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## Community Raises \$119.79 For Cancer Control Movement

### Most of Amount Will Be Used To Carry On General Research Work

A total of \$119.79 was raised in this community by the Woman's Field Army for the promotion of research work and cancer control, it was announced this week by Mrs. Joel Muse, chairman of the fund campaign sponsored by the Woman's Club. Several non-members of the club volunteered their services and actively engaged in the canvass.

Mrs. E. Thayer Walker is vice commander of the first district in the Woman's Field Army.

Contributions were made by the following:

Mrs. F. U. Barnes, \$1; Mrs. P. B. Cone, \$1; Mrs. Wheeler Martin, \$1; Mrs. Jim Ring, \$1; J. C. Eubanks, \$1; Dean Speight, \$1; W. K. Parker, \$1; Mrs. John L. Rodgeron, \$1; Mrs. J. G. Staton, \$1; Mrs. J. V. Champion, \$1; Mrs. E. Cunningham, \$1; Mrs. Ellen Watson, \$1; Proctor Shop, \$1; Frank Margolis, \$1; Irving Margolis, \$1; Clark's Pharmacy, \$1; Peele's Jewelry Store, \$1; R. H. Goodman, \$1; Norman Harrison, \$1; Gaylord Harrison, O. L. Willard, \$1; Miss Helen Johnson, \$1; Dr. W. C. Mercer, \$1; Harcom Grimes, \$1; Soda Shop, \$1; Dr. E. T. Walker, \$1; L. T. Fowden, \$1; B. S. Courtney, \$1; J. L. Hassell, \$1; Mrs. Charles James, \$1; A. J. Manning, \$1; Mrs. H. D. Harrison, Sr., \$1; Dr. A. J. Osteen, \$1; Mrs. J. C. Parkin, \$1; Mrs. W. H. Coburn, \$1; Mrs. John W. Hardy, \$1; G. H. Harrison, \$1; Mrs. G. H. Harrison, \$1; Mrs. J. T. Barnhill, \$1; Mrs. R. J. Peele, \$1; Mrs. N. C. Green, \$1; Mrs. P. H. Brown, \$1; Mrs. J. A. Eason, \$1; Mrs. D. R. Davis, \$1; Mrs. C. A. Harrison, \$1; Mrs. L. B. Wynne, \$1; Mrs. Herman Bowen, \$1; Mrs. Abner Brown, \$1; Mrs. C. G. Crockett, \$1; Mrs. J. M. Saunders, \$1; Mrs. Joel Muse, \$1; Mrs. W. C. Manning, Jr., \$1; Mrs. J. H. Edwards, \$1; Martin-Elliott, \$1; Marvin Britton, \$1; William Gurganus, \$1; McClees Grocery Store, \$1; Mrs. Irving Margolis, \$1; Mrs. H. B. Thompson, \$1; Mrs. F. M. Manning, \$1.50; Mrs. Edwin Peele, \$1; Roy McClees, \$1; J. H. Edwards, \$1; Landy Griffin, \$1; D. R. Davis, \$1; Wig Watts, \$1; R. L. Coburn, \$1; Miss Mary Taylor, \$1; C. R. Mobley, \$1; L. B. Wynne, \$1; Sam Getsinger, \$1; Clarence Griffin, \$1; Paul Simpson, \$1; D. V. Clayton, \$1; Hugh Horton, \$1; Bogue Slade, \$1; Garland Coltrain, \$1; Mrs. A. R. Dunning, \$1.

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### Costs Violator Nearly Fifty Dollars To Transport A Pint Short Distance

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The high spot in the proceedings was reached when Rufus Locke was directed to pay a \$25 fine and the costs in the case charging him with transporting illegal liquor. It was pointed out in the evidence that Locke had only a pint of the illegal brand, but technically it was a violation of the law and it cost him almost \$50 to transport the pint only a short distance. Badly frightened when arrested, Locke told the arresting officers that he bought the pint from Smith Edward Dolberry. The officers, using the evidence offered by Locke, arrested Dolberry and charged him with violating the liquor laws. The evidence, it was ruled by the court, hardly supported a conviction, and Dolberry was released.

