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Hunter To Be Head Of District Four's War Finance Body

Lieut. Gov. R. L. Harris And Griffin Co-Chairmen For Person County

Hunter's District Will Include Eight Counties In Set-Up.

Obriants To Honor Elijah On Sunday

Marker To Memory Of Founder Of Clan To Be Unveiled.

The memory of Elijah O'Briant, a veteran of the War of 1812 and a founder of the O'Briant clans in Person and Granville counties will be honored Sunday when a marker commemorating his achievements will be unveiled at his grave on the Wayne Blalock place near Roxboro.

O'Briant, who was born in 1790, built the present Blalock house between 1815 and 1820 and lived there until his death at the age of 88 in 1878. The house came to the Blalocks by their marriage into his family. At the time of the Civil War O'Briant's oldest son was too old for military service while his youngest, David, who died three or four years ago, had just been born.

Exercises, which will be attended by members of the O'Briant family, will begin at 11:30 o'clock in the morning, with Fire Chief Henry E. O'Briant, Elijah's great-grandson, presiding. Elijah's first wife was a Cannady and his second a Stanfield and it is expected that representatives of these families will also attend.

Picnic luncheon will be served and Fire Chief O'Briant hopes that all families attending will bring well-filled baskets. The O'Briant-Blalock house is about four miles southwest of Roxboro on the Prospect Hill road.

PERSON WOMEN ATTENDING STATE COUNCIL SESSION

Home Demonstration Women Meeting In Raleigh.

Mrs. C. E. Brooks, District Chairman of the Home Demonstration Clubs of the five counties of Durham, Orange, Chatham, Wake and Person gave the district report at an afternoon session of the State Council yesterday. Mrs. Brooks was accompanied to Raleigh on Wednesday by Mrs. T. H. Clay, of Timberlake, a former President of the Person Council.

The Person County delegation is attending two sessions of the State Council today. Those in the party are: Mrs. C. E. Brooks, Mrs. T. H. Clay, Mrs. J. Y. Humphries, President of the County Council, Mrs. Frank T. Mitchell, Vice-President, Mrs. R. A. Gentry, District Secretary, Mrs. K. C. Wagstaff, County Council Treasurer, and Mrs. Raney (turn to page four, please)

District Chairman



Gordon C. Hunter

Chairman of an eight county Third War Loan district, including Durham and Wake, is Roxboro's Gordon C. Hunter, by appointment from the Treasury Department. Co-chairmen for Person are Lieut. Gov. R. L. Harris and Person Superintendent of Schools R. B. Griffin.

ROXBORO WOMAN'S FATHER PASSES IN SOUTH BOSTON

Rites Will Be Held Today For Richard Lee Saunders, Father Of Mrs. Eddie Dixon.

Richard Lee Saunders, 62, of South Boston, Va., father of Mrs. Eddie Dixon, of Roxboro and of Russell Saunders, of Longhurst, died Tuesday night at his home, Wilburn avenue, South Boston, at 10 o'clock following a heart attack.

Funeral will be held at the residence of another daughter, Mrs. H. B. Baker, Wilburn avenue, South Boston, with whom he made his home, at four o'clock Thursday afternoon.

Other survivors include: his wife, the former Miss Cora Farmer, of the home, another son, Noland Saunders, and four daughters, Mrs. Hampton Snead, Clover, Va., Mrs. John Warmack, of Newport News, Va., Mrs. Dixon and Mrs. Baker.

Also surviving are his father Jake Saunders, of South Boston, seven brothers, Bernard, Sam, Floyd, Warren, Luther, Eddie and Arthur Saunders, all of Lenoir, Va., and fifteen grandchildren. His mother was the late Mrs. Jane Saunders.

TWO SONS OF WADES GO TO ARMY SAME DAY

Roxboro's Police Department was well represented in August quota of men who went to Fort Bragg yesterday for examination.

In the group were Gilbert Oakley, an officer in the department and Clyde and Riley Wade, two sons of Officer and Mrs. Charles Wade. Oakley, who is married, has three brothers in military service and the Wades have another son, Charles, Jr., in the Army. If Clyde, who is a musician, and Riley who is a former railroad man from Washington, are accepted it will mean all of the Wade boys are in.

Even as the record stands, the Wades think it rather unusual that two sons should go in the same call.

