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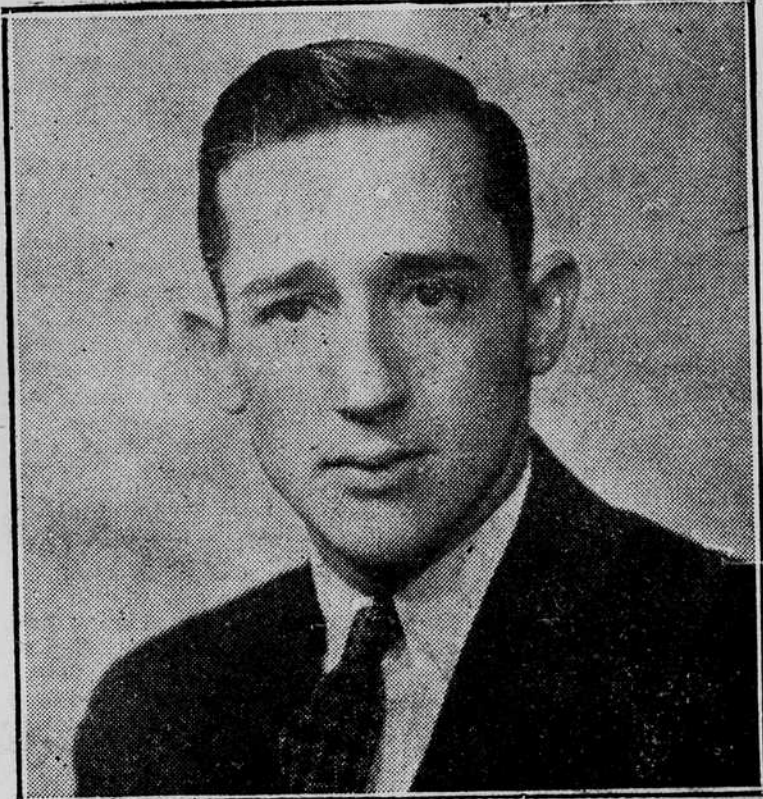
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HEADS COUNTY DEFENSE



A. LEONIDAS HUX

who was appointed this week as Halifax County Chairman and Organizer of the Council of National Defense for North Carolina. The appointment was made at the request of Governor Broughton and State Defense Director T. S. Johnson with the approval of President Roosevelt and National Defense Director La Guardia, Mayor of New York. Mr. Hux and other Halifax County citizens of Civilian Defense will serve without pay, while also attending their regular civilian duties. (Details inside)

APPOINT BARDIN AS NEW HEALTH OFFICIAL HERE

Dr. M. C. Maddrey Resigns From Position

Dr. M. C. Maddrey, who has been health officer of Roanoke Rapids since January 4, 1938, has resigned from the position and Dr. R. M. Bardin has been appointed city health officer effective as of July 1.

Dr. Maddrey's resignation was accepted by Mayor Kelly Jenkins and the city board of commissioners last week. The city officials expressed regret at losing Dr. Maddrey as health officer, and commended him for the very efficient manner in which he filled the office.

The new health officer for the city, Dr. Bardin, came here about a year ago and is well qualified for the position. He served as health officer of Richmond County for about five years before coming to Roanoke Rapids, and is thoroughly experienced in public health work.

At the regular meeting of the board last week for July, the city officials executed a lease for the Rosemary Manufacturing Company swimming pool which is being used as part of the summer program of recreation for local children. The lease was executed as of April 26, 1941, and is for one year. Public liability insurance has been obtained for the pool to pro-

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DIDN'T WORK

The local draft board is undecided about prosecuting a Negro for an alleged attempt to evade the draft, but officials are determined to prosecute the next such registrant who tries any subterfuge to avoid being called to service.

It was reported today that a Negro, whose name was not released, dosed himself up with liquor and broke a cigar up into some coffee which he drank prior to being given a physical examination in order to run up his blood pressure and increase his pulse rate.

Draft officials learned of what he had done, and without notifying him sent a deputy sheriff to take him to a physician for another examination. The examiner said the second time his blood pressure and pulse rate was even higher—but from fright that time. The registrant was then told to come back in a couple of days for a third examination—and he passed that time.

The man in question was deferred by the draft board but for reasons other than his physical condition, and registrants are warned that any such attempts to evade the draft in the future will be vigorously prosecuted.

SENTENCE MEN DRUNK RAID FILLING STATION

Investigate Marriage Of Registrants

Since a large number of men have married since the Selective Service Act went into effect, the local draft board has decided to investigate all future marriages of registrants to determine whether or not there is any attempt to evade service in the army.

Members of the Halifax County Draft Board No. 1 in Roanoke Rapids came to such a decision at a meeting here Monday night, and two couples are scheduled to appear before the board next Monday night to state their case. If it is found that the marriages were the result of a "normal" courtship, the registrants will naturally be deferred. However, if developments tend to show that the marriages were designed to keep the registrants from being called into service with the army other action will be taken.

Clerk M. McRae Faison stated today that separate interviews will be had with the men and their wives by members of the draft board to ascertain if there was any intent to evade the draft in the marriages.

LEGGETT OPENING TODAY

Big Turnout Of Local Shoppers For Opening Newly Enlarged Store

Leggett's held the opening of their newly enlarged department store here this morning with thousands of shoppers from all over the trade territory thronging the store all day long to catch a first glimpse of the many improvements made. It is estimated the store will be hosts to thousands more over the week-end as the expansion program of the local store has attracted unusual interest.

In addition to enlarging the floor space formerly occupied, all new fixtures and fluorescent lighting has been installed, many specialty departments added and all of the old departments materially enlarged. The new store presents a most attractive appearance and undoubtedly takes its rank among

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MAN SHOT IN BRAWL NEAR CITY

Trial Is Held In Northampton Yesterday

At their trial in Northampton County recorder's court at Jackson yesterday five white men, who allegedly took charge of the Riverside Inn, filling station just across the Roanoke River on the old Gaston-Roanoke Rapids Road, Saturday night around midnight in a drunken riot, were given suspended sentences.

During the affair one of the raiders was shot by the proprietor, who was wounded when struck by a missile thrown through the windows of the establishment which was almost completely wrecked.

The men—Elbert Moody, Edward Clemmons, Ashley Smith, Troy Livesay and Waddell Norwood—were convicted of assault and affray and Judge Eric Norfleet sentenced each of them to 60 days on the roads. The sentences were suspended upon payment of a proportionate part of the court costs, and good behavior for two years. Jimmy Shaw, who was allegedly involved in the affair and disappeared afterwards, had not been apprehended and was not tried.

The case of Wilson, charged by investigating officers with selling beer, without a license, was continued until next week.

The defendants were bound over to Northampton recorder's court at a preliminary hearing before Magistrate E. P. Hyman of Gaston Monday. Moody, Clemmons, and Smith were bound over under \$200 bond each, and Livesay and Norwood under \$100 bond each. The latter two were arrested on information of the other three that they participated in the affair, and a warrant was issued for Shaw.

TESTIMONY

A. L. Wilson, proprietor of the place, testified as to what happened before Magistrate Hyman, and none of the defendants refuted the charges. The magistrate said those brought before him stated they were "too drunk" to know what happened.

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MANAGE NEW PENDER STORE



LEON WALTERS

Above are the managers of the new Pender Self-Service Store, opened today at 1036-38 Roanoke Avenue. Walters, grocery manager, has been with Pender here for eight years, while Wood, a native of Halifax County, has been market department manager for the past six years. Complete details of the new Pender Store on Page 1, Section B this issue.



HUGH WOOD