

CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS
Visit your Halifax County Merchants this year before going elsewhere to do your Christmas shopping. You will find them well stocked and with large assortments to select from.

Please Call The Entertainment Com.

All ladies of the town who have invited or will at some later date invite some of the soldiers in the unit stationed here to a meal in their homes, are requested by the entertainment committee, appointed by the Community Center Board, to get in touch with Mrs. W. A. Carter, who is chairman of home entertainment, or Mrs. D. W. Seifert who is chairman of the entertainment committee.

Those who have arranged for Religious services for this Sunday or those interested in arranging for future services are asked to contact Mrs. W. G. Suiter who is serving as religious service chairman. All denominations are represented in the campaign.

These requests are being made in an effort by the committee to prevent duplicate arrangements.

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Japan, Germany And Italy Declare War On United States This Week

U. S. Goes To War Against Axis Nations After Japan Makes Sneak Attack Sun.

The United States is at war with Japan, Germany and Italy following a premeditated "sneak" attack on this country's outposts and possessions Sunday. Congress today voted for the declaration of war against Germany and Italy following the same action taken by these Axis partners earlier today.

MODLIN'S PLACE IS DESTROYED

Modlin's Place, popular oyster bar and cafe, on the Weldon-Roanoke Rapids road, was completely demolished by fire early Saturday morning and three persons who had rooms on the upper floor of the building were hurt. The injured were R. G. Modlin, proprietor, who received a broken arm, William Dill, a fractured wrist, and Mrs. William Dill, a sprained back and a broken leg.

The origin of the fire is unknown and the damage was estimated at \$5000.

"Messiah" To Be Presented By Choral Club

Handel's "Messiah" will be presented Sunday afternoon, December 14th in the Roanoke Rapids High School auditorium at 4 o'clock by the Choral Club, which is composed of seventy voices, under the direction of Mr. C. L. Williams.

The public is extended a cordial invitation to attend.

Pageant To Be Given Sunday At Episcopal Church

A Christmas Pageant will be presented Sunday afternoon, December 14th at 4 o'clock in Grace Episcopal Church.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

School Employees Asked To Buy Defense Bonds

The following letter was sent out on December 8th by V. C. Matthews, Superintendent of Halifax County Schools:

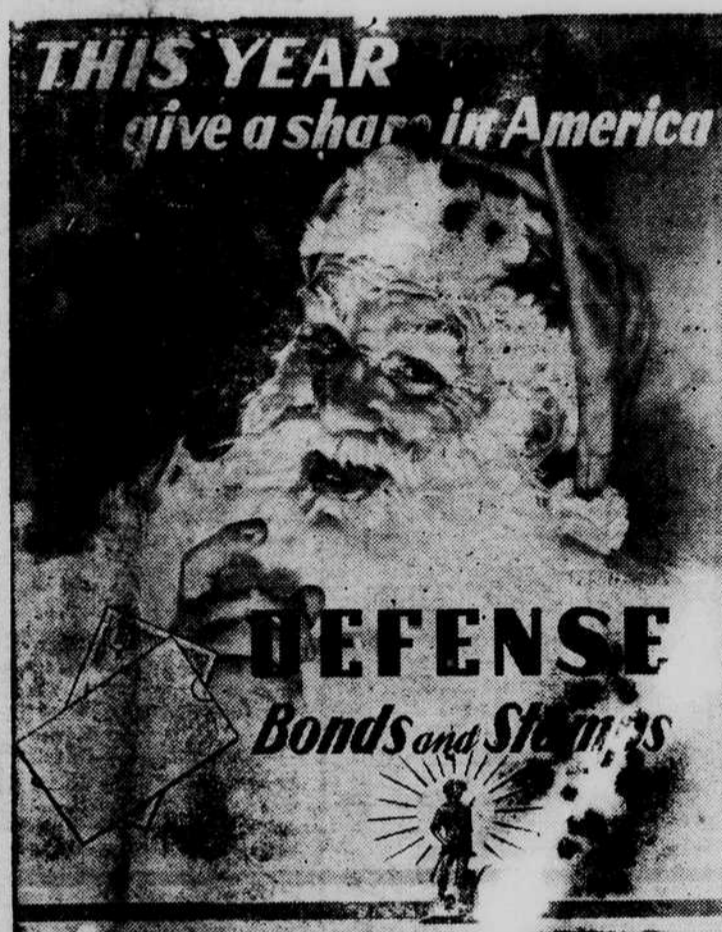
TO THE EMPLOYEES OF HALIFAX COUNTY SCHOOLS:

The time has now come when, I think, each of us should make the defense of our country our first consideration. I am going to suggest that each employee working in the schools of Halifax County buy at least one Defense Bond if you have not already done so. In making this suggestion, I have in mind teachers, janitors, bus mechanics, plumbers, repair men, and office workers. I dictated a similar letter on August 29, but hoping against hope that war would not come, this letter was not sent to all employees. But now since war has come with vengeance let us make the Schools of Halifax County 100 per cent strong for Defense. It may be that many teachers can encourage children to buy stamps and eventually secure bonds. As soon as any school is able to report all employee participating in the purchase of bonds this office will appreciate knowing about it.

It is possible for every employee including students from the 1st grade through high school, to prove his or her patriotic devotion to our Country by practicing the highest type of citizenship in the school room and on the playgrounds. The proper use and care of all school property is a real test of our citizenship. We have tried with all of our might, with the money we have to spend, to give you a reasonable place in which to have schools. Fuel, water and lights, school equipment, textbooks, etc., may not be available in the not far distant future.

Read this letter carefully and then do something more and better than anything I have suggested and I shall be glad.

I am, sincerely yours,
V. C. MATTHEWS, Supt.



SANTA CLAUS CAN HELP AMERICAN DEFENSE! This poster, drawn by J. W. and W. J. Wilkinson, a father and son artist team of Baltimore, reminds Americans that they can help the Defense Program this Christmas by giving Defense Bonds and Stamps in addition to the usual presents. Nation-wide distribution of this poster has been made, especially in the windows of 500,000 retail stores where Defense Stamps—for as low as 10 cents—are now on sale.

Urges Water Officials Take Measures Against Sabotage

Raleigh, December 11th.—Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, State Health Officer, has received the following telegram from Dr. Thomas Parran, Surgeon General, United States Public Health Service:

"In view of the present emergency, urge proper officials in charge of domestic water supplies to take immediate steps against sabotage by excluding all unauthorized persons and visitors from water works properties, to provide guards at danger points and places where sabotage may interrupt continuous maintenance of supply and to set up chlorine dosages to maintain a residual sufficient to provide disinfecting action throughout the distributing system. Letter follows."

Replying, Dr. Reynolds telegraphed Dr. Parran:

"We raised chlorine residual content water plants over State last summer. Later we began insisting on pre and post chlorination in numerous sections and are now endeavoring to extend this over State. We are communicating your message re: precautions against sabotage by quickest methods. Await your letter containing further instructions. North Carolina State Board of Health, backed by press, radio and public sentiment, solidly behind you in all-out health program to cooperate with any emergency."

FORMER LOCAL MUSIC TEACHER IN HONOLULU

Mrs. Anna Ware Smith, who for a number of years taught music in the Weldon High School is now a resident of Hawaii and lived in the city of Honolulu, which was attacked by the Japanese on Sunday.

VOTING PLACES FOR COTTON REFERENDUM: SATURDAY, DEC. 13

TOWNSHIP	PLACE
BRINKLEYVILLE	HOLLISTER OR RINGWOOD
BUTTERWOOD	AURELIAN SPRINGS SCHOOL
CONOCONNARA	TILLERY
ENFIELD	ENFIELD TOWN HALL
FAUCETTE	DARLINGTON SCHOOL
HALIFAX	HALIFAX COURT HOUSE
LITTLETON	LITTLETON TOWN HALL
PALMYRA	HOBGOOD OR PALMYRA
ROANOKE RAPIDS	SOUTH ROSEMARY SCHOOL
ROSENEATH	ROSENEATH SCHOOL
SCOTLAND NECK	SCOTLAND NECK TOWN HALL
	WELDON TOWN HALL

Soldiers Guard Weldon Bridges

Weldon got its first taste of World War No. 2 Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock when approximately 180 soldiers arrived here from Fort Bragg to be stationed here until further orders, to guard the bridge over the Roanoke River, the railroad bridges, power plant and other utilities. These men are from Company B, Ninth Division, Thirty-ninth Infantry, and Captain Hannum is the commanding officer.

