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Mrs. Maggie Roberts Observes 71st Birthday Sunday

More Than 100 Relatives Gather for the Birthday Dinner

ALL OF CHILDREN ARE PRESENT FOR THE DAY

Dinner is Held at Home of Mrs. David Potts in Mt. Olive Last Sunday

Mrs. Maggie J. Roberts observed her 71st birthday Sunday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. David Potts, in Mt. Olive, where more than 100 relatives and friends met for the day.

Mrs. Roberts' birthday was on the 24th, but it is the custom of the family to have this annual birthday meeting on the Sunday nearest the birth date.

A feature of the meeting was a spread dinner on a long table in the yard at the Potts home. In the center of the table was a birthday cake with candles, and the table was loaded with all kinds of food.

Among those present for the day were Mrs. Roberts' six children, Mrs. S. Ward, Eugene L. Roberts, and Milford S. Roberts, all of Goldsboro, Mrs. W. B. Casey, of Wallace, J. Henry Roberts of Teachy, and Mrs. Potts of Mt. Olive; and her two sisters, Mrs. Walt McCullen and Mrs. Fred Johnson of the Newton Grove section; and one brother, John R. Smith, of the Newton Grove section. One brother, Thomas Smith, of Augusta, Ga., was not present.

A sister-in-law, Mrs. Ed Smith, and a brother-in-law, John Hollingsworth, were also present.

Other groups with their families included Mr. and Mrs. Newman Potts, Mrs. Bob Casey, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Percise, Goldsboro; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Potts, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Casey, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Casey, Mr. and Mrs. Alderman Percise, and Mrs. Emma Percise, all of Dudley, Route 1; Mr. and Mrs. Allen McCullen, Mr. and Mrs. Ennis McCullen, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Faison Smith, all of Sampson county; Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Talton, Pikeville; William Fields, Mary Ellen Fields, Margaret Howell, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hollingsworth, Mrs. Ed. Fields, Tommie Best, Hamp Sutton, and others whose names were not learned.

W. O. Mitcham, Jr. Leaves Hospital

William O. Mitcham, Jr., 19, was able to leave the Goldsboro Hospital Monday after being treated there Saturday night and Sunday for severe bruises about the face, head and abdomen, received when he was waylaid, beaten, and robbed by an unidentified negro at the corner of Center and Chestnut streets.

Young Mitcham, who works in his father's plumbing supply store, had been in a store making collections and had started towards his home on Evergreen Avenue, when he was struck and knocked down by the negro. He struck back and the negro kicked him in the abdomen. Mitcham lost consciousness, and when he came to the negro had gone, and had robbed Mitcham of about \$4. The young man called a taxi and went to the hospital.

Mr. I. P. Andrews, 86, Observes His Birthday

Mr. I. P. Andrews celebrated his 86th birthday quietly at his home at Black Bay Farm, three miles north of Goldsboro, on Sunday, February 26.

The annual shad dinner given by members of the family on his birthday was not held this year on account of the illness of a granddaughter.

Mr. Andrews was twice married and the birthday of each of his wives fell on February 26, his birthday.

Joe Langston Hurt On Bike

Joe Langston, 16, Goldsboro, R. F. D., was struck by an automobile while he was riding on his bicycle Sunday afternoon. He was taken to the Goldsboro Hospital in an unconscious condition, but later regained consciousness. X-ray pictures were made to determine whether his elbow was fractured. His physician stated that he did not think his condition was serious.

Daily average sales of general merchandise in small towns and rural areas in January were the highest on record for that month, reports the Commerce Department.

Paving of Goldsboro to Fayetteville Road is Sought by Cities

Representatives of Towns Want Road from Newton Grove to Fayetteville Paved

Delegates representing Goldsboro, Fayetteville, and Newton Grove will confer in Wilson this afternoon with District Highway Commissioner Brodie Ward in efforts to secure completion of paving of Highway 112 from near Newton Grove to a point north of Fayetteville, O. L. Wilson, Jr., secretary of the Goldsboro Chamber of Commerce, said Tuesday.

The route would be 60 miles long, and would reduce the distance considerably between Goldsboro and Fayetteville, and would serve populous rural areas not now touched by a hard surfaced road. Commissioners of Cumberland, Sampson, and Wayne counties have petitioned the State Highway and Public Works Commission to complete the paving.

