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Griffin Gives Totals Far Mileage Cuts In School Bus Driving

Federal Rule Also Obeyed In Shops Arranged

Helena Report Of Last Week Followed By County-Wide Survey. All Co-operating.

Person County Superintendent of Schools R. B. Griffin today said that Person and Roxboro public schools are fully cooperating with Federal regulations recently imposed to curtail school bus mileage in interest of saving gasoline and tires.

Some schools are leaving off side trips and instances are cited in which one trip of a mile in length is omitted, effecting a total saving of four miles per day. Gasoline is also saved through elimination of numbers of bus stops. Under new regulations pupils living within two miles of school are expected to walk. Old limit was one mile.

Figures cited by Griffin for mileage and bus per day stops are:

Person County Training School for Negroes, miles reduced from 597 to 447; Helena, 152 to 129, with bus stops from 117 to 111; Mount Tirzah, from 144 to 126, with bus stops from 154 to 120, and at Olive Hill, 83 to 60, with bus stops from 68 to 50.

Also, Bethel Hill, 231 to 200, with 295 to 263 for stops; Allensville, 172 to 159, with no change in bus stops; Bushy Fork, 133 to 106, with stops from 63 to 47; and Roxboro high school, 146 to 125 miles, with stops from 447 to 397, Helena, 152 to from 89 to 76; and Hurdle Mills, 104 to 95, and 11, to 109.

WIFE SENDS HER HUSBAND AND AN EDITOR WEARS HAT

Mrs. Wade Buchanan Gentry, of Roxboro, clerk in the office of Person Selective service board, had yesterday a personal interest in seeing that January quota of men enroute to Camp Croft, S. C., made a safe trip. Her husband, a son of J. Larkin Gentry, of Allensville, was among the men reporting. He was, until induction, connected with Collins and Aikman Corp., Plant E, at Ca-Vel.

Departure of the men in Gentry's group was delayed some two hours by late arrival and breakdown of one of two busses. Leader of the Person group was T. C. Wagstaff, former associate editor of the Roxboro Courier. "T. C." appeared hatless, as usual, but members of the Selective Service board staff furnished him with one, long enough to keep the rain off his intellectual brow.

Corp. Oliver In North Africa

Corp. J. D. Oliver, of the United States army, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Oliver, of Roxboro, has landed safely in North Africa, according to a message received here today by his parents.

African Trip Given Hint By Censor Head

Times' Editor Told F. D. R. Was On Trip—Only Point Was — Where?

Forewarning of the precedent-breaking trip of President Roosevelt to North Africa was received by the editor of the Person County Times on January, 11, over two weeks ago, although exact nature of the journey was not revealed until Tuesday night.

Sender of the note was Byron Price, director of the Office of Censorship, Washington, with the stipulation, "Strictly confidential and not for publication." But now it has been told and so the message can be revealed. It said:

"The President is making another trip. The attention of every editor and broadcaster is directed forcefully to the Code provision restricting any information regarding the movements of the Commander in Chief and any other ranking officials of the government.

Upon his return, detailed news of his trip will be made available to all simultaneously." It was

And until Tuesday night, Roxboro, residents, like their neighbors throughout the land, were as mystified as you please.

Price's message was received and kept under cover by all editors and commentators.

PRECEDENTS

Casablanca, Jan. 24.—(Delayed)—President Roosevelt, who has broken more precedents than any other United States Chief Executive, added these to his record in connection with his North African meeting with Winston Churchill:

1. He became the first President who ever left the United States while the nation was at war.
2. He became the first President ever to fly while holding office.
3. He became the first President since Abraham Lincoln to visit an actual theater of war.

AIR RAID MEN TO MEET MONDAY AT COURT HOUSE

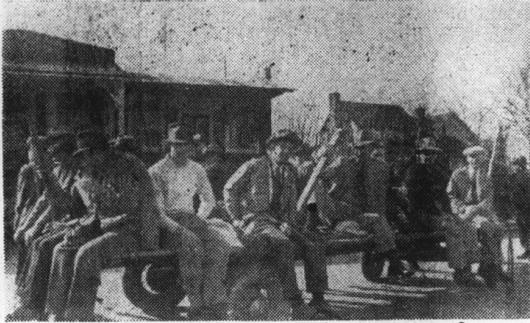
Maynard C. Clayton, Roxboro Chief Air Raid warden, today announced a meeting of all City Air Raid wardens to be held Monday night at eight o'clock in the Grand Jury room at Person Court house.

It is important that all district wardens and their men attend, since it is understood that State-wide blackouts and daylight air raid tests are to be conducted soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Umstead, who have had residence on a mar street, have moved to Willardville, where Mr. Umstead is agent for the Norfolk and Western.

Corp. Frank E. Broomall, of Camp Butner, spent the week-end here with Mrs. Broomall.

