

# Person County Times



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# CHRISTMAS SPIRIT INVADES ROXBORO

## Citizens Named To Serve In Various Defense Capacities

### Legion Records Willing Spirit

**Fire Units, Bomb Squads Announced; Other Groups Being Selected**

Released this week at Roxboro City Hall by authorization of Mayor S. G. Winstead, director of local control of Civilian Defense, were names of citizens requested to serve with the air raid warden's corps and the fire department corps. Also listed were names of messengers or registered telephone boys at the Mayor's office and fire station.

Still to be publicly announced are the names of citizens who will serve with the utilities division, under I. O. Abbitt, and of the police division, under Chief of Police Robinson.

Chief Robinson reports that he is getting good response, particularly from members of the Lester Blackwell Post of the American Legion, who met last week and heard him outline necessities of the civilian police program. One detail to be worked out is which men can best serve in the morning hours, in afternoons or at night.

City Manager Percy Bloxam, looking yesterday at the published list of air raid corps and fire units, said that he and the Mayor, together with Warden R. H. Shelton and Fire Chief Henry E. O'Briant, are anxious that all men listed report to them whether or not they expect to be able to serve in capacities to which they have been assigned.

Printed below is the air raid warden list and the fire department list, and certain additional data.

#### Air Raid Alarm

Chief Air Raid Warden, R. H. Shelton; Night calls, Sammy Foushee, Walter Slagle, W. E. Hamlin, Wyatt Monk, Jack Parham, Percy Bloxam, T. K. Glenn; Maintenance of Alarm and Electrical, Fred Long.

#### Fire Department

H. E. O'Briant, Chief; J. E. Latta, Asst.; J. W. Bryan, Capt.; T. K. Glenn, Capt.; R. A. Whitfield, Clyde Murphy, Clarence Holeman, E. E. Bradsher, Jr.; J. E. Parham, W. E. Hamlin, Fred Long, W. W. Woods, Macon Thompson, Stephen Glenn, Arch Monday, Ursal Yarbore, H. W. O'Briant, Clea White, Mutt Moody, R. D. Bumpass, Graham Nichols, James Brooks, C. P. Hatcher, Sammy Foushee, Edward Foushee, Ray Jackson, Flint Oliver, Percy Bloxam, C. M. Bullock, E. T. Wrenn.

**Unexploded or Time Bomb Squad**  
H. E. O'Briant, J. E. Latta, T. K. Glenn, J. W. Bryan, J. W. Newman, V. W. Hall, Flint Oliver, Walter Slagle.

**Air Raid Firemen**  
Banks Berry, Ben Brown, John Tillman, James Carver, Ernest Bailey, R. P. Michaels, J. W. Green, B. B. Mangum, R. W. Lunsford, Alvin Warren, B. G. Clayton, George Wirtz, Edgar Masten, C. A. Harris, M. C. Michie, Rufus Womble, O. W. Long, Clyde Short, Belvin Barnette, A. C. Fair, Wharton Winstead, Tony Duncan, Henry Woods, Joe King, T. F. Davis, T.

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## GEORGE DAVIS RITES CONDUCTED BY HIS PASTOR

**Veteran Of World War I Dies In Fayetteville. Leaves Wife, Children And Other Relatives.**

George W. Davis, 46, resident of the Trinity Methodist church community, Person county, died Monday morning at 8:30 o'clock at Veteran's hospital, Fayetteville, after an illness lasting five weeks from pneumonia. Death was attributed to this disease and complications. Mr. Davis, a veteran of World War I, had been a patient at the hospital about a year and had been ill 18 months, having had previous treatment in a Durham hospital.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock at Trinity Methodist church, of which he was a member, by the pastor, the Rev. D. A. Petty, with interment in the church cemetery.

Survivors include: his wife, the former Miss Maggie Blalock; two sons, Basil and Edgar; one daughter, Virginia; his mother, Mrs. Lula Glenn Davis; three brothers, J. A., of Lillington; John W., of Linden and S. B. Davis, of Rougemont; three sisters, Mrs. E. R. Moore and Mrs. O. J. Smith, of Fuquay Springs, and Mrs. L. B. Gentry, of Person County, where all other members of the family reside.

He was a son of the late W. A. Davis. In charge of the rites were members of the American Legion post.

#### NOW HERE

O. P. Southerland, formerly with the CCC camp at Sanford, has been transferred to the Person county work unit of the Dan River Soil Conservation district as a junior conservationist to assist Joe Ellis, Jr., work unit leader.

