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**DEFEAT NEW YORK CHAMPIONS 1 to 0**

## NURSES' AIDE GRADUATES



Shown above are graduates of the first Nurses' Aide Class to receive their certificates, in appropriate ceremonies held recently at the Baptist Church here. Reading—left-to-right they are, front row: Eileen Fisher, Elsie Langford, Mary Francis Hill, Anne Marie Fisher, Myrtle Nelson. Second row: Mary Walter Shell, Mable Allsbrook, Mollie Waters, Stella Grant Wilson. Third row: Edith Edwards, Juanita Finch, Wantola Verette.

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## RESULT OF BUS CRASH



Above photograph shows results of a 29-passenger Carolina Trailways crashing into the residence at 1938 Roanoke Avenue during the fog the early morning hours Wednesday, Sept. 2nd. Two rooms of the residence were totally wrecked; the walls being smashed to splinters; house was moved 3-ft. from its foundation; one of the occupants of the home thrown from her bed; 28-passengers of the bus were given first-aid treatment at Roanoke Rapids Hospital. No serious injuries resulted. The bus was bound from Raleigh to Norfolk. The accident occurred about 3 a.m. at "South Rosemary Corner" near the city limits. No other large trucks have crashed into the house at various times during the last few years, one completely tearing off the front porch.

## Herald Advocated Policy!

### ARMY INDUCTING VENEREAL CASES

10% Quota In Illiterates

In an exclusive story appearing in yesterday's issue of the Washington (D. C.) Times Herald, by George Dixon, he reveals that a move long advocated by the editor and publisher of the Herald, is being made by Selective Service officials. Pertinent excerpts from the story are as follows:

"Quietly, without public announcement, the Army has begun taking draftees with venereal diseases and is now engaged in curing large numbers of them in its own clinics, the Washington Times-Herald and the New York News learned exclusively yesterday.

"The diseased inductees are kept segregated until they are pronounced absolutely cured, and the whole system is being handled in such a way—according to Army doctors—that there is not the slightest danger of contagion.

"The hush-hush, up to now, has been maintained because of fears that a clamor might arise from mothers of about-to-be-drafted boys against their sons being thrown into contact with venereals. But the secrecy is about to be cast aside and the whole picture presented to the American public.

"As a means of preparing the way, Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, national director of Selective Service, announced before the House Defense Migration Committee yesterday that, effective next month, the Army has "agreed" to take men with venereal diseases. The

truth is, however, that the system already is in operation and working out with splendid results.

"The decision to take venereals and cure them under Army supervision was reached after long conferences between representatives of the War Department, Selective Service, and the Office of Surgeon-General Thomas Parran, of the U. S. Public Health Service. The reason for the action was that an alarming number of otherwise fit fighting men were being turned down because of syphilis and gonorrhea.

"The true situation is that the Army is approaching the point where it must take every man it can get. Hershey made this abundantly clear today when he disclosed that the size of the Army this year will exceed the 4,500,000 goal announced by Gen. George C. Marshall, at West Point, last June . . .

"In announcing that the Army had 'agreed' to take venereals, General Hershey said he had been apprised that the total would not exceed 2 per cent of the men drafted. In the next breath, however, he said he believed the Army had facilities to take more venereal cases and that he expected the percentage to be increased soon.

"From other sources it was learned that the Army already is in a position to handle far more (Continued on Page 8, Sec. A)

## WERE WORLD CHAMPS 1940 IN DETROIT

The Roanoke Rapids Romancos won their first softball game in Detroit this afternoon when they defeated the Rochester Kodak Park team, New York regional champs, by a score of 1 to 0. This afternoon's game was an upset, since the New York team won the 1940 world's championship, and has not lost an opening game in four-years.

Charlie Teague scored the winning run for the locals, Southeastern champions, in the first inning, on Ronald Everette's hit. Russ DeBerry, ace pitcher for the city softball championship team, held the New York team to only one hit, while the Romancos got three off of the famous "Shifty" Gears, star hurler for the New York regional champs.

The Romancos are scheduled to play their second game tonight at 9 p.m. against Fort Wayne, Indiana, East Central champions. Ft. Wayne defeated Maryland this afternoon by a score of 7 to 0.

This is the fourth straight year the Romancos have played in the national softball tournament held in Detroit. Last year they reached the finals in the big event.

Carroll L. Wilson, editor and publisher of the Herald, who accompanied the team as a member of the Tournament Umpire Committee, wired that the entire squad was well and happy, elated over their initial victory and sent their best regards to their families, local fans and friends.

## AIR RAID TEST HERE FRIDAY

### GURLEY MADE LIEUTENANT FT MONMOUTH

Fort Monmouth, N. J.—Joseph B. Gurley, 1106 Franklin St., former Roanoke Rapids City Councilman, has been promoted to 1st Lieutenant in the Signal Corps Replacement Training Center here. He is an instructor in the basic training school and has been at Fort Monmouth since April 30, this year.

Reports coming into the Control Center on the effectiveness of last Sunday night's Weldon District blackout, insofar as Roanoke Rapids is concerned, were generally good. However, Chief Air Raid Warden A. E. Akers and Auxiliary Police Chief W. A. Thorne both reported that their wardens and policemen found more than a dozen isolated instances where businessmen and in one case an apartment dweller had left lights on in their locked buildings. This is a violation of both municipal laws and orders promulgated by the Army for the Fourth Service (Continued on Page 8, Sec. A)

## INCREASE IN WAGES TO BE FELT FRIDAY

Employees of city textile mills will feel the first effects of the wage increase which became effective September 7th to all workers in pay checks they draw this week-end.

Notices announcing the increase in pay were placed on the bulletin boards at the various mills here last week.

The wage increase was voluntary on the part of local mills, and applies to all workers of Roanoke and Patterson Mills Co. and Rosemary Manufacturing Co.