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Meat Conference Set For This Week, Says Food Leader

State Supervisor Seeks Solution Of Person's Slaughtering Evils

W. T. WILKERSON RITES HELD AT CLUSTER SPRINGS

Person Native And South Boston Resident Dies From Heart Attack.

He died yesterday at Cluster Springs, Va., at the Baptist church, were rites for Walter Thomas Wilkerson, 71, of South Boston, Va., and Raleigh, whose death occurred Friday morning at his home after a sudden heart attack.

Wilkerson, a merchant, who operated a store on the South Boston highway, moved to South Boston the first of this year. He was a brother of the late W. R. Wilkerson, for years Person Board of education chairman, who died in June in a Raleigh hospital.

Wilkerson was a brother of Dr. Charles B. Wilkerson of Raleigh and is the third member of the family to die this summer. Another brother, H. L. Wilkerson, died in June. All three had sons in the armed services on duty in combat zones.

He was the son of the late Thomas E. Wilkerson and Mary Susan Henry Wilkerson of Person County.

Surviving are his wife; six daughters; five sons; a brother, Dr. Wilkerson; and a sister, Mrs. Ina J. Coleman of Durham.

He was first married to Nannie Lee Strum, who died several years ago.

He is survived by his second wife, Mrs. Bessie Puryear Wilkerson; six daughters, Mrs. Irving Gentry of Roxboro, Mrs. Robert Puryear of South Boston, Mrs. Chester Beasley of Durham, Mrs. Jessie Puryear of Clinton, Misses Virginia and Gertrude Wilkerson of the home; five sons, Alton Wilkerson of Garner, James Wilkerson of Angier, W. T. and Wallace Wilkerson, both of Clinton, and Cpl. Bertrand Wilkerson of the U. S. Army, overseas.

TRANSFERRED
Mrs. James Brooks today said that her husband, who has been stationed at Camp Barkley, Texas, has been transferred to Camp Phillips, Kans., where the climate is reported to be much better.

Butner's Six Mules Get Keeper's Praise

Creatures Familiar To Lee And Jackson And Grant Have Place In This War

Six Stubborn Animals Will Plough For Prisoners Who May Come To Camp Butner.

CAMP BUTNER, Aug. 21. — Within sound of Garand rifle fire, and the loud reports of artillery shells, the clanking of tanks, and the whine of planes hovering above, there is a phase of the "old" army life here at Camp Butner. The phase that Custer and Grant and Lee knew. The phase that Pershing and the yardbird knew from two different levels. The phase that makes "Old Sarge's" eyes take on a nostalgic look, and projects his mind back to the good old days when rookies did not have PHDs and tried to trip him with scientific data.

That phase of army life is the army mule, which exists here at Camp Butner, corral, belligerent attitude, odor and all.

About three miles from the main garrison-near the extension camp—the corral is located on the top of a picturesque hill. Here in G. I. stable, painted the same color as the barracks of the soldiers, are quartered six veterans of the United States Army. Most of the veteran mules were "caught in the draft" years before the United States even thought of a war. One of them, a bull-like creature, has been in the service for more than 16 years and has served in more than three camps.

The induction of a mule, and the keeping of records for the animals is similar to the administration required for a soldier. Service records are kept from the time the animal enters the service, until it leaves. On it is shown—his age at induction, when purchased, by whom, price, color, and to whom issued. Just as the scared rookie, who stares with fear in his eyes at the harmless needle in the hands of a medical corps man, the mule is given tetanus shots to prevent disease. On the neck of each animal is branded his serial number, so that if he is lost, strayed, or AWOL, he can be returned to his unit.

The animals are classified as being draft mules, which says Sergeant Andrew Tipton of Asheville, North Carolina, with his tongue in his cheek, does not mean that the—k-ETA (turn to page four, please)

BROUGHTON AND DARDEN WILL GO TO WEED PARLEY

Two Governors Interested In Fight To Get Higher Tobacco Ceilings.

