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Volunteers Canvass For Local Red Cross Quota

Drive Underway This Week To Raise Funds

The Red Cross drive got underway this week and a house to house canvass is being made for contributions. Both business firms and homes are contributing generously.

The local theatres are cooperating in making the drive a big success. Each day next week an offering for the Red Cross will be taken at the Levon Theatre.

The Opera House will present "Hoosier Holiday" starring radio's popular entertainers "The Music Makers" featuring Dale Evans and George Byron, next Wednesday and Thursday. The program will also include a news reel.

The proceeds from this picture will be given by the manager, Mr. Eugene Batchelor, to the Red Cross.

Be sure to get the pleasure of seeing this good comedy and at the same time help a worthy cause - The Red Cross.

Cherry Advocates Close Co-operation Between Government Units

Washington, Feb. 25 -- "State governmental authorities should work in cooperation with local government in avoiding centralization of authority, except in instances where it is clearly necessary," Major R. Gregg Cherry, candidate for governor, said in an address tonight before the Washington Lions Club.

"There are a great many fields" Maor Cherry pointed out, "in which the State has found it necessary to become the central authority because otherwise an adequate program of maintenance and improvement could not be carried out."

"It proved necessary, for instance for the State to take over the schools in 1933, when if this had not been done the school system of North Carolina would have suffered a terrific recession from which it might not have recovered for a generation."

"Similarly, it proved necessary in order to have a co-ordinated and adequately developed highway system, for the State to become the central factor in that field. This has also proven to be in the best interest of the citizens of North Carolina with regard to numerous other functions."

"But, whenever and wherever possible, the retentions of local control over matters of administration of governmental functions is a sound and preferable principle."

"It is still true that local conditions are best known and best dealt with by local authorities, except in cases where the task is obviously too large to be dealt with by local sources alone."

Albert Jones, white of Weldon charged with bastardy nol pros with leave.

W. C. Merritt, white of Roanoke Rapids charged with non-support - nol pros with leave.

Charlie Garner colored of Roanoke Rapids was found guilty of non-support. Prayer for judgment continued on condition the defendant provides adequate support for his family and pay the court costs.

Alvester Williams, colored of Hobgood was found guilty of larceny and was given six months on the roads, suspended on payment of the costs and on condition he remains outside of Halifax County.

James Q. Hardy, colored plead guilty of driving drunk and was fined \$50 and costs. License revoked for 12 months.

Jordan Timery, colored of Rich Square was found guilty of driving without license and prayer for judgment continued on payment of the costs.

Bruce Mack Riley, white of Hobgood plead guilty to speeding and prayer for judgment continued on payment of the costs, and on condition he does not violate any motor vehicle law for two years.

Ellwood Wiggins, colored of Aulander plead guilty of driving without operators license and prayer for judgment was continued on payment of the costs and on condition he does not violate any motor vehicle law for two years.

Willie Lashley, colored of Roanoke Rapids was found guilty of larceny and was given four months on the roads.

Roanoke Rapids Man Commits Suicide Sunday

Kelly Duke, 45 year old white man died Sunday afternoon at his home near Teales Store, from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

According to reports it is alleged that a woman whose name was not learned, had been keeping house for Duke and another younger white man. During the week end the woman and younger man went away and were married. It is further alleged that they returned Sunday afternoon and told Duke of their marriage and their plans to live elsewhere. According to report the couple left the house and when they had gone a short distance they heard a shot and upon returning to the house found that Duke had shot himself.

An inquest into the death was conducted by Coroner F. N. Rowe Monday morning and the jury decided it was a plain case of suicide.

Duke's body was taken to his former home in Northampton County for burial.

MILK
An extra 1,000 gallons of milk a day by June 1 from family milk cows in Columbus County is the prediction of Assistant Farm Agent J. P. Quinerly of the State College Extension Service.

Tobacco plant beds offer wonderful opportunities for growing extra supplies of vegetables this summer, according to J. Y. Lassiter, Extension horticulturist at State College.



WAR BONDS
in action

More and more our armies are sending our fighting troops by parachute, disrupting enemy lines, enemy communications, but paying a heavy price in casualties. Silken fineries and their substitutes are fast passing from the market to provide safe landings for our stout fighting men. We can still buy silk and nylon for them with War Bonds and Stamps.

