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Round of Duties In War Work Done by Secretary Woods

**Hospitality Out
This Year Says
Chamber Group**

**Membership Drive To Be
Staged Next Month.
Gains Shown.**

Roxboro Chamber of Commerce directors, meeting with W. Wallace Woods, executive secretary, on Tuesday reviewed continuous progress of the organization since January, heard reports of cooperation in many community projects, particularly in the Red Cross War fund drive, and agreed that a Chamber of Commerce membership campaign will be staged here on Monday, May 3.

At noon on that day the directors will meet at luncheon, having with them a few invited guests. Presiding will be David S. Brooks, president, while arrangements will be in charge of Secretary Woods and his assistant, Miss Dorothy Taylor, in coordinating community efforts for the Red Cross, for Salvage and Bond campaigns and for the Infantile Paralysis drive.

Major emphasis of Chamber work is now upon war programs, and as President Brooks pointed out at the April meeting service of Secretary Woods and his assistant, Miss Dorothy Taylor, in coordinating community efforts for the Red Cross, for Salvage and Bond campaigns and for the Infantile Paralysis drive has been almost invaluable.

Another service has been extended cooperation with Mrs. Walter Woody, home service chairman of the Red Cross. All home service files are kept in the Chamber office.

Casualty of war this year will be a Chamber sponsored project, Roxboro and Person County's Annual Hospitality Week, usually held the last week in June. Directors, however, have authorized the Secretary to send cards of greetings to all guests who attended last year and to assure them that the event, which has attracted State-wide attention for the past five years, will be resumed when the war is over.

In addition to his numerous war duties, Secretary Woods has continued the Chamber program of cooperation in civic affairs, particularly for merchant members in need of assistance with rationing problems.

In addition to President Brooks, directors present for Tuesday's afternoon session included W. R. Minor, R. B. Griffin, S. M. Ford, J. S. Merritt, W. Reade Jones and Dr. J. H. Hughes. Absent were J. D. Mangum, J. A. Long, Jr., and R. D. Bumpass. Also present was Thomas J. Shaw, Jr., a press representative.

INSTALLED

Mrs. Headley Kynoch, new president of Roxboro Central Grammar School PTA, was installed this week at April session of the Association held at the school. Musical program, a feature, was in charge of Miss Katherine Cooper, of the public school's music faculty. Also installed were other officers. Incoming president is Mrs. T. B. Woods.

NAVY COMMANDER WILL BE SPEAKER AT BUSHY FORK

Charles B. Neely, Of New York And Raleigh Headlines Program.

Lt. Commander Charles B. Neely, U.S.N.R., officer in-charge of Navy Recruiting in North Carolina, will be the chief speaker at Bushy Fork commencement Friday May 7.

Graduation ceremony will be in the school auditorium at 11:00 A. M. Friday, May 7th Commander Neely, whose address will be a part of a program featuring "Our Navy", will be introduced by Percy Bloxam, Roxboro City manager.

Commander Neely, whose headquarters office is in Raleigh, is a native of Montgomery, Ala. He was educated at the University of Alabama, and after graduation there moved to New York City.

Prior to coming to North Carolina early in 1942 as recruiting officer for the state, he was an automobile executive in New York.

Under his leadership, North Carolina has established an enviable record in recruiting for the Navy, having consistently held a top flight place in the nation.

Eugene Tuck, 22, Has Seen Heavy War Zone Duty

Sgt. Eugene M. Tuck, 22, of East Roxboro, a son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Tuck, who entered the Naval Reserve in October 1942, and who has seen service in at least one major sea engagement, is spending his leave here with his parents.

Tuck, in civilian life an electrician with the Collins and Aikman corporation, Plant E, Cullowhee, is a 1937 graduate of Roxboro high school. He is also another example from the ranks of Person's quiet fighters, quite willing to point to and explain his service bar with its "engagement star", but not at all boastful about how he got it.

