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## Roxboro Mayor, State Governor Ask Support For Army

### City And State Officials Cooperate In Endorsing Campaign For WACS

Quota Of Three Expected  
From Roxboro Before Oct.  
15. Several Applicants Now  
Under Consideration.

Mayor S. G. Winstead, of Roxboro, in response to a personal letter from Gov. J. Melville Broughton, today issued a proclamation calling upon citizens of the City and of Person County for cooperation in a State-wide Women's Army Corps recruiting campaign which is expected to continue with emphasis through December 7.

Winstead's proclamation follows closely a similar proclamation issued by Broughton in response to a request from General Marshall chief of staff. The WAC campaign for new recruits, which is nation-wide, officially began on Sept. 27, and is being conducted in an effort to secure women to release men to combat duty.

Goal for North Carolina is at least three WAC recruits from each County by October 15. The North Carolina company will, when formed, be sworn in by the Governor at the Capitol; will go through basic training together; will carry the North Carolina flag as part of the color guard; will wear N. C. as signia on uniforms and will train at Fort Leathorpe, near Chattanooga, Tenn.

In Roxboro last week in interest of recruiting for the WACs were Lieut. Mildred Westbrook and Cpl. Edna Waddell, both of the Durham district office, who interviewed a number of applicants but have not yet returned an official report of acceptances. Mayor Winstead proclamation reads:

To The People of Roxboro:  
It is with great pleasure that I, S. G. Winstead, Mayor, heartily endorse this city's participation in the nation wide all-states campaign for the Women's Army Corps recruiting drive.

You doubtless know there is a tremendous need for WACs. General Marshall stated recently: "Commanders to whom WACs have been assigned have spoken in the highest terms of their efficiency and value—in 155 kinds of Army jobs." This statement is indicative of the excellent job the Women's Army Corps is doing.

However the present objective is to release more thousands of soldiers for combat training. In order to accomplish this, each state will participate in the campaign. Likewise each city and county. Our office of Civil Affairs (turn to page eight, please)

## F. J. Norris, 73, Of Orange County Dies At Home

F. J. Norris, 73, of Cedar Grove, Orange County, died yesterday afternoon at three-thirty o'clock at his home after an illness with pneumonia and complications.

Funeral was held Thursday afternoon at Mount Zion Christian Methodist church, Orange County, with interment in the church cemetery. Survivors include two brothers, Rainey Norris, of the home and Will Norris, of Durham.

## Late News Bulletins

### HIGH AVERAGE REPORTED FOR THIS WEEK

During first three days of this week tobacco on the Roxboro market in the amount of 298,094 pounds sold for \$124,502.19, at an average of \$41.77, according to reports received today. For the past week, ending Friday, 519,764 pounds averaged \$40.35.

### UNITED WAR FUND DRIVE PLANS

Person and Roxboro United War Fund campaign is expected to begin here next week, possibly by the 14, according to W. Wallace Woods, publicity director.

## WESLEY SMITH, IN CHINA MANY YEARS, IN TALK

### Minister And Returned Missionary Guest At Kiwanis Club.

The Rev. Wesley M. Smith, a returned missionary from China, where he was stationed for thirty years, was guest speaker Monday at Roxboro Kiwanis club, where he was introduced by the Rev. W. C. Martin. The speaker, who returned from China in 1940, discussed conditions there and as he found them in Japan.

Special guests included Pfc. Agnes Filipeck and Frances Pfarr, both of the WAC detachment, Camp Butler. The women, here in interest of ticket sales for "This Is the Army", expressed their pleasure in being guests of the club and a brief explanatory address was made by Pfc. Filipeck. Introductions were by Jack Strum. Premier of the show in Roxboro will be on Sunday night.

### GETS ADVANCE

Sergeant J. V. King, of the United States Army, stationed in California, has recently been advanced to that rank from Corporal. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. King.

## Probes Of Three Wrecks Not Ended

### Hudgins And Sheriff Clayton Wait For More Complete Recovery Of Victims

## GOOD SHOWING IN GROUP FOUR GETS PRAISE BY HUNTER

Gordon C. Hunter, of Roxboro, Third War Loan chairman for Group Four, a district composed of eleven counties, including populous centers such as Wake and Durham, today said that a total of twenty two million, one hundred sixty-four thousand dollars has been raised in the War Bond campaign just about ended in these counties.

