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## Looking Over Our District's Health

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That tuberculosis can be found and is most easily cured in the early stages is a fact that has grown

more and more apparent with repetition, yet the great majority of people fail to translate this into the action that will safeguard themselves and their families from the disease.

But what are the facts? In four years death from tuberculosis surpasses the number of those killed in all the wars the United States has ever fought. If the losses of one year from tuberculosis could be attributed to enemy action, the nation would be shocked with grief and would vow vengeance at any cost. Yet, the slow and dramatic drifting away of lives goes on, day by day, though proof has been added to proof that this can be stopped. The entire country is awakening, all too slowly, to the fact that we are at war and that it is a war in which we stand to win or lose all. There is no compromise now. We have been at war with tuberculosis for generations, and yet, apparently only a small part of our total population is conscious of the fact that this ravaging enemy has, in the past, been far more destructive to our people than war. But, now that we are marshaling all of our forces in defense of the country, we are finding that tuberculosis is interfering seriously with our mobilization program; that it has rendered many of our apparently able-bodied men unfit for service to their country in its time of greatest need.

Tuberculosis is not only interfering with the recruiting of our armed forces, but it is a serious handicap to defense industries and menaces everything from civilian defense to the farm and fire-side.

The National Tuberculosis Association, the State Tuberculosis Association and other groups of tuberculosis workers have, for years, been pointing out the fact that tuberculosis can and should be found early, before hospitalization is needed. Even though hospitalization is the ideal way, and in spite of the fact that we know all tuberculosis patients should be hospitalized, or isolated, we must not lose sight of the fact that if we find tuberculosis early enough, no hospitalization is necessary.

Many surveys have demonstrated that most cases of tuberculosis found early requires nothing more than isolation from the source of contact, adequate rest, good food, fresh air and medical supervision. All these can be obtained in the average home where parents are willing to cooperate with the family physician, and the infected persons can be made to understand and persuaded to carry out their part of the program.

The emphasis is placed on Early Diagnosis—that is, finding tuberculosis early, when the least amount of damage has been done and when the infected person can be cured.

Tuberculosis is a problem in the Edgecombe - Halifax Health District. Last year fifty one people in the district died of it. We have a well equipped sanatorium in each county. We urge every citizen to visit his family physician for an X-ray at the Edgecombe County Sanatorium every second Tuesday afternoon from four to six, or the Halifax County Health Department every Friday from one to three.

Our job is to find the case, treat the patient and conquer the disease. This can be done. Then, while we are winning the war against tuberculosis, we will be wiping out this great "Fifth Columnist" and strengthening every offensive and defense force. Tuberculosis, the great killer in the active period of life, and the greatest killer of all communicable disease, cannot stand against those who are armed with the modern weapons and who use them intelligently.

### Memorial Service

A special Memorial Day Service will be held Sunday evening, May 28th at the regular service hour in the Weldon Baptist Church. The Rev. W. W. Finlator will preach.

## RECORDERS COURT NEWS

MAY 23rd, 1944

John D. Moseley, white, charged with assault on female was found not guilty.

William Crowder, white of Weldon was found guilty of illegal possession of non-tax paid liquor and prayer for judgment continued on payment of the costs and good behavior for two years.

Richard Cleveland Bryan, white of Winter Haven, Fla., charged with driving drunk, was called and failed - judgment absolute on bond not pros with leave.

Charlie Miller colored of Scotland Neck plead guilty of larceny and was given four months on the roads, suspended on payment of costs and good behavior for two years.

William Goodman, colored of Aurelian Springs plead guilty of assault and prayer for judgment was continued on payment of the costs and good behavior for two years.

James H. Adams of Macon plead guilty of speeding and was fined \$15.00 and costs.

Carl Bryant Finch, white of Roanoke Rapids plead guilty of larceny and was given five months on the roads.

George Brown, colored of Roanoke Rapids was found guilty of carrying a concealed weapon and was fined \$50 and costs.

George Brown and Robert Easter colored of Roanoke Rapids charged with reckless driving were found not guilty.

MAY 16th, 1944

Wesley King, colored of Enfield was found guilty of illegal possession of liquor and was given eight months on the roads to be suspended upon payment of a fine of \$35.00 and costs and that he violate no criminal statute for 2 years.

Herman S. Jenkins, colored of Wilson was found guilty of driving while drunk and hit and run and prayer for judgment continued upon payment of a fine of \$50.00 and the Court costs, and that he or his insurance company pay all necessary repair bills on account of collision with car of John Hedgepeth, the same not to exceed \$30.00. License revoked for 12 months.

Lemuel Bullock, colored of Roanoke Rapids was found guilty of public drunkenness and judgment was suspended.

Roger Hardy, colored of Enfield plead guilty to illegal possession of liquor and prayer for judgment continued on payment of the costs and on condition he does not violate any criminal statute for two years.

Howard Branch, colored of Scotland Neck plead guilty to speeding and judgment was suspended on payment of the costs.

Clerice Williams, colored of Scotland Neck was found not guilty of permitting a minor to drive a motor vehicle.