TWO VISIT HERE

Pfc. Alvin Monroe Pleasants, Jr., of Fort Meyers, Fla., is spending several days with his parents here. Also visiting them is their daughter, Miss Margaret Pleasants, of Washington, D. C.

DAUGHTER BORN

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Gregory, of Roxboro, announce the birth of a daughter, Betsy Carroll, on Sunday, April 18, at Duke hospital, Durham.

VACATION

Miss Betty Kane, student at Trinity college, Washington, is spending the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Kane.

TO MEET

Person County Commissioners will meet Monday as a board of review in tax valuations.

Speaker



Whitten Case Ends In Nol Pros Order

S. R. Whitten, Sr., Jail Cell Death Charge Evaporates Into Thin Air.

Nol-pros with leave has ended the S. R. Whitten, Sr., case in criminal division of Person Superior court, in which Whitten, Sr., one-time Person Court House custodian and jailer, was charged with negligence and neglect of duty resulting in the death of Thomas P. Whitfield in a smoke-filled jail cell in January 1942.

The nol-pros was taken here on Monday before Judge C. E. Thompson, of Elizabeth City, who held a brief term for criminal and civil cases that lasted only two days. The Whitten case, postponed several terms since the incident of January 26, 1942, was settled by agreement of attorneys concerned and Solicitor William H. Murdoch, of Durham.

Chief witness in the case, Martin Goodman, a Negro, in the jail at the time of Whitfield's death, has served his time and since been released and cannot be found. Civil suit, filed against Whitten, Sr., and Sheriff M. T. Clayton by Whitfield's widow has been continued.

Whitten, Sr., served about one week as jailer, immediately after the death of A. M. Long. He was succeeded by the present jailer, W. L. King, after the Whitfield incident occurred.

It was alleged that Whitten, or other parties concerned, failed to properly search Whitfield at time of his arrest and were negligent in not watching him or hearing his cries. Sentiment aroused at the time has died down and ending of the case as it did was not unexpected.

ROBERT HAMLETT SENTENCED FOR TWO THEFTS HERE

Negro Assault Trio Also Get Road Terms From Thompson.

Robert Hamlett, 19, Negro, in Person Superior Court before Judge C. E. Thompson, of Elizabeth City, received on Monday sentences of three and two years, concurrently, on the roads for alleged breaking and entering and thefts from Roxboro Beverage company, while the Grand Jury, with F. E. Wells, of Cunningham, as foreman, returned "not a true bill" as to Preston Horner, 33, white man, implicated by Hamlett in the lesser of two thefts.

Hamlett, who after he was placed in jail attempted to make an escape hole in the brick wall of Person jail, and who while there had in his possession an improvised black-jack made of a circle of iron and a cloth string, is said to have taken \$80 from the beverage company lockbox in February, and \$200 in December.

Three other Person Negroes Luther Tucker, 24, and Desedee Cannady and June Ragland, both 22, received sentences of two years each on the roads for allegedly assaulting and robbing another Negro, Quincey Lawson, 27, on March 15.

Case against Willie Cash, Negro, charged with assault with intent to kill, was continued. Cash, a former cafe operator with something of a reputation in person. (Turn to page five, please)

TO RETURN

Lieut. (j. g.) E. G. Thompson will return to Washington Sunday.

Medal Man



FARRIS HUMPHRIES

Person Red Cross Chapter Here Needs Full Time Worker

COMER WILL BE HELENA SPEAKER AT COMMENCEMENT

Commencement Speaker From Chapel Hill. Martin Will Also Be On Program.

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Person's Pearl Harbor Man Now Civilian

Farris M. Humphries, Wounded In Jap Attack, Gets Honorable Discharge From Army.

Farris M. Humphries, 25, of the United States Army, severely wounded at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, and subsequently sent to Midland, Texas, for air corps service, has received an honorable discharge and returned this week to Roxboro, where he is visiting his brother, Bill Humphries.