Both Wake and Durham over-subscribed quotas by a million dollars each, while district quota was topped by around three million. Person, home county of the chairman, with a quota of \$567,000, went to \$640,000 while only two of the eleven counties have as yet failed to reach their quotas.

Purchase of small bonds will still be counted in the campaign through Oct. 15, said Hunter, adding that it is possible that the counties still behind will have an opportunity to catch up and that others will go still further in over-subscriptions. Hunter says he is deeply gratified with the response shown in all counties, particularly Person.

## SHOTWELL WAS SHOT, BUT WANTS TO KEEP AT JOB

### Bethel Hill Man, Who Loses Hand In Sicily, Expects To Come To Roxboro Soon.

(By Mrs. A. R. Davis)  
Sgt. Sam Shotwell, 26, a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Shotwell, of Bethel Hill, whose right hand was removed above the wrist after he was wounded in action in Sicily, is now at Veteran's hospital, Washington, but expects to return to Roxboro in a few days.

Shotwell, in the Army two years and overseas for one, says, "We have the ammunition. I gave this (pointing to his amputated hand) but I want to do more and I hope to be given a job as an instructor later on."

Members of his family, including his parents and his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Shotwell, and his brother, John, who with Matt Regan, returned Monday from Washington, where they visited Shotwell, say that he is in remarkably good spirits. He was wounded after having spent a day picking up unexploded mines in a mine covered field.

He did the job all day—successfully—only to have the last mine explode, giving him severe burns and wounds all over his right side. Shotwell says he remembers the swinging beds on his hospital ship and the good food. He has been in an engineers corps, and good soldier that he is, he is anxious to get back on the job.

### PROMOTED

Sgt. James Lois Yarborough, of the United States Army, Oliver General hospital, Augusta, Ga., spent the week-end here with his family. While here he received a telegram saying he had been promoted from Corporal to Sergeant.

## Rogers, Clayton And Day Improve. Russell Also Better. Humphries Released Under Bond.

State Highway Patrolman John Hudgins, who, with Person Sheriff M. T. Clayton, has a number of recent auto wrecks under investigation, today said that Reginald Carr Rogers, 23, survivor of the crash in which Lawrence J. Jones, 18, was killed, is improving at Community hospital, where he is receiving treatment for a fractured skull but that he has not yet been questioned concerning who was driving the car at time of the accident.

Also on the not yet interviewed list is Stanley Clayton, a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Russell who on Saturday night received a skull fracture when the car in which he and Burns Day, also of Route three, were riding, was in an overturn accident near here on the Oxford highway about ten o'clock.

Day received treatment at Community hospital, while Clayton, at first taken there, was later rushed to Duke hospital, where he is now improving. D. N. Humphries, of this City, whose car was wrecked the night before on the Durham highway, has been charged with drunken driving and has been released under \$150 bond, according to Sheriff Clayton.

Incomplete also is the examination of the cross-roads crash of last Thursday in which George Russell, 56, a Negro tenant farmer, of near Concord was injured when his car and a Danville to Durham bus of the Virginia Trailways driven by E. C. Oakley, of Durham, were in collision near Concord church. Russell and one of three of his children were injured and were taken to a Danville hospital for treatment.

Hudgins said today that he expects to complete his part of all of these investigations at an early date.

## Speaks Tonight



Lieut. Gov. R. L. Harris

Lieut. Gov. Harris will be speaker at Rotary's Teacher's Night today at 6:30 o'clock at Hotel Roxboro. Response will be by Miss Mabel Massey.

## "THIS IS ARMY" GETS PRAISE FROM BOY WHO KNOWS

"This is The Army", the Army Emergency Relief fund benefit picture opening here Sunday night in a premier showing at the Palace Theatre and which will also be shown for three successive days thereafter, wins the praise of a Roxboro boy, Bill R. Murphy, now in the Army at Mitchell Field, Long Island.

Murphy, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Murphy, writes as follows to Teague Kirby, Palace Theatre manager: Mr. Teague Kirby, Manager Palace and Dolly Madison, Roxboro, North Carolina.

Dear Mr. Kirby,  
After just looking over the home town paper, I noticed where you are as thousands of others are, turning your theatres over to the well advertised picture "This Is The Army".

