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Several Thousand Immunized Against Typhoid In County

Health Officer Urges Parents To Protect Themselves By Taking Vaccine

Completing the first four days of a five-day campaign to insure Martin County citizens protection against typhoid fever, Dr. John M. Williams, health department head, said last night that he was very well pleased with the results up to that time. It is fairly apparent, however, that large numbers have not availed themselves of the protection, and that possibly another campaign would not be amiss among the colored population.

Up until late yesterday, 4,247 persons, mostly children, had taken the typhoid vaccine, and 146 had been given the first dose of diphtheria toxoid. The campaign outside the several established health centers in the county is being completed today, but any one missing the clinics in their community are urged to report to their nearest center at specified dates for the protection.

Commenting on the campaign, Dr. Williams said: "The health department, realizing that a man's wages and salary in the majority of these cases is fully dependent on his health to earn them, hopes that more bread-earners for the family will take advantage of the vaccinations to prevent typhoid fever because we know that in the majority of the cases our people cannot afford to have a long spell of fever. In other words, we had rather vaccinate the father and mother in a family than all the children because it means more."

"Those children who have taken their first dose of diphtheria toxoid this week are urged to return in a month to any of our clinic points for the second dose which is a life time treatment."

"Those children who this week took their first dose of typhoid are urged to return to any of our clinic points for their second and third dose at weekly intervals."

"Those people who could not reach us at any of our clinic points this week are urged to meet us at our regular clinic appointments which are held every week from 9 to 12 at the following places:

"On Mondays at Jamesville, on Wednesdays at Robersonville, on Friday at Oak City, and any day of the week at Williamston but we would rather have them come on Thursdays and Saturday mornings with the one exception of the 4th of July because the office will be closed the 4th and the 5th of that month."

The numbers attending, both white and colored, are shown in the following tabulations, by districts:

Typhoid		
	White	Col.
Williamston	351	43
Bear Grass	353	184
Lilley's Store	240	167
Farm Life	282	79
Jamesville	291	68
Dardens	113	242
No. 90 Filling Sta.	155	77
Robersonville	253	51
Everetts	296	188
Gold Point	121	151
Parme	51	86
Cross Roads	277	128
	2783	1464
Diphtheria		
	White	Col.
Williamston	17	0
Bear Grass	9	8
Lilley's Store	0	0
Farm Life	5	6
Jamesville	20	1
Dardens	3	2
No. 90 Filling Sta.	8	7
Robersonville	7	0
Everetts	0	11
Gold Point	9	15
Parme	0	3
Cross Roads	11	4
	89	57

Exhaust One-Third Registration List

Approximately one-third of the first registration list will have been exhausted by the time July draft quotas are filled, according to unofficial information received here today. It has been estimated that the draft board will have to dig down to the number, "1049" to get the 42 men called in this county to report for service in July.

The demand on the order numbers is likely to increase in greater proportions from now on than was the case in the past. It has been pointed out that quite a few volunteers delayed the call from the regular list of registrants. Comparatively few young men are volunteering their services now. Draft Board Clerk Marion Cobb stating this week that only four volunteers — two white and two colored — are now on the waiting list. Dottie Mary and Vernon Ward Bryant will be included in the group of 27 young white men to leave the county on July 23. Simon Howard and Frank Felton Slade are to leave with the group of fifteen colored men scheduled to report to Fort Jackson on July 17.

To date, 2,251 questionnaires have been forwarded to registrants in this county.

Many Farmers in the County Gambling With Boll Weevil

Checked by weather conditions last year, the boll weevil is expected to catch quite a few Martin County cotton farmers napping before the current season is spent. Reliable reports state that many Martin County farmers are gambling with the weevil this year, most of them betting that because the pest did not make his appearance on a large scale last year he will not come this season. Others are apparently not worried about the weevil; in fact, they frankly declare that they had not even thought about the weevil and the threat he holds over the growing crop.

In some sections, farmers are preparing a sizable blitzkrieg against the weevil by blitting the growing plants with a poison mixture. Nearly every farmer in the upper part of the county is taking no chances.

