#### **THURSDAY, FEB. 19, 1942**

#### THE ROANOKE RAPIDS HERALD

5 TIRE

PERMITS

ISSUED

# PEANUT GOAL FOR HALIFAX COUNTY **HIGHER THIS YEAR**

#### **Soybean Goal Also Boosted** For 1942 Crop

To increase the production of fats and oils, a number of steps have been announced by the Secretary of Agriculture through County A.A.A. Committees, C. H. Banks, Jr., Secretary of the AAA committee in Halifax, said today.

The goal for soybeans and peanuts has been increased consider-ably above that previously announced. Each farm operator in Halifax County will be asked, within the near future by the AAA Committeemen, to increase soybean and peanut production in 1942. To encourage this production, prices and loan support will be employed, purchases of soy-beans at \$1.60 per bushel, farm ba-sis for Arksoy, Biloxi, Clemson, Herman, Mamredo, Mammoth Yellow, Tokio, and Wood's Yellow of U. S. Number Two Yellow, with location and grade differentials, and Government purchases of peanuts at \$82.00 a ton for U.S. number one, White Spanish type for oil, delivered at the approved local receiving agency, with location and grade differentials. The purchase price for number one Runners will be \$78.00 a ton and \$70.00 a ton for Class A Virginias.

Fats and oils are very essential at this time and each farm operator is urged to do his part in this emergency.

## Weldon Folk **Mystified By Earth Fire**

Smoke has been pouring from holes in the community center grounds in Weldon for the past two weeks from what hundreds of visitors have termed an "underground fire". Approximately 400 square feet of earth appears to be heated from below, according to information reaching here.

The ground in certain places has sunk two feet, and two large trees, their roots burned into, have toppled over. A barbecue pit near the center of the plot has fallen apart due to the heat and unstable foundation.

The most plausible explanation offered for the "underground fire" is that years ago cinders and partly burned coal from an oil mill located on the spot were dumped into a huge pile, which has since been leveled and landscaped. Military guards stationed on the bridge across Roanoke River at Weldon have recently used the community house for headquarters and have kept fire constantly on the barbecue pit. Its constant heat is believed to have ignited the cinders and coal left beneath the ground.

Little, W. H. Tickle, H. E. Gibson, Misses Bernice Hitchens and Ruth Glover.

**Brdge Club Meets** 

Members of the Wednesday

Night Bridge Club met with Mrs.

A. L. Gilliam. Mrs. H. E. Gib-

son was presented the high score

of Mrs. Gilliam were Mesdames F.

L. Starke, Calvin Kennemur, M.

F. White, R. M. Pope, J. A. Wood,

cond high.

H. E. Gibson.

hour.

Five tire and four tube purchasing permits were issued at the regular meeting of the Roanoke Rapids tire rationing board at their regular meeting on Thurs-

A. C. Hawkins of Roanoke Rapids, obsolete tire; James A. Pierce of Weldon, pulpwood hauler, two tires and tubes; William Manning of Roanoke Rapids, farmer, two tractor tires and tubes.



News reached Weldon this week of the death of Lieut. Harry Matthews, a former teacher in the T. M. Bullock, Charles Fitts and Weldon schools, in a plane crash February 15. The following Lenten in Connecticut Sunday.

Young Matthews was married Sundays in Lent: Holy Comonly a few weeks ago to Miss munion at 8 a.m. May Mack Clark of Enfield. He Mondays in 1 had received his commission as a second lieutenant in the Army Air invited. Corps about two months ago.

Details of the accident could not be learned.

### **Xmas Offering Goes To Relief**

The \$15 Christmas offering taken at All Saints Episcopal Church of day night. Permits were issued this city, has been turned over to to the following: the Bishon's World Pollof Final the Bishop's World Relief Fund, according to Rev. Edmund Berkeley, rector of the church.

The Bishop's Relief Fund, said Rev. Berkeley, combines China Relief and all other relief funds of the Episcopal church.



