



Criminal Court To Be Opened Monday By Judge Thompson

Earl Lewis Harris Case On Appeal Will Come Up

Second Week, For Civil Cases Will Have Judge Dixon, Of Edenton.

Person Superior Court, criminal division, with Judge C. E. Thompson, of Elizabeth City, presiding, is scheduled to open here Monday morning and is expected to last one week, to be followed on Monday, Feb. 1, by a one week's civil term under Judge Richard D. Dixon, of Edenton, since Judge Thompson is to be in Oxford for Granville court that week.

Before Judge Thompson in Person court will be the case of Earl Lewis Harris, Negro, 24, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, and appealed by him after he and Desedee Canada, 18, also a Negro, charged with a similar offense, had been found guilty in Friday's Recorder's court.

Harris and Canada, it will be recalled, were engaged in a fight on Christmas eve and Canada was wounded by Harris and sent to a Durham hospital for treatment. Trial of the case in lower court was delayed until his recovery. June Ragland, 21, third Negro in the affray, was found not guilty. Canada had judgement suspended, with payment of \$5 and costs, while Harris, under \$200 bond, appealed from a sentence of eight months on the roads, payment of \$110 for Canada's hospital expenses and the condition that he be accepted by the Army.

Members of the Person Bar met recently to draw up the calendar for the Civil Term, the most interesting case on it being that scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 3, "State of North Carolina vs. M. T. Clayton et al", in other words, the case concerned with the jail-cell death of Thomas P. Whitfield in January of last year. Attorney for Whitfield's widow, a Greensboro resident, is Harry R. Stanley, of that City.

Other Civil Actions are: Joe C. Moore vs. Vassar Jones; J. W. Chambers & wife vs. W. T. Pass, Executor et al; Eleanor Shorr vs. R. B. Dawes, Trustee, etc.; Miriam Clayton vs. Dolian Clayton; J. A. Vance Co. vs. G. E. Stephens; Lucy Whitt Owen vs. Zeb Owen; Drucilla Long Jones vs. Horace J. C. Jones; In the Matter of the Will of Paul Ross; Cora Alkins Wade vs. Ivey Wade and Board of Commissioners of Roxboro vs. Willie Barnett & Person County.

In criminal division, cases to come up include those against William Cates, 14, Negro charged with attempted assault with intent to commit rape; James Johnson, 25, also a Negro, charged with assault with intent to kill; and Willie Thomas Aiken, Roxboro white man, 27 years of age, charged with robbery from Arthur F. Perkins, of Roxboro.

And cases of John Henry Walker, alias John Henry Warner, 30, and George Junior Lunsford, 28, both Negroes, charged with robbery from Ernest Townsend, also a Negro.

Of interest to Person residents (turn to page two, please)

Two Cub Packs Organize For New Programs

About Twenty Boys In Each Group. Growth Of Work Largely Tribute To Womble.

Now formally organized and re-organized are Cub Packs No. 2 and No. 6, representing a splitting of Pack No. 2 into two units.

In one Pack, with the Rev. Rufus J. Womble as Cubmaster, sponsorship is by Saint Mark's Episcopal church, of which the Rev. Mr. Womble is rector, while in the other Pack, which has Preston Satterfield, Jr., as Cubmaster, sponsorship is by Saint Mary's and Saint Edward's Catholic church.

Pack committeemen for the Saint Mark's group are R. P. Michaels, Percy Bloxam and J. W. DeWolf, Jr., while committeemen for the other Pack are George W. Kane, George Currier and Gus Deering. The Rev. Mr. Womble's Pack meets each Wednesday afternoon at Roxboro high school and Mr. Satterfield's group on each Friday night at the Community house, Chub Lake street.

Boys in the day group are: Hugh Beam, John Ervin Brooks, James Lester, Ruffin Woody, James Sidney O'Brian, David Barnett, Robert Kerr, Silas Solomon, Philip Thomas, Jr., Sam Harris, Daniel Moore, John M. Humphries and Bill Bradsher, while two boys below Cub age, but associated with the Pack are, Dewey Young, Jr., and James Parham.

