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Out Of Ten Persons Typhoid Vaccine Is Given To About One

Anti-Fever Drive To Continue Through June 2nd in This County

After getting off to a comparatively slow start last week, the annual drive against typhoid fever is gaining momentum in this county, a report from the health department today stating that a total of 2,426 persons—1,541 white and 885 colored—had taken the special vaccine. It is estimated that about one out of every ten persons in the county have taken the preventive step to date.

Typhoid fever has just about been conquered in this county, but with raw sewage being dumped into ditches and with hundreds of privies in a bad state of repair danger from the disease is still present.

Another appeal is being directed to the general public to take the precautionary measure and report for the vaccine either at the health department in Williamston each Saturday morning, or at Jamesville each Monday morning, Robersonville each Wednesday morning or at Oak City on a Friday morning. Special clinics have been held in a number of community centers, and others are being held this week, as follows: Bear Grass school, May 26 from 2 to 4 p. m.; Farm Life school, May 27, 9:30 to 12 noon; Eason Lilley's store, May 27, 2 to 4 p. m.; Smith Brothers' store, above Hamilton, May 28, 2 to 4 p. m.; Jordan's store, Dardens, for white, June 1, 9:30 to 12 noon, and Luther Cordon's store, June 2, 9:30 to 12 noon.

A review of the preventive work follows by clinics:

| | Wh. | Col. | Tot. |
|---------------|------|------|------|
| Jamesville | 78 | 78 | 156 |
| Hamilton | 170 | 137 | 307 |
| Robersonville | 184 | 62 | 246 |
| Parrale | 41 | 121 | 162 |
| Everetts | 273 | 165 | 438 |
| Cross Roads | 198 | 85 | 283 |
| Oak City | 92 | 79 | 171 |
| Hassell | 99 | 38 | 137 |
| Williamston | 406 | 120 | 526 |
| | 1541 | 885 | 2426 |

Commenting on the anti-typhoid campaign, Health Officer John Williams said:

The campaign against typhoid fever in Martin County so far has been a success as far as numbers are concerned but from an ideal it has been far from it. The householder has seemed content to know that his children are free from a spell of sickness that lasts from four to eight weeks but as far as the parents, they seem content to take a chance. This should not be.

We had rather protect the man of the house than all his children because we know that the disease is more likely to kill him than the children. We know that a long spell of sickness will keep him from growing a crop that is essential and that his nation, state, county and most of all, his family will suffer. Next to him we know the family suffers when the mother is sick.

With all the boys leaving here, we know there is not a family in this county who is not willing to help win this war. Then why not all of us say we are not going to have typhoid fever, show us up one bit in winning this war because we know we are not only helping to win it by staying on the job but next fall we are going to profit financially by doing so.

County Milk Supply Increased By F. S. A.

The "milk cow" and the use of the milk in the home, has played an important part in the growth and development of children, and the health of the family, with the families of the Farm Security Administration in Martin County. A summary of facts were released today by the Farm Security Administration on 221 families, composed of 1348 persons, as follows: In 1941 these families had 165 cows that produced approximately 46,852 gallons of milk. In 1942 they increased their cows to 254, and the milk production jumped to 113,373 gallons. The increase in the number of cows was 54 per cent while the increase in milk production ran to 138 per cent. The per cent milk production increase was nearly three times the per cent increase in cows, and this was brought about by (1) better pastures for grazing; (2) better care of the cows by giving them salt and fresh water regularly; (3) breeding the cows at proper time so as to have only short periods while the cows are out of production; and (4) milking the cows at regular intervals twice a day.