AGAINST

One Robert Rice Reynolds, again gallivanting over the country, declared yesterday that he was "unequivocally opposed to any sort of aid to Russia, no matter what the general opinion of the Congress will be." Reynolds, North Carolina's No. 1 Disappointment in the United States Senate, was down in Charlotte inspecting the new air base there, and his stand against aiding Russia is little different to the one he has maintained against helping Britain.

Aluminum Shortage Is Facing Country

This nation, two years after a grim emergency first presented itself, is just now finding out that its defense has been threatened all the while by a shortage in aluminum, that the shortage is not the result of labor troubles or strikes. An investigating committee of the United States Senate said this week. "It is reasonable to conclude that the Aluminum Company of America had convinced the Office of Production Management of the adequacy of the supply in order to avoid the possibility that any one else would go into a field which they had for so many years successfully monopolized."

"Sleepy-headed Dollar-a-Year men in Washington would not listen even when small producers, including the Reynolds Metal Company, pointed out that there was a shortage of the important metal and that serious consequences could be expected. It would appear that the profiteers have pushed into the background the saboteurs, the strikers, the insurrectionists, the German spies and all others when it comes to retarding America's defense efforts."

While the situation can hardly be corrected, a drive is now in the making to partially relieve the situation by calling on the common people of this nation to surrender their aluminum pots and pans and by rationing electricity. The collection of second-hand aluminum is already underway in some sections of the country. The local power company has been instructed to ship back all its aluminum wire.

Men Act Quickly In "Gas Station"

Fort Bragg—The Ninth Division "Gas Station," where men are trained in actual field gas condition, has been in operation since last week. The First Battalion, 47th Infantry, was given a taste of chloroform, one, or tear gas at the station recently when the men, wearing gas masks, were grouped in the already-exposed chamber. This served as a measure to check on the efficiency of all masks, and then, to add a more realistic touch, the men were ordered not to don masks until after they had entered. There was a twofold purpose here: first, to give the men a taste of the gas, and second, to check on ability to don a mask rapidly.

And there wasn't one laggard here. The impetus was furnished by disintegrating capsules of the chemical which filled the room with an almost colorless vapor. If any man underrated the instructions cautioning against delay in following the prescribed procedure, he didn't hold long to that opinion. After a short time in the chamber each man was ordered to remove his mask prior to his leaving. It would have done any football coach's heart good to see the way the men came charging out—heads low, legs churning like pistons.

Building Home On Rhodes Property Near Ball Park

Construction work on a new home for Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Nash and family on the Rhodes property, near the baseball park, was started this week. The house is located on a new street recently opened by Dr. J. S. Rhodes. It will be of frame construction and will have five rooms.

Draft Registration Will Be Handled In Draft Board Office

All Men Reaching 21 Years of Age Since October 16 To Register

Plans were announced complete today for registering all Martin County men who became 21 years of age since last October 16 or who will have reached that age by next Tuesday, R. H. Goodman, chairman of the draft board, announced today. The young men will register between the hours of 7 o'clock A. M. and 9 o'clock P. M. next Tuesday, July 1. Registration headquarters for the entire county will be maintained in the draft board office at Williamston on the second floor in the old Martin County bank building on the corner just across the street from the town hall.

Employers and other citizens are cordially urged to assist in getting the young men to the office by providing transportation and offering them short leaves of absence from their jobs. Any other assistance the general public can and will offer in advancing the registration is earnestly solicited by the draft board officials.

Tax Collections In County Increase As Late Listers Report

Considerable revenue heretofore lost to the county as a result of lenient tax policies is now pouring into the county treasurer following a tightening of the general tax laws. While no large amounts are being received, the accounts are already running into fairly big numbers, clearly indicating that many of those with only a small share of the tax burden were "getting by" the tax collectors.

Accounts, ranging up to as high as \$18 and \$20, have already been recorded, but most of them are for poll taxes. The poll tax, in quite a few cases, run up to several dollars, the subjects having failed to list and pay at any time since they became of age.