In the night group are: Robert Burns, Jr., Henry Walker, Jr., Kirk Kynoch, Larry Woods, Latney Pittard, Jr., Heywood G. Simpson, Jr., Abner Clayton, W. T. Adcock, Vernon Thomas, Leon Long, Bill Michie, Henry O'Brian, Jr., Russell Newell, Jr., Mack Abbott and Jerry Bass, with Jack Michie, below Cub age but associated with the Pack.

Two boys, Donald Long and John C. Dawes, will go with one of the two Packs. Other boys who are interested and are expected to get into the Packs are Carl Thomas, Ben Williams, Charles Barnette and John S. Pettigrew.

City O'Possum Makes One Trip Too Many For Wade and Walker

A City opossum (species, Didelphis virginiana) "chiefly nocturnal, largely arboreal and almost omnivorous", met its match here early Friday morning on Lamar street, when two Roxboro Policemen, Charles Wade and George Walker, looking for more human game, came upon the slick-tailed animal near W. C. Bullock's lumber plant.

The 'possum blinked under the search-light held by Walker. Soon the chase was on. Wade,

A. L. GOODWIN HAS PRAISES FOR JOB RESPONSE HERE

Says Roxboro And Person Young Men And Women Want Courses

A. L. Goodwin, district representative of the War Manpower commission under NYA, today said that work of accuring young people for training is progressing at good rate in the Roxboro area, where the ratio is three to one in comparison with response and acceptance in Caswell and Granville, two other counties in his district.

Goodwin, who has residence in Roxboro and is in his office here on Friday and Saturday mornings in the Post Office building from 8:30 until 10, says that need now is particularly acute for girls and young women in radio work, many of whom can be trained in Raleigh.

Women, according to Goodwin, have greater finger dexterity than men and their skill in such work as radio repairs has been repeatedly illustrated.

Bob Whitten To Leave Soon For Army Service

Robert Estes (Bob) Whitten, of Roxboro and Atlanta, Ga., a former University of North Carolina athlete and son of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Whitten, of Roxboro, is among Roxboro boys expected to go to Camp Croft, S. C., for induction Wednesday. His wife is the former Miss Smith, of Mullins, S. C. Mr. Whitten arrived in Roxboro Friday and his wife is expected to join him here during period of his furlough.

Mr. Whitten for the past several months has been in defense work.

Royster Speaks To Rotarians On FSA Program

T. S. Royster, of Lexington, district supervisor of the Farm Security administration, guest speaker Thursday at Roxboro Rotary club on a program sponsored by Rotarian J. Y. Blanks, discussed the farm program for 1943 and gave assurance that the FSA is cooperating in all possible ways.

Special guest was Charles Spencer, of Raleigh, who afterwards spoke at meeting of the Person Schoolmasters' club. Rotary session was at Hotel Roxboro.

who made the actual capture, got down on his hands and knees, and pulled the six-pound animal from its hiding place under lumber. Strangle-hold was on its tail. Wade made the capture, but Walker was the practical one: he took the critter to the country to fatten. Soon there will be stew. That is the price the 'possum will pay for making just one trip too many to a garbage can across the street.

Corps Plan Outlined By Spencer

Couch And Griffin Preside. Organization Will Be Made Here.

Listing eight objectives of the high school Victory Corps program, Charles Spencer, of the State Department of Public Instruction, Raleigh, on Thursday night told members of the Person Schoolmaster's club and special guests that the Corps is expected to:

Act as guide in helpful war work, especially in critical services and occupations; deal with wartime citizenship problems; provide physical fitness; give military drill; provide basic training in mathematics and science; offer pre-flight training in aeronautics; provide training in occupational courses and stimulate community service.

Requirements for general Corps membership include: taking course best suited to individual needs, participating in physical fitness training and participating in recurring wartime activities. Requirements for memberships in the Service divisions are more complex. Badges for both general and service memberships are available.