The local community center has been turned over to them, and a hotwater system is being installed for their use. Tents and other necessary quarters have been erected on the community center grounds.

All of the town's utilities have been placed at the disposal of these boys and every courtesy has been extended them.

RECORDERS COURT NEWS

Thomas J. King, white charged with driving while drunk not pros with leave. Judgment absolute on the bond of Arthur Bryant to be discharged upon payment of \$175.

Jefferson Reaves and Turner Barnes, colored of Roanoke Rapids were found not guilty of aiding and abetting in escape from jail.

Dan Johnson, white of Roanoke Rapids non support, prayer for judgment continued upon payment of the costs and on condition he pay or cause to be paid to his wife Marion Johnson \$10.00 per week for support of this three minor children, to give bond in the amount of \$100.00 for his appearance January 6, 1942 to show he is complying with said judgment.

Eulas Pugh, colored of Roanoke Rapids, larceny not guilty.

William Jones, defendant called and failed. Judgment absolute on bond.

Jenkins Banks, colored of Roanoke Rapids, assault six months on the roads. Suspended on payment of the costs and on condition he appear the first Tuesday of each month for two years and show good behavior.

Jenkins Banks for resisting arrest. Judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Walter Peters, colored of Roanoke Rapids, driving while drunk. Fined \$50 and costs. License revoked for 12 months.

W. D. Blaisdell, white of Roanoke Rapids, fined \$50 and costs. License revoked for 12 months for driving while drunk.

Glossie Miles and Nelson Smith reckless driving not guilty.

Hugh Smith, colored of Scotland Neck, assault with deadly weapon, 6 months on the roads. Suspended on payment of costs and good behavior for two years.

Lucius Brown, colored of Rocky Mount, speeding, judgment suspended on payment costs.

W. D. Perry, white of Louisburg speeding. Judgment suspended on payment of costs.

L. R. Spooner, white of Wilmington driving while drunk, fined \$50 and costs. License revoked for 12 months.

Claude Emory, white of Roanoke Rapids, speeding, prayer for judgment continued on payment of the costs.

Chester Mullen, colored of Weldon speeding, prayer for judgment continued on payment of the costs and on condition he does not operate a motor vehicle without same being equipped with proper speedometer.

Major Parker, colored of Roanoke Rapids, 8 months jail for violation of terms of judgment heretofore entered and 4 months jail for illegal possession of liquor.

J. W. Porch, white of Roanoke Rapids, charged with driving while drunk, not guilty.

Joe Thompson, colored of Roanoke Rapids, driving while drunk fined \$50 and costs. License revoked for 12 months.

Major Evans, colored of Hollister, not guilty of trespassing.

Doyle Keeter, white of Weldon was found guilty of driving on the wrong side of the road and judgment suspended on payment of the costs.

THE YANKEES ARE AT BAT!

Gabriel Heater one of America's foremost news commentators, used baseball language in describing the war situation tonight. He said "The Yankees Are At Bat" and went on to tell of U. S. Marines throwing off a Japanese attack on the Philippine Island of Luzon; the American flag is still flying over Wake Island indicating the small U. S. Garrison there had not surrendered as the Japs had reported earlier; the sinking of two Jap battleships and one cruiser by U. S. bombers; all of which news indicates American armed forces are taking the initiative away from the Japanese.

