

Holiday Season Opens Here With Gala Display Tomorrow

Merchants Ready For Big Season

Music By High School
Band To Be Feature Of
Program On Court House
Lawn

Beginning tomorrow night, Roxboro merchants, who have during the past few weeks received large shipments of holiday merchandise, will have their formal opening of the Christmas trading season. Stores in the City will remain open until nine o'clock tomorrow night and will two weeks later resume their late evening hours for accommodation of shoppers.

Street lighting for the festive season is expected to be in place Friday night, although, as it was pointed out to merchants who attended a meeting held earlier in the week in the offices of the Roxboro Chamber of Commerce, the lighting may be delayed a day or two because of the fact that plans for it could not be made until after the lifting last week of the OPM "blackout" order restricting the use of lights for decorative and ornamental purposes.

With W. Wallace Woods, executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, presiding, full details of the annual holiday program of merchants here was arranged. During the opening night, according to Mr. Woods, music will be furnished by the Roxboro high school band under direction of John Thompson, of the school faculty. The band is to be stationed in front of the Palace theatre, across the street from the Court House.

Several merchants present at the Chamber meeting Monday were of opinion that the holiday trading season's opening date should hereafter be advanced to an earlier time, the week after Thanksgiving, scheduled next year to be held on the traditional last Thursday in November, and it is expected that this plan will be followed in the future.

But in the meantime, local merchants are prepared to enjoy a brief but lively season and it is thought that purchasers, who have already begun their shopping, will now turn out in full numbers.

Exercises in connection with the formal opening will begin at 7 o'clock and will be held for about 30 minutes in front of the Court House, according to Mr. Woods. Prizes will be given and a general good time is expected.

Electricians, under supervision of Fred Long, are now busy placing strings of multi-colored lights in ropes across the streets of the downtown area. Expense of supplying current for the lights will again be more than one hundred dollars and will again be defrayed by the City of Roxboro.

Merchants are themselves paying \$75 or more for electrical equipment, wiring and installation service. Announcement of forthcoming plans for the holiday season were made here yesterday at the weekly "Appreciation Day" exercises held as usual on the lot at the rear of the Court House.

NEW RAMBLER HEAD

1942 Captain of the Roxboro high school Ramblers football team is Herbert Whitt, with Gordon Wilkerson as alternate captain, according to announcement made today. Both men have been good players on the team. Elections were made this week.

DRUGGIST DIES IN HOSPITAL AT SOUTH BOSTON

John G. Patterson Rites
Held Yesterday, With In-
terment In Durham Ceme-
tery; Well-Known In Both
Cities And In Roxboro

Funeral services for John Gilmore (Happy) Patterson, Sr., 72, a former resident of Durham, whose death occurred Monday night in a South Boston, Va., hospital after an illness lasting six weeks, were conducted Wednesday morning at eleven o'clock at his late residence on Wilborn Avenue, South Boston. Officiating minister was the Rev. Winfield Shiers, rector of Trinity Episcopal church, South Boston, of which Mr. Patterson was a communicant for many years.

Interment was in Maplewood Cemetery, Durham.

Mr. Patterson, who came to South Boston from Durham in 1904, was a native of Warsaw and a son of the late John and Louise A. Lamb Patterson. In South Boston, as in Durham, he was active in business circles and was twice married, first to Miss Ella G. Hudgins, who died a number of years ago, and second to Mrs. Judy Nelson, who survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, three sons, two sisters, one brother, three half sisters and three step-children.

The daughters are Mesdames J. A. Weatherford, of Durham, and J. W. Burt, of Lanexa, Va., and Miss Louise Patterson of South Boston, Va. The sons are John, Jr., and Von H. Patterson, of South Boston, and Sam Patterson, of Richmond, Va., the sisters, Mesdames Charles Gaddis of Richmond, and R. L. Christmas, of Durham, and the brother is D. B. Patterson, of South Boston, Va.

Seven Person Men Students At Baptist College

Wake Forest, Dec. 4. — Seven Person County men, six from Roxboro and one from Longhurst, are enrolled at Wake Forest College this session.

Enrolled from Roxboro are J. Donald Bradsher, L. C. Clarke, III, Ned Thomas, William West, Jr. Hassell Whitfield and Richard K Young.

John O'Brian is enrolled from Longhurst.

Fuller At Home After Hospital Treatment Given

Now back at his home in Person County, although he is still in a serious condition, is Arthur Fuller, Negro, about 50, injured Saturday night in a fight said to have been instigated by Mac Clark, Negro, about 29 years of age.

Fuller, first treated by a Roxboro physician, was later taken to Duke hospital. Placed in jail, without bond, was Clark, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, a brick.

Person Superintendent of Schools R. B. Griffin and others will Friday afternoon attend a "Safety Conference" at Oxford.