In 1941 these 221 families lacked 74,468 gallons producing as much milk as they needed according to nutrition. In 1942 the same families reduced that deficiency to 7,947 gallons. But as a goal for 1943, let's take a "lookin'" on what they plan to do. 99 heifers are to be kept and bred and developed into milk cows. Some of these will be kept on the farm for another family cow. The rest will be sold to neighbors for their home supply of milk and butter. The

Forty-three Pressure Cookers Have Been Allotted to County

Forty-three pressure cookers for the coming canning season, it was announced this week by the office of the home agent. While that number of cookers would be sufficient to meet the demand in normal times, it is fairly certain that the supply will fall far short in meeting the needs under existing conditions. In an effort to meet the greatest need, the distribution of the cookers will be handled by a special advisory committee, composed of the home economist for the Farm Security Administration and the county home agent, but final action will be taken in each case by the Martin County Farm Machinery Rationing Committee.

It is understood that orders for cookers have been placed by several firms in this county, but it could not be learned when they would be made available for delivery. There's none in the county at the present time for sale, it is understood. Quite a few applications have already been filed with the rationing committee in the county home agent's office. Anyone wishing to apply for one of the cookers will find application blanks in the Farm Security office, the home agent's office or they may get one from Miss Mary Carstarphen, secretary to the rationing board, to those persons who will make the most use of them. Special attention will be given those applications where community use of the cookers has been planned. In other words, if the applicant explains that she will share the cooker with a neighbor or several neighbors, the application will get more consideration than one filed by an individual for individual use. The applicant will then estimate about how many jars of food will be canned, including meats. Those who will share the use of the cooker will be asked to sign the application, giving the number in the family. Applications must be filed on or before June 5.

Ration Board Member Assaulted in Oak City

VICTIM



Louis Thomas Holliday, son of Mrs. W. H. Holliday, of this county, died in a Japanese prison camp about the third of this month, the apparent victim of cruel treatment at the hands of the enemy. The first class seaman is believed to be the first young Martin County man to make the supreme sacrifice as a prisoner of the enemy.

Mrs. Clara Griffin Dies At Son's Home In County Monday

Funeral Services Are Being Conducted in Cross Roads This Afternoon

Mrs. Clara Jane Griffin, respected resident of Cross Roads Township, died at the home of her son there yesterday evening at 6 o'clock. She had been in declining health for some time, the end coming gradually.

The daughter of the late John Daniel and Elizabeth Corey Griffin, she was born in Griffins Township 84 years ago. In 1888 she was married to James W. Griffin and lived in Griffins Township up until about twelve years ago when the family finally located on a farm in Cross Roads. Mrs. Griffin had been a member of the church for many years, and was held in high esteem as a true neighbor and a real friend. A devoted mother and wife, she valued life's high ideals and found peace and contentment in the care of her home.

Besides her husband she leaves

COLLECTION

To help relieve the government's dire need for quinine, North Carolina's highway patrolmen this week are visiting drug stores, hospitals, doctors' offices and general stores seeking all of the malaria medicine that can possibly be spared.

Over 200 drug stores in the state have already contributed what quinine they had, and others are packaging the valuable medicine preparatory to turning it over to the patrolmen when they make the authorized collection. When the collection is completed, the medicine will be turned over to troop headquarters for delivery to the government.

TOWN - FARM IN WARTIME

A weekly news digest from the rural press section of the OWI news bureau

OCR To Supply Farmers Needs
The War Production Board's newly created Office of Civilian Requirements has worked out an emergency farmers supply program which will quickly make available to farmers in the State some 50 items essential in the production of food. The procedure will enable a farmer to buy reasonable amounts of needed items directly from his dealer without complicated forms. Materials to be made available under the program include adjustable wrenches, agricultural forks, pliers, bits, barbed wire, clippers, plow bits, saws, fence pliers, garden hoes, batteries, motors, gram scoops, grease guns, harness hardware, horse collars, nails, neck yokes, poultry netting, cold chisels, hog rings, knives, and many other products.

Can Buy Ice Cream Alone
Retailers cannot force their customers to buy an equal amount of sherbet or any other frozen confection to obtain any given quantity of bulk or packaged ice cream. OPA and WFA have emphasized this. The requirement is a violation of the prohibition against tie-in sales under the General Maximum Price Regulation.

