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WHEAT FOR COUNTY FARMS

Scout Executive



WILLIAM B. RHODEN

is the new Field Scout Executive of the East Carolina Council, who recently arrived in the city to take over his duties. Rhoden replaces Norman Scrivener, who was recently promoted to Assistant Scout Executive with headquarters in Wilson.

TWO COLORED SUICIDES ON NEARBY FARM

Two colored people committed suicide within a week of each other, and on farms that almost adjoin, it became known here this week. Neither death had any connection with the other, so far as is known, and the first has not even been reported to County Coroner F. N. Rowe, he said today.

Henry Faulcon, 57-year old Negro farmer landowner, who lives on the Littleton Highway near Hannibal Shearin's service station, discharged a shotgun into his chest Tuesday evening about 6 o'clock. The full load took effect in his heart, it is said, and death was instantaneous. Faulcon, the father of eleven children, had been in ill health for some time, and his self-destruction is attributed to this fact by his family.

The suicide was committed at his home at an out-building on the farm. The funeral has not been held, awaiting arrival of his son who is in the armed services in Tennessee. The coroner investigated the shooting and rendered a verdict of "death by own hands." He did not deem a formal inquest necessary.

It is reported that Laura Powell, who's family lives on a farm practically adjoining the lands of Faulcon, visited the home of her people a week ago Tuesday, and retired to a bedroom where she shot herself in the head with a pistol. Ill health was also attributed as the cause of her committing suicide.

NEED \$500 REACH GOAL RED CROSS

Hope To Raise Amount In Appeal To Theatre Going Public In City

L. S. Neal, chairman of the roll call drive of the local chapter of the American Red Cross, reported today that the war fund drive started here several weeks ago is still almost \$500.00 short of the \$10,000 goal set for the chapter. With practically all reports in at this time, it is indicated \$9,521.00 has been raised from all sources.

Mr. Neal stated he felt many persons in the community had not yet been enlisted, and appealed to them to address their voluntary contributions to him, either mailing them to him or leaving at his office.

The principal remaining hope to raise the balance of the money needed to reach the goal is the drive being staged in city theatres, which started today. On the screens of all local movie houses today and continuing for a week, is the screen appeal of Captain Eddie Rickenbacker. Representatives from the Red Cross are stationed in the lobbies of the theatres to accept contributions, and it is hoped through this source to obtain a major portion of the funds needed to reach the goal.

ANOTHER OLD RESIDENT IS DEATH VICTIM

T. A. Sledge Came To City Before Turn Of Century; Dies Monday

Funeral services for Thaddeus Adolphus Sledge, 86-year old city resident, who died Monday, were held Wednesday afternoon at All Saints' Episcopal Church. Rev. Edmund Berkeley, officiated. Interment was in Cedarwood cemetery.

One of the oldest settlers of the city, Mr. Sledge came here from Thelma in 1899 and started working for Rosemary Manufacturing Co. He was born and reared in Halifax county.

Mr. Sledge has been in failing health for several months and his death was not unexpected.

Surviving him are five daughters, Mrs. R. T. Mountford of Roanoke Rapids, Mrs. Winfield Taylor of Roanoke Rapids, Mrs. W. A. Spohr of Deland, Fla., Mrs. L. E. Pearson of Roanoke Rapids, and Mrs. George Cooper of Roanoke Rapids; and two sons, Samuel L. Sledge of Roanoke Rapids and Robert A. Sledge of Norlina.

GIVES UP HOPE FOR SON AS SHIP-MATE TELLS OF SINKING OF THE D'HAVEN

Bill Gay Says Marvin Scott In Engine Room Of DeHaven When Sunk

Mrs. Mary Poythress, who lives just across the river from the city, on a farm in Northampton County, has given up all hope that her son, Marvin Scott, fireman first-class in the Navy, is still alive following the arrival here of Bill Gay, a ship-mate, who told her Tuesday night that he was positive young Scott was in the engine room of the ill-fated USS DeHaven when she was sunk off Guadalcanal recently.

Scott, one of 13 survivors of the USS Sims when that ship was sunk May 7th, 1942, was reported "missing in action" to his mother about the middle of last month.

Bill Gay, 21-year-old son of Mrs. (Continued On Page 7—Sec. A)



MARVIN SCOTT

JOE CRADDOCK INJURED IN NAVAL BATTLE; NOW IN NORFOLK HOSPITAL

Joe S. Craddock, veteran of one sea battle, and reported as "missing following action" by the Navy department, only to return to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe W. Craddock, at 126 Hamilton Street, last Thanksgiving, was in another battle at sea recently. Young Craddock was injured in the last battle, but he is reported to be getting along nicely in the naval hospital at Norfolk, where his parents visited him over the week end.

Latest notification of the injuries to their son came to the Craddocks from the Naval station at Brooklyn. The letter stated he was admitted to a hospital there for treatment on February 18th, after having received an injury in a convoy battle. His ship was reported sunk.

He was then transferred to the naval hospital at Norfolk, in order that he might be nearer the home of his parents, who hope that he will be able to leave the hospital and visit his home again soon.



JOE S. CRADDOCK

2nd VFW Dance

Following the initial success of the dance staged by the Veterans of Foreign Wars at the Armory here two weeks ago, they announce another one for 8 o'clock Saturday night, April 3rd. Music will be by a local "hill-billy" band, with both square and round dancing.

Typhoid Clinics

A typhoid clinic, under the auspices of Roanoke Mills Co. for their No. 1 and No. 2 plants, will be held at the doctor's office at 261 Jackson Street, beginning April 15th and lasting through June 1st. The clinic will be conducted daily except Saturday.

SUPPLY FEED WHEAT READY FOR COUNTY

Available to Farmers At \$1.07 Bushel; Must Place Orders At Once

Recent Congressional action freeing an additional 100,000,000 bushels of feed wheat will make it possible for Halifax County poultry and livestock dealers to obtain more federally-owned wheat for feeding purposes, it was announced today by W. A. Kitchin, chairman of the County AAA Committee.

Release of this wheat, Chairman Kitchin said, is aimed at relieving shortages of feed which have occurred in many areas and assisting farmers in meeting their production goals for livestock, dairy, and poultry in the 1943 Food for Freedom campaign. An allocation of 125,000,000 bushels of wheat for feeding purposes was made last summer, but the last of this amount was sold earlier this month. Of the first allocation, North Carolina farmers purchased more than 950 carloads.

The recently released wheat will be available to Halifax County feeders at \$1.07 per bushel, delivered in carload lots to any railroad point in the county. Livestock, poultry and other feeders may place their orders with dealers, the County AAA Committee or directly with the Commodity Credit Corporation, Mr. Kitchin said.

In placing orders, however, producers must state the amount of wheat they now have on hand and their estimated monthly requirements. Orders will be accepted for a quantity which, together with the amount on hand, will not exceed a three months' supply.

Local feed mixers and dealers will be required to state the unsold quantity on hand and estimated monthly requirements, and total amounts will be restricted to not more than two months' supply. Large feed manufacturers, distributors, and County AAA Committees, also must state quantities of unsold wheat on hand and weekly requirements, and total amounts they may have will be restricted to not more than two month's supply.

"These restrictions are being placed on sales in order to assure an equitable distribution of supplies which may be shipped immediately," Chairman Kitchin said. "It is possible that lack of freight cars will delay filling of orders immediately, and those persons who have some wheat on hand should delay their orders as long as practical to do so."

He said, however, that when it is impractical to accept an order for less than the amount of wheat in a bin, a carload, or the amount of wheat represented by a warehouse receipt, the supply limitations may be increased to one of these amounts.