

The
FAMILY WASH
 (All The News Hung Out To Dry)
 — By —
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(Apologies to Winchell)
 WASHING: This newsman, going home late Thursday night, almost ran over a drunk crossing the street near the playgrounds . . . Two of the Latin-Americans appearing before the Kiwanis Ladies Night affair boast of good, old-fashion American names . . . Apologies to CLOSS for the joke appearing in this col'm last week . . . It appeared in her strip some months ago . . . Democrats of this county must be DEMOCRATS to shake out \$25 for a seat at the Washington Day dinner over in Edenton Saturday night . . . All of which reminds us that this uproar being raised in Washington about entertainers being on the payroll should have started long ago . . . Nye, Vandenberg, and Wheeler caused enough laughs, until the Japs did their stunt at Pearl Harbor.

MORE WASH: Note to Mrs. Nellie Mae Brown: We shall speak to a Hollywood authority about you, on the advice of just about all who heard the skit in which you took part at the installation of the LAC, of the UCC here on Thursday night . . . The notice tacked up in the postoffice commanding all aliens to register was evidently intended for aliens only . . . No full-fledged American can read it . . . The "Seasons Greetings" sign still in the Roanoke Bank and Trust Co. window, downtown . . . Which prompts us to ask what season.

RINSING: It was supposed to have happened at a Recorder court session here in the county some months ago. Seems the lawyer became somewhat acrimonious in his cross-examination, but the little woman in the witness box remained calm. Eventually the lawyer said: "You say you had no education, but you answered my questions smartly enough." The witness replied meekly: "You don't have to be educated to answer silly questions like those you asked me."

MORE RINSING: We never cared a great deal for poetry, but here's a little piece we picked up that our five readers might like: Here lies the remains of Danny O'Day, He died maintaining his right-of-way. He was just as right as the day is long, But he's just as dead as if he'd been wrong.

STILL MORE: And here's another that interested us right much, due to the fact that we went through the same thing once. It's a typical letter from a college student to his dad: "Dear Dad: Gue\$\$ what I need most of all. That's right. Send it right along. Be\$t wi\$he\$. Your \$on."

STILL MORE: Bill Cherry, the employment man, studied journalism . . . Ditto Mrs. George Nethercutt, the former Winifred Shell . . . Johnnie Lupton took care of the drums in the Jelly Leftwich

band for a number of year . . . Now he's selling hardware to beat the band . . . Magazines can be bought at all local drug stores . . . which is some sort of a record . . . Blackout shades are at a premium here since Sunday's blackout . . . People realize now that just turning off the lights wouldn't do in a sustained blackout, such as might come later.

We may be running this in the ground, but—
 STILL MORE: A seventh grade pupil in the John Armstrong Negro school writes in and wants to know why Negroes aren't admitted into local movie houses. Well, we don't know. We're not in the motion picture business . . . On December 18, the HERALD published a poem, the title of which was "Hitler and The Devil". Comes a letter from Maj. Harold W. Clascoc, Jr., of Fort Jackson, who says that he has had the poem revised, set to music and is ready to have it published under its original name as an Army pep song. The officer is executive officer of the 105th Medical Regiment.

SOAP SUDS: We hear a number of local businessmen are preparing to purchase bicycles on which to ride back and forth to work . . . Preparing to, me eye! They're going to have it to do! . . . Friday was the 13th and the first thing we did after getting to the office was to leave the door open . . . An adv. appearing in one of the State papers read: "For Sale—almost brand new set of automobile tires, \$850. Will throw in 1939 Pontiac coach, driven 15,000 miles" . . . We'd like to insert one of our own: "For Sale—1941 Ford Coach, driven 26,000 miles . . . has no tires".

HERE'N THERE: This government business works in circles. Take the draft boards for instance. They are allowed to publish the names of all men inducted into service, but are not allowed to publish the number. Which means that it is only a simple case of counting . . . Jig-saw puzzles are coming back into style, now that people can't ride . . . A group was putting one together in a local store the other day . . . Many out-of-town patients use the local hospital . . . It might be a coincidence but Rev. Paul H. Fields, pastor of Rosemary Methodist, and Rev. Daniel Lane, pastor of First Methodist, both held pastorates in Wallace, our home town, at various times.

Government Will Buy All Soybeans

The County Committee of the Halifax County Agricultural Conservation Association has received an announcement of a plan whereby the Commodity Credit Corporation will purchase all lots of un-mixed approved varieties of soybeans remaining on hand May 1, 1942, at a price of \$2.00 per bushel, provided the germination is 85%

or better. All growers who have approved varieties of soybean seed for sale are urged to have the germination tests made immediately.

The purpose of this offer is to encourage farmers to save from crushing seed suitable for planting, and to insure them against loss caused by cleaning and testing in case any soybeans are not disposed of for seed purposes. It is important that all producers needing soybean seed make arrangements to purchase them immediately.

Approved varieties, as designated by the State War Board, are Arksoy, Biloxi, Clemson, Herman, Mamredo, Mammoth Yellow, Tokio, and Wood's Yellow.

Hearing Tests Conducted In Northampton

White school children in Northampton, and a few hundred in the colored schools, have undergone auditory tests during the past few months to determine the perfectness of their hearing, it was disclosed yesterday by Dr. W. Raleigh Parker, director of the county health department.

Miss Cora Beam, a nurse from the State Health Department at Raleigh, conducted the tests. All school children through the second grade have been given the auditory tests, a total of 1,511. Of this number 357 were found to have defective hearing.

Many of these children, Dr. Parker said, were deficient in their hearing because of wax in their ears, acute colds or for some other reason. Others were actually below normal in hearing. The majority of cases, he stated, could be corrected by some specialist.

Civilians Register In Northampton

More than 1,100 citizens of Northampton county—white and colored—registered for civilian defense duties during the registration period held last week, it has been announced by A. C. Gay, chairman of the civilian defense organization for the county. White persons registering for duty in civilian defense totaled more than 900 and 200 colored persons registered, according to reports.

The civilian defense organization in Northampton is moving along rapidly, getting the county in shape for whatever emergency might come in the future, it was stated.

WASHINGTON DAY DINNERS FOR DEMOCRATS SLATED

Halifax To Be Represented At Edenton Dinner

Halifax county Democrats are expected to take part in the Washington Day dinner and festivities scheduled to be held at Hotel Joseph Hewes in Edenton on Saturday of this week.

Only seven of these dinners are being held in the State this year, and are being held in lieu of the annual Jackson Day dinners. The Edenton dinner is being held for the benefit of fifteen counties in the Northeastern Division.

A chairman has been appointed in each county in the division to raise each county's quota to go toward the replenishing of the Democratic Party funds. Dr. R. M. Nicholson of Enfield has been selected to serve as the Halifax county chairman. W. J. Long will serve as chairman in Northampton

county. Plates at the dinner will cost \$25 each, and the State is asked to raise a total of \$20,000 as a quota in liquidating the party's debt remaining from the last Democratic campaign. Each county has been asked to raise a quota, based on its population.

Isham King Rites Are Held

Enfield—Isham King, 73, of Essex, died in a Rocky Mount hospital on Wednesday of last week. Funeral services and burial were held at Arcola Methodist Church at two o'clock Thursday afternoon.

He is survived by one sister, Mrs. J. J. Stallings, three daughters, Miss Annie King and Miss Sallie King, of Essex; Miss Fannie King, of Warrenton; five sons, B. E. King, T. M. King, Franklinton; Jessie King, R.F.D., Enfield; George King, Rocky Mount; and James King of Essex.

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