Joe Wilkins, colored of Roanoke Rapids was found guilty of illegal possession of non-tax paid liquor and was given 12 months on the roads to be suspended upon payment of a fine of \$25 and costs and that he remain of good behavior for two years during which time he is to appear the first Tuesday of each month and show good behavior.

### L. C. Barrow New Lions President

The regular meeting of the Weldon Lions Club was held on Tuesday evening in the Weldon Hotel.

During the business session the following officers were elected: President, L. C. Barrow; first vice-president, D. H. Moody; second vice-president, Fenton E. Jones; secretary, C. W. Bass; treasurer, U. B. Pierce; tail-twister, Isaac Medlin; directors, Mike Josephson and F. N. Rowe.

L. C. Barrow, Mike Josephson and Hugh Jones were chosen as delegates to the Lions Convention to be held in Charlotte on June 11, 12 and 13th.

## Election Contests Near End With Primary On Saturday

Voters over most of Halifax County will only vote a State Ballot in Saturday's Democratic election as only two contests have been staged.

Meade H. Mitchell of Weldon, veteran county official, is being opposed by Allen Pierce, also of Weldon for the office of County Commissioner from the Weldon-Faucetts District. While in the Enfield-Halifax District John B. Davis of Enfield is opposing M. W. Perry of Halifax, incumbent who has served on the County

Board of Commissioners for ten years.

For information on other primary races see official ballot below:

### NOTICE

All Weldon stores will start Wednesday half-holiday closing Wednesday, May 31st. The stores will close each Wednesday at 12 o'clock noon through June, July and August. They will also close at 10 o'clock on Saturday nights.

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## OFFICIAL DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY BALLOT

United States Senator, Congressman, State Officers

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. To vote for a candidate on the ballot make a cross (X) mark in the square at the left of his name.
2. If you tear or deface or wrongly mark this ballot, return it to the registrar and get another.

### For United States Senator

(Vote for One)

- ( ) Clyde R. Hoey
- ( ) Cameron Morrison
- ( ) Marvin Lee Ritch
- ( ) Arthur Simmons
- ( ) Giles Yeoman Newton

### For Governor

(Vote for One)

- ( ) R. Gregg Cherry
- ( ) Ralph McDonald
- ( ) Olla Ray Boyd

### For Lieutenant Governor

(Vote for One)

- ( ) W. I. Halstead
- ( ) L. Y. Ballentine
- ( ) Jamie T. Lyda

Primary election, May 27, 1944

WILLIAM T. JOYNER,

Chairman State Board of Elections.

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## OFFICIAL BALLOT

Official Democratic Primary Ballot For County Commissioner Weldon-Faucetts District

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. To vote for a candidate on the ballot make a cross (X) mark in the square at the left of his name.
2. If you tear or deface or wrongly mark this ballot, return it to the registrar and get another.

### For County Commissioner Weldon-Faucetts District

(Vote for One)

- ( ) MEADE H. MITCHELL
- ( ) ALLEN PIERCE

Primary election May 27, 1944.

W. F. WHITE,

Chairman Halifax County Board of Elections.

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## OFFICIAL BALLOT

Official Democratic Primary Ballot For County Commissioner Enfield-Halifax District

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. To vote for a candidate on the ballot make a cross (X) mark in the square at the left of his name.
2. If you tear or deface or wrongly mark this ballot, return it to the registrar and get another.

### For County Commissioner Enfield-Halifax District

(Vote for One)

- ( ) M. W. PERRY
- ( ) J. B. DAVIS

Primary election May 27, 1944.

W. F. WHITE,

Chairman Halifax County Board of Elections.

## Two Roanoke Rapids Youths Killed Instantly

### Grade Mothers Entertain Seniors

On Wednesday afternoon in the garden at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Davis the grade mothers of the senior class of Weldon High School entertained the senior class and the faculty of the high school. Brunswick stew, vegetable salad, rolls, cakes and soft drinks were served.

Special guests were Mrs. E. D. Weathers, Mrs. C. B. Thomas, Rev. and Mrs. D. L. Fouts, Rev. W. W. Finlator, Rev. R. E. Cox and Miss Ida Mae Cheatham.

### Local School Finals Completed

Class night exercises were held Thursday evening, May 18th in the High School gymnasium in the form of a play "Sails at Dawn."

The exercises were opened with the processional, the presentation and acceptance of the flower presentation and acceptance of the flower chair.

Those taking part in the play were: salutarian, Walter Merritt; Sunny, Josephine Maddrey; Grand Davy, Clyde Etheridge; Hanky Moore, Hugh Wade Carter; the pilot, Ernest Rabil; the captain, Tony Elias; historian-class boys, Betty Davis; poet - The Changing Dunes, Virginia Sledge; statistician - Sails, Mae Kilpatrick; prophet - Voice of the Wind, Ballard Mohorn; gifforian Gifts of the Sea, Murray Craven; testator, The Will of the Waves, Florence Draper; Beacons - Work, Olive Wallace; play, Ruth Gregory; patriotism, Lois Rightmyer; christianity, Mary Elizabeth Pittman, Valedictorian, Geneva Applewhite.

