

# Reporter Visits Homes In City In Which WPA Workers Are Stationed

Four Roanoke Rapids homes in which WPA housekeepers are stationed were visited by a Herald reporter this week. The visits were made with Mrs. Annie C. Roseman, Chairman of the Housekeeping Aid Service of the WPA in Halifax County, as she made routine calls for inspection.

The first home visited was quarantined as the children had German measles. At the time of the visit the housekeeper was in the back yard digging around a rose bush root in order to get the bush to grow. The owner, who has been sick for some time, was out in the warm sunshine overseeing the job. She explained that the bush was very valuable and that she wanted it saved. The yard, which had been cleaned by the housekeeping aid, was almost spotless. The visitors did not enter the house.

In the next home the visitors were greeted at the door by a very old lady who invited them in. The supervisor led the way through the house, which had the atmosphere of being well kept. In the large and light kitchen the housekeeper was washing the dinner dishes. She scrubbed them until they shone. She was dressed in white uniform with a white cap, the outfit that all workers are required to wear while on duty.

An invalid of many years lies bed-ridden in the home next visited. She seemed cheerful in her snow-white bed and her light, freshly scrubbed room. The worker, whom the visitors found in the kitchen, told the supervisor that she had been washing earlier in the day. Her face was wet with perspiration.

The worker in this home, in addition to doing the washing and ironing, cooking, and keeping the house cleaned and in order, has volunteered on a number of occasions to stay with the invalid when there was no one else to stay with her.

The last home visited was a motherless home in which there are five children up to 14 years of age. The father, who is employed at one of the local industries, was making a cabinet for the home when the visitors entered. The housekeeper was cleaning up a bedroom in which one of the girls lay in bed, suffering from German measles. Another child played with a puppy on the floor.

The housekeeper in this home keeps the house in order, the children bathe and clean, cooks, does the laundry, keeps the children in school when they are well, churns and makes butter with milk from a cow that the father owns.

These housekeepers receive from the WPA about \$32.00 up per month (four weeks). They are allowed to work only six hours each day, with an extra hour thrown in some times.

They receive their training at a training center in Weldon. There they are taught to wash, cook, sew, clean, give prescribed medicine, care for the sick, and other things necessary in keeping house.

Some of the workers stay in a home only long enough to get the family straightened out after a case of illness; others stay longer. In the case of the motherless home, the worker will stay until school is out in June.

In addition to the homes visited here Monday, the Housekeeping Aid supervisor told of other homes that the service has been into. One she recalled was the home (a filling station, partitioned for bedroom and kitchen) in which a mother suffered from an advanced stage of cancer. She said that the home, when the Aid was called, did not have a complete change of linen for the beds and that the mother's bed needed changing at least three times each day. The kitchen, cut off from the combined living- and bed-room in the back of the station, had only a stove and table. There were no

cabinets, no places to put a dish away. The two-burner oil stove was piled high with silverware, chinaware, and pots and pans, the supervisor said.

A housekeeper was put into the home, linens were supplied by the Aid, cabinets were made by the worker from orange crates and covered with cloth secured here and there. The house was cleaned up and put in order, giving the woman the privilege of dying in a well kept, clean home.

## Enfield

Mrs. Harold Burrows entertained a few friends at a lovely party Thursday evening. Those present were Mrs. Emmette Marshall, Mrs. J. T. O'Neal, Mrs. Johnnie Q. Hoffer, Mrs. Gennie Bobbitt, Mrs. B. W. Burchette, Mrs. Jack Whitehead, Mrs. D. B. Barnes, Mrs. Collins Cuthrell, Mrs. Henry Cuthrell, Mrs. Paul Condrey, Mrs. H. C. Futrell and Mrs. R. W. Baughman.

**MRS. HARRISON HOSTESS**  
Mrs. Theodore Harrison was hostess at bridge on Tuesday evening at her home on "Sherrord Heights". Ice cream pies and salted nuts were served to the following: Mrs. A. C. Nichols, Jr., Mrs. J. B. Britt, Mrs. Leonard Matthews, Miss Dorothy Flanders, Miss Blanche Moss, Mrs. Robert Barnhill, Miss Annie Mae Sherrod, Mrs. Myra Mann, Miss Nellie Bryan Newton, Mrs. Fred Wiggins, Mrs. Robert Whitaker, and Mrs. John M. Sherrod.

