germans were coming.

The lights may have looked that way to some people, since they did resemble huge beam-lights similar to those now used to guide airways traffic.

Helena Group Hears Woodsdale Civic Leader

Speaker at the Helena P.-T. A. meeting held last week at the school, was Mrs. J. H. Merritt, of Woodsdale, who discussed the "Standard" P.-T. A. Introduction of Mrs. Merritt was by Mrs. R. B. Holeman. Presiding was the president, Mrs. L. C. Liles.

Also a speaker was the new principal, Jerry L. Hester, formerly of Bushy Fork. Decision was reached that the Helena P.-T. A. should strive to reach standard requirements. It was also announced that the Cafeteria is now open. Attendance was large and much interest in school affairs was shown.

Along The Way With the Editor

Here's a rather strange thing and yet it happens to almost any young man. Glenn Stovall is in his thirties and some time ago he up and married. Then he settled down and stopped running around but it didn't pay. Glenn began to put on weight, but he didn't stop after he put on a little weight. He kept right on. Now he has six or seven suits at his tailors who is trying to let them out or piece them up so that Glenn can continue to wear them. Maybe the moral is for Glenn to start running around again in order to lose weight and wear the suits.

A few days ago Harvey Chappell, of Clarksville, came to Roxboro. Harvey dropped into a local furniture store and began playing the piano. A crowd gathered and Harvey played request numbers. Soon Dr. A. L. Allen came in and took his seat by the piano. Doc began to request "love songs" and Chappell played them. There were those two men together, one requesting "love songs" and one playing them so very sweetly — both completely separately from the rest of the world. Me and Lawrence Woods called for "Tiger Rag."

James Brooks has just celebrated his first wedding anniversary. Wonder, if he forgot to bring his wife a present on the day of days? Wonder if he still thinks that two can live as cheaply as one or has he decided differently and planted his winter salad patch.

Preston Satterfield, Jr. has built three dog houses. Talk about being in the dog house — if he doesn't like one he can go into another.

TWENTY-NINE PEAK HOLDS ALL OF FIRST WEEK

Roxboro Market's High Average Sustained; 314,852 Pounds Sold For 93,302.21

Average for sales for the first four days of the 1941 Roxboro tobacco market was \$29.63, per hundred pounds, according to tabulations from official daily figures furnished by Senior Field Assistant James B. Clayton, Government market official stationed in Roxboro.

Total pounds sold during the week were 314,852, bringing a financial total of \$93,302.21.

Prices are higher than they have been at any time since World War I days and farmers are pleased. Quality has been medium to poor thus far, but better quality is expected this next week.

Highest daily average was reached Thursday, with \$30.91, and next highest was \$29.85, on Friday. Largest number of pounds, 161,994, were sold on Tuesday's opening day. Prices per pound on that day went as high as .46 cents.

East Roxboro Man Dies In Brookneal, Va.

Dorsey Lee Coates, 35, of East Roxboro, died Thursday afternoon at Brookneal, Va., where he had been on a visit to his parents. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

Mr. Coates had just left the house and was en route to Roxboro at the time he was stricken. Funeral services were in Halifax County, Va., yesterday afternoon with burial there.

Surviving are his widow, a number of children and his parents and three sisters.

Mr. Coates was an employee of Roxboro Cotton Mills, and had lived in Roxboro for some time.

NO AFTERNOON SHOW

Sunday afternoon performance of "When Ladies Meet" will be omitted because power service in this city will be off during hours scheduled for the showing, said Teague Kirby, Manager of the Palace Theatre, this morning.

Ford Hopes Conditions Will Improve At Collins-Aikman

FOUR-H CLUBS SELECT OFFICERS FOR NEW YEAR

A. I. Park And Miss Velma Beam Report Names Of Those Who Are Officials

Various 4-H Clubs in Person county are beginning their organizations for the coming year, under the direction of Miss Velma Beam, Home Agent, and A. I. Park, Assistant Farm Agent, and according to them are "getting off to a fine start."

The John C. Terrell Club elected as its officers: President, Mary Ellen Owen; Vice-President, Willie Lee Clark; Secretary, Dorothy Brooks; Treasurer, Nellie Bray.