Numerous excuses are being offered by the late listers. One stated yesterday that he was of the honest opinion that it was not necessary to list property when the property was held under a mortgage. "I have an automobile, but I still owe for it, and I thought one did not have to list it for taxation," one late lister explained. Then there are those cases where the alleged non-listers declare they live in other counties or states. One of the county tax authorities explained that there was no effort being made to have a property owner list in more than one place, but they "considered it only fair for the property owner to list in one place or the other. It is understood that many cases of that nature will be checked with tax officials in other places."

That the order handed down by Judge W. C. Harris in the Martin County Superior Court last week directing non-listers to get their names on the tax books by July 23, will be defied by some is almost a certainty according to reports reaching the tax authorities. "I have never listed or paid any taxes, and I don't expect to," one man well in his twenties was quoted as saying. Threats have been made frequently in the past, but non-listers can well depend on the execution of the superior court judge's order. The grace period expires July 23, and indictments are to follow immediately after that date.

So far there have been a few cases where those charged with failing to list their property had actually listed, but their names were included in the list because of changes in address or variations in the initials.

New Wine Law Goes Into Effect July 1st

North Carolina's new and uncertain wine law goes into effect next Tuesday with enforcement officers and others still in the dark as to its meaning and as to what action should be taken in enforcing the law.

The law is not expected to effect any great change in the way wine is sold in this county. Possibly one wine store will close, and sales in cafes and a few other stores will come under slightly more stringent regulations.

The law, regarded as little more than a farce as far as its application to sales in the wet counties is concerned, definitely states that fortified wines may not be legally sold in the 74 dry counties. In the wet counties, fortified wines are to be sold only in ABC stores, but cafes and a few other establishments may sell wines of alcoholic content not to exceed a certain percent.

Representatives of the wine industry in a recent meeting are said to have recommended that no sales be made to persons under 18 years of age, that there be voluntary prohibition of sales between the hours of midnight and 7 a. m. on week days, and between midnight Saturdays and 12:30 p. m. Sundays.

Compensation Agency Prosecutes Violators

County's Court In Session Hardly An Hour Last Monday

Fourteen Charged with Receiving Compensation Under False Pretense

Handling the largest docket to come before it in recent months, the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday chalked up a new record by disposing of approximately two dozen cases in a little over one hour. The court machinery with Judge W. H. Coburn on the bench and Attorney Don E. Johnson prosecuting ground out justice rapidly but surely. No appeals were noted and nothing out of the ordinary marked the proceedings.

One thing was firmly established in the findings of a number of the defendants and spectators and that was the Unemployment Compensation Commission is not to be played with. Fourteen of the 24 defendants facing the court were charged with obtaining compensation by misrepresenting the facts or under false pretense. Representing the commission, Attorney Overton stated that the alleged violations were noted when compensation payments were checked against employment records, the workers having claimed unemployment compensation when they were actually employed. Much time was required in checking the records, some of the cases being based on checks made of pay rolls as far back as the latter part of 1939.

Proceedings of the court: The case charging Fenner Respass with aiding and abetting in larceny, was not pressed with leave. Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the cost after the defendant, Nelson Mason, pleaded guilty in the case charging him with larceny.

Charged with violating the liquor laws, Alexander Jones pleaded guilty of possessing illegal liquor, the court suspending judgment upon payment of the cost.

The case charging Jordan Whitehurst with drunken driving was continued until June 30.

The case charging Claude Spruill with destroying personal property was not pressed.

The two cases charging Howard Cherry with drunken driving on successive days were continued until July 7 by the court.

Continuances were granted until next Monday in the cases charging Z. T. Sawyer and O. R. Boyd with assaults with a deadly weapon.

Lewis Cherry Outerbridge, charged with larceny and receiving, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the roads for a term of three months.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with drunken driving, Charles Mancy Edmondson was fined \$50, taxed with the court costs and had his license revoked for a period of one year.