CIRCULATION IN LIBRARY GOOD IN PAST FEW WEEKS

Bookmobile Expected To
Begin Next Week; Miss
Grafton To Be Here
Then; Board Date An-
nounced

November circulation in the Person County Library totaled 505 volumes, according to Mrs. Sue Featherston, WPA library assistant, who pointed out that during the past few weeks 1,000 books have been added to the library collection by arrangement with the Cincinnati Public Library, and that recent gifts of books have been received from Mrs. S. M. Ford, Mrs. George W. Kane, Mrs. William Pickering and others, that are much appreciated.

Expected to be in Roxboro and Person County next week for her December stay here is Miss Ernestine Grafton, regional librarian, through whose assistance the books from Cincinnati were obtained. Miss Grafton, who is spending the present week in Hillsboro, announced last month that the Person Library bookmobile will be ready to begin operations on Thursday, December 11.

While in Roxboro Miss Grafton will be guest speaker at December meeting of the Bushy Fork Parent-Teacher association, on Friday, the 11, at 7:30 p. m., having as her topic, the "Use of Leisure Time," or the "Value of Reading in the Development of Character." Before the meeting Miss Grafton will be a dinner guest of Mrs. E. P. Warren, member of the Person Library board.

Planned for Tuesday, December 16, at 3:30 o'clock in the library, Chub Lake street, is the monthly board meetings, with (continued on back page)

Anna Gilmore Tells Her Story Of Years Spent At Burleigh

The History Of 15 Years
Of Farm Life On Mrs. R.
S. Phifer's Place, Burleigh
Plantation, Semora

Once in a while there comes to a newspaper office a story that cannot be fitted into any standardized category. Such a story is that of Anna Gilmore and her family, a record of years of living on Burleigh Plantation, one of the few places where the traditions of a former way of Southern living are preserved, with necessary modifications.

Anna's story, told in her own words, is typically in the nature of a panegyric and a lament for her own loss, but in order that that flavor may not be spoiled it is being printed, as received, with only minor corrections of syntax.

This is Anna's story, told without assistance from the "ladies" of the "big house on the hill." There are questions, such as causes for the removal to "the lower parts of Person," and the number of persons in her family, but Anna thinks such questions unimportant, and so, she plunges into the middle. This is her story:

We have been with Mrs. R. S. Phifer and family for 15 years, and are now moving to the lower parts of Person County, and we

New President in Independent Syria



Chéikh Taggadine, the new president of Syria, inspects a guard of honor of Free French troops outside the town hall at Damascus, Syria. Syria was granted her independence when Free French General Catroux formally handed the country over in a broadcast speech from Damascus.

Bloxam Reports Roxboro Stands Well In Group

City Manager Percy Bloxam, who last week attended sessions of the International City Managers' association, Hollywood Beach, Fla., today said that at the meetings of the association Roxboro was particularly mentioned as a city in its classification, under 10,000, which has in recent years established a commendable record for adjustment of its business affairs and its city-wide program.

Mr. Bloxam, who is North Carolina secretary for the association, had the pleasure of a personal talk while at Hollywood Beach with Emil Davis, Chairman of the London County Council, who gave first-hand information on war conditions in England.

Notwithstanding the fact that he had an enjoyable stay in Florida, Mr. Bloxam was more than ever impressed by the good qualities of Tar Heel life, he said.

Robinson Renews Appeal For Safety In Speed Limits

In a second appeal to Roxboro motorists with regard to speeding, Chief of Police George C. Robinson, this week urged cooperation of all drivers, public and private alike, in observance of speed laws, saying that limits of 20 miles in the business districts and 25 miles in residential areas should at all times be observed, with only exception being instances of necessity or real emergency.

The Chief further pointed out that all speeding cases are now turned over to County Court and that fines and costs for speeding offenses are heavy, even when reduced to minimum. In making his renewed plea for curtailment of speeding Chief Robinson said that public cooperation in law enforcement is particularly important in a City in which the Police Department personnel is limited in numbers as it is in Roxboro.

Rev. And Mrs. West Give Dinner For Church Group

Rev. and Mrs. W. F. West gave a turkey dinner last week in the educational building of the First Baptist Church for some 75 members of the church who helped in the October campaign to raise additional funds for the new building.

With Mr. West presiding, brief talks were made by J. S. Walker, Mrs. Mollie Strum Barrett, Mrs. West and J. W. Noell. Part of the program was musical, with Mrs. W. Wallace Woods, pianist, and Mrs. Victor Satterfield and Mrs. A. M. Burns, Jr., soloists.

The dinner was given by the minister and his wife by previous agreement, conditioned on successful conclusion of the October drive.

Concert At High School On Sunday

There will be a concert at Roxboro High school Sunday, December 14, at 4:30 p. m., it was announced this morning from the high school.

This concert will be free and everyone is urged to attend. Pupils of Central School will unite with those of the high school in giving this concert.

High School Parent-Teacher Unit To Sponsor Civic Award

JURYMEN CHOSEN FOR COURT TERM WITH BIG CASES

Men To Be Called For
January "Winstead" Court
Announced By County
Commissioners

Jurymen who may have pain or pleasure of rendering verdicts in the Cy Winstead, Jr., assault case and in accompanying cases dealing with alleged mob violence attributed to the Winstead case, were on Monday selected by Person County Commissioners to serve during the January 26, 1942 term two weeks of Superior Court.