The Olive Group chose its officers as follows: President, Carroll Dunkley; Vice-President, Geraldine Clayton; Secretary, Arista Rudder; Treasurer, Hubert Rudder.

Hurdle Mills Club will be led by: President, Jeanette Grinstead; Vice-President, W. T. Hawkins; Secretary, Belle Baynes; Treasurer, Vernon Davis.

Bushy Fork Club elected the following officers: President, Colleen Long; Vice-President, P. T. Howerton, Jr.; Secretary, Bonnie Belle Vernon; Treasurer, Bobby Hester.

Leaders for Mount Tirzah are: Ruby Whitt, President; Clayton Dean, Vice-President; Wilson Peed, Secretary; Verna Mae Chandler, Treasurer.

Allensville Club chose as President, Elsie West; as Vice-President, Aph Yarboro; as Secretary, Pearl Hicks; as Treasurer, Ed Gentry.

All of these club organization meetings were well attended, and much enthusiasm has been shown for the work offered in the 4-H program.

"In most of the schools a teacher is to have 4-H work as a part of her or his extra-curricular duties, and this will be a great help to the members, for it is difficult for two Extension workers to meet these clubs more than once each month. Local Leaders are really the power that makes the work effective in the local communities, and not only teachers are urged to be interested in the program, but parents who will give some of their time to the work, said Miss Beam.

"The community that would build for the future, that would cultivate its greatest asset, that would render itself the greatest possible service must turn its attention to its youth, and in this day of efficient organization in all fields, the task of training the young involves the formation of organizations of boys and girls into clubs which will at once interest the members and give them supervision and inspiration which will tend to make them good citizens", she added.

BETHEL HILL TO HAVE P. T. A. MEETING

The Bethel Hill Parent-Teacher's Association will hold its first meeting at 7:30 p. m., September 22. W. T. Gibson, Principal, and the members of the faculty urge all parents and other interested persons to be present. An interesting and inspiring program will be offered.

G. A. S. TUESDAY

On Tuesday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock the G. A. S. of First Baptist Church will meet with Jean Marie Whitfield.

Resident Manager Says Curtailment Due To Conditions In Automotive Industry; Defense Orders Being Sought

Discussing present curtailment of production at Collins and Aikman Corporation's Plant E, at Ca-Vel, near here, S. M. Ford, resident manager, yesterday morning said that efforts are now being made to secure defense orders to supplement the falling off in demand for upholstery (push) used in automobiles.

Direct cause of the present upset in Collins and Aikman production is, said Mr. Ford, a curtailment in automotive production by automobile manufacturers, who at Government request are turning to production of materials for national defense and for aid under the lend-lease act.

Declining to enumerate the number of employees at the local Collins and Aikman plant who have been released or placed on shorter working hours, Mr. Ford pointed out that number of persons affected changes from day to day.

He did, however, describe the situation as somewhat serious, but added that he and other officials of the Corporation are hopeful that normal operation of the mills may be resumed as soon as adjustments have been made.

Release of employees at Plant E has been in progress for the past week or more, although numbers of them are still working on part time or full time schedule.

Mr. Ford declined to estimate how long the present upset might continue, although he was this morning anxious to impress upon the people that it will not be continued longer than absolutely necessary.

It is understood that other plants producing similar materials are facing like difficulties.

CENTRAL SCHOOL PARENT-TEACHER GROUP TO MEET

Griffin Will Speak At First Meeting Tuesday Afternoon

First Fall meeting of Roxboro Central Grammar school Parent-Teacher association will be held Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the school auditorium, with Person County Superintendent of Schools R. B. Griffin as chief speaker.

Mr. Griffin's topic will be, "Our Schools." Leon Couch, now supervising principal of Roxboro District schools, will be introduced and devotionals will be led by the Rev. W. F. West, of the First Baptist church.

Presiding will be the president, Mrs. Logan H. Umstead, who is anxious that all members attend. An attendance prize will be given.

Members of the association will on Thursday night at 8 o'clock at Hotel Roxboro sponsor a benefit card party, with tables reserved for bridge, rook, whist and other games.

The Roxboro High school P.-T. A. will not meet until a later date, according to announcement by Mrs. T. C. Wingstaff, publicity chairman.

WORKERS' COUNCIL

The Sunday School Workers' Council will be held on Friday evening at 7:00 o'clock.