DISTRICT SCOUT MEET

The Wayne County District Meeting of the Boy Scouts will be held 7:30 Monday, March 6, at the Community Building, with Clarence Peacock as chairman.

Other members of the committee for the Wayne County district are: J. N. Smith, W. P. Pennington, J. H. Manly, Dr. Legh R. Scott, L. L. Hallman, Dr. S. B. McPheeters, H. F. Lee, Fred Parker, and Noah Bass.

Mannah Shrago is Honored by Lodge



Mannah Shrago, Immediate Past Master of Goldsboro Lodge 634, A. F. and A. M. has been doubly honored by the Lodge here.

Last week Mr. Shrago was presented the beautiful Past Master's jewel, C. G. Smith, distinguished member of the Lodge, making the presentation on behalf of the organization.

This week the picture of Mr. Shrago was hung on the walls of the Lodge Hall along with pictures of other Past Masters of the Lodge. T. L. Blow, Master of the Lodge, accepted the picture on behalf of the organization. C. M. Avery presented the picture.

100th Anniversary of Express Service is On March Fourth

Agent J. C. Johnson Makes Interesting Observations of 100th Anniversary

Express service in the United States will be one hundred years old on March 4th next. J. C. Johnson, agent of Railway Express Agency said today. The anniversary, which marks a new epoch of express transportation, will be quite generally observed in 23,000 cities and towns of the country.

The origin of this unique American expedited package shipping system is credited to William H. Harnden, a young man of 28 years, who started a century ago, traveling between Boston and New York, equipped only with a carpetbag. Although confronted with difficulties, because of limited means of travel, his enterprise succeeded and other pioneers, who followed him untrudgingly, pushed the express west and south, when railroads were few and the stage coach, road wagon, the horse and steamboat were the only means of transportation available. The names of Alvin Adams, Henry Wells and William Fargo were immortalized in the express companies, which bore their names for three quarters of a century.

The Express played a dramatic role, Mr. Johnson added, during the early days of the West, following the gold rush era, when express stages provided a primitive but much needed transportation for passengers, express and mail, before railroads came. The overland stage lines and the pony express, which the pioneer expressmen sponsored, connected west and east and ushered in an era of great commercial expansion and railroad construction. The express forged ahead and virtually blanketed the country, winning a constantly increasing volume of business and adding to the variety of its services, including the collection and delivery of shipments, moving on the passenger trains of all American railroads.

Consolidation of express companies and unification of the service were accomplished during the World War and in March, 1929, the Class I railroads acquired ownership of the business and continued its operation through the Railway Express Agency, the nation's "express company" today.

Agent Johnson takes pride in the fact that from Harnden's carpetbag one hundred years ago, the express has developed into a vital expedited transportation system of nationwide extent, handling over 140,000,000 shipments annually. Moreover, he adds, Railway Express operates on 213,000 miles of railway lines; conducts a high-speed air express service on 35,800 miles of airlines, maintains 23,000 offices and provides employment for 57,000 men and women.

Rome and Tokyo are no linked by direct radio telephone circuit, so that it is no longer necessary to be connected via Berlin or London.

Board of Aldermen Vote to Proceed with Recreational Park Project Here

"Mammy Don't 'Low No Piccolo Playing Hyar"

That "Mammy don't 'low no piccolo playing 'round hyar" was vociferously evident in Mayor Hill's court last week. Two Annies were called but only one answered saying that her friend, the other Annie, was sick, if His Honor pleased.

However, the case didn't lack witnesses. Four negro women solemnly shook their heads, affirming the testimony of the plaintiff that they were surrounded by two piccolos, and found quite a bit of difficulty trying to sleep at night.

The plaintiff began a tirade of grief, saying, "When I has to wuk all de day long and then come home to a hollerin' and a-carryin' on and a-listenin' to them music boxes all night, I ain't gittin' the right protection. This hyar Miss Annie's got one of them things on one corner and the other Miss Annie has got one on the other corner. It's to the place where us in between can't git no sleep of a night. Stid of wuking like decent folks they's got to have one of them things with men a-drinkin' and a-hangin' around. And the langwith they uses ain't becomin' for a women to use in front of a gang of menfolks. I don't want nobody put in jail—all I wants is perfection and I've gotta have some perfection and if they's gonna have

such gon' ons they oughta move. We ain't never had no sich on our street. We is decent."