The defendants in all the cases brought in connection with the alleged violation of the unemployment compensation laws pleaded guilty, Judge Coburn suspending thirty day road sentences upon payment of the costs and the repayment of compensation allegedly drawn by falsifying their claims.

Justice Andrews, false pretense, 30 days on the roads suspended upon payment of the court costs and \$4.50 to the Unemployment Compensation Commission.

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William Livingston, false pretense, 30 days on the roads suspended upon payment of the case costs and \$35.50 to the Unemployment Compensation Commission.

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Thousand Cattle Tested In County

The drive against bangs disease among cattle in this county continues, a late report from Dr. Heflin, representing the United States Department of Agriculture, stating that 1,000 cattle had been tested and that about one per cent of the cases are found to be positive. Five of the diseased cattle were found in a single herd, the report stating that all of them had been killed.

Assisted by Paul Ballard, Dr. Heflin is now working in the Hassell area, tests having been completed or virtually so east of Highway No. 125.

With one of two exceptions, owners are willingly cooperating in the drive, it was learned.

FIRST BLOSSOM

Farmer R. S. Edmondson, of Goose Nest is displaying the first cotton blossom plucked from a Martin County field this season. The blossom, a deep pink, was detected by Mr. Edmondson's daughter, Miss Alice, on Tuesday, June 24. Reporting the first blossom of the year.

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Germans Are Facing Stubborn Resistance Offered by Russians

British Claim Mastery of the Skies in the West; Raids Being Continued

Behind conflicting and confusing reports, it is fairly well established as the first week of the Russo-German war draws to a close that the Red Russians are offering the Nazi invaders a stubborn resistance, that the loss of life and destruction of property are reaching into big figures. It is also apparent that Hitler is beginning to realize that he has a war on his hands, with Russia, the nation that has struggled under the curse and ridicule of other nations, intervening in behalf of democratic nations without a request for help.

While Germany is claiming that her march into Russia is advancing "according to plan," it is then evident that Hitler anticipated hard sailing for independent news sources declare that German tank divisions have been turned back in several drives, and that the Russians have successfully counter-attacked.

Soviet troops again repulsed German efforts to force the Prut River on the southern end of the long battlefront in eastern Europe and successfully engaged German tank units filtering through Red defenses (in the direction of Minsk), white Russian capital, the Soviet information bureau announced yesterday.

The Russian radio challenged Germany with heavy sarcasm last night to come forth with its "baffling revelations which the Berlin radio has promised to the world repeatedly for the last two days."

(The Russian announcer said in a broadcast heard by NBC at New York that the Germans had not announced anything but generalities because there "were no miracles to be reported.")

A great tank battle is being fought in former Poland and "continued throughout the day with a manifest advantage for our troops," the Russian communique said.

Much of this action is in the German effort to drive toward Lutsk, 50 miles east of the Bug River boundary.

Soviet troops holding the Prut River boundary between Rumania and Soviet Bessarabia were said to have frustrated repeated German attempts to ford that river, particularly in the Cernauti area.

Minsk, the White Russia capital and apparent goal of one German drive is 160 miles east of the eastern-most tip of German East Prussia. It was in this direction that Soviet troops were said to be fighting Nazi tanks that crashed through advance Red positions.

The Russian maneuver of throwing masses of men around these advanced Nazi mechanized forces was aimed at cutting them off from their supporting infantry and annihilating them.

At one point counter-attacking Red troops were said to have crossed the Prut River to capture fully raid enemy positions and success prisoners and guns.

The Russians also accused the Germans of landing parachutists dressed in Red army uniforms, but said "thanks to the vigilance of our troops this imposition of the perfidious enemy was exposed in time and diversionist groups were annihilated or captured."

These parachute spies, as they were called, were said to be carrying wireless equipment. Some were captured by peasants and turned over to the military.

German-Rumanian batteries on the western side of the Prut River were silenced by Soviet artillery, and three pontoon bridges thrown across the river were wrecked, the communique said.

