

**Instruments Needed  
for Overseas  
Service Men Now**

E. I. Joe is not only going to continue blasting Japs and Nazis at an ever increasing rate, but is going to do it to music -- thanks to a nation wide campaign to collect musical instruments for the boys across the seas. This campaign, now going into its fifth week, is being sponsored in Roanoke Rapids by the Weldon Coca-Cola Bottling Company, at the request of the War Department.

Small instruments such as harmonicas, accordians, guitars, banjos, etc., are particularly needed. Those wishing to donate are asked to take them to any "Coca-Cola" dealer. "Coca-Cola" trucks will pick them up and forward them to the Army, which will send them overseas at once.

Weldon and Roanoke Rapids are hundreds of musical instruments that would delight the hearts of lonesome soldiers. Everyone is urged to dig down in attics and storage places for those musical instruments that aren't being used and send them to the nearest "Coca-Cola" dealers.

There are few if any comforts and a foxhole. The least we can do is give our boys a little music, according to Mr. D. W. Seim, manager of the Weldon Coca-Cola Bottling Company, who is in charge of the local campaign.



**FILE GIFTS FROM HOME**  
Miss Virginia Mitchell's job as a typewriter operator is a part of debarcation work. A Red Cross worker in Detroit, she passes out cigarettes, smoking tobacco and other items to boys on an African hospital train.

**Support Prices  
Set For  
Peanuts, Soybeans**

Prices of both peanuts and soybeans above those originally provided will be guaranteed under the 1944 price support program, according to G. T. Scott, chairman of the State AAA Committee.

Announcement of the increase in prices was made by the War Food Administration and is in accordance with recent Congressional authorization of the 1944 support program.

Under the program, peanuts in 1944 will be supported at prices to farmers of \$160 per ton for Spanish, Virginia, and Valencia types and \$145 per ton for runner types. These base prices are for peanuts having a minimum kernel content of 50 percent in the case of Valencia and runner types, and 55 percent in the case of Spanish.

Scott said. Premiums on peanuts will be established on the basis of quality. Prices originally announced were \$150 per ton for Spanish and Valencia types, and \$140 per ton for runners.

Beans produced in 1944 will be supported at a price to producers of \$2.04 per bushel for red and yellow beans grading better with 14 per cent protein content delivered to elevators or other normal delivery points. Premiums will be provided for lower content and discounts for effect for lower grades.

There will be 20 cents per bushel for brown, black and white beans.

Prices were announced by the War Food Administration in an effort to encourage planting of these crops.

"The price of these beans was increased above the proposed originally in order to give producers a price line with other crops," Scott said. The goal for peanuts is 40,720 acres and the goal for soybeans is 339,913 acres.

**RES INVITE SUBS**  
Small woods fires along the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts can be a serious menace to war-essential production. The glow of a match provides a background for a picture of coastwise shippers' attacks by marauding submarines.

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**KEEP ON**  
*Backing the Attack*  
**WITH WAR BONDS**

THURSDAY, MARCH 16th., 1944

## Jury Drawn For Civil Court Beginning On March 20

J. H. Pope	Conocoanara
Allen H. Alexander	S. Neck
J. W. Tillery	Conocoanara
I. F. Harrison	Scotland Neck
H. B. Willey	Faucetts
Henry L. Faucett	Littleton
Sterling L. Keeter	Weldon
James H. Harris, Jr.	Enfield
J. C. Pair	Faucetts
Taylor W. Crocker	R. Rapids
Clifton W. Smith	R. Rapids
H. C. Crawley	Butterwood
A. A. Hedgepeth	Faucetts
L. M. Chichester	Faucetts
R. L. Wrenn	R. Rapids
Robert T. King	Littleton
Chadlee Lee Hodges	Weldon
Albert Cooper	Littleton
E. A. Smith	Enfield
Ray R. Shearin	Butterwood
S. M. Stallings	Brinkleyville
Moody Westray	Enfield
Jacob A. Dickens	Weldon
J. A. Acree	Roa. Rapids
H. E. Pope	Littleton
M. A. Butts	Faucetts
Willie R. King	Littleton
E. A. Cross	R. Rapids
Willie Brantley	R. Rapids
L. N. Howard	S. Neck

## RECORDERS COURT NEWS

Andrew Turner, colored of Weldon charged with murder of Allen Thompson was given a hearing and no probable cause was found. Frank Pittman, white of Whitakers plead guilty of driving while drunk and was fined \$50 and costs. License revoked for 12 months.

Willis Knox, white of Bethel, charged with abandonment and non-support prayer for judgment continued to March 28, 1944.

Milton J. Powell, white of Roanoke Rapids plead guilty to driving drunk and was fined \$50 and costs and license revoked for 12 months.

David Tant, white of Roanoke Rapids, charged with driving while drunk was found not guilty.

Ralph H. Gay, white, charged with abandonment and non-support prayer for judgment continued on payment of the costs and the sum of \$10 per week for support of his minor children.