The finals were brought to a close Friday evening with the graduating exercises. The Rev. D. L. Fouts gave the invocation and C. R. Daniel introduced Hon. John H. Kerr, Jr., of Warrenton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, who delivered the commencement address.

Mesdames C. R. Daniel and R. T. Daniel sang Mendelssohn's "I Would that My Love," accompanied at the piano by Miss Louise Farber.

Mrs. D. Allen Green presented the Book Club cup for the best essay to Florence Allen Draper, the Knights of Pythias cup for the best all-round student was presented by Mike Josephson to Clyde Etheridge; C. B. Thomas presented the J. O. U. A. M. cup for the most improvement to Mae Kilpatrick. The faculty scholarship cup went to Geneva Applewhite and this presentation.

N. J. Shepherd, chairman of the school board awarded diplomas to the following: Hugh Wade Carter, Murray Craven, Russell Cobb, Clyde Etheridge, Tony Elias, Walter Merritt, Albert Oakes, Ernest Rabil, Stephen Strang, Mary Edna Anderson, Geneva Applewhite, Margaret Birdsong, Pat Carter, Hazel Cobb, Rosalie Conwell, Betty Davis, Florence Draper, Margie Elks, Mildred Goslow, Ruth Gregory, Mary Estelle Joyner, Josephine Maddrey, Ballard Mohorn, Hazel Padgett, Virginia Pittman, Elizabeth Pittman, Virginia Sledge, Olive Wallace, Lois Rightmyer, Lois Whitehead, Mae Kilpatrick, Ailene Dickens and Barbara Riddle, Herman Hargrove, Jr., was presented a diploma for having finished the twelfth grade. He was the first student to finish this newly added grade in the Weldon High school. Commencement marshalls were Ella Mae Shirley, Mary Ann Daniel, Eloise Thomas, Helen Rabil, Charlotte Jones, Lee Johnson, Judy Strong and Jane Stephenson.

### DENTIST IN ROANOKE RAPIDS

Dr. A. D. Underwood, State Dentist with the Division of Oral Hygiene of the North Carolina State Department of Health, is spending the next few weeks examining school children in Roanoke Rapids. Dr. Underwood will carry on an educational program with his work.

Friends of little Joan Turner will regret to learn she is a patient in Roanoke Rapids Hospital where she underwent an operation for appendicitis on Wednesday morning.

Two young white boys Larry B. Matthews, 10, and Frank Lyles, 14, were killed late yesterday when they were struck by lightning. A group of boys were picking cherries in an open field near Jefferson street and the Matthews and Lyles boys were up in the branches of the tree when the bolt struck killing them both.

Funeral services for the Matthews child will be conducted from the Roanoke Rapids Baptist Church Friday afternoon at 4:30 by the Rev. Gordon Price. He is survived by his parents, Clayton M. and Amanda Lee Matthews and two brothers Clayton Matthews, Jr., and Carlton Matthews.

Funeral arrangements for Frank Lyles have not been completed. He is survived by his parents Charlie L. and Lily D. Lyles, two brothers, Charlie Lyles, with the U. S. Army in Italy and Bobby Lyles of Roanoke Rapids, also three sisters Miss Ruby Lyles and Mrs. Lily Mae Gilbert of Roanoke Rapids and Mrs. Pearl Edwards of Texas.

### Weldon Merchants Association Elects Officers

A meeting of the Weldon Merchants Association was held on Monday night in the Weldon Furniture Store. W. B. Joyner was re-elected president and Miss O. Mae Medlin, secretary and treasurer for the coming year.

It was decided that the stores begin closing each Wednesday at noon beginning May 31st and plans were made to begin closing on Saturday nights at 10 o'clock.

### Farm Bulletins Will Be Published

Raleigh, N. C., May 25th - The State Department of Agriculture will within the next few days issue bulletins and folders on credit unions, the sale of beef cattle, the marketing of cantaloupes, and proper methods of seed-cleaning, according to W. Kerr Scott, Commissioner of Agriculture.

### Honors Seniors And House Guest

Miss Josephine Maddrey entertained members of the senior class at her home on Saturday evening honoring her house guest Miss Margaret Kennedy of Norfolk, Va.

### Biggest Poppy Sale Predicted

The biggest poppy sale in the history of the American Legion Auxiliary is predicted by F. Clark, president of the local unit, who said yesterday she would not be surprised if more than double the usual number were sold.

As few people know what the arrangements are for making these Memorial Day flowers, Mrs. Clark explained that the materials are furnished free to the veterans by the American Legion Auxiliary. Volunteer workers teach the disabled men to make the poppies. The entire poppy program, from the supplying of the poppy materials, to the distribution of the finished flowers to the American public is under the management of the Auxiliary.

"The veterans and their dependents are the ones who benefit from our poppy sale," she said, "not only from the money that results from selling poppies, but also from having something tangible to do instead of having to rest, read or talk. These men in the government hospitals are delighted to keep their fingers busy and their minds occupied with the intricacies of fashioning the poppies. Needy wives and children also reap benefits from the sale of the flowers."

"We have been selling these Memorial Day flowers for twenty-four years and each year the poppy becomes more closely identified with the American Legion Auxiliary and with our disabled men. We hope the service will continue indefinitely."