Rev. Edmund Berkeley, Rector Lenten services will be held throughout Lent, which began on services will be held:

Mondays in Lent: Children's Lenten services, 3:45 p.m. Adults

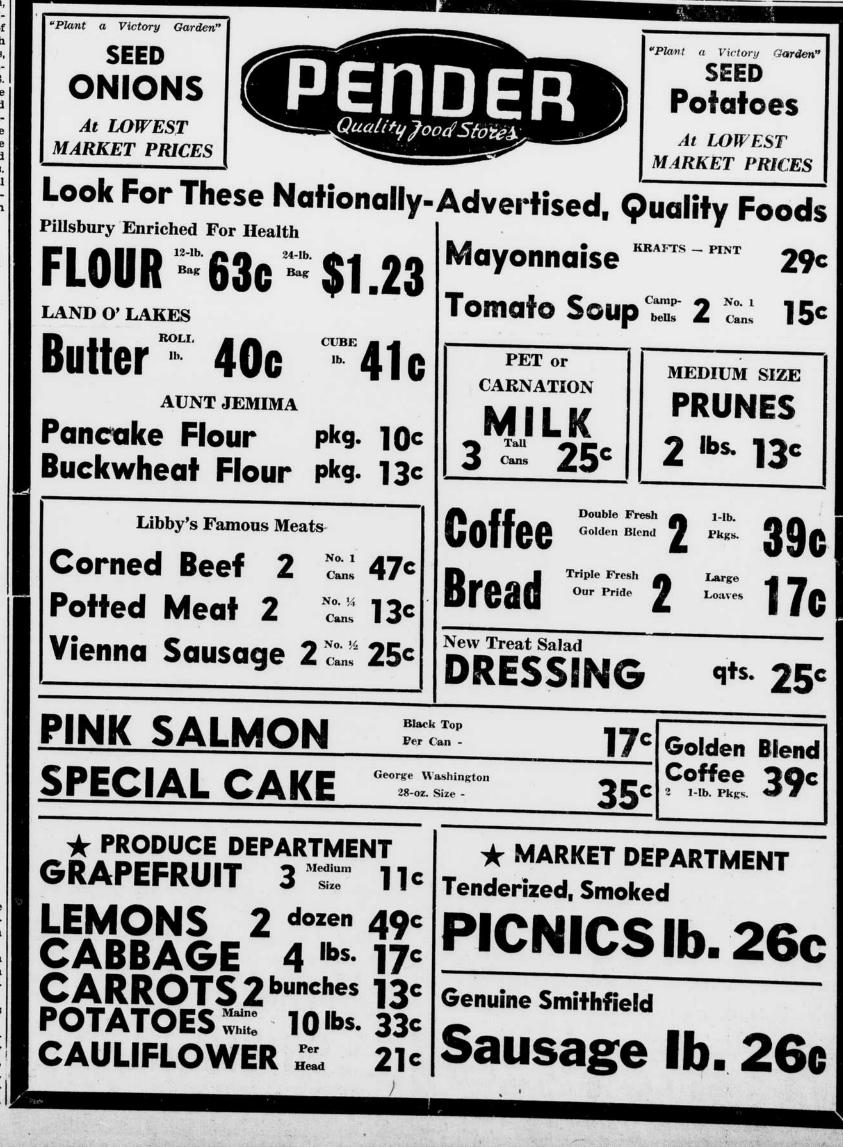
Fridays in Lent: Devotional services and discussion of subject: 'Christian Roots of Democracy In America".

### **Johnson Replaces Liles At School**

John E. Johnson, a student at State College, Raleigh, has been named to replace Jessie Stewart Liles as instructor in vocational agriculture at William R. Davie School, V. C. Matthews, Superin-tendent of County Schools, has announced.

Liles left William R. Davie Wednesday to take up active duty with the U. S. Army at Fort Benning, having been ordered to take up his commission as a First Lieutenant.

Johnson is a senior year student. at State and has been doing practice teaching in the southern part of the state for the past few months.



The Thursday Night Bridge Club met with Mrs. Jay Thompson with three tables of bridge in play.

**Club Meets** 

Mrs. Butler Brown won high guest prize, Mrs. W. H. Tickle high club and Mrs. Rudolph Northington, honor prize.

The hostess served refreshments at the conclusion of the game.

Guests and club members enjoying Mrs. Thompson's hospitality were Mesdames Murrell Hudson, Butler Brown, Sam Lewis, J. D. Edwards, Lloyd Allen, H. E. Cameron, Rudolph Northington, J. P.