Willie Jones, white of Weldon, charged with illegal possession of liquor was given 6 months on the roads, suspended on payment of the costs and good behavior for two years.

Robert Faucett, white of Roanoke Rapids, charged with illegal possession of liquor and public drunkenness was found guilty and prayer for judgment continued on payment of the costs and good behavior for two years.

Willie Jeffries, colored of Roanoke Rapids was found guilty of assault on a female and drunk and disorderly and was given 6 months on the roads, suspended on payment of a fine of \$20.00 and costs and on condition he remains of good behavior for two years.

Mrs. McClees of Anderson, S. C. arrived here today to visit Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence MacKirdy.

## T. M. Smithwick

Theodore M. Smithwick, 50, who for a number of years was manager of the local A. and P. Store, died Thursday in Elizabeth City. Funeral services were conducted from his home near Aurora Friday afternoon and burial followed in the family cemetery.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Mary E. Nixon of Beaufort County, two brothers and two sisters.

## P.T.A. To Hold Meet

The Parent-Teacher Association will meet Monday afternoon at 3:30 in the High School Library. Mrs. W. O. Davis will be the speaker for the afternoon and will use as her subject "Teen-Age Children."

All members are urged to be present and visitors are cordially invited to attend also.

## MINNIE PEARL



Featured in W. S. M. Grand Ole Opry show appearing at the Roanoke Rapids High School Auditorium next Tuesday night, March 21st at 7:00 and 9:30 o'clock.

## Negro Is Killed At Rail Crossing

Major Hunter, Negro, was killed instantly and his brother, Caesar Hunter was critically injured when the fertilizer truck in which they were riding was struck by a southbound streamliner of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad about 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at a northern intersection here. It was not determined immediately which of the brothers was driving the truck.

The truck was demolished. The train stopped following the accident and carried Caesar Hunter to a Rocky Mount Hospital. It was understood that his condition was critical.

The Negro brothers were sons of Minnie Hunter of near Enfield.

## Scout Camporee To Be Held Here

Plans are being made for the Halifax District Boy Scout Camporee to be held here this year on May 5, 6 and 7th. The camp will be set up in the ball park and between 4 and 5 hundred boys are expected to attend.

More complete details will be found in a later edition of this newspaper.

## Pi Tau Sigma Initiates



RICHARD M. WEATHERLY HUGH C. MURRILL  
S. L. FURCHES JOHN M. SIMMONS

Raleigh, March 15th -- Four leading students have recently been initiated into the State College Chapter of Pi Tau Sigma, national honorary mechanical engineering fraternity. Newly chosen members, who were selected for their scholastic accom-

## Youth Of County Invited To Join In Food Contest

Nationwide Vegetable Production and Marketing Competition for \$6,000 in Scholarships Announced.

North Carolina boys and girls, between the ages of 14 and 20 and with two years' experience in vegetable gardening, are eligible to compete in the \$6,000 wartime food production and marketing contest of the National Junior Vegetable Growers' Association, it was announced today.

L. R. Harrill, state 4-H Club leader, joined with Earle Parsons, Jr., twenty year old Northampton (Mass.) president of the association, in inviting both farm and city youth to register for the fourth annual contest immediately. Additional information may be obtained from county 4-H leaders or by writing Harrill at North Carolina State College in Raleigh.

Contestants from this county will compete for a \$500 national scholarship, a Southern regional award of \$200 or for one of the ten sectional awards of \$100 from a scholarship fund provided for the association by the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company, Parsons said. In addition two \$25 war bonds are offered to other outstanding contestants from the state.

"Our association feels that by encouraging boys and girls to study and utilize more efficient methods of producing an marketing vegetables we are helping conserve manpower in a year in which every pound of food is needed," Parsons said. "In this contest it is not how big a vegetable grower you are, but how good a grower."

North Carolina contestants ranked high in the contest last year. Rufus Benton Turner of Polkton, was named regional champion while sectional winners included Marcelene Simmons, of R. F. D. 1, Mt. Airy; William Breedlove of R. F. D. 2, Nashville and Howard T. Blalock, R. F. D. 1, Durham. War bonds winners were Milton Ward of R. F. D. 2, Clinton and Carmel Hollingsworth of R. F. D. 1, Waynesville.

Winners of the 1944 contest, who will be announced in December, will be based on grades achieved in studies of a five unit course on production and marketing methods, a report on the contestant's vegetable project and a summary of community activities.

## W. T. Shaw Attends Meeting, Greensboro

W. T. Shaw attended a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees of Allied Churches in Greensboro, N. C. During the session a platform was formulated and adopted and will be made public soon.

**SUPERIOR COURT**  
A one week term of Civil Court will begin Monday with Judge Walter J. Bone of Nashville presiding.

## PLANT FOR BOGUS COUPONS IS FOUND IN HALIFAX COUNTY

### J. D. Hartsoe Is Now U. S. Fighter Pilot

Receives Pilots Wings and Officers Commission at Graduation Exercises At Georgia School

Spence Field, Ga., March 11th-- Joseph Della Hartsoe, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Hartsoe of First St., Weldon, North Carolina was appointed a second lieutenant in the Army of the United States, Air Corps, and awarded his silver wings and the rating of Pilot on March 12th in colorful graduation exercises at this AAF Training Command Advanced Single Engine Pilot School.

