

## Class in Nutrition Is Completed by Local Women Wednesday

### Plans Go Forward for Holding Canteen Course Here This Summer

The Red Cross class in Nutrition, sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club and made available through the facilities of the Virginia Electric and Power Company, and taught by their home economist, Miss Irene James, of the Williamston office, came to a close Wednesday afternoon.

Enrolled in the class were 60 of the homemakers of the town. Out of this number an approximate 40 will receive a Standard Red Cross certificate, having completed a minimum of eighteen hours of class work. This certificate will entitle the holder thereof to enroll in a Canteen course. Miss Naomi Shank, director of Home Service for the Power Company, was present; she fully explained the Canteen work, pointing out how essential it is, should emergencies arise, for women to be able to carry on in groups whether it be to feed soldiers detached from their convoys, evacuees from places more or less in zones of actual combat, or in sickness or disaster to be equipped to carry on for our own, administering nourishing and wholesome food, and maintaining sanitary conditions.

This course, too, will require 20 hours of class work and the class will probably begin about the middle of June should a sufficient number enroll. A minimum of forty will be required. The class will be opened to all women of the town and community and those interested are asked to supply this information to Mrs. B. D. Courtney, Tar Heel apartments, phone 210-J.

On the 10th and 17th of June, Miss James will conduct a class in canning; it is earnestly desired that not only the women of the town, but, also, those of the county, will take advantage of this opportunity. All classes will be held at the Woman's Club, beginning at 1:30 o'clock.

Important is the announcement that those women who attended the Nutrition class but who did not have sufficient hours to entitle them to a certificate, may enroll in the Canteen course, and, on completing this course, become Canteen helpers with the privilege of wearing arm bands, but not uniforms.

## Recover Boy's Body In River Yesterday

The mud-covered body of nine-year-old Bobby Davenport was recovered from the Roanoke River at Jamesville yesterday morning, the gruesome task falling to the lad's father, R. R. Davenport, and Edgar Brown. Investigating the death, Coroner S. R. Biggs found there had been no foul play and ruled that death was the result of accidental drowning.

Missing since early last Sunday afternoon, the boy was last seen on a dock waiting for a boat ride. Repeated efforts were made by the boy's father and friends to recover the body, but they were unsuccessful until yesterday morning about 8:00 o'clock when it came to the surface about two hundred yards below the dock.

The lad, a native of Norfolk, had moved to Jamesville only a few weeks ago from Washington County, and his polite manners and friendliness had made him quite popular among the people of Jamesville. He was the son of R. R. and Ruth Olivia Davenport, of Columbia, and besides his parents is survived by two brothers and a sister.

Funeral services were conducted at the Horner Funeral Home in Plymouth yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock by the Rev. Mr. Johnson. Interment was in the family cemetery, near Roper.

## Swimming Pool To Open Next Monday

The local municipal swimming pool will open its fourth season next Monday morning at 9 o'clock under the management of Mrs. W. H. Coburn and Miss Ruth Manning with J. D. Woolard, Jr., and Jimmie Manning as life guards. On week days the pool will remain open from 9 a. m. to 12, noon, and from 2 to 6 p. m., and from 7:30 to 9:30 p. m. On Sundays the pool will be open from 2 p. m. to 7 p. m.

Enjoying a limited patronage last season, the pool is almost certain to be a popular spot this summer since travel has been restricted and will likely be even more limited later in the season. Season tickets are now on sale.

## Retail Wine Sales Are Likely To Be Banned In This County

The sale of wine at retail under the ABC system, in all probability, will be eliminated in the county in the near future, according to preliminary reports coming from law enforcement officers. A final decision is being awaited from the ABC board, and licenses recently issued may be recalled.

During the meantime, few if any of the retail outlets are complying with the law regulating wine sales, and under that condition licenses may be revoked or new ones denied. It is understood that several of the cafes handling wines have lost their A grade ratings and will not be eligible for new licenses. The law stipulates that only cafes with an A grade rating may handle wines.