Wagon-Age Golfers Get Ready



Street Scene Here, Sunday, Jan. 10, After Ban Started

Left to right are Sam Byrd Winstead, J. C. (Bill) Walker, Gordon Brown, J. Sam Merritt, Chief of Police George C. Robinson, Newton Day, his head barely showing, near Robinson, Lee Weathers, of Shelby, C. A. Harris and others in the party that on Sunday two weeks ago chartered a wagon to go five miles to Roxboro County club to play golf. Only trouble was the wagon had rubber tires and there were two punctures before the boys could get back home.

Others in the party were: Philip L. Thomas, T. B. Woody, Haywood Slaughter, Thomas Bowles, J. Lester Clayton, Earl Bradsher, Sr., John Morris, D. W. Ledbetter, Bill Harris, III, Tom Brooks and Bill Winstead, together with a Negro driver. Second trip was made last Sunday.

I Do Not Know

I do not know his name and I do not know his mother's name. He was a small boy, age about five years old and he was pulling a red wagon as he walked into Tom's Battery, local scrap dealers of this city. On his wagon was a pile of scrap tin, metal, etc. There was his train and a play helmet and several other toys that had offered plenty of fun some time ago. He was offering them all to Uncle Sam to help win the war. I looked down at his mother and on the lapel of her coat I saw a service pin. It had two stars on it.

I do not think that the little fellow was interested in the money he got from the scrap, but as young as he was he must have been thinking of his two brothers who are offering their all.

AGENCY COUNCIL HEARS WOODS ON PARALYSIS DRIVE

Meeting Held At Hotel Roxboro. Taylor New Member

W. Wallace Woods, Roxboro and Person chairman for the President's Birthday benefit for the Infantile Paralysis foundation fund, which will be conducted the remainder of this week, was chief speaker at January meeting of the Person County Council of Social agencies held here yesterday at Hotel Roxboro.

Woods, who said that public response, especially the filling of coin cards by school children, has been good, gave a brief history of the Foundation and mentioned specifically the Kenny method of treatment.

Tag Day sale is planned Saturday by Girl Scouts.

J. W. GREENE INDUCTED INTO KIWANIS CLUB

J. W. Greene, Roxboro jeweler, elected to membership in Roxboro Kiwanis club, was inducted at the meeting held this week. Presentation was by B. B. Strum, past president.

Voltface By Women Saves Club

Business And Professional Woman's Club To Continue. Miss Bloxam New President.

Women can, and do change their minds: current example is Roxboro unit of the Business and Professional Woman's Club, an organization that met Tuesday night for the announced purpose of disbanding — for the duration, changed its collective mind, elected a new president, Miss Barbara Bloxam, and began extensive plans for a new program in keeping with its new lease on life.

The stage had been set for farewells, and gift for Miss Louise Croom, president, who was to preside over the "last session," was bought. Today Miss Croom, who is expecting to enter military service as a nurse, has her gift, a very appropriate silver identification bracelet, and she leaves her club office with the satisfaction of knowing that the club will go on.

Decision to retain club organization here was reached at a dinner session held at Hotel Roxboro and attended by all but one of seventeen members.

Mrs. Hugh Woods' Sister Dies In Philadelphia

Mrs. Hugh Woods, of Roxboro, yesterday received information concerning the death of a sister, Mrs. George L. Thompson, of Philadelphia, at the home of a son.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete. Mrs. Thompson, a native of England, was the former Miss Rose Field and had frequently visited in Roxboro. Other survivors are Mrs. L. T. Bowles, a sister, of Roxboro, and a brother, Willie Field, of Atlanta, Ga.

Miss Mary Seivers Woody, of Duke University, spent the week-end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Woody.

Aiken, Slaughter And Cates In Superior Court Go Free

PERSON'S YOUNGER MEN LEAVE FOR ARMY SERVICE

Several Come From Other Cities. Delinquents Also Listed. Busses Delayed.

Mrs. James Brooks, office manager of the Person Selective Service Board, today released for publication a list of white men, January quota, who yesterday reported from Person County and Roxboro to Camp Croft, S. C., for final examination and possible induction.

Also released by Mrs. Brooks was a list of Person men, transferred from other Boards and inducted as from Roxboro, and a list of men suspected of Selective Service delinquency. Those suspected of delinquency are urged to come to the Board of office in Roxboro this month and clear up their status. Failure to do so will result in prosecution.

Nine white men listed as delinquents are: Romie Chambers, Donald Henry Morris, Raymond Gilbert Parker, Doyle Alexander Riddle, Willie Nelson, James Theophiles Clayton, Howard Collins, Hugh Lawrence Kelly and Paul Wilbern Shuskey, while ten Negroes so listed are: Lee

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CURTIS LONG TO GO TO NASHVILLE AS AIR CADET

Curtis E. Long, of this City, son of Mrs. A. M. Long and brother of Dorian Long, is to report to Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 4, for duty as an aviation cadet, according to instructions received today. Long, who enlisted in the Air Corps reserves, July 13, is one of four North Carolinians asked to report to Nashville next month.

Along with the official notice he received a train ticket to Nashville. One of the most popular young men in Roxboro, he has been associated with his brother in the clothing business here.