I have been fortunate enough to see the picture twice and agree with all the publicity that has been given it. It has its serious moments, clean jokes, funny moments, and is suitable for the youngest and oldest to see. The proceeds of named picture are going to the Army Emergency Relief Fund and after seeing what this particular organization does and has done, I am sure you are doing the right thing by allowing it to be shown in your theatres.

So Mr. Kirby, wishing you the best of luck in your "Campaign for Proceeds", I close, remaining Yours very truly,  
Bill R. Murphy

In charge of ticket sales for the Premier showing are R. H. Shelton and George W. Kane, Roxboro civic leaders. Here the first of the week to help with advance publicity and sales were Pfc. Filipeck and Pfarr, of the Women's Army Corps, Camp Butler.

## MISS DAVIS AND R. P. BURNS TALK ON DELINQUENCY

"Parents can blame themselves for many cases of delinquency in children", said Miss Davis, of the nursing staff of the Person Health department, who with R. P. Burns, a leading Roxboro attorney, was a speaker at October Thursday at which delinquency in children was discussed.

Legal aspects of such delinquency were presented by Burns, while Miss Davis had as her topic, "Nutrition as Related to Delinquency in Youth". Miss Davis stressed child care, saying that foundations of proper living are laid in the first six years of a child's life.

Introduction of Burns was by Jerry L. Hester, Roxboro district supervisor. Music was by Longhurst Baptist church choir under direction of the Rev. and Mrs. R. W. Hovis, the first named also giving the benediction. Attendance was large, according to Mrs. Emery Winstead, principal, and next meeting will be in November.

## Kennedy Warns Fight Not Over; Praises Fisher's Gift

## APPLICATIONS FOR NEW "A" BOOKS MUST BE MADE

Person OPA officials today issued a reminder to holders of basic ration "A" books for gasoline that applications for new books may be secured from service stations and must be mailed or brought to the OPA office, Roxboro, on or before October 22.

## F. H. Jeter To Speak Saturday At Court House

F. H. Jeter, agricultural editor of State College, Raleigh, will speak at farmers' meeting Saturday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock at Person court house, Roxboro.

The meeting is to be a general round-up of a series of meetings being held at all school houses in Person County.

## Service Club Need Becoming Acute In City Group Finds

### Miss Hearne Reports On Similar Work Being Done In Greenville

### Suggests That Rules For Soldiers In Private Homes Are Of Prime Importance. Other Towns Go Ahead.

Following a first of the month week-end in which an unusually large number of Camp Butler soldiers and others came to Roxboro, crowded Hotel Roxboro to capacity and overflowed into private homes, members of the civic club Service Men's committee headed by Mrs. Bath Brewer Pridgen, president of the Business and Professional Woman's club, met Tuesday afternoon and will meet again this afternoon in an effort to arrive at some solution for a downtown Service club and other accommodations.

Tuesday's meeting at Roxboro Chamber of Commerce was attended by representatives from the Woman's club, Rotary and Kiwanis, with a number of invited committee workers, among them Miss Venetia Hearne, a member of the faculty of Roxboro high school and a resident of Greenville, who gave specific suggestions for Service club work based on experience in Greenville.

Dr. Robert Long, Mrs. Pridgen and Thomas J. Shaw, Jr., were named as a committee to set about securing club room accommodations. The committee now has several sites under investigation but it is not yet ready to report. Members of the committee and of the sub-committee are however of opinion that more cooperation is now in evidence here than has previously been shown.

Held Saturday night in the high school gym was another Service Men's dance, directed by Dr. Long and Lawrence Featherston. Discussed at the committee meeting Tuesday were reports of work in other North Carolina cities and towns of similar size and condition.

The following was released today from Richmond, Va., by Chester D. Snell:

Eastern North Carolina communities suddenly faced with a soldier load far above normal have been granted immediate USO aid to provide recreational facilities for service men, it was announced here today by Chester D. Snell, USO regional executive.

When several hundred soldiers (turn to page four, please)

## Fort Bragg General, At Silver Star Exercises Says Now Is Time To Take Stock Of What Lies Ahead

## MISS CALDWELL TO TAKE PLACE OF MRS. BARHAM

### Former F S A Supervisor Will Take New Work Here By Middle Of Month.

Miss Evelyn Caldwell, of Dillon, S. C., and Roxboro, formerly with the Farm Security Administration as a supervisor for this area, on October 15, will succeed Mrs. Travis Barham, resigned, as Person County Home Demonstration agent, according to announcement made Monday.

