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Pressure Cooker Clinic-- There will be a clinic for testing the pressure gauges on pressure cookers. It will be held at Jackson, N. C., at the Home Agents Office on April 12. Anyone with a pressure cooker that needs a new gage should bring it to the Home Agents Office in Halifax on April 12th. Negroes having cookers that need to go to the clinic should take them to the office of the Negro Home Demonstration Agent in Enfield.

This clinic is not a repair shop. It is strictly for testing pressure gauges. The pressure cookers will have the instruments that are necessary for making such tests. They will then tag the cookers with recommendations for such repairs as are necessary. The owners will be responsible for the doing of the repairing.

Poultry Suggestions-- Call hens as fast as they stop laying and raise pullets to replace them. Next winter two-thirds of your hens should be pullets. Eggs for market should be fertile. If you are not hatching eggs either sell or pen the roosters. A good grazing range for chickens will produce more sturdy pullets and reduce the cost of raising them. Be sure to keep down lice and mites on both hens and chicks. Why feed high priced feed to birds that are being sapped by lice and mites. See that poultry houses have good ventilation, or the hot summer months. Hens will lay better and young chicks will grow faster if they do not have to stay in a hot house.

The Vegetable Garden -- The season is late but take a chance on such things as cabbage, onions, beets, carrots, mustard, spinach, leaf lettuce and kale. If they do not do so well on account of the lateness of the season, the same ground can be put to later crops or second plantings of some other vegetables. Side dress early vegetables with nitrate of soda. Second plantings of tomatoes and cabbages are good for later crops. Collards planted in April will give before frost collards for the table. Keep unplanted garden areas cultivated just as if it were planted. Working the soil makes it soft, holds moisture and keeps down weeds.

Preserving Eggs-- Eggs are plentiful now. Producers and homemakers can preserve eggs to use them for cooking eggs several months later. The Bureau of Human Nutrition makes the following suggestions. Sterile eggs should be used for storage. 1st Eggs may be dipped in the lightest weight of mineral oil that has been warmed just enough to hold your hand in it. Drain off, pack in clean baskets and store in a cool place, preferable a cellar. 2nd. Use one quart of water - glass or sodium silicate to 9 quarts of water that has been boiled and cooled. Pack clean eggs in a 5 gallon crock or jar and cover with water - glass solution. This will take care of 15 or 15 dozen eggs. Keep eggs 2 inches under solution by adding more solution as it evaporates. Keep jar covered and in a cool place. 3rd. Can eggs in carbon dioxide gas. Use half gallon fruit jars with good lids and new rubber rings. Place in bottom of jar two lumps of dry ice the size of walnuts. Fill jar with eggs. When the dry ice stops fuming and the jar is filled with a white vapor screw on the lid tight. Set away in a cool place. When the jar is opened, use the eggs in a few days or keep them in a refrigerator. Eggs stored now will look good to a housewife next fall when they are high in price and hard to get at any price.

Every Family Should Have-- Yes, every family should have a few multiplying onions and salt onions in their gardens. This makes the family independent of an onion shortage on the market when it comes to onions for seasoning. Regular onions should be grown for regular eating, but these others should always be there for use in seasoning various dishes. When a woman can step into the garden and pull up a small onion to cook with liver for supper any family will be happier. There are many other dishes that are improved as much by adding a touch of onion.

Friends of Miss Susan Shephard will regret to learn she is a patient in Roanoke Rapids Hospital where she underwent an appendicitis operation on Tuesday night.

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YOUR ESTIMATED INCOME TAX

THE DECLARATION OF ESTIMATED TAX ITS PURPOSE

On or before April 15, 1944, fifteen million people, including those who have taxable income, must file declarations of estimated income and victory tax for 1944 and make a quarterly payment on the basis of those declarations. Original declarations are due until April 15, in order to include provisions of the new revenue bill, the Revenue Act of 1943, which did not become law until February 25, 1944 and which changed in some respects the basis for estimating the 1944 tax. Certain farmers may elect to wait until December 15 before they file and persons who are outside the continental United States on April 15 need not file their declarations at that time.

The 1944 declaration forms, Form 1040-ES, are printed slips 3-3/4 x 8 inches, similar in appearance and general contents to the forms used for the 1943 declarations in September and December, 1943. They have been mailed to all persons who filed declarations last year. Taxpayers who are required to file for the first time this year may obtain copies from any Collector of Internal Revenue, together with work sheets which will be of assistance in preparing the estimate of tax for 1944.

