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V-Day Services To Be Held Here

On the day Germany surrenders all three of Weldon's churches will be open during the entire day for those who wish to go in and worship.

Belfields Proud Of Service Sons

Halifax Negro Family Has Five Sons in Service; Bought Farm Through FSA

Roanoke Rapids, Sept. 3.-Citizens of foreign lands are learning the meaning of "American democracy" first hand from the five fighting sons of David and Mollie Belfield, Negro farmer of Halifax County.

RECORDERS COURT NEWS

Ed Scott, colored of Enfield, was found not guilty of larceny. Zeddie Alexander of Scotland Neck was found not guilty of assault on female.

FIRST CASE OF POLIO REPORTED IN COUNTY

Capt. Seth T. Parker Is Decorated Again

A Ninth Air Force Fighter Station in the European Theater Aug. 31.-For "meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations," the second Bronze Clasp to the Air Medal has been awarded to Captain Seth T. Parker, of Garysburg, North Carolina.

Pastors Leave

Two Roanoke Rapids pastors, the Rev. S. A. Fann of the Pentecostal Holiness Church and the Rev. R. V. Hope of the First Christian Church, have resigned to accept pastorates elsewhere.

Halifax County's first case of poliomyelitis was reported today by the Halifax County Health department. Charlie Lee Peterson, five and a half year old colored child whose parents are the Willie Lee Petersons of the Allen's Grove section near Halifax has had the symptoms of poliomyelitis for several days and has now developed some paralysis in his legs.

Poliomyelitis

For the past several weeks poliomyelitis has been prevalent throughout the section of our state, with an occasional case having been reported in widely scattered areas over the entire state. During this time we have anxiously followed the course of the epidemic and knowing that poliomyelitis is essentially a disease of warm weather, have more or less expected to have one or more cases reported here.

Get Cotton Ready For Smooth Ginning

With cotton picking and ginning now underway, it is a good time to remember that neither "green" nor "damp" cotton can be ginned without lowering the quality of the lint, says C. L. McCaslan, extension gin specialist at State College.

Looking Over Our Districts' Health

The big offensive in the battle against malnutrition began September when the Nation's Food Fights For Freedom program turned its attention to good All-American nutrition.

Attention: Cafes, Restaurants, Hotels, Hospitals

Be sure and apply for your September-October allotment of food and meat points for the operation of your place of business before the 15th of September in order to avoid being out in your allotments. Remember to show number of people served and sales tax paid for July and August when you apply for your next allotments.

Local Merchants To Close V-Day

When the news of the Victory in Europe reaches Weldon the stores in Weldon will be closed for a holiday it was decided at a meeting held Tuesday night.

Farmers May Get Loans On Cotton Stored On Farms

Farmers of Halifax County now may obtain federal loans on their 1944 cotton crop which is stored on their own farms it was announced today by D. M. Crocker, Sec. of the County AAA Committee.

In 1943 three cases were reported in the Edgecombe - Halifax District and in none of the families in which the cases occurred was there a second case, although in all there were other children.

- 1. Keep children away from crowds. 2. Keep children away from any ill person, regardless of how mild the illness may seem. 3. Call your physician at the first sign of illness and carefully follow his instructions. 4. Do not travel into or through the area where the disease is prevalent. 5. Keep resistance up by proper diet, rest and elimination, etc.

South Rosemary Negro Wounded

Ed Harris, 32 year old South Rosemary Negro, is recovering in Roanoke Rapids Hospital from a gunshot wound in his hip which he received Sunday night while peeping into the bedroom at Mrs. Zack Mohorn, Jr., who also resides in South Rosemary.

It is alleged that Mrs. Mohorn came home Sunday night at eleven o'clock from her work in one of the Roanoke Rapids Mills and went to bed while in another room her husband and small daughter were asleep. Shortly thereafter she saw Harris peeping in her window. She woke her husband who when the negro peeped at the window a second time shot him in the hip as he attempted to run. It is believed the negro thought Mrs. Mohorn was alone in the house at the time.

Harris who has recently served a term of eighteen months for perjury, has served several other terms for misconduct and drunkenness. He will be given a hearing in this case in Roanoke Rapids city court as soon as his condition permits.

According to Roanoke Rapids police there have been several cases of this type reported there in the last few weeks.

Dear Friends:

The rapid progress being made each day by our forces in Europe seems to predict a nearly and a successful conclusion of the Atlantic phase of the war. As churchmen, I believe we should be aware of the possibilities of this late and of the weeks and months thereafter. Since the European areas are so much nearer to us, and so much more familiar to us, the coming of Victory in this area will incline us to feel that the big end of the war is over - and so it may prove to be.

I write to encourage our churches in North Carolina to make the wisest possible use of this tremendous surge of emotion which will doubtless be felt among us. Can we not save ourselves from allowing it to be wasted, or worse still, spent in drunkenness and destruction. The solemnity and dignity of our people will be tested in that time. I should hope that we might on that day assemble in our churches, having worked out an impressive service in which prayer, thanksgiving, and rededication of ourselves to Christ would be foremost.

Cordially yours, J. R. Cunningham, President North Carolina Council of Churches.

Mrs. Ella J. Coker

Mrs. Ella J. Coker, 67, died at her home in Pleasant Hill Monday after an illness of several weeks duration. Funeral services were conducted from the residence Wednesday afternoon. She was a life long member of Concord Methodist Church.

Three Sons In Service

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Perry of Weldon have three sons in service. They are Pvt. James M. Perry, who is stationed somewhere in Italy, entered the service August 5, 1941 and has been overseas seventeen months. Cpl. Alton R. Perry is stationed in Mississippi. He has been in service since July 1942. Joseph D. Perry S. 2 is enlisted in the Navy in May 1941 and is now stationed in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Attend Scotland Neck Party

Mrs. W. G. Suiter, Misses Mary Pierce Johnson, Virginia Suiter, Susie Spruill Mohorn and Connie Joyner attended a party Monday afternoon in Scotland Neck given by Mrs. Ben B. Everette honoring Mrs. Graham Whitehead who before her recent marriage was Miss Betty Suiter of Weldon.

Commissioned

Harry Kittner, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Kittner of Weldon received his commission as a second lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps Reserve on August 30, at Quantico, Va.

Collins Sees Good Year For Fruit

Raleigh, August 31st.-G. D. Collins, N. C. Department of Agriculture statistician, estimated that the commercial production of apples in North Carolina this season will total 1,384,000 bushels compared with 499,000 bushels in 1943. He said that annual production in commercial areas averaged 1,142,000 bushels for the period 1933-42.

Notice To All Users Of Fuel Oil For Heating

During the month of May, 1944, every user of fuel oil for heating was mailed a renewal blank which was to be filled out and returned to the Board at once. Up to the present time, there were 210 users who have failed to return their blanks to the Roanoke Rapids War Price and Rationing Board. It is absolutely imperative that this blank be returned to the Board before a ration can be renewed. If you have not as yet attended to this matter, please do so at once. The Board is anxious to get out all coupons for the coming year.

Club Members Hold Varied Activities

Halifax--Among the activities of the home demonstration clubs in Halifax County during the past month was a series of meetings for health. All 22 clubs in the county turned their attention to this program, reports Florence Cox, home agent with the State College Extension Service.

Wherever there was electric power at these meetings, motion pictures on the subject were shown. Elizabeth Foster, health educator, attended a number of the meetings and spoke on the subject.