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Roxboro To Go On War Basis

City To Make Three Point Plan For Protection

Plan Outlined By State Officers

By reciprocal action taken this morning, Germany and Italy, the remaining Axis powers, and Japan, are now at war with the United States of America, with formal declarations having been made by the Axis powers and the United States.

Spurred on by this turn of events, defense activities are today being emphasized in Roxboro, Person county and all parts of the State and the Nation.

Now being prepared for the City of Roxboro and soon to be released by authorization of Mayor S. G. Winstead is a three-point emergency war-basis plan for the City under police, fire and utilities divisions, with many sub-heads, according to State-wide city and county plans outlined yesterday at a Council of Defense meeting held in Raleigh.

The local plan will be executed through the State Coordinator, with Mayor Winstead as head of the local governing body and with active assistance from the City Manager. Heading the local police division will be Roxboro Chief of Police George C. Robinson, who will, among other duties, assist with organization of a disaster unit of the Red Cross, headed by doctors, nurses and others.

Until a national system of air raid alarms can be worked out each city is to have its own system. Fire fighting units are to have bomb squadrons and other units in connection with emergency work, while the utilities division will be concerned with protection of water supplies, etc., under a program now in operation. Heads for these units will be named.

In addition to Roxboro officials who attended the Raleigh conference, among those present in the local group were the Chief of Police of Yanceyville and Joe Guffy, of the Ca-Vel fire department.

Arrests Made In Past Four Months Total High Figure

According to reports submitted by the Roxboro Police department, a total of 183 arrests have been made in the City during the four months of August, September, October and November. Of this number 87 arrests were among white people, 96 among Negroes.

Largest number of arrests, 87, was for public drunkenness. Other causes of arrests were: larceny 4, improper brakes 3, disorderly conduct 10, rape 1, driving drunk 2, larceny of automobile 1, assault with a deadly weapon 9, drunk and disorderly conduct 12, simple assault 2, carrying pistol 2, and fornication and adultery 2.

Also: possession for sale 5, speeding auto 15, prostitution 2, trespassing 1, assault on female 3, attempted assault 4, possession of whiskey 8, reckless driving 4, an affray 2, defrauding taxi 1, peeping tom 1, running through stop light 1, and resisting arrest 1.

AUXILIARY UNIT OF RED CROSS TO BE ACTIVE HERE

Women Of City And County Plan Sewing Crews; British Relief Society Work Absorbed

In commenting on reorganization of the Roxboro Red Cross chapter on a war-time basis, Mrs. Robert E. Long said today that Person County housewives and members of their sex otherwise employed are eager to do their part toward strengthening National Defense, but in many cases there are limitations to the extent of this help, largely due to the responsibilities of the home with dependents, or to the requirements of business interests.

A plan is, therefore, being devised by which women can give their services without handicapping them otherwise. The American Red Cross has long been eager for the Roxboro chapter to become an active one; that is, to take over projects such as knitting and sewing, and courses of instruction in First Aid, and Home Hygiene. In the local organization, all work must, of course, be entirely voluntary, as there are no funds to provide for paid workers or for a community Red Cross center. Consequently, the success of the local undertaking depends entirely upon the spirit of cooperation and active response of our women.

With this in mind, a committee, with Mrs. Robert E. Long as chairman, is arranging for work to be done by small groups of volunteers in homes. All types of work will be available—knitting, cutting, machine work, handwork, even stuffing of toys, for toys are essential to keeping up the morale of the younger generation in a country at war. There will be plenty of all kinds of work for everyone, so no one need be excused because they are not expert seamstresses.

With the United States now at war, the American Red Cross is (Continued On Back Page)

Negro Boys May Enter Local Camp By Next Week

Effective on and after December 16, Person County Negro boys desiring to enroll in the CCC camp located in Roxboro will be accepted for the camp, according to information today received by Mrs. T. C. Wagstaff, Person WPA and Welfare director, who says that numbers of Negro boys have previously made application for service at the camp.

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I NEED YOUR HELP!



TWO CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS WILL BE GIVEN SUNDAY

High School And Church To Be Scene Of Musical Events In Afternoon And Night

First of several Christmas musical programs to be given this year in Roxboro will be a concert to be presented Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock in Roxboro high school auditorium by the Roxboro high school glee club, assisted by Miss Meriel Rimmer, soloist, and the Central Grammar school chorus.