These declarations are part of the pay as you go system of tax collections which enable every taxpayer, so far as possible, to keep substantially up to date on his income tax payments. The income tax is a major part of the Federal Government's method of paying for the war and all other governmental costs. Of the 50 million who filed income tax returns for 1943, the majority had their taxes paid in full through withholding from their wages. Withholding, however, covers only the normal income tax at 6 percent, the surtax at the lowest bracket rate of 13 per cent, and the victory tax at 3 per cent. People with income in the higher brackets must therefore make additional payments during the year in order to keep current and not fall behind in their tax payments.

Furthermore, withholding applies only to certain wages and salaries and not to (a) wages and salaries paid to such persons as members of the armed forces, clergymen, agricultural labor, and domestics, nor to (b) other forms of income, such as business profits, returns from farming, interest, dividends and rents. Since taxes are not usually collected at the source from such incomes, the declarations with their quarterly payments have the important function of keeping people with income from these sources up to date with their tax payments for 1944. Since the amount of tax due for the year cannot be known at this time, the law provides that the current quarterly payments shall be made on the basis of an estimate, and after the close of the year the taxpayer can then determine his tax liability on the basis of actual figures as shown in his regular income tax return for the year.

When the declaration is filed, showing the taxpayer's estimate of his probable tax for 1944, it should be accompanied by the first quarterly installment payment of estimated tax, and the remainder of the tax should be paid on or before June 15, September 15 and December 15. Thus the current payment of estimated tax for 1944 is to be made on or before April 15, entirely separate and distinct from the payment, if any, made on or before March 15, 1944 on account of the 1943 tax.

Meade Mitchell Files For County Board From Weldon District

Meade H. Mitchell of Weldon filed as candidate for the nomination of member of the Halifax County Board of Commissioners to represent the Weldon-Faucett District this week. He is well qualified to represent this district on the Board, having served as secretary to the Board during the eleven years he was Halifax County Register of Deeds. Mr. Mitchell is well-known and liked throughout the District and County. He knows the people and is familiar with their problems and can ably serve them on the County Board.

FIRST ROCKFISH

The Rockfish are here and the first one reported to the "NEWS" was caught this afternoon by Louis Glasgow of Weldon.

Glasgow and his fishing companion, Haywood Simon, had been out fishing only a few minutes when the fish was caught and they did not try for anymore, but rushed back to the bank to display the first fish. Roanoke River has been in flood stage for the past several weeks and today was the first time it was low enough for the fishermen to try their nets. It is still too muddy for trolling. The water should clear up in a week or ten days and permit fishing with rods and reels. This will depend on whether or not more rains come during this time to muddy the water.

Pulpwood Supplies Falling As War Demands Rise

The vital needs of our armed services and war industries for pulpwood products are running ahead of current production despite improvements in recent months, the Office of War Information disclosed this week in a comprehensive report emphasizing the important role of pulpwood in war production.

Mill inventories, which are necessary to keep mills running when unreasonable weather prevents the cutting or hauling of wood from the forests, will drop to a new low of a little more than 2,000,000 cords this month, the OWI said. At the end of last year this reserve was 2,833,000 cords, while at the close of 1942 it was 3,376,000 cords.

Although the War Production Board has tried desperately to provide more pulpwood products for war by curtailing civilian uses of paper, the OWI stated that consumption of all grades of paper and paperboard last year was the highest in history except for the record year of 1941.

"The reason for this," said OWI, "is large war demands for paper and paperboard imposed on high civilian demand." Greater pulpwood production is necessary this year, the report indicated, if all war needs are to be met. While the decline in pulpwood production that began in the fall of 1942 has been halted, largely through the efforts of local Victory Pulpwood Committees and campaign newspapers, requirements still exceed the supply.

"The task now," said OWI "is to turn the receipts curve upward again." OWI gave three principal reasons for the current pulpwood shortage. They are: (1) shortage of manpower in the woods to cut pulpwood; (2) wearing out of trucks, which carry 90 percent of the country's pulpwood; and (3) decline in imports.

Pointing out that more than 70 percent of this nation's paper and paperboard go to war directly or help maintain the war economy at home, the OWI report cited containers for foods, medical supplies, parts of weapons, etcetera.