Farmers First for Gas
Any person in the State using gasoline for non-highway farm purposes will be given preference by a recent order of the Petroleum Administrator. The requirements of any person who presents valid E, R or bulk coupons for motor fuel for non-highway farm uses will receive first consideration by all suppliers. A 10-day inventory restriction on fuel oil has also been removed, to permit stocks to be built up in preparation for next winter.

Used Inner Tubes Are Ration-Free
Used inner tubes for passenger car or truck tires can now be purchased without a ration certificate. All rationing regulations have been removed on used tubes to help conserve.

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Pvt. James W. Watts Writes Of Army Life Down in Mississippi

"Everything's All Balled Up" But Jimmy Says He's Doing Along All Right

Quite a few of the "boys" have talked about life in the Army, but Pvt. Jimmy Watts, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Watts of Williamston, comes along with an interesting account of the routine. Writing from Keesler Field, Miss., the private says "everything is a bit balled up," but he adds that he is doing along all right.

His letter reads: "Dear Folks: "Everything here is all balled up. When it's raining, the sun is shining and sand is blowing in your face. The day after it rains, the sun is hid behind the clouds, and you are wading through mud. Honestly, it is a screwy world, especially here in ole Mississippi.

"The sergeants drill us half to death every day—we arise at 5 a. m. and have roll call, just to see if everyone is out of bed. Before we wake up good we go back to bed to sleep until breakfast at 5:45. After breakfast we either try to sleep some more and break our necks cleaning up for inspection, or we lounge around until 7:00 before we prepare

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MRS. DONALD C. GODWIN LEAVES FOR WASHINGTON

Mrs. Donald C. Godwin, following a three weeks' visit here with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Godwin, left last Friday for Washington City where she and her daughter, Mrs. Bringle, will make their home for the present.

CANNING SUGAR

Stamps 15 and 16 in Ration Book No. 1 have been designated officially as canning sugar stamps and are now good for five pounds of sugar each.

In connection with the issuance of canning sugar, the State OPA this week released the following directive:

Those boards which have not as yet registered consumers for canning sugar need not do so now. It may be assumed safely that this ten pounds of sugar will take care of the requirements of the vast majority of home canners. Those who do need additional sugar should be advised to apply at their local board and state their needs according to the regulations and apply for the additional amount needed over and above the ten pounds for each member of the family.

Martin County Rationing Board Reviews Number Cases Alleging Violation of 35-Mile Speed Limit

Little Interest Being Shown In Canning Demonstrations

Public canning demonstrations, conducted in recent weeks in various parts of the county, have attracted comparatively little attention, according to reports coming from some of the demonstrators. According to one home economist's report, a total of 7 persons attended the special demonstrations in the high school here, five reporting at one meeting, two at another and none at a third. During the meantime, individuals have called upon the special agents for individual information. It will be humanly impossible for the demonstrators to meet individual requests, but they will possibly be glad to conduct additional demonstrations upon the request of a group of women. It has been suggested that where two dozen or more women are interested in a canning demonstration, the agents will try to conduct it, but the initiative must be taken by the women.

Demonstrations conducted among Farm Security Administration families have been well attended, but records were set at public demonstrations conducted for the colored population. As many as seventy colored women are said to have attended one demonstration and expressed keen interest in the conservation plan.

Among the last public canning demonstrations to be conducted in this county is one scheduled for Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Oak City School building. The general public is invited and urged to be present. Mrs. Emylene Griffin will conduct the meeting, it was announced.

It is quite likely that there'll be a surplus of vegetables in this section during a short period this summer, and that unless an effective canning program is maintained, much food will be lost and the shortage next winter will be aggravated.

