

OLD BELT OPENS SEPTEMBER 20

Official opening date for the Old Belt will be Monday, September 20, according to a scheduled fixed today by the Tobacco Association of the United States. Dates for other belts range from July 27, through December 6. The Association disregarded Gov. Broughton's request for earlier opening date of September 7, for the Old Belt, but adopted Committee recommendations to guard against haste in auctioning.

COLLINS AND AIKMAN SHOWS NET PROFIT

Collins and Aikman Corporation and subsidiary (excluding Canadian subsidiary) reports a net profit, after Federal and State income taxes, of \$366,447.54 for the three months ended May 29, 1943. This amounts to 56 cents a share on the company's common stock, after preferred dividends. It compares with net loss of \$240,889.33 for the three months ended May 30, 1942.

INVASION SOON PREDICTED

LONDON, June 30. — In a buoyant and cheering speech, Prime Minister Churchill today forecast thrush this summer in the Mediterranean "and elsewhere," triumphantly reported a toll of 30-odd U-boats in May alone, and warned the Germans of an air offensive of ever greater wrath and destruction.

Hunter Makes His Second Talk On Abattoir Situation

Thinks City Not Alone Responsible For Undertaking

Says Confusion Exists In Requirements, But Thinks Something Should Be Done.

"I do not think that the Town of Roxboro should be required to build a slaughter-house, since the whole County will certainly be involved and the Town itself is only a small part of the County's population", said Gordon C. Hunter, guest speaker at Roxboro Kiwanis club Monday night, in the second of his public addresses within the week on the abattoir situation.

Hunter, who was introduced by Kiwanian R. H. Shelton, said further that unfortunately few, very few, people seem to be interested in the situation one way or the other, although he is of opinion that they will become more interested if the reported ban on the slaughtering of meats in Person county, set to begin today (July 1) becomes effective.

His statement, thus far, appears to be about the clearest to come from a City official. He began his remarks by saying that he has been for several years very much interested in the diversification of crops and the growth of livestock in Person County, and that recently the Health Department had notified all butchers of the County that the OPA was requiring them to enforce health rules and regulations in regard to the slaughtering of animals for sale in meat markets.

"The majority of people," said (turn to page eight, please)

AUX. WHITT NOW THINKS BEING AN M. P. HAS POINTS

Frank Whitt's Wife Puts Music In Second Place For Present.

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla., June 30. — Although she plays fourteen musical instruments and has a Bachelor of Science degree in music, Auxiliary Mildred Simmons Whitt, of Roxboro, has no ambition to be a band director in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. Instead, she thinks she would like to be an M. P. For the past several weeks she has been busy learning the elements of a close-order drill, military courtesy, Army and WAAC administration and other military subjects as a basic trainee at (turn to page eight, please)

Landon Whitt, Who Got Edge On Others, Has First Furlough

Three Negroes Will Come To Higher Court

Drunk Driving And Fighting Cases Move Up From Mayor's Tribunal.

Three Roxboro Negro men, one charged with drunken driving and the other two with assaults upon each other, will face trial in Person Recorders' Court July 13, after having been brought up this week in Mayor's Court in Roxboro. Bonds have been set for all three, the largest amount of \$100 being for Darcy Bradsher, 41, the Negro charged with drunken driving.

The fighters are Edmund Walker, charged with assault and battery, and Cooper Jones, charged with assault. Walker is 19 and Jones 16, according to police court records. Bond for Walker is \$75, and for Jones, \$50.

Other Mayor's Court cases, disposed of there, included: Charlie Pride, Negro, 26, drunk, \$9.25; Green Poindexter, 33, drunk and disorderly, \$8.25; (turn to page eight, please)

Chairmanship Of Board To Be Decided

Education Group Meet Monday In Griffin's Office.

The Person County Board of Education, argued by three new members, will disregard Monday as the National holiday to meet in regular quarterly session, chiefly for purposes of electing a new chairman and passing upon the school budget to be submitted to the County Commissioners.

