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Dr. Hudgins Leaves To Be Army Captain

Dr. Herbert A. Hudgins, health officer for the Rutherford-Polk District has been granted leave of absence by the boards of health of the two counties and will report for active duty in the United States Army on May 27th. Dr. Hudgins is assigned to Camp Lee in Virginia. Mrs. Hudgins and daughters, Suzanne, will live with Mrs. Hudgins' family in Georgia while Dr. Hudgins is away. Dr. Hudgins, who holds the rank of captain in the medical reserve corps, has been health officer here since January, 1941. During that period, the administrative duties under his supervision have been executed conscientiously and thoroughly, and the necessary leave of absence is granted with regret. The public health program in both Rutherford and Polk counties has expanded and improved in all its phases during the past months.

In a meeting of the boards of health on Tuesday, May 19th, Dr. Ben E. Washburn was elected to serve as health officer during Dr. Hudgins' absence. This appointment is subject to the approval of the State Board of Health. Dr. Washburn's fine work with the Rockefeller Foundation in Jamaica, and his interest in public health problems are familiar to citizens of this district and it is good fortune to have his services available at this time. Under his leadership the work is expected to continue successfully. Dr. Washburn will take up the work on June 1st.



CURB REPORTER

Weather on Wednesday: Low 62, high 79; rain 1.45. Rain has damaged lowland crops in Polk County considerably, but no estimate has been made yet. Henderson County with an 8 inch rain reported \$250,000 crop loss. Cows were washed away, barns destroyed and roads washed out. Near Brevard the Ecusta plant closed down in several departments. . . . The Atlanta Journal of Wednesday published a picture of Lieut. J. D. Davenport as one of the 79 flyers participating in the bombing of Japan. Jack was here about two weeks ago, but didn't say anything about it. The bombing took place on April 18th. The Christian Science Monitor lists the name of Dean Davenport among the flyers, but Jack's name is John Duran Davenport. His brother-in-law, Bill Morgan, doesn't believe Jack has been out of the country. Well, General Doolittle's wife didn't know her husband had been in the battle either until she was summoned to Washington to see a medal of honor pinned on him. Maybe the Army long range bombers made round trip flights to Japan and back. Anyway the Japs haven't found out where the ships came from. . . . \$9,000 worth of war bonds have been sold by the Tryon Bank leaving \$1,900 to be sold

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