The case charging Jake Brannon with larceny and receiving was not pressed. Charged with disorderly conduct, C. S. VanLandingham pleaded not guilty and was found not guilty as charged.

Neither admitting nor denying his guilt, Robert Short, charged with larceny, was adjudged not guilty.

John Ben Wiggins entered no plea in the case charging him with an assault with a deadly weapon. He was adjudged guilty, the court suspending judgment upon the payment of a \$25 fine and the case costs.

Pleading not guilty in the case charging him with drunken driving, Wheeler Smith was adjudged guilty. He was sentenced to the roads for

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## Horn Blower Fined In Mayor's Court

Needless and incessant horn blowing drew the condemnation of the law here last evening when Justice John L. Hassell slapped a \$10 fine and costs on Wilt Stilley, colored man, and laid down other conditions to be met by the defendant.

On a recent afternoon, Stilley, in the absence of his brother and owner of an old car, took the machine and started a long joy ride. Up and down the streets and around the blocks, Stilley drove, blowing almost incessantly one of those musical horns. Disturbed and provoked, several residents complained and Stilley was stopped. Examining the car, officers found that it was equipped with improper brakes.

In addition to the fine, Stilley was directed to have the brakes repaired and turn into the court the musical horns. A 30-day road sentence was suspended on condition that the horns be turned over to the court.

## Dry Weather Approaching the Serious Stage for Farm Crops

The weather, aggravated by the absence of rain for two weeks, is burning in on war discussions and the situation is rapidly approaching what many farmers describe as a serious stage. Tobacco and cold corn are believed to have been damaged while gardens are drying up almost throughout the county. Despite dry weather conditions, the Irish potato crop now being dug in this country is far better than many expected. Tobacco leaves are running out to a straight point and low stalks are now in prospect.

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### SEWING ROOM

In an effort to avoid conflicts with social affairs, the schedule of hours for keeping the Red Cross sewing room has been changed, the chairman announcing that the room will be open each Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and each Tuesday evening from 8 to 10 o'clock.

A large shipment of sewing materials is expected shortly and it may be necessary to increase the hours later. At the present time there are about eight or ten faithful workers reporting for duty while a few others are carrying on the work at home.

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### Strict System For Rationing Gasoline Scheduled for July

### New Plan Will Eliminate All "X" Cards And Limit Allowances

Virtually admitting that the present system has not measured up to expectations in conserving gasoline and precious rubber, federal authorities this week announced a new and far more strict rationing system for the East Coast and possibly for the entire nation. The new plan will eliminate "X" cards and will restrict travel on all vehicles. On an average the new system will allow an estimated travel of 2,880 miles annually, but the minimum will possibly be as low as 720 miles or less per year. The value of the units has not been determined.

It is earnestly hoped that the rationing authorities will issue uniform regulations for the new system as there has been much confusion and misunderstanding since the current plan was placed in operation a few weeks ago.

The program will become effective during the first week of July. War Production Chieftain Donald M. Nelson said no decision has been reached yet whether to make rationing nationwide.

Representative Alfred F. Beiter, D. N. Y., said, however, he understood nationwide rationing will be undertaken on July 15th. He said he obtained this information during a conversation with Oil Co-ordinator Harold L. Ickes.

The permanent East coast plan calls for three classifications of cards "A," "B" and "C"—which will determine how much gasoline a motorist will be able to buy—"A" cards will go to everyone. They will contain six pages of eight units each. The first page will be marked "T" and will be good for 60 days.

"B" cards will be issued on the basis of need. They will have 16 coupons—two pages of eight coupons each. Holders of "B" cards also will get an "A" card. The "B" card may carry an expiration date. "C" cards will go to doctors, nurses and to a large segment of motorists who obtained "X" cards—unfilled supply—under the tem-

### Officers Capture Odd-Sized Plant

Raiding in Hamilton Township not far from State Highway No. 11, County ABC Officers J. H. Robeson and Roy Peel assisted by ABC Officers Ward and Taylor from Pitt County, captured an odd-shaped still. Referred to as being of the bungalow type, Officer Roebuck said that it was of one-story build with a jump. The kettle, made out of copper, measured 14 1/2 by 19 inches and was 10 inches high plus the 2 1/2 inch jump. It has a capacity of about eight gallons.