Chairmanship of the Board, according to unofficial report, is expected to go either to E. E. Bradsher, Sr., or to Claude T. Hall, two surviving members of the Board, a group thrice decimated by death since the April session. Newest member present is to be Robert L. Hester, of Bushy Fork, designated to the Board last week. Other two new members are Dr. John D. Fitzgerald, of Roxboro, and Clyde Satterfield, a County resident.

Hester succeeds W. R. Wilkerson, former chairman, whose death occurred June 14, while Fitzgerald and Satterfield take the places of B. G. Crumpton and Ralph Cole, whose deaths in April occurred within less than three days after April session of the Board. Neither Bradsher nor Hall, incidentally, was present at that session.

Meeting Monday will be at 10 A. M., in the Board office, Chub Lake street.

Scouts Now At Cherokee

Person Boy Scouts in large number left Sunday to spend a week or more at the Scout Camp at Cherokee, near Reidsville. The trip was made in trucks by arrangement of C. A. Harris, camping chairman for the Person District.

Fresh From His Porto Rican Base, To Stay Month

Son Of Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Whitt Thinks War Will End Soon.

Corp. Landon G. Whitt, 25, of Roxboro, a son of Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Whitt, Sr., of this City, "who saw it coming" nearly two years ago and volunteered for Army service on August 23, 1941, believes that "the war will be over in a year or two."

Maybe, it is just a hunch, maybe, it stems from something he has learned in some twenty months of service in Porto Rico, from where he has just returned for a thirty day leave, but that is the way Corp. Whitt feels. Also, he has a hunch it won't be many more months before he'll be seeing service in Africa or Europe, much further from home than San Juan, Porto Rico.

Whitt, who is one of five members of his family now in military service, left Roxboro when it was fairly quiet here, seven days after the famous Cy Winstead, Jr., court house mob episode. He did not know then that he was headed for Porto Rico, since become famous as another place where Governor Gtneral Rexford Guy Tugwell has had an opportunity to discover that facts are more adamant than theories.

Tugwell's experiences there, recently recorded in Life Magazine, are faithfully represented in that magazine, according to Whitt. The island, since 1938 has become an important military base and much improvement in social conditions, particularly a (turn to page eight, please)

No Sunday Edition

There will be no Sunday, July 4, issue of the Person County Times, but publication will be resumed on Thursday, July 8, when a special edition of the Times will be released.

Guadalcanal Hero Has 15 Days On Raft

Patriotic Rally Featured By Boost For Workers As Soldiers By Edwarsin And Dorwart, Army Officers.

Collins and Aikman, Plant E, employees, of Ca-Vel, together with mill officials and citizens of Roxboro, yesterday at a patriotic rally held at Plant E, heard the story of a group of U. S. Army Air Corps officers and men, who spent fifteen days floating in the South Seas on two rubber rafts, were marooned on an island and later made a safe return to their base after they had long since been officially listed as dead.

Narrator was Lieut. Robert Dorwart, of the War Department's Bureau of Public relations for this area, one of the survivors, who, accompanied by Capt. John Edwarsin, also of the Bureau, was guest of honor at a luncheon given at Hotel Roxboro by Plant E officials.

Final Report



Pfc. Lewell T. Huff, of Payne's Tavern, reported killed in action in North Africa on Dec. 10, 1942, becomes probably the first Person man to be killed in action in this war. He was a son of Mrs. Emma Huff, who received the final notice from the War Department Tuesday.

Racial Unity Sought By Conference

Richmond, Va., Groups Say Intelligent Discussion And Fact Facing Necessary.

RICHMOND, Va., June 30. — A collaboration committee of 33 white and 33 Negro leaders from southern states meeting here for a searching analysis of the principal issues involved in race relations, has agreed that some affirmative action is needed and has named a continuing committee to work out methods and practical means of approach.

The continuing committee composed of from 12 to 14 members from each race, will meet at Atlanta on August 4 and 5 and in turn will name subcommittees to consider the various phases of such broad problems as political and civil rights, industry and labor, service occupations, education, agriculture, military service, social welfare and health.