**BRIDE-ELECT HONORED**  
Miss Winnie Mae Neville, bride-elect of the month, was honored at a miscellaneous shower Wednesday evening with Miss Ernestine Bellamy, Mrs. Betty M. Barnhill and Mrs. Leonard B. Neville acting as hostesses. The guests were received by Miss Gwendolyn Bellamy and were registered by Miss Ernestine Bellamy. The bride-elect was led to a shower of gifts by little Miss Billy Laverne Billups and Master A. T. Neville dressed as bride and groom.

**MR. AND MRS. NICHOLS HOSTS**  
Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Nichols, Jr., were hosts to the Evening Bridge Club in their home Friday evening. Guests included Dr. and Mrs. P. W. Joyner, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Britt, Mr. and Mrs. D. Mac Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hunter Pope, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. White, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Dickens, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Beal, Mrs. Holt Evans, Mrs. E. L. Petway, R. C. Dunn, W. N. Sherrod, Waverly White and John McGwigan.

**GUN CLUB MEETING**  
The regular post-seasonal meeting of the Spring Hill Gun Club was held in the Hut Wednesday night. Present at the meeting featured by a motion picture of deer hunting scenes, were W. H. West, Rev. Ross Cadle, I. J. Gillette, Fred Wiggins, John McGwigan, John Newton, and Levy Overton of Enfield; Tom Locke, of Scotland Neck; Bruce Taylor and J. A. Bennette, of Whitakers; W. M. Etheridge of Spring Hill;

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New officers elected were R. W. Etheridge, President; G. E. Beal, vice-president; John W. McGwigan, secretary and treasurer. Bruce Taylor and Rev. Ben T. Brodie were re-elected members of the Board of Directors. Julian Fenner is the retiring president, R. W. Etheridge, vice-president, and John Newton, secretary and treasurer.

### Mrs. Cuthrell Hostess

Mrs. Ralph Cuthrell was hostess at an enjoyable club party in her home in Enfield Thursday evening. A sweet course was served to Mrs. Elmer Cuthrell, Mrs. R. C. Whitehead, Miss Corrine Hoffer, Miss Frances Hoffer, Miss Elsie Kimball, Mrs. Fred Hoyle, Miss Eloise Hardison, Miss Mary Mac Clark, Mrs. Henry Hilliard, Miss Eunice Cuthrell, and Miss Ernestine Bellamy.

### Circle No. 2 Meets

Circle No. 2 of the First Christian Church was hostess Saturday night at the home of Mrs. R. I. Riggins, honoring her birthday. After a social hour little Bobby Waters sang "Happy Birthday To You", and led Mrs. Riggins into the dining room where her gifts had been displayed on the dining room table, centered with a lovely birthday cake. Cake and sandwiches were served to the following: Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Finch, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Waters, Mrs. Stella Wilson, Mrs. Lucy Evans, Mrs. R. G. Harris, Mrs. Mollie Hardison, R. T. Turner, B. G. Gray and R. I. Riggins.

### Revival Started

A revival began at the House of Prayer on Ninth and Madison Streets Sunday night, March 9. Music is by the choir. The public is cordially invited by the pastor, Mrs. H. J. Lynch.

## Weldon

Mrs. George Joyner is spending several days this week in Richmond, Va.

Miss Christine Alston spent Monday in South Hill, Va. Misses Janet Rawlings and Estell Chappell spent Sunday in Portsmouth, Va.

Miss Helen Rowell of Greensboro spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rowell.

Misses Frances and Agnes Oakes of Wilson spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Oakes.

C. S. Vinson who has been sick at his home on Washington Ave. is improving and expects to soon return to his work in Halifax.

Mrs. Rawls of Raleigh spent several days last week with Mrs. R. S. Fountain.

Mrs. J. E. Michael has returned to Richmond, Va., after spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Chappell.

Miss Elizabeth Harnell of Greensboro spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Harnell.

Mrs. Allen Pierce, Mrs. E. G. Clark and Mrs. Curtis Turner spent Friday in Richmond, Va.

Taylor Oakes of E. M. I., Salem, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Oakes.

### Negro Loses Eye

Jack Jefferson, Severn Negro, suffered the loss of his right eye after an affray with another Negro at Severn Sunday night. The eye was cut so severely with a razor, hospital attaches say, that it had to be removed upon his admittance Sunday night about 10 o'clock.

The Negro also received several slight cuts about the neck.

**Banner County**  
Northampton County was one of the banner counties of the state last year in the production of cotton, reporting a bale-to-the-acre average. The county was one among a dozen in the state with such an average.

The value of the crop in the state jumped 61 per cent over that of 1929, 740,000 bales bringing a total of \$36,150,000.

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