## Older Scouts Rejoin To Take Defense Roles

Reidsville, Dec. 24.—The outbreak of war resulted in many former Scouts going back to their troops and to other troops and registering in order that they might be available for any emergency the Boy Scouts might be called on for. Several former Scouts have registered as associate Scouts and informed their Scoutmaster that they will be available for service in case of emergency.

Local leaders are enthusiastic over the large number of former Scouts offering their services. These older Scouts are highly valuable as leaders. Several Scoutmasters and Assistants have joined the services of their country and many of the old timers will be commissioned as Scoutmasters and Assistants.

Several local troops are considering Emergency Service Corps which would be available for First Aid, Police duty and Fire duty or any other types of service needed in case of an emergency.

The Cherokee Council has challenged the Greensboro Council to show as large a growth as they do by December 31. Local Scout leaders have shown extreme interest in the contest and have registered a large number of boys during the past month. J. S. Merritt, Person District Chairman urges that every Scoutmaster send in their list of new boys before December 30.

## Churchill In U. S. For War Parley With President

Washington.—Prime Minister Winston Churchill, after a secret and history-making journey, arrived in Washington Monday and was closeted with President Roosevelt in the White House discussing unified war plans to encompass "the defeat of Hitlerism throughout the world."

## PETTIFORD SHOT BY CAFE MAN TAKEN TO DUKE

**Shooting Takes Place At Cash's Cafe. Round-Up Of Other Cases Of Week-End In Roxboro.**

Still a patient at Duke hospital, Durham, is Paul Pettiford, Negro, who was wounded in the lower part of his back on the right side in a shooting scrape at Willie Cash's cafe, in the Gallows' Hill Negro section Saturday night about 10 o'clock. Being held in Person jail, without bond, is Cash, 35, a Negro, alleged to have done the shooting.

Cash was once tried for manslaughter in an affair in Raleigh about 10 years ago. Pettiford received first aid treatment at Community hospital, but physicians decided he should be moved to Duke, since it was necessary that the bullet be removed.

Cases tried in Mayor's court and later up in Tuesday's recorder's court, included: Joe Williams, Negro, 29, of Gallows' Hill, charged with possession of "white" liquor for sale; Helen Wagstaff, 36, Negro, of the north end section of Roxboro, charged with the possession of six gallons of whiskey for sale; Elmer Carver, Negro, 39, of Leasburg, charged with careless and reckless driving, and Clarence Miller, white, of Timberlake, charged with drunken driving.

Elmer Carver was chased through Roxboro to Leasburg by Officer-Wade after Carver had been seen on Roxboro streets driving in the manner described. Also charged with careless and reckless driving was B. V. Blalock, white man, of Hurdle Mills, who was apprehended on the old Prospect Church road.

## Production Unit Of Red Cross To Meet Monday

Mrs. Robert E. Long, Chairman of the Production Committee of the American Red Cross, is calling an important meeting of committee members and all other interested women, to be held Monday, December 29th, at 3:00 o'clock in the Grand Jury Room of the Court-house.

Purpose of the meeting is to explain the organization and aims of the work allocated to the Production committee. The Chairman urges a large attendance to pledge support to the undertaking.

## Peoples Bank To Close Two Days For Christmas

Gov. J. M. Broughton has declared December 28th, a legal holiday, and The Peoples Bank will, therefore, observe December 25th and 28th as a Holiday.

As customary in the past, due to the large volume of intangible tax postings that is necessary to be made at the end of the year, the bank will close each day during Christmas week at 12 o'clock noon.

It is respectfully requested that the public cooperate by making deposits before 12 o'clock each day.

### NO SUNDAY PAPER

In accordance with its annual custom the Person County Times office will be closed for several days during the Christmas holidays. There will be no paper published on Sunday, December 28, but regular publication will be resumed with the issue of Thursday, January 1st.

## CLUB DANCE TO FEATURE SEASON OF FESTIVITIES

**Bachelor's Club Dance To Draw Many Young People. Script Affair Has Good Music.**

Planned as a major social event of the holiday season in Roxboro is the Christmas script dance to be sponsored by the Roxboro Bachelors' club on Friday, December 26, the night after Christmas, in Kaplan Hall, North Main street from 10 until 2 o'clock.

Bids have been sent out to many non-members in Roxboro and surrounding Cities and it is expected that attendance from among the college set will be large. The twenty members of the host club and their dates all plan to attend, according to Thomas M. Bumpass, chairman of the dance committee.

Other members of this committee are Curtis Long and Bill Murphy. Club officers are Carr Moore Bullock, president, Bob Whitten, vice president, Curtis Long, secretary and E. T. Wrenn, treasurer.

