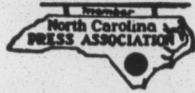


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"Mirrors Of Confusion"

Dr. Robert M. Hutchins, one-time very young scholar, who is president of the University of Chicago, at a "convocation" held this week at the University, said: "We are in the midst of a great moral, intellectual and spiritual crisis . . . to pass it successfully or to rebuild the world after it is over we shall have to get clear about those ends and ideals which are the first principles of human life and of organized society."

Statements like these by Dr. Hutchins have time and again been made by educators, ministers and civic leaders, and while we can and do agree that we are facing a "moral, intellectual and spiritual crisis," and that we have not arrived at conclusions as to what or why we are fighting, let alone solved the problems of war and peace, we cannot think it surprising that the universities instead of leading through confusion, have been and are content to mirror it.

The mistake made by Dr. Hutchins and others like him lies in the assumption that the universities and colleges can be any better than the people they must serve. It is time for us to make self-admission that ours is not the only generation which has lived through a crisis, and it is time for us to take courage from the fact that the battle for civilization has never yet been lost, although the going seems at times to be rougher than need be.

We wonder if Dr. Hutchins, in this present day of confusion, has not for a moment lost faith in intellectual values, just as men of less complex mentality sometimes lose faith in the powers directing spiritual conversion. The late, great Mr. Rockefeller, Sr., and others of his generation, if they could come back from their graves, could re-assure Dr. Hutchins on a number of points, and, we think, greatly to the astonishment of Dr. Hutchins, their assurance would have little or nothing to do with the present evils that loom so large on his horizon.

Men Not Marching

For the past two or three days Person and Roxboro folks, caught in outward fringes of the military maneuvers down South, have had opportunities to discover what troop movements, modern style, can mean. Truckload after truckload of men from New Jersey and Pennsylvania has been routed through Roxboro, without damage to either civilians or soldiers.

We have in modified form had a revival of war scenes comparable with those of '17 and '61, fortunately without any of the real hazards attached to those times. Men and women and children, lining the streets and highways, have seen smiling soldiers whiz by in dust covered trucks and cars. Revived also have been customs of courtesy to strangers who are not strangers, because they are in the army.

And it occurs to us that the coming of these men, even for a brief time, is more educational to the general populace than any amount of talking to be done at Defense meetings such as were last week held here. The boys of '41 are not marching, life is too swift for marching these days, but they are living illustrations of the fact that there is now in existence a United States Army of sizable proportions, an army which must be cared for because it is our own, because the men in it are boys just like the boys from Person, who are in other States rolling down similar highways.

A History Of THE BRADSHER FAMILY

By EUGENIA BRADSHER

A Descendant of Both Moses and James Bradsher

(Continued from last week)

Stella married Jefferson Whitefield, long a merchant in Leasburg, N. C. They reared a large family of children, the oldest being Eugenia, named by the Reverend Solomon Lea who had a daughter born the same night whom he also named Eugenia. The first named Eugenia had all the educational advantages offered by the famous Somerville Institute then under the direction of Solomon Lea. Her proficiency in English and music fitted her for teaching, an occupation she followed until her marriage to W. H. Jones of Orange County. After marriage her teaching was confined to her own family thus giving to her two daughters and only son educational advantages sufficient to reach to succeed in her or his own way.

Stella, the oldest child, took training and became a nurse. She married soon after and now lives in Fayetteville, N. C.

Mae, the second daughter, married Herbert Cates, until his death a highly successful business man of Hillsboro, N. C. Their only daughter, Lilly Mae, married Riley Oakley of Roxboro, N. C. The five sons of Mae Jones Cates are gradually developing individual business interests.

Macon Jones is Associated Press dispatcher for Hollywood. He supervises all messages sent from the movie colony. His daughter, Marcia Mae Jones, is a young movie actress of considerable note. As a small child she played in "The Champ," Wallace Beery starring; in the "Children's Hour," and with Deanna Durbin in "Mad About Music," and a number of other successful plays requiring the early teenage.