Presiding over the session, held in Roxboro high school library, was Leon Couch, club president. General discussion of the Corps plan was held and plans (turn to page two, please)

PRENTISS BROWN ASSUMES DUTIES AS HEAD OF OPA

Promises To Safeguard Interests Of Consumers; Sees Slow Price Rise.

WASHINGTON, January 23.—Prentiss M. Brown, Leon Henderson's successor as Price Administrator, pledged himself to safeguard the consumer's interests, but warned that a slow and orderly rise in living costs is inevitable.

"I don't think you can hold prices at a flat level," the former Michigan Senator said on formally taking over the job.

He appealed for public cooperation in the price control and rationing programs and reiterated that the keynote of his administration would be that price controls should be viewed as protection for the people rather than an imposition.

He told a press conference that he hoped he could do a job satisfactory to the people and to the Congress "as far as those two groups can be satisfied," but acknowledged that "we will be unable to please everyone—there always will be disagreements and dissatisfaction."

Meeting the newsmen a few hours after he was sworn in by Associate Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, the soft-spoken and unassuming new OPA boss parried a question whether he would be "tough" by saying:

"I don't think I can change my personality at the age of 53." Even as he spoke, Henderson said in a letter transmitting his final report to Congress that inflation can be held in check, but that economic stabilization (turn to page two, please)

JANUARY QUOTA OF WHITE MEN TO LEAVE WEDNESDAY

Names Of Negroes Who Are Going Back Are Given. Other List Held Back.

January quota of Person and Roxboro white men expected to leave under Selective Service on Wednesday morning for Camp Croft, Spartanburg, S. C., where final examinations will take place, is expected to be large, according to Mrs. James Brooks, Selective Service office manager, but final list of those going may not be available before first of the week.

It is understood that some changes in the list may be occasioned by farm deferments. Among the men expected to leave are a number of well-known young men, some of whom have returned to Roxboro from other cities in order to join the group here and comply with regulations.

Released today is a list of Negro men, first sent to Fort Bragg on January 15, who have spent furloughs here and have returned or will return to the service.

They are: James O. Hester, James P. Carrington, John D. Featherston, Joseph E. Lee, Zebulon V. Woods, Jr., Carl Wyche, Henderson Stanfield, Alfred F. Blackwell, Christmas C. Pettiford, James P. Torian, Robert E. Cole, Spencer Thomas, Jr., Robert L. Lawson, Winard F. Talley, Malvin Pulliam, Charlie Newman, Clemon Jay, Bruce Woody, Floyd Hamlett and Leroy J. Crump.

Also, Felix F. Pettiford, Rufus F. Taylor, Jonnie B. Villines, Willie J. Johnson, Cathern Ramsey, William H. Bradsher, Floyd D. Blackwell, Johnnie C. Villines, Lonnie Rogers, James R. Barnette, Alex Fuller, Jr., Otha L. Blackwell, Charlie J. Pierce, Willie D. Royster, Eugene Jordan, Robert L. Ragland, Willia J. Stanfield, John E. Brand and Charlie M. Vanhook.

Number of Negroes being returned is less than one half of those examined.

HAS TONSILS OUT

Miss Ruth Alene Young, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Dewey Young, of Roxboro, is recovering nicely after having had her tonsils removed at Community hospital.

Along The Way With the Editor

It has been very seldom that this column has ever had anything to say about women and every time that anything has been said the writer lived to regret it.

However, once again it will be tried. I simply cannot resist the temptation and to be perfectly frank about the matter I think that these women that I am going to talk about deserve what is coming to them.

On Wednesday of this last week four women, who did not care to walk or who were too old to walk, had to go to the Research Club. There was a rule against riding in a car or rather against pleasure riding, and so they engaged a wagon and a team of mules to haul them to the club. They decided to go right down Main Street on the wagon, just to show off I guess. There could have been no other reason, and down Main Street they went. One of the ladies even wanted a horn to blow but why I could not see as they attracted enough attention as they were.

These women were not young girls. They were grandmothers, every last one of them. One had a birthday the next day and I just do not have the nerve to tell you how old she was.