Prior to his enlistment in the Army Air Corps he attended N. Carolina State College.

"Fighter pilots must have fighting hearts," Maj. James D. C. Robinson, now commanding officer of a fighter squadron at the Thomasville (Ga.) Army Air Base told the graduating class in the principal address at the graduation ceremonies.

Major Robinson, back from combat in the southwest Pacific where he saw action at Guadalcanal and other points, gave the graduates advice on what to do when flying over flak and what to do when a Jap zero was on their tails, - advice that Lt. Col. Willard V. Brown, Spence Field's commanding officer said when he introduced Maj. Robinson "might save their lives someday."

"When flying over flak" the major said, "don't fly straight and level; change altitude, roll, climb, zoom - and flak won't bother you. When a zero is on your tail, outsmart the Jap, don't try to out-acrobat him."

"Experience and an understanding of the enemy, his equipment and his tactics are the primary requisites of a fighter pilot" Maj. Robinson said.

The hard-earned silver wings of a rated Pilot were presented to the graduates by Capt. Theodore G. Ramsdell, commanding officer of Group II, after Capt. Dwight W. Pratt, School Secretary, had administered the oath of office to the class as a group.

An Office of Price Administration agent and members of the Halifax County sheriff's department are conducting an investigation into the origin of counterfeit gasoline rationing coupons being circulated in this section.

Although no arrests have been made, the investigation thus far has resulted in the finding of a job-shop printing press apparently used for printing bogus coupons. They also reported finding a motor used to run the press.

The press was found on Tuesday in a vacant house about two and a half miles from Aurelian Springs.

And Friday upon further investigation the investigators found some of the type used on the press and also found a supply of the water marked paper used by the OPA for printing official coupons. Officers estimated that the paper found was sufficient to permit printing of coupons with total "value" of at least 15,000 gallons of gasoline.

It appeared that the operators of the press planned to print the coupons in strips, as the paper was not in whole sheets, but in a size which led to belief that they were "ends" cut from the whole sheets. No stamps were found in the house.

Officers said that it has not been established whether the bogus coupons which have been circulated in this area came from the "vacant house" printing plant uncovered on Tuesday.

## OPA's Fight Against Inflation

The merchant has a responsibility in this war that has the future of the homefront at stake. He has every reason to help develop the price program. His supplies are at stake. He wants his fair share of scarce supplies at a fair price, for a few black market dealers could take large portions of scarce supplies from honest merchants. This is a protection for the honest merchant. Also the stability and security of every family and every business is at stake. We on the homefront have a job to do and do it we will. Long hours of work after regular store hours are necessary to keep prices checked, prices posted and stock in order. Inability to secure competent help makes this job more difficult. The man on the fighting front cannot leave his post because the task seems unsurmountable, the weapons few, they have a job to perform to hold back the Axis. The merchants have a job to perform to help hold back inflation. We must make it possible for the families of soldiers' to live on small incomes and for the man whose salary has been increased very little, to obtain the cost of living items necessary to him and to his family. We have not all made money during the war. It is of prime importance that prices be kept down and price ceilings adhered to. This is a job for all of us. Consumers and merchants must join hands and work together in this fight against inflation.

We are pleased to quote two letters received from merchants under this Board, expressing their views of the Price Program.

Mr. H. B. Speight, Chairman  
War Price and Rationing Board  
45:29.1  
Roanoke Rapids, N. C.

Dear Sir:  
During these days of World turmoil and strife, when everybody and everything has been thrown out of customary action, we merchants are having an exceptionally hard time trying to supply you, the consuming public, with essential living commodities. We are not complaining because of these forced conditions, we are honestly trying to do our best, under our handicaps, to serve you and we solicit your full appreciation of our efforts and your sympathetic cooperation.

Many times we cannot serve you as promptly as you want to be served, this is no more to our liking than it is to yours, we just cannot secure enough competent help to render this service. Then too, we are not able to buy enough of many items to supply

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## Mrs. Selden To Head Easter Seal Sale

Mrs. J. S. Selden, Weldon North Carolina has accepted the local chairman-ship of the annual Easter seal sale to finance the program of the North Carolina League for Crippled Children for the coming year. Opening on March 9 and continuing until Easter, the seal sale is sponsored nationally by the National Society for Crippled Children, with which forty state-wide societies for the crippled and disabled are affiliated.

In accepting the chairmanship Mrs. Selden stressed the importance of intensification of voluntary organizations in the fields of social welfare in order to keep the home front intact in the present emergency.

"Because crippled children grow up and because they want to become contributing members of society, the program of correcting physical defects through medical care and surgery assumes unusual significance this year. Symbolizing the program is the Easter seal which appears every year during the Easter season. We can all do our part to support this splendid movement in buying Easter seals and using them on our stationery", she said.