Second program of the week, to be presented Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock at Edgar Long Memorial Methodist church by the combined choirs of the church and the South Boston, Va., Choral club, under direction of Mrs. J. D. K. Richmond, of Roxboro, will be a cantata, "Christmas Dawn," by Charles Gilbert Spross, with Mrs. William Holt, of South Boston, organist. A second performance of the cantata will be given in South Boston on Sunday afternoon, December 21, at the Methodist church in that City.

Soloist at the high school, Miss Rimmer, will sing Yon's, "Jesu Bambino." Program accompanists will be Misses Helen Harkrader and Mary Jane Fox, with Miss Katherine Cooper, of the music faculty, as director, assisted by Mrs. William Harris, III. To be sung by the glee club are selections by Bach, Praetorius, LeFebvre, Dickinson, Reinecke and Gruber, final number being the latter's familiar "Silent Night," with the Grammar School chorus joining.

To be sung by the Grammar School chorus alone are, "The Slumber Song of the Infant Jesus," together with familiar carols including, "God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen."

Numbers of other Christmas programs are being planned in churches and schools in the County and City, but details have not yet been announced.

The complete program at the high school reads as follows: "Break Forth, O Beauteous, Heavenly Light," Bach, "Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming," Praetorius, "Christmas Hymn" (from the 17th century), arranged by Jungst, by Roxboro High School Glee Club.

Catalonian Christmas Carol, (Cold December's Wint'ry Blast), arranged by Lefebvre, "From Heaven High the Angels Came," traditional 14th century hymn, "A Christmas Carol," Reinecke, by Grammar School Chorus. (continued on back page)

Six Residents Taking Treatment After Rabies Scare

Being held for observation is a Dalmatian dog, property of Dr. E. M. Hedepeth, and taking rabies treatment are two adults and three children, thought to have come in contact with the dog.

Taking the treatment are Mrs. J. H. Hughes, Mrs. E. M. Hedepeth, the two Hedepeth sons and a small daughter of Mrs. S. F. Nicks, Jr. The dog's nervous condition was first noticed two days ago, and although final diagnosis has not been rendered, owners of other dogs in the City and County are urged to pen up at once any animals suspected of having the disease.

It is not known that the dog owned by Dr. Hedepeth has bitten any one, but persons taking the Pasteur treatment are doing so as a precautionary measure. Dr. Hedepeth is also taking treatment.

At Least Twelve Person Men In Hawaiian Area

Known to have been stationed in the Hawaiian area at time of the Sunday attack at Pearl Harbor and at Scofield Barracks, Oahu, are twelve Roxboro and Person men.

On the U. S. S. St. Louis is Currie Barnette, brother of Miss Mamie Love Barnette, of Roxboro. At Scofield Barracks, are Herbert Hicks, of Allensville, son of H. M. Hicks; Eugene Roberson, of Longhurst, son of Jim (Continued on back page)

TOYS AS GIFTS FEATURE SHOW FOR BENEFIT

Many Adult Cases Will Need Help, Too, Says Welfare Director

Date of the annual "Christmas Toy" matinee, to be held this year at the Palace theatre, has been moved up to Saturday morning, December 13, at 10 o'clock, when the attraction will be the Lew Ayres' film, "The People vs. Dr. Kildare," according to announcement today made by Mrs. T. C. Wagstaff, director of the Person County Welfare department.

Children under 12 years of age who bring toys, preferably new, will be admitted free and toys collected will be distributed by welfare department workers to children who are in need of Christmas cheer.

In connection with the Department's Christmas Cheer program, Mrs. Wagstaff said that publication of data concerning neediest cases will not be attempted this year, but that file of such cases is on record at the department office and that all contributions will be gratefully received. Persons desiring to assist such cases are requested to get in touch with Mrs. Wagstaff or her case-workers immediately.

FIFTY HAS INTEREST

Of special interest to persons expecting to attend the D. W. Bradsher estate land sales Saturday is the offering of a \$50 bill, displayed for several days in a local store window.

Officials Now Acting Under Defense Orders

BROCKWELL ADDS SERIOUS NOTE TO CIVIC TALK

Kiwanians Hear Him; Rotarians Gather Tonight To Listen To Thad Eure

Continuing the series of civic club "Ladies' Nights" held here this week, the Roxboro Rotarians and their ladies will gather tonight at Hotel Roxboro to hear an address by North Carolina's Secretary of State, Thad Eure, who will be introduced by Lieut. Gov. R. L. Harris, of this City, himself a member of the Rotary club.