Statement Made Public "We urge especially that efforts to prepare the postwar world for a wise and successful reception of our returning soldiers and to prepare both our soldiers and the people for attitudes and procedures adequate (turn to page eight, please)

Pfc. Lewell T. Huff First Person Man Killed In Action

Mrs. Snipes Has Brother Said To Be Jap Prisoner

John J. Vaughan, 21, of Bullock, Granville county, who before the fall of the Philippine Islands was in the United States Army, is reported to be a prisoner of the Japanese, according to an official message received by Vaughan's sister, Mrs. George Y. Snipes, of Bushy Fork.

Vaughan, previously reported as missing, is presumed to be in a prison camp in the Philippines. His mother is Mrs. Nora Snipes Vaughan, a native of Person County, now living at Bullock, as is his father, Mr. Vaughan.

Monday Will Be Holiday Here For Many Merchants

Peoples Bank, of Roxboro, will observe Monday, July 5, as a holiday, according to announcement made today. The holiday will also be generally observed by stores and business houses here, although it is expected that some merchants who normally close each Wednesday afternoon will be open on Wednesday, July 7, to make up for Monday's closing.

Walkers Visit Son In Army At Knoxville

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Walker and daughters, Peggy and Margaret, together with Mrs. Abner Day and Miss Jessie Walker, spent the week-end in Knoxville, Tenn., visiting Ennis A. Walker, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Walker, who is in the U. S. Army Air Corps and in training at the University of Tennessee.

Collins and Aikmen Employees Hear Epic South Seas Story

He also urged continued cooperation of the 130 million Americans on all fronts, at home and abroad and drove home the patriotic duty of all workers to stay by the jobs they have as a contribution towards getting the war over with. The Captain's final word was, "Let's get together."

Beginning of the epic experience undergone by Dorwart and his companions was an air battle in which their plane downed at least two Jap planes, possibly others, before the U. S. plane was struck and forced into the sea, giving the survivors exactly one minute and a half to transfer to their two rubber rafts.

First chapter of this stage of their reconnaissance flight in the Guadalcanal area, said the Lieutenant, began with the discovery that they had food for three or four days, except for emergency rations that lasted for ten of their fifteen days of wandering (turn to page eight, please)

Final Word Comes On Fate Of Missing Man

Son Of Mrs. Emma Huff, Of Payne's Tavern, Missing Since December 10, In Africa, Now Reported As Killed In Action.

Pfc. Lewell T. Huff, 23, of Payne's Tavern, Person County, a son of Mrs. Emma Huff, since December 27, 1942, reported as missing in action in North Africa, was killed in action on December 10, 1942, according to an official message received Tuesday by Mrs. Huff from the War Department.

Huff, a volunteer, who entered the Army Feb. 17, 1941, went to Ireland in May 1942 and was in the Engineers corps, among first troops to land in Africa in November of that year. He was among first of Person soldiers reported as missing in action and was probably the first from Person to be killed in action. A graduate of Hurdle Mills high school, he was well known in Roxboro, where he was connected with Plant E, the Collins and Aikman corporation.

Huff at first went to Fort Bragg, then to Fort Knox and to Fort Dix, before being sent to Ireland.

He was a member of Mill Creek Baptist church, where it is expected a memorial service will be held soon, and he was a cousin of Pvt. Flint Whitfield, a son of George Whitfield, also of Person County.

His father was the late Billy Huff, who died in 1922. In addition to his mother, other survivors include: two sisters, Mrs. Rose Bradsher and Mrs. Arthur Burch, also four brothers, Baxter, Royce, Kelly and Clyde Huff, all of Person County and Roxboro.

Royce Huff, in an interview at the Times office, today said that members of the family received several letters from Huff while he was in Ireland, but that only one, a brief message informing them of his landing, came from Africa. A more complete letter of explanation concerning his death is expected from the War Department, according to Royce Huff.

Huff's death occurred on the day on which he was previously reported as missing. The death message came almost exactly six months after the missing in action report was received.

Rally Day Will Be Held Sunday At St. Mark's

Members of Saint Mark's Episcopal church on Sunday, July 4, will hold a rally day service at eleven o'clock in the morning. The Rev. Rufus J. Womble, rector, will deliver a special sermon and the sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed. It is hoped that all members of the parish and others interested in the church will attend.

E. T. Wrenn, of the U. S. Army, stationed in Greenland, has been advanced to rank of Sergeant. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Wrenn, of Roxboro.