Raleigh, Aug. 21. — Governor J. Melville Broughton will head a delegation of North Carolina agriculture leaders which will go to Washington Wednesday to confer with officials of the Office of Price Administration in an effort to obtain a higher ceiling price for flue-cured tobacco.

The Governor said last night that the North Carolina delegation will work with a delegation from Virginia, to be headed by Governor Colgate Darden.

In the North Carolina delegation, the Governor said, will be W. Kerr Scott, commissioner of agriculture; Harry W. Caldwell, master of the State Grange and State Farm Labor Commissioner; J. E. Winslow of Greenville, president of the State Farm Bureau Federation; Representative Clarence Stone of Rockingham, Senator J. Con Lanier, of Greenville, and a number of prominent tobacco growers and warehousemen from all sections of the state.

The Governor said the delegation from this state will attempt to get the OPA to raise the tobacco ceiling price to "a minimum of 47 cents."

Governor Darden and the Virginia delegation will seek primarily to raise the ceiling price for Old Belt markets, the Governor said, but the North Carolinians will work in the interest of all belts now operating in this State.

The Governor said the mission is "a furtherance of the efforts on the part of North Carolina tobacco growers, warehousemen, and agricultural leaders to obtain a fair differential between prices paid on Georgia markets, where tobacco is sold ungraded, and the North Carolina and Virginia markets, where it is tied and graded."

BIBLE TEACHING WILL CONTINUE IN HIGH SCHOOL

Hope Expressed That Program Can Be Expanded Next Year.

The Rev. Rufus J. Womble, secretary of the Person County Ministerial association, today announced that Bible will again be taught in Roxboro high school, the instructors to be the Rev. R. W. Hovis, the Rev. W. T. Medlin and himself. The plan, similar to one followed last year, has the full support of Person Superintendent of Schools R. B. Griffin and other officials.

Each instructor will teach three months and this year for the first time will receive a salary of \$25 per month during teaching time. The salary is to be paid by interested citizens, business firms and sports organizations and will not come out of the school budget. It is hoped that this beginning of salary payment will mean that one full time Bible teacher to serve several schools can be employed here next year.

Fire At Mid-Night Lights Up Emotions

Claude Humphries Knows What It Is To Be Burnt Completely Out Of Home

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF RED CROSS AT COURT HOUSE

Mrs. Featherston Praises Work Of Junior Assistants.

Mrs. Sue Featherston, executive secretary of the Person County and Roxboro chapter of the American Red Cross, today announced the removal of her office to rooms on the third floor of the Person County Court House.

Office hours for consultation will be one to four P. M., but it is hoped that Junior Red Cross assistants will be able to continue the assistance that has made it possible for the office to also be open during morning hours. Mrs. Featherston, incidentally, is deeply grateful for work of the Junior assistants, who were of great assistance during Summer months when the office was located in Roxboro Central Grammar school.

CITY ROTARIANS WILL COMPETE IN ATTENDANCE

Gates Believes Seed Shortage Grows More Acute.

Roxboro Rotarians this week will discuss plans for a three months campaign to increase attendance. Having approved the division of the club into two teams, with the losers to be the buyers of a \$25 War Bond for the club treasury, the members will go into details Thursday when they meet at Hotel Roxboro. The campaign will start Sept. 2nd.

Speaker at the regular meeting of last week was Rotarian Henry Gates, coal and feed dealer, who warned with seriousness of an increase in price and an approaching shortage in seeds, particularly small grains. For this immediate area he was more cheerful concerning supplies of coal and said that many residents are cooperating by early ordering. Gates spoke in place of Earl Bradsher, ill in a hospital, but now said to be improved.

Presiding was W. Wallace Woods, president, who reported on the 189th District assembly at Wilson attended by him and Mrs. Woods. Pianist was Mrs. Woods.

RETURNS HOME

C. W. Armstrong, Jr., of Salisbury, a grandson of W. H. Harris, Sr., who has been with the Army in the Pacific area, has returned to the United States and is shortly expected home for a visit.

Wife Dresses And Walks Out Without The One Item Of Clothing That Is Rationed.