ICE BREAKS LINES AND THROWS CITY INTO BLACKOUT

The City of Roxboro, particularly in the southern section near the Oxford road was in darkness this morning for several hours because of the breaking of ice-coated powerline wires.

Rain that fell all day turned to ice and sleet with the coming of night and police and powerline workers were kept busy for hours looking for and repairing five wires and broken lines. Service was still disrupted at noon today, after heaviest ice storm since 1934.

Mrs. Molly Barrett has been ill at her home on Reams Avenue.

Miss Arline Newell, of Woman's College, Greensboro, spent the week-end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Wheeler Newell.

Morton's Jury Report Puts Good Side Up

Only Complaint Concerns Pond In School Yard

Some School Bus Defects, But They Are To Be Connected. Kings Again Praised.

Errol Morton, of Olive Hill, foreman of the Grand Jury for term of Person Superior court just ended, on Tuesday filed briefest and most unsensational Grand Jury report delivered here in the past year and a half.

Published on page three of today's issue of the Times is a partial text of Judge C. E. Thompson's charge to the Grand Jury, delivered Monday morning. Aside from definitions of duties to be performed, chief emphasis of the judicial message was devoted to an exposition of the history and importance of the Grand Jury tradition in a democracy.

Only points of complaint in the Morton report pertained to brakes on two school busses and existence of a "standing pool of water near Hurdle Mills school that needs draining". The pool, about 150 feet from the school, gives an odor "on warm days", according to the principal, A. L. Combs.

County offices and institutions, including County home and jail, were reported in good order.

Storm To Close County Schools Until Monday

Person County Public schools, including Person County Training school for Negroes, closed today and will remain closed until Monday because of disruptions of services, chiefly in electric current, water power and roads, caused by the heavy ice storm which began yesterday and continued until this morning.

School announcement was made this afternoon by County Superintendent R. B. Griffin, who said City schools for white pupils will remain open.

Commenting on general disruption of facilities, which has left many homes without electrical current, T. Miller White, Roxboro manager of the Carolina Power and Light company, said that services will be restored as soon as possible. Yanceyville and Warrenton were other localities hard hit by the storm.

Both water department and power company men worked far into the night and are still busy. Numbers of stores and restaurants have been forced to close.

Miss Louise Darden and S. Ben Davis, Jr., spent Sunday in Wilson, with Miss Darden's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Darden.

Eulie Denny Case Finally Reaches Its Settlement

Aiken Freed Of Charge Of Robbing Arthur Perkins. Willie Cash Case Again Continued.

Willie Thomas Aiken, 27, Roxboro resident and Norfolk, Va., defense plant worker, yesterday in Person Superior Court, criminal division, won acquittal of charges of robbery of a sum of money, \$34, from Arthur Perkins, of this City. Acquitted also was J. L. (Dock) Slaughter, of Allensville, charged with an assault with intent to kill.

Return of verdict in the Slaughter case late yesterday afternoon, ended a three day session of the court over which Judge C. E. Thompson, of Elizabeth City, presided. Only other important case tried during the session, that of William Cates, 14, Negro, charged with attempted assault with intent to commit rape, ended Tuesday on a non-suit motion from Cates' attorney at end of State's evidence.

Other cases disposed of included: John Henry Walker, Negro, alias John Henry Warren, robbery, three years on roads; James Thomas Webb, Negro, larceny, two years on roads; Earl Lewis Harris, 24, Negro, assault with a deadly weapon, eight months on roads; James Bailey, 21, William Bailey, 24, and Roy Paylor, 20, all Negroes, guilty of trespassing twelve months on the roads, with sentences suspended with costs and probation for five years.

Also, Ira Jones, 47, plea of guilty of simple assault on a female, eighteen months on the roads, six more than was received in Recorder's court. This is the case in which Mrs. W. L. King, wife of the Person jailer, made a spirited and effective witness, Jones was charged with assaulting his wife, Mrs. Jones, after she had had a hair-bob and permanent wave not to his liking.

Also, Eulie Denny, found guilty of non-support of an illegitimate child, sentence being under judgement that he is to pay to Hazel Talley, mother of the child, Wallace Wayne Talley, \$860, payments to be made to the mother at rate of \$12 per month through Clerk of Superior Court.

Again continued, almost a year to date of alleged occurrence, was case of S. R. Whitten, Sr., charged with failure to discharge duties of his office. Continuance this time was to April term, but scheduled for next week in Civil division is a suit brought against Sheriff M. T. Clayton, Whitten and others by Mrs. Thomas P. Whitfield, of Greensboro, widow of Whitfield, whose death in a smoke-filled jail cell precipitated both cases.

Continued also were cases against Willie Cash, Negro cafe operator, charged with assault with intent to kill, and against Charles Cecil Wimmer, Durham drug addict, charged with breaking and entering and now serving a term for a similar offense.

AT HOME

Lawrence Hall who has been in the Army has returned to Roxboro. Change of the draft age gave him honorable discharge.