Halifax County Council For Defense Is Named

A. L. Hux, Halifax County Clerk of Court announced today the appointment of the following Halifax County Council of National Defense:

D. Mac Johnson, Ivey Watson, Mrs. Sam Arrington Dunn, J. W. Whitaker, Reginald W. Alston of Enfield; A. N. Martin, Mrs. W. A. Thorne, Frank S. Kemp, J. T. Chase, Mrs. Hazel Wheeler of Roanoke Rapids; W. P. White, J. Alton Whitehurst, Rev. E. C. Crawford of Hobgood; B. B. Everett, Palmyra; P. E. Shields, Mrs. Wade H. Dickens, Eric Rogers and T. R. Whitehead of Scotland Neck; R. B. Patterson, Paul E. Johnston, C. L. Kelly and H. A. House of Littleton; Luth Williams of Essex; Mrs. T. C. Qualls and Mrs. I. A. Crawley of Hollister; Clifton Moss of Ringwood; F. H. Clark, Mrs. C. R. Daniel, Rev. D. P. Moore, C. S. Vinson and W. O. Davis of Weldon, Mrs. Helen D. Marshall, W. R. Caudle, P. C. Millikin, V. C. Matthews and Dr. R. F. Young of Halifax; Mrs. Chas. F. Marks and L. A. Parks of Tillery; D. J. Knight, colored, County Farm Agent Enfield; Winifred Branch, colored, Roanoke Rapids; Walter Clark, colored, Scotland Neck and Dr. J. A. Tinsley, colored of Weldon.

The executive committee of the council is composed of D. Mac Johnson, Enfield; P. E. Shields of Scotland Neck; F. H. Clark, Weldon; A. N. Martin, Roanoke Rapids, Rev. E. C. Crawford, Hob-

good; R. B. Patterson, Littleton and P. C. Millikin, Halifax.

You will notice that one person from each town has been named on the executive committee and you will also notice that four colored citizens have been included in the council.

Volunteer registration blanks have been prepared and volunteer headquarters have been set up in the court house at Halifax.

All air craft observers have been notified that the seventeen observatory posts in Halifax County have been put into order and will go on a twenty four hour basis. Observers have also been notified to be on the alert to receive instructions from the United States Army.

D. L. Suiter of Weldon, Air Raid Warden at a control center to be established in Weldon, will select the place for the Signal Corps to erect warning equipment.

Mr. Hux has named Julian R. Allsbrook, W. J. Norwood, the Rev. Lawrence Stell of Roanoke Rapids, D. Mac Johnson and Joseph Branch of Enfield; Wade H. Dickens and Mrs. Helen D. Leggett of Scotland Neck; George C. Green of Weldon; Charles Boykin of Halifax and B. B. Everett of Palmyra to be put on the mailing list to receive Defense Materials and those named will be available as possible speakers at Mass meetings to discuss topics which may later be assigned.

Local Boy Joins U. S. Air Service

Jennings E. Knight son of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Knight of Weldon has volunteered in the United States Army Air Corps and left Raleigh today for Fort Bragg, N. C. where he will be inducted.

He is scheduled to leave there Sunday for the Wichita Falls, Texas Army Air Field where he will enter training.

Albert Jones Is Held On Rape Charge

Albert Jones, 28, formerly of Weldon but now a resident of Roanoke Rapids is being held in Roanoke Rapids jail without privilege of bond on a charge of committing rape on Marie Beale, 18 year old girl also of Roanoke Rapids.

According to the story told by Miss Beale to her mother the alleged attack took place in the Hometown section Saturday night about 10 o'clock while she was on a date with Jones. She asserted that Jones pulled her into a wooded area and threatened her with a knife. Jones admitted having intimate relations with the Beale girl but said she consented.

After relating her story to her mother the Beale girl was carried to Roanoke Rapids hospital where an examination revealed only slight bruises.

Jones was arrested in South Weldon by local officers a few hours after the act is alleged to have been committed. He was employed in one of the Roanoke Rapids mills as a textile worker.

Several Boys Of Weldon And Vicinity Are In Honolulu

Relatives here of a number of service men are anxiously awaiting news of their loved ones who were in or near Honolulu when the Japanese attack was launched there Sunday.

Jesse Harvell, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Harvell of Weldon; North Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey Taylor of Gumberry and James Atkinson son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Atkinson of Garysburg were all stationed at Oahu about thirty miles from Honolulu.

James Cooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cooper of near here and Buck Stephenson, brother of Mrs. A. P. Ellis, John Stephenson and Mrs. Lewis Edwards were both stationed at Pearl Harbour.

No news has as yet been received by anyone here.