Claude Humphries, of Academy street, Roxboro, a mill worker and lumber company employee, knows how it feels to be burnt out. Thursday, about midnight, the four-room house in which he lived was all but burnt to the ground and all of his possessions except a dresser and mirror, that he saved, were destroyed. Also, one hundred dollars in greenbacks, hidden under a rug in the bed-room in which the blaze started, went up in smoke.

Humphries estimates his personal loss at close to \$500, with no insurance, and says that the house, property of W. C. Bullock and partially insured was worth between \$2,500 and \$3,000.

Walking home at the time the alarm was turned in, Humphries heard his wife scream, but the house was hidden by trees so that he could not see the blaze. He thought the scream was that of a sick neighbor. He got closer. He saw the flames licking the outside of a bedroom window. It was his house; then he heard his wife again, crying out that their two sons, nine and eleven, were in the house.

He moved swiftly, knocking out a window with his bare fist. Blood ran down his arm. He did not feel it. Just as he was about to enter the blazing structure someone told him where the two boys were. One had gone with a neighbor to get the firemen; the other was standing on the railroad tracks, watching.

Firemen had to take the hose across the tracks, then back their truck some three hundred-fifty yards up a hill to a hydrant. The house was old pine, the kind that burns like a match. The firemen did what they could, and for their aid and for the cooperation of neighbors Humphries and his folks are deeply grateful.

They don't know how the fire started. Mrs. Humphries, asleep in a bedroom across the hall, where the two boys were, was first to notice it. The house was lighted by oil lamps, but none was lit at the time the fire was discovered. Some people, Humphries says, have suggested that the fire was of incendiary origin. He does not know. It just happened.

He had on his work clothes. They are all he has now. Mrs. Humphries, in the excitement of dressing, left off the only rationed clothing item of the day, her shoes. The two boys managed to throw on some garments. And one of them braved the flames several times to run back to the house and bring out cans of tomatoes.

Stored in a warehouse is the charred remains of a sewing machine. Somebody grabbed a \$7.50 razor, the old-fashioned kind, and put it in a drawer of the sewing machine. Humphries valued the razor and he thought it was safe. When he looked for it next morning it was gone. He rather hopes that if one of the neighbor children took it, they'll give it back to him.

A fire, at mid-night, with another flare-up about three A. M. That was all it was. A good many Roxboro people saw it and went as fast as their gas-rationed cars would run, but Claude Humphries and his wife and kids are the ones who really know how it feels to be burnt out.

The pigs grunt in their pen, close by, and chickens are busy pecking in the ashes.

New License

By authorization of Philip L. Thomas, City of Roxboro police commissioner, who is also a member of the board of city commissioners, and with approval of Police Chief George C. Robinson, the Royal Cafe will again be permitted to sell wine and beer. The license was issued Thursday morning in the name of Mrs. Stephen Georges but no announcement was made until today.

IN ROCKY MOUNT

Mrs. Minnie Hicks and her sister, Miss Louise Solomon, are spending several days in Rocky Mount.

Newbold Will Be Third Prominent Pre-School Figure

Griffin Says Short Day Schedule Will Last Thirteen School Days

FONTAINE RITES CONDUCTED FROM RALEIGH CHURCH

Son Of Person Family Had Distinguished Record At State College.

Funeral services for James Spotswood Fontaine of 2712 Everett Avenue, Raleigh, were held Thursday from Edenton Street Methodist church with the Rev. A. J. Hobbs pastor, officiating. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery at Raleigh.

Fontaine died Tuesday night at Rex hospital.

Honorary pallbearers were members of the engineering faculty of State College and members of the Raleigh Engineering Club.

Fontaine was the son of the late Rev. Patrick Henry Fontaine and Annie Redd Fontaine of Wooddale. He was a native of Halifax, Va.