Weldon Chapter Red Cross Workers

- Halifax and Weldon
- When the workers call please be ready to give generously. If no one calls please take your gift of money to the bank.
- Mr. John William Brown will receive your contribution.
- Mrs. F. H. Gregory.
 - Mrs. C. E. Shaw.
 - Mrs. W. R. Caudle.
 - Mrs. L. M. Butts.
 - Mrs. Jim Harlow
 - Miss Katie Speer.
 - Miss Ellice Bounds.
 - Mrs. J. T. Maddrey.
 - Mrs. Charles R. Daniel.
 - Miss Katie Garrett.
 - Mrs. W. S. O. B. Robinson.
 - Mrs. Mike Josephson.
 - Mrs. H. V. Bounds.
 - Mrs. B. M. Bennett.
 - Mrs. C. W. Gregory.
 - Mrs. Ellis Bond.
 - Mr. A. L. Garner.
 - Mrs. A. L. Garner.
 - Mrs. A. P. Ellis.
 - Mrs. R. S. Fountain.
 - Mrs. Marion Inge.
 - Mr. W. P. Maier.
 - Mrs. H. G. Lassiter.
 - Mrs. D. W. Seifert.
 - Mr. S. E. Shirley.
 - Mr. O. G. Moorehead.
 - Mrs. J. S. Turner.
 - Mrs. Earl Douglas.
 - Mrs. W. A. Carter.
 - Miss Ida Mae Cheatham.
 - Mrs. W. Wallace.
 - Mr. B. F. Turner.
 - Mrs. C. J. Owen.
 - Miss Ola Belle Whitehead.
 - Dr. W. G. Suiter.
 - Miss Julia Rhem.
 - Mr. M. H. Mitchell.
 - Mrs. R. T. Daniel.
 - Mrs. Wm. L. Knight.
 - Mrs. D. Allen Green.
 - Mrs. W. W. Selden.
 - Mrs. C. E. King.
 - Mrs. Allen Pierce.
 - Mrs. Cam Tilghman.
 - Mrs. Al Travis.
 - Mr. L. C. Barrow.
- Colored Committee
- Dr. Cook.
 - Augustus Coffield.
 - Lucille Edwards Cook.

Meade Mitchell, Jr., At Florida Air Base Now

Miami Beach, Fla.--Meade H. Mitchell, Jr., 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Meade H. Mitchell of Weldon Halifax County, N. C., has begun studies at Army Air Forces Officer Candidate School here, which, when successfully completed, will qualify him for commission as a second lieutenant in the Air Forces.

He came to Miami Beach from North Carolina State College, where he held the rank of Corporal.

Before entering the army, he attended North Carolina State College in North Carolina.

Officers trained here direct vital administrative and supply operations of the AAF.

Mrs. C. P. Vincent has returned home after a two months visit with her daughter, Mrs. Younger Sneed of Raeford, N. C.

John R. Lipscomb

John L. Lipscomb, 82, died Monday at the home of his son after a lingering illness. Funeral services were conducted from the Wrenn Funeral Home Tuesday afternoon by the Rev. Gordon Price and the Rev. Edmund Berkley.

Survivors include five sons, Jack Lipscomb of Roanoke Rapids, C. T. Lipscomb, R. L. Lipscomb, George Lipscomb and Joe Lipscomb, all of Durham, four daughters, Mrs. I. S. Smith and Mrs. Charles McLowhorne both of Durham, Mrs. Parker Riddle of Roxboro and Mrs. Arthur Laffady of Hartsville, S. C., also one brother, Will Lipscomb and one sister, Mrs. Sally Cherry both of Washington, N. C.

New ABC Rules Now In Effect

The following telegram was received this week by the Halifax County ABC Board from the State Board in Raleigh:

"Coupons number thirteen, fourteen, fifteen and sixteen will be valid at any time during the month of March for the purchase of one quart, one fifth, two pints, or two tenths only of rationed items. After March first counties will be permitted to register applicants only on the second Tuesday in each month, namely: March fourteenth, April eleventh, May ninth, June thirteenth and July eleventh. This is mandatory in all counties."

Signed: Carl L. Williamson, Chairman N. C. Board of Alcoholic Control.

Square Dance Here Friday Night

The Weldon Lion's Club is sponsoring a square dance to be given Friday evening, March 3rd from 9:00 'til 1:00 at the Weldon Community Center. The admission is only 50c and there will be good music. Everybody come for an evening of fun and in the interest of a good cause.

Visitors in the home of Mrs. C. P. Vincent over the week end were Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Hill of Kinston and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vincent of Murfreesboro.