While at Midland Humphries received the Purple Heart award for his Pearl Harbor participation. He now leaves the Army because of physical disabilities incurred there and leaves reluctantly, after six years of service.

A son of that late Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Humphries, of Moriah, he volunteered for service long before there was thought of war in this country, and like an old Army man, he is deeply concerned that citizens of the U. S. A. wake up to complete realization that there is a war on.

He is concerned, but not bitter or cynical. As one of two men to escape alive from a bombed building he knows what war is and he expects soon to enter some type of defense work.

Bullock Will Operate Pioneer Again This Year

J. M. Bullock, of Oxford and Roxboro, operator of the Pioneer warehouse, Roxboro, yesterday said that he will again operate his warehouse here and that he is looking forward to a good season.

He expressed himself as being in favor of retention of the auctioneering system and said that he did not anticipate change in it this year. Roxboro Chamber of commerce directors at their meeting this week went on record as favoring retention of the system and indorsed a resolution at that effect as prepared by Greenville Chamber of Commerce officials and tobacconists. Also approved was a Greenville resolution seeking increased allotments of sugar for home canning.

CLUB TO MEET

Bethel Hill Home Demonstration Club will meet Tuesday, April 27th, at 2:00 P. M. in the Agricultural Building at the school. All members are urged to be present.

Expanded Job Discussed At Night Meeting

Heavy Load Of Home Service Unit Partly Responsible.

Dr. Robert E. Long, Roxboro dentist, is again head of Roxboro and Person Chapter of the American Red Cross, having been re-elected as president at annual chapter meeting held here on Monday night and at which chief business was decision that increased work of the chapter here will necessitate employment of a paid executive.

Graduating exercises for the high school will be held Friday evening, April 30, at 8:30, with an address by Harry F. Comer, Y. M. C. A. secretary of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

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Seventh grade will have exercises Friday morning, of the same day, at 10 o'clock, at which time pupils will receive promotion certificates. Perfect attendance and reading certificates for the entire school will also be presented at this time.

Appointed as a committee to make recommendations were Gordon C. Hunter, Miss Mamie Love Barnett, W. Wallace Woods and Mrs. Walter Woody, with Dr. Long as an ex-officio member. Heaviest work of the chapter now in the home service division, of which Mrs. Walter Woody is chairman, and it is expected that larger part of time of the paid executive will be occupied with service to this division.

Present for the meeting were chairmen of the production unit, surgical dressing unit, kit bag and junior divisions and knitting and home service units, who presented encouraging reports. Reports were also given on home nursing and first aid and it was announced that a refresher course in first aid will be given in June by a representative from the national office.

Particular appreciation was expressed for success of the War Fund drive, recently closed, in which a quota of \$5,600 was oversubscribed by nearly \$4,000.

Also re-elected as officers, all unanimously, were H. Wheeler Newell, vice president, and Miss Barnett, treasurer, with W. Wallace Woods, secretary. Chairman, and officials, many of whom gave reports, included Mesdames John DeWolf, Percy Bloxam, A. M. Burns, Jr., J. H. Hughes, T. T. Mitchell and Miss Sue Frederick and Gordon C. Hunter. A feature of the meeting, held at Hotel Roxboro, was showing of a film, "Since Pearl Harbor."

Also present was new head of the Junior Red Cross, Mrs. Logan Umstead.

Fleming Heads Mount Tirzah For Coming Year

J. S. Fleming, for the past year and a half member of the faculty of Roxboro high school, has been elected as principal of Mount Tirzah high school, Person County, succeeding L. M. Yates, resigned.

A graduate of Elon College, with a Master's degree from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Fleming, who is married, taught nine years at Warsaw and four at Faison, Duplin county, before coming to Roxboro. Election at Mount Tirzah was by the school board composed of L. G. Oakley, Ben Glenn and Mr. Jones.