He was a professor of civil engineering at State College and the acting director of the engineering experiment station of the college. He had been connected with the college for the past 20 years.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Irene Stephenson Fontaine; a daughter, Catherine Spotswood Fontaine of Raleigh; a sister, Mrs. W. T. Creath of Paces, Va.; two brothers, John Winston Fontaine of the faculty of Atlantic Christian College, and Matthew Maury Fontaine of the Navy Department, Washington.

Hunter Will Go To Raleigh For Bond Meeting

Gordon C. Hunter, chairman of District Four, for the coming Third War Loan drive, today said that he and a number of Person co-workers will go to Raleigh Tuesday, for a sub-division district meeting. First of these meetings was held Thursday in Durham by Chairman Hunter, who was accompanied by Farris Humphries, of this City, a World War II veteran, who was wounded at Pearl Harbor.

TO WASHINGTON

Miss Pauline Solomon, of Washington, D. C., who has a position in the War Department, will return to Washington today after spending three days here with members of her family. Miss Solomon was formerly an assistant at Person County Public Library.

Along The Way With the Editor

Person County is full of Longs: Louis, of Brunswick stew fame, J. A., Jr., the aviator, Dolian, the merchant about to turn soldier, Flem D., the Primitive Baptist, and Marvin, the new papa, to name a few.

Somewhere in Person's wilds there are some more Longs, the parents of a Pvt. Charles Long, of Camp Adair, Ore., a member of the Trail Blazers, who recently won a medal for marksmanship.

Over in Creedmoor are Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Long, one time Roxboro residents, who have a son named Charles (Reade) Long, who is at Yale University, in aeronautical engineering, who on October 2, will graduate as a second lieutenant. The Creedmoor Longs also have three other sons in military and semi-military rank. George, in the Army, is in Richmond. E. G., Jr., is a Lieutenant and an area engineer on the practically finished Beaufort Airport, and Bill is a fireman at Camp Butner.

The E. G. Longs are proud of their boys and are generous enough to extend their felicitations to the Camp Adair Charles, but they would like to know which of the clan he belongs to. And so would we. The Camp Adair publicity department is a long way off. Will the right set of Longs come forward?

Separate Conference For Principals Will Be Held. Teachers Begin To Arrive.

Dr. N. C. Newbold, of Raleigh, State Supervisor of Education for Negroes, nationally known in his field, will be one of three State public school officials coming here within the next ten days to address Person teachers at pre-school conferences.

Dr. Newbold, according to Person Superintendent R. B. Griffin, will be here Tuesday afternoon, August 31, at 2:30 o'clock to address both elementary and high school teachers in the Negro schools at a session to be held at Person County Training school.

Other State officials who will be in Roxboro are Dr. J. Henry Highsmith and Miss Hattie Perrott, who will speak to white teachers in both the County and City systems on Thursday, August 26, at Roxboro high school at 9:30 o'clock.

In discussing meetings to be held, Griffin today pointed out that another meeting, one for white principals, will be held on Thursday, August 26. This is not to be confused with a regular principals' session, scheduled for Monday, Aug. 30, at ten o'clock in the Board of Education office, Chub Lake street.

Griffin also said that despite considerable discussion plans are being made to release all schools at one o'clock each afternoon for the first thirteen school days, this curtailment of the schedule being intended to allow children additional time to help with crop production and to alleviate a labor shortage described by some farmers as acute.

Classes during those first thirteen days, beginning Sept. 1, will begin at 8:30 A. M., and will continue until one P. M. The school. (turn to page four, please)

Sgt. Harvey Long Quick Freezer, Has Picture In Paper

Sgt. Harvey P. Long, of Roxboro, now stationed in England, one of four Army sons of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Long, rigged up a chain drive for his ice cream freezer and got his picture in the August 7, issue of "Stars and Stripes", noted Army newspaper.

Sgt. Long is an Army cook. Motor for his freezer is a sprocketed jeep wheel. Mrs. Long, the proud mother brought the paper to the Times office as proof positive that her son is using his head. Two companions are looking on as the wheel turns and the freezer freezes.

Mrs. Pauline Pittman, of Columbus, Ga., is visiting her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Johnson.