The oldest son of Stella Bradsher Whitefield was Albert Pinckney Whitefield, who took charge of his grandmother's home after the death of Colonel Jesse Bradsher, carrying on his youthful shoulders the burden of looking after the slaves and seeing that the land was properly cultivated, while his young uncles fought in the Confederate Army. He followed with boyish ardor the fortunes of the Confederacy as it fought its last losing battles, having constantly in mind the fate of his beloved young uncle, William G. Bradsher who was mustered out at Appomattox after Lee's surrender.

GEORGE D. WHITEFIELD

Sometime after this experience Albert Pinckney's father and mother moved to High Point where his father died. In the meantime Albert Pinckney had gone to Danville, Virginia, and engaged for a time in a highly successful business venture in tobacco. There he met and married Alice Moore, daughter of George Daniel and Lockett Sharpe Moore. Their children are Ethel Whitefield Cain of Columbia, S. C., who directs the activities of



Arthur B. Bradsher



George D. Whitefield

the American Red Cross of that city; George D. Whitefield who is executive vice president of the P. Lorillard Company, the oldest tobacco company in America, having been established in 1765; Marvin, who went to Dallas, Texas when quite young; Grace Woodley, a teacher of history in the Roanoke, Va., junior high school; and William Irvine Whitefield, a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute, a member of the Board of Visitors of that school, and division manager of the Appalachian Electric Power Company of south west Virginia.

George D. married Hallie Carlin of Ashland, Wisconsin. Their children are George D., Jr., Kyle Carlin, Stella, and Hallie Lou, all of whom were graduated from the University of Wisconsin.

Ethel, older daughter of Pinckney Whitefield and Alice Moore, married Lee Cain of St. Matthews, S. C. They had three daughters: all graduates of Winthrop College. They are Alice, wife of Edward S. Reed of Charlotte, N. C.; Adele, wife of W. L. Younger of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute; and Florence, wife of James Kinloch of Tryon, N. C.; the only son of Ethel and Lee Cain is William Pinckney Cain, a graduate of Bailey Military Academy. He is First Lieutenant in the Infantry of the United States Army stationed at Camp Claiborne, Lou-

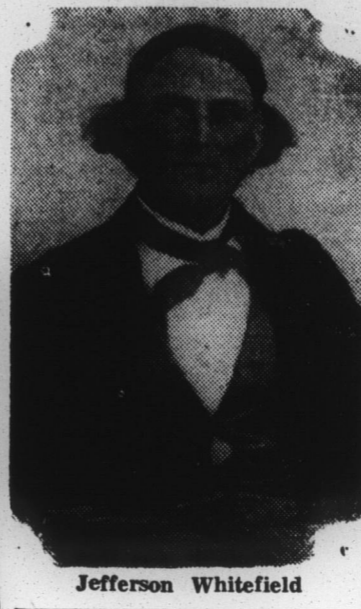
Person Ambassadors

It was not our pleasure to have known the late Dr. Bert Long intimately, although we knew of him, both in Greensboro and Roxboro, but we cannot refrain from observation that during his residence in Greensboro, where he was for many years connected with the public schools' division of the health department as dentist, he was a good ambassador for Person County and its ways.

He and his wife, who was likewise a Person native, also enjoyed while in Greensboro the confidence and friendship of the people known to them, as was witnessed this week and last year when the Doctor and his wife came for the last times to to their old home.

It is for Person County a fortunate circumstance that many of its sons and daughters elect to remain here and to turn back into the County whatever genius for living they may have inherited. It is also fortunate that men and women like Dr. and Mrs. Long create when they go abroad into the State and Nation little centers in which the best of the Person tradition is preserved.

Not many of us may be aware of it, particularly if we never stir out of the home nest, but counties, like towns, have characters of their own and those of us who are born in Person and live elsewhere have a duty of representation like that which was in their lifetimes so well performed by Dr. and Mrs. Long.



Jefferson Whitefield



William I. Whitefield



Stella Bradsher Whitefield

W. I. Whitefield, the youngest son of A. P. Whitefield, married Lillian Harrell of Roanoke, Va. Their children are Katharine Jane, a recent graduate of Penn Hall at Chambersburg, Pa.; Lillian Frances; and William Irvine, Jr., a mere lad.