Your RED CROSS is at his side

Carrying the theme of the 1944 American Red Cross War Fund Appeal, and symbolic of the true service of Red Cross men and women on the far-flung fronts of the world, this reproduction of the 1944 Red Cross poster depicts the Yank soldier, in full equipment, and at his side the representatives of your Red Cross.

Allen Thomas Thompson Shot Saturday Night

An inquest was conducted here Sunday afternoon by Coroner F. N. Rowe into the death of Allen Thomas Thompson, white man of Roanoke Rapids, who was fatally shot about 10:30 Saturday night as he allegedly attempted to break into the home of G. Turner, negro who lives on the Allen Pierce farm near here.

According to evidence Thompson went to the home of Turner earlier in the night, knocked at the door and was admitted after sitting in the house for a while he declared he was going to bed there. Turner explained that he had no place for the white man to sleep and insisted that he go to his own home. Finally Thompson decided to leave and Turner, taking a lighted lantern, accompanied him out to the road and showed him the way to go home.

After Turner had returned to his home Thompson came back and beat on the door but Turner told him to leave. The white man then tried to get in the window and Turner shot over his head to scare him. Turner then handed the gun to his son Andrew Turner and told him not to let Thompson get in while he went upstairs to get more shells. Thompson then crashed a piece of wood thru the window and was coming in anyway.

Gat Turner said he heard the crash and the gun shot while he was upstairs so he left the house by another door and came to Weldon to get the officers. Upon his return home with the officers they found Thompson lying dead across the window sill, the full load of the gun having gone in his eye and lodged in his head.

Retailers Hear OPA Rep. Discuss Prices

Retailers of Women's and Girl's outerwear garments, under the jurisdiction of the Roanoke Rapids War Price and Rationing Board, were very fortunate to have Mrs. Nina M. Shaw, from the Apparel Division of the District Office of Price Administration, Raleigh, N. C., on Wednesday, February 23, 1944.

Mrs. Shaw discussed with the Retailers their duties and their problems in connection with regulation 330 covering these garments. Two meetings were conducted on Wednesday for the merchants in the Price Office of the Local War Price and Rationing Board. There were 13 retailers present at the morning meeting and 5 present at the afternoon meeting. The merchants found Mrs. Shaw's talk very informative and helpful and Mrs. Shaw was favorably impressed with the intelligence and the cooperative spirit of the retailers.

These two meetings, with an excellent representation, were among the most successful price meetings held by this board.

COTTON SEED
More than 17,000 bushels of purebred cotton seed, direct from breeders, will give a big push to the One-Variety Cotton Improvement Program in North Carolina, reports J. A. Shanklin of State College.

Roanoke Rapids with the Rev. Edmund Berkley in charge.

Survivors include his mother, his wife, four children, two brothers, Paul Thompson of Garysburg, William Thompson of Emporia, Va., and one sister, Mrs. Nelson Pruden of Roanoke Rapids.



JUNIOR RED CROSS HELPS—Here members of the Junior Red Cross pack boxes of afghans, bed room slippers and games in the Red Cross Eastern Area storage depot, for shipment to military hospitals in the United States and abroad.

Two Marine Fliers Have Narrow Escape Tuesday

Navy Dive Bomber Pilot Makes Forced Landing Near Here

Weldon Boy Scouts Hold Meeting

A regular meeting of the Weldon Boy Scouts was held on February 25. Mr. Richardson told each patrol which corner they were to have. There were twenty four Scouts present at the meeting. We hope that all the Scouts will be present at the next meeting. We want all boys who are twelve years old who want to become Boy Scouts to come to the meeting which will be held Friday night at 7:15 P. M. on March 3rd at the Boy Scout Hut.

Bill Kittner, Boy Scout Scribe.

Weldon Girl's Hi-Y

February the 26th the Weldon Girl's Hi-Y held its regular meeting in a large hall of Ballard Mohorn. The meeting opened with the Hi-Y code and songs. The high-light of the evening was a reading, Alice Duer Miller's "The White Cliffs", by Mrs. Pierce Johnson. Everyone enjoyed it very much. After the business the meeting was closed with the benediction. Delicious refreshments were served.

A Marine Lieutenant made a skillful forced landing in a new late-type dive bomber at Tilghman's Cross roads near here at noon Tuesday.