Self-styled grocery stores handling wines in the county are also said to have failed to meet the requirements of the law and will hardly be

eligible for license renewals. It is understood that wine sales have exceeded the percentage allowance in proportion to total sales in some cases and that the dealers would be ineligible to renew their licenses. Certain other provisions, such as limiting sales to certain days during the week, have not been met, and some of the dealers will be denied new licenses on that count.

While no unusually large amount of wine is sold and consumed in this county, law enforcement officers declare that they have a great deal of trouble handling the wine addicts. It is possible that certain cafes and groceries are eligible for retail wine licenses, but that most if not all of the present wine dealers are not eligible to renew their sale permits. It is quite likely that few new licenses will be requested in the county.

### COMMENCEMENT

The Union Daily Vacation Bible School will bring to a close with its commencement one of its most successful sessions to date in the auditorium of the Memorial Baptist Church at 8:00 o'clock.

The average attendance has been very good and the fine work of both faculty and students has been of high order. The school is anxious that the community attend the closing exercises and view the exhibits in the church annex.

An opportunity will be given the congregation to join with the school in making an offering to China Relief, which worthy service was chosen by the school as its work for "others" this year. The program will begin at 8:00 o'clock and will last about an hour. The public is cordially invited.

## Judge Robt. Coburn Calls Eight Cases In The County's Court

### No Let Up Apparent in Drive To Crush the Illicit Liquor Business

Despite sugar rationing, copper shortages, so-called State control and heavy punishment for trapped violators, the illicit liquor business tenaciously hangs on in our economy. Two cases were on the docket in the county court as a direct result of alleged violation of the liquor laws. Liquor, itself, accounted for most of the other ones heard in the court last Monday.

Judge Robert L. Coburn called eight cases, disposing of six and continuing two until the latter part of June. The last Monday session attracted about a normal size crowd, the proceedings attracting little more than passing attention.

Laverne Godard, eighteen-year-old youth charged with drunken driving, was finally brought to justice after evading his bondsman for several weeks. Incidentally the bond was never forfeited, the court obligingly continuing the trial week after week. Pleading guilty, the defendant was sentenced to the roads for sixty days and had his license to operate a motor vehicle revoked for one year. The court suspended the sentence on condition that he be accepted into the Eastern Carolina Training School, Rocky Mount, and remaining there under the supervision and rules governing the institution. As far as it could be learned Godard's two-year sentence imposed in Halifax County for allegedly resisting arrest, is not to be invoked. He was placed on probation in the Halifax court some time ago.

Godard's sentence was later changed, the court fining him \$50, taxing him with the cost and revoking his driver's license for one year. Steve Kenney, State Probation officer, was contacted and he was quoted as saying he would "go along with the court." Godard is still on probation, and his movements will be observed by the probation officer.

Pleading not guilty in the case charging him with larceny and receiving, Boatman Bland was adjudged guilty and sentenced to the

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### ELECTION RETURNS

With the cooperation of precinct election officials and special reporters, The Enterprise plans to tabulate and post the primary election returns in its windows tomorrow evening. Indications point to an early completion of the task in this county, but final returns from the entire district will be delayed especially in those counties where large numbers of candidates are in the field.

The polls close at 6:30 o'clock, and the returns should start coming in about an hour later.

## Drunken Selectees Create Problem for Draft Authorities

### Believe Suspension of Liquor Sales Would Help Better Bad Situation

Draft authorities, troubled greatly in handling instructions from the Selective Service, are having their lot aggravated by obstinate drunks who saturate their bellies and stagger in for induction. "We terribly dread those days when men are to report for induction," a representative of the draft board in this county said after a group of colored men was loaded for an army induction center.

"Instead of recognizing the seriousness of the mission assigned them, they render themselves worthless and a nuisance," an observer remarked as he watched a group of colored men getting off to the army. Asked to be quiet and use discretion some of the draftees shout, curse and stagger. Told they are subject to be jailed, the obstinate and repulsive drunks invariably say they had rather go to jail than to the army, the curse words flowing from their mouths in an endless stream. Some even defy law and order, two of the very things they are surrendering their civilian life back home to fight for.