The speaker of the evening follows by a few days State Fire Marshal Sherwood Brockwell, who was honor guest at the Kiwanis club Charter and Ladies' Night, also held at Hotel Roxboro, on Monday night. Mr. Brockwell, speaking the night after formal declaration of war against Japan, brought a note of seriousness into his usually humorous talk when he spoke of the "critical nature of the hour" and urged his hearers to be prepared to render whatever service they may be called upon to give.

Addressed especially to the ladies present were the Fire Marshal's words on service to be rendered. Also incorporated into his address was a plea for purchase of Defense bonds. Introduction of Mr. Brockwell was by R. D. Bumpass.

Among out-of-town guests at the Kiwanis affair were Prof. LeRoy Lewis and Mrs. Lewis, of Durham, J. Maryon Saunders and Mrs. Saunders, of Chapel Hill, and Ed Pittard, of Oxford, Messrs Lewis, Saunders and Pittard being presidents of Kiwanis clubs in their respective cities.

Among entertainment features were musical selections by Clarence Whitefield, harp soloist, of Raleigh, and John O'Steen, of Kinston, pianist, students at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. O'Steen was winner of the Kay Keyser music fellowship this year. Presiding was E. B. Caven, Jr., president, who later turned the program over to the toastmaster, the Rev. W. C. Martin.

DELAYED ONE DAY

Because of an unexpected delay in connection with the new Person County Library bookmobile, the starting of the book route will be delayed until Monday, after which date all regular schedules will be followed. The route to have been covered on Thursday, December 11, will be covered on next Thursday, according to the regional librarian, Miss Ernestine Grafton.

SEAL SALES

To be begun here the latter part of this week, with Mrs. R. H. Shelton as director, is the annual Christmas Seal campaign. According to Mrs. Shelton letters will be mailed out and the campaign is expected to be in full operation in a few days. The letter has this year been written by Lieut. Gov. R. L. Harris.

Extra Guards At Vital Places

Acting under instructions from Theodore S. Johnson, of Raleigh, State Director of Civilian defense, Person and Roxboro county and municipal staffs, including members of the police and fire departments, are on war-time basis. Extra guards have been stationed at the municipal lake and a number of industrial plants are being patrolled by police.

Active participants in precautionary measures are Person air raid observers, working under former American Legion Post Commander R. H. Shelton, who are working under government orders, although their tasks are of a precautionary nature at present time.

In Raleigh yesterday were City Manager Percy Bloxam, Fire Chief Henry E. O'Brian, of Roxboro, and Fire Chief J. E. Spake, of the Ca-Vel department, who attended a defense conference called by Director Johnson. Johnson has also indicated that special instructions have been sent to E. G. Thompson, Roxboro, chairman of the Person committee of defense.

Person and Roxboro plants handling defense orders include: Roxboro Cotton mills, Roxboro Broom works, McWhorter and Short lumber company and Plant E of the Collins and Aikman corporation. Regular guards at the Collins and Aikman plant, according to resident manager S. M. Ford, are armed and are taking proper precautions. The main gate at the plant has been closed and all employees have been requested to wear their badges of identification.

Up until tonight no additional instructions had been received by the Person Selective Service board, according to office manager Baxter Mangum, although it is expected that there will be a sharp increase in the number of men called up, despite the fact that voluntary enlistments in the Army, Navy and Marine service have also increased since Sunday.

City Manager Bloxam, Chief of Police George C. Robinson, Mr. Shelton, and others charged with carrying out initial steps of placing the already existing defense program here on a war-time basis are unanimous in opinion that civilians should not be unduly alarmed but should at the same time realize the seriousness of possible happenings.

Called off was the stay in Roxboro today and Friday of two officers connected with the U. S. Navy recruiting service, it being indicated according to reports received here that recruiting demands at the central station in Greensboro have for the past few days been so heavy as to demand presence of all available officers there.

Being discussed in Roxboro are plans for reorganization and strengthening on war-time basis of the Person Chapter of the American Red Cross, of which Miss Julia Fisher, of the Person Health department is treasurer. Other officers are F. O. Carver, Jr., and Miss Agnes Brake, both of whom have left Roxboro, and whose posts in the organization (continued on back page)