

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."

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

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.



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. The coroner's jury presented a verdict of justifiable homicide. Funeral services for Thompson were held Monday afternoon from the Wrenn Funeral Home in 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.

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. noke 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.

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

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.

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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.

Roanoke Rapids Man Commits Suicide Sunday

Kelly Duke, 45 year old white man died Sunday afternoon at his home near Teeles 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. U. S. Treasury Department



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.