Experiencing continued trouble, some of the draft board representatives in this State are of the opinion that liquor sales should be suspended on those days when young men are to report for service in the armed forces. The draft board clerk here only a few days ago almost pulled hair from his head as he pleaded with several in a fairly large group of men who insisted upon getting drunk. One turned a pint bottle to his head and emptied it before the board clerk could reach him. There are those in the group who recognize the seriousness of their mission and who resent the action of those who would make nuisances of themselves. It is quite evident recently that those who tried to be decent did not want to be near those who were doing little more than making fools of themselves.

And after all the "celebrating" is done, quite a few are rejected as physically unfit, victims of illiteracy or some ailment characteristic of race that is doing more than its share to plunge head long into degeneracy.

No official report could be had, but it is understood that well over a third of the draftees were rejected.

**UNCLE SAM**

BATTLING TO UPHOLD  
**America's Freedom**

**THE 24TH WEEK OF THE WAR**  
President Roosevelt, in a special message to Congress, reduced his WPA request for fiscal 1943 from \$465 million to \$283 million. He said the war effort is drawing workers from every available source, thereby reducing the need for a work relief program. To meet labor shortages, he said, even organized migration of workers may be necessary. The revised WPA program would provide for an average monthly employment of about 400,000 persons "who will not be hired by private employers because of age, lack of skills, or other handicaps."

Chairman McNutt of the War Manpower Commission directed the U. S. Employment Service to maintain lists of skilled occupations essential to war production in which a national shortage exists, and to make preferential referrals of workers to employers in war industries. He directed the WPB to classify war plants and war products in the order of their urgency to the war program. He also instructed Selective Service local boards to confer with local U. S. Employment Service offices before reclassifying any men skilled in war occupations.

Mr. McNutt said if it is possible to insure full utilization of manpower through voluntary means, "it will be unnecessary to put into effect legal controls" to limit freedom of action of workers and employers.

He said compulsion "may from time to time be necessary," however, in the administration of the manpower program. He stated four-fifths of all jobs in vital war industries can be handled by women.

### Rubber and Gasoline

The WPB said if Americans do not conserve the transportation miles in their tires it may be necessary eventually to transfer automobiles and tires to communities where they are needed more. The Board reported no rubber can be spared in 1942 or 1943 to make new tires for ordinary passenger cars, because the armed forces need all the rubber the nation can muster from its stockpile, synthetic program and greatly curtailed crude sources. The synthetic program might produce 30,000 tons of rubber this year and 350,000 tons in 1943, the Board said.

Price Administrator Henderson reported a preliminary count of car owners in Eastern rationing area showed about 10 per cent received X ration cards, 31 per cent received A cards, 11 per cent received B-1

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### MISSING

Two weeks ago it was reported through this paper that Geo. Benjamin Roebuck, son of Mrs. G. B. Roebuck, of Stokes, had been killed in action. According to an official notice sent to Mrs. Roebuck by the Navy Department her son "was performing his duty in the Manila Bay area when that station capitulated." No report of his death or injury has been received and he will be carried on the Navy records as "missing" pending further information. Roebuck, who was a seaman first class in the navy, has one brother, Elmer J. Roebuck, and one sister, Mrs. Jerome Perkins, of Stokes.

## First Volunteer for WAAC



Pictured in her home in Manhasset, Long Island, New York with her husband Everett and her daughter Evyne is Mrs. Jayne House, the first woman to volunteer for the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. The corps, authorized by congress, calls for enlistment for non-combatant service of women between the ages of 21 and 49. Before she volunteered Mrs. House had been active in the Red Cross and other war activities.

## Silent Vote Expected In Primary Saturday

### Wide Variation In Guesses On Sizes Of Vote Reported

War, rationing and general apathy on the part of the electorate are resulting in some wild guessing as to the size of vote scheduled to be cast at the thirteen polling places in this county tomorrow. Despite the adverse factors, there are those who firmly believe a sizable vote will be cast in this county and throughout the district. Little has been said about it, but the silent vote—the vote that has not been expressed in pre-primary discussions—has many guessing, and it is quite possible that the untouched vote will have a marked bearing on the election outcome tomorrow. While there may be indifference on the part of many, there are those who greatly value the right of the ballot and who will not miss the opportunity to participate in the primary tomorrow.