Multi-wall shipping bags, used largely as a substitute for metal and wood containers in the packaging of farm products, and building paperboard and paper, used in the construction of military shelters, war plants, airports and defense housing, were listed as other important war uses of pulpwood. Federal government agencies, other than the Army and Navy, use only 1.2 percent of the country's total supply of paper and paperboard, the report stated. Newsprint accounts for only 4.3 percent of total paper and paperboard production in the United States. Coarse and multi-wall paper, container board and folding boxboard together represent over half of all domestic production from pulpwood.

MAJOR CHERRY HAS DISTINGUISHED RECORD



1898-Orphaned at seven, raised by grandparents

Jan. 1917 - Graduated from Justice Herrick High School as Speaker of N.C. House

1900-1911 Worked on Uncle's Farm

Aug-1937 Became N.C. State Democratic Chairman, Serving Until 1940

1928 Elected State Commander, American Legion, Dept. of N.C.

1918-As Captain of Machine Gun Company, participated in breaking Hindenburg Line

A distinguished service to the citizens of North Carolina, both as a public servant in peacetime and as a machine-gun company captain during the First World War, is contained in the record of Major R. Gregg Cherry, 52-year-old Gastonia candidate for the governorship subject to the 1944 Democratic primary. Orphaned at seven, Major Cherry was raised by his grandparents, worked on the farm and later on the Trinity College campus at Durham to obtain his education. He became and has remained a successful attorney, with his legal career having been interrupted, however, in 1917 when he volunteered his services in the First World War, serving overseas and rising to the rank of captain in the regular Army and later to the rank of major in the National Guard in which he was active until 1923. Founder and commander of Gaston county's first American Legion post, he became State Commander of the N. C. Department of the American Legion in 1928. Prominent in fraternal and religious life, he is a member of the Masonic bodies, was Grand Master of the Knights of Pythias in 1924 and has for many years been a member of the Board of Stewards of Gastonia's Main Street Methodist Church. He has served in every session of the N. C. General Assembly since 1931, seven terms in the House and two in the Senate. He was Speaker of the House in the regular session of 1937 and in the special sessions of 1936 and 1939. He was chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee from 1937 to August, 1940, a member of the State textbook rental commission in 1937 and of the State school commission from 1933 to 1941. In every legislative session since 1931 he has been a member of the finance committee and either the House or Senate and has held numerous other important legislative chairmanships and memberships.

Halifax District Leads Council

Halifax District, Boy Scouts of America Leads East Carolina Council in Total Scout Membership

The East Carolina Council, Boy Scouts of America, quarterly report distributed to members of the Executive Board of the Council, at their regular quarterly meeting, showed Halifax District leading the Council in the total Scout and Scouter membership with a total of 693. Craven District was second with a total of 687. Rocky Mount third with a total of 664. Wilson was fourth in the Council with a total of 490.

Halifax District is composed of Northampton and Halifax Counties. Although Scouting is old in this area the district organization is comparatively young. This is the first time in the history of the Council that Halifax District has led in the total membership, and is hailed by Scouters of the District as an indication of the progress of Scouting as well as the eventual goal that they hope to obtain.

The figures given show that Halifax has a membership as follows: Scouts 466, Cubs 87, Leaders 140, total 693. While this district was leading in the total membership it was learned that to become the leading district in all phases of Scouting would require a great deal more effort on the part of the District members, as the Cubbing report showed Halifax in second place in membership, but fourth place in cub growth. The Scouting picture showed Halifax to be second in membership but sixth in growth. Craven is leading in Cub membership with a total of 141 while Rocky Mount is leading in Scout membership with a total of 525.

The report by the Scout Executive showed that one of the few communities boasting an Air Scout Patrol for older boys was organized by Scoutmaster Ben Richardson of Weldon, and that this Air Scout Patrol was the first and only unit of its kind to be organized in Halifax District.

RECORDERS COURT NEWS

Tom Davis colored of Weldon, charged with illegal possession of liquor was found not guilty.

Junius Dickens, Jr., and Ellwood Davis, colored of Scotland Neck township were found guilty of being drunk and disorderly and assault and were given six months on the roads each to be suspended on payment of the costs and pay for repairing the glass broken in the car of Marshall Powell and on condition each remains of good behavior for two years during which time they are to refrain from the use of alcoholic beverages.

Leonard Sneed and Ida Brinson colored of Enfield charged with affray, prayer for judgment continued as to Ida Brinson on good behavior for two years. Leonard Sneed was given six months on the roads to be suspended on payment of a fine of \$15 and costs and good behavior for two years.

Rfus Riley, white of Hobgood pleaded guilty to driving without operators license and was fined \$10 and costs and license revoked for 12 months.

