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**CITY YOUTH  
LIEUTENANT  
COLONEL**



Major G. C. Thompson, son of William O. Thompson of Roanoke Rapids, has been advanced to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Army Air Forces, according to a report from Barksdale Field, where the local man is now stationed.

Rising rapidly in the Army since graduation from West Point, Thompson has become a Lieut. Colonel at 31 years of age. He received his flying training at Randolph and Kelly Fields.

At Barksdale field, where a sister, Miss Sara Thompson, is at present holding a civil service position, Col. Thompson is sub-depot commander in charge of air corps supplies and aircraft maintenance.

The photo above is an official photo of the Barksdale Field Air Corps Public Relations Office.

# Health Department To Be Consolidated

## DENGES TO HEAD CAMPAIGN

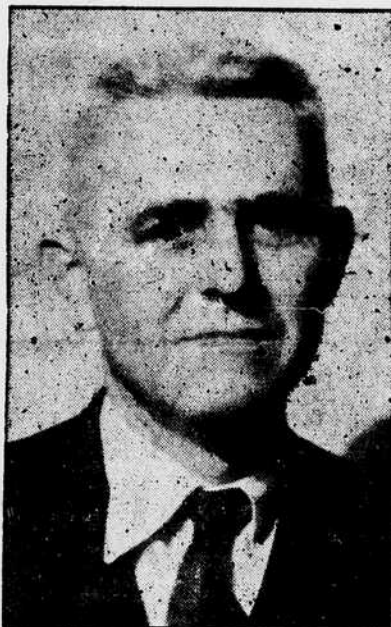
Rev. Father Peter M. Denges, pastor of St. John's Catholic Church here, was elected this week by the Board of Trustees of the Roanoke Rapids Community Chest as chairman of the Chest's campaign for funds this Fall, it was announced today by Frank Sherry, President of the organization.

Father Denges, who has taken an active interest in civic affairs since he came here from Goldsboro two years ago to take over the pastorate of St. John's, has accepted the appointment.

A member of the Rotary Club, Father Denges will head the force of workers who will assist with the drive for funds this fall, plans for which are already underway.

An effort will be made this year to increase the working fund of the Community Chest, Mr. Sherry said.

## V. F. W. HEAD



George N. Taylor, shown above, local merchant, has been elected as Commander of the Halifax Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, for the coming year. Other officers are to be elected at a meeting of members of the Post on Sunday afternoon.

## THEATERS SPONSOR DRIVE

A campaign for Army and Navy relief funds carried out in the three movie houses here and sponsored by the Roanoke Rapids theaters brought a total of \$163.25 in contributions, Manager Lyle Wilson reported today.

The drive ended in the theaters Wednesday night after being in progress for a week. A portion of the proceeds will be turned over to the Navy relief drive now in progress, and the remainder will go to Army relief headquarters.

Local theaters participated in the drive during the past week along with 15,000 other theaters throughout the country.

Manager Wilson extended his appreciation to the high school girls who assisted in the drive and to the patrons of the theaters who contributed.

In the meantime the drive for Navy relief funds is being carried out in the city under the direction of Carroll Wilson, city editor and publisher.

## TARBORO TO SERVE HALIFAX

The resignation of Dr. Robert F. Young as Director of the County Health Department and the consolidation of the county health office with the Edgecombe County department into a health district, was announced today by V. C. Matthews, secretary of the County Board of Health.

Matthews said that the county Board of Health had moved to consolidate the activities in this county with those in Edgecombe, with one director to direct the work of both counties, after Dr. Young's resignation and because of the shortage of available physicians with training in public health work. The consolidation, Matthews said, will be for the duration of the war.

Dr. Young resigned from the position he has held in the county since January of 1940 to accept a position as Senior Health Officer with the State Board of Health and as assistant to Dr. R. E. Fox, Director of the Division of County Health Work.

Also announced was the resignation of Mrs. Louise E. East, for the past several years supervisor of nurses with the county health department. Mrs. East will also take a position with the State Board of Health. She will become Consultant Nurse with the Division of Industrial Hygiene. She will go to St. Louis, Missouri, to take a post-graduate course in Industrial Hygiene before assuming her new duties.