One after another the other witnesses took the stand and told how she was kept awake while the other three nodded in affirmation.

As for Annie—well, she admitted to His Honor and Chief Tew that she had a piccolo but she also had a license and she "had done asked all the neighbors if it was bothering them and they said it hadn't. If they was a-cussin' and a-carryin' on, it was on the street and she couldn't help what happened on the street."

His Honor and the Chief sat back and let the five argue it over until things got too hot and finally ruled that Annie, since she was armed with a license, could retain her piccolo but all music must cease after ten o'clock at night.

"Yes, suh," said Annie, "thank you, suh," and tripped out.

The other four were not quite so satisfied and went out muttering about "people whut orta earn a honest livin' and wuk like other folks" and that "ten o'clock ain't no decent hour to be a-playing them music boxes and it ain't no decent block since the two Annies got them things."

Legion & Auxiliary Members Attend District Meeting Here

Approximately 150 members of the American Legion and Legion Auxiliary representing eight posts attended a district meeting at the Wayne Memorial Community Building in Goldsboro last Thursday night.

Leslie P. Gardner of Goldsboro, Sixth District Commander, presided over the meeting, and introduced State Commander Burgin Pennell, of Asheville, who delivered the principal address. The program followed a barbecue supper.

Col. Edgar H. Bain pronounced the invocation. Emmett K. Holloman, commander of Wayne Post No. 11, welcomed the delegates and visitors. Mrs. Herbert B. Taylor of Dunn, state president of the Legion Auxiliary, brought greetings from that organization.

Other guests of honor who spoke briefly included: Miss Aurelia Adams of Dunn, state Auxiliary secretary; R. L. McMillan of Raleigh, department vice-commander, June

H. Rose of Greenville, chairman of the school awards committee; Graham Monroe of Lillington, chairman of the Legion Junior baseball commission; Graham K. Hobbs, Raleigh, veterans loan fund commissioner; Mrs. R. L. Nunn, Kinston, district committee woman.

District Commander Gardner reported that membership quotas for 1939 had exceeded those of 1938, and that the Sixth District had gone "over the top" in enrollment. Musical and amusement features were presented by local talent.

The following gave reports for the eight posts of the Sixth District: E. K. Holloman and T. L. Gillikin for Goldsboro; R. N. Sutton and E. F. Turnley, Kinston; M. C. Lassiter and W. B. Morrill, Snow Hill; George L. Peterson, and Perry G. Crumpler, Clinton; Beck Pearce and Thad Hill, Fremont; Clay Casey, Mt. Olive; Edgar Pollock and Ralph Jones, Warsaw; G. H. Blanton and Clifton Knowles, Wallace.

Coming Of The Yankees

(By J. M. HOLLOWELL)

(Editor's Note: We are this week resuming the publication of some articles written years ago by the late J. M. Hollowell. These are published through the courtesy of his nephew, J. M. Maaly.)

Since I stopped writing of my early recollections of Goldsboro, I have been asked by some of the young folks why I did not tell more about the Yankee army coming to Goldsboro in 1865, and what they did, etc. And I have promised some of them to write a little along that line.

General Braxton Bragg was in command of the Confederate forces in this department. Goldsboro was the objective point of three federal forces, to-wit: General Sherman, on his famous march from Atlanta, was headed for this place, coming via Fayetteville; General Terry, from Wilmington, who was following pretty closely the line of the A. C. L. railway (then the old Wilmington and Weldon railroad), and General Schofield's army advancing from New Bern.

Gen. Joseph E. Johnston's army was in Sherman's front, slowly retreating. Terry's force was not very large, hence no great anxiety was felt on his account. The greatest immediate menace to the town appeared to be Schofield's forces from New Bern, hence Bragg threw the major part of his forces in front of Schofield below Kinston. This was about the middle of March. There was several days skirmishing near Southwest creek between Bragg and Schofield, Bragg capturing a thousand prisoners, but being large-

ly outnumbered he gradually fell back. Schofield closely following him.