Accompanied by a Marine Corporal who served as gunner-radio operator, the Lieutenant was on a routine flight when he became lost. He cruised around for hours in the fog until his gas ran low, then he came down low looking for a landing place. He picked out the large open field which he saw through an opening in the fog and with the landing gear pulled up so the plane would not rise over, brought the fast plane in on the bottom of the fuselage.

The pilot was uninjured and the Corporal received only a slight leg injury while the plane was only slightly damaged.

A crew of Marines with special equipment loaded the plane on a large truck Wednesday. With the wings folded back the plane was started back to the base at Greenville where it will be repaired and thoroughly inspected before it is used again.

Sgt. John Shearin, Jr. of New York, N. Y. was in Weldon for a few days the first of the week.

One-Man Crime Wave Hits Weldon Tuesday Night

Peanut Prices May Be Higher During Year '44

Peanut growers of seven southern states presented an united front to the Commodity Credit Corporation recently at Washington, D. C. and after two days of conferences made some gains in their firm and oft-repeated demand that they be heard in the formulation of the contract for handling the 1944 peanut crop, and in the price to be paid for same. Near the close of the sessions, after the leaders of the growers had told J. B. Hutson, president of the Commodity Credit Corporation, that the growers demanded an answer to their requests, Mr. Hutson retired to confer with Marvin Jones, head of the War Food Administration, and his price committee, and returned with some concessions for the growers. He then agreed to meet with a committee representing the growers to handle the support price situation, and this committee comprising one representative from each state, was immediately named by the several state delegations.

The committee went into session Friday morning after the 200 or more growers who had been on the scene for two days and returned to their homes. J. B. Fearing of Windsor was elected to represent North Carolina and the committee continued in session through Tuesday of this week. At that time it was announced that the price committee of the CCC had agreed to a new price and had recommended same to Administrator Jones for approval. It was indicated that the situation would favor the growers and that a definite answer might be expected from Mr. Jones in a few days.

The committee which went from this state to represent North Carolina, having been selected at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation, was composed of R. V. Knight of Tarboro as chairman, Charles J. Shields of Scotland Neck, S. N. Clark, Sr., of Tarboro, C. S. Alexander of Scotland Neck, I. G. Riddick of Gatesville, J. G. Spiers of Como, J. F. Turner of Jackson, J. B. Fearing of Windsor, W. Robert Everett of Nashville and Palmyra, R. Flake Shaw of Greensboro, secretary of the State Farm Bureau, and Eric W. Rodgers of Scotland Neck. This committee invited B. B. Everett of Palmyra and W. W. Eagles of Macesfield, both state officials of the Farm Bureau and well versed on the peanut question, to accompany them, but

Monday night a thief entered the Avenue Service Station where the safe was broken open and \$126.00 taken. Entrance was made through the side window of the Weldon Mattress Company was broken open and some tools were removed, the Weldon High School was entered and some fountain pens were missing and a car belonging to a tourist who was spending the night in the D. R. Anderson home was broken open and several articles removed.

The thief John Henry Jackson, 26, year old Tarboro negro, was arrested in Enfield Tuesday morning by Chief of Police Ferris Sykes on information from Chief of Police P. R. Kitchen and Deputy Sheriff J. L. Mountcastle of Weldon. He confessed the crime and is being held in Halifax jail on charges of breaking and entering, larceny and receiving stolen goods.

Jackson who had a long prison record was released last Saturday from the prison camp near Halifax where he had just finished serving a term for larceny. He was arrested here Saturday afternoon for public drunkenness and fined in court here Monday morning.

Black Markets Cause Gas Shortage

Raleigh, Feb. 29 -- The spread of gasoline black markets in the South, in which gas is purchased with stolen or counterfeit coupons, has caused the temporary "drying up" of filling stations in several areas, notably in North Carolina, the Office of Price Administration has announced.

Gasoline black markets, OPA officials admit is one of their most serious problems and Theodore S. Johnson, district director of OPA at Raleigh said: "It is doing more than encouraging crime; it is actually sapping the strength of the whole war effort and is robbing honest car owners of their share of the nation's limited supply."

"It should be remembered," he continued, "that there is only so much gasoline available for home use and that amount cannot be increased because there is an actual shortage of petroleum, too. It has been estimated that black market parasites are robbing motorists of about 45 gallons of driving each month. But for this illegal, black market drain, the

they were unable to do so, and Charles J. Shields was unable to make the trip. The committee therefore invited R. Hunter Pope of Enfield and Robert Shields of Scotland Neck to accompany them.

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