Barry Clark Leaves

Barry Clark has left Malden, Mo. to begin his advanced training in the U. S. Army Air Force. His address now is: Air Cadet Robert Barry Clark 14172972 Co. 3 - 44E. George Field Lawrenceville, Ill.

Wayland Maddrey Completes LST Training Recently

J. Wayland Maddrey, 52 years old, whose family resides at Weldon, N. C. is now an integral member of the Amphibious Forces of the United States Navy. At the completion of his preliminary LST training at the Amphibious Training Base, Camp Bradford, N. O. B., Norfolk, Virginia, J. W. Maddrey has been assigned to the crew of an LST as a Radio for "sticker" active duty.

The LST is especially constructed for the transporting of troops and heavy equipment. It has a bow that can be opened when it comes into the beach which enables men and equipment to land ready for action. This type of amphibious craft is as large as a destroyer, and it is the largest of the amphibious ships capable of making landings directly on the beach.

Like the Naval Air Force and the Submarine Service, the physical requirements of the Amphibious Force are greater than for the other branches of the Naval Service. To qualify for assignment to any of the amphibious craft, a candidate must successfully complete a thorough and varied curriculum.

The Amphibious Force is one of the branches of the Navy that is now playing an important role in carrying the attack to the enemy. In every landing that has been made to date, the Amphibious Force has carried the men and material into the beaches, such is the quality of the training given to both officers and enlisted men, and the sturdiness of the craft which they operate.

WAC Recruiters Are In Vicinity

Lieutenant Margaret Pegram, Pfc Olga Konaes and Pfc. Cora McPherson have been in Weldon this week on Tuesday and Wednesday and will be in Roanoke Rapids Thursday and Friday and in Ahoskie Saturday morning recruiting for the Women's Army Corps.

Local women are expected to be particularly interested since those now entering the service have the opportunity of selecting duty with the Army Air Forces, Ground or Service forces and are also allowed to select the camp where they wish to serve. Two hundred and thirty nine jobs in the Army are now being filled by Women. Each new applicant is privileged to select the job for which she is best qualified.

Lions To Sponsor Square Dance

The Weldon Lions Club will sponsor a Square Dance next Wednesday night, April 12th at the Community Center. The net proceeds will be placed in the Blind Fund.

William Henry Barnes, Sr.

Funeral services were conducted from the home of his daughter here Tuesday afternoon for William Henry Barnes, Sr., 60 who died in Roanoke Rapids Hospital Sunday afternoon after a short illness. The rites were conducted by the Rev. D. L. Fouts. Besides his daughter, Mrs. Wheeler, Mr. Barnes is survived by four sons, three of whom are in the service of their country.

Mrs. Annie B. Butts

Mrs. Annie Brewer Butts, 73, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. G. D. Knight of Norfolk, at 10:45 o'clock Wednesday morning after an illness of seven months. Death was due to complications. She was the daughter of the late Caleb and Mary Jane Brewer of Halifax County, the wife of the late Sterling Benjamin Butts of Halifax County, and a member of the Taber Methodist Church, Aurean Springs.

Brief funeral services will be held from the home in Norlina at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon, followed by services in the Taber Church at 4 o'clock, with the Rev. Daniel Boone of Lenoir, assisted by the Rev. W. T. Phipps, Methodist minister and the Rev. J. F. Roach, Baptist minister, both of Norlina and the Rev. J. T. Draper of Warrington. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

Surviving are one son, L. M. Butts of Halifax; one daughter Mrs. G. D. Knight of Norlina; two brothers, J. L. Brewer of Suffolk, Va., and E. M. Brewer of Roanoke, Va.; two sisters, Mrs. Alice Glasgow of Lenoir and Mrs. W. J. Stanley of Lynchburg, Va.; three grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

Church Services On Good Friday

The following exercises in observance of Good Friday and the pre-Easter season will be held and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Grace Episcopal Church, Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Morning prayer and sermon.

The Baptist Church, Friday night at 7:30 o'clock. Ordination and service of dedication.

State Purchases Another Test Farm

Raleigh, N. C., March 31st--- F. E. Miller, director of the State Test Farms division of the State Department of Agriculture, announced recently that a \$24,000 check has been sent W. M. Transou in full payment for the 425-acre Ashe County farm purchased from him. Miller said that Transou has been named resident foreman of the farm.

Officials of the Department conferred on plans for three barns for beef cattle, sheep and the dairy herd. Besides Transou, two other families will reside on the farm and supply much of the labor for it, said Miller.