Planned on a small scale, the plant had only forty gallons of beer on hand and that was made with molasses.

Finding no probable cause of guilt, Justice J. L. Hassell in a formal hearing here last evening dismissed the case charging Warner Augustus Bailey, Jr., with reckless driving, the action exonerating the young man of blame in connection with the automobile accident in which John Henry Teel, colored man, lost his life early last Sunday morning near Bear Grass.

Bailey did not take the stand in his own behalf, but witnesses said that the car struck the open end of a culvert in the road, causing it to swerve to the other side where the driver lost control. The car turned over on its side in a ditch, catching Teel's head under the back seat. Suffering a broken neck, Teel died in the hospital early Sunday evening. It was estimated that Bailey was driving about 50 miles an hour as he approached the sharp curve in the road, the witnesses adding that he slowed down to make the turn. No speedometer was on the car, and the speed was not definitely determined. There was no evidence of drinking.

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### REPORTS

Alvin M. Hasty, popular Robersonville resident and well-known county citizen, who was the first Martin County married man to volunteer for service in the Officers' Training School, is now struggling with a soldier's basic training in or around Fort Bragg. Mr. Hasty volunteered some time ago, but was notified only recently to report for the basic training. Leaving with a goodly number of selectees this week, he will play the role of a buck private for three months before entering the special school.

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### THE 25TH WEEK OF THE WAR

Army Air Forces Commander Arnold told a press conference in London that United States fighter and bomber planes will soon join the British Air Force in bombing Germany. U. S. pilots will have their own air fields and ground crews, he said. "We shall hit the enemy hard and relentlessly until his military power has been broken," Gen. Arnold said. "It is obvious that no offensive against Nazi-occupied Europe can succeed without air superiority and we mean to have it."

Army Services of Supply Chief Somerville, also in London, said U. S. and British officials are working on a program to standardize military equipment, including tanks and planes, so such equipment may be exchanged freely. Chief of Staff Marshal said American troops are "landing in England and they will land in France."

### Production

Under Secretary of War Patterson reported the President's goal of 60,000 planes in 1942 will be surpassed "by a substantial margin," and tank and ammunition production are keeping pace with schedules. He said army ordnance monthly deliveries are 458 times as great as two years ago. The WPB said production of new machine tools is 72 per cent above last year.

### Army Expansion and Training

Chief of Staff Marshall announced there will be nearly 4,500,000 soldiers under arms by the end of 1942 rather than 3,600,000 as originally planned at the start of the war. During the past four weeks alone the army strength has been increased by 300,000 men, he said. The Civil Aeronautics Administration called for volunteers to be trained as glider

pilots in the Army Air Forces. The glider training is open to men 18 to 35 holding pilot licenses of private grade or higher, to graduates of the CAA program and to pilots completing 200 or more glider flights.

The War Department said medical students who have completed advanced ROTC courses and have been accepted as matriculants in an approved school of medicine will be commissioned. Second Lieutenants and placed on a deferred duty status. The Senate completed congressional action on a bill increasing the number of cadets each member of Congress may appoint to the U. S. Military Academy from three to four, and increasing authorized strength of the cadet corps from 1,960 to 2,496. The Army reported nine new infantry divisions will be organized before the end of August.

### Selective Service

U. S. Commissioner of Education Studebaker reported about 430,000 men have been rejected for Army Service so far because of illiteracy. Of these, 250,000 are physically fit. He said a program is being worked out to give the "functionally illiterate" basic training in reading, writing and arithmetic. The President told a press conference such rejects have a low mental level because of lack of opportunities. They need to be helped through improved nutrition and possibly through a manual vocational training process, he said.

### Navy

The President asked Congress for an additional \$600 million for expansion of naval aviation and of warship tonnage. The Senate passed and sent to the House a bill authorizing the Navy to acquire 24 nonrigid blimps, raising the present limit on the number of such ships to 72. The Navy Department authorized enlistment of 10,000 additional college juniors, seniors and graduates between 18 and 28 for Reserve Midshipman training leading to com-

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