Bradsher Thinks Tuesday Blackout Was Successful

Landon C. Bradsher, Person director of civilian defense, who, with other defense officials gathered at Roxboro City Hall when Tuesday's blackout was in effect, said that the affair was generally well conducted here. It was completely a surprise blackout but all residence lights and store lights were extinguished quickly, as were street lights. It was the first blackout in the Roxboro area since late Spring.

Roxboro's Pentagon Girl In Battle Of Washington; Likes It

Miss Margaret Pleasants, Who Comes Home For Rest, Works At Job

Huge Building In Which She Works Is A Complete World. Jean Arthur Is Right Says Her Sister Under The Skin.

Molly Pitcher Day Successful Says Chairman Harris

\$1,525 in bonds and \$569.50 in stamps were sold in Roxboro on Molly Pitcher day, according to Miss Claire Harris, Person director of the Woman's division of Bond and Stamp sales, who expressed appreciation for the community response given.

Young women who conducted the campaign in tag day fashion were Misses Reda Umstead, Doris Smith, Emma Susan Brooks, June Woods, Jacqueline Abbit, Mary Joe Jackson, Huldah Blanks and Betsy Harris.

HELENA CANNERY NOW OPERATING SAYS L. C. LILES

Citizens Invited To Use It Two Days Per Week.

The Helena school's community cannery, now in operation, is open each Wednesday and Friday afternoon, according to L. C. Liles, instructor in the Helena agricultural department. It is for use of residents of the Helena community but other citizens may arrange to use it by first consulting either Liles or L. M. Yates, principal.

Either tin or glass cans may be used, but tins are preferable and can be obtained at cost at the cannery. Two trained men will assist at the cannery which has a capacity of 139 quarts per hour. A fee of one cent per can is charged to cover operating expenses. Citizens are invited to come to the cannery on open days to make inspection of its operation.

State Health Men Think Meat Problem Can Be Met

Doilan Long Leader Of Unit Sent To Fort

Group Expected Back Today. Russell Pearcy Fails To Appear. July Quota Assignments Listed.

With Dolan Daniel Long as leader, the following Person and Roxboro men in August quota of Selective Service reported yesterday to Fort Bragg for examination and possible induction:

Sonia Riley Painter, Howard Thomas Davis, William Coates, Dewey Forest Evans, Herbert Raymond Allen, Edgar Thomas Coates, Dewey Hester Bowman, Travis Wilson Peed, Johnny Calvin Oakley, James Clayton and Gilbert Moses Oakley.

Also, Elmer Riley Wrenn, Laura Bernice Westbrooks, Byrd Pleasant Van Hook, Alfred Grady Moore, Major Stanley Clayton, John William Hunt, Samuel Palmer Clayton, Clinton Hall Pleasants, Willie Bryant Holt, Jesse James Shaw, Jr., Raymond Alfred Huff and Jesse Willard Duncan.

Also, Roy Buel Humphries, Yaten Norman Martin, Allen (turn to page four, please)

Non-Committal Letter Apparently Puts Burden On Local Citizens

Friendly But Firm Tone Gives No Room For Backing Down By State Health Department.

Senior Sanitarian W. Murray Linker, Jr., of Raleigh, writing by direction of Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, State Health Officer, on Tuesday sent to Gordon C. Hunter, of Roxboro, chairman of the Person Meat board, a three page letter containing a five-point rebuttal of charges filed by the Person Meat Board in the as yet unsettled and now three to four months old meat - slaughtering and abattoir controversy here.

REV. MR. SHORE AND MR. WOMBLE GUEST MINISTERS

Will Be At Churches In Brooksdale Charges Sunday.

Preaching services for the Brooksdale Methodist Charge for Sunday, August 15, will be conducted at Allensville and Brooksdale churches. As the pastor, Rev. E. C. Maness, will be in evangelistic services at Longhurst Methodist church, the services for both Allensville and Brooksdale will be conducted by visiting ministers.

Rev. J. H. Shore will preach at Allensville at 11:30 o'clock, and Rev. Rufus J. Womble will preach at Brooksdale at 8:30 o'clock. Both of these preachers are good speakers and fine men. The public is cordially invited to attend the services.

A series of evangelistic services for the Brooksdale church will begin Sunday morning August 22 to continue through Sunday evening August 29.

Ministers Will Meet Monday In Brief Session

The Person County Ministerial Association will meet in a special session Monday, August 16, at ten A. M., in the Pastor's study of Long Memorial Methodist church. Each minister is urged to be present.

Roxboro Officer In Sicilian Invasion Gets High Praise

First Lieutenant Abbitt Gets Citation From High Officer

He And His Companions Fly Troop Planes For Parachutists In Sicily.