On Sunday, March 19, the battle of Bentonville was fought by Johnston and Sherman. All day at intervals the cannonading could be heard. The result of that battle hurriedly the retreat of Bragg, otherwise he would have been prevented by Sherman from making a junction with Johnston. Bragg's army began evacuating the place on Tuesday morning, the 21st, and his rear guard passed out as Schofield's advance guard came in, there being some firing between them, though I don't think there were any casualties. Bragg fell back across Little River via Hooks' bridge and halted near Walters.

The first I saw of Schofield's men was about three o'clock in the evening. They came marching in Bounded street, west, following the direction Bragg had gone. The Yankees had come in via Webbtown, and were all over town, the larger part being halted near Jumping Run. At the time of which I write nearly all the land now owned by J. M. Grantham and the land where Bellevue is was in piney woods, and by dark all the space I have mentioned, including along where Griffin's mill stands, was ablaze with camp fires, as well as all the vacant lots in the northern section of town, and the tearing down of fences, barns, stables and outhouses could be seen and heard in every direction.

The building I occupied was near the corner of George and Boundary streets. When the first ones marched by two or three of the men opened the gate and came up on

Interested Citizens Give Land On Which to Build the Recreational Park

PROJECT HAS BEEN APPROVED ALREADY

Work Will Be Started Just as Soon as the Details Can Be Worked Out

An \$86,000 WPA recreation project for Goldsboro has been approved by the state and national WPA offices, and the Goldsboro Board of Aldermen in a called meeting Tuesday afternoon voted to go ahead with the work.

Work will be started as soon as final details of the property and arrangements of the various parts of the project can be worked out.

The project calls for a golf course, baseball ground and grand stand, playground, tennis courts, softball field, and 440-yard track.

The cost to the city will be \$17,269 and the remaining \$68,732 of the estimated cost will be provided by the WPA.

The city's share will include material, labor and rental equipment. The site for the recreation grounds is south of the city between John and Slocumb streets extensions, and includes about 140 acres.

The property was given to the city by W. F. Nufer, W. L. Rawlings, Ellis Lupton, H. Weil and Emmett Robinson, J. A. Vinson and Mr. Sutton.

Lions Club in City Is Organized With Promise of Future

Some of Leading Men of Business and Professional Life of City Are in It

A new Goldsboro Lions Club was organized in Goldsboro last Thursday night with J. Barnett Napier, commissioner of Lions International, in charge of the organization.

An equal number of former members of the Lions Club and new members were received. The club was not a reorganized group but is receiving a new charter from Lions headquarters. The new organization is in district 31-C, of which Charles Lano of Sanford is governor. It is the 84th Lions Club to be organized in North Carolina, Commissioner Napier said.

Dr. Zeno Spence was elected president; Marvin Sherard, first vice president; Eugene Roberts, second vice-president; E. J. Whiting, third vice-president; M. A. Shaver, secretary; Dr. A. H. Zealy, Jr., Lionsmaster; Dr. A. C. Early, tall twister; Dr. Zealy, C. T. Pate, and Dr. A. R. Mahler, directors.

Two Are Injured In Auto Accident

Mrs. T. H. Anderson of Mt. Olive, and Mr. and Mrs. Bernice Williams of Dudley, were injured when their automobile in which they were riding, Mr. Anderson driving, was in an almost head on collision with an automobile driven by James M. Jackson, negro preacher, of 21 St. Blount, Raleigh, on highway 112, six miles south of Goldsboro about noon Sunday.

Those injured were taken to a physician, and the extent of their injuries was not learned here. Anderson, employee of the A. C. L. Railroad, suffered a slight cut on the back of his hand. Jackson was uninjured. The fronts of both cars were smashed in, and the windshield broken, officers thought by being struck by the head of one of the occupants of the car.

The accident occurred when Jackson started to turn across the road to a filling station and drove into the path of Anderson's car. He told officers he turned across the road and then saw that he could not make it. He was put under \$100 bond for careless and reckless driving.

HARD FARMING

Madison county farmers sell most of their produce in the raw state because, says County Agent G. W. Miller, the county has no factories, no tobacco warehouse, no furniture plant, no hatchery or milk plant, no cannery or greenhouse, no feed lot cattle sold directly to the butcher, nor any produce house.