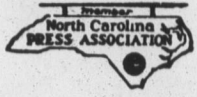


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Between Two Columns Of Smoke

No surprise to those who have kept ears to the ground is the tenor of the DeWitt Carroll report on the "merit" of the merit examinations, first of which were recently taken by big and little folks in North Carolina's health and welfare departments. Target of criticism is Dr. Frank T. deVyver, Duke University faculty member, who sought to excuse himself aforesaid by announcing that he will no longer head the merit exams after finishing the present series.

Burden of the complaint of those persons in the Raleigh area who took the examinations is that the efficiency examination "was itself inefficient," containing questions having little to do with those practicalities which workers have to meet. Minor chords are discomforts resulting from failure to properly plan for examination hall quarters, coupled with stupidities in registration. Without taking sides, we can see how last mentioned complaints can in the future be avoided. As to efficiency of the examinations we have doubts on two scores.

Nobody has come out and said so, but chances are that one of the purposes of the examinations concerned is the removal from office of those persons whose knowledge has been revealed as limited to the narrow groove. The shoes pinch, hence the outcries. We are, however, suspicious of wheels within wheels. When a bureaucracy undertakes to examine a bureaucracy so many mistakes can be made that value of the examinations must be questioned and we say this without casting aspersions on our own comparatively well-ordered Person departments.

There are in other counties too many departments whose closets will not bear inspection, much less examination, but we suspect that when the whole business is over contents of the closets will remain the same. No wonder Dr. deVyver wants to quit and is quitting.

Appreciated Apology

Vindication of our own opinion in the "General" Williams case was contained in the letter sent to the Times last Saturday by Judge Henry A. Grady, who said therein that he was glad to make a public statement regarding the petit jury's apparent misunderstanding of his charge. On basis of the fact that there had been a misunderstanding, Judge Grady's letter amounts to a retraction of his reprimand and so the Judge, who was on hot enough spot with all the "Mob" trial episodes, will now be regarded with more kindness by at least twelve men in Person County.

Knowing Judge Grady as we do, we are not at all surprised that the apology came. Judges, like jurymen and other folks, can and do make mistakes, but only those who are of generous spirit have courage to make public retraction as did Judge Grady. Only thing that bothers us is the fact that the "General" Williams case is about as unsolved as it ever was and to our certain knowledge will have to remain so, because the "General" happens to be a Negro.

We do not know what his lawyers will say when they get to Supreme Court, but right now "General" is no better off than he was before the first and second verdicts were brought in, since the vindication contained in the Grady apology had no reference to guilt or innocence of the man on trial.

Aftermath, II; Linsey-Woolsey

Contained in out of the County comments on the turn of events in the Cy Winstead "mob" indictments of last week are insinuations that all is not well with Person folks as cooperators with State agencies such as the SBI. As one who lives in Person County, as one who lived through the August to October business under discussion, and as one who expects to be here to see it finished, our sole comment is that linsey-woolsey is never black or white, but is definitely gray, and that despite all heroics about the Person Grand jury having done its duty to the State and Nation and the County, present local attitude toward the situation is linsey-woolsey.

Repeated washings may lighten such cloth and we hope this will happen, although premature attempts at laundrying cannot be regarded as helpful. Knowing

A History Of THE BRADSHER FAMILY

By EUGENIA BRADSHER

A Descendant of Both Moses and James Bradsher

(Continued from last week)

The youngest of the three Bradsher settlers was James, who married Sarah Garrett. They were the parents of four sons and two daughters, as follows: John, Abner, William Arch, George Monroe, Mary O'Neal, and Nancy. James owned both land and slaves. He gave his children considerable educational advantages.

John married Mary Thomas Webb. From this union came many fine citizens who contributed much to the development of Person County.

Aniva became the second wife of Jerry Dixon. Mollie Bet, their oldest daughter, married Walter Thomas whose mother belonged to the noted Lea family so long connected with Somerville Institute in Leasburg, N. C. A daughter of her's, Wilhelmina, is Mrs. Frank Upchurch, whose husband is an employee of the West Durham Branch of the Fidelity Bank of Durham, N. C.

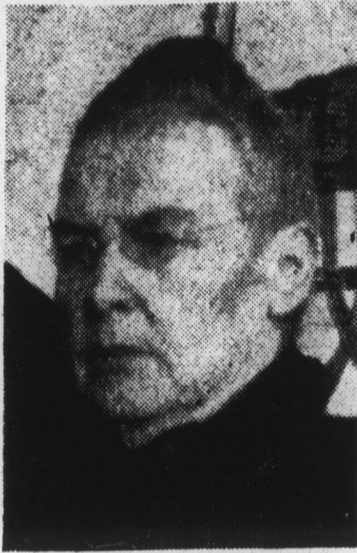
Henrietta, the second daughter, married Thomas D. Winstead, a descendant of Moses Bradsher, the oldest of the three Bradsher settlers. Their only child, Esther, is the wife of Dr. B. A. Thaxton of Roxboro.