They had to have help getting in the wagon and it took two big men to help them in and out. As it happened there was not a broken leg in the bunch.

As a young boy my mother would have never let me do anything as dangerous as that. The wagon could have broken down or the mules could have run away.

Their names—Oh yes, I almost forgot, Mrs. Mamie Merritt, Mrs. E. P. Dunlap, Mrs. R. L. Wilburn and Mrs. S. G. Winstead.

Bloxam And Woods Send Folger Airport Messages From City

Surgical Unit Of Red Cross Gets Demands

Largest Quota Yet Received Calls For 30,000 In February.

Mrs. J. H. Hughes, of this city, chairman of the surgical dressings unit of the Person and Roxboro Chapter of the American Red Cross, today said that she has been informed that February quota of surgical dressings for the Chapter has been set at 30,000, more than three times larger than the previous largest request of 9,000.

This means, says Mrs. Hughes, that the need for more workers in the surgical dressings unit is urgent. Work room of this unit is in the Satterfield building, Main street, and it is kept open each weekday except Saturday and is frequently open at night. The office has a working capacity of 25. Morning hours are 10 to 12; afternoons, 2 to 5, and nights, 7 to 9.

Much good work is being done here, but more is needed, particularly in view of the increased quota, according to Mrs. Hughes, and a further response by both City and County women will be appreciated. Workers, too, are needed for the production unit of the Chapter, which has its offices in the Hall building, Abbitt Avenue. In the surgical dressings division, especially, there is need for more workers who can come on Thursdays and Fridays and at night.

Some indication of the work that surgical dressing units throughout the nation are up against is contained in a letter Mrs. Hughes has received from Cordelia D. Wolf, of the Eastern Area office, the American Red Cross, Alexandria, Va. The letter reveals that January War Department schedule calls for (turn to page two, please)

Seek To Work With Oxford On Airport Project

Roxboro Citizens Still Interested In Plan First Proposed In 1940.

City Manager Percy Bloxam and W. Wallace Woods, executive secretary of the Roxboro Chamber of Commerce, who have with other Roxboro citizens been interested in location of a proposed new airport in the Roxboro-Oxford area, yesterday dispatched to Representative John H. Folger, of Washington, telegrams requesting him to use his influence in getting the airport placed on a joint highway between Oxford and Roxboro, near Camp Butler.

This action was taken by Bloxam and Woods after Folger, on Thursday, announced that he would be in favor of a site near Oxford. Knowledge that a new airport may be constructed has been current here for some weeks and it was discussed at last meeting of Roxboro City commissioners, although no official statement was issued at that time by the Commissioners.

First mention of an airport for the Roxboro area was made in November 1940, when a tentative appropriation of \$123,000 was announced and Roxboro was included in a list of cities under consideration by the Civil Aeronautics division. Under subsequent developments the Raleigh-Durham airport came into being, but nothing was done about the Roxboro plan.

Secretary Woods has written to William S. Mason, secretary of Oxford Chamber of commerce, promising full support and cooperation in obtaining a joint airport, but it is not known what decision Folger and the War Department will make.

The Durham Morning Herald on Friday carried a story saying that "the War Department has promised full consideration of the proposal to locate the airport near Oxford rather than Durham."

Folger's statement as quoted by that paper indicates he is favoring "any site near Oxford."

"There already is an airport between Durham and Raleigh," Folger said, adding "and there is no airport north of Camp Butler until you get into Virginia. That is why I am favoring any site near Oxford. The Army is now investigating and will advise me soon."

IMPROVED

Mrs. Lucy Pass Featherston, of Academy street, who has been ill for sometime at her home here, is now much improved.

NOW BETTER

Rev. W. F. West, pastor of Roxboro First Baptist church, who has been ill for several weeks, is improving, although he is still confined to his home. His son, W. F. West, Jr., student at Wake Forest college, is spending several days here.

AT A AND P

G. E. McCordle, of Durham, is now manager at A. and P. succeeding James Maness, of Charlotte, now in the Army.