The Russians reported Rumanian prisoners as saying that in each of their regiments 40 German soldiers and officers were mingled because the German command does not trust the Rumanian soldiers, and that German artillery units were planted behind the Rumanian troops as an extra precaution.

The German and Rumanian troops were said to have suffered "heavy losses" also near Skuleni on the Prut River.

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BOND QUIZ

Q. What is a U. S. Defense Savings Bond?

A. This bond is proof that you have loaned money to the United States Government for national defense. Your bond bears interest at the rate of 2.9 per cent a year, if held to maturity (ten years).

Q. Why should I buy Defense Bonds?

A. Because money talks. To dictators it speaks defiance. To friends of freedom, it says, "Here's my hand."

Note—To purchase Defense Bonds and Stamps, go to the nearest post office or bank, or write for information to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C.

Work On Deep Well Nearing Completion

Work on the town's \$14,800 deep well, near the county courthouse, is nearly completed, but connections with the water mains are likely to be held up by the delayed shipment of pumps and equipment, Jack Sunquist, vice president of the Layne-Atlantic and representative of the contractors, said here yesterday.

Digging operations were completed several days ago after a depth of 518 1/2 feet had been reached. A large eighteen-inch casing was lowered to a depth of 250 feet and was sealed with 401 bags of cement, making it next to impossible for water above the 250-foot level to get into the well. An eight-inch casing, including forty feet of bronze screening, was then placed in the well, the bottom resting 500 feet in the ground. Yesterday afternoon, Superintendent C. H. Brown and his men started packing rock or fine gravel in the bottom of the well to filter the water. The well crew worked until 2:30 this morning and resumed operations a few hours later. They are expected to complete the task today. Approximately 37 yards, or almost a carload of fine rock taken out of the ocean off the coast of New Jersey, will have been packed into the well by the time the job is completed.

Part of the pumping equipment has been shipped, but government demands have delayed the shipment of complete units. The pumping equipment includes a pump to draw the water from the ground, another to force it into the mains and the elevated tank at the water plant, and an auxiliary gasoline engine for use in emergencies.

Welfare Worker Dies In Durham

Henry D. Farrell, at one time head of welfare activities in this section of the State with headquarters in Williamston, died in a Durham hospital last Monday afternoon following a long illness. He was 42 years old, a graduate of the University of North Carolina and a member of the varsity football team. Graduated with the class of 1925, he soon entered welfare work and made a splendid record in that field.

Sympathetic in his dealings with the less fortunate, Mr. Farrell worked hard, placing his own welfare second to that of others. He made many friends here and throughout this section of the State, and was highly regarded as a conscientious worker and a valued friend by his co-workers.

Funeral services were conducted in Chapel Hill yesterday afternoon, interment following in the cemetery there. Misses Nell Johnston, Eloise Banning and Mary Taylor attended the last rites from here.

Funeral Wednesday For Mariah Finch

Funeral services were held here Wednesday afternoon for Mariah Finch, 52-year-old colored woman who was found dead in bed at her home here early last Monday morning. Burial was in the family cemetery near here. She was a respected citizen. Complaining with what was believed to have been an attack of indigestion Sunday, she was believed to have died of an heart attack during the early hours of Monday morning.

A son, Noah Anderson, was painfully injured in an automobile accident near here just about the same time his mother's death was discovered.

Weather Conditions Are Extreme In The County

The extreme in weather conditions was reported in the county this week with some farmers reporting parching crops and others declaring their land was too wet for plowing. The dry group saw possible relief in clouds early this afternoon.

Marine Corps Calls For Additional Men

In a patriotic message addressed to young men between the ages of 17 and 30 years, the United States Marine Corps this week asked for additional volunteers. All men between those ages, in sound physical condition, without dependents, and of good character, with common school education are urged to see the recruiting officer at the post office building in Rocky Mount between July 1st and 12th.

Volunteers may enlist for the duration of the present emergency in the Marine Corps Reserve, and may return to private life when the emergency no longer exists.

John M. Greer, captain, declares that the chances are 100 to 1 that the volunteer will leave the service a much better man in all respects.