A third daughter, Jessie, married Robert Hester, son of A. J. and Bettie Holoman Hester. Their children are contributing much to the progress of the county. One son, Jerry, is a leader among its educational forces. For several years he was principal of the Bushy Fork High School but was recently elected head of the Helena High School, the largest rural high school in Person.

The youngest of Aniva Bradsher Dixon's children is Jerry, who lives in Roxboro. He married Evelyn Newman of Leasburg and their two sons are in the mercantile business there.

Benjamin Bradsher married Rebecca Deaver. His children live in South Person and are contributing much to the development of this section.

Zachariah married Laura Thompson, daughter of Sidney Thompson of Leasburg and niece of Jacob Thompson, Secretary of the Interior in Buchanan's Cabinet. There was one daughter, Mary, who died when a small child. Following the death of her



Mrs. W. J. Jenkins

husband, Laura Thompson Bradsher became the second wife of J. A. Long of Roxboro, an active business man who probably had more to do with the expansion of the industrial interests of the town than any other man in its history. Her two sons, James A. and Matthew Ransom have enlarged the interests begun by their father and initiated others.

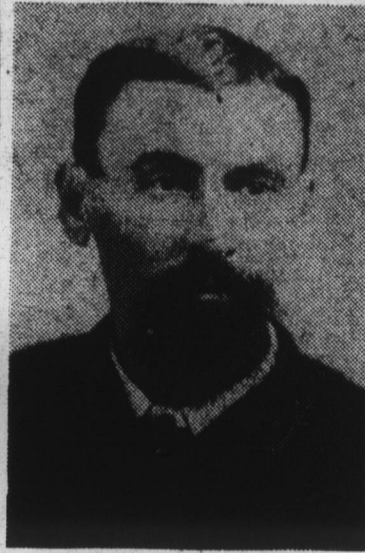
J. T. Bradsher, another son of John, by economy and close attention to his financial affairs, amassed considerable property. He married Jennie Thompson, a daughter of Dr. Jacob Thompson of Leasburg and a great niece of Jacob Thompson, Secretary of the Interior during Buchanan's administration.

By this marriage there were five children, Raymond, Gertrude, Irene, and twin sons, Arthur and Dewey.

Gertrude married Robert Connor Merritt of Greenville, N. C., son of J. S. Merritt, a prominent lawyer of Roxboro, grandson of S. B. Winstead, and great-grandson of Meldrum Winstead, Sheriff of Person County before the War of Secession.

A year ago her husband died. There were two children, Mary Jameson and Robert Connor. Irene married Bryan Barnett, a member of the extensive Barnett family, who had much to do with shaping the legislative proceedings of Person County in former days.

Dewey, who married Annie Laura Joyner, is a dental surgeon located in Roxboro. Arthur recently came here from Wilming-



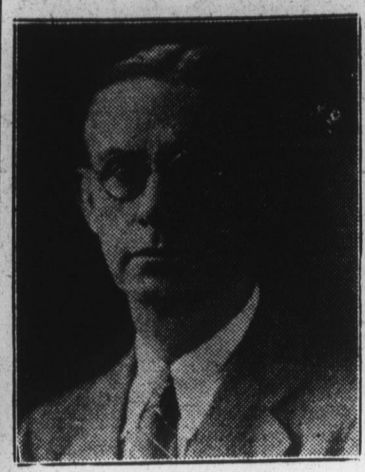
Stephen Garrett Bradsher

ton.

Another daughter of John Bradsher, Bettie, married Stephen Garrett, who was a man of large wealth for that day. There were no children from this union. After the death of her husband, Bettie married the Reverend J. W. Jenkins, a Methodist minister. She aided him in attaining the moving desire of his later years by contributing liberally to the establishment of the Methodist Orphanage at Raleigh, which stands today a monument to his compassion and her generosity.

Jessie Mary, the youngest of John Bradsher's children, married Charles J. Yarbrough of Caswell County, an unusually successful business man, who represented his county in the Legislature at a critical time in the history of the state.

Three sons remained in Caswell: Webb C., J. T., and Clement E. S., a graduate of Wake Forest, established himself in the cotton mill industry in Durham. Not finding this profitable, he entered the insurance field, and now ranks among the successful underwriters of the city. He married Nellie Eliot of Cumberland County. The late Henry Lendon of Raleigh and Pittsboro



E. S. Yarbrough

was his brother-in-law. They have three children, Cornelia, now Mrs. Richard K. Hines of New York City, Edwin S., Jr., engaged in business in Durham, and Mary, who is connected with Duke University.

The only daughter, Mary Daisy, now Mrs. J. A. Goodwin, holds a position with a leading industry of Norfolk, Virginia. J. Connor and Walter B. took the advice of Horace Greely and went West, the former to Chicago and the latter to Ajo, Arizona, at which places they are well established in business.