Mrs. Barham, here for more than a year and very successful as an administrator, is leaving in order to be with her husband, Pvt. Travis Barham, in Miami, Fla., and her resignation has been regretfully accepted by Person County Commissioners, who on Monday met in regular session.

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The Olive Branch school of missions will be held on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 10. Sunday school will be at one o'clock and the mission classes will follow.

The teachers and classes are as follows: Primaries, Mrs. W. R. Hayes; Juniors, Mrs. T. J. Dixon; Intermediates, Mrs. Willie Pass; Young People, Mrs. J. F. Funderburke; Adults, Joe B. Currin. A full attendance is desired.

## Funeral Held For Lawrence J. Jones

### Rites For Accident Victim Held At Home, Attended By Many In City

## Raymond Clayton Flight Man For Navy, At Home

Raymond T. Clayton, of Roxboro, a son of Andrew Clayton, flight engineer with the United States Navy, who entered the service in May 1941, and has since then seen plenty of patrol action in the Caribbean area, is spending several days here with members of his family.

Clayton, formerly with Roxboro Cotton mills, has a number of citations and medals for his exploits, but does not wear them, nor boast of the having. He remembers vividly the business of sinking submarines, says food in the Navy is good and he gives every indication of being pleased with his job. He attended Roxboro high school.

The first assault on North Africa required 110 tons of maps.

## Father Of Roxboro Soldier Receives Star, Posthumous Award To Son Killed In Action. Harris Introduces And Hunter Presides.

"Citizens should remember and should take stock of what lies ahead", said Gen. John T. Kennedy, commanding general of Fort Bragg, who warned against over-optimism as a danger in this war and added that "we are yet far away from the destruction of our enemies" and at Silver Star exercises for the late Pfc. Sam C. Fisher, Jr., held here Tuesday morning emphasized the fact that we "have no reason to believe that either Germany or Japan is on the verge of collapse."

Occasion of the General's visit to Roxboro was presentation of the Silver Star award won posthumously by Pfc. Fisher, of Roxboro and Nathalie, Va., to his father, Sam C. Fisher, Sr., a Roxboro grocer, at exercises under auspices of the American Legion and held in the auditorium of Roxboro high school. Pfc. Fisher was killed in action on Jan. 13 at Guadalcanal.

Introduction of Kennedy was by Lieut. Gov. R. L. Harris, of Roxboro, and the program was in charge of Gordon C. Hunter, commander of Lester Blackwell Post No. 138, of the American Legion here. Also on the platform were Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, Sr., Miss Helen Fisher, W. Wallace Woods, the Rev. Rufus J. Wombles and others, including Lieut. Ralph W. Gardner, aide to Gen. Kennedy.

Reading the citation from Gen. Millard Harmon, General Kennedy, after mentioning specially the gallantry in action displayed by Pfc. Fisher, gave the award to Fisher's father.

Mentioning the remoteness of this war, especially to some citizens, and the distance to Guadalcanal, Gen. Kennedy said: "Sometimes, it is easy to give up. Fisher did not give up. Now is the time to feel ourselves to sacrifices with a pledge of our lives and our honor, even as Fisher did. We cannot be true Americans and be too late or too little with sacrifice."

In the audience, together with other students, teachers and members of the Legion, was W. D. Fisher, a brother of Pfc. Fisher and a student in the high school. Also present were Miss Irene Fisher, a cousin, and Miss Mildred Guill, both of Nathalie. Seat (turn to page five, please)

## Reginald Carr Rogers Improves At Community Hospital.

Funeral for Lawrence James Jones, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy Jones, of Roxboro, who last week died instantly of a broken neck received in an automobile accident, was held here yesterday afternoon at four o'clock at the residence of his parents, North Main street, with interment in Burchwood cemetery. Jones died Tuesday night of last week, but rites were delayed, pending arrival of a brother, Sgt. Bedford L. Jones, of Camp White, Ore., who arrived here today. Reginald Carr Rogers, 23, who suffered a skull fracture, is improving at Community hospital, but officials have not yet questioned him as to who was driving at time of the accident.

Ministers in charge of rites for Jones were the Rev. J. B. Currin and the Rev. J. N. Bowman. In addition to the parents and the brother in Oregon, other survivors include three brothers and three sisters: Cpl. John S. Jones, of Fort Devens, Mass., also here. William Stanley and (turn to page eight, please)