Some few who have studied the political line-up, weighed the various factors and reviewed past primary voting records, are, for the most part, looking for a comparatively large vote in this county tomorrow. The guesses range from a low of 1,800, offered by J. H. Roebuck, to 3,550 offered by Joseph Griffin. Most of the guesses advanced in the friendly contest range between 2,500 and 3,000 votes.

It is generally conceded that the congressional bout will be the main vote puller in the county, but that doesn't mean there is no interest in the other contests. The House race

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## Nation Now Looking To Youths For Its Fighting Manpower

### Fifth Draft Registration Will Be Held in Nation On Tuesday, June 30

Scheduling its fifth draft registration for Tuesday, June 30, the nation, apparently is looking to its youths for fighting manpower. It is reliably reported that there is a proposal to lower the minimum age for compulsory military service to 19 and possibly to 18 years. The measure will be put before Congress soon, it is believed, but just how it will be presented has not yet been determined.

Announcing the registration schedule, President Roosevelt declared that it was advisable "to insure victory, final and complete, over the enemies of the United States," by registering the approximately two million youths, Men, 18 and 19 years of age and those who have reached their 20th birthday since last December 31 or will have reached that birth point by June 30, will be required to register. However, under the present law, men under 20 years of age are not subject to military service. It is reasonable to believe that the law will be changed to include young men 19 years of age or younger.

The registration is the fifth ordered by Mr. Roosevelt since October 16, 1940. With it, the nation will have enrolled all its men between 18 and 65. Only those 20 through 44 are subject to military service under the selective service law, but

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### SUGAR STAMP

Those persons who must have their coffee and tea sweetened and who have a sweet tooth to satisfy are cautioned that tomorrow is the last day Stamp No. 2 on the sugar rationing card will be acceptable at retail outlets. Instituted the early part of this month, the sugar rationing system is apparently functioning without much confusion and not a great deal of trouble. Comparatively few books have been lost and no great number has as yet applied for extra allotments for preserving food.

## Outcome Of Crucial Fighting In Russia Remains Uncertain

### Axis Turned Back in Libya By RAF; Mexico Makes War Declaration

While America and Britain are believed to be making meaningful preparations for action in the European war arena, the outcome of crucial fighting in Russia is still in doubt.

Delayed in their drive on Kharkov, the Russian armies of the Ukraine were reported again pushing forward yesterday in their slow and often interrupted march on Kharkov, and in the Izum-Barvenkova sector to the south, enormous, continuing Soviet pressure was said to have halted the German counter-offensive and sent it reeling back to hard-held new positions.

This was the general picture offered in Soviet military dispatches; the mid-day communique of the Red command, however, was restrained in tone, merely reporting a consolidation of positions about Kharkov, and a continuation of fierce battles to the south.

Countering the Russian reports, the Germans are boasting that General Semion Timoshenko's million-man army will be liquidated within ten days to two weeks and that the "real thing" will get underway on the south Russian front. German successes there would block Russian supply lines to the Persian Gulf and threaten the middle east.

There has been little news from the other war fronts, the absence of such reports indicating that things are going back in China. Reports from the shipping lanes, while brightened by telling action on the part of the Brazilian air force, are still disheartening. Five ships were sunk in a single day this week by Axis subs. Brazil dispersed a group of German subs, sinking one and damaging others. A submarine tender was also said to have been captured by Brazilian forces aided by U. S. fliers.

Mexico went to war with Germany yesterday, but a formal declaration by President Manuel Avila Camacho is not expected before tomorrow.

Axis forces, charging again in Libya, have been turned back by the Royal Air Force in its greatest display of strength in that sector so far in the war.

Late reports from Libya state that the Axis have launched a new campaign and were pushing toward Tobruk with 250 tanks. The RAF is fighting back with some success.