(To Be Continued)

Legal Notice

SALE OF FARM LAND

Under and by virtue of the authority conferred upon me as Trustee in that certain deed of trust executed on June 6, 1940, by Mrs. Minnie S. Bradsher and James E. Bradsher and which is recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Person County in Book 9, Page 215, default having been made in the payment of the bond secured thereby, and at the request of the holder thereof, I will on

SATURDAY, NOV. 8th, 1941, at twelve (12) o'clock noon, at the courthouse door in Roxboro,

sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the land conveyed by said deed of trust, the same being described as follows, to-wit:

Lying and being in Cunningham Township, Person County, North Carolina, and bounded on the North by lands of Miss Ruth Hester, on the East by lands of the T. C. Wagstaff Estate, on the South by lands of R. A. Bryce, and on the West by South Hyco Creek or lands of Mrs. C. E. Winstead, Jr., and containing 115 acres, more or less. Said tract of land was designated as Tract No. 2 of the W. G. Bradsher lands in the partition of the same which is recorded in the Clerk's office of Person County in Book of Orders and Decrees E, Pages 155 to 169. A plat of the said tract of land is filed in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court in the original papers composing the partition proceedings of the W. G. Bradsher lands.

Sale will remain open for ten (10) days for an upset bid and purchaser at the sale will be required to deposit ten per cent (10%) of bid price as evidence of good faith.

This October 8th, 1941.

R. P. BURNS, Trustee
10-16-23-30-11-6

Due to the shortage of aluminum, only 11,000 wounds will be available for the manufacture of poultry wing bands this year as compared with 150,000 last year.

KEEP IT CLEAN

Your watch deserves as much care as any delicate instrument. A periodic conditioning will prolong its life. Bring your watch in today. Inspection and estimates free!

GREEN'S
Main Street

LOOK! 9 PIECE LACE TABLE SET
ONLY 25¢ AND ANY BOX TOP FROM Super Suds

2 LARGE 38¢

Palmolive Soap, 2 for... 15¢
Octagon Toilet Soap, 3 for 15¢
Giant Octagon Soap, 3 for 15¢
Large Octagon Powder... 5¢
Octagon Cleanser... 5¢
Klek, special 2 for... 15¢

Clayton & Stewart
Main Street

for that man in uniform — SEND A CARTON OF CAMELS SPECIAL WRAPPER

Your dealer has a special wrapping and mailing service to save you trouble...

THE CIGARETTE OF COSTLIER TOBACCOS

IN THE ARMY IN THE NAVY IN THE MARINES IN THE COAST GUARD

Actual Sales Records in Post Exchanges, Sales Commissaries, Ship's Stores, Ship's Service Stores, and Canteens show the favorite cigarette is CAMEL

NOTICE

1940 Taxes Are Past Due

WE ARE ordered to advertise your property for sale on November 1, 1941, and, if unpaid, they will be sold on December 1 according to law.

Please Pay and Avoid Costs

THE CITY Attorney is ordered to enter suit on all taxes unpaid prior to 1940 and foreclose on property. Please take notice and pay.

We Have A Good City
It Is Your City
Do Your Part

PERCY BLOXAM
Tax Collector
and
City Manager.

what we do, we might comment on the justice or injustice of accusations made by those who think black is black or white is white, but before we do that we might also suggest that Person folks should keep their shirts on, since we are confident that home folks know just as much about soap and when and where to use it as the next ones. If they don't, there will be plenty of time for that when Court comes around.

Like some of the outside commentators, we can scarcely see how alleged information can be kept forever in the Person laundry-bag, but if any more information gets out through other than the authorized (and supposedly secret channels) there is little that can be done about it here at home. Real test of what has been said and is being said will come when accusations will have to be repeated in open court. Then, and not now, will there be cause for praise or blame for what Person County has or has not done.

The Habit Remains

Monday night's Prison Camp fire was a good show, as some several hundred Person and Roxboro citizens indicated by their hasty efforts to be first to arrive. At actual scene of the fire traffic conditions may have been better than usually obtain under such conditions, but on High School Drive and other roads and streets they certainly were not, if opinion of residents on those streets and roads may be believed.

Some two months ago Chief of Police George C. Robinson offered suggestions of safety for those of us who must, for reasons of business, or curiosity, go to fires, but unfortunately his appeal was issued on the day before an event of much larger proportions than a fire took place. Lost in that event, the Chief's fire message fell, not on deaf ears, but on ears unwilling to hear, as might have been the case if the Court House business could not have been offered as excuse.

We have in Roxboro a volunteer fire department and this means that many people who would not otherwise do so must go to fires. Very existence of a volunteer fire department offers suggestions of safety for those of us who think twice before we follow. It is only by the grace of God, or good luck, that we do not in this City have one or more serious traffic fatalities every time we have a fire.