Music will again be furnished by Frank Wright's "Bull City Night-Hawks", Negro dance orchestra that played for the club's highly successful Thanksgiving dance.

By special arrangements this Christmas dance is to be a script affair, and tickets may be obtained from club members or at the door.

Los Angeles, Calif., is the largest American city east of Reno, Nev., and west of Denver, Colo.

## "Not Probable Cause" Found In Mangum Accident Case

"Not probable cause" being found, charges of manslaughter against J. T. Mangum, Rougemont and Durham resident, alleged to have been driver of a car which struck and fatally injured Drone Clayton, Person man, of near Virgilina, Va., about two weeks ago on the Durham highway, near Roxboro, were dropped Tuesday in Person Recorder's court.

This ends the case, which will not be brought to higher court. Mangum, a foreman for the George W. Kane construction company, had given bond of \$1,000.

Feature of the opening of Recorder's court this week was presentation to Judge R. B. Dawes of a handmade cedar gavel, work of A. M. Long, Person jailer, who spent about a month of leisure time carving the gavel. Speech of presentation was made by W. D. Merritt, dean of the Person bar, and an appreciative

## People of City and County Plan to Enjoy Their Holiday

### Catholic Church To Have Two Services Today

To be held on this Christmas morning is an eight o'clock Mass at St. Mary's and St. Edward's Catholic church, with the pastor, Farther Cleetus J. Helfrich, officiating. Father Helfrich, who will come here from his home at Henderson for the service, will also be the celebrant of a second Mass to be held immediately after the first.

These will be the only church services to be held in Roxboro today, although the Rev. Rufus J. Womble will be in Oxford this morning to conduct services at the Episcopal church in that City.

Joint Christmas eve service of St. Mark's Episcopal church, of which Mr. Womble is rector, with the Presbyterian church was held at St. Mark's, with the Rev. J. M. Walker, of the Presbyterian church, as speaker. Especially beautiful was the church interior, with candles lighting the altar, the choir stalls and the windows. Music, traditional hymns and carols, was furnished by the combined choirs.

Young people at Roxboro First Baptist church had a carol service Sunday night, while observed then at Edgar Long Memorial Methodist church was the annual "White Christmas". Held in the afternoon was a family vesper service at the Presbyterian church.

To be continued this coming Sunday will be the Christmas theme, although few churches will have formal programs. One of the most attractive musical programs of the season was that presented by the combined choirs of Long Memorial Methodist church and the South Boston choral club, in a rendition of the cantata, "Christmas Dawn", by Spross, final performance being in South Boston last Sunday afternoon.

### Quietness To Be Rule; Stores Take One Day; Many Family Parties Held

Closed for the holidays are County and City administrative offices, although most officials have promised themselves only one day, Christmas, as a respite from routine duties.

Gone from store doorways are the living Santa Clauses and the stores themselves are closed for a day of rest. Men who toiled to make Christmas possible and women who formed shopping brigades are at home today, or gone to the country to visit relatives, kinsfolk who take Christmas more philosophically than their City neighbors.

In other words, people in Person County and Roxboro are ready to gather around home fires and eat turkey, or go out into the fields and woods to hunt game that will be enjoyed tomorrow.

Longest holiday will be enjoyed by pupils in the public schools. County and City schools closed Friday and County units will not open until December 31. Longer holiday will be that of students in City schools, who will take a vacation from books until Monday, January 5.

Coming under the lull is the spurt of war activities which began two weeks ago after Pearl Harbor. Announced today is a partially complete list of workers with Defense corps and planned for Monday, December 29, is a Court House meeting of women interested in the Red Cross Production (or sewing unit).

Workers in the Welfare and Health departments and with the Farm agency and home demonstration unit closed after a heavy schedule, and in other words Christmas is here and the war is for a moment forgotten. Buyers and sellers, old folks and young have been pleased this year.

## Jim T. Clayton Rites Held At Parents' Home

Jim T. Clayton, 45, of Timberlake, died at his home at 3:15 o'clock Saturday afternoon, death being attributed to complications. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at two o'clock at the residence of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Madison Clayton, by Elder Lex J. Chandler, with interment in the family cemetery near the home.

Surviving, in addition to his parents, are: his wife, Mrs. Minnie Woodall Clayton; two sons, James Thomas Clayton, Jr., and Franklin Trent Clayton, and one daughter, Miss Mary Frances Clayton, and one brother Herbert Young Clayton, all of the Timberlake community.

### FARM ESTABLISHED TO HELP OYSTER INDUSTRY

Beaufort, December 24. — The State of North Carolina, in cooperation with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, has established a demonstration farm on North River four miles from here, in an effort to revive the once important State oyster industry.