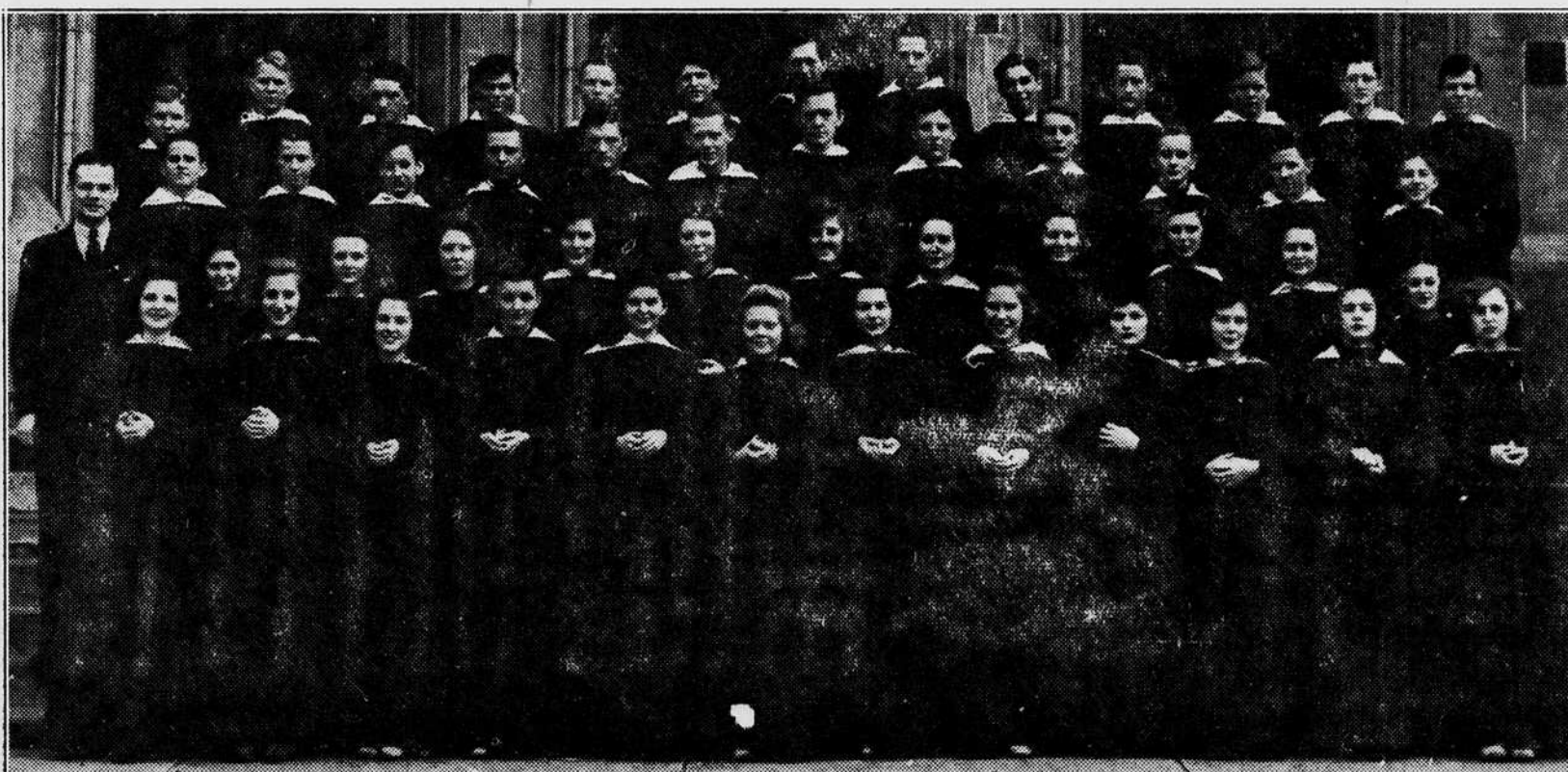
Matthews said that it was the belief of the County Board of Health that health work in the county would not be impaired with the merging of the department's activities with those of Edgecombe county. He stated that an additional nurse in both counties would be added to carry on the extra work that will fall upon the nursing staffs.

In the Halifax county division of the new district, the administrative duties will be carried out by Mrs. J. T. Battle, who is at present Supervising Nurse in Edgecombe county. Mrs. Battle will work under the direction of Dr. Will Kitchens McDowell, present Health Officer in Edgecombe and who will be director of the program in the two counties.

Matthews said that Dr. McDowell is a native of Halifax county and that he formerly practised in Scotland Neck before entering public health. Matthews brought out that the new director is well

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## TO SING AT GOVERNOR'S MANSION SUNDAY



The Roanoke Rapids High School A Capella Choir will sing for Governor and Mrs. J. M. Broughton at an informal entertainment to be given by the Governor and the First Lady on next Sunday afternoon at four o'clock at the Governor's Mansion in Raleigh. The choir is composed of some 40 students, and is under the direction of C. L. Williams, director of music for the city school system. They will make the trip to Raleigh and return on the school bus and in cars furnished by city residents. A feature presentation of the Sunday afternoon appearance will be the presentation of the famed "Ballad For Americans," a new patriotic choral cantata. The A Capella Choir is featured as the Senior High School part of the City Music Festival at the High School Auditorium here tomorrow (Friday) night, at which time they will also present the "Ballad For Americans."