Hitler was reported to have taken over command at Kharkov, the announcement coming after the Germans claimed they had won that crucial battle. Russia is starting a new drive on a large scale about 18 miles north of Kharkov. Moscow claimed today that the Germans had

## Convict Three For Firing Woodlands

Three persons were convicted in Justice John L. Hassell's court here yesterday for alleged violation of the forest fire laws, and a fourth defendant is scheduled for trial in the county court next Monday.

Said to have started a fire in Cross Roads Township last month without procuring a permit, James Johnson was directed to pay \$5.50 costs. Johnson pleaded not guilty. According to the evidence, the defendant started the fire that spread to other lands and caused considerable damage.

Lester Best, pleading guilty in the case charging him with starting a woods fire in Goose Nest Township, was fined \$20 and taxed with \$5.70 costs.

James Moore was fined \$5 and taxed with \$6.90 costs for starting a fire in Williams Township last month. The fires went out of control and damaged other lands, Fire Warden Marvin Leggett explaining that carelessness was in a large measure responsible for one of the most costly forest fire losses this past season than in many years. Other cases are being investigated.

## County Boys Climb In Armed Forces

With approximately 400 of its young men in the armed forces, Martin County is more than holding its own when it comes to promotions. Only a few days ago, Wheeler Martin, Jr., of Williamston, was commissioned a captain in the Army Air Corps. It could not be definitely determined, but possibly the young man holds the highest military rank of any Martin County man in the Army since the Civil War. Of course Don Godwin and Bill Harrell hold ranking positions in the Navy, but they are "old" boys in the service.

Just recently, Noah H. Gurganus, young son of Officer and Mrs. J. S. Gurganus, was promoted from corporal to sergeant.

Dixie D. Roberson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Roberson, of Robersonville, was recently promoted from sergeant to staff sergeant.

## Total Property Values In Martin County

Supported by marked gains in personal property values, the combined property valuations, exclusive of corporation listings, in the county this year are nearly a million dollars greater than they were in 1941, according to preliminary but fairly accurate figures released a few days ago by the county tax supervisor. The combined real and personal property values were increased from \$10,394,596 in 1941 to \$12,138,174 in 1942, a gain of \$911,316 or 8.1 per cent. Every township in the county reported an increase in its combined property valuations, but the combined listings for the colored owners in Jamesville Township show a small reduction. As a whole, the figures present the best taxation picture as far as values are concerned, seen in this county in many years. Tax authorities are holding their breath in anticipation of change before 1943 listing time rolls around. The figures below, showing combined values for the years 1941 and 1942, gains or losses and percentages by race and for the several townships, do not include corporation listings. To be certified later, the corporation figures are expected to boost the total to approximately fourteen million dollars.

	White				Colored			
	1941	1942	Gain	Pct.	1941	1942	Gain	Pct.
Jamesville	\$ 1,646,685	\$ 1,764,480	\$ 117,795	7.1	\$ 124,422	\$ 122,138	\$ 2,284*	*1.0
Williams	280,399	296,519	16,120	5.7	36,176	38,819	2,643	7.3
Griffins	573,079	619,223	46,144	8.0	12,790	16,638	3,848	30.0
Bear Grass	565,661	609,309	43,648	7.7	34,241	27,395	6,846	25.0
Williamston	2,542,495	2,933,895	391,400	15.4	170,240	191,507	21,267	12.5
Cross Roads	542,943	606,090	63,147	11.6	31,243	37,885	6,642	21.2
Robersonville	1,973,184	2,045,334	72,150	3.7	154,418	175,169	20,751	13.3
Poplar Point	333,660	344,102	10,442	3.1	8,916	11,916	3,470	41.1
Hamilton	872,123	902,239	30,116	3.3	90,968	104,717	13,749	15.1
Goose Nest	1,064,367	1,084,375	20,008	1.2	176,164	199,578	23,414	13.3
	\$10,394,596	\$11,205,566	\$810,970	7.9	\$832,262	\$932,608	\$100,346	12.1

\*—Denotes decrease.