

By ROBERT F. YOUNG, M. D., District Health Officer

### RARIES

The Halifax County Health Department has been advised that an epizootic of rabies among dogs is in progress in Edgecombe, Nash and Wilson counties. This information is being made available to the public, not to frighten, but to inform the citizens of this county. Attention was called to the fact in a recent article that the season of the year for rabies is at hand and that precautions should be taken to guard against a rabies epidemic in Halifax County.

It is urged that everyone, particularly children, avoid all strange dogs and that all citizens who own dogs have them immunized against rabies as soon as possible.

Anyone owning a dog or observing a dog that behaves strangely should see that the animal is confined until it can be determined whether or not the condition is rabies. There are all stages and types of rabies, and a dog does not have to be "foaming at the mouth" to have this disease. Many times the dog has a paralysis and staggers when it walks; its eyes may be glassy; or it may snap at any and all objects it passes. Occasionally a friendly animal will change its pehavior and avoid its master or even leave its home during the early stages of the disease—and later develop the rahid stage.

If, after an animal is confined, it developes signs and symptoms that resemble rabies, a veti erinarian should be called to confirm the diagnosis. If there be any doubt about the diagnosis, it is recommended that the animal's head be sent to the State Laboratory of Hygiene, properly packed in ice. The Health Deaprtment will furnish information when requested regarding the packing of these heads.

## Leatrice Whitby Has **Birthday Party**

Leatrice Whitley was hostess at a very delightful party given in honor of her 18th birthday at the Halifax Club House on March 11. The Club House was beautifully decorated with spring flowers and burn, Russell Buxton, III, Hugh candles. Games were played and dancing was enjoyed by all the guests. The hostess served delic- Davenport - Hasty ious refreshments, consisting of chicken salad sandwiches, cookies, candy and soft drinks, which were served by candlelight. Miss Whitgifts. Approximately 75 guests attended.

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Legion Asks **Prisoners Of** War Removal Unanimously and enthustically

the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Department of the American Legion, meeting in Raleigh recently, adopted a reso-ultion urging the War Department to remove immediately from North Carolina the approximately 2,000 prisoners of war in contract work for employers in the State, in order to make these jobs available for unemployed war veterans.

The resolution, introduced by R. C. Godwin, State veterans em-ployment representative, cited that according to reports of the United States Employment Service, more than 24,000 veterans of World Davis, Billy Morgan, Earl Rook, Wars I and II and more than Reggie Braxton, Billy Clemmer, 10,000 non-veterans are actively Sonny Hines, Thurman Bullock, 10,000 non-veterans are actively seeking jobs through the USES offices, while 2,000 former enemy prisoners of war are depriving Robert Burton, Earl Waters, Toy veterans of that many jobs. It asked that copies be sent to National Headquarters of the American Legion and to Senators and Representatives in Congress from N. Carolina, urging that action be taken toward removing these prisoners at once.

# Birthday Party For Kenneth Shearin Buxton

Kenneth Shearin Buxton, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Burton celebrated his seventh birthday Tuesday afternoon from 3:30 until 5 o'clock at the home of his parents on Henry Street. Games and contests were enjoyed during the afternoon. Kenneth received many lovely and useful birthday presents. They all sang "Happy Birthday" and then the fun began. Refreshments were served.

Those celebrating Kenneth's birthday were: Jean Hawkins, Dean Hawkins, Willis Maddrey, Janet Grisson, Linda Ruth Co-Cameron and Billy Manning.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Davenport announce the engagement of their daughter, Ruby Lois, to W. T. Hasty, son of Mr. and Mrs. N .L. ley was honoree of many useful Hasty of this city. The marriage will take place in the near future.

# THE ROANOKE RAPIDS HERALD

## Peggy Ann Kidd **Celebrates Birthday** Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Kidd entertained at the Scout Hut Saturday evening, March 9th with a Semi-Formai Birthday Dance from 8:00 until 11:30 o'clock in honor of their young daughter, Miss Peggy

Ann Kidd's 15th birthday. The Scout Hut was lovely with pink and green crepe paper decorations and pink snapdragons in assorted bowls. The young folks enjoyed dancing during the evening. Miss Kidd was showered with many lovely and useful birthday gifts. Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Lehman, Mr. and Mrs. Rogers and Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Kidd chaperoned the young folks. They served ice cream, cake, salted nuts, cookies and Pepsi-Colas.

Guests were: Margaret George, Anne Grizzard, Patricia Wilson, Ann Bunn, Mildred Dickens, Mary Francis Allsbrook, Doris Ingram, Mary Speight, Neal Allsbrook, Dolores Sheffield, Jean Sheffield, Betty Kidd, Josie Johnson, Anne Wood, Margaret Askew, Bobby Fisher, Dorothy Lynch, Annette Edwards, Anne Rodcliffe, Rubie Bobby George, A. W. Briggs, Dwight Elting, Douglas Jernigan, Tilghman, Lloyd Williams, Pat Edwards, Charlie Edwards, Char-les Daniels, Bobby Oakes, P. D. Medlin, Henry Johnson, Al Travis, A. B. Ussery, James Sledge, Z. F. Mitchell, Lewis Glasgow, Joe Kidd and Jerry Kidd.

# Mrs. Earl Rook Is **Hostess To Friends**

Mrs. Earl Rook entertained with lovely party at her home on Hamilton Street Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. The livingroom where the tables were placed was lovely with spring flowers in assorted bowls. The high score prize was won by Mrs. Paul Overton and second high zcore was won by

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Mrs. C. D. Fambrough. Lemon pie with nuts and coffee was much enjoyed at refrshment time.

Guests were: Mesdames Paul Overton, C. D. Fambrough, R. M. Pope, A. O. George, A. L. Gilliam, Beamon Helms, H. C. Wirtz and Miss Edna Wafford.

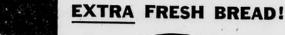
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