CPL. PULLIAM NOW WITH GLIDER UNIT AT CAMP MACKALL

Soldier Who Was At Honolulu Gets Closer Home.

Cpl. Cary Pulliam, 24, a member of a glider crew stationed at Camp Mackall, a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Pulliam, of Olive Hill, is spending a few days with his family here. Pulliam, an alumnus of the University of North Carolina and formerly connected with Liggett and Myers Tobacco company, returned in April from a twelve months stay in Honolulu where he was attached to an anti-tank unit of an infantry division.

After spending his April leave in Roxboro Pulliam went to California, where he spent about two days before he traveled a cross country again to Camp Mackall, to his new assignment (turn to page four, please)

Dr. Richardson, of Chapel Hill, held a conference yesterday with Hunter, but nothing new developed, although it was indicated that Richardson may be more nearly ready for an intelligent compromise agreement.

In the controversy, which developed when meat-slaughtering permits of all Person butchers were revoked after a failure to meet requirements, including the construction of an abattoir, had occurred, it was alleged by Roxboro City Commissioners and the Person Meat board that both the slaughtering restrictions and abattoir requirements were unnecessarily strict.

It was also alleged that compliance was impractical in view of shortages of building materials and that attempts to enforce rules would bring on the black market that the regulations are designed to suppress. It was also alleged that confusion as to requirements, reported to come from OPA, from the Food Administration, from the USDA War Board and from the State and County Health Departments, was in evidence.

Linker, in his letter to Hunter, which is dated Tuesday, August 3, although it was not mailed until now, admits that "other Counties are having difficulties in securing permits", but adds that the difficulties of these other Counties do not spring from "any requirements on the part of the State Board of Health". Linker also points out the fact that the Board of Health acts in a supervisory character but does not revoke permits.

It is the contention of the State Health Department, according to Linker, that Person County has no approved slaughtering (turn to page five, please)

Lieut. James M. Abbitt, of Roxboro and Tampa, Fla., an alumnus of Elon College, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. I. O. Abbitt, of Roxboro, a pilot of the Army Air Forces Troop Carrier command, who has seen action in the recent Sicily invasion, has been cited for his "brilliant job" by his commanding officer, Lieut. Col. John Cerny, it was learned here today.

Sharing honors in the citation was Lieut. Emmett H. (Pete) Miller, Jr., also of Tampa, Fla. Miller is a son of Mrs. Vernie Miller, 108 South Moody street, and of Emmett H. Miller, 4206 Swanee avenue, both of Tampa. Abbitt's wife, Mrs. Alpha (Nookey) Abbitt, who has frequently visited in Roxboro, lives at 921 East Broad street, Tampa. Cerny in his citation said: "Never have I seen such admirable discipline, devotion to duty, courage and intelligence."

It had been known here that Abbitt had been for some time in Africa. His father is Roxboro Superintendent of Water Works and his mother is a native of Scotland. Abbitt, who entered the service in October 1941, was at that time with the General (turn to page four, please)

Late News Bulletins

FLAG AGAIN ON DISPLAY AT TIMES' OFFICE

Bill Davenport's Jap battle flag, sent from Gaudalcanal to the City Editor of the Times, by public demand, is again on display in the Times' office front window.

DAY TRIPLETS, SIX MONTHS OLD, NEED GARDEN

Nurse Mary Mills, of the Health Department, in charge of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob Day, Person's Negro triplets, who were six months old Sunday, says they need a garden to supply food. That's how they are growing.

HUNTER PRAISES SCHOOL WAR BOND WORK

Gordon C. Hunter, speaking last night at a Summer meeting of the Schoolmasters' club at President C. H. Mason's home, praised War Bond work of the schools and said he expects continuous support from them.

Establishments most seriously damaged were Virginia Dare Beauty Shop and a barber shop, both in the basement of the building and both operated by Julius White.

Damaged by smoke was the store of Burns, Gentry and Strum, clothiers, while smoke damage and damage to floors by firemen who had to break through to get at the basement blaze was suffered by Bruce's Department store, of which Gordon Brown is manager.

The fire, of undetermined origin, was discovered about five-fifteen o'clock Monday morning by a Star Route mail man who arrived about that time from Durham. Alarm was turned in by Police Officer Gilbert Oakley and was answered by members of the volunteer department, who under Fire Chief O'Briant battled the flames for nearly three hours. (turn to page four, please)