The other children of Stella Bradsher and Jefferson Whitefield were Eudora, Jefferson, Cornelia, Robert Lee, and Brick Pomeroy, none of whom is living. Cornelia married Edward Davis, an architect of Washington, D. C. Jefferson married Hattie Gibson of Mississippi and became the father of two sons, Baldwin and Banks. A daughter of Robert Lee is Sadie Whitefield who holds a position with the Southern Power Company in Asheville.

Gallatin, the oldest son of Jesse and Nancy Royster Bradsher, went to a far southern state, and there are no facts available concerning him. Solomon died when sixteen years old. John D. fought in the war of Secession and died shortly after Lee's surrender. DR. CHARLES H. BRADSHER Charles Harrison Bradsher studied medicine He married Martha Hopkins and lived in Roxboro owning the home which

later came into the possession of W. H. Long. With him began the high professional reputation of the Bradsher physicians. His services were sought for miles around. People taken sick were willing to wait as long as three days to secure him as their doctor in preference to any other practitioner so great was their confidence in his sealing powers, which today would probably have been explained as psychic. Whatever the reason, his patients recovered and frequently boasted that "Old Prac' brought me around." He was interested in plant life, often taking long tramps through the woods of Person County examining the botanical specimens native to this part of the state, searching meanwhile for those having medicinal value. He was a surgeon in the Confederate army.

Charles Edward, oldest son of Dr. C. H. and Martha Hopkins Bradsher followed in the footsteps of his beloved father, embracing medicine as his profession. Graduated from Louisville Medical College, he began his professional career in association with his father, who had then moved to the Hurdle Mills section of Person. While living in this section he married Nannie Malone, daughter of Washington Malone and Lethia Brown, a sister of Reverend Young Brown, local teacher and preacher. After a few years he located in Roxboro, and the reputation established by his father lost nothing in the hands of this brilliant son. Dr. Charles E. soon established a reputation for surgery Here is a case in point, which was before ambulances and hospitals were accessible. Two negroes got in a fight on an unpaved street of Roxboro. One slashed open the abdominal cavity almost severing the duodenum of the other, spilling his intestines on the dusty ground. Dr. Bradsher was called upon to take charge of the wounded negro. Thrown upon his own resources without the aid of

a trained nurse, he washed the gritty intestines, replaced them in their natural position, sewed up the wound, and in a short time the patient was as good as new and probably as mean DR. CHARLES E. BRADSHER

ARTHUR B. BRADSHER

The children of Dr. Charles E. Bradsher and Nannie Malone were Bertha, who married Joseph Willis of Nashville, N. C.; Gelia, who married C. B. Alston, city treasurer of Durham, N. C., and Arthur B. Bradsher, executive vice-president of the Imperial Tobacco Company, located at Montreal, Canada. Charlie Alston and wife, Gelia, were the parents of two daughters, Nancy, a graduate of Duke University, who married Howard Wallace of Florida and Frances Alston Howerton.

Arthur Bradsher married Lizzie Muse of Durham, and they were the parents of five children. The older son, Charles K. is an instructor in chemistry at Duke University. After graduating from Duke, he received the doctorate in chemistry at Harvard University. He is married and the father of one son.

Arthur, Jr., graduating from Duke University, took his degree in medicine from McGill University. He is now an interne at the Duke hospital.

After the death of Dr. Charles E. Bradsher, his widow married O. T. Carver. Their only child, Gordon Carver, is an official in the Durham Industrial Bank. He married Loula Thorne. They have two children, Nancy and Gordon, Jr.

The second son of Dr. C. H. Bradsher and his wife, Martha, was E. A. Bradsher. He married Mamie Gregory, daughter of Mrs. of Mrs. W. E. Webb by a former marriage Their children no longer live in Roxboro The three sons, Carl, Lawrence, and William are each successful in his own line Lawrence is in business in Goldsboro and William in Greenville, N. C. A daughter lives in Raleigh.

Walter C., the third son, was a leading tobacconist, owner of the W. C. Bradsher Tobacco Company of Durham, N. C. at the time of his death. He married Sallie Reams, daughter of I. M. Reams and Lucinda Howard. Sallie Bradsher's father was one of Durham's pioneer tobacco warehouse owners and operators. (Continued next Thursday)

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