Those to be called as jurymen are: Preston Satterfield, Jr., W. L. Williams, O. L. Burch, R. H. Shelton, John H. Merritt, Jr., Melvin W. Blalock, C. A. Gentry, C. W. McSherry, S. R. Wilkins, B. E. Clayton, T. B. Grinstead, L. P. Sherman, Hassell Clayton and H. M. Clay.

Also, B. B. Strum, S. G. Carr, J. A. Chambers, T. F. Hamlin, W. R. Hayes, Eugene T. Gentry, R. I. Satterfield, A. B. Clayton, E. Hester Long, A. H. Whitfield, J. C. Whitt, T. L. Blalock, S. W. Ashley, G. T. Solomon, Jesse Terrell, J. T. Dean, Walter Averitt, S. M. Green and J. T. Blackard.

Also, B. G. Crumpton, J. W. Montague, Jr., S. B. Woody, Jr., George Gilliland, M. B. Umstead, L. M. Burton, J. T. Bradsher, T. H. Gentry and Earl W. Gentry.

Named as jurors for a second week of court which may or may not be held, are, B. S. Glenn, J. D. Clayton, Lambeth Jordan, W. C. Horner, M. P. Ashley, A. D. Newton, C. C. Carr, C. G. Denny, C. A. Day, A. W. Clayton, C. D. Taylor and W. H. McCulloch.

Also, G. R. Brandon, S. M. Neal, F. R. Wilkerson, S. G. Hamlin, M. C. Warren, T. W. Adams, Robert Tuck, John Bullock, Luther Blalock, W. M. Scott, G. C. Kirby and Herman Rudder.

Named as tax supervisor for 1942 was J. S. Walker, who has said that tax lists for various townships will be announced shortly.

Applications for tax re-valuations for certain lands owned by them were made by Edgar R. Blalock, Mrs. J. H. Lockhart and Mrs. Louise B. Douglas and for W. R. Blalock land sold to Nat and R. T. Warren.

Ca-Vel Team Sees Army-Navy Game

Accompanied by Ray Parrish, personnel director of Collins and Aikman corporation, plant E, 22 members of the baseball team spent the week-end in Philadelphia, where they witnessed the 14 to 6 victory of the Navy over the Army. The boys were much impressed with the pre-game parade, the game itself and other sights. Some of them afterwards attended an ice hockey game; others stopped over in Washington for a few hours.

TO HEAR PERRY

Members of the Person Schoolmasters club, together with guests from various schools, will on Tuesday night, December 9, at Hotel Roxboro, hear H. Arnold Perry, of the State Department of Education, Raleigh, discuss the 12 grade addition. Dinner will be served at 6 o'clock.

Plan To Select Roxboro
Citizen Who Has Made
Most Valuable Contribu-
tion To City Approved By
Group

Planned by the Roxboro High School Parent-Teacher association is a citizenship award for the "Best Citizen in Roxboro," according to announcement made yesterday, following December meeting of the Association held Tuesday night at Roxboro high school.

Under the proposed plan civic clubs and other similar clubs in the City will be invited to present to the sponsoring P.-T. A. association names of persons who have in their opinions rendered best services to the City during the year closing in May, month of conclusion of the school calendar year.

Also considered by the P.-T. A. were suggestions for teaching in the school a course in Bible study and the holding in the school of regular chapel or devotional exercises. Formal programs of the evening were given by Miss Bessie Shipp, librarian of the high school, and by the Rev. J. M. Walker, of Roxboro Presbyterian church, who discussed cultural aspects of "Our Town," in line with the national theme of P.-T. A. for the current year.

No definite action was taken on the suggestions pertaining to religious instruction, although it was indicated that solution might be obtained by employment of a full-time instructor, or by a course of study of the Bible as literature, with ministers of various churches in the City as teachers.

It was also considered that citizens desiring to present nominations for the citizenship award might do so by petitions bearing ten or more signatures of recommendation. The award plan, with variations, has been tried out in other cities and has been found successful. Full details have not been worked out but it is expected that the award may take the form of a silver loving cup or a plaque.

Miss Shipp's paper was read by Mrs. A. F. Nichols, Miss Shipp having been ill with larengitis.

School Holidays Run In Two Sets Again This Year

Schools in the Person County and Roxboro district systems will begin Christmas holidays on Friday, December 19. County pupils, including those at Person County Training school for Negroes, will return to classes on Wednesday, December 31, while students in the Roxboro district will have a few days longer, until Monday, January 5, 1942, according to announcement from Person County Superintendent of Schools, R. B. Griffin and from District Supervising Principal, Leon Couch.

Roxboro Cagers Want More Men

Ursal Yarbrough today reported that additional men are wanted for City of Roxboro basketball teams now being organized. A successful practice was held Monday in Roxboro high school gym, with enough men on hand for two teams, and it is expected that an additional practice period will be held before the first game of the season, scheduled for next Monday night at the gym, is played.