Air Raids Continue To Hold Spotlight On the War Fronts

Concentrated Attacks Made On Germany and Off the Boot Of Italy

Pending developments on the land invasion fronts, Allied airmen are still carrying the war to battered Germany and Italy, late reports declaring that the sock has been ripped from Mussolini's boot and that German industrial centers have been pulverized in recent air raids.

An all-American air raid, composed of 300 of Doolittle's planes, attacked Sardinia and Pantallera, sinking four of 15 ships. In addition to the raid on the islands, 150 tons were dropped by the Americans on Italy's mainland with good effect. Today's raid was the first in an on conquered France in large formations. The big raid of recent date was the one over Dortmund Sunday night when over 2,000 tons of bombs were dropped on the industrial city. The attack was described as the most concentrated and heaviest of the war.

The unprecedented assault also carried the RAF to another milestone in the aerial battle of Europe, for, according to the Air Ministry News Service figures, it brought the total weight of explosives dropped on Germany by the RAF bomber command since the war began to 100,000 tons.

British heavy bombers also blasted other objectives in the Ruhr, ranging up and down the vital industrial valley which they flooded only a week ago by their breaching of the Moehne and Eder dams.

In a shattering inaugural of the western half of Prime Minister Churchill's experiment to bomb the Axis into submission, an average of over 33 tons of high explosives and incendiaries plunged down on the eastern Ruhr city of Dortmund every minute for a full hour.

The irresistible fire and destruction was delivered at the ratio of more than eight pounds for every one of the half million residents of the iron, steel, coal and transportation center.

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Plane Recognition School Ends Tonight

The series of classes in plane recognition will be brought to a close in the Legion Hut this evening, Professor Jno. D. Biggs announced this morning.

The school has been very well attended, and those whose records justify it will receive a certificate of award at the "commencement" this evening, Dr. Biggs said, adding that he hoped a large number would be on hand for the finals.

Similar schools have been conducted in several sections of the county during recent months, and it is understood that others will be held in the future.

Rain Forces Change In Schedule For Bookmobile

Unable to load books and make its regular announced schedule on Monday, the county bookmobile will cover the territory on Friday of this week, Miss Elizabeth House, librarian announced today. The bookmobile plans to maintain its regular schedule on the other days this week.

Alleged Violator Is Denied Gas Ration For War's Duration

Several Drivers Appear Before Board to Have Their Records Checked

The meaning of speed laws and gasoline conservation plans was driven home for several motorists here last night when the Martin County Rationing Board and panels suspended all gas and tire rations for definite periods ranging from a few days to as long as the war lasts and issued stern warnings against the improper use of gasoline and tires.

The thirteen-man panel, sitting as a board of inquiry, remained in session in the agricultural building until about 11 o'clock hearing five alleged speeding violations and checking records in nine other cases. It was fairly apparent that the board followed a lenient policy in most of the cases because the hearing was the first of its kind with the full panel participating. Some consideration was also given those speeding cases originating before the 35-mile speed law was created by official action in this State.

No charges were filed in most of those cases reviewed, Chairman C. C. Martin explaining that any motorist is subject to be called before the board to have his tire records and gas rations checked. No action was taken in several of the cases when the records appeared to be in order, but in one case where the records showed that the vehicle had averaged about 40 miles or more to the gallon of gas, the board took drastic action.

A few cases of broken speedometers were reported. A broken speedometer is prima facie evidence supporting guilt, and the board warns all car operators that it will be to their advantage to have their speedometers in a state of good repair at all times. No rations will be issued the car owner-operator if the speedometer is broken and the operator is subject to lose his rations if the car is operated with a broken speedometer.

The five speeding cases follow:

Explaining that she was driving between 45 and 50 miles an hour on an urgent mission, namely, to get a wedding cake, Evelyn Lilley lost her "B" ration book for thirty days. The case charging Dennis Whitaker with speeding was dismissed when it was learned that his gas ration was issued in Bertie County.

Dennis Mobley offered no denial when he was charged with speeding at 50 miles an hour on no special business mission. Investigating his records, the board found that the car had been allowed enough gas to operate a distance of about 1,845 miles, that the records showed it had been driven over 3,600 miles. Mobley admitted using one ticket from someone else's book, that he had 12 miles of emergency gas, that his brother, home from the Army for nearly two weeks, used the car. The "B" ration book was taken up for thirty days and the boy was ordered not to operate the car before next September 1.

Arthur Corey, speeding down the hills of ole Virginy between Washington and Richmond on April 7 last

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Funeral Sunday For Mrs. Jno. Warrington

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at the late home near Jamesville at 3:30 o'clock for Mrs. Mary Griffin Warrington widow of John Warrington. Her pastor, Rev. G. C. Good, assisted by Rev. Gilbert Davie, conducted the last rites. Interment was in the family cemetery, near the home.

Mrs. Warrington died at her home last Friday following a lingering illness. She was 73 years old, the daughter of the late John N. and Fannie C. Griffin of this county. When a young woman she was married to Mr. Warrington who died some time ago. She had spent most of her life in the Jamesville community where she was highly regarded as a neighbor and friend. She was a devoted and faithful member of the Methodist church at Siloam for about 60 years.

She is survived by five sons, Messrs. William Joseph, James Hubert, and John Daniel Warrington, of Norfolk; Charlie Wallace, of New Bern, and Etheridge (Pete) Warrington, of the home and three daughters, Mrs. John R. Askew, of Plymouth; Mrs. Fannie Roberson, of Washington, and Mrs. John F. Sawyer, of Jamesville. She also leaves seventeen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

SMALL ROUND-UP

Sobriety continued its hold in this section last week-end, a review of the county jail blotter showing only two arrests during the period. Two persons, one charged with being drunk and disorderly and the other with disorderly conduct, were jailed last Saturday. But for those two arrests, the blotter was kept clean.

Both of the men were colored, and were in their twenties. Increased work on the farm possibly has helped reduce the number of arrests, but officers are of the opinion that the ban on beer and wine sales is the main factor supporting sobriety.

Former Local Girl Is Suicide Victim In Norfolk Friday

Funeral Services Were Held In Robersonville Yesterday Afternoon

Mrs. Annie Keel Gurganus Taylor, a former Williamston resident, ended her life in Norfolk last week. Few details of the tragedy could be learned here, but an unofficial report said to have been released by the coroner, stated the young mother mixed rat poison with liquor and drank the concoction about the middle of the week. She died in a Norfolk hospital Friday midnight. No definite cause for the drastic act could be learned here, but one report stated that possibly domestic troubles were responsible for it.

She was the daughter of J. M. Gurganus, of Virginia, and the late Mrs. Gurganus, of this section. Following the death of her mother she had lived with her sisters, and while making her home here about four years ago with Mrs. G. Riddick she was married to Grover Taylor who survives with a small son. She also leaves three sisters, Mrs. C. J. Dale, of Robersonville, Mrs. G. Riddick with whom she was making her home in Norfolk at the time of her death, and Miss Hazel Gurganus, of the armed service, and John Gurganus.

The body was brought to the Biggs Funeral Home Sunday and prepared for burial. Funeral services were conducted from the home of her sister in Robersonville yesterday afternoon, and burial was in the cemetery there.

Mrs. Taylor, twenty years of age, made many friends during her residence here and was held in high esteem by all who knew her.

RAINFALL

Fairly heavy rains during recent days have boosted the total rainfall in this section considerably above the average recorded during similar periods in the past year or two. The April fall, 3.67 inches, was nearly three times greater than that recorded in the same month a year ago. Already in this month 4.15 inches of rain have fallen as compared with 2.42 inches recorded for all of last May. Yesterday and last night a total of 1.54 inches of rain fell here. Farmers state that